

ISRAELI ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS SEEKS AMERICAN MSWs AND BSWs FOR EMPLOYMENT IN ISRAEL

A full-day regional Conference on social work opportunities for Americans in Israel, organized by the Israeli Association of Social Workers, was held on Sunday, November 12th in New York City.

Beatrice Lieberman of this Chapter, and a member of the Social Workers' Cooperative, the self-help job development and placement organization, was requested to attend the Conference as the Chapter's representative. Excerpts from her report follow.

The Conference had 2 major purposes: to provide information on the new 2-year program in Israel for American social workers, and to share an inside view of employment possibilities, qualifications and requirements for American social workers in Israel due to the shortage of native qualified professionals and growing needs for social services.

The Conference was organized by David Bedin, U.S. Representative of the Israeli Association of Social Workers and addressed

by Dr. Eliezer Jaffe of the Graduate School of Social Work at Hebrew University, and Dr. Ed Newman, now of Temple University and co-founder of the Haifa Institute of Rehabilitation. Social workers are needed in established programs related to poverty, white collar crime, drug abuse and organized crime. Disability, rehabilitation and mental health are emerging as growing problems.

American MSWs and BSWs who pass a preliminary screening process in New York will be considered for a special 2-year program, beginning in August, which includes a 6-month period of orientation and intensive instruction in Hebrew. After this, they are assigned to regular jobs in their field of interest at prevailing Israeli social work salaries. Housing is provided. While the greatest need for social workers is in outlying areas and developing towns, there are also many opportunities in the major cities.

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Israel Ass'n Of Social Workers To Hold Conference In New York

NEW YORK — The Israel Association of Social Workers will hold a regional conference on "Social Work in Israel" from Saturday night, November 11, thru Sunday night, November 12, at the Lincoln Square Synagogue, 200 Amsterdam Ave., New York. Social service professionals considering career relocation in Israel are invited to attend. Home hospitality will be provided.

Representatives of the Israel Association of Social Workers will provide individualized employment counselling for social workers with M.S.W. and B.S.W. degrees who are interested in pursuing social service career opportunities in Israel.

Professor Eliezer Jaffe, senior

lecturer at the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will serve as chairperson of the conference and will speak on "Fostering Social Change in Israel."

The conference is sponsored by the Israel Association of Social Workers and the North American Aliyah Movement and co-sponsored by the Israel Aliyah Center.

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