

February 29, 2012

Re: Ride to Remember 2013

To: The Executive Committee
Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance

Ladies and Gentlemen,



The B'nai HaDerech Motorcycle Club would like to offer our Southern California hospitality, great weather, excellent roads and scenic routes for the 2013 Ride to Remember.

Home to beautiful beaches, the Rose Parade and Hollywood, Southern California is host to friendly folks from all different walks of life, Jewish and non-Jewish and the perfect place for unforgettable rides. Recognized as the Entertainment Capital of the World, among Southern California's esteemed citizens are countless celebrities, many of whom are Jewish and many of whom are Bikers, and many of whom are both. We hope to attract some of these celebrities to participate in the 2013 R2R event if Southern California is chosen as the location. We have many great contacts in the area and will work to secure sponsorships to offset as much of the cost of the event as possible.

Orange County, where our chosen Beneficiary is located, is situated in the center of Southern California, with easy access to Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. Since all previous R2Rs have been primarily on the East Coast, bringing the 2013 R2R to Southern California would be a great opportunity to showcase and promote the Ride and the JMA on the West Coast. There are currently 9 JMA clubs west of the "middle" of the USA, and within 2 days' ride of Southern California. Having the 2013 R2R on the West Coast would offer a greater chance for members of these clubs to participate and would surely draw more Jewish bikers and unaffiliated or newly forming clubs into the JMA family.

Additionally, if California is chosen as the location for the 2013 R2R event, The Ridin' Chai Club of Northern California will collaborate with B'nai HaDerech to assure an amazing event by assisting with ride details and incorporating a ride to Northern California at the end of the weekend.

We present our proposal for your review and look forward to your decision. Thank you for your consideration.

B'Shalom

Michael Galperin

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**2013 R2R (Ride to Remember)
April 25 – 28, 2013
Orange County, California**

2013 R2R Charitable Recipient Nominee

The Holocaust Memorial Garden and Education Center is located at Temple Beth Tikvah (TBT). TBT is a congregation founded in 1964 with very dedicated members, some with world-wide credentials regarding the Holocaust. The congregation just completed a new school/administration building that would be a perfect location for hosting the 2013 Ride 2 Remember.



This newly built Memorial and Education Center is the only such facility in Orange County.

The primary mission of the Memorial and Education Center is to reach out to the surrounding community, especially children (of appropriate age) and young adults in the non-Jewish community – i.e. public schools, private schools, colleges and universities to teach them about the Holocaust and by so doing to truly facilitate “Never Again”. In addition to bringing groups to the Memorial Garden and Education Center, a cadre of speakers will be developed to engage students who cannot come to the center on their campuses. The TBT Memorial Garden and Education Center needs our help to grow their funding and exposure so that the resource audio-visual library and education program development can be completed and implemented.

Adjacent to the building is our Holocaust Memorial, dedicated to the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews who perished at the hand of the nazis, as well as those who survived the atrocities of World War II. The Center also honors those non-Jews, the Righteous Gentiles, who risked their lives for the sake of the Jews they aided in hiding or escaping death. Our Holocaust Education Center’s mission is to bring children of all faiths and backgrounds to the Memorial Garden to see through age-appropriate presentations what happens when people hate, exploring what happened in Germany, how it started, how it grew and what could have been done by good people to recognize what was happening and understand what their good country was becoming. In addition, the program will tie the lessons of the past to today’s issues relating to hatred (i.e. bullying in school).

At the center of what the Memorial represents is Rabbi Haim Asa, born in Bulgaria and whose father was responsible for working with the government in Bulgaria, enabling virtually all the Jews of the country to escape. It is for him and his wife, Elaine, the new building is named.



The Holocaust connections run deep in this congregation. TBT is the only temple in the world that has three Czech Holocaust Sefer Torahs. They were confiscated from the Nazis who were going to create a museum to an extinct race. There were 1564 Torah scrolls wrapped in Nazi flags. Art dealers going through Prague in 1964 found them. Eventually, they became available to any synagogue that wanted them. TBT got them on permanent loan. A fourth Holocaust Sefer Torah at Temple Beth Tikvah comes from the Administrator/Educator's family, a child of survivors. Her uncle salvaged it the night after Kristallnacht, and her aunt took it out of her linen closet in Los Angeles one day, thinking she might want it.

Other Temple Beth Tikvah connections to the Holocaust have developed over the years. Rabbi Asa discovered that Irene Opdyke, a righteous Gentile during the Holocaust, was living in Yorba Linda. One of the founders of the congregation befriended Leon Leyson, the youngest person on Schindler's list, also living in Orange County.

In building the Holocaust Memorial, Temple Beth Tikvah has "the only project of its kind connected to a synagogue as a permanent site". The Holocaust Memorial, Garden of the Righteous, was designed by Temple Beth Tikvah congregant and award-winning artist Leslye Prum. The original Memorial garden has a backdrop that resembles the Western Wall in Jerusalem, an eternal flame emanating from a large bowl filled with shards of yellow glass, a "weeping" Star of David with a waterfall and six cypress trees representing the six million. Above the wall is the Garden of the Righteous Gentiles as "a living memorial to the millions who have no final resting place, remembering those who died just because they were Jews and the righteous gentiles who tried to help." Its motto is "Resolve, Reflect, Remember." It resolves that the Holocaust will Never Again happen. The Center hopes to achieve this by educating people, reflecting upon the tragic consequences of hate and indifference and remembering people and places, including the names of the concentration camps, the cities where the temple's Holocaust Torahs originated and the country of Bulgaria for its role in rescuing the Jews.



In addition, there are artifacts to enhance the teaching process. A former teacher at Temple Beth Tikvah donated photographs of the concentration camps taken by her father, who served as a photographer for General (later President) Dwight D. Eisenhower. There will be a replica of the Yad Vashem menorah.

The Temple has now generated a restricted account that will be used to fund the process of creating programs and curriculum to promote Holocaust education. The committee is ready to attract the community for tours and programs. Special interest items include three Czech Torahs from the Westminster Torah collection as well as a Torah that was rescued in Hanover, Germany by the relatives of TBT administrator, Miriam Van Raalte. There is also documentation of survivors' stories, as well as a collection of documents and artifacts. TBT in possession of two "Gedenkbuch" volumes, listing millions of names of Jews that were presumably used by the German railroad to document the number of Jews brought to the death camps so they could be paid for their service. These items will be used to enhance the programs for those coming to learn of the Holocaust.

As their exposure and funding grows so will the artifact collection. Meanwhile, TBT offers a local, synagogue-affiliated Holocaust Memorial that's free and open to all who want to learn. Holocaust denial is becoming a major theme in anti-Semitism in schools and

universities. TBT thinks the center will assume a very important role, and they're excited about it.

We at B'nai HaDerech believe that the Memorial Garden and Education Center at Temple Beth Tikvah represents exactly the kind of worthy and unique endeavor the JMA strives to support through its Annual R2R and we wholeheartedly nominate the center to be the 2013 R2R Charitable Recipient.

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VENUE



The 2013 Host Hotel we have selected in the Famous Queen Mary docked in Long Beach, CA. Centrally located between Orange County and Los Angeles along the beautiful Pacific Ocean Shore, The Queen Mary has its own connection to the Holocaust and the Jewish People.

In the early 1930's as the British were building the world's largest and fastest transatlantic liner, Nazi anti-Jewish racism was rapidly increasing in Germany. According to the director of the Judah L Magnes Museum, "*Jews were not welcome in Germany or on German ships. In an obvious gesture against Nazism, the British determined to build a synagogue on the Queen Mary as a sign of welcome to the Jews. In the bitter climate of those days, this was an act of courage sorely needed by the beleaguered Jews of Europe.*"

The synagogue or scroll room was located on "B" deck with direct access from both first class and third class areas. It was a small but beautiful room, with polished light wooden paneling and pilasters, a polychrome cornice, brass prayer plates, custom light fixtures and cushioned pews.

In fact, Hitler was so upset about the Queen Mary's accommodation of Jews and the speed with which it carried troops into Germany and survivors out, that he put a bounty out on the Queen Mary and ordered it sunk at any cost.

"The Queen Mary will be the first ship in the world to have a synagogue.

Other ships have rooms which are sometimes temporarily converted to synagogues but in the Queen Mary, the synagogue will be permanent and the space will be used for no other purpose except Jewish religious worship.

Mr. J. C. Eprile, F. R. I. B. A., who has designed the temple said: "The synagogue will hold about 50 worshippers.

"It will be about 20 feet square and although in miniature, will be complete in every detail.

"The walls will be paneled in English oak and Makassar, with in ebony bandings. The pews will be oak.

"Inscriptions in Hebrew will be laid in wooden letters round of the paneling. Special wood has been brought from the Dominion for this purpose.

"The ceiling of the synagogue will be in cerulean blue picked out in [illegible].

"The fittings will include a shulchan, or reading desk, which was made from oak, Makassar and ebony.

"The ark contains the scrolls of the law, which are the Five Books of Moses in the Old Testament, written by hand on parchment by Jewish scribes. This task, by the [illegible] they have to do from memory.

"The Queen Mary's engineers arranged for the Jewish Nair-Tomid, or perpetual Light of Remembrance, to be lit electrically on a special circuit so that it will never go out. The fitting holding the light is to be hand-wrought bronze.

"The temple is being arranged so that high festivals as well as ordinary sabbath services can be celebrated."

The synagogue will be on B deck amidships.

The design has been passed [illegible] Jewish council of Beth-din as [illegible] the Cunard-White Star authority.

Source: The Longreach Leader (Queensland, Australia) – February, 1936



Lobby



King Room



Double Twin

The guaranteed room for the event is \$119 + tax (15.065%). Additionally, we have been offered a reduced rate of \$105 + tax for inside rooms (no windows) for those on a tighter budget. All rooms will be one deck above or below the meeting rooms to accommodate Shomer Shabbat members. For those who wish, a breakfast buffet is available at a reduced rate of \$14.00 inclusive per day.

The Hotel has graciously offered to extend our group rate 2 days prior and 2 days after our scheduled dates to guests who wish to arrive early or stay a couple of extra days to enjoy an extended stay in Southern California.

Registration and Hospitality

Registration tables will be set up free of charge where-ever we want in the lobby.

The Capstan Club and Deck will be used for our Hospitality Suite. It is a large room with three sections as well as storage space for merchandise. We will bring in refrigerators for soda, beer, etc. and there is no charge for this. There is a business center available to guests.



Business Center



Capstan Deck

Parking and Security

The Hotel will section off a special area of the parking lot with 200 spaces for our motorcycles and vehicles. There is a one time fee of \$800 dollars for the duration of our stay, which comes out to roughly \$1.35 per day per vehicle. Alternately, vehicles can park in regularly marked spaces for a reduced rate of \$8 per day.

The Hotel provides 24 hour security at no charge.

Prayer Room and Synagogues

The Hotel will designate a separate room with seating for Shabbat services on board. There is a reform congregation only 2.5 miles from the hotel and a conservative synagogue only 4.9 miles from the hotel.

Thursday Barbecue

The BBQ will be held in the Queen Mary Events Park right next to the Queen Mary. We will have a kosher caterer for the barbecue and the cost will be \$12 per person.

Shabbat Dinner and Saturday Farewell Banquet

The Friday Shabbat Dinner will be held at The Reef Restaurant which is located directly next to the Queen Mary. It can be easily seen from the hotel and is within walking distance. The cost for Shabbat Dinner will be \$50 for non-kosher and \$55 for kosher. We will arrange for 2 speakers for the dinner: from the Recipient Charity and/or possibly a local celebrity.

The Saturday Farewell Dinner will be held at The Reef restaurant, as well. The cost for Saturday's Dinner will be \$55 non-kosher and \$60 kosher.

A cash bar will be available for soda, beer, liquor, etc.

The Ride to Remember: Friday, April 26, 2013

Ride participants will ride to a local synagogue for breakfast. Ride information will be distributed. We will depart as a group from Long Beach at 10:00 am for a police escorted ride to Temple Beth Tikvah in Fullerton, CA, (approximately 50 miles) where the Holocaust Memorial Garden and Education Center is located. There we will have lunch (sponsored by the synagogue) and a presentation.

After the event is over, participants can return to the hotel to enjoy its many amenities and sights or explore the local communities.

After Shabbat Services, at approximately 8:00 pm, we will walk to The Reef for Shabbat Dinner.



**The Reef
Restaurant**



Saturday, April 27, 2013

Participants can attend Shabbat services at local shuls or on board the ship. There will be 3 Guided rides. From Long Beach along the coast to Malibu; From Long Beach along the coast to Laguna Beach and from Long Beach to Hollywood, Los Angeles. Other unguided rides will be available.

The farewell dinner will be at The Reef Restaurant next to the Queen Mary. Participants can walk or take the free shuttle from the hotel.

Sunday, April 28, 2013 (Lag B'Omer)

Participants will have the opportunity to ride north to San Luis Obispo with the Ridin' Chai Club of Northern California. There is also an Israel Expo fair that day at the Orange County JCC. We can also arrange for group discount tickets to local attractions for those who wish.

We have chosen these dates because they fall closest to the actual Yom HaShoah in 2013 and correspond with local commemorations and festivities surrounding Yom HaAtzmaut, Yom Yerushalaim and Lag B'Omer.

If chosen, we will work to secure local donations and sponsorships to offset much of the cost so that we can raise the maximum possible dollars for the Recipient Charity.



Original Synagogue aboard the Queen Mary



TRANS-ATHLETIC ATHLETES:
Queen Mary passengers included the soccer team of pre-state Israel.