

WJC GOVERNING BOARD

Meeting

June 10, 2007
New York, New York

CANDIDATE DECLARATIONS

WJC PRESIDENT

Mr. Vladimir Herzberg

Mr. Mendel Kaplan

Mr. Ronald S. Lauder

Ms Einat Wilf

CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Mr. Matthew Bronfman

Vladimir Herzberg

At present time Vladimir Herzberg would like to be a candidacy of post Chairmanship of the World Jewish Congress.

1999, Herzberg, Olmert, Sharon and Sheetrit were candidates for the Chairmanship of the Likud Party.

At present time Vladimir Herzberg would like to be a candidacy of post Beersheba Mayor and a candidate for the Chairmanship of the Likud Party. Vladimir Herzberg, Doctor of Physical Sciences, 60, majoring in nuclear physics, created models of radiation processes according to the experiments of Soviet scientists, academics Yakov Borisovitch Zeldovic, July Borisovitch Hariton and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov, the Father's of Soviet Thermo-Nuclear Bombs, who is currently living in the city of Beersheba. A newcomer from Russia, in the past, a staff member of the Centre for Economic Research at the University Ben Gurion was a candidate for the 17th Knesset in the past not so long ago the elections. Unfortunately, in the current situation, personally for him it was some kind - that's unrealistic to organize something in almost desperate political chaos of Israel. Vladimir Herzberg, Grandfather of one Granddaughter, returned to Israel 11 years ago. He was in the Bureau of the Likud Party member commissions Security and Council on Education, the Economy and Social Access, and Legislation. In 1999, during direct primaries, together with Mr. Ariel Sharon, Mr. Ehud Olmert, and Mr. Meir Sheetrit was candidate for the Chairmanship of the Likud Party.

In 2002, running for a seat newcomer from Russia in 16th Knesset from the Likud Party, which took Mr. Michael Gorlovsky. In 2004, was a candidate for President of the Likud Party Bureau, together with the members of Knesset Dani Nave and Gilad Erdan, as well as candidate for President of the World Jewish Agency with Natan Sharansky, which had taken Mr. Zeev Belsky, by-passing democratic elections. Twice, in 1998 and in 2003 was a candidate for Mayors and Beersheba, from the Likud (in 2003).

29 May 2007

Prof. Herzberg Vladimir,
Dr. of Science, Nuclear Physics,
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From: Jane Kimber <KimberJ@capegate.co.za>
To: Pinchas Shapiro
Sent: Mon Jun 04 05:05:02 2007
Subject: RE: Note for Mendel Re WJC Elections

Dear Pinchas

I will be a candidate for the Presidency on Sunday and will be attending the Executive Meeting as Chairman and also the Governing Board.

Sincerely

Mendel Kaplan

CURRICULUM VITAE OF MENDEL ISRAEL KAPLAN

Lawyer by training, industrialist by profession and a student of archaeology by a consuming passion to better understand the origins of the Jewish people and the environment, in which they were conceived, nurtured and developed.

1. ACADEMIC

- Matriculated Wynberg Boys' High 1953
- B Com LLB : Cape Town University : 1957, 1958
- MBA : Columbia University : 1960
- "Doctor of Philosophy Honoris Causa", recipient of Honorary Doctorate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 19 June 1986.
- Hon. Doctorate – Yeshiva University – June 1992
- Hon. Doctorate – Ben Gurion University - 1993
- Hon. Doctorate - University of Cape Town - 1994

Books: From Shtetl to Steelmaking
 From Steelmaking to Shtetl
 Jewish Roots in the South African Economy
 Founders and Followers
 Dear Son
 In Search of a Minyan
 Seeking Tzedakah
 Riteve

2. INDUSTRIAL

Controls a family business, Cape Gate - manufacturing steel, wire and wire products.

3. COMMUNAL

World Jewish Congress

- Chairman of Executive – present
- Treasurer – 1981 – 1991

Jewish Agency

Chairman of the Board of Governors – 1987 – 1995

Keren Hayesod

- Chairman of the World Board of Trustees – 1983 – 1987
- Honorary President 1995 – present

Jerusalem Foundation

- Chairman 1995 - 1999

United Communal Fund of South Africa

- National Chairman 1974 - 1978

Israel United Appeal, South Africa

- National Chairman 1978 - 1987

South African Jewish Board of Deputies

- Vice President

South African Board of Jewish Education

- Vice-President

4. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Involved in a large number of social projects in South Africa and in Israel. These include having provided over 2500 bursaries for tertiary education for children of employees in South Africa and a similar operation has commenced in Israel with the Ethiopian and Druze populations.

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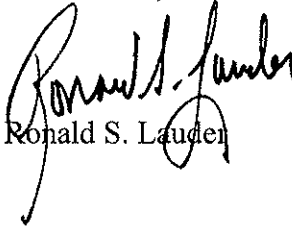
May 31, 2007

Mr. Stephen E. Herbits
General Secretary
The World Jewish Congress
501 Madison Avenue
17th Floor
New York, New York 10022

Dear Stephen:

Please consider this note to be formal notice that I will seek election to serve as president of the World Jewish Congress in anticipation of current president Edgar M. Bronfman's scheduled retirement on June 10, 2007.

All the Best,



Ronald S. Lauder

Ronald S. Lauder

International philanthropist, investor, art collector, public servant and President of the Jewish National Fund, Ronald S. Lauder combines a deep commitment to his heritage in a mosaic of philanthropic endeavors that reaches around the world.

Among Ambassador Lauder's many efforts in the Jewish World, he has done the following:

- **U.S. Ambassador to Austria.** Appointed by President Reagan in 1986 as United States Ambassador to Austria, Ronald Lauder built strong diplomatic bonds between the two countries while personally repudiated Kurt Waldheim during his election as President.
- **The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation.** Ambassador Lauder's experience in Austria heightened his deep appreciation and commitment to his Jewish heritage. Afterwards, he sought to revitalize Jewish life across Eastern Europe in communities that had been devastated by the Holocaust by establishing The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation in 1987. After twenty years, the Foundation supports 37 Jewish schools, camps and community centers in Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, German, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine.
In the past two decades, Mr. Lauder's efforts have awakened thousands of Jewish youngsters to their common heritage and accomplished something quite extraordinary: where once Jews were afraid to be openly Jewish, young men now walk the streets of these countries openly and proudly wearing yarmulkes as they travel to study and learn.
- **The Jewish National Fund.** In 1997, Mr. Lauder was elected as President of the Jewish National Fund, one of the oldest and most important philanthropies designed to aid the State of Israel. Prior to his election, the J.N.F. was beset by scandal and financial improprieties. Mr. Lauder has been credited with helping restore the J.N.F.'s solid fiscal reputation and helped turn its focus to the number one environmental problem facing Israel – its growing water crisis.
- **The Conference of Presidents.** In February 1999, Mr. Lauder was elected as Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.
- **World Jewish Restitution Organization.** Mr. Lauder's commitment to Jewish communal life is further reflected through his leadership as Chairman of the International Public Committee of the World Jewish Restitution Organization.
- **Student Exchange Program.** To build better understanding between different people and cultures, Mr. Lauder in 1987 created an International Student Exchange Program between Jewish high school students in New York City and

Vienna. Since its inception, the program has grown to include students from Budapest, Warsaw, Prague, St. Petersburg, Berlin and Sofia

- **The Committee for Art Recovery.** Mr. Lauder's long interest in art and his commitment to justice led him to create and head the Committee for Art Recovery that has helped establish international laws to recover art stolen by the Nazis during World War II. The Committee has helped retrieve many important paintings and deliver them to the heirs of their rightful owners. This work continues to this day with several important projects still ongoing.
- **A great variety of work.** Mr. Lauder also serves as Chairman of the Jewish Heritage Council; Director of the International Board of Governors of the International Society for Yad Vashem; member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary; member of the Board of Directors of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; member of the Board of Trustees of the Anti-Defamation League Foundation; member of the Board of Trustees of The Abraham Fund; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Sakharov Archives at Brandeis University and member of the International Board of Governors of the Tel Aviv Museum. Mr. Lauder combined his belief in free markets, free trade and democratic capitalism with his interest in Israel, and has been a major supporter of The Shalem Center, a free market think-tank, in Jerusalem since its founding.

The son of Estee Lauder and the late Joseph Lauder, founders of The Estee Lauder Companies Inc. Mr. Lauder was born on February 26, 1944. He graduated from the Bronx High School of Science and holds a Bachelors degree in International Business from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He studied at the University of Paris, and received a Certificate in International Business from the University of Brussels.

To the World Jewish Congress Secretariat

Via email hmoritz@wjcmail.org

RE: Declaration of Candidacy

Please accept my candidacy - Einat Wilf (36) - for interim President of the World Jewish Congress, to serve until the next Assembly Plenary meeting elects the new President.

My candidacy is motivated by deep concern for the future of the World Jewish Congress and the widening gap between what it has been and could be and its present state.

As a long time advocate for Jewish causes, and especially as a member of KolDor, I was privileged to spend years formulating a vision for a global Jewish community, in which the World Jewish Congress as the representative body of the Jewish People, animated by values of democracy and transparency, serves as an organizational cornerstone.

Given the critical juncture at the WJC's history, it is imperative that a new and committed generation of Jewish activists articulate a vision for the WJC and commit to realizing it. Regardless of the outcome of the election, I am committed to working with the leadership of the WJC to prepare a Plenary Assembly that comes together to democratically and transparently elect a new Chairman.

Following please find a short background about myself to share with the Board of Governors. Attached as separate documents are a detailed resume and an article published in the Jerusalem Post about Globalization and the Jews in which the need of the Jewish People to respond to the challenges of globalization is put forth.

Background about Einat Wilf:

Einat Wilf is an Israeli writer and political activist. She has served as the Foreign Policy Advisor to Vice Prime Minister Shimon Peres, a consultant with McKinsey & Co. and a Managing Partner with Koor Corporate Venture Capital. Ms. Wilf's second book, *Back to Basics*, a detailed proposal for repairing Israel's education system is upcoming in Israel. Ms. Wilf's book *My Israel, Our Generation*, published in Israel in 2003, is now available in English. She writes regularly for *Ynet* in Hebrew and English, and her editorials have been published in the Israeli and foreign press. Ms. Wilf received her BA in Government and Fine Arts from Harvard University, her MBA from INSEAD and is completing a PhD in political science with Cambridge University about the World Jewish Congress in the 1990's.

WILF, EINAT

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EDUCATION

- 2004 – **University of Cambridge** **Cambridge, UK**
PhD Candidate, Social and Political Sciences, Recipient of British Council Chevening Scholarship for academic year 2004-2005. (Completed UK residency requirement).
- 2001 – 2002 **INSEAD** **Fontainebleau, France**
MBA Program, Dean's List (awarded to the top 10% of the graduating class), Graduated #2 in Class of 350 Students.
- 1992 - 1996 **Harvard University** **Cambridge, MA, USA**
A.B. in Government and Fine Arts, Magna Cum Laude, GPA 3.8, Phi Beta Kappa (awarded to the top 10% of the graduating class).

WORK AND OTHER EXPERIENCE RELATING TO THE JEWISH WORLD

- 2006 - **The Jewish People Policy Planning Institute** **Jerusalem, Israel**
Fellow
Writes a scenario-based strategic planning project on the future of the Jewish People in 2030.
- 2002 - 2006 **Office of Shimon Peres** **Tel-Aviv, Israel**
Foreign Policy Advisor
Assisted Mr. Peres in advancing his foreign policy vision. Accompanied Mr. Peres to foreign policy meetings and meeting with Jewish leaders, prepared briefings and talking points, wrote speeches and op-ed articles.
- 2002 - Current **Kol-Dor** **Tel-Aviv, Israel**
Global Executive Officer (lay leader)
Kol-Dor is a global initiative of young Jewish leaders coming together physically and electronically to formulate and act upon the concept of global Jewish peoplehood. Responsible for directing development of policy and in advocating change in major Jewish organizations.
- 1996-1999 **Birthingright and Other New York Jewish Organizations** **New York, USA**
McKinsey Pro-Bono Consultant
Consulted Birthingright founders on building strategy. Assisted Jewish organizations, synagogues, schools and congregations in preparing strategic plans.
- 1994-1995 **Harvard Students for Israel** **Cambridge, MA, USA**
Chair
Elected Chair. Established HSI as an active organization. Recruited 200 members.
- 1993 **AIPAC** **Washington, DC, USA**
Summer Intern
Interned at AIPAC's HQ in Washington D.C. in the Foreign Policy Department.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1998 - 2001 **Koor Corporate Venture Capital and Koor Industries** **Tel-Aviv, Israel**
General Partner
- 1996 - 1998 **McKinsey & Co.** **New York, USA**
Business Analyst

LANGUAGES Hebrew (native), English (fully fluent), French (conversational), German (studying).

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 1988 – 1992 **Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) – Officer**
Lieutenant in Israel's top intelligence unit (Talpiot Project).

PERSONAL

- Active member of the Israeli Labor Party. Ran for office in January 2006 (with close results).
- Wrote a book titled "Back to Basics" on how to fix Israel's education system. Upcoming.
- Wrote a book titled "Founders, Fighters and Us – Of Israel's Young Generation" published in Israel in 2003, upcoming in English.
- Writes regular Op-Ed commentary on matters of public policy in Hebrew and English for Ynet; published also in Haaretz, the Jerusalem Post and the Süddeutsche Zeitung.
- Lectures regularly on Israeli politics and society.

MATTHEW BRONFMAN

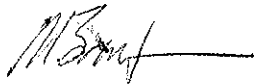
May 31, 2007

Mr. Stephen Herbits
Secretary General, WJC
501 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Herbits:

This letter is to notify you of my intention to stand for election to the chairmanship of the Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress at its next meeting, on June 10th, 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Bronfman', followed by a horizontal line.

Matthew Bronfman

MATTHEW BRONFMAN

Mr. Matthew Bronfman is the Chairman of BHB Holdings, a NY based investment company. Mr. Bronfman is one of the controlling shareholders of Israel Discount Bank ("IDB"), one of Israel's largest banks and of Supersal, Israel's largest supermarket chain. He also serves as a managing director at ACI Capital, a NY-based private investment firm.

In addition, Mr. Bronfman controls the IKEA franchise in Israel and has numerous real estate holdings there and in the U.S. Prior to joining ACI Capital, Mr. Bronfman was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Candle Acquisitions Company, a private-label specialty candle manufacturer. Prior to that, Mr. Bronfman was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sterling Cellular Holdings, LP, a privately held cellular telephone company. Previously, he was employed by Goldman Sachs & Co. and Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited.

Mr. Bronfman currently serves on the boards of Bronfman Fisher Real Estate Holdings, James River Group, Earnest Partners and Palace Candles Inc. Mr. Bronfman also chairs the Budget and Finance Commission of the World Jewish Congress and is a member of the Steering Committee. He joined the Board of Directors of the 92nd Street Y in 1991; chaired the Capital Campaign from 1997 to 2002; served as President from 2000 until 2003; and as Chairman from 2003 to 2006. He currently serves as Chairman of the Program Committee and Chairman of the Bronfman Center for Jewish Life Committee.

He received a BA from Williams College and an MBA from Harvard Business School.