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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH WOMEN AND MEN
Changing Sex Roles: Implications for the Future of Jewish Life
Hotel McAlpin, New York City, April 26-28, 1974

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, April 26

12:00 - 3:00  Registration  (Red Room)

1:30 - 2:30  Snack  (Green Room)

3:00 - 6:00  Small Group Meetings

Women
3:00-4:00  1. Feminism and Jewish Women: sisters all the way?
          Judy Moch (East Room)

          2. Learning Ritual Skills (A & B Room)
             Torah trup, haftorah trup, tallit making.

4:00-5:00  1. Implications of a Jewish Women's Mov't
          Diane Gelon, Anna Rubin (East Rm)

          2. Meeting of CR group leaders (C&D Rm)

5:00-6:00  Discussing plans for a National Jewish Women's Coalition and Center (Crystal Rm)

Men
3:00-4:00  Introduction: What is the purpose of a Jewish Men's Conference
          Jon Groner (Colonial Room)

4:00-5:00  Alumni of the Men's Mov't
          Marty Fager

5:00-6:00  Bob Lamm (Colonial Room)

6:00 - 7:15  Kabbalat Shabbat(services)

   1. Mixed and equal traditional (Crystal Room)
   2. Traditional women's minyan (C & D Room)
   3. Mixed creative service (A & B Room)

7:15 - 8:30  Seudat Shabbat (dinner)

   Men- Green Room
   Women- Colonial Room

8:30 - 10:00  Opening Session (Crystal Room)

   1. Welcoming remarks -- Leora Fishman, Conf. Coordinator
   2. Liberation from Sex Roles in Judaism: past expectations, future implications (a dialogue)
      Ms. Martha Ackelsberg
      Rabbi Yitzhak Greenberg

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10:00  
Women  
Small group discussions  
Varieties of Jewish Feminism: Consciousness raising  
Men  
Our backgrounds, expectations, and hopes: Consciousness raising  
**See attached list for room listing**

12:00  
Snack (Colonial Room)

Saturday, April 27

8:15 - 8:45  
Breakfast (Colonial Room)

9:00 - 11:00  
Tefillot (services)  
1. Mixed and equal traditional (Crystal Room)  
2. Traditional women's minyan (C & D Room)  
3. Mixed creative (A & B Room)

11:30 - 1:00  
Session Two (Crystal Room)  
Chairman: Dr. Steven M. Cohen  
Lifestyles and Sex Roles  
Dr. Sam Klagsbrun on implications of blurring sex roles on personality, family structure  
Mary and Everett Gendler on roles in marriage and child rearing  
Ros Regelson on homosexuality and Judaism  
Living in two worlds?  
Diane Schudler, esq. on being a single in the Jewish community

1:00 - 2:15  
Lunch  
Men-Blue and Green Room  
Women-Colonial Room

2:15 - 4:30  
Session 3: Workshops I  
Women  
1. Women's sexuality  
   Ziva Kwitney (A Room)  
2. Negotiating a relationship  
   Nechama Liss-Levinson (B Room)  
3. Raising children  
   Blu Greenberg, Esther Farber (Rm 351)  
4. Bisexuality  
   Rica Josephs  
5. Gay Jewish women (C Room)  
   Ros Regelson  
6. Abortion and ZPG  
   Arlene Agus, Shira Flax  
*Room to be posted in Gold Room

Men  
1. Dynamics and ethics of Male-Female relationships  
   Peter Schweitzer (Blue Room)  
2. Living gay and Jewish  
   Randy Weiss, Phillip Gelfter (Green Room)  
3. Jewish concepts of masculinity: minds and bodies  
   Richie Siegel, Jerry Benjamin (East Room)  
4. The Jewish American Prince: Fact or fiction?  
   Lewis Mintz (D Room)

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10:30 - 12:00

Session Five (Ballroom)

Jewish Women in the Arts: exhibit and discussion

Chairwoman: Grace Paley - author
Jean Boudin - poet

Muriel Rukiyser - poet
Roz Hollander - Jewish creative handicrafts
Marjorie Portnow - painter
Deborah Rosenthal - painter
Rachel Bas-Cohain - artist
Marsha Donshik - dancer
(and members of the Choreographic Workshop)

Trip to the schvitz--see Richie Siegel.
Men are welcome to attend this session.

12 midnight

Snack

Sunday, April 28

9:00 - 10:30

Session Six (groups meeting concurrently)

1. Arthur Waskow on a vision of the Jewish community of the future based on a study of the Song of Songs. (C & D room)

Chairwoman: Maureen McLeod

Stephen P. Cohen
Rica Josephs
Margaret Wheeler

2. Panel on Sexuality and Sex Roles (Red Room)

3. Robert Goldenberg on a Jewish conflict: self-fulfillment vs. responsibility to the community (East Room)

10:30 - 12:00

Mixed Workshops (men and women)

1. Men and Women in groups -- unconscious mechanisms, intimidation, expectations (C Room)
   Bracha Hollander, Bill Novak

2. Homosexuality
   Phillip Getler

3. Raising children (D Room)
   Steve and Elaine Cohen

4. Negotiating a relationship (Green Room)
   Billy and Nuchama Liss-Levinson

5. Non-sexist Jewish education (Blue Room)
   Cherie Koller

6. Working on the organizational power structure
   Vicki Friedman (Colonial Room)

7. Dealing with halacha and its change (Room 351)
   Blu Greenberg

* Room to be posted in Gold Room.

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8. Developments in the synagogue: ritual and politics
   Rela Monson (Colonial Room)
9. Sexuality (Colonial foyer)
   Rica Josephs, Ziva Kvitney
10. Can there be human liberation in a capitalist
    society? (A & B Rm) Sherman Teichman
11. Feminine and masculine in Jewish mysticism
    Joel Rosenberg (Red Room)
12. Work and home--resolving tensions
    Phyllis Rosen (East Room)

2:00 - 1:00
   Lunch (Alpine Cellar)

1:00 - 2:30
   Session Seven
   Tachlis Workshops (open to all)

   note: this is a partial listing to be completed as interest demands.
           Rooms to be posted outside the Gold Room. Please sign up
           for the one that interests you or start your own.

   1. Women's coalition: working out details
   2. Curriculum: informal and formal
   3. Feminine Jewish theology
   4. Creating new rituals
   5. How to form a women's group
   6. Breaking out of the type-cast mold of "the expert
       on Jewish women's lib"
   7. On starting a Jewish women's magazine

2:30 - 4:00
   Rally at Dag Hammersjold Plaza (U.N.) for
   Soviet Jewry Solidarity Day

4:00 - 6:00
   Wrap up
   Women (Ballroom)
   1. Examination of plans for a coalition
   2. Election of women to do legwork
      for setting up coalition and center
   3. Report on tachlis groups

   Men (Colonial Rm)
   1. Evaluation of the
      conference
   2. Future plans

6:00
   Snack (Colonial Room)
   Payment of travel subsidies (Gold Room)

7:00
   Check out

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