

Letters To The Editor

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To The Editor of The Chronicle:

Do you or any of The Chronicle's readers know of an organization that compiles information on the practices of American companies? I am speaking in regard to these companies' hiring practices, policies affecting Israel, and histories of pro- or anti- Semitic behavior.

My reason for asking this is that when a choice needs to be made concerning a product to buy or a service station to attend or other such selections one of the factors that should be considered is how the company's policies affect Jews.

Why should one purchase a product from a manufacturer that discriminates against Jews in hiring or promotion practices or who contributes to the Arab cause? Or if there is no significant difference between two products, why should one not purchase the one from the company that

contributes to the United Jewish Fund each year?

With the openness that now must accompany contributions and corporate practices this information should not be difficult to obtain. Moreover, this information should be made aware to the Jewish consumer so that he can allow his voice to be heard at the market place.

Mark Pollock
Pittsburgh

Not a village

To The Editor of The Chronicle:

I read with great interest the article about Pinchas Sapir in the issue of your newspaper dated Aug. 21, and I would like to draw your attention to the following:

There was a remark that Pinchas Sapir was born in "the Polish village of Suwalki" and I want to tell you that Suwalki was not a Village, but a "Gubernski Gorod" (which means a Government City) with a

population of 30,000, at least 20,000 military men, had two Russian Gymnasiums, one Polish Gymnasium, many Cheders, Yeshivas and many very good Jewish schools. I was born, raised in Suwalki and graduated from the Gymnasium (which was at that time under the Russian Czar and Russian rule), and I know all about this city.

Since it was a "Gubernia" (Government City) it had also a governor and during and after the First World War was known as an important city.

Mrs. Aron Robinson
Pittsburgh

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