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The President of ICFS

FROM THE DIARY OF THE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

The New Ambassador of China Visited Our Organizations

Mr. Zhao Jun, the new Ambassador of China to Israel, visited the Association of Former Residents of China in Israel and the Israel-China Friendship Society. In this issue of the "Bulletin" we give a detailed report about this visit.

The visit made it possible for our new friend to become acquainted with the activities of the organizations which for many years have been doing the work of strengthening friendly relations with the Chinese people and our two countries. The Ambassador expressed his feelings of friendship towards Israel and mentioned how highly he appreciated our work.

We hope that according to a tradition of the last 15 years, the Ambassador of China will continue having good relations with the wide circles of the Israeli public as did his predecessors.

Ruth Cahanov - the Deputy of the General Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel

Ruth Cahanov, our good and loyal friend, who was involved with the activities of the Israel-China Friendship Society during all the years of its existence, has been appointed Deputy of the General Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel, responsible for the countries of East Asia.

Ruth Cahanov has acquired great experience working with China, due to the fact that she previously occupied important posts in the Consulate General of Israel in Hong Kong, was a Counselor and Acting Ambassador of Israel in Beijing, and was Director of the Department of East Asian countries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel. She knows the Chinese language. Her work has always been highly evaluated by the

diplomatic and administrative circles of China. We wish our friend Ruth Cahanov every success at her new important post.

Greetings to Mr. Amos Nadai, the new Ambassador of Israel to China

Amos Nadai, the new Ambassador of Israel to China, began his diplomatic mission in Beijing in August. Amos Nadai is an experienced diplomat having served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for many years. Before his appointment as Ambassador to China, he held the post of the Deputy of the General Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel, which is now being occupied by Ruth Cahanov.

On his first trip inside China after his inauguration, the new Ambassador flew to Harbin where he opened an exhibition at the former "New Synagogue", dedicated to the history of Israel-Chinese relationships.

We warmly greet Amos Nadai and are sure of his success on his important mission in China.

Scholarships to Chinese students

At the Chanukah reunion in Tel Aviv in December, the Israel-China Friendship Society will award scholarships to Chinese students who study at the universities of Israel. This tradition exists already for thirteen years.

The majority of Chinese students study agriculture at the branch of the Hebrew University in Rehovot. They also study engineering at the Haifa Technion and music at the Academy of Music of the Tel-Aviv University. It is interesting to note that already for several years 4 or 5 students from China have studied subjects connected with the Jewish people, such as Jewish history, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, Jewish philosophy, Hebrew literature, etc. This is definitely an important factor in the understanding of the Chinese intelligentsia of the essence of Judaism and our people.

THE 58-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
Tel Aviv, "Dan Panorama" Hotel, September, 2007



*Ambassador of China to Israel Mr. Zhao Jun and
 Counselor of the Embassy Zhang Xiao'an receive guests*



Hannah and Shmuel Muller greet the Ambassador



*From right to left: guests at the reception – Judith
 Sandel, Rasha Kaufman and Hannah Muller*



*The former ambassador of Israel to China Ora Namir
 and the former agricultural attache at the Embassy of
 Israel in China Amram Olmert among the guests*



Natasha and Seva Podolsky among the guests



In the hall of the celebration

AMBASSADOR OF CHINA TO ISRAEL MR ZHAO JUN AT "BEIT-PONVE"



Officials of the Embassy at "Beit-Ponve"



The Ambassador in front of the model of the "Main" synagogue of Harbin



Military Attache Liu Xianyou and Avi Podolsky



The Ambassador and Yossi Klein



The Ambassador of China expresses thanks for the reception



T. Kaufman speaks about the work of our organizations: Igud Yotzei Sin and the Israel-China Friendship Society



T. Kaufman thanks the Ambassador



From left to right: J. Bain, G. Katz, the Secretary of Military Attache Zhao Hongtao, B. Darel and Tsahi Fainberg

Harbin University of Commerce (HUC)

Being one of the top ten universities in Heilongjiang Province, Harbin University of Commerce (HUC) was founded in 1952 as the first state multi-discipline institute of higher learning specializing in commerce that initiated undergraduate education in 1958 and postgraduate education in 1982 authorized by the Ministry of Education, PRC. In the year of 2006, it won A level in the national higher education assessment on bachelor program by the Ministry of Education, PRC

It is located in Harbin City, consisting of two campuses across Songhua River, with a total area of 1.1317 million m² in which covers 0.6003 million m² schoolhouses.

Harbin University of Commerce (HUC) has 17 schools, 2 teaching faculties and 31 research institutes covering 42 undergraduate specialties concerning economics, management, engineering, law, art and literature. In addition, there are plenty of the second bachelor degree specialties (e.g. businesses management, marketing, accounting, economics international economy and trade, law, computer science and technology, etc.) and some accessorial specialties (e.g. accounting, marketing, business management, law, computer science and technology, etc.)

HUC, authorized by the Degree Commission of the State Council, confers doctorate and master degree. Now it boasts 3 doctoral subjects including traditional Chinese medicine (primary subject), industrial economics and food science, 1 postdoctoral research workstation (pharmacy research institute), 5 primary postgraduate subjects, 33 secondary postgraduate subjects, 1 MBA program, 1 nation-level engineering research center, 2 province-level key labs (e.g. food science and engineering, anti-tumor medicine), 2 province-level model teaching centers. The university also has 10 province-level key subjects (e.g. industrial economics, food science, management, accounting, etc.) and 6 province-level key majors (tourism management, commodity, accounting, management, machinery designing & manufacturing and automation, finance, etc.) There are altogether a staff of 1550, of which 1115 are full-time teachers including 131 professors and 285 associate professors. 15 teachers entitle to special allowance of the State Council and 3 to provincial special allowance. There are 12 teachers who earn the designation of provincial or ministerial level expert, 1 specially-retaining professor with the title of "Longjiang Scholar", 11 provincial level academic leaders, 11 doctoral tutors and 4 Distinguished Teachers of Heilongjiang Province. HUC is always open to those outstanding experts, scholars and entrepreneurs from both home and abroad who come as visiting professors. It has been approved by the Ministry of Education to be one

of the Chinese universities that receive the international students.

Currently the students enrolled in HUC amount to over 21,000 involving junior college, undergraduate and postgraduate programs. For 55 years since its founding, crediting itself in return, HUC has turned out about 70,000 graduates, many of whom have become successful scholars, experts, managers or governmental officials.

Since it was founded in 1952, Harbin University of Commerce has made plentiful achievements in scientific research. To mention but a few: in the 1950s, Inventing the first automatic dumpling-making machine in China, which helps dumpling become the major product of Chinese fast food industrialized operation; in the 1960s, initiating the accounting method of "Property Debit and Payment", which was one of the most-widely adopted accounting methods in China for over 30 years afterwards; in the 1980s, contributing the earliest theories on collaboratively developing "the Northeast Asian Economic Circle" that served as the important theoretical foundation for the economic cooperation and development in this area; in the 1990s, building the first college-owned Money Museum with a large number of unique research achievements; in the late 1990s, filling in the gaps of research in the field of commerce by the successful completion of the State Key Scientific Project "The Integrated Automation Technology in Commerce and the Attached Prototype Project". In recent years, Harbin University of Commerce has also made further progress in the scientific and technological research contributing to the regional economic growth and Industrial development, especially in such areas as follows: cross subjects of law and economics, modern circulation theory, the invigoration of the north-east old industrial bases, anti-tumor medicine, green food strategic management and food engineering, etc. During the "10th 5-year Plan" period, the university has undertaken 56 research projects: National Natural Science Fund, National Philosophy and Social Science Fund, key projects of Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Education projects, which helped win 104 awards at the provincial (ministerial) level or above. Of 304 publications, more than 200 are monographs and the rest are textbooks.

Among 4 academic journals published by HUC: Commercial Research, Journal of Harbin University of Commerce (with both natural science and social science editions), Logistics Technology, Commercial Research is taken in the national core academic journals or periodicals.

By now Harbin University of Commerce has established the collaborative relationship with 22 universities or colleges of the UK, the US, Canada, Australia, Russia, Korea, and Japan. Apart from the collaborative bachelor-degree educational programs (2+2) with some British

THE NEW AMBASSADOR OF CHINA VISITED ICFS AND IGUD YOTZEI SIN

On September 24 Mr. Zhao Jun, the newly appointed Ambassador of China, was hosted by the Israel-China Friendship Society and the Association of Former Residents of China in Israel.

The Ambassador of China was accompanied by Councillor Zhang Xiao'an, Military Attache Colonel Liu Xianyou, First Secretary Mr. Yan Jinlin, Secretary Ms. Liu Junyi and Secretary of the Military Attache Mr. Zhao Hongtao.

At 10 a.m. the guests met with T. Kaufman, Y. Klein, R. Veinerman and Y. Ladyjensky at the gate of the Kiriya Shaul Cemetery in Tel Aviv and together they proceeded to the grave of Dr. Jakob Rosenfeld, a hero of the Chinese people, who was the Commander of the Medical Corps of the Fourth and Eighth Armies of the People's Liberation Army of China.

T. Kaufman spoke about Dr. Jakob Rosenfeld and recited the Kaddish and El Malei Rahamim prayers. The Ambassador of China laid a wreath from the Embassy of China, and R. Veinerman laid a wreath from the Israel-China Friendship Society and the Association of Former Residents of China in Israel.

From the cemetery the guests and the hosts rode to the Synagogue in Memory of the Jewish Communities of China at 31, Golan street, Tel Aviv. They were welcomed there by the wardens of the Synagogue Shalom Shpilman, Eliezer Shibek and Tzvi Praga.

At the cultural center of the Synagogue T. Kaufman showed the guests the routes the Jews used in order to settle down in China on the marble map of the Jewish settlements in China. He described the history of the Jewish sojourn in China, especially in Harbin and Shanghai. In the Synagogue T. Kaufman talked to the guests about the history of the building of the Synagogue in Tel Aviv's so called Shukun Shanghai. Shalom Shpilman prayed for the prosperity of the President of China, the Chinese people and the land of China.

From the Synagogue the guests went to the "Beit-Ponve" club where A. Podolsky, head of our Jerusalem branch, joined them. Y. Klein, the Deputy Chairman of the Association of Former Residents of China in Israel, talked to the guests about the work of our organizations.

At one o'clock p.m. a reception in honor of the Ambassador of China was held by the ICFS at the "China Sea" restaurant. Present at the reception were members of the Presidium of Igud Yotzei Sin and of the Committee of the Friendship Society T. Kaufman, Y. Klein, R. Veinerman, A. Podolsky, S. Muller, D. Friedmann, A. Goldreich, G. Katz, B. Darrel, R. Rashinsky, J. Bain, J. Sandel, E. Vandel, Z. Feinberg and Y. Ladyjensky.

The speeches were made by T. Kaufman and the Ambassador of China who thanked for the reception and expressed his wish to continue to further collaborate with our organizations.

M. BEN-ABRAHAM

ISRAELI INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE CONSUMER BRANDS IN CHINA

The Trade Mission of Israel in China is going to promote several Israeli brands in the consumer market in China throughout April and May.

The Mission plans to highlight goods with distinctly Israeli characteristics such as cosmetic products from Dead Sea, olive oil, wines, citrus and fruit juice, and tourism.

A series of activities and presentations have been organized in order to aid Israeli business people in search of potential buyers, agents or distributors in China.

CHINA'S CHERY AUTOMOBILE CONTRACTS WITH ISRAEL CORP.

Israel Corp., an Israeli holding company, has reportedly contracted with China's Chery Automobile in a joint venture to produce the automobiles in Israel.

The cars will be produced for both the local market and for export.

Chery has local assembly deals in other countries including Bangladesh and Malaysia.

GADOT ISRAEL ANNOUNCES JV IN CHINA

Gadot is taking its first ever step outside Israel with a joint venture to build a new citric acid plant in China.

A project that it expects to yield significant cost advantages thanks to the fermentation, due to partnering with Jiangsu Nuobei Biochemical. The cost of the plant is estimated at US \$ 30 million to be built in Jiangsu province.

Additionally, the new plant will double its existing capacity.

RUTH SHANY'S EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

An exhibition of paintings by Ruth Shany, a well-known artist, was opened in Ramat-ha-Sharon. Ruth Shany is our compatriot from Hongkew, Shanghai. It should be noted that this year two exhibitions of Ruth's paintings were held in China, one in Beijing and the other in Harbin. Both exhibitions were a great success.

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universities such as University of Leeds, Napier University, Thames Valley University, it also conducts joint researches with other universities such as follows: Novosibirsk State

Technical University (Russia), Pacific National University of Economics, Khabarovsk State Academy of Economics and Law (Russia), Tokyo University of Marine Science (Japan), Youngsan University, and Joongbu University (Korea).

**AMBASSADOR OF CHINA ZHAO JUN AT THE GRAVE OF DR. JACOB ROSENFELD, COMMANDER OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY OF CHINA AND CHIEF OF THE MEDICAL CORPS OF THE 4th and 8th ARMIES OF CHINA
Tel Aviv. At the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery on September 24, 2007**



The Ambassador of China at the tombstone of Dr. J. Rosenfeld.



The Ambassador of China lays a wreath on the grave of Dr. J. Rosenfeld.



T. Kaufman recites a prayer



At the grave of J. Rosenfeld: the Counselor of the Embassy Zhang Xiao'an, T. Kaufman, Ambassador Zhao Jun, R. Veinerman, Military Attache Liu Xianyou and the officials of the Embassy.



R. Veinerman lays a wreath on the grave of Dr. J. Rosenfeld.

Back to China with Love

«I live near the quiet Dead Sea, get up at 5 a.m., listen to the music, look out of the window, start thinking of my new artistic creation... darkness in front of my eyes is getting off, and sky is becoming red, then all become red, I feel exciting in my heart, the red sun is rising, I couldn't help but getting excited, because I feel it is not merely a sunrise, but a rising of a new world.»

Ruth Shany, Israel's renowned silk painting artist sitting in front of us, was telling us her inspiration for a painting work of «Genesis» in her solo exhibition held in China. She has held nearly 30 solo exhibitions in the world, and has been awarded by the UNICEF Greeting Cards Competition and the «Most Admired Woman of the Decade» by the American Biographical Institute. She said, after the completion of the painting of the «Genesis», the most important thing is to come to China, because China served as her haven during that holocaust on Jews by Nazis over 60 years ago, and she started her artistic road from China.

Ruth Shany still clearly remembers that Italian ship her family boarded on for escaping to China named «CONTE VERDE». She opened a big album with some pictures about her and her family's life in China. Ruth was born in Berlin, Germany, her mother a Jew, and her father's family had been in Germany for 300 years, they never thought one day they would be forced to leave for another place. On the eve of the World War II, German Nazis started persecuting Jews, her father broke down, they decided to come to China on her mother's insistence.

Though they knew nothing about China except what they learned a little from a book, they didn't have any other choice. Shany felt her family was lucky: her mother lined up for quite a few hours, and finally, she got ship tickets to China for the whole family, while many of those who didn't get the tickets were forced into concentration camps. Her family was also lucky after making choice to come to China, many people who escaped to other countries were rejected, forced back to Europe, and went to the concentration camps. Only Shanghai was a big city in the world that embraced Jewish refugees, and became a safe harbor for over 20,000 European Jews.

At the beginning, upon arrival in Shanghai, Shany's family lived in the Hongkou Jewish refugee quarter. Over 30 people lived in a big classroom, every family had no choice but to use curtains to separate each other. Because their shipment of luggage was lost, her family had almost nothing. At the age of only 15 Shany had to go out to work. She met a painter by chance, Shany started learning Chinese silk painting. Her life was changed after practicing painting. During 10 years of living in Shanghai, she studied Chinese, visited galleries, went to concert halls and cinema and began appreciating the beauty of Shanghai. Though life was hard, her heart and soul could enjoy the oriental culture. In 1949, Shany immigrated into Israel, at the time of leaving Shanghai, she burst into

tears. She was deeply in love with the city that saved her family and other Jewish refugees, and with those Chinese who are kindhearted, honest, selfless and helpful. She put her gratitude and love in her memory forever.

Painting on silk has become Shany's life career in nearly 60-year time in Israel, she is the first foreign artist who let the Westerners get to know Chinese silk painting. She said she had been sticking to using Chinese writing brush, Chinese silk and pigment made by herself combining Chinese and Western ways for painting. She thinks that silk can perfectly link different colors together making shapes more vivid; silk is smooth and lustrous, festive, delicate and refreshing, which create energy and inspiration; silk makes people feel harmonious and calm, which renders truthfully both optimistic and melancholy moods. What's more important is that her particular experience in China has given her a unique angle of understanding the world.

When appreciating Shany's works which are quite of women's style, there are many colorful freehand brushworks of mountains and rivers in Chinese style, but combined with Western oil-painting characteristics. The «A Gift for the Morning» is a vivid bunch of purple flowers reflecting strength from freshness, simple but elegant; The «Impressions of Safed» has adopted Chinese way for the background of the Safed city with blue and white colors, and the Western way for a bunch of yellow fresh flowers showing hope in melancholy. The flying violins in the «Peace Treaty» and the flowers in the «Closed Door» have all strongly reflected Shany's longings for brightness and sincere love for all the things in the world. Shany said that she was not the only one now among Israelis who are practicing silk painting, but her painting style is unique, because it comes from her unique experience of heart and soul.

As a world-renowned artist, returning to China - the land starting her art career and holding her exhibition for expression of her appreciation to the Chinese people are a dream which has been in her mind for years. Today, she comes back to her previous artistic land with love and creative achievements of several decades. She calls her return as «to close an important circle of her life», she said repeatedly with emotion: «I learned silk painting in China, I appreciate very much for having such an opportunity to show my works to the Chinese people.»

This is the story of Rush Shany: "Only Chinese people extended hands to the persecuted Jews while the rest of the world closed its doors, and she was among them; and her strong feelings to China has made her to come to China for an exhibition to express her gratitude when all the doors in the world have opened".

"People's Daily"
Reported by Shi Xiaohui
and Wang Xiaoguang



Letters

➤ **Tel Aviv**

Dear Teddy Kaufman,

I am Liang Minzheng, an M.A. student of Professor Xu Xin at the Institute of Jewish Studies in Nanjing University. Prof. Xu Xin has sent me to Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. And now I am a member of the Overseas Students Program of Ben Gurion University. From July 29, I have been studying Hebrew in Ulpan, and I will stay here for another ten months.

I want to thank you for your help, as without your help and others' help, I can't enter the gate of the wisdom of Judaism.

I hope more and more Chinese people will join me in the study of Judaism.

Thank you again!

Yours, Liang Minzheng

➤ **Kaifeng**

Dear Igud Yotzei Sin,

Thanks for the greeting.

I have been a tour operator and a tour guide since I came back to China. If any group or any individual would like to visit China, please, let me know, and I will be very glad to arrange their China Tour.

Thank you in advance,

With kind regards, Shi Lei

➤ **Harbin**

Dear Mr. Kaufman,

From the bottom of my heart I take you as my close friend, so I would like to inform you that the new Ambassador of Israel to China, Mr. Amos Nadai, paid a visit to Harbin on September 18 -19. I arranged a meeting of the Mayor of Harbin and the Ambassador of Israel. It was the first time that the new Ambassador left Beijing for Harbin. From September 19 to 25 the exhibition "Ancient Civilizations, Modern Friends, Partners for the Future" was held in Harbin, describing the relations between China and Israel. I learned that more and more cities from both sides have become sister cities.

So an idea came to my mind that Harbin should be in the front, and that Harbin should not have ties only with Givataim, but also should expand the field of cooperation – in order to know more cities in Israel. I like Israel very much, so I'll try to find a chance to visit it again. The leaders of Harbin would like to send invitations to you and to other Israeli friends to visit Harbin in the winter (from the 4th to the 7th of January) when our next "Ice and Snow" Festival will take place. Would you like to come? With best regards,

Xie Jianping

Foreign Affairs Office

Municipality of Harbin

Film "Noodle" Brings China to Israel

Chen Baoqi was chosen from a group of over 2,000 Chinese boys from Hong Kong and Shanghai who auditioned for the role in "Noodle". He was invited to Israel for two and a half months of rehearsals and filming, his first trip outside of China.

He was accompanied by a translator, as he did not know a word of English. His father reportedly had to teach him how to suck a noodle into his mouth, since in his province people eat rice.

He toured Israel during his filming schedule and even brought back hamsas for his family. His tour culminated with a dinner held at the home of Moshe Adari, CEO of film distributor United King, in honor of the movie.

The directors and producers of the film were impressed by this eight-year-old's performance and professionalism. "Noodle" will be a film to watch for in the future and Chen a young actor to keep an eye out for.

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