

## Chapter 6

### MEDICINE

#### **Medical Mobilization for Soviet Jewry**

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The Medical Mobilization for Soviet Jewry is a national organisation of several hundred members, now in its fifth year of efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews. Its members are health professionals working with issues they know best. It deals with denial of emigration rights and subsequent harassment of Soviet Jewish physicians, the absence of medical facilities for those imprisoned for seeking to leave the Soviet Union, the abuse of psychiatric facilities for political purposes, and the neglect of the right to treatment for those Soviet Jews who have applied to emigrate to Israel. It sends out regular mailings, issues statements to the press, arranges for resolutions at professional societies and conventions, sponsors letter and petition drives, briefs those health professionals travelling to the Soviet Union and promotes direct contact between US physicians and their oppressed colleagues in the USSR. In short, it does everything it can to gain for Soviet Jews those rights guaranteed them under accepted international law.

Bi-monthly mailings are sent out to bring members up-to-date on the precarious status of many of the people it helps, and to tell them how they can help.