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(Alan)

What I did in order to become part of the community, was at that stage from Johannesburg a man called Ronnie Roth, who subsequently passed away, came to work for UJA —now we are talking about 150 Beverly Street. When Ronnie was there we got together and eventually with two or three other South Africans, we said that one of the things that we've got to create is basically an organization that will disappear as the community gets integrated. So we insisted that UJA, Hadassah, etcetera, not create South African groups. The South African groups have got to be either in the area they are living or if they are accountants in the account groups etcetera. Do not isolate them and make them become totally just that little group of South Africans. And what happen was that ultimately an enormous chain of people were [sic] set up that we basically were getting jobs for people. And when I say we, it's the broad we, it's not me. In that if somebody came and wanted to do accountancy I would call Hilly Cohen, or he would call me. We would call two or three other South Africans and then in turn we would then go, I was at Laventhal but I knew Rick Borenstein, at Orensteins, etcetera and I would call them and say "are you guys looking for young South Africans?" South Africans have got a very good reputation of being hard working and independent thinking because that's the nature of the backgrounds. Therefore, this group and at the same time I started to get very involved with Federation and I sat on the social planning etcetera. So, I took a lot of my needs in that direction because that's how I could off load onto them.

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