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American Joint Distribution Committee and United HIAS Service warmly welcome you to Italy. Joint and HIAS are American organizations. Their work in Italy is carried out thanks to the generous support of the Italian authorities.

We are guests here, and therefore we ask you to abide by the laws of this country and observe basic forms of behavior so that we can carry out our work. This will enable us to continue to provide our assistance to those who come after you; it is possible that your relatives or friends will be among them.

The goal of JDC and HIAS is to help you; however, we count on you to help us in our work to the best of your ability.

The Joint provides social and material assistance during the period necessary to complete the emigration process which is handled by HIAS.

We ask you to read the following directions and observe them:

1. Upon arrival in Rome, you will be accommodated in a guesthouse where you can stay for no more than 10 days.
2. On one of the first days you will be summoned to HIAS where you will get a briefing and start processing your emigration documents. We ask you to pay special attention to the completion of all the emigration formalities and to appear at your appointments on-time.
3. During the first 10 days of your stay in Rome, you need to find yourself an apartment. When you do you must sign a statement at the guesthouse indicating the date of your departure from it. You will take one copy of the statement with you (a copy will remain at the guesthouse). Upon submitting this statement and your address, you will receive your first monthly allowance (or the appropriate portion of it) from the Joint. The allowance will be paid as of the day after your first visit to HIAS.

Starting from the second month of your stay in Rome, each head of family will receive a monthly allowance from the bank, upon presentation of the Soviet exit visa.

If you do not have the visa, you need to get a letter from the Joint which will allow you to receive money from the bank.

4. With any questions related to emigration, your stay in Italy, travel documents, luggage, etc., you should contact HIAS.
5. With social, financial and family problems, you can contact the Joint, which will provide assistance to the best of its abilities.
6. The Joint provides material assistance only to those refugees who have no means of support and only for the time required to complete the emigration process. If you have any income (cash subsidies from relatives, etc.), you can report this to the Joint.

7. With questions related to medical care (visiting an outpatient clinic, getting a house visit by a doctor, hospital admission, etc.), you can use an outpatient clinic by presenting a card.

8. When you are invited to the Joint, HIAS or to the doctor, we ask you to appear at the appointed time or to schedule a new appointment in advance.

9. We ask you to inform the Joint personally and promptly of any changes in your emigration plans, even if they have already been discussed and accepted by HIAS.

10. Having received an emigration visa, you will need to leave as soon as possible.

11. It is extremely important for your future to study or improve your knowledge of the English language. English classes are organized for your benefit.

12. We ask you to inform JDC and HIAS personally and promptly of any address changes. It is very important that the JDC and HIAS have your telephone number or telephone number where you can be contacted, as well as your school schedule so that you can be easily located.

13. We are certain that during your stay in Italy you will strictly abide by the laws of the country that has extended its hospitality to you and made it possible for you to emigrate. That is most important.

Italian law forbids you:

– to drive a car without an international driver’s license, insurance and necessary documentation proving car ownership.

– to buy a car from a private party and sell it.

– to sell goods on the market without a license.

Foreign currency can only be exchanged at a bank.

By violating the laws of Italy, you will not only compromise yourself in this country and your own emigration, but also jeopardize the entire emigration movement in Italy. We believe that you will act appropriately. This is necessary both in your personal interests and in the interest of your future.

We are always ready to listen to you and help you overcome your difficulties. We are confident in your full assistance.

We wish you a pleasant stay in Italy and a successful completion of your emigration.

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