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**PRESIDENT EISENHOWER RECEIVES FIRST "JUDAISM AND WORLD PEACE"
AWARD FROM SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA AT WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY**

Presentation by Official Representatives of Major Branches of Judaism
to President of United States Is First in American History

WASHINGTON, D. C. - President Eisenhower today became the first recipient of the "Judaism and World Peace" Award of the Synagogue Council of America at a White House ceremony marked by several precedents in American and Jewish history. The award, consisting of an original bronze sculpture of the Prophet Isaiah "beating swords into plowshares," was presented to the President by Rabbi Max D. Davidson of Perth Amboy, N.J., president of the Synagogue Council and a delegation of rabbinic and congregational leaders from the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Jewish movements.

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In presenting the "Judaism and World Peace" Award to President Eisenhower, Rabbi Davidson pointed out that "this meeting ... represents the first time that an official delegation from all the major branches of the Jewish religion has been received by a President of the United States." This was also "the first time that spokesmen of the majority of the Synagogues of America acting together have sought to honor the President of the United States for his consecrated efforts, in the words of the Psalmist, 'to seek peace and pursue it'," Rabbi Davidson said.

The Synagogue Council president told President Eisenhower that the purpose of the award "is to signalize the climax of your brilliant stewardship of our nation and of the free world during your eight years of sacrificial devotion and leadership as President of the United States, and of your entire public service career,"

The inscription on the plaque attached to the statue read:
"The Judaism and World Peace Award for consecrated leadership in pursuit of peace presented by the Synagogue Council of America to Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, December 16, 1960 - Kislev 27, 5721."

Participating in the award presentation, in addition to Rabbi Davidson, were the following:

Rabbi Julius Mark of New York, vice-president of the Synagogue Council, and senior rabbi of Congregation Emanu-El;

Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, Md., vice-president of the Synagogue Council, and rabbi of Congregation Beth Jacob;

Philip Greene of Jamaica, L.I., N.Y., treasurer of the Synagogue Council, and a banker;

Horbert Berman of Far Rockaway, N.Y., recording secretary of the Synagogue Council, and an attorney;

Dr. Robert Nach of Yonkers, N.Y., corresponding secretary of the Synagogue Council, and a physician;

Max Stern of New York, noted Orthodox leader and first recipient of the Synagogue Statesman Award of the Synagogue Council. Mr. Stern is president of Hartz Mountain Products Company.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of Elmhurst, N.Y., executive director of the Synagogue Council.

The Synagogue Council conferred on Mr. Stern, Samuel Friedland of Miami Beach, Fla., noted Conservative leader, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Silberman posthumously, noted Reform leaders, the Synagogue Statesman Awards at its annual dinner on Dec. 4 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. Mr. Friedland and Samuel Silberman, who received the award for his late brother and sister-in-law, were unable to take part in the ceremony at the White House.

In his statement to the President, Rabbi Davidson stated:

"In our Biblical and Rabbinic tradition, there is no greater blessing than peace between man and man, family and family, city and city, and nation and nation.

"It is our privilege, Mr. President, to make this presentation that we believe derives out of the deepest sentiments of our people and our religious tradition, that is also timely to the days in which we live, fitting to the national policy of our country, and especially appropriate for you personally.

"You have dreamed for the world at its human best from the days when you listened to the words of the Bible at your parents' knees; you have seen the world at its worst on the bloody battlefields of Europe; you have in war commanded the greatest armies in history; in peace you have led with historic distinction the most powerful nation of the world. You have traveled far, from Kansas to Cologne to Korea; from West Point to Whitehall to Washington,

"Literally, you have beaten your sword into a plowshare, and your spear into a pruning hook. Yours has been a journey of justice and of peace: from the fields of France and the concentration camps of Feldafing to the farm and arbor at Gettysburg,

"Your career is a symbol and an inspiration to all those who seek the ideal of the ancient Hebrew Prophets: When the world will be perfected under the Kingdom of the Almighty; a world of equality for all mankind; for the roots of equality are founded in faith and its fruit is freedom."

ATTACHED IS COMPLETE TEXT OF RABBI DAVIDSON'S STATEMENT.

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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL
FOR "JUDAISM AND WORLD PEACE" AWARD PRESENTED TO HIM LAST FRIDAY

Washington, D.C.—President Eisenhower has expressed to the Synagogue Council of America his "deep appreciation" for the "Judaism and World Peace" Award which the Council presented to him on Dec. 16 at a White House ceremony. The Synagogue Council conferred the award on the President "to signalize the climax of his stewardship of our nation and of the free world during his eight years of sacrificial devotion and leadership as President of the United States, and of his entire public service career."

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In a letter to Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of the Synagogue Council, President Eisenhower wrote:

"Once again I want to express to you and your associates in the Synagogue Council of America my deep appreciation of the award you presented to me this morning in my office. I am deeply complimented that, in your opinion, my efforts to advance the cause of world peace these past eight years merited the 'Judaism and World Peace' award. I shall lastingly value the sentiments you and the others conveyed to me.

"With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower."

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Rabbi Davidson has presented the award to President Eisenhower which consisted of an original sculpture of the Prophet Isaiah "beating swords into plowshares." Rabbi Davidson headed a delegation of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbinical and congregational leaders who constituted the first official representative group of Jewish leaders from the three branches of religious Jewry ever to be received by the President of the United States.

The members of the delegation, in addition to Rabbi Davidson, were as follows:

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Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of Elmhurst, N.Y., executive director of the Synagogue Council;

Irving Workoff of New York, director of development of the Synagogue Council.

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JEWISH RELIGIOUS PARTICIPANTS IN WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

ON AGING ANNOUNCED BY THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

New York--The 1961 White House Conference on Aging to be held in Washington, D. C., from Jan. 9 through 12 will find an impressive group of representative Jewish leaders from the Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform branches of religious Jewry serving in leadership capacities on the program of the Conference, it was announced by Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

The Synagogue Council was designated by Hon. Arthur Flemming, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to serve as the coordinating agency for Jewish religious participation in the conference. President Eisenhower has designated the Executive Director of the Synagogue Council, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, to serve as the Jewish Co-chairman of the Religion Section of the Aging Conference.

The coordination of the SCA's constituent agencies participation in the Conference and their liaison with the U.S. Government is implemented through the SCA Commission on Family, Youth, and Social Welfare, whose chairman is Professor Bernard Lander, noted sociologist.

Dr. Abraham J. Heschel, Professor of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will deliver a principal paper on "The Older Person Within The Perspective of Judaism". Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, Vice-President of the Synagogue Council, will deliver a paper on "The Role of Religious Institutions in Affecting Attitudes Toward the Older Person".

Miss Jane Evans, Executive Director of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has been designated by the Synagogue Council as Recorder for the Religion section.

The Synagogue Council also designated Rabbi Charles Weinberg of Malden, Mass., President of the Rabbinical Council of America, as Discussion Leader of the workgroup on "The Role of Religion in the Life of the Older Person". Rabbi Samson R. Weiss, Executive Vice-President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, will be Recorder in that workgroup.

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Rabbi Seymour Cohen of Chicago, Chairman of the Committee on Regions of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, will be Discussion Leader of the workgroup on "The Role of the Older Person In the Congregation".

Mr. Philip Goldstein of Washington, D. C., member of the Joint Social Action Commission of the United Synagogue of America - Rabbinical Assembly - National Women's League, will be Recorder in that workgroup.

Rabbi Robert L. Katz of Cincinnati, Professor of Human Relations at the Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion, will be Chairman of the workgroup on "The Role of the Older Person In the Congregation".

The Synagogue Council also designated Rabbi Isaac Trainin, Director of the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, as Resource Person for the workgroup on "The Role of the Congregation in Affecting Attitudes Toward Older People".

Synagogue Council President Rabbi Davidson will offer the Invocation at the Plenary Session of the White House Conference on Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, at Constitution Hall.

As the national coordinating agency for the major branches of the Jewish religious community, the Synagogue Council has coordinated the participation of its constituent bodies in a number of White House Conferences and Presidential Commissions, most recently the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth and the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

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COOPERATIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY TERMED GREAT NEED OF THE
HOUR BY SPEAKERS AT SCA COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

FOR RELEASE AFTER SUNDAY, MAY 22nd, 1960

NEW YORK, N.Y., May 22.— "The promotion of a cooperative American Jewish community representing the interests of Jewry in relation to the general population and before governmental agencies" was termed "the great Jewish need of the hour" by speakers before the Third General Assembly of the Synagogue Council of America meeting here at Columbia University.

Representatives from the major branches of the Jewish religious community, educational, cultural and social welfare agencies participated in the all-day meeting devoted to the theme, "The American Jewish Community in Transition- Its Relationships with the Non-Jewish Community and Government."

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At the morning, afternoon and evening sessions, held at Earl Hall, speakers called for "the elimination of competitive and antagonistic trends in Jewish life." Keynoting this point of view, Rabbi Abraham M. Heller of Brooklyn, Chairman of the General Assembly Committee, said: "While recognizing the existing legitimate difference in ideology and modes of expression (among national Jewish organizations), the Synagogue Council and its constituent organizations strongly believe that American Jewry must possess a community interest with a democratic, collective voice reflecting the will of the various Jewish groupings."

In a paper viewing the American Jewish community from the perspective of previous Jewish communal organizations, Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig of Brooklyn, Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, stated that "three factors have been the essentials of community-mindedness throughout all Jewish history" and that "when revived may mean the injection of a more democratic spirit and a resultant deeper interest in community affairs and needs."

He identified these as "the voluntary contract of self-imposed identification as a Jew and affiliation with the Jewish community; renewal of the historic Jewish system of taxation and appointment of those funds to a central source for proportionate distribution to deserving community institutions; and the creation of centralized community archives."

Professor Hoenig also proposed "the revival of a system of regional communities, uniting diverse groups of congregations and denominational branches of Jewry into one body of general Jewish identification . . . Past Jewish communal life always started from the bottom rung, from local cohesion and not from governmental desire or institutional direction from the top.

"The creation of such a unified community will not only revitalize Jewry internally but would also, by eliminating present-day pseudo-spokesmen for Judaism, result in setting upon authoritative voice for the Jewish people in America," he stated.

Solomon Dingol, of the Bronx, Editor of the Jewish Day and Morning Journal, and Albert Vorspan, of Hewlett, L.I., Director of the Joint Social Action Commission of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, were discussants of Prof. Hoenig's paper.

Mr. Dingol said "it was utterly impossible" for the American Jewish Community to return to the "historic concept of the full religious community." He added, "Impossible, because all our religious communities in the past were either the result of government decrees or by the authority of our rabbis. The individual Jew had no say in the matter. Our Jewish community of today is a voluntary, loosely-knitted association of individual Jews in whose affairs the government does not interfere and over whom the rabbis have some influence but no authority. If any lessons are to be drawn from the American Jewish Community, let us draw them from voluntary Jewish communities in the democratic world of today."

Discussing some of the present-day problems of the United States Jewish Community, he criticized the lack of unity and duplication of effort; the transformation of philanthropy from the concept of charity to an overly-bureaucratic social service; and the failure of rabbis and synagogues to "sell Jewishness" in its full meaning and implications to the Jewish people.

Mr. Vorspan, author of the recently-published "Giants of Justice," also stressed the role of the Synagogue in Jewish life, calling it "the key to Jewish survival." Beyond all other institutions, the synagogue is the "nuclear institution" in contemporary America he declared. "Jews will survive in America as a distinctive group only through Judaism and not through Jewishness alone. In the past decades, Jewish life in America was welded by anti-defamation, Zionism and philanthropy. These continue and must continue, but they can no longer guarantee Jewish survival. Only Judaism, the faith

of the Jew, can sustain those ethical and spiritual values which the Jewish people have contributed to mankind and which now help to enrich America. The American Jew is identified by America and identifies himself in terms of religion," he said.

The conference was formally opened by Rabbi Heller, Rabbi Sidney L. Regner of New Rochelle, Executive Vice-President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, delivered the invocation and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of Elmhurst, L.I., Executive Director of the Synagogue Council, brought greetings to the Assembly. Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow of Cedarhurst, L.I., President of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, was the moderator.

At the afternoon session, Dr. Israel Goldstein, rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, New York, and Judge David L. Ullman of Philadelphia, Chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, analyzed the national and local structures of Jewish communities in America. Herbert Berman of Far Rockaway, L.I., National Secretary of the Synagogue Council of America, served as moderator.

Rabbi Goldstein listed as "the major commitments of the American Jewish community as a Jewish community in the hierarchy of existing priorities, the Synagogue, including Jewish education, Jewish philanthropy, aid to Israel, anti-defamation activities, concern with other Jewish communities in the world, contact with other non-Jewish groups in the United States and concern with the traditional American protection of minority races and creeds."

He termed the current religious revival superficial and urged that "American rabbis should be more critical and more demanding." He called for an intensification of Jewish religious practice and religious education. He also urged greater support for the higher institutions of Jewish learning.

Next to the Synagogue, Rabbi Goldstein singled out philanthropy as the most vital commitment. He urged the Jewish leader to resist the temptations to "overspend for local needs" with the result that vital needs abroad are either neglected or supported on a bare subsistence level. He called for a proper balance between domestic and overseas needs.

"For most American Jews support of Israel is more than philanthropy," Rabbi Goldstein declared. When a Jew contributes to Israel, Rabbi Goldstein declared, he does so with a different feeling than when he contributes to a hospital or a children's home. "Whether he realizes it consciously or not, its existence and its record enhance his own stature in the eyes of the world and in his own eyes," he said.

Although the American Jewish community is justifiably concerned with Israel, Rabbi Goldstein called for greater attention to the Jewish communities in the Soviet Union, in other communist states in Eastern Europe, and in North Africa. "All these should be placed more challengingly on the agenda of American Jewry's interest and concern."

Turning to the problem of anti-Semitism, Rabbi Goldstein said the rash of incidents around the world recently, "should give us pause. These incidents leave us wondering whether the potentials of anti-semitism, even in the Western world, may not lie closer to the surface than we think. Economic depression, international tensions and apprehensions of war have given rise to anti-Semitic manifestations in the past and may again in the future."

He cited the added sources of bigotry to be found in "the pus pockets of Arab information centers, anti-Negro extremists in the South and Negro anti-White groups in the North. "So we cannot be entirely at ease about potential developments in the decade before us," he cautioned.

Civil rights and liberties should continue to be a focal point of American Jewish concern, Rabbi Goldstein declared, "both because its own interests are involved and because it is in the spirit of Jewish tradition to espouse the human rights and the human dignity of all men."

Praising the Synagogue Council of America for its achievements, Rabbi Goldstein urged it "to undertake a much larger scope of activity in fields where it is uniquely qualified to serve. Even in the limited sphere in which it has functioned, it has already given an earnest of its reliability and trustworthiness, its competence and statesmanship. After these thirty-four years of its existence, it has proved itself worthy of the confidence of its constituents and of the American Jewish community, to function in the special fields in which its credentials are unparalleled."

(Judge Ullman's paper had not been received at the time this release was prepared. The final session featured two major addresses on the future of the American Jewish community, one by Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, Rabbi of Congregation Shaaray Tefila, N.Y.C., President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the second by Philip Bernstein of South Orange, N.J., Executive Director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Rabbi Max D. Davidson of Perth Amboy, N.J., President of the Synagogue Council, delivered greetings before the presentations. Morris Laub of N.Y.C., Director of the Joint Social Action Commission of the United Synagogue of America, Rabbinical Assembly of America and National Women's League (Conservative), was the moderator.

Rabbi Bamberger offered five proposals for strengthening Jewish life:

* Utilize increased Jewish education to transmit not only information and skills but "to educate also for commitment, faith and action."

* Stress the spiritual tone of the synagogue rather than the financial. "In this connection I challenge the concept of the 'catering synagogue' an institution justified neither in Jewish tradition nor general American practice."

- * The communities must develop a proper relationship with their rabbis "for whether we like it or not Jewish life is heavily dependent on the rabbis. The rabbi suffers now from insecurity and lack of dignity, now from over-adulation. Above all, his functions are not defined and his role as teacher are often ignored."
- * Prevent the break-up of the Jewish community into isolated fragments. Rabbi Bamberger warned that sectarian lines are being drawn more sharply. "This is due not so much to clarification of ideology as to the expansion and increased efficiency of national organizations," he said.
- * Consider whether Judaism shall remain "as ethnically determined" or should become a faith with a message to all men." Rabbi Bamberger pointed out that Jews were sustaining losses through mixed marriages and inadequate natural growth. "We need numbers for sheer survival," he said. "On the higher level, the question is whether we are doing justice to the faith of the prophets and sages if we cultivate it only within the narrow circle of persons of Jewish blood and do not present it as persuasively and ardently as we can to all who may benefit by learning and practicing it."

Discussing the organization of Jewish communal life, Philip Bernstein said "Community organization must grow from the ground up, not from the top down. It must have its roots in communities, where people live, where their needs are felt, where their aspirations must be realized."

He cited the areas in which communities have developed central community organizations - "financing, planning and coordinating virtually all of our major responsibilities - local, national, and overseas . . . Nationally, we have achieved, entirely voluntarily, a substantial measure of cooperation in virtually every major field - - or at least the basic structure has been established for cooperation."

The question that remains, Mr. Bernstein said, is: "What should be done that is not already being done? What must be done more effectively? How can it best be achieved?"

The quality and effectiveness of what we are doing is the ultimate test, he declared. How good is the product, how important the results? "Are we applying, in each of our communities, and nationally the best understanding, the greatest knowledge, the fullest wisdom, the finest skills we can bring to bear on our responsibilities and our opportunities?" he asked.

Rabbi Paul Z. Levovitz of Lakewood, N.J., Treasurer of the Rabbinical Council of America, offered the benediction that brought the conference to a close.

SUMMARY OF PLENARY MEETING
OF THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
HELD DECEMBER 21st, 1960, 8 P.M., AT SCA OFFICE

CHAIRMAN: Rabbi Max D. Davidson, President

PRESENT: CCAR: Rabbis Abraham J. Feldman, Julius Mark, Sidney Regner, Samuel Soskin; RAA: Rabbis Davidson, Saul Teplitz, Jeshaja Schnitzer; RAA: Rabbis Bernard Lander, Uri Miller; UAHC: Dr. Robert Nach, Rabbi Jay Kaufman; UOJCA: Messrs. Israel Berman, Erwin Lipstadt and Sen. Albert Wald; USA: Messrs. Philip Greene, Morris Laub Samuel Rothstein; STAFF: Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Irving Workoff, Miss Nettie Hacker.

- 1- RABBI DAVIDSON welcomed Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, past president of SCA, and Rabbis Soskin and Schnitzer. He also congratulated Rabbi Regner on his daughter's engagement; he announced that Mr. Herbert Berman had sent his regrets.
- 2- WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH PRES. EISENHOWER: RABBI DAVIDSON reported on the meeting of SCA Officers with President Eisenhower on Dec. 16 at the White House; that the delegation had spent more than the usual time - one-half hour - with the President, that the President was pleased and impressed with the presentation of the "Judaism and World Peace" Award, and that he had sent a letter of thanks (a copy of which is attached), and that the reception was a very friendly and cordial one; that this was a good thing for Synagogue Council and the Jewish community.

DR. NACH complimented Rabbi Davidson on the masterful way in which the award was made, said the presentation was very touching, moving and skillfully done, and that President Eisenhower was grateful and very moved.
- 3- INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF PERSONS: A report from Rabbi Sanford E. Rosen of San Mateo, Calif., was read regarding the International Exchange of Persons Conference in San Francisco, held Nov. 30-Dec. 3, at which he and Rabbi Harold Schulweis had represented SCA. Rabbi Tanenbaum explained that the Conference opens the possibility for an exchange of religious leaders, and that this was an "alert" to SCA for possible future involvement. IT WAS AGREED that no action was required at this time.
- 4- RELIGION EXHIBIT AT BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY: A letter was read from the Brooklyn Public Library offering a religious display for the month of March 1961. Rabbi Lander suggested the matter be referred to the Jewish Museum. IT WAS AGREED that the constituents be asked to form a committee to work with the Jewish Museum.
- 5- TOURS BY PRESIDENTS OF SCA: RABBI MILLER proposed that it become policy of SCA for its President to make tours that might be of benefit to SCA. He made a motion that the President of SCA make such visits, at his discretion, and that funds for this purpose be hereby appropriated, within the budget of the SCA. The MOTION WAS PASSED.
- 6- STEERING COMMITTEE OF SCA EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: RABBI DAVIDSON said that Rabbi Adams wished him to express his regrets that he could not attend the Plenary in person, and to announce that a Steering Committee meeting had been set for January 4, 6 P.M., at the Hotel Windermere.
- 7- CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY: It was reported that Rabbi Adams had with his usual distinction represented SCA at the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, on Dec. 18-19, in New York, and that Rabbi Davidson had also attended part of the meeting.
- 8- NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: RABBI DAVIDSON announced that a letter had been sent to the newly-elected head of the National Council of Churches, Mr. J. Irwin Miller, a layman from Columbus, Indiana, and that it was planned to have a delegation meet with him during one of his trips to New York
- 9- INTERFAITH BUILDING IN CAPITAL: A clipping from the Dec. 4 N.Y. TIMES was read regarding a campaign to erect an inter-faith "Temple of Understanding" in Wash., D.C. It was the consensus that the church bodies be contacted regarding the matter to see what they know and may be doing about it.

- 10- "SHALOM": Information was requested on the projected Anglo-Jewish publication "SHALOM". Rabbi Davidson said that he had contacted Mr. Harold Riegelman's office for information regarding its editorial or publication heads but no information had been supplied.
- 11- 1961 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING: RABBI TANENBAUM reported that as with the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, the Synagogue Council has made it possible for the first time for all its constituent agencies to be fully represented in the Aging Conference. As co-chairman of the Religion Section of the Conference, he said it was possible for him to arrange for representatives from each of the SCA constituencies to be participants in the Conference programs. These include: CCAR: Rabbi Robert Katz of Cincinnati; UAHC: Miss Jane Evans; RAA: Rabbi Seymour Cohen of Chicago; USA: Mr. Philip Goldstein of Wash., D.C.; RCA: Rabbi Charles Weinberg of Malden, Mass; UOJCA: Rabbi Samson R. Weiss. SCA Vice-President Miller will deliver a paper, as will Prof. Abraham J. Heschel. Rabbi Davidson will offer the invocation at a major plenary session, and Rabbi Meir Felman an invocation at the Religion Section. Rabbi Isaac Trainin of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of N.Y., will be Resource Leader. Rabbi Tanenbaum also noted that the two major issues of the conference will be (1) Medical Care for the Aged, and (2) creation of a Federal Bureau for the Aged; that background memos on these issues have been prepared by the CJFWF and were available to SCA agencies. He commended Rabbi Lander whose SCA Commission on Family, Youth, and Social Welfare coordinated SCA's activity in this area.

Rabbi Lander reported that on the authorization given to his committee earlier by SCA, a conference is being planned for later this year on SCA positions on social welfare issues. Rabbi Miller called attention to the excellent statement on "Religion and Aging" prepared by Rabbi Tanenbaum, Father Campion, and Rev. Haas.

- 12- STATESMAN AWARD DINNER: RABBI DAVIDSON complimented Mr. Irving Workoff and Rabbi Tanenbaum on the success of the Dec. 4 dinner, saying that they had done a remarkable job and that it was a beautiful affair. He mentioned the high calibre of the program, the dais guests, and the distinguished audience. He complimented Rabbi Mark on his Toastmastership, mentioned that the guests of honor - Max Stern, Samuel Friedland of Miami Beach, and Samuel Silberman who accepted the posthumous awards to Ruth and Marvin Silberman - were truly deserving to be the recipients of the awards, and said that the affair had been very successful financially. He emphasized that Mr. Workoff had the responsibility for the event and deserves a vote of gratitude from the Plenary. He asked Mr. Workoff to make a report on the dinner.

MR. WORKOFF reported that there would be a substantial profit; that the recipients themselves helped tremendously; and they were also making substantial gifts; that the dinner was successful in that it brought in new money, was excellent public relations, provided new sources for future income, including out-of-towners from Canada; Dayton, Ohio, Florida; Chicago, etc. He mentioned that among the guests were Dr. Samuel Belkin and Dr. Louis Finkelstein; that Dr. Nelson Glueck had sent his regrets due to other commitments. He thanked Rabbi Tanenbaum for his support and said that the next dinner would have even greater turnout. He said Sen. Lehman played a very important part in the dinner, helped select, and wrote to, the guests of honor, was very enthusiastic about the dinner, and helped in many ways, and also invited a group of chaplains as his guests. Sen. Lehman said he was very impressed with SCA and gave us a great deal of his time and will continue to do so.

- 13- CJFWF: RABBI DAVIDSON reported that this dinner represented our second breakthrough, the other being admittance to the Joint Budget Review of the CJFWF; that SCA will meet with LCBC Jan. 28 and we hope that a substantial sum will be forthcoming from the large cities in the future.
- 14- WURZWEILER FOUNDATION: It was reported that \$1,000 had been allocated by the Wurzweiler Foundation, Inc. in support of the 1960-1961 SCA program. Gratitude was expressed to Rabbis Lookstein and Gruenewald for their valuable assistance.

15- RABBI TANENBAUM'S RESIGNATION: RABBI DAVIDSON read the following letter of resignation from Rabbi Tanenbaum:

"Dear Rabbi Davidson:

"It is with profound mixed feelings that I tender my resignation from the position of executive director of the Synagogue Council of America, effective as of March 1, 1961.

"Compelling personal needs have brought me, after careful and prayerful consideration, to this decision.

"The Synagogue Council has grown in recent years at such a pace that the administrative, program, and other executive responsibilities of this position have left me with little time and opportunity for self-growth through serious study and writing.

"A gracious offer has been made to me by the American Jewish Committee which enables me to devote myself in greater measure to creative intellectual activity, and I have accepted the Committee's invitation.

"The past seven years of association with the Synagogue Council under your administration and those of Rabbis Theodore L. Adams, Abraham J. Feldman and Norman Salit of blessed memory, have given me great satisfaction and much to be grateful for - as much for the cordial and stimulating personal friendships that I have enjoyed as for the participation with you in the great achievement that Synagogue Council now represents in American and Jewish life. Somewhat like Augustus, we can together rightfully say, 'We have found Rome brick and have left it marble.'

"In my responsibility as Director of a newly-organized Department of Inter-religious Affairs at the Committee, I look forward to continuing my warm personal friendships with you, the officers and delegates to the Synagogue Council, and the leaders of our constituent organizations.

"I want to assure you of my continued desire to be of service to Synagogue Council in every way, both as an individual and in my future professional capacity, because to me, as to many others, Synagogue Council is a "Knessiya L'shem Shamayim Sh'sofa L'hiskayem."

"Certainly, you, Rabbi Julius Mark, and my successor whom you will elect, can count on my every assistance to help assure a smooth and effective transition.

"With warmest regards,

Cordially,

/s/

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director"

RABBI DAVIDSON said this made "very sad reading" to all who have been associated with the Synagogue Council for many years, that the Synagogue Council is not what it was before Rabbi Tanenbaum took over, with all due respects to the present and former Presidents. He said the work had gone ahead and has a large place in American Jewish life due primarily to the personality, vitality, and effectiveness of Rabbi Tanenbaum. "Everywhere I go I have found the greatest respect for the ability and talents of Rabbi Tanenbaum, in New York or Washington, among the Christian denominations and in government circles. It is especially difficult to read this letter because I have enjoyed the personal friendship of Rabbi Tanenbaum these years. This has been one of the delights for me and for all of you...I tried to dissuade him but in our hearts we realize the heartaches the executive director has. He has had little opportunity to exercise his personal talents for writing. He has great talents. Instead he has been immersed in fund raising, etc. Though we would like to have him to continue, we cannot urge him to do something that would be difficult for him in comparison with the new kind of work that lies before him. There will be a more formal expression at a suitable time to be arranged.

His letter is before you for your consideration!"

MR. ROTHSTEIN said that he would not take this as a final answer; that he does not want to see him go, and MOVED that a committee be appointed to discuss this matter further with Rabbi Tanenbaum.

RABBI DAVIDSON said it was his intention to appoint such a committee and if its mission did not succeed, that a committee be authorized to look for a successor. RABBI TANENBAUM said he was very grateful for the warm and genuine sentiments expressed, but hoped SCA would be realistic. He had made a decision, and a commitment; he would be very happy to meet with a committee but this would not be useful. He urged a committee be set up to interview candidates for this post and to secure a director who would serve Synagogue Council and help consolidate the important place it has.

MR. ROTHSTEIN urged again, that a committee be appointed and said that for the benefit of the total Jewish community the matter be discussed further. RABBI KAUFMAN said that all share Mr. Rothstein's sentiments but that in this instance a committee would be a futile gesture, that they did not want to cause Rabbi Tanenbaum any embarrassment and that they should accept reality. MR. LIPSTADT agreed with Rabbi Kaufman, said that the officers must have attempted to dissuade Rabbi Tanenbaum previously. RABBI DAVIDSON said that the officers had tried, not only individually but jointly with the same result. DR. LANDER said Mr. Rothstein's suggestion should be tried; at least the Plenum would have the feeling that they tried. RABBI DAVIDSON said that every effort had been made and will be made again by the committee to be appointed. RABBI FELDMAN said that they were "placing a burden upon Rabbi Tanenbaum and an embarrassment he does not deserve." That he shares the sentiment but hesitates to vote for the motion. "He deserves better from us." He said the American Jewish Committee had made an offer in good faith and that Rabbi Tanenbaum had in good faith accepted. RABBI MILLER said he thought the motion should be passed as a form of expression and tribute to Rabbi Tanenbaum. RABBI DAVIDSON said that some of us are persuaded that Rabbi Tanenbaum's mind is made up and that we ought to meet the situation as is. MOTION was made that a committee be appointed that will treat with a successor in the case that the committee is not able to persuade Rabbi Tanenbaum to change his mind. MOTION APPROVED.

RABBI DAVIDSON then appointed the committee consisting of the officers with Rabbi Mark the chairman, said the committee is to report in time for the next Executive which will be called as a joint-special executive-plenum meeting since we could not wait until the next Plenary. RABBI MARK asked that anyone having any candidates bring them to him. RABBI DAVIDSON added that if they had any candidates that they not make any commitments to the candidates personally or indicate to any candidate that "our constituency is going to press for your appointment" so that we are not faced with that kind of choice.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:30 P.M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

December 16, 1960

Dear Rabbi Davidson:

Once again I want to express to you and your associates in the Synagogue Council of America my deep appreciation of the award you presented to me this morning in my office. I am deeply complimented that, in your opinion, my efforts to advance the cause of world peace these past eight years merited the "Judaism and World Peace" award. I shall lastingly value the sentiments you and the others conveyed to me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SCA CONSTITUENT AGENCIES, LOCAL RABBINIC ASSOCIATIONS AND LOCAL SCAs
FROM: RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
RE: CLERGY RATES ON AIR LINES
DATE: NOVEMBER 18th, 1960

Following is the text of a letter received by SCA regarding the "Airlines Clergy Bureau":

CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

This is in reference to your recent letter with regard to reduced fares for ministers of religion. Since there appears to have been some misunderstanding as to the availability of reduced fares in air transportation for ministers of religion, there are set forth below the pertinent facts for your information.

Several years ago an amendment to the Civil Aeronautics Act was passed which permits, but does not require, the various air carriers to provide reduced fares for ministers of religion while traveling on a so-called "space-available" basis.

At the time the statute was so amended, the Board issued a public notice which stated that any airline desiring to provide reduced fares would be required only to file a tariff naming such reduced fares.

As of today, there are five carriers within the United States according reduced fares for ministers of religion. These are Allegheny Airlines, Inc., serving points in Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and West Virginia; Avalon Air Transport, Inc., serving between Los Angeles and Catalina Island; Bonanza Air Lines, Inc., serving points in Arizona, California and Nevada; Central Airlines, Inc., serving points in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas; and Northeast Airlines, Inc., serving points along the eastern seaboard between New England and Florida.

Each of these carriers provides for the issuance of an identification card upon application by a minister of religion. The application must be accompanied by \$5, and the \$5 is returned if the application is not approved. If the application is approved, reduced fares are available over the lines of the particular carrier only upon presentation of the identification card.

Northeast also provides that it will issue a reduced-rate ticket over its lines upon presentation of an identification card issued by the "Airlines Clergy Bureau". Apparently, a Mr. Joseph M. Morse is in charge of this clergy bureau at Municipal Airport, Sacramento, California. It is understood that this clergy bureau, which does not require and has not received this Board's approval, charges \$12.50 for an identification card. Such card is presently good only over the lines of Northeast. At the moment, we have no further information on the clergy bureau. For your convenience, there is listed below the address of the main offices of the five carriers referred to above.

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Central Airlines, Inc. Amon Carter Field Ft. Worth, Texas	Northeast Airlines, Inc. Logan International Airport Boston 28, Massachusetts	

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Harry H. Schneider, Chief
Rates Division, Bureau of Air Operations

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
JOINT EXECUTIVE-PLenary MEETING, HELD WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 18TH, 1961, 8 - 10 PM, AT SCA OFFICE

CHAIRMAN: Rabbi Max D. Davidson

PRESENT: CCAR: Rabbis Nathaniel M. Keller and Julius Mark; RAA: Rabbis Seymour Cohen and Max D. Davidson; RCA: Rabbis Theodore L. Adams, Louis Bernstein and Meier Felman; UAHC: Messrs. Jesse Cohen, Herbert L. Henschel, Charles P. Kramer, Rabbi Jay Kaufman, Dr. Robert Nach; UOJCA: Messrs. Herbert Berman, Benjamin Koenigsberg, Erwin Lipstadt and Hon. Albert Wald; USA: Messrs. Philip Greene, Morris Taub and Samuel Rothstein; SCA STAFF: Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Mr. Irving Workoff and Miss Nettie Hacker.

- 1) GREETINGS: The Chairman welcomed Rabbi Seymour Cohen from Chicago, extended congratulations to Philip Greene on his election as President of the New York Metropolitan Region of the United Synagogue of America and to Harry Henschel on his marriage. Owing to the celebration of his 75th birthday, Judge Joseph Shapiro was unable to attend; Rabbi Davidson suggested and it was agreed that greetings and a resolution in the minutes be made congratulating him.
- 2) NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: A letter was read from Mr. J. Irwin Miller, newly-elected president of the National Council of Churches, thanking SCA for its good wishes and expressing hope that a meeting would be arranged.
- 3) KENNEDY CABINET: It was reported that Rabbi Tanenbaum had written letters of congratulation on behalf of SCA to all the new Cabinet members and that some very interesting replies had been received; among them letters were received from Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson, Secretary Dean Rusk, Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, Under-Secretary Chester Bowles, Secretary Abraham Ribicoff, etc. (Copies of the texts will be filed with the minutes.)
- 4) NARCOTICS: A letter forwarded by Rabbi Morton Leifman, was read, regarding the formation of a voluntary narcotics agency inviting our participation. The National Council of Churches and the National Conference of Catholic Charities have agreed to assist. It was agreed that we write a similar letter. Mr. Henschel said that the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue had been working on a narcotics program and suggested that they be consulted. Rabbi Davidson said that Rabbi Edward Klein was also working in that field and would be consulted.
- 5) CONFERENCE ON MATERIAL CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY: It was reported that a meeting would be held in New York on February 5th and that SCA would be represented by Rabbi Julius Mark and Rabbi Davidson.
- 6) DISARMAMENT: RABBI DAVIDSON read a letter from the United States Disarmament Administration requesting information regarding any surveys, research, written materials, seminars, etc. It was AGREED that the letter should be circulated to the six constituencies, who will be asked to submit any resolutions and materials they may have in connection with this.
- 7) LCBC MEETING: It was reported that SCA will appear before LCBC of the Federations and Welfare Funds on Jan. 28, 1961, 8:30 p.m., for the joint budget review. Rabbi Seymour Cohen, who has been most helpful to SCA with the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds, explained the procedure for being admitted for review: Once a realistic budget figure is reached, 23 of the largest cities will be advised that this is SCA's budget and asked if they would admit SCA for their allocations. If approved, it would be a very good thing. Both the realistic and projected budgets will be submitted.
- 8) INAUGURATION INVOCATION: RABBI DAVIDSON alluded to the invitation announced in the newspapers that had been extended to Dr. Nelson Glueck, President of the Hebrew Union College, to deliver a prayer at the Inauguration ceremonies on Jan. 20th. He said he was gratified that so distinguished a person had been chosen for the honor. Rabbi Davidson pointed out that he was in good position to make this statement since he had nothing whatsoever to do with the invitation nor had his advice or the advice of the Synagogue Council been asked in the matter. The Chairman emphasized that he was making this statement because of attacks in "the Brooklyn Jewish Press", a minor Orthodox publication that the Synagogue Council had been responsible for selecting a Rabbi of one denomination rather than of another. There was some discussion about the advisability of answering the allegation. IT WAS AGREED that the allegation be ignored.

- 9) TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO RABBI TANENBAUM: DR. NACH reported, as Chairman of the Dinner Committee, that a dinner at Hotel Olcott was planned as a testimonial to Rabbi Tanenbaum on March 7th. Dinner would be attended by Rabbis, delegates and their wives at a cost of \$10 per person. It was also agreed the MARCH EXECUTIVE might be held at the same time as the testimonial dinner, if feasible, and the two could be combined by starting the Executive meeting at 5 p.m.
- 10) SUCCESSOR TO RABBI TANENBAUM: A letter from Mr. Charles Kramer was read. Mr. Kramer expressed regrets about Rabbi Tanenbaum's resignation and again asked that something be done about getting Rabbi Tanenbaum to reconsider; he felt SCA was making a great mistake and giving up too easily. Dr. Mark reported that this committee had done so to no avail, that it had therefore started considering a successor, had contacted the officers of the various agencies for possible candidates who might occupy the position but after two meetings, they have not come to any definite conclusion. He said that if anyone knew of suitable candidates he would appreciate their sending in the names so that the committee could consider them, make recommendations and present them to the Plenum for action. Mr. Kramer said that he assumed then that the resignation had been accepted and that there was no way of withdrawing it.

DR. MARK assured Mr. Kramer that everything possible had been done to get Rabbi Tanenbaum to reconsider. He said we all feel very badly and troubled over the fact that he is leaving but his mind is made up. He said he felt certain that Rabbi Tanenbaum was an honorable man and must meet his commitments but that he was certain that Synagogue Council could continue to have his wholehearted cooperation. Rabbi Davidson concurred and added that potentially, we are the organization that could set the standard for Jewish life and religious life in this country and that we would have other problems like this. RABBI ADAMS seconded Mr. Kramer's sentiments. He said that he felt more kindly because he had had an opportunity of working as a delegate and as President on an intimate level with Rabbi Tanenbaum. He said that as Dr. Mark said, there is no way of getting Rabbi Tanenbaum to change his mind, that he had tried and that if this experience is allowed to pass without SCA learning a lesson then the Synagogue Council is in a very serious state. He said that the structure of our organization can be made stronger with the support of our organizations. RABBI KAUFMAN said he took an optimistic view and repeated that we need not be concerned that with an able leader and Rabbi Tanenbaum's help we will not be losing the positions Rabbi Tanenbaum has won for SCA.

RABBI DAVIDSON said we must now deal with the problem of a successor; that he is persuaded that the resignation is final and that there is nothing that we can do about it. A great deal of time and effort has been given to this and we must proceed with the matter of a replacement. MR. ROTHSTEIN asked what provisions have been made if there was no replacement by March 1st. RABBI DAVIDSON replied that if there was no successor, everyone will have to give a little time to tide SCA over. Since Rabbi Tanenbaum's plans are definite, it would not be just to ask him to delay the March 1st date.

RABBI ADAMS said that it was most important that the Scope Committee be activated immediately so that when a successor is chosen, he could be briefed as to what is the scope and areas of activity of this organization. We have to firm up our structure and instruct the man in the aims, goals and area of functioning. RABBI ADAMS made A MOTION that the Scope Committee be appointed. MOTION CARRIED. RABBI DAVIDSON said he would appoint a committee within the next few days.

RABBI KAUFMAN asked if any work had been done on the SCA Constitution. SEN. WALD said that he was going to call a meeting of the Constitution Committee shortly.

RABBI TANENBAUM said he hoped to serve the Synagogue Council both in his professional and personal capacities and if it meets with the approval of his own Rabbinic group, intended to serve as a delegate to SCA. He reported that for the past several weeks he has written to all SCA contacts, Christian groups, UN, Government people telling them of his change in position, that he will continue to be interested and active in the Synagogue Council and that when the Synagogue Council elects a successor that he hopes to arrange for a meeting with his successor so that the personal relationships can be continued with the Synagogue Council.

RABBI DAVIDSON expressed confidence in Rabbi Tanenbaum and wished him "God's Blessing" in his work.

- 11) EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: Rabbi Adams reported that a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Exploratory Committee had been held and that they went over the framework and scope of the Exploratory Committee; that a meeting was being scheduled for February 15th from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Astor Hotel and that the ground rules have been set by the Steering Committee; in the strictest adherence of the resolution; that if the attendees would like to continue the discussion there will be a one-hour break for dinner and then they would return to the meeting hall. If discussions were ended by 6 p.m. we will then conclude. After the meeting of February 15th, the Steering Committee would then draw up its recommendations to the Synagogue Council. He said the meeting would be open to all SCA delegates.
- 12) WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING: RABBI DAVIDSON reported that a number of Jewish delegates took very active parts in the Conference, among them Rabbi Mark, Rabbi Felman, Rabbi Weiss, Rabbi Lander, etc. He commended Rabbi Tanenbaum upon the preparation and presentation of papers, his knowledge and his skill. He said that the Jewish delegation made a very big contribution to the Conference; that the delegation had acquitted themselves with honors and had made a wonderful contribution to the Religion Section; he said that Dr. Heschel's paper was such that we are going to reprint and distribute it at a nominal cost if there was no objection. (There were no objections). RABBI FELMAN agreed that this was a highlight of the Conference. RABBI KELIER suggested a compilation of Jewish contributions to the Aging Conference should be set down in a formal report to strengthen our position. MR. ROTHSTEIN suggested it be entered in the Congressional Record.
- 13) HISTORY OF SCA: RABBI DAVIDSON read a letter from Rabbi Nathan Taragin requesting permission to compile a history on the development of SCA for his doctoral thesis at Yeshiva University. It was AGREED to give him permission to go ahead. It was also AGREED that SCA should write to Past Presidents and to the families of Past Presidents to ask them to contribute any minutes, records, photographs, etc. that they may have in their private files so that they may be incorporated.
- 14) NOMINATING COMMITTEE: RABBI DAVIDSON said the time had come to appoint a Nominating Committee to bring in nominations in time for the June elections. He appointed Rabbi Kelman (RAA) as Chairman and Rabbi Segal (RCA), Rabbi Regner (CCAR), Mr. Laub (USA), Mr. Charles Kramer (UAHC) and Sen. Wald (UOJCA) as members of the committee.
- 15) MOROCCAN JEWRY: RABBI DAVIDSON discussed the persecution of Jewish citizens in Morocco, the seizure of property, imprisonment, etc. and said that this had made a very small impression on the general public; that he had been asked to issue a statement in conjunction with another organization. It was suggested that we have a large delegation call on the Moroccan delegation to the United Nations with a statement. If it was not received the statement could be publicized. RABBI BERNSTEIN was very concerned and felt that we should also call on the State Dept. as well as the UN. MR. HENSCHHEL said he was planning a trip and was going to Morocco. He asked if he could be of assistance.

RABBI DAVIDSON and RABBI TANENBAUM said that they had attended a meeting that morning and that they had occasion to check on the information they had received. Documents from Morocco indicate that the situation is even worse than we were told about. A first-hand report indicates widespread arrests - greater than those reported. Persecution and anti-Jewish acts has reached a point where Jews in Morocco and in Casablanca are in terror. There has been almost virtual silence on the part of the Jewish community in this country. Mention was made of the action taken regarding Egyptian and Iranian problems. It was agreed that we have a moral obligation to do what we can to register the fact that American Jews will not stand silently by. It was the opinion that an appropriate delegation should meet with the Moroccan delegation and others in the UN. It was felt that the State Department was so preoccupied at the time with the transition of new administration that it might not be useful at this time. RABBI DAVIDSON felt that if a delegation was going to the UN then a statement issued previously would possibly be taken as an attack upon them. RABBI BERNSTEIN said that the French were more disturbed about the matter than any other country. He agreed that a statement at this time might do damage but thinks that Synagogue Council should act with the utmost speed, that we cannot afford to wait to make our sentiments known. RABBI KAUFMAN suggested that it would be more expedient to work through the President and officers of the Synagogue Council or through one of the standing committees. Rabbi Kaufman MOVED that an official SCA delegation call upon both the Moroccan delegation to the United Nations and to our own delegation to the United Nations regarding Moroccan Jewry. RABBI ADAMS added that the delegation "speak to the secretariat with a view toward getting them involved, or to take such other steps as seem appropriate in trying to assist the Moroccan Jews." MOTION APPROVED. # # #



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Dear Colleague,

Before it is made public, I want to share with you in both my professional and personal capacities the information that as of March 1st I will be leaving the Synagogue Council of America and will assume the position of Director of the newly-reorganized Department of Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee.

The Synagogue Council has grown in recent years at such a pace that the administrative, program, and other executive responsibilities of this position have left me with little time and opportunity for self-growth through serious study and writing.

A gracious offer has been made to me by the American Jewish Committee which enables me to devote myself in greater measure to creative intellectual activity, and I have accepted the Committee's invitation.

The past seven years of association with the Synagogue Council under the administrations of Rabbi Max D. Davidson, Theodore L. Adams, Abraham J. Feldman and Norman Salit, of blessed memory, have given me profound satisfaction and much to be grateful for - as much for the cordial and stimulating personal friendships that I have enjoyed as for the participation with them, and with you, in the great achievement that Synagogue Council now represents in American and Jewish life.

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Your cooperation and support during these years have been decisive factors in shaping the vital influence that SCA today represents and I want you to know of my deep appreciation.

I am confident that with your uninterrupted interest and participation, SCA will continue to move forward as the vigorous and effective representative of American Jewry as a religious community. I am equally confident that our next president, Rabbi Julius Mark, and my successor whom the Synagogue Council will elect, will be able to count on your cooperation.

In my new responsibility I will look forward to continuing our cordial relationship which has meant so much to me.

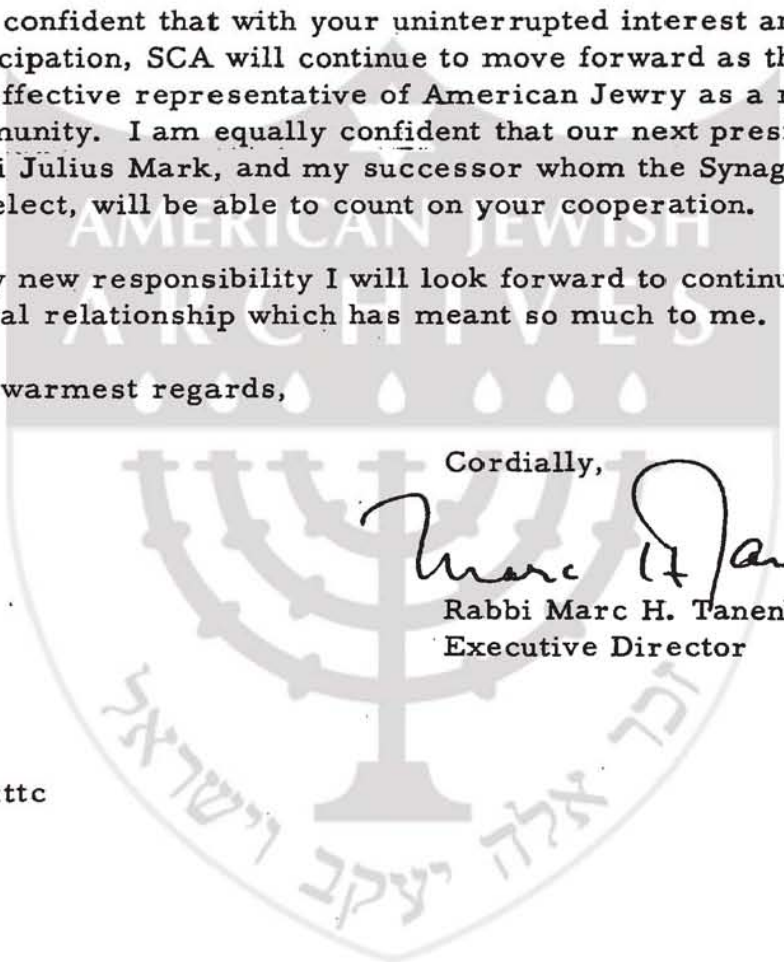
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Dear Reverend Sir,

Robert Gordis' pamphlet proved interesting reading. Many of his observations are very true and just. It is precise, that God in the Old Testament appeared as the God of love and the Lord of eternal justice. It is also correct, that one has no right to quote precepts which existed in the Old Testament, as though they originated in the New Testament.

It is more difficult for Christians to comprehend the distinctions of modern Judaism to that of the Old Testament, which we have in the Bible. (Modern Judaism appears to us as the continuation of the Pharisaical traditions, which causes us to regard it with certain suspicion.) Consequently, it would be fruitful to prepare discussions on the distinctions between modern Judaism and that of the Old Testament.

With every good wish, I beg to remain,
very sincerely yours,

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COMMISSION ON SYNAGOGUE RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON AGING
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STUDY ON JEWISH FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

This is a summary of the survey of Rabbinical experience which we conducted to find out about Jewish family responsibility for older people as seen by our spiritual leaders.

Of the 200 questionnaires sent, 35 useable replies were received. This sample, although approximately 7 percent of the total of 5 to 6000 congregations in the New York City area, appears reasonably representative in terms of ideology, location, size and socio-economic status. For example, in the universe, 60 percent are Orthodox; in our sample we have 52 percent. By location the universe has 14 percent in Manhattan and our sample has 17 percent. On the other hand, our sample has twice as many large congregations as are found in the total and a higher proportion of higher economic congregations than are found in the total, but not significantly so.

The number of requests for personal and family guidance, excluding religious questions, range from 3 to 250 a year but 2/3 of the congregations noted under 50 questions. On the other hand, the number of requests regarding the aged ranged from none (7 congregations) to 70, and practically all under 25. Altogether about 15-20 percent of all such questions related to problems of aging.

Twice as many of the requests in this field came from children about their parents than from older persons themselves. In some cases there were joint requests.

Mainly questions concerned housing and living arrangements, problems of general adjustment and so called family problems. This was true regardless of who presented the question. In consequence the rabbis interpreted these issues as being the most important. On the question of maintaining older persons in their own homes, when financially able to do so, about half stated that children did attempt to find a place for older parents. The main reasons for not accepting parents were stated to be a desire to remain independent and an attempt to eliminate family problems.

It is important to note that all but two rabbis stated that when parents and children found that it was not feasible to live together, that a request was made for a Home for the aged or for a nursing Home. Apparently the concept of trying to find arrangements within the community for home care support or otherwise has not been appreciated.

There was also a general reluctance to suggest that children urge parents to seek public assistance and a feeling that public relief should not be sought except as a last resort.

The most important question, from our point of view, dealt with the existence of a basic Jewish tradition or duty regarding responsibility for older parents. Although 2/3 of the rabbis answered that there was such a basic tradition, the specific application varied from general reference to the biblical admonition that children should respect their parents to a belief that children should be educated to have respect and love. Nothing specific, unfortunately, and certainly nothing which would be cited as a consensus of action to be taken, could be developed.

Finally, the rabbis indicated that among the programs to be given priority in the future were those providing recreation and group activity, special living arrangements, medical care and more economic security. Institutional living was far down on the list despite the fact that requests for old age Homes, as previously indicated, were among the most frequent of the problems reported. It may be that the rabbis feel that there are sufficient facilities or that other means of taking care of older people should be considered.

To the Central Conference of American Rabbis,

Colleagues:

It is with considerable pleasure that I submit this my first report as chairman of your delegates to the Synagogue Council of America for the year 1958-59.

During the past year, the Synagogue Council of America, national co-ordinating agency of the Rabbinic and congregational organizations of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements of Judaism - of which the Central Conference of American Rabbis is a constituent member - continued to make dramatic progress as the spokesman of K'lal Yisroel in relation to the non-Jewish community.

The national Catholic and Protestant church bodies, the White House, the State Department, Federal agencies of our Government, the United Nations and its affiliated agencies increasingly turned to the Synagogue Council as their liaison with American Jewry. The thesis that the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious communities constitute the "Three Major Faiths" of America, and together represent the largest cross-section of our nation's population, is now a fact of life in American society. It has become similarly a fact of life that the representative agencies of these three religious communities are the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America.

This "three faith" formula operated impressively during 1958-1959 in two major areas:

- a) The relationship of government to the three national co-ordinating agencies;
- b) The relationship of the three national co-ordinating agencies among themselves.

GOVERNMENT:

The highest agencies of our Government called upon the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council to co-ordinate the participation of their respective communities in the White House Conference on Foreign Aid and Trade (February 1958), the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, the 1961 White House Conference on the Aging and the President's Committee on Government Contracts. Through the agency of SCA, the CCAR played a significant role in each of these meetings. Our former president, Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, was on the program of the Foreign Aid Conference, which included President Eisenhower, the late Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, former President Truman, Adlai Stevenson, and others. I was honored to present the position of the Jewish community before the Government Contracts Conference called by Vice-President Nixon in Washington on May 11, 1959.

Together with spokesmen from the Catholic and Protestant agencies, SCA representatives testified jointly before the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of the moral imperatives underlying our foreign aid program. It is significant that the report on the mutual security legislation of the House Foreign Affairs Committee which was made public in June 1959 incorporated much of the language of the testimonies presented by the three religious agencies, including that of Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath who appeared before the House committee in April 1959 as a Synagogue Council representative.

Again, through the agency of SCA, the CCAR was invited to name consultants to a committee of Congress on the moral and religious aspects of the space program of the United States.

In April 1959, our executive vice-president, Rabbi Sidney L. Regner, participated as a member of the SCA delegation in a three-faith meeting with Hon. Arthur Flemming, secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, at which our social welfare program for youth, the disabled and the aged was discussed.

Rabbi Feldman, who is chairman of the International Affairs Commission of the Synagogue Council and a past president, was appointed by the Council to the board of directors of the United States Committee for Refugees. As the only Rabbi on the board, he represented in May 1959 the Jewish community at the White House Conference on Refugees, which launched our government's official participation in World Refugee Year. Rabbi Feldman also was active as the Jewish co-chairman, representing SCA, of the People-to-People Foundation established by President Eisenhower in 1956.

These were highlights of the activities in which the Jewish religious community was represented on a peer-to-peer basis through the Synagogue Council with Catholic and Protestant bodies in relationship to Government. Our colleague, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, a former SCA president, continues to render significant service on the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO as the Council's official representative. Rabbis Norman Gerstenfeld and Balfour Brickner serve on a day-to-day basis as representatives of SCA at State Department briefings on foreign policy at meetings of the U. S. Committee for the United Nations, and the like.

INTER-RELIGIOUS:

As a result of their working together in the above activities, the RJC, the NCRC, and the SCA have developed a close and harmonious relationship that is quite unprecedented. Perhaps the acid test of the strength of the

ties between the National Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council was found in the manner in which this important Protestant body responded to the concern of the SCA constituent agencies in connection with its mission study program in the Middle East. As you know, 145,000 Protestant churches were called upon by the Commission on Missionary Education to study during 1958 the Middle East situation. The materials prepared for the churches were by and large anti-Zionist, anti-Israel, and presented Judaism in a negative light. As a result of a series of consultations between representatives of the Synagogue Council and the National Council of Churches, the NCC virtually reversed itself. The NCC distributed a memorandum to all of its affiliates urging that the Jewish position be fairly presented in all discussions concerned with the Middle East. Significantly, the memorandum stated (October 31, 1958):

"It is with the Synagogue Council of America that the National Council of Churches has the greatest degree of cooperative activity in matters of mutual interest and concern between Christians and Jews."

At its Fifth World Order Study Conference, held in November 1958 in Cleveland, the National Council of Churches invited a Synagogue Council representative as the only official Jewish consultant. In February 1959, Rabbi Feldman was the first Jew ever invited officially to bring greetings to the general board of the National Council which met in Hartford.

The Cleveland Conference adopted a far-reaching resolution calling upon the World Council of Churches and the National Council's Department of International Affairs to investigate the plight of Soviet Jewry. It also adopted a resolution - the first in the history of the Council - recognizing Israel's right to security and peace.

Synagogue Council representatives were also invited to participate in the dedication of the Inter-Church center, new New York headquarters for American Protestantism, on October 12, 1958.

In addition to the close relationship that has developed between representatives of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Catholic Association for International Peace on the foreign aid issues, the Synagogue Council during the past year conducted, quietly and without publicity, a pilot human relations workshop in Catholic parochial and senior high schools. This was carried out mainly in New York and New Jersey with the official blessings of the bishops and monsignori supervising the diocesan schools. An unpublicized meeting on Catholic-Jewish relations was held last November under Synagogue Council auspices with a leading Catholic priest-educator who discussed with refreshing frankness issues of common concern to both faiths.

INTERNAL JEWISH ACTIVITIES:

Synagogue Council also succeeded in having appointed Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveichik, leading Orthodox scholar, to a special advisory committee on humane slaughter legislation to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson. Through the Joint Advisory Committee with the National Community Relations Advisory Council, Synagogue Council played an active role in defending Shehitah as a humane form of slaughter both on the Federal and State legislative levels.

Among other internal activities of the Council were: representation on the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, preparation of a special prayer service for the observance of Israel's tenth anniversary, defense of the rights of Sabbath Observers, opposition to the religious census, opposition to religion in the public schools and other violations of the Church-State principle, and development of a handsome Menorah Award for Girl Scouts of the Jewish faith.

Consultations between the Synagogue Council agencies and staffs of the Protestant and Catholic agencies took place regarding the bombings of the synagogues in the South.

CONCLUSION:

Fantastic as it might seem, this impressive program was conducted on a budget of \$50,000, with one full-time executive, one part-time consultant on Catholic-Jewish relations, one part-time public relations person, and two secretaries. It is obvious that if this invaluable program is to be preserved, the Jewish community must bestir itself to provide the Synagogue Council with a respectable budget, somewhere in the vicinity of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Because of the success of the Synagogue Council in becoming the closest thing to a Jewish spokesman, pressures have begun to be exerted in some quarters in Jewish organizational life to limit the effectiveness of the Council. I believe that the CCAR, which took the initiative in founding the Council in 1926, has a special responsibility to resist such pressures to reduce SCA to a weak and ineffective "ecclesiastical front". I hope that the first step we might take would be to adopt a strong resolution of support of the Council. Our second step should be a commitment on the part of individual members of the CCAR to go back to their communities and work actively during the coming months to assure that the Synagogue Council receive a substantial allocation from our local welfare funds. If each of the major welfare funds allocated a minimum of \$1,000, the Synagogue Council would quickly become established as it deserves to be.

Respectfully submitted

Julius Mark, Chairman

(SCA SEAL)

Labor Day Message

By Rabbi Max D. Davidson, President

The Synagogue Council of America

CREATION IS a divine function that is shared by God and Man. The Almighty renews each day the work of creation through the activity of men's minds and bodies.

The history of the human race is the history of freedom from enslavement - the gradual and often slow recognition of the dignity of man and of his labor. "Great is labor, for it does honor to him who is ~~occupied~~ occupied ^{by} with it," says the Talmud.

In the framework of this tradition, modern Synagogal bodies have re) consistently (A upholding) affirmed vigorously the moral dimension of human labor, ~~and have upheld~~ the right of every man and woman to work in peace and dignity without discrimination, segregation, or distinction based on race, religion, color, ancestry, or national origin. Equally have spokesmen of Judaism recognized the rights of workers ~~of~~ to organize for their own economic betterment, and to engage in the processes of collective bargaining.

The trade union movement has conferred upon millions of men and women a new sense of their own dignity and worth as individuals, a larger control over their own destinies, and an opportunity to contribute more fully to the progress of the nation.

Caps | The growth and prosperity of our country afford patent proof of the practical results of increasing the rewards of honest labor. As the worker is given more time for study, for recreation, for physical and spiritual refreshment; as he is able, with his family, to enjoy more comfort and more educational opportunities; as his wage and his hours become more favorable; as he

has increased his sense of responsibility and of creativeness, ^(in freedom,) the United States has risen to greatness, and this is the light we hold out to those in darkness.

~~Labor Day~~ ^{thus} still) Labor Day has its revolutionary message for the people of the United States and for all the peoples of the earth: that in an abundant world no one need ~~be~~ lack the necessity and the comfort of mind and body; that those who do the world's work ensure the world's welfare and are entitled to their just reward.

"Establish Thou also the work of our hands for us; yea, the ^{work} world of our hands establish Thou it."



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The Synagogue Council of America
requests the honor of your presence

at the

Annual Awards Dinner

on the occasion of the presentation of

The Synagogue Statesman Award

to

Samuel Friedland

Max Stern

and

Ruth and Marvin Silberman

(Posthumously)

For outstanding service to American Jewry

Sunday, December 4, 1960

Waldorf-Astoria

In recognition of their consecrated service and unselfish devotion to the tasks of strengthening the bonds of unity among all Jews, and between them and their fellow Americans of all faiths, the Synagogue Council of America will confer its highest honor, The Synagogue Statesman Award, upon:

SAMUEL FRIEDLAND – One of the most beloved and respected leaders in the Conservative movement. As a member of the Board of Overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, a member of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Sinai Hospital, and president of Temple Emanu-El in Miami Beach, he is a model of civic, communal, and Jewish consciousness who has inspired a host of enthusiastic friends and admirers, both in the Jewish and the general community. He is chairman of the Board of Food Fair Stores, Inc.

MAX STERN – A symbol of the creative synthesis of the Torah-committed Jew and the enlightened American leader in industry. "If you wish to see his monuments, look about you!" He founded the Stern College for Women, he is vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University, and a member of the Board of Overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is a member of the Board of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and president of the Jewish Center in New York City. He is president of Hartz Mountain Products Corp.

RUTH AND MARVIN SILBERMAN – At the time of their tragic and untimely death last year, Ruth and Marvin were on the threshold of national recognition as "Mr. and Mrs. Reform Jewry." Marvin was the indefatigable associate general chairman of the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism, and vice-chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He was the first national chairman of the Committee of Sponsors of the Synagogue Council of America, and the national secretary of SCA. Ruth and Marvin joined in translating their religious idealism through their activity in the Jewish Community Center of White Plains and by spearheading the building of the Senior Citizens Center of White Plains, recently dedicated in their beloved memories.

Your presence at this auspicious event will give eloquent testimony to your appreciation of their brilliant leadership in behalf of our people and our tradition.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE HERBERT H. LEHMAN DELIVERED
AT THE SYNAGOGUE STATESMAN AWARD DINNER
OF THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA HELD
DECEMBER 4, 1960 - WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, NY

RABBI MARK, RABBI DAVIDSON, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF HONOR,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THANK YOU, DR. MARK, FOR YOUR GRACIOUS WORDS OF INTRODUCTION.
MAY I RECIPROCATE YOUR KIND COMPLIMENT BY TELLING YOU THAT ONE OF THE
HAPPIEST ASSIGNMENTS THAT I HAVE HAD IN MY ACTIVITY IN THE JEWISH
COMMUNITY HAS BEEN MY ASSOCIATION WITH THE DISTINGUISHED LEADER OF
THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA AND ITS CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS.
FROM OBSERVING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE WORK OF THE SYNAGOGUE
COUNCIL AND ITS CONSERVATIVE, ORTHODOX, AND REFORM CONSTITUENT
AGENCIES, I HAVE DEVELOPED A DEEP AND ABIDING RESPECT FOR THE GREAT
CONTRIBUTION THAT OUR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP HAS MADE TO THE
INTELLECTUAL, MORAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND TO
THE NATION AT LARGE.

THEREFORE, I FEEL VERY MUCH AT HOME, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AWARDS
COMMITTEE, WHOSE PLEASURABLE RESPONSIBILITY IT IS TO PRESENT THE
SYNAGOGUE STATESMAN AWARD TO OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
CONSERVATIVE, ORTHODOX AND REFORM MOVEMENTS OF RELIGIOUS JEWRY.

SENATOR LEHMAN'S REMARKS -2
SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL DINNER

MY INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM OF THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL DERIVES FROM A CONCERN FOR THE MORAL FIBRE OF THIS COUNTRY WHICH HAS NOT ONLY BEEN ~~STRENGTHENED~~ BY A DECLINE IN THE GENERAL SENSE OF VALUES BUT ALREADY SERIOUSLY SAPPED AND WEAKENED.

THIS IS A CONCERN WHICH I SHARE WITH MANY PEOPLE OF ALL RACES AND CREEDS. WE WHO HAVE BEEN KEENLY AWARE OF THE CRUMBLING SOCIAL AND MORAL VALUES OVER THE PAST DECADE WILL NOT FORGET THAT IT WAS ONLY YESTERDAY THAT WE WERE MADE AWARE OF THE CORRUPTION IN TELEVISION QUIZ SHOWS, INFLUENCE-PEDDLING IN GOVERNMENT AND RACKETEERING EVEN IN SOME LABOR UNIONS. WE MIGHT ALMOST WELCOME THESE REVELATIONS BECAUSE THEIR SHOCKING IMPACT SERVE TO AWAKEN MANY THOUSANDS TO THE FACT THAT TRADITIONAL PORTRAIT OF THE UPRIGHT FORWARD LOOKING AMERICAN IS SHOWING EVIDENT SIGNS OF DECAY. NONE OF US CAN ACCEPT CALLOUSLY CORRUPTION IN ANY PART OF OUR SOCIETY. WE CANNOT HAVE ONE SET OF PRINCIPLES FOR BUSINESS AND POLITICS AND ANOTHER SET FOR EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA. THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY HAS BEEN TO REDUCE CORRUPTION AND CORRECT INJUSTICE IN WHATEVER SPHERE OR FORM OF LIFE THEY MAY EXIST. CORRUPTION IS A FACILE MONSTER THAT WILL NOT STICK TO ONE DIET BUT TRAVELS WITH EQUAL EXPEDIENCY TO FEED IN ANY PART OF OUR GARDEN.

SENATOR LEHMAN'S REMARKS -3
SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL DINNER

AGAIN AND AGAIN, IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY, WE HAVE CORRECTED ABUSE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND AGAIN AND AGAIN, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT IT IS NOT LAW ALONE THAT PRESERVES JUSTICE BUT THE INDIVIDUAL CONVICTIONS OF OUR PEOPLE AND THEIR STEADFAST BELIEF IN MORAL PRINCIPLE.

WHETHER THE PROBLEM BE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, TELEVISION PRACTICES, THE CONTROL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS OR ANY OTHER QUESTION WHICH GIVES US CONCERN, UNLESS WE OPERATE FROM A CONSISTENT SET OF MORAL PRINCIPLES, WE CANNOT SAFEGUARD OUR WAY OF LIFE.

THESE ETHICAL PRINCIPLES ARE EMBODIED NOT ONLY IN THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, BUT ARE BASIC TO OUR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, IN THE JUDAEO-CHRISTIAN ETHIC THAT IS THE FOUNDATION OF A MORAL SOCIETY.

BUT WE CANNOT EXERCISE OUR TOTAL EFFECTIVENESS WITHOUT DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP RESOURCES BOTH FOR NATIONAL AND FOR LOCAL REPRESENTATION. LAY LEADERSHIP IN RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS IS A STRONG MOTIVATING FORCE, THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT THROUGH WHICH WE BRING TO BEAR ON THE COMMUNITY THE EFFECT OF MORAL PRINCIPLE IN QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

SENATOR LEHMAN'S REMARKS -4
SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL DINNER

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE HAVE SELECTED WITH MUCH CARE AND THOUGHTFULNESS TO HONOR THE OUTSTANDING LAY LEADERS FROM THE THREE MAJOR MOVEMENTS OF RELIGIOUS JEWRY. OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF HONOR, IN THEIR EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MOVEMENTS, HAVE MADE A COLLECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARD RESTORING THE MORAL STRENGTH OF THIS COUNTRY. THEY HAVE HELPED REPLACE CYNICISM WITH CONSTRUCTIVE ACHIEVEMENT AND HAVE SUBSTITUTED POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT FOR CASUAL INDIFFERENCE OR PASSIVITY.

IT IS THEREFORE MOST APPROPRIATE THAT WE PRESENT THIS EVENING THE FIRST SYNAGOGUE STATESMAN AWARDS TO MR. SAMUEL FRIEDLAND OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, REPRESENTING THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT; TO MR. MAX STERN OF NEW YORK CITY, REPRESENTING THE ORTHODOX MOVEMENT; AND, POSTHUMOUSLY, TO MR. AND MRS. MARVIN SILBERMAN, REPRESENTING THE REFORM MOVEMENT.

AS YOU WILL SEE, IN A MOMENT, THE SYNAGOGUE STATESMAN AWARD CONSISTS OF AN ORIGINAL SCULPTURE, BY THE LATE ISAAC BUTINSKY. THIS WORK OF ART PORTRAYS THE PROPHET ISAIAH "BEATING SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES AND SPEARS INTO PRUNING HOOKS". ON THE FRONT OF THE SCULPTURE ARE ENGRAVED THE HEBREW WORD "SHALOM", AND ITS TRANSLATION, "PEACE".

I NOW CALL UPON THE RABBIS OF OUR RECIPIENTS TO PRESENT OUR GUESTS OF HONOR TO YOU. OUR FIRST AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO MR. SAMUEL FRIEDLAND WHOSE RABBI IS DR. IRVING LEHRMAN.

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The following amendments to the present Constitution were adopted at the Synagogue Council plenum in February, 1958.

Amendment to Section 2 (P.2&3)

Each constituent organization shall be entitled to fifteen delegates, to serve for a period of three years, arranged in time classes so that five delegates shall be appointed each year, beginning on January 1st of each year.

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Amendment to Section 1 (P.3)

The officers shall take office immediately upon election. Formal ceremonies of installation may take place at such later time as the SCA may direct.

Annual meeting in June

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Amendment on Nomination

The Nominating Committee shall consist of six members, one from among the delegates of each of the constituent organizations. It shall send notification of its first meeting to all delegates and to the SCA, inviting recommendations, and shall report at the April meeting of the SCA, at which time nominations shall then be presented at the annual meeting in June, at which time elections shall be held. No further nominations shall be in order at the annual meeting.

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Amendment on Committees

All other committees shall be composed of at least six members, one from among the members, though not necessarily from among the delegates, of each of the constituent organizations; non-delegates, however, may be appointed only with the consent of the chairman of the delegation of the constituent organization involved.

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President constitution

14 delegates
for three years
6,4,4 cycle
no date specified

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Elections in May,
installation in September

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Nominating
Committee and/or
procedure not
mentioned.

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Committees (except
Executive Committee)
not mentioned.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

FROM SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION

The officers of this Council shall be a Chairman, two Vice Chairmen, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in May and hold office for one year, beginning with the first meeting of the Council nearest to Rosh Hashanah.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The officers of this Council shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and two Secretaries. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in June and hold office for one year, beginning with the first meeting of the Council nearest to Rosh Hashanah. After the date of adoption of this section, no officer shall hold the same office for more than two successive terms.

FROM SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Every decision of the Council shall require the unanimous approval of the constituent organizations as expressed through a majority vote of the representatives present from each constituent organization.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Every decision of the Council shall require the majority approval of the constituent organizations as expressed through a majority vote of the representatives present, except that unanimous approval of the constituent organizations, as expressed through a majority vote of the representatives present from each constituent organization shall be required on matters of religious principles or practices.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rabbinical Council of America April 4, 1952
Rabbinical Assembly of America
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations
United Synagogue of America
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

FROM: Rabbi Simon G. Kramer
President
Synagogue Council of America

At the plenary meeting of the Synagogue Council of America held on April 2nd, 1952, one of our constituent bodies, the United Synagogue of America, proposed the attached amendments to the Synagogue Council Constitution.

The following paragraph in our Constitution indicates the procedure that we must follow:

"Section 5: Proposals for the amendment of the Constitution must be proposed by a constituent member of the Synagogue Council. These shall be considered at a meeting of the Council and thereafter forwarded to all the constituent members 45 days in advance of the meeting of the Council, when final action may be taken. Amendments to the Constitution shall require unanimous approval of the constituent organizations as expressed through a majority vote of the representatives present from each constituent organization."

We are therefore sending this memorandum to our constituent bodies and to all of our delegates for their careful study and consideration.

We urge you to instruct your delegation to the Synagogue Council on this matter, so that they will be prepared to vote - if at all possible - at the next plenary meeting of the Council, which will take place on June 18th.

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C O N S T I T U T I O N

of the

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

As Adopted May 8, 1940

PREAMBLE

Whereas the synagogue is a basic and essential unit of our Jewish life, and whereas it is desirable that the representative of the synagogues in America meet from time to time in order to take council together for the sacred purpose of preserving and fostering Judaism.

Be it resolved that a Council composed of representatives of national congregational and rabbinical organizations of America be formed for the purpose of speaking and acting unitedly in furthering such religious interests as the constituent organizations in the Council have in common; it being clearly provided that the Council interfere in no way with the religious and administrative autonomy of any of the constituent organization.

NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be "The Synagogue Council of America".

MEMBERSHIP

Section 2: The organizations constituting this Council shall be the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the United Synagogue of America, and such other similar national organizations as may be admitted from time to time.

Each constituent organization shall be entitled to fourteen members in the Council.

Delegates to the Synagogue Council shall be appointed or elected, in accordance with the procedure of each constituent organization, for a period of three years. At the first meeting of each constituent organization, following the adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws, six members shall be elected for a three year period, four for a two year period and four for a one year period. Thereafter all delegates shall be elected for a three year period. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing bodies to comply with the above schedule.

The Secretary of the Synagogue Council shall notify each constituent body of vacancies and expirations in their quota of delegates.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 3: The officers of this Council shall be a Chairman, two Vice Chairmen, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in May and hold office for one year, beginning with the first meeting of the Council nearest to Rosh Hashanah.

An Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman at the first meeting of the Council in the fall. It shall be the duty of this committee to meet at least once each month, except during July and August, or at the call of the Chairman, to transact the business of the Council in the interim between the regular meetings of the Council.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to execute matters initiated and approved by the Council and to consider plans for any new activity which may be developed after the Council has given them due consideration and approval.

The Executive Committee shall consist of twelve members of the Synagogue Council, of whom six shall be the current officers of the Council. The remaining six members are to be appointed so that each constituent organization shall be represented by two members on this committee, and also so that neither rabbis nor laymen shall constitute more than six members of the committee. A quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be not less than one representative of each of the constituent organizations.

PROCEDURE

Section 4: Every decision of the Council shall require the unanimous approval of the constituent organizations as expressed through a majority vote of the representatives present from each constituent organization.

A quorum for transacting the business of the Synagogue Council shall consist of not less than ten delegates among whom each constituent organization shall be represented by at least one.

AMENDMENTS

Section 5: Proposals for the amendment of the Constitution must be proposed by a constituent member of the Synagogue Council. These shall be considered at a meeting of the Council and thereafter forwarded to all the constituent members 45 days in advance of the meeting of the Council, when final action may be taken. Amendments to the Constitution shall require unanimous approval of the constituent organizations as expressed through a majority vote of the representatives present from each constituent organization.

BY-LAWS

Section 1: Regular meetings of the Synagogue Council shall take place five times during the year. The first meeting shall be before Rosh Hashanah, or as soon thereafter as feasible. The subsequent meetings shall be held during November, January, March and May. Meetings shall be called for the second Wednesday evening of the months designated, except when this occurs on a Jewish, state or national holiday, in which case meetings shall be called on the nearest feasible date thereafter.

The meeting of the Council in May shall be designated the annual meeting, and shall be especially marked by the election of officers and the presentation of an annual financial report by the treasurer.

DUES

Section 2: Each constituent organization shall be required to remit annual dues to the Synagogue Council.

The Synagogue Council shall have the right to raise special funds necessary to enable the Council to carry on any activity under its direction.

The Treasurer shall be required to submit an annual budget for the approval of the Council at its first meeting in the fall.

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AMENDMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

All presidents of the Synagogue Council who have completed their terms of office shall automatically become honorary members of the Council and as each president of the Council shall complete his term of office he shall automatically become an honorary member of the Council. He shall have the right to take part in discussions of all matters before a stated meeting of the delegates but shall not have the right to vote unless he shall also be a duly accredited delegate of a constituent organization of the Council.

SECTION 3:

The officers of this Council shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and two secretaries. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in June and hold office for one year beginning with the first meeting of the Council nearest to Rosh Hashanah. After the date of adoption of this section, no officer shall hold the same office for more than two successive terms.

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

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UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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JEWISH LEADERS JOIN CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT SPOKESMEN
IN CONDEMNING RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

New York - A group of nationally-known Jewish religious leaders joined with prominent Protestant and Catholic leaders in a statement asserting that "the exclusion of members of any family of faith from public office on the basis of religious affiliation violates the fundamental conditions of a free democratic society".

The sponsors of the statement, who issued it in their individual capacities, were Dr. F. Ernest Johnson of New York, prominent Protestant educator; Dr. Liston Pope, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.; Francis S. Harmon, newspaper publisher and vice president of the National Council of Churches; Father John LaFarge, Jesuit editor; and Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of New York, a former president of the Synagogue Council of America.

The statement on "Religious Liberty in Relation to the 1960 National Campaign, made the following ten points:

1. Exclusion of the members of any faith from public office violates the Constitution.
2. The bearing of the religious views of a candidate upon his decisions in public office is a public matter.
3. If an office holder cannot reconcile the responsibilities of his oath of office with his conscience he should resign.
4. Voters should not support a candidate solely because no one of his faith has ever been elected to a particular office.
5. No religious organization should seek to influence or dominate public officials for its own advantage.
6. No religious group should be given special advantages by the state or be allowed to use state agencies to restrict other faiths.
7. A candidate's faith should be viewed in its best light rather than its worst.
8. Appointments made by public officials should be on a non-discriminatory basis.
9. A president is not obligated to participate in purely ceremonial functions that conflict with his religious faith.
10. A public official must recognize that the values of faiths other than his own must be brought to bear on the problems he faces.

The following is a list of names of Jewish religious leaders from the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform rabbinical and congregational movements - all member agencies of the Synagogue Council of America - who signed the document in their individual capacities:

JEWISH LEADERS JOIN CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT SPOKESMEN
IN CONDEMNING RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

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Rabbi Morris Adler, Detroit, Mich.
Rabbinical Assembly of America;

Rabbi Bernard Bamberger, NYC
President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis;

Mr. Herbert Berman, Far Rockaway, NY
National Secretary of the Synagogue Council of America;

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, NYC
President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations;

Mr. Moses I. Feuerstein, Brookline, Mass.
President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America;

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Englewood N.J.
Chairman of the International Affairs Commission of
Synagogue Council;

Rabbi Jay Kaufman, Forest Hills, NY
Vice-President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations;

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, NYC
Executive Vice-President of the Rabbinical Assembly of America;

Rabbi Israel Klavan, Mt. Vernon, NY
Executive Secretary of the Rabbinical Council of America;

Mr. Morris Laub, NYC
Director of the Joint Social Action Commission of the United
Synagogue of America - Rabbinical Assembly of America, National
Women's League;

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner, New Rochelle, NY
Executive Vice-President of the Central Conference of
American Rabbis;

Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, Cedarhurst, NY
President of the Rabbinical Assembly of America;

Rabbi Charles Weinberg, Malden, Mass.
President of the Rabbinical Council of America;

Rabbi Samson R. Weiss, Brooklyn, NY
Executive Vice-President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish
Congregations of America.

The statement was also signed by fifty-five leading Protestants, twenty-five
Roman Catholics, and one Greek Orthodox spokesman.

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October 11, 1960

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

The views of you and your colleagues about my respect for the spiritual forces of our nation have been conveyed to me by Mr. James Wine. I am most anxious to join you in a conference on this subject, but although we have worked diligently trying to arrange a meeting between us within the limits of your group's availability and my schedule, it seems impossible to do so at the moment. Therefore, because I have profound appreciation for the opinions and judgment of you and your colleagues, I take this opportunity to inform you of my views on matters with which you are particularly concerned.

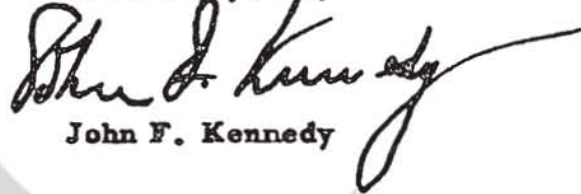
" I am fully aware of the significant contributions made by American religious organizations at home and abroad in the areas of social action and welfare relief services. I desire a continuation of these efforts and a close association of these groups with the government in the hope that we may develop new ideas and expand the existing working relationships in these areas of common concern. I commend the participation and advisory contribution made by the churches and synagogues during the past years in helping us meet our problems, particularly in matters related to health, education and welfare. ~~If I am elected President,~~ my administration will earnestly solicit the views of groups such as you represent and encourage the study, discussion, and judgment of all religious bodies on these issues.

" As I said recently on another occasion, I know that the basic purposes of our nation are rooted in the principles of justice and righteousness of our Judeo-Christian tradition -- the tradition which has fostered our belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. "

Page two, Rabbi Tanenbaum, October 11, 1960

It is my sincere hope that these firmly held views of mine will constitute assurances to you and your colleagues of my esteem for, and recognition of the entire spiritual leadership of our nation.

Sincerely yours,



John F. Kennedy

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TEXT OF STATEMENT BY RABBI MAX D. DAVIDSON, PRESIDENT OF THE
SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA, ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST
"JUDAISM AND WORLD PEACE" AWARD TO PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER,
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 1960 AT THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. President, in behalf of the several millions of Americans of the Jewish faith affiliated with the Synagogues and Temples of our nation, and represented in the Synagogue Council of America through the major Synagogal and Rabbinical organizations of all three groups within the Jewish religious community - Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform - it gives this delegation profound pleasure to greet you and to express to you the heartiest felicitations of our Jewish people.

We recognize in this meeting with you this morning an event of especial significance in that, to our knowledge, this represents the first time that an official representative delegation from all the major branches of the Jewish religion has been received by a President of the United States.

We feel an added sense for the history of this moment for in the 184 years since the founding of our Republic this is the first time that spokesmen of the majority of the Synagogues of America acting together have sought to honor the President of the United States for his consecrated efforts, in the words of the Psalmist, "to seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:15).

It is singularly appropriate, in our judgment, that the first recipient of our "Judaism and World Peace" Award should be President Dwight D. Eisenhower. As you see, our Award is an original sculpture of the great Prophetic vision of Isaiah,

"And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation
Neither shall they learn war any more.
They shall sit every man under his vine and under his-fig tree,
And none shall make them afraid." (Isaiah 2:1-5)

Across the Prophet's anvil on this sculpture is engraved "Shalom," the Hebrew word for "Peace" which was his consuming vision.

In our Biblical and Rabbinic tradition, there is no greater blessing than peace between man and man, family and family, city and city, and nation and nation. The Sages of Judaism declare that "when God sought to bless His people, He found no vessel which would contain all the blessings with which to bless them except peace, as it is said, 'The Lord blesses His people with peace' " (Psalm 29:11).

It is our privilege, Mr. President, to make this presentation that we believe derives out of the deepest sentiments of our people and our religious tradition, that is also timely to the days in which we live, fitting to the national policy of our country, and especially appropriate for you personally.

You have dreamed for the world at its human best from the days when you listened to the words of the Bible at your parents' knees; you have seen the world at its worst on the bloody battlefields of Europe; you have in war commanded the greatest armies in history; in peace you have led with historic distinction the most powerful nation of the world. You have traveled far, from Kansas to Cologne to Korea; from West Point to Whitehall to Washington.

Literally, you have beaten your sword into a plowshare, and your spear into a pruning hook. Yours has been a journey of justice and of peace: from the fields of France and the concentration camps of Feldafing to the farm and arbor at Gettysburg.

Your career is a symbol and an inspiration to all those who seek the ideal of the ancient Hebrew Prophets: When the world will be perfected under the Kingdom of the Almighty: a world of equality for all mankind; for the roots of equality are founded in faith and its fruit is freedom.

It is to signalize the climax of your brilliant stewardship of our nation and of the free world during your eight years of sacrificial devotion and leadership as President of the United States, and of your entire public service career, that the Synagogue Council of America does present to you this Award. Inscribed on this plaque are these words:

"The Judaism and World Peace Award
for consecrated leadership in pursuit of peace
presented by the
Synagogue Council of America
to

Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States
December 15, 1960 - Kislev 26, 5721".

And, if you will permit me, Mr. President, may I close with one
of history's earliest prayers - The Benediction of the ancient Hebrew
Priests:

Y'vorechacho Adonoi v'yishmerecho

"May the Lord Bless thee and keep thee"

Y'air Adonoi ponov e'le'cha v'chunecha

"May the Lord cause His countenance to shine upon thee and be
gracious unto thee;"

Y'sa Adonoi ponov e'le'cha, v'ya'sem l'cho shalom

"May the Lord turn His countenance unto thee and grant thee peace."

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June 12, 1953

Dear Rabbi,

Enclosed you will find a nice disgusting form letter # so and so. Nothing in this world can or will change a closed mind. Of course I fully realize that their Faith preaches-and no one may question or debate any point. I did feel, however, that a man with a brilliant mind such as his, would answer in a more intelligent manner. Ho, hum.

Sorry you dashed off last Saturday night it turned out to be a very nice party indoors. I had hoped too to finally get to speak with you sans argument for a change. Incidentally, what is the name of the book you recommended on Friday night? I'd like to read it, for surely I know you feel I ought to.

Perhaps your attitude re: the communist deal was a kindly priestly one meaning no undue punishment like death for anyone, but it seems to me you were too sympathetic. You did have a sermon once on the subject and I was pleased with your attitude, but now it seems you sound as tho' you are almost on the fence. That is one subject that I feel strongly about for today, one is or is not a communist thar' aint no middle road!

The Carnival is going very well, we have been most fortunate in having excellent weather. I make a wonderful "barker" this should not surprise you - selling lots of hot dogs and sodas, plus getting a broken back weary feet and a lot of money. My stand is second highest the Big Wheel-gambling-is highest.

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Very best of luck to you in your work. I do sincerely hope and pray your parents will be well and gain back good health. As for you, I believe you have a tremendous decision to make for yourself. I'll certainly not try to sway you. You are, or have the ambition to be a writer as well as a Rabbi. Seems you don't have quite enough time to do both and give each your very best....mores the pity. I do know you are an excellent Rabbi, if you write as well it will then be simply a matter of do you want a lot of money in this world or do you feel "the call" in you so strongly that you'd rather be a Rabbi. There can be a happy medium, of course, many a man has written slowly in his free time while doing a major job of something else. I'm sure you know all this, so forgive me for sticking in my two cents worth.

Selfishly, I sincerely hope you shall come back to us. I've been bored stiff in this horrible place called Washington, D. C. (Dis Country?) and you can be sure your sermons have stimulated my mind. It has been a privilege and pleasure knowing you. It's Friday, and I already miss you. Now don't you get too "red as a lobster" - for they are my favorite dish!

Lucille

FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN
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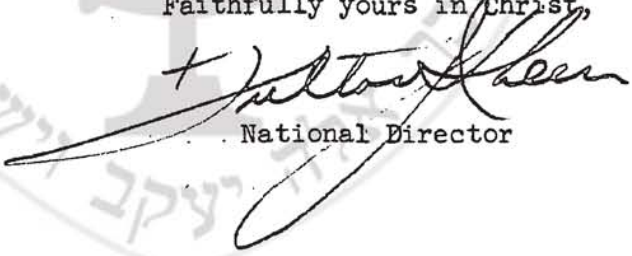
Dear Miss Rockmore:-

We believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God. We would not be free to change one Word that God has spoken or directed to be written.

The Bible does not teach hatred of the Jews any more than history teaches us to hate any other nation even though our ancestors may have been persecuted by them.

Wishing you every blessing, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,


National Director

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SCA Moves To Explore Jewish Unity Conference

Vice-President Nixon Addresses Religious Council



VICE-PRESIDENT Richard Nixon (seated, center) is shown meeting with the Religious Advisory Council of the President's Committee on Government Contracts at its first meeting, held at the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. on May 11. SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson

(seated, left), and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum (seated, third from right) represented the SCA at the Conference. The religious leaders elected as chairman Dr. A. Dudley Ward of Chicago, General Secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations of the Methodist Church. Elected

vice-chairmen were: Rev. John F. Cronin of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; Dr. J. Oscar Lee of the National Council of Churches; Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of the SCA. Miss Dorothy I. Height of the Young Women's Christian Association, was named secretary.

Exec. Board Creates Commission to Study Feasibility of Plan

Taking official cognizance of the resolutions urging the Synagogue Council of America to form a single unified representative body of American Jewry, the SCA executive board at its meeting on May 18 authorized President Rabbi Max D. Davidson to appoint a commission to explore the feasibility of convening such an American Jewish Assembly. Members of the commission will be announced when the appointments are made.

Among Jewish agencies which have called for such a consultative body in recent weeks have been the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, the American Jewish Congress, Labor Zionists of America, and the Jewish Day-Morning Journal.

The General Assembly of the SCA, held May 22 at Columbia University, New York City, also heard a series of speakers urge the elimination of duplication through the creation of a representative forum. (See special story on page 3.)

The Rabbinical Assembly of America at its annual convention on May 9th called upon the Synagogue Council of America to take the lead in the creation of a "unified, democratically constituted national organization to serve as the spokesman of the total American Jewish community in the United States." The Assembly offered the services of its 700 members in helping the Council create such an organization.

Addressing the 60th annual convention in Liberty, New York, Rabbi Israel Goldstein told more than 500 Conservative rabbis from the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, that there is an "acute need for such a national organization."

An organized Jewish community, represented by a unified instrument, would provide for common counsel and common action

White House Receives Messages on Violence

Leaders of the three major faith groups joined in expressions of concern to President Eisenhower over racial tensions in the South. They were: Rabbi Max D. Davidson, President of the Synagogue Council of America; the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council of Churches; and George K. Hunton, Secretary of the Catholic Interracial Council of New York.

In a telegram to President Eisenhower, Rabbi Davidson declared: "Toegther with Americans of other faiths, the Synagogue Council of America is profoundly disturbed over racial tensions erupting in our country, particularly in Alabama and South Carolina." At the same time the SCA president commended the U. S. State Department for its forthright condemnation of racial violence in South Africa.

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SCA Elects Officers For 1960-61; Rabbi Max D. Davidson Re-elected

The Synagogue Council of America this month re-elected Rabbi Max D. Davidson of Perth Amboy, N. J., as president to head an administration of Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform rabbinic and congregational officers for a second one-year term. Together with Dr. Davidson, the Plenary re-elected on June 8:

Rabbi Julius Mark, New York City, first vice president; Rabbi Uri Miller, Baltimore, Md., second vice president; Philip Greene, Jamaica, N. Y., treasurer; Herbert Berman, Far Rockaway, N. Y., recording secretary; Dr. Robert Nach, New York City, corresponding secretary. Dr. Nach was elected to fill the vacancy created through the death of Marvin Silberman of Scarsdale, N. Y., who perished with his wife in October 1959 in a West Virginia plane crash.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of Elmhurst is executive director of the Council.

These officers will head the Synagogue Council through June 1961.

SCA President To Meet with World Christian Leaders

In keeping with the inter-religious and international affairs program of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, SCA President, will meet with world Roman Catholic and Protestant leaders, with Jewish community, American embassy, and European government officials in England, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland during his forthcoming overseas mission. He departs for London on June 19.

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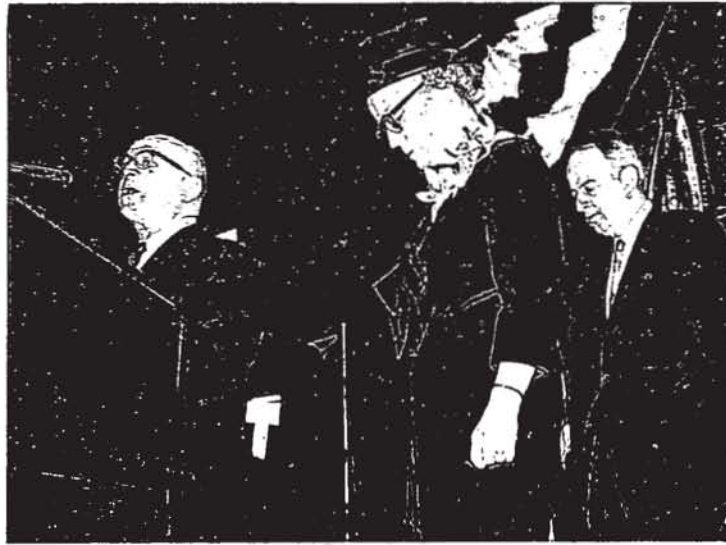
Sec'y. Flemming Urges Moral Safeguards

Secretary Arthur S. Flemming of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, warned religious leaders that private economic interests were trying to undermine the Department's work in certain areas and called upon them to offset this pressure with moral pressures of their own.

Addressing an Interfaith Consultation in Washington, D. C. on May 23, Mr. Flemming told the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders that this problem concerned mainly food additives, barbiturates and other drugs, and fraudulent and illegal therapeutic devices. He urged the religious leaders to stand up for human values and the physical and moral safety of the individual.

The consultation was one of a series with Secretary Flemming and his staff sponsored by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, National Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council of America. Representing the SCA were: Philip Goldsmith (USA), Judge Nathaniel Ely (UOJCA), Rabbi Balfour Brickner (UAHC), Rabbi Uri Miller (RCA), Rabbi Samuel Scolnic (RAA) and Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld (CCAR).

1960 White House Youth Parley



CLOSING INVOCATION at the White House Conference on Children and Youth is offered by SCA President Rabbi Max D. Davidson. Shown on the dais with him are Mrs. Rollin Brown, National Chairman of the Conference, and Arthur S. Fleming, Sec'y. of the Dep't. of Health, Education and Welfare.

Religious Leaders of Three Faiths Write Background Essay on Aging

Religion can make the latter years of the aged "a time of fulfillment," a three-faith committee of religious leaders declared in a jointly published paper on "Religion and the Aging." The paper will serve as a background statement for delegates to the White House Conference on Aging which will take place in January, 1961, in Washington, D.C.

The three collaborators are the Rev. Donald Campion, Associate Editor of the Catholic weekly, AMERICA; the Rev. Harold Hass, an executive secretary of the United Lutheran Church; and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, who is also one of the Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Religion and Aging for the Conference. The other two Co-Chairmen are: Msgr. Raymond J. Gallagher of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, and the Rev. William J. Villeneuve of the National Council of Churches.

The statement, designed for State and local conferences which will precede the national Conference, ranges across the broad field of religion in relation to the aging, exploring the common grounds of all three faiths on the aging. It reviews the situation of the aged in modern society, the former status of the aged, their increase in numbers, social changes, in family life, community attitudes towards the aged, the self image of older people, and their needs.

Religion must supply the answer to what the community, and particularly its ministers, can do to support older members "by religious and other means as they confront the social and psychological trials commonly linked with the oncoming of old age and the imminence of death," the clergymen declared.

Religion helps preserve the dignity of human life and provides a measure of stability in a period of rapid change. Tensions between older and younger people can be overcome only by "spiritually healthy unselfish people," the statement declared. "Younger persons in a family or community can contribute greatly to an easing of this tension by manifesting their abiding esteem for the value of each person, whatever his age or condition."

"In the years ahead," the statement concludes, "the major religious bodies must give themselves to more than the task of devising emergency provisions in the face of pathological situations associated with aging and the aged. . . . It should seek to offer a series of positive affirmations and proposals for long-range action by individuals and the community with respect to our senior citizens, their needs and position in our society."

Copies of "Religion and the Aging" are available from the Synagogue Council of America, 110 West 42 Street, New York 36, N. Y. Enclose 25¢ to cover mailing costs.

Fed. Civil Defense Urges Synagogues Build A-Shelters

The National Religious Advisory Council of the Office of Civil Defense last month urged all synagogues and churches to consider constructing bomb shelters as protection against atomic attack. The action followed a conference of the Council at which Rabbi Norman Salit, past SCA president, represented the Synagogue Council.

Rabbi Salit reported that the Civil Defense Council recommended that all new construction of churches, synagogues and community center buildings include provision for fall-out shelters; that buildings already in use convert their basements into shelters; and that individuals be encouraged to construct fall-out shelters in their homes.

At another civil defense meeting in New York, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller said that shelters can save between eight and 15 million lives in New York in the event of an atomic attack. He spoke at a Civil Defense Seminar of the New York State Civil Defense Commission. SCA Executive Director Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum represented the Council at the meeting.

SCA Urges Rabbis To Take Active Role

The SCA called upon its constituent agencies, rabbinic associations and local rabbis to become actively involved in the State Committees on the 1961 White House Conference on Aging.

While stressing the primary responsibility of the federations, welfare funds and community centers in this area, SCA pointed to the vital interest of religious leaders in the section on "Religion and the Aging."

Tentative topics for this section include: the role of the congregation in the lives of older people; spiritual growth of the aged; the place of the aged in the life of the congregation; the role of the congregation in shaping concepts of older people in relation to family and community; the role of church and synagogue in forming attitudes and developing services for the aged; and the role of religion in the lives of older people living in institutions.

Approximately 3,000 delegates, representatives of social service, welfare, communal and religious organizations, are expected to attend the conference. They will be divided into 20 sections, with 150 delegates to each section.

SCA General Assembly Probes United States Jewish Community — Past, Present and Future

"The promotion of a cooperative American Jewish community representing the interests of Jewry in relation to the general population and before governmental agencies" was termed "the great Jewish need of the hour" by speakers before the Third General Assembly of the Synagogue Council of America meeting on May 22, at Columbia University, New York City.

Representatives from the major branches of the Jewish religious community, educational, cultural and social welfare agencies participated in the all-day meeting devoted to the theme, "The American Jewish Community in Transition — Its Relationships with the Non-Jewish Community and Government."

RABBI A. M. HELLER

At the all-day meeting, speakers called for "the elimination of competitive and antagonistic trends in Jewish life." Keynoting this view, Rabbi Abraham M. Heller of Brooklyn, Chairman of the General Assembly Committees said: "While recognizing the existing legitimate difference in ideology and modes of expression among national Jewish organizations, the Synagogue Council and its constituent organizations strongly believe that American Jewry must possess a community interest with a democratic, collective voice reflecting the will of the various Jewish groupings."

DR. SIDNEY B. HOENIG

In a paper viewing the American Jewish community from the perspective of previous Jewish communal organizations, Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig of Brooklyn, Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, proposed the levying of a tax by Jews on religious materials, ceremonial foods, and such functions as weddings and Bar Mitzvahs, as a means of unifying the Jewish community. This voluntarily imposed tax would provide funds for distribution by a central community council to religious schools, charitable organizations and other institutions.

Dr. Hoenig, who traced the rise of the Jewish community from early times to the present, cited two other factors that have contributed to the "community-mindedness" of Jews throughout history: the self-imposed identification as a Jew and affiliation with the Jewish community; and the creation of centralized community archives.

"Inherently and traditionally a Jew belongs to a cohesive Jewish community regardless of the ex-



RABBI A. M. HELLER

tent of his religious observance," Rabbi Hoenig asserted.

Professor Hoenig also proposed "the revival of a system of regional communities, uniting diverse groups of congregations and denominational branches of Jewry into one body of general Jewish identification . . . Past Jewish communal life always started from the bottom rung, from local cohesion and not from governmental desire or institutional direction from the top.

"The creation of such a unified community will not only revitalize Jewry internally but would also, by eliminating present-day pseudo-spokesmen for Judaism, result in setting up an authoritative voice for the Jewish people in America," he stated.

SOLOMON B. DINGOL

Solomon Dingol, of the Bronx, Editor of the Jewish Day and Morning Journal, and Albert Vorspan, of Hewlett, L. I., Director of the Joint Social Action Commission of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, were discussants of Prof. Hoenig's Paper.

Mr. Dingol said "it was utterly impossible" for the American Jewish Community to return to the "historic concept of the full religious community." He added, "Impossible, because all our religious communities in the past were either the result of government decrees or by the authority of our rabbis. The individual Jew had no say in the matter. Our Jewish community of today is a voluntary, loosely-knitted association of individual Jews in whose affairs the government does not interfere and over whom the rab-

bis have some influence but no authority. If any lessons are to be drawn from the American Jewish Community, let us draw them from voluntary Jewish communities in the democratic world of today."

Discussing some of the present-day problems of the United States Jewish Community, he criticized the lack of unity and duplication of effort; the transformation of philanthropy from the concept of charity to an overly-bureaucratic social service; and the failure of rabbis and synagogues to "sell Jewishness" in its full meaning and implications to the Jewish people.

ALBERT VORSPAN

Mr. Vorspan, author of the recently-published "Giants of Justice," stressed the role of the Synagogue in Jewish life, calling it "the key to Jewish survival." Beyond all other institutions, the synagogue is the "nuclear institution" in contemporary America he declared. "Jews will survive in America as a distinctive group only through Judaism and not through Jewishness alone. In the past decades, Jewish life in America was welded by anti-defamation, Zionism and philanthropy. These continue and must continue, but they can no longer guarantee Jewish survival. Only Judaism, the faith of the Jew, can sustain those ethical and spiritual values which the Jewish people have contributed to mankind and which now help to enrich America. The American Jew is identified by America and identifies himself in terms of religion," he said.

The conference was formally opened by Rabbi Heller. Rabbi Sidney L. Regner of New Rochelle, Executive Vice-President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, delivered the invocation and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of Elmhurst, L. I., Executive Director of the Synagogue Council, brought greetings to the Assembly. Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow of Cedarhurst, L. I., President of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, was the moderator. Greetings from Columbia University were brought by Rabbi Isidor B. Hoffman, counselor to Columbia's Jewish students.

At the afternoon session, Dr. Israel Goldstein, rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, New York, and Judge David L. Ullman of Philadelphia, Chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, analyzed the national and local structures of

Jewish communities in America. Herbert Berman of Far Rockaway, L. I., National Secretary of the Synagogue Council of America, served as moderator.

RABBI ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

Rabbi Goldstein listed as "the major commitments of the American Jewish community as a Jewish community in the hierarchy of existing priorities, the Synagogue, including Jewish education, Jewish philanthropy, aid to Israel, anti-defamation activities, concern with other Jewish communities in the world, contact with other non-Jewish groups in the United States and concern with the traditional American protection of minority races and creeds."

He termed the current religious revival superficial and urged that "American rabbis should be more critical and more demanding." He called for an intensification of Jewish religious practice and religious education. He also urged greater support for the higher institutions of Jewish learning.

Next to the Synagogue, Rabbi Goldstein singled out philanthropy as the most vital commitment. He urged the Jewish leader to resist the temptations to "overspend for local needs" with the result that vital needs abroad are either neglected or supported on a bare subsistence level. He called for a proper balance between domestic and overseas needs.

"For most American Jews support of Israel is more than philanthropy," Rabbi Goldstein declared. "When a Jew contributes to Israel," Rabbi Goldstein declared, "he does so with a different feeling than when he contributes to a hospital or a children's home. Whether he realizes it consciously or not, its existence and its record enhance his own stature in the eyes of the world and in his own eyes," he said.

Civil rights and liberties should continue to be a focal point of American Jewish concern, Rabbi Goldstein declared, "both because its own interests are involved and because it is in the spirit of Jewish tradition to espouse the human rights and the human dignity of all men."

Praising the Synagogue Council of America for its achievements, Rabbi Goldstein urged it "to undertake a much larger scope of activity in fields where it is uniquely qualified to serve. Even in the limited sphere in which it has functioned, it has already given an earnest indication of its

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reliability and trustworthiness, its competence and statesmanship. After these thirty-four years of its existence, it has proved itself worthy of the confidence of its constituents and of the American Jewish community, to function in the special fields in which its credentials are unparalleled."

HON. DAVID ULLMAN

Judge Ullman also stressed the need to strengthen civil rights in America. He pinpointed three major developments affecting the Jewish community in the past year; the violent outbreaks of anti-Semitic vandalism, the reaction in America to the Arab boycott of Israel and the "dramatically accelerated" advance toward emancipation and equality by the Negro people.

He urged increased attention to youth and youth-serving agencies "for it is clear that the swastika incidents were in many cases the work of youngsters who somehow had been allowed to drift into a neo-Nazi ideology." This was "perhaps due to the failure of our educators to paint a sufficiently vivid picture of the real nature of Hitler's attack upon the free world," he said.

Warning that the coming year may find an increase in public controversy over church-state issues and the presence of religious issues in the Presidential campaign, Judge Ullman cautioned the Jewish leaders to be "on the alert that this discussion remain within limited and proper bounds."

The constant goal of those in community relations Judge Ullman said, is for "every American to do as good a job as he can do in any occupation; to as good a home as he can afford and in any community; to as good an education as will make him able to contribute his best to the community in which he lives and in any seat of learning; to worship God as he sees fit and on his Sabbath, and, above all, and including all, the right to walk in dignity and with his head held high among his fellow men."

He termed these ideals the essence of Judaism and the basis of the American way of life. "In seeking to achieve these ideals," he stated, "there is never enough of resources, never enough manpower. The greatest latent pool of such manpower is in the synagogues and the rabbinic leadership. In serving these ideals, our religious forces will be furthering the goals of our religion and strengthening the hand of our democracy in the cold war for the hearts and minds and the souls

of the uncommitted millions of the earth."

The final session featured two major addresses on the future of the American Jewish community, one by Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, Rabbi of Congregation Shaaray, Tefila, N. Y. C., President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the second by Philip Bernstein of South Orange, N. J., Executive Director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson delivered greetings before the presentations. Morris Laub of N. Y. C., Director of the Joint Social Action Commission of the United Synagogue of America, Rabbinical Assembly of America and National Women's League (Conservative), was the moderator.

RABBI BERNARD BAMBERGER

Rabbi Bernard Bamberger offered five proposals for strengthening Jewish life:

- Utilize increased Jewish education to transmit not only information and skills but "to educate also for commitment, faith and action."

- Stress the spiritual tone of the synagogue rather than the financial. "In this connection I challenge the concept of the 'catering synagogue' an institution justified neither in Jewish tradition nor general American practice."

- The communities must develop a proper relationship with their rabbis "for whether we like it or not Jewish life is heavily dependent on the rabbis. The rabbi suffers now from insecurity and lack of dignity, now from over-adulation. Above all, his functions are not defined and his role as teacher is often ignored."

- Prevent the break-up of the Jewish community into isolated fragments. Rabbi Bamberger warned that sectarian lines are being drawn more sharply. "This is due not so much to clarification of ideology as to the expansion and increased efficiency of national organizations," he said.

- Consider whether Judaism shall remain "as ethnically determined" or "should become a faith with a message to all men."

Rabbi Bamberger pointed out that Jews are sustaining losses through mixed marriages and inadequate natural growth. "We need numbers for sheer survival," he said. "On the higher level, the question is whether we are doing justice to the faith of the prophets and sages if we cultivate it only within the narrow circle of persons of Jewish blood and do not present it as persuasively and ardently as we can to all who may benefit by learning and practicing it."

SCA Studies Jewish Unity

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on "matters of Jewish concern here and abroad," he said.

American Jewry needs "a single voice to speak on behalf of the American Jewish community to the non-Jewish community and to Israel," Rabbi Goldstein declared. Despite past failures to achieve such unity, he urged that another attempt be made at this time.

Paralleling the action of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs adopted a resolution urging the creation of a single voice for the American Jewish community.

The resolution, adopted at its 31st annual convention in Kiamasha Lake, May 8-11, stressed the need for a democratic representative body "empowered to speak for all of American Jewry." It noted the confusion and loss of effectiveness suffered by the lack of unity in Jewish life and also the "unseemly competition among

PHILIP BERNSTEIN

Discussing the organization of Jewish communal life, Philip Bernstein said "Community organization must grow from the ground up, not from the top down. It must have its roots in communities, where people live, where their needs are felt, where their aspirations must be realized."

He cited the areas in which communities have developed central community organizations — "financing, planning and coordinating virtually all of our major responsibilities — local, national, and overseas . . . Nationally, we have achieved, entirely voluntarily, a substantial measure of cooperation in virtually every major field — or at least the basic structure has been established for cooperation."

The question that remains, Mr. Bernstein said, is: "What should be done that is not already being done? What must be done more effectively? How can it best be achieved?"

The quality and effectiveness of what we are doing is the ultimate test, he declared. How good is the product, how important the results? "Are we applying, in each of our communities, and nationally the best understanding, the greatest knowledge, the fullest wisdom, the finest skills we can bring to bear on our responsibilities and our opportunities?" he asked.

Rabbi Paul Z. Levovitz of Lakewood, N.J., Treasurer of the Rabbinical Council of America, offered the benediction that brought the conference to a close.

Jewish organizations for public attention."

The Federation therefore called upon "all other Jewish national organizations to participate in a conference at which ways and means shall be considered and adopted, for the formation of an American Jewish Assembly as a permanent body to represent the Jews of the United States in matters of Jewish policy and to speak for the American Jewish community."

A second resolution called upon the membership to "secure more adequate support in all its endeavors on behalf of the Synagogue Council program both from individuals and congregations affiliated with the Conservative movement."

BOOKS . . .

JEWES IN SUBURBIA

(Beacon Press)

by Rabbi Albert I. Gordon, an incisive sociological analysis of the impact of suburbanization on Jewish religious, communal, educational, and social behavior. Based on much original research, the author affirms that "The synagogue is the center of Jewish life" in suburbia.

THE ZIONIST IDEA

(Doubleday)

by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, a creative and scholarly analysis of the intellectual history of Zionism. Relating Zionism to its Jewish messianic origins and 19th century European nationalism, author points up arresting parallels between Jewish interdependence and Christian ecumenicity.

BIRTHDAY OF THE WORLD

(Farrar, Straus & Cudahy)

by Rabbi Moshe Davis & Victor Ratner, a refreshing statement of major Jewish ideas and ideals that are related to our holidays. Marc Chagall illustrations make this handsome work an ideal gift volume.

JUDAISM (Penguin Books)

by Isidore Epstein, a concise and reliable statement of the essentials of Judaism, viewed from traditionalist commitment, useful for inter-religious activities.

THE JEWS IN OUR TIME

(Pelican)

by English author-attorney Norman Bentwich, is a most useful and literate summary of Jewish history, ranging from antiquity through modern times. His freshest chapters are on "The Geographic and Economic Distribution" of Jewry, "The Jew and his Neighbor," and "The Religious Background." Excellent for adult study courses and inter-faith programs.

Three-Faith Group Drafts Basic

Principles on Religion in Politics

A recent two-day conference of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders in Washington, D.C. resulted in the formulation of five basic principles to govern the discussion of religion in the 1960 political campaigns. Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, vice-president of the Synagogue Council of America, and Rabbi Bernard Bamberger, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, were the two Jewish representatives at the meeting.

The five principles which emerged from the discussions were:

1. It is proper and desirable that every public official should attempt to govern his conduct by a personal conscience that is formed by his religious faith.
2. No candidate for public office should be opposed or supported because of his particular religious affiliation.
3. A candidate should be judged by his qualifications for the office he seeks and by his position on issues relevant to that office. He may properly be questioned about such issues and about the bearing of his religious faith and conscience on them. A candidate's reli-

gion is relevant to a voter's decision, but only so far as it bears on such political issues.

4. Stirring up, fostering or tolerating religious animosity or injecting elements of a candidate's faith not relevant to the duties of the office he seeks are unfair campaign practices.
5. Intelligent, honest and temperate public discussions of the relation of religious faith to the public issues will, as it has already done, raise the whole level of the campaign.

The Conference was sponsored by the Fair Election Campaign Practices Committee.

The Fifth Question

The annual Passover appeal to rabbis and their congregations for renewal of their contributions to the Synagogue Council of America has met with generous response from all parts of the country.

Have you renewed your allocation to the Synagogue Council?

If not, please send your check NOW to:
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110 West 42 Street
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Text of the Resolution By Rabbinical Assembly

"The American Jewish community, preeminent in size among Jewish communities in the world, blessed with many endowments, confronted with many problems still waiting for solution, charged with many responsibilities toward Israel and the Jewish people, and thriving in an atmosphere of democracy and freedom, owes it to itself and to its responsibilities to Israel and world Jewry, to establish a united, representative, democratically constituted spokesmanship.

"The lack of organized unity in American Jewish life has resulted and will inevitably continue to result in confusion of counsels, unseemly competition among Jewish organizations for public attention, a confused image of Jewish policy in the mind of the American community and a weakening of the effectiveness of Jewish representations before governmental forums here and abroad.

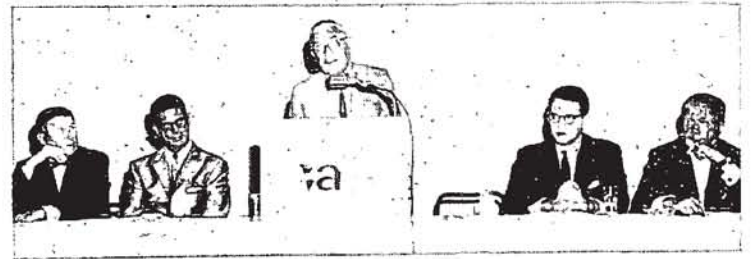
"It would be in the spirit of democracy to establish a unified, democratically constituted Jewish spokesmanship in the United States as has been done in Great Britain, Canada, France, Australia and other democratic countries.

"Previous attempts on the American Jewish scene to call into being united Jewish spokesmanship have served well in carrying out the ad hoc purposes for which they had been called into being, and have demonstrated the possibilities of working together for ad hoc purpose.

"The time is overdue for the establishment of such an instrumentality on a permanent basis for dealing with the major problems at home and abroad which require a united American Jewish body to make policy and to speak for the American Jewish community.

"The Rabbinical Assembly of America, whose 700 rabbis minister to congregations numbering nearly one million American Jews, calls upon the Synagogue Council of America to initiate action whereby the leading Jewish organizations in the United States will meet in conference to consider the establishment of an American Jewish Assembly, and offers its help toward that end."

Southern Leaders in Support of SCA



BENJAMIN LAZRUS of New York, chairman of the SCA National Advisory Council, is shown, center, describing the work of the Council to a group of Southern Jewish leaders at a fund raising function last month. Shown with him are, l. to r. Judge

Irving Cypen of Miami Beach; Louis Wolfson, Miami industrialist; Mr. Lazrus; Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director; and Dr. Irving Lehrman, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of Miami Beach. The event was sponsored by Dan B. Ruskin of Miami.

WORTH QUOTING...

"I am very pleased that your organization is in accord with our views concerning residence requirements. Similarly, I feel confident that the proposed Aging Conference will be largely in the nature of a voluntary citizens' character, and hopeful, that it will make a significant contribution toward the alleviation of some of the problems in this area."

Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary, U. S. Dep't. of Health, Education and Welfare.

"As Msgr. John O'Grady, veteran head of the national Catholic Charities Conference and a five-time delegate to White House conferences on youth, remarked, the successful manner in which these dedicated representatives of our major religious bodies (Msgr. Gallagher for the Catholics, Rev. Dr. Villaume for the Protestants and Rabbi Tanenbaum for the Jewish delegates) cooperated was reason enough to hail the conference as a landmark in American religious and civic history."

from AMERICA,
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"This will acknowledge, with gratitude your release informing us of the observance of Refugee Sabbath by the nation's synagogues during the Passover holidays. This further evidence of

your Council's cooperation in our observance of World Refugee Year is greatly appreciated."

Edward B. Marks, Executive Director, United States Committee for Refugees

"Thanks a million for your brochure, 'Safeguarding Religious Liberty.' The brochure was read with very great care and, in my judgment, is a really statesmanlike, dignified and constructive document."

Donald S. Howard, Dean, School of Social Welfare, University of California

"Congratulations on the fine job that you did in connection with the White House Conference on Children and Youth. We have had many fine comments on the chapter you wrote for the study book and in the course of the conference it was clear that you men had done very effective work as members of the planning committee.

"I know from personal observation how much time and effort all of this required from each of you and want you to know of our deep appreciation for this fine service."

A. L. Roberts, General Director, Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches

BEQUEST FORM FOR SCA

For those who wish to include the Synagogue Council of America in their wills, the following is suggested for the guidance of testators and the attorneys who aid in the preparation of their wills:

I give and bequeath to the Synagogue Council of America, Inc., of the State of New York, the sum of \$..... for the use of the general purposes of the program of the Synagogue Council of America.

Executors are advised that the Synagogue Council of America may also qualify for grants from residuary estates or "broad" legacies where the testator expresses the intention to donate to the promotion of Jewish religious unity.

SCA Across The Nation

AJC ANNUAL MEETING: SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson delivered the invocation at the Annual Dinner of the American Jewish Committee in New York, April 23rd. The dinner highlighted the 53rd annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE: The U. S. Committee for Refugees has voted to continue as a permanent organization, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Chairman of the SCA International Affairs Commission, reported. He represented Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, past SCA president and SCA representative on the Board of Directors of the Refugee Committee at its May 16 meeting in N. Y. The U. S. Committee also voted to enlarge the membership of its lay board.

UNESCO COMMISSION: "Our Moral and Spiritual Resources for International Cooperation" will be the topic of a meeting on June 17 of the Citizen's Consultation Committee of the United States National Commission for Unesco. Attending on behalf of the SCA will be former president, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, and SCA International Affairs Chairman Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg.

CONFERENCE ON AGING: Dr. Nathan Lander of Yeshiva University, represented the SCA at a meeting of the New York State Committee for the 1961 White House Conference on Aging, March 31, at Islip, N. Y. The meeting was one of a series throughout the state in preparation for the national Conference which will convene in Washington, D. C. in Jan. 1961.

DE GAULLE RECEPTION: SCA President, Max D. Davidson joined a group of distinguished religious and civic leaders at a luncheon meeting with French President Charles De Gaulle at the Waldorf-Astoria on April 26.

MEETING ON HANDICAPPED: Orin Lehman, chairman of the Governor's Committee on the Physically Handicapped of New York State, represented the SCA at the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped on May 5 in Wash., D. C. Mr. Lehman is a member of the SCA National Advisory Council.

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL: Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum will attend a regional meeting in New York on June 27 of the National Committee of Religious Leaders for Safety. The meeting will review plans for 1960 programs for religious emphasis on safety. Another feature of the conference will be a "brainstorming session" in which the clergymen will put forth new ideas on needed safety projects, propose pilot safety programs in selected cities and states and plan religious school safety educational programs.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS: Rabbi Isidor B. Hoffman, Counselor to Jewish students at Columbia University, represented the SCA at the annual meeting of the Consultative Council of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors in Wash., D. C. last month.

YOUTH MORALS: Dr. Bernard Lander, chairman of the SCA Family and Youth Commission, was the SCA delegate at a meeting of the Committee of 104 Religious Leaders, held in New York's City Hall in February. The Committee, created by Mayor Robert F. Wagner, has the goal of bettering the moral and spiritual climate for the young people of the city.

CONFERENCE ON AGING: Theme of the 13th Annual Conference on Aging sponsored by the University of Michigan is: "After the White House Conference on Aging — What?" It will be held in Ann Arbor, Mich. June 27-29 and will include delegates from the National Council of Churches, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Synagogue Council of America and other major national and state agencies. Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit will attend as representative of the SCA.

SCA Plans Conferences On Peace, World Issues

The SCA plenum this month voted authorization for a series of conferences to be sponsored by various Synagogue Council commissions in 1960-61, designed "to render more effective the creative role of religious Jewish agencies in the decisive areas of national and international affairs." Scheduled for the Fall or early Spring of the coming year will be the following conferences:

"The Role of the Synagogue in Fostering World Peace," sponsored by the SCA Commission on

SCA Materials

The following SCA materials may be ordered from Synagogue Council of America, Suite 628, 110 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.

Girl Scout Award	
Requirements Booklet	.25
Girl Scout Menorah Pin	2.50
Five-year Jewish Calendar and Career Directory	.15
Sabbath Attendance Chart for Junior Congregations	.25
UN Prayer Card	Free
Labor-Management Relations Statement	Free
"To Believe and to Wait," a Jewish statement on evangelism	.15
Bibliography on Middle East	.25
<i>There will be a charge of 25c to cover administrative and mailing costs on each of the following:</i>	
"Religion and Aging" (Background essay for 1961 White House Conference on Aging)	
"Religion in American Life" (A three-faith essay for 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth)	
"The Role of the Rabbi in Jewish-Christian Relations" By Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum	

Radio-TV

The Catholic Broadcasters Association has invited the SCA Broadcasting-TV-Film Commission to participate in its Conference on Religious and Educational Broadcasting, June 20-25, in Pittsburgh.

Representing the SCA at the conference will be Rabbi Seymour Cohen of Pittsburgh, and Rabbi David H. Panitz, chairman of the SCA Broadcasting-TV-Film Commission. Rabbi Cohen will act as consultant at a panel on Radio and TV on June 21, and Rabbi Panitz will participate as consultant at several sessions on June 22 and 23.

International Affairs, under the chairmanship of Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Englewood, N. J.; "The Synagogue and Social Welfare—the Moral Issues," sponsored by the SCA Commission on Family and Youth, under the chairmanship of Rabbi Bernard Lander, Forest Hills, N. Y.;

"The Synagogue and Mass Media," sponsored by the SCA Broadcasting-Television-and Film Commission, under the chairmanship of Rabbi David H. Panitz, Paterson, N. J.

White House Reply

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Dr. Dahlberg stated in a wire to the President: "Religious leaders are concerned with moral and spiritual implications of this situation as well as with the breakdown of community morale and the use of physical violence."

In a third telegram, Mr. Hunton stated: "Mr. President, we believe prejudice and discrimination are moral problems and that all citizens have the responsibility to explore what may be done to lessen the existing tensions and to seek to improve race relations."

The three religious leaders suggested to the President that he meet with religious leaders on the problem. In a White House reply to Rabbi Davidson, Special Counsel David W. Kendall stated that the President did not feel it was appropriate to meet at this time. He said that the incidents were "entirely local in nature" and did not involve Federal jurisdiction.

Nevertheless, he continued, the President can "express his personal views and can, by virtue of the national leadership which is his as President, attempt to exert a moderating influence and to persuade the parties at interest of a more enlightened mutual understanding."

He also disclosed that at a recent press conference, President Eisenhower declared that there should be bi-racial conferences "in every city and community in the South which would be much better than trying to get up here and direct every single thing from Washington." He felt there was "too much interference by the Federal Government in our private affairs and I would like to diminish rather than increase it."

Virtually identical replies were sent to Dr. Dahlberg and Mr. Hunton.

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Among the questions which he will explore will be the role of religious institutions in helping mobilize forces for world peace, in fostering improved inter-group and inter-religious relationships, the recent swastika episodes, and the functioning of religious pluralism in democratic societies. Rabbi Davidson will also represent the Synagogue Council at the Executive Board meeting of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, meeting in Paris, June 25 and 26.

**Help Build Jewish Unity
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SCA Plays Major Role in White House Conference

SCA Names Newark Jewish Leader to Rockefeller Study

Louis Stern, of Newark, has been designated by SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, to represent the Jewish community on the Rockefeller Foundation Commission to Study Voluntary Health Agencies. Mr. Stern, a prominent investment broker, has long been active in the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and in synagogue life.

The Rockefeller Foundation study, which will last about a year, will seek to answer two preliminary questions: if planned research can contribute to public understanding of the roles of voluntary health and welfare agencies and lead to resolution of the problems confronting them; and if so, what particular research should be undertaken? The study will conduct additional research if review of the recommendations of the initial investigation shows it to be feasible, practical and worthwhile.

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LOUIS STERN

Will Sponsor Exhibit At 1964 World's Fair

The Synagogue Council of America has accepted an invitation from the 1964 World's Fair Committee to sponsor a Jewish exhibit. The action, taken at the December 10th plenary meeting of the Council, also authorized the SCA President to appoint a committee of prominent Jewish leaders to represent the Jewish religious community in the project.

The SCA sponsored a similar exhibit at the 1939 World's Fair

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Third SCA General Assembly to Be Held In New York May 22

The Third General Assembly of the Synagogue Council of America will take place in New York City on Sunday, May 22nd, on the theme, "The American Jewish Community in Transition—Its Relations with Non-Jewish and Government Agencies."

Plans for the meeting have been drawn up by the SCA General Assembly Committee, under the chairmanship of Rabbi A. M. Heller (RAA) of Brooklyn, New York.

The Sunday morning session will be devoted to an analysis of the American Jewish community viewed in the perspective of Jewish community organizations in previous eras.

The afternoon session will "profile" the present organizational structure of the Jewish community. One of the major questions to be considered at this session will be the representation of the interests of American Jewry in relationship with the non-Jewish religious community, the American Government and the United Nations.

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National Leaders To Meet March 27 on Children and Youth

The Jewish community prepared this month to make its full contribution to the deliberations of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, to be held March 27 through April 1, in the nation's Capitol. The theme of the Conference is "to promote opportunities for children and youth to realize their full potential for a creative life in freedom and dignity."

Representatives from the major national Jewish religious, education, social welfare, community relations, youth, and recreation agencies are scheduled to participate in the Conference. Prominent Jewish leaders will also attend as members of various Governor-appointed State committees. (See insert for listing of Jewish representatives whose names were made available as this issue went to press.)

For the first time in the history of the White House Conferences, which date back to 1919, all of the constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council of America

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U. S. Jewry Urged to Cooperate in Census

At the request of the U. S. Census Bureau, the SCA and its constituent organizations have joined in urging the entire Jewish community to cooperate with Government recorders in the forthcoming census.

The census will begin on April 1. In a letter to SCA, Arthur E. Mielke of the Bureau of the Census, pointed out that "for the first time, an Advance Census Report form is being mailed to each household." Citizens are urged to complete the form and have it ready when the census taker calls.

In response to positions taken by major national organizations, no questions will be asked about the respondent's religion.

SCA in Three-Faith Plea for Fair Play in Politics

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, Richard Cardinal Cushing; the President of the National Council of Churches, Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg; and the President of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, have joined in an appeal to the American people calling for justice and fairness in political campaigns. Issued by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the statement was widely publicized in the nation's press.

Rabbi Davidson stressed that a candidate for public office "should be judged by his qualifications, character and merit, and not on the basis of prejudice. This precept of American democracy has

elevated men and women of every creed to high places in our society."

"Judaism teaches that we must judge the individual fairly by what he thinks and by what he does. The conduct of a public official will reflect his political and economic views, his religious conviction, his sense of propriety and justice, his sense of responsibility to the total community and will be an extension of his total way of looking at life," he stated.

Dr. Dahlberg declared that 1960 will be "a time of special testing for the United States. Democracy can be betrayed by religious discrimination or by dishonest and unfair practices in political campaigns."

In his message, Cardinal Cushing emphasized that Americans "wish to select their leaders on the basis of the candidate's abilities, his integrity and his loyalty to the country — no other tests should be applied."

"The way to insure a climate of justice and fairness in American political life is for every citizen, even on the local level, to take personal responsibility in dispelling the smear and the unfair tactics wherever they find them and to select candidates for election with thoughtfulness and discernment," he said.

Copies of the three-faith statement are obtainable from the SCA, 110 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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Christian Community Responds Vigorously to Swastika Daubing

Leaders of the Synagogue Council of America noted with gratitude the many expressions of sympathy and support received by the SCA from the Christian community during the recent outbreak of anti-Semitic incidents. In its Purim message the SCA leaders declared:

"We find a considerable measure of encouragement in the response of the Catholic and Protestant leadership and of ordinary men and women who spontaneously, and with profound conviction, stigmatize these manifestations for what they are, namely, an offense to the spirit of the Divine among all men and an attack on the foundations of democracy."

A message from the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ pledged "a serious effort of education among the peoples of the churches dealing with the sources and manifestations of anti-Semitism." Hugo W. Thompson, chairman, and Ray Gibbons, director of the Council, declared they would utilize their publications and other means to "take up the responsibility that rests upon us as Christians to help end the great



INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE — The recent swastika-daubing of Synagogues was on the agenda of discussion between Synagogue Council of America and National Council of Churches leaders. Shown above at an informal reception at the Institute of Religious and Social Studies are

Dr. Darrell Randall, Associate Director of the National Council of Churches' Dept. of International Affairs; Rabbi Max D. Davidson, SCA President; Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director; and Dr. C. Arild Olsen, Director, Division of Christian Life and Work, NCC.

evil that so long has hurt the Jewish people and, by hurting them, hurt all members of the human family."

Another message, by the World Council of Churches, expressed deep sympathy with the Jewish people "with whom Christians share a precious heritage." It urged that this "dangerous recrudescence of anti-Semitism be suppressed from the outset." The statement, issued in Geneva, called upon the World Council's 172 member churches to work for the abolition of all segregation and discrimination.

Also coming at the height of the outbreaks was a statement sent to SCA from the American Friends Service Committee which deplored the "recent acts of vandalism and the defacing of houses of worship in this country and in other parts of the world."

Meanwhile, the SCA met with

the National Council of Churches to analyze the causes of the outbreak and the two groups agreed to join in a program of public education against religious bigotry. The National Council announced that it was planning to include in its Religious Liberty Emphasis Year during 1960 an effort to help educate Protestants through 145,000 churches across the land on the positive image of the Jew in America. The program is aimed at improving the understanding of Jews and Judaism and the elimination of denigrating stereotypes.

SCA President One of Three-Faith Leaders in Statement on Morals

SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, was one of a group of the nation's outstanding religious leaders who were queried by the United Press International recently on the apparent contradiction between recent religious revival and the succession of moral scandals which erupted into public print in recent months.

Evangelist Billy Graham and Dr. Louis W. Jones, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews joined Rabbi Davidson in expressing an optimistic view. Bishop James A. Pike and the Rev. John B. Sheerin, editor of the Catholic World, questioned the accuracy of the reported religious revival.

The United Press International wanted to know: If the United States is experiencing a record religious revival, why the nation has suffered such major moral scandals as TV quiz fixes, payola, and union corruption?

In his reply Rabbi Davidson urged thoughtful consideration

"to determine whether morale and morals are deteriorating or whether, because of the immediate and mass communication of such news, we are made aware of a corruption that has always existed."

"The present reaction to the disclosures, the protest and the revulsion of the people of the United States may well be a reflection of the religious revival of our day, a revival that has not yet touched all of our citizens and institutions, but which will, in time, set new and higher standards for public and private conduct. Political, commercial and organizational leaders now, as never before, feel themselves compelled to account to the public for their policies and actions, and to justify their tenure of high position. This recognizes the confluence of the democratic, religious bases of American life; and this gives us heartening hope for honor and honesty in the future," he declared.

Perth Amboy Marks Davidson Election

The Jewish Community Council of Perth Amboy, N. J., has honored the election of Rabbi Max D. Davidson to the Presidency of the SCA with an unprecedented gift of \$5,000.

A telegram signed by Benjamin Lorber, president of the Jewish Community Council of Perth Amboy, confirmed an allocation from the Council, half of it payable in 1959-60 and the second half in 1960-61. Mr. Lorber expressed the best wishes of the Community Council and his "highest personal regards" to Rabbi Davidson.

Dr. Martin Danzig is executive director of the Perth Amboy Community Council.

General Assembly

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The evening session will feature a discussion of the "Prognosis of the Future American Jewish Community."

Rabbi Heller pointed out that "the General Assembly will seek to provide a platform for objective, thoughtful and dispassionate discussion of a vital issue of profound concern to all American Jews." As in previous SCA assemblies, he noted, there will be no resolutions adopted.

The members of the Assembly Committee are:

CCAR: Rabbis Sidney L. Regner, Jacob Philip Rudin
RAA: Rabbis A. M. Heller, Wolfe Kelman
RCA: Rabbis Israel Klavan, Harry J. Kaufman
UAHC: Dr. Arthur Jacobs, Ralph Perlish
UOJCA: Herbert Berman, Nathan Gross
USA: Bernath L. Jacobs, Morris Laub

National Jewish Agencies Participating In 1960 White House Conference on Youth

The following are the names of representatives from major national Jewish organizations who are participating in the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth in Washington, D. C. from March 27-April 1. (See page 1 story for details.) As other names of delegates and program participants from the Jewish community become available, they will be reported in subsequent issues of SCA HIGHLIGHTS.

SCA Constituent Organizations

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS:

Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs, Olivette, Mo.
Rabbi Sidney Regner, New Rochelle, N. Y.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA:

Rabbi Harry Halpern, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rabbi Gershon Levi, New York, N. Y.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA:

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, New York, N. Y.
Rabbi Uri Miller, Baltimore, Maryland

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS:

National Federation of Temple Youth:

Rabbi Samuel Cook, New York, N. Y.
Roger Wolf, Cambridge, Mass.

Commission on Jewish Education:

Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, New York, N. Y.

Commission on Social Action:

Cyrus Gordon, New York, N. Y.
Albert Vorspan, New York, N. Y.

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Mrs. Herman Baginsky, New Orleans, La.
Miss Jane Evans, New York, N. Y.
Miss Eleanor R. Schwartz, New York, N. Y.

UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA:

Harold H. Boxer, New York, N. Y.
Judge Nathaniel Ely, Silver Springs, Md.
Rabbi Harry Kaufman, Wash., D. C.
Dr. Samson R. Weiss, New York, N. Y.

National Conference of Synagogue Youth:

Rabbi Pinchas A. Stolper, New York, N. Y.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA:

Commission on Jewish Education:

Rabbi Ario Hyams, Roslyn Heights, N. Y.
Dr. Ezra Millgrim, New York, N. Y.

Commission on Social Action:

George Levinrue, Brooklyn, New York

National Women's League:

Mrs. Adele Leaf, Roslyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Abraham Stein, Forest Hills, N. Y.

National Youth Commission:

Rabbi Allen Rutchik, New York, N. Y.
Dr. Morton Siegel, New York, N. Y.

United Synagogue Youth:

Martin Dank, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Young People's League:

Allen Hershkowitz, Philadelphia, Pa.
Irwin Siderman, Newark, New Jersey

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA:

Rabbi Max D. Davidson, Perth Amboy, New Jersey
Rabbi Julius Mark, New York, N. Y.
Rabbi Uri Miller, Baltimore, Md.
Herbert Berman, Far Rockaway, N. Y.
Philip Greene, Jamaica, N. Y.
Rabbi Bernard Lander, Forest Hills, N. Y.

National Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH EDUCATION:

Dr. Judah Pilch, New York, N. Y.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE:

Dr. Samuel S. Fishzohn, New York, N. Y.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, PROGRAM DEPT.:

Mrs. Naomi Levine, New York, N. Y.
Dr. Leo Pfeffer, New York, N. Y.
Dr. Isaac Toubin, New York, N. Y.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, WOMEN'S DIVISION:

Mrs. Seymour Waldman, New York, N. Y.

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION:

Bernard Weisberg, New York, N. Y.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH:

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B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION:

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Dr. Max F. Baer, Washington, D. C.
David Blumberg, Washington, D. C.

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Mrs. Max Matzkin, New York, N. Y.

HADASSAH, NATIONAL YOUTH ALIYAH COMMITTEE:

Mrs. A. P. Schoolman, New York, N. Y.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH CENTER WORKERS:

Myron Blanchard, Cedarhurst, N. Y.
Abraham Fleischman, Bronx, N. Y.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWISH COMMUNAL SERVICES:

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Mrs. Moise Cahn, New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Charles Hymes, New York, N. Y.
Miss Hannah Stein, New York, N. Y.
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Mrs. Maurice Kurn, Springfield, Mass.
Yehuda Rosenman, Baltimore, Md.

Young Adult:

Betty Getz, Baltimore, Md.
Wolfgang Rotenberg, Baltimore, Md.

Teen-Age:

Ann T. Stein, Bronx, N. Y.
Marc Roberts, Bayonne, N. J.

Jewish Delegates of State Committees

The following are among the delegates on Governor-appointed State Committees to the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth whose names were made available as this issue went to press:

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Burbank:
Ron Leibow
Los Angeles:
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Miss Julie Dulkan

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Ft. Worth:

Rabbi Robert J. Schur

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

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are officially participating in the Conference. Also, for the first time, representatives from the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements are involved in the program of the Conference.

In the 1950 Conference, only two rabbis were involved in the program. In the 1960 Conference, there are at least eight rabbinic and lay participants representing the three branches of religious Jewry. These include SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson (RAA), SCA Vice-Presidents, Rabbis Julius Mark (CCAR) and Uri Miller (RCA), Rabbi Sidney L. Regner, CCAR executive vice-president, Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum (RAA), provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein (RCA), Professor of Jewish Sociology at Yeshiva University.

Principal papers at the Theme Assemblies will be presented by Professor Abraham J. Heschel, noted theologian, and Dr. Abram L. Sachar, historian and president of Brandeis University.

Among the chairmen of Forums and Workshops will be Prof. Bernard Lander, chairman of the SCA Commission on Family and Youth Welfare, and SCA Executive Director, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum. Members of the President's National Committee, Philip M. Klutznick of Park Forest, Ill., president of International B'nai B'rith and distinguished member of the SCA National Advisory Council, and Mrs. Moise Cahn of New Orleans, for-

mer president of the National Council of Jewish Women, will also serve in key chairmen posts.

Nationally-prominent experts from Jewish agencies in the social science, vocational, and health, education and welfare fields will serve as panelists and discussants.

Among other "firsts" that have emerged in preparation for the conference:

- A joint essay on "The Place of Religion in American Life," written by Msgr. Raymond Gallagher, of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Rev. Dr. William Villame of the National Council of Churches, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of SCA, was published in the official Studies volumes of the Conference. The essay was described as "one of the first, if not the first, joint essays on religion by representatives of the three major faiths in the United States."

- A briefing and orientation session of the major Jewish organizations participating in the Conference was convened by SCA on Feb. 10 in New York City.

- A similar briefing session, for all the Jewish delegates, both from national organizations and States committees, was planned by SCA for Sunday, March 27, 4 P.M. at the B'nai B'rith Building, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. B'nai B'rith is tendering a reception in its exhibit hall at which Rabbi Tanenbaum will introduce the delegates to the structure, program and issues of the Conference.

Shell Oil Co Aids SCA in White House Parley

The Shell Companies Foundation earmarked a generous grant to the Synagogue Council of America to defray some of the expenses involved in the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. Last year the Founda-

tion made a similar grant in support of SCA's participation in three-faith observance of National Family Week.

This year's grant will be used to help prepare background material relating to the conference.

SCA ACROSS NATION

UNITED NATIONS: The 10th Annual Conference of the American Association for the United Nations met in Washington, D. C., March 6-8. Rabbi Balfour Brickner (CCAR) of Washington, D. C., represented SCA.

HEALTH FORUM: Rabbi Yaacov Rosenberg (RAA) of Miami Beach, Fla., spoke on Judaism and the problem of the aging at the National Health Council Forum in Miami Beach during its March 14-17 conference on the invitation of SCA.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of the SCA, met with representatives of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Council of Churches in Washington, D. C. on January 6th on behalf of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. They agreed to recommend to their respective organizations the formation of a religious leaders conference to cooperate with the Government Contracts Committee.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: The National Safety Council announced the appointment of a group of distinguished rabbis to its board of directors. They are: Morris Adler, Detroit; Abraham Feldman, West Hartford; Morris Katz, St. Paul; Louis L. Mann, Chicago; and Marc Tanenbaum, New York. They will take part in their first meeting of the board on April 5 in New York City.

"WHO SPEAKS FOR THE JEWS?" was the subject of an address by SCA Executive Director, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, before the adult education institute of Temple Israel, Great Neck, N. Y. on February 29. Dr. Mordecai Waxman, rabbi of the congregation, presided as moderator.

"TRENDS IN CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS" was the theme of Rabbi Tanenbaum's talk before the brotherhood of Congregation Beth Jacob, Baltimore, Md., on February 14. SCA Vice-President, Rabbi Uri Miller, led a lively discussion.

1964 World's Fair

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in New York. It organized a similar exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair in 1936, and arranged the sesquicentennial exhibition in Philadelphia (1926) for which it was awarded a medal.

Similar invitations to sponsor the Catholic and Protestant exhibits have been issued to the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Council of Churches. Representatives from these coordinating agencies and SCA are scheduled to meet shortly to plan a coordinated approach to the three-faith exhibitions.

Thomas Deegan, chairman pro tem of the 1964 Fair expressed appreciation for the cooperation of SCA and its six constituent agencies.

SCA Leaders Meet With Ben Gurion

SCA President Rabbi Max D. Davidson and Executive Director, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, joined a distinguished group of Jewish organizational and communal leaders at a meeting addressed by Israel Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. The meeting took place March 15 at the Pierre Hotel in New York.

The Prime Minister, here on a brief visit, spoke to the American Jewish leaders on the Middle East situation and the economic and social outlook in Israel.

Jos. Schlang To Attend Paris Alliance Congress

Joseph Schlang, former officer and long-time supporter of the Synagogue Council of America, has been designated as the personal representative of the SCA president to the 100th anniversary of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, to be held June 21 in Paris. French President Charles de Gaulle is honorary chairman of the centennial observances.

SCA Materials

The following SCA materials may be ordered from Synagogue Council of America, Suite 628, 110 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.

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Girl Scout Menorah Pin	2.50
Five-year Jewish Calendar and Career Directory	.15
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Other members of the Commission are: Lowell T. Coggshall, dean of the Division of Biological Sciences of the University of Chicago; S. Sloan Colt, president of the National Fund for Medical Education; Hon. Arthur S. Fleming, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Marion B. Folsom, Director of Eastman Kodak Co., and former Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Margaret A. Hickey, contributing editor to the Ladies Home Journal; Joseph C. Hinsey, Director of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center; Eugene Holman, Chairman of the Board of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey; Devereux C. Josephs, Chairman of the Board of the New York Life Insurance Co.; James A. Linen, publisher of Time; Arthur W. Page, business consultant to American Telephone and Telegraph Co.; and Juan T. Trippe, president of Pan American World Airways.

Mr. Stern, who was named in cooperation with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, is a member of the CJFWF Executive Committee and chairman of its Health Planning and Social Planning committees. He is also vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

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Armour Institute Reports

On Shehitah Research

With the completion of the first phase of the study of humane slaughtering of animals, the Armour Research Foundation is preparing to carry out the second phase, design and construction of a mechanical device which will insure humane handling and observe the requirements of shehitah at the same time.

The study was initiated by the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America (SCA) and the National Community Relations Advisory Council (NCRAC) in January. The Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology undertook to survey all methods of animal handling prior to slaughter and to determine the best possible method.

T. L. Bush, project engineer of the Mechanics Research Division, visited meat packing plants in Omaha, Oklahoma City, Kansas City and St. Paul where he conferred with rabbis supervising ritual slaughtering and also with

plant personnel. He also studied a method devised by a meat packing company in Toronto. The technique has been approved by the Canadian Jewish Congress as an acceptable method for kosher slaughter and has also been approved by the Health of Animals Division of the Canadian Department of Agriculture.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik of Brookline, who was nominated by the SCA as the Jewish member of the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Advisory Committee on Humane Slaughter, reported at a recent meeting of the committee that before any method is approved, "it will be subject to the scrutiny of qualified physiologists and veterinarians." (Copies of the report are available on request.)

Mr. Bush reported to the Joint Advisory Committee on Feb. 11 and received its authorization to design and construct the demonstration model. If it is found to be superior to methods now in use and is consistent with ritual requirements, the Joint Advisory Committee will recommend its adoption as the acceptable method of handling animals.

Rabbi Max D. Davidson and Mortimer Brenner of Brooklyn are co-chairmen of the Joint Advisory Committee. Rabbi Emanuel Holzer of Long Island is coordinator of the sub-committee on shehitah.

Rabbi Adams Attends Claims Conference On Behalf of SCA

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, past president of the Synagogue Council of America, represented the American Jewish religious community at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany held in Amsterdam, Jan. 31 through Feb. 2.

Benjamin Lazrus, chairman of the SCA National Advisory Council, who was also scheduled to attend the conference, was unable to do so because of illness in the family.

The German Claims Conference, composed of representatives of major Jewish communities throughout the world, supervises the distribution of restitution funds from the West German Government to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

Before arriving in Amsterdam for the three-day conference, Rabbi Adams toured Israel where he was received by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. They had a lengthy and searching discussion on the relationship of American Jews to Israel.

Both Rabbi Adams and SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, will represent the Synagogue Council at the Executive Board meeting of the Claims Conference to be held in Paris beginning June 26th.

RADIO-TV-FILMS

Attend NCC Meeting

In another expression of fraternal cooperation, the Broadcasting-Television-and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, representing 34 major Protestant denominations, invited Synagogue Council of America representatives to participate in their annual meeting on Feb. 17 and 18 in New York City. Rabbi David Panitz of Paterson, N. J., chairman of the SCA Radio-TV-Film Commission, and SCA Executive Director, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, attended the meeting at the invitation of Mrs. Theodore Wedell of Washington, D. C., NCC Commission Chairman, and Dr. S. Franklin Mack, Commission Executive Director. David Susskind, noted producer, delivered the principal address at the Feb. 17 evening meeting.

Moral Standards

Rabbi Panitz met last month with Bishop McNulty of Paterson, chairman of the Mass Media Division of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and with Msgr. Little and Father Sullivan

of the Legion of Decency, to discuss means of raising the moral standards of mass media. He also met with Dr. S. Franklin Mack, executive director of the Broadcasting-TV-Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, and Mrs. Theodore Wedell of Washington, D. C., national chairman, for similar discussions.

Conference of Agencies

The SCA Broadcasting-Television-Film Commission at a meeting on Jan. 12 recommended continued exploration with the commissions of the National Council of Churches and the National Council of Catholic Men of the possibility of convening a conference on moral and ethical standards in the mass media. The commission also undertook to study and formulate a position on this question for the SCA to adopt in advance of such a conference. Present at the meeting were: Rabbi David H. Panitz (RAA), Rabbi Morris Kertzer (CCAR), Paul Kresh and David Wise (UAHC), Samuel Hartstein (UOJCA) and Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum (SCA).

FILM PREVIEWS

SCA Broadcasting-TV-Film Commission sponsored preview screenings for its constituent agencies and their members of "On the Beach" in cooperation with United Artists, and "Conspiracies of Hearts" with Paramount Pictures Corporation.

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An informal reception prior to the first program meeting of the National Advisory Council brought together, among others, the following: (left to right) Myron S. Silbert, Cincinnati, Ohio; the Rev. Dr. Richard M. Fagley, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs; the Very Reverend Msgr. Raymond Gallagher, National Catholic Welfare Conference; Philip Kasakove, New Rochelle; Joseph Harlam, Hazleton, Pa.; Hon. Herbert H. Lehman; SCA Vice President Rabbi Julius Mark; Theodore Smith, United States Committee for the United Nations; Louis Wolfson, Jacksonville, Fla.

Flemming Confers With Three Faiths On Welfare Needs

Hon. Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, urged religious leaders to take an active role in nationwide efforts to meet the social welfare needs of the American people.

The Secretary addressed a meeting of representatives from the National Conference of Catholic Charities, the National Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council of America during an all-day consultation held Nov. 23 at the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The three-faith delegations met in Washington at the invitation of Secretary Flemming to review the health needs of the aging and public assistance to the needy.

A series of workshops on the (Continued on page 3)

Sign Contract For Shehitah Research

A contract for a research study to improve methods of handling animals in connection with Shehitah was signed this month by the Joint Advisory Committee of the SCA and the National Community Relations Advisory Council, and the Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of SCA, and Mortimer Brenner, co-chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee, (Continued on page 4)



MARVIN J. SILBERMAN

In Memoriam

The death of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Silberman of Scarsdale, N. Y., who perished in the Piedmont Airlines crash on Friday, Oct. 31, evoked widespread grief among the delegates of the constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council of America. Mr. Silberman, a National Secretary of the Synagogue Council and the first National Chairman of its Sponsors Committee, had just consented to represent the SCA at the Board of Directors meeting of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, scheduled for Amsterdam, January 31, 1960. Following is the statement issued by the SCA:

"With stunned and anguished hearts we acknowledge the tragic loss of our beloved friend and fellow-officer, Marvin J. Silberman, (Continued on page 2)

Lehman Urges NAC Play Role in Restoring Moral Strength in Community

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, honorary chairman of the SCA National Advisory Council, decried the "decline in the general sense of social and moral values" in the nation at the first program meeting of the newly-formed National Advisory Council of the Synagogue Council of America, Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Harmonie Club, New York City.

Mr. Lehman explained that those who have been "keenly aware of the crumbling of social and moral values over the past decade might almost welcome the recent television investigation which, because of its shocking impact and the widespread popularity of the medium, served, I hope, to awaken many thousands to the fact that the traditional portrait of the upright, forward-looking American is showing very evident signs of decay."

National Advisory Council members from all parts of the country heard Mr. Lehman appeal for greater participation of lay leadership in religious movements as "a strong motivating force, to help restore the moral strength of the community."

The Advisory Council was formed on Nov. 8 as a means of mobilizing "qualified lay leadership, both locally and nationally, in support of the work and pro-

gram of the Synagogue Council in national and international affairs."

Rabbi Julius Mark, SCA vice-president, presided at the afternoon session which heard Benjamin Lazrus, national chairman of NAC, discuss the achievements of the Synagogue Council in the fields of international relations, social welfare and inter-religious cooperation.

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Named to National Advisory Council

A virtual "Who's Who" of American Jewish leaders comprises the National Advisory Council of SCA. The following is an up-to-date registry of NAC members:

Alfred R. Bachrach, Stanley R. Broff, Ira Guilden, Orin Lehman, Joseph M. Mazer, Jakob Michael, Earl Morse, Max E. Oppenheimer, Maurice Tempelman, New York City; George Brussel Jr., Elmsford, N. Y.; Philip Kasakove, Charles S. Raizen, Robert M. Weitman, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Richard Koch, Jersey City, N. J.; Philip M. Klutznick, Park

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Religious and Political Figures React to Evangelism Dialogue

The Christian-Jewish dialogue over evangelism and its implications for our nation's foreign policy continued to evoke significant reactions in the nation's press, as well as from U.S. Government and religious leaders of the major faiths.

The dialogue came to public attention with the publication of an article in the April 29 issue of the *Christian Century* by the Rev. George Sweazey in which he urged Protestants to intensify their efforts to win Jews to Christianity. Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, chairman of SCA's International Affairs Commission, wrote a personal reply in the Sept. 16 issue of the same leading Protestant weekly in which he asserted that increased evangelism among Jews would embarrass both Christians and Jews and might even jeopardize the image of America before the world.

Officials in the White House, the State Department, the U.S. Congress, the United States Information Agency, and the Catholic and Protestant communities have reacted with great interest to the articles.

In a letter published in the Oct. 21 issue of *Christian Century*, Rev. Sweazey denied that "there is a new movement to

proselytize the Jews. There is no such movement and the impression that there is an aggressive new attempt to proselytize would surely arouse deep resentments."

He added that "the office on the Christian Approach to the Jews of the National Council of Churches . . . is at present dormant." Rev. Sweazey concluded: "Rabbi Hertzberg is right in saying that the ancient logical dilemmas will have to have better solutions than I proposed. His splendid article is a good example of how to look for them."

The Rev. John F. Cronin, assistant director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, pointed out that "proselytizing efforts often stir the group involved to a renewal and deepening of their own tradition. Such is happening to us in Latin America. Such may also be the result for the Jewish community in the United States, challenging many to re-examine and deepen their religious heritage."

A White House spokesman praised Rabbi Hertzberg's article as "the work of a strong and generous spirit," adding that "the President has the highest regard for the religious traditions of our people, indeed, all people."

SCA Director Sees Increased Cooperation Between Federations and Synagogue Leaders

Emergence of a "new pattern of cooperation" between religious and social welfare forces in the Jewish community that "may well transform American Jewry into one of the most effectively organized and spiritually vigorous communities in Jewish history," was predicted by SCA Executive Director Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum.

Rabbi Tanenbaum reviewed the history of the relationship between religious leaders and social workers before the 28th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on Sunday, November 15, at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, California. He addressed the workshop on "Community Federation - Synagogue Relationships" together with Benjamin Rosenberg, Executive Director of the Boston Jewish Federation.

"In the 1920s and 1930s," explained Rabbi Tanenbaum, "an atmosphere of sharp antagonism, mutual hostility and suspicion prevailed between the Rabbi, the

social worker, and by extension his employer, the community federation, separating them into virtual enemy camps."

Today, however, "the sources of psychological distance . . . have been increasingly removed," he added, "and a new atmosphere of respect and trust has been generated." The Rabbi and his congregation recognize the need in the community for the special skills of the social services and both the social worker and the community federation have discovered that "Jewish life today would be a spiritual and cultural orphan without the presence and impact of the Synagogue and the Rabbi."

Rabbi Tanenbaum pointed out that this relationship has resulted in effective collaboration in many areas of Jewish life, including education, recreation, social and cultural activities. Cooperation on a policy making and planning level has already taken place in such cities as Detroit, Chicago, Buffalo and Schenectady, he noted.

Kramer, Berman Named Committee Chairmen

Charles P. Kramer of New York City (UAHC), former officer and member of SCA for two decades, has been designated chairman of both the Constitution and Nominations committees of the Council. Mr. Kramer, who ten years



H. BERMAN



C. P. KRAMER

ago as chairman of the SCA Committee on Scope, helped reorganize the SCA program, has received a mandate to review the constitution and nominations procedures of the Council.

Herbert Berman of Far Rockaway, N. Y., (UOJCA) SCA recording secretary, has been appointed national chairman of the Federal Institutions Committee of the SCA. His committee is charged with reassessing the SCA program of providing chaplains and religious articles to Federal correctional institutions.

George Allen, director of the U.S.I.A. declared ". . . it does strike me as highly salutary that this kind of rational dialogue is being carried on."

Hundreds of copies of Rabbi Hertzberg's article have been ordered by community relations councils and rabbis from all parts of the nation for use in inter-religious programs, for Synagogue adult education programs and for college students.

Marvin Silberman

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and his cherished wife, Ruth, whose sudden deaths leave a deep and painful void in American Judaism. As the first National Chairman of the Sponsors Committee, and as a recently elected Secretary of the Synagogue Council of America, Marvin left an indelible imprint on our people and our faith. His gentle spirit, his wisdom and statesmanship, his devotion and beneficence endeared him to every branch of Judaism within the Council. The officers and delegates and the National Advisory Council of the Synagogue Council extend heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families of Marvin and Ruth. In their sorrow may the Almighty comfort them with all who mourn among the Household of Israel."

An appropriate memorial tribute to Marvin and Ruth Silberman is being planned by the Synagogue Council.

Rabbi Theodore Adams, Benj. Lazrus Named to German Claims Conference



RABBI T. L. ADAMS

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, former SCA president, and Benjamin Lazrus, Chairman of the SCA National Advisory Council, have been appointed official SCA representatives to the Board of Directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The Conference is charged with the responsibility of allocating German funds to survivors. The Board meeting will be



BENJAMIN LAZRUS

held in Amsterdam from January 29 through February 2, 1960. Rabbi Adams will represent the Synagogue Council on the Executive Committee of the Claims Conference. Present SCA representatives succeed Samuel Rothstein, former SCA treasurer, and Moses I. Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, both of whom represented the SCA with distinction.

SCA Across The Nation

Workshop for Peace: Former SCA President Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, Hartford, Conn., discussed interreligious cooperation for peace at a workshop of the UAHC convention, Nov. 18, in Miami Beach, Fla. Rabbi Feldman drew on his SCA experience in cooperation with the National Council of Churches and the National Catholic Welfare Council to explain the "issues that unite and the issues that divide."

Fellowship Dinner: SCA vice-president Rabbi Uri Miller (RCA), Baltimore, addressed on Dec. 2 the Fellowship Dinner of the Synagogue Council and the Board of Jewish Ministers of Greater Montreal, the two organizations that form part of the Religious Welfare Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Narcotics Control: Rabbi Morton Leifman (RAA) has been designated to represent SCA on the Ad Hoc Committee for a Narcotics Foundation.

Centennial Commission: SCA President Rabbi Max D. Davidson has accepted the invitation of Major General Ulysses S. Grant III, Chairman of the Civil War Centennial Commission, to serve on the seven-member Religious Cooperative Council of the Commission. The Religious Cooperative Council will assist in the

planning of the religious aspects of the forthcoming five-year centennial of the Civil War, scheduled to begin early in 1960. Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin of Los Angeles has accepted to serve as one of the four honorary members.

Religion in Schools: A conference on reassessment of policies on religion and the public schools is being held by the Joint Advisory Committee of the SCA and the National Community Relations Advisory Council December 13-15 at the Stephen S. Wise Congress House in New York City. A report of the conference will be published in the next issue of HIGHLIGHTS.

Boy Scouts: The Synagogue Council of America, in a statement issued on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, described "the Boy Scout movement as a major factor in strengthening the moral fiber of American life."

"Now more than ever," the statement added, "when one moral crisis after another confronts a confused world, reverence for God and respect for neighbor must underlie every approach and all human relationships, if the world and human values are to survive."

Religion: Cardinal Spellman, Rev. Dr. Eugene Blake, former

BEQUEST FORM FOR SCA

For those who wish to include the Synagogue Council of America in their wills, the following is suggested for the guidance of testators and the attorneys who aid in the preparation of their wills:

I give and bequeath to the Synagogue Council of America, Inc., of the State of New York, the sum of \$..... to the use of the general purposes of the program of the Synagogue Council of America.

Executors are advised that the Synagogue Council of America may also qualify for grants from residuary estates or "broad" legacies where the testator expresses the intention to donate to the promotion of Jewish religious unity.

Flemming Confers Advisory Council

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conference topics was conducted by the Very Rev. Msgr. Raymond Gallagher of the Catholic Charities, Rev. William Villaume of the National Council of Churches and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA executive director. Dr. Bernard Lander, Chairman of the SCA Commission on Family and Youth Welfare and Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, SCA vice-president, headed the SCA delegation.

The SCA delegation included Philip Bernstein, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJFWF), Morris Zelditch, CJF WF director of social planning, and Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, past CJFWF president; Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs of Olivette, Missouri; Judge Nathaniel Ely and Isaac Franck of Washington, D. C.; Rabbi David Panitz of Paterson, N. J.; Rabbi Albert Schwartz of Perth Amboy, N. J. and Rabbi Balfour Brickner of Washington, D. C.

A meeting of the three-faith groups is scheduled for Feb. 2 in New York City to discuss the drafting of a joint statement on residence requirements for public assistance.

president of the National Council of Churches, and Rabbi Max D. Davidson, SCA president, joined in commending Religion in American Life (RIAL) on its 11th annual campaign to increase worship attendance at all churches and synagogues.

The SCA statement praised RIAL "for the extraordinary contribution it has made in fostering a deepened sense of commitment on the part of Americans of all faiths to their Houses of worship." RIAL is a nonsectarian movement sponsored by a laymen's committee composed of members of the major faiths and supported by 24 national religious bodies.

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Forest, Ill. Jacob M. Arvey, Nathan Cummings, Chicago, Ill.; Edward H. Benenson, Stamford; Herman G. Handmaker, Louisville, Ky.; David Silver, Augusta, Ga.; Jacob Blaustein, Joseph Meyerhoff, Baltimore, Md.

Also: Samuel H. Daroff, Harry S. Sylk, Philadelphia, Pa.; Irving Fain, Pawtucket, R. I.; Dewey D. Stone, Brockton, Mass.; Abraham B. Polinsky, San Diego, Calif.; Benjamin H. Swig, San Francisco, Calif.; Samuel W. Banowitz, Beverly Hills, Calif.; Myron S. Silbert, Cincinnati, Ohio; Louis E. Wolfson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mose M. Feld, Houston, Texas; Joseph Harlam, Hazleton, Pa.; Benjamin S. Katz, Milwaukee, Wis.

Michael M. Nisselson of New Rochelle, N. Y., is consultant to the advisory council and Irving Workoff of New York City, is director of development.

Lehman Urges

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Rabbi Max D. Davidson, SCA President, described the program of the organization, pointing out the need for creating an "inventory of experts" to assist the Synagogue Council in such vital areas of national concern as foreign affairs; family, marriage and youth.

Guest speakers included the Very Rev. Msgr. Raymond Gallagher of Cleveland, of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; the Rev. Dr. Richard M. Fagley, executive secretary of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council; Harry W. Seamans, chief liaison officer of the Office of Public Service in the State Department; and Theodore Smith, executive director of the U. S. Committee for the United Nations.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg of Englewood, N. J., chairman of the SCA International Affairs Commission, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA executive director, addressed the evening session.

SCA Agencies To Take Part in 1961 White House Conference For Aging

In preparation for the 1961 White House Conference on Aging, all SCA agencies will be canvassed for reports on their activities and studies on aging in the local communities. These findings will be incorporated into various papers to be delivered at several of the workshop sessions and will have a bearing on the recommendations emerging from the sessions.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA executive director and co-chairman of the Planning Committee on Religion, at a recent meeting, recommended surveys by all three faiths. Papers based on these surveys would offer a unique contribution to the field of aging, he asserted. Such papers, written in depth, with a philosophical and historical background, could be used by seminaries, libraries, Government and various organizations concerned with the problems of aging to provide insights into the role of religion in this vital area, he said.

Some of the topics to come under discussion at the workshop sessions will be: deepening the possibility of spiritual growth of the aged; stressing the role of the congregation in shaping attitudes towards older people; creating

new services to meet the needs of the aged; bringing religion into the lives of older people in institutions; and developing a new program in the congregations in relating to the older people on a person to person basis, both in their homes and institutions.

Approximately 3,000 delegates are expected to take part in the conference. They will be divided into 20 sections with four or five workshops in each section. Present plans provide for 150 delegates for each section. The conference is scheduled to take place January 9-12, 1961, in Washington, D. C.

SCA Materials

The following SCA materials may be ordered from Synagogue Council of America, Suite 628, 110 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.

Girl Scout Award	
Requirements Booklet	.25
Girl Scout Menorah Pin	2.50
Five-year Jewish Calendar	.15
Sabbath Attendance Chart for Junior Congregations	Free
UN Prayer Card	Free
Labor-Management Relations Statement	Free
"To Believe and to Wait," a Jewish statement on evangelism	.15

RADIO-TV-FILMS

"The **Eternal Light**," the NBC radio network program of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, featured a broadcast statement by SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, on December 20th.

NCC

"Pilgrimage," the National Council of Churches' official network radio program, featured a discussion on "Religion in the Public Schools" between Dr. R. Lanier Hunt, Director of NCC's Department of Christian Education, and SCA Executive Director, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, on its December 6th broadcast over the American Broadcasting Company's network. Quincy Howe, noted veteran news commentator, was the moderator, and Milton Cross the announcer.

Radio Chapel

A schedule of speakers for the Sunday Radio Chapel, broadcast by WOR-Mutual, was arranged by the Synagogue Council of America during November. Speakers included Rabbi Morton Leifman, assistant director of the Rabbinical Assembly of America (Nov. 15); Rabbi Israel Klavan, executive secretary of the Rabbinical Council of America (Nov. 22); and Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, spiritual leader of Temple Israel, Great Neck, N. Y. (Nov. 29).



SCA Chairman

Rabbi David H. Panitz, Spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel, Paterson, New Jersey, and formerly of Washington, D. C., has been appointed National Chairman of the SCA Broadcasting-Television-Film Commission.

As Chairman of the National Commission, Rabbi Panitz will be responsible for coordinating the common interests of the Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform Rabbinic and Congregational associations in the field of mass communications, embracing radio, television and motion pictures.

Shehitah Research

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signed the agreement.

The SCA was authorized by its constituent agencies at a meeting Nov. 11 to serve as depository of funds for the research project.

Rabbi Emanuel Holzer, coordinator of the Shehitah defense program of SCA and the NCRAC, reported that the internationally renowned institute would undertake an intensive scientific analysis of methods of handling animals in preparation for Shehitah and compare them with non-Shehitah methods. On the basis of its findings the Institute would devise new methods in terms of humaneness and practicability.

Should the research disclose more humane methods of restraining animals before Shehitah than those now in use, the Jewish organizations would recommend that their methods be modified accordingly. They asked however, that any legislation enacted define as humane the methods found to be humane by the study,

just as the act of Shehitah has been defined as humane by Federal law and most state laws.

It was also reported that action by Jewish organizations prevented or postponed adverse legislation on Shehitah in 10 of the 15 states where such legislation was introduced last year, and succeeded in making some revisions in legislation which passed.

Representatives of Jewish organizations asked postponement of state action on Shehitah, where such laws were being considered, until completion of the studies. They also asked that if a state law should be enacted, it should follow the federal law in defining Shehitah as a humane method.

In the meantime the Joint Advisory Committee is intensifying its program of education and interpretation of the significance of Shehitah as a religious observance and its humaneness as a method of slaughter.



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Lazrus Named Chairman of SCA Advisory Council

Rabbi Hertzberg Warns Against Conversion

A personal statement of what some Jewish reactions are to recently intensified efforts among some Protestant groups to convert Jews to Christianity was written by the chairman of the International Affairs Commission of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg (RAA). Entitled, "To Believe - and to Wait," the article appeared in the Sept. 16 issue of *Christian Century*, leading Protestant weekly.

The thesis of the article—widely quoted in the nation's press, including the *New York Times* and *Time* magazine — was that Protestant efforts to evangelize the Jews will prove an embarrassment to both Jews and Christians and may even jeopardize the image of America before the world. The article was published as a reply to a statement by a Protestant official, which appeared in the April 29 issue of *Christian Century*, who urged Protestants to seek to win Jews to Christianity with love and friendship. He said this was now possible because "many Jews scarcely have a religion."

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SCA Committee Heads Named

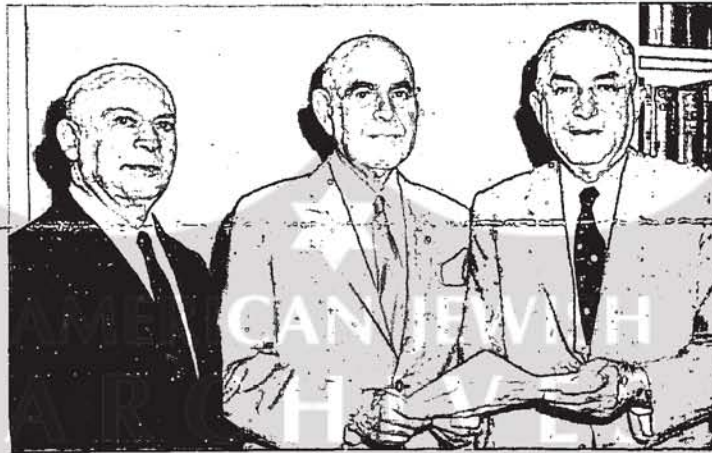
A partial list of Chairmen of SCA standing committees for the current organizational year has been announced by Rabbi Max D. Davidson, SCA President.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:
Max S. Rosenfeld, New York (UOJCA).

SCOPE COMMITTEE:
Rabbi Jay Kaufman, New York (UAHC).

BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE:
Rabbi Norman Salit, New York (USA).

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Former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman reviews SCA National Advisory Council program with newly appointed national chairman, Benjamin Lazrus, right, and SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, left.

Announcement Made By Senator Lehman, Honorary Chairman

Former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, honorary national chairman of the National Advisory Council of the Synagogue-Council of America, has announced the appointment of Benjamin Lazrus as Chairman of the National Advisory Council. Mr. Lazrus is Chairman of the Board of Benrus Watch Co.

Formation of the National Advisory Council grew out of a discussion at the briefing session held in Washington on May 10, prior to the participation of 32 SCA delegates in the conference called by Vice-President Nixon on behalf of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. Mr. Lazrus, at this session, pointed out "in view of the many calls made upon the Synagogue Council for participation in official conferences of various kinds from governmental agencies such as the State Department, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Labor and from Congressional committees, that it would be advisable to establish a National Advisory Council as a resource so that there would be available representatives and spokesmen from our own groups who could be asked to accept appointments to various delegations. We would thereby be enabled to have 'top brains and community experience' available at all times when we were called upon for representation."

Community leaders from throughout the country were invited to join the National Advisory Council. The letter of invitation stressed the fact that the Synagogue Council "has by the logic of events been forced to face the question of strengthening the Synagogue Council to deal with the manifold problems which now come to it from both national and international governmental departments."

Rabbi Davidson Sets Spiritual Tone For World Refugee Year

The theme for the official launching by voluntary agencies of their observance of World Refugee Year was set by SCA President Rabbi Max D. Davidson in his blessing before the luncheon of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service on July 1st at the Hotel Plaza, New York City.

Appearing before 500 delegates representing the major voluntary relief and religious agencies of America, Rabbi Davidson stated, "May the year here and now begun be at its end a reunion of rejoicing, and hailed as a jubilee, a journey of justice. May our bread be blessed by Thee, yea and by the mouths of the millions to whom bread will be given. May our homes be hallowed by the harried homeless to whom will be restored through the awakened conscience of the world, home and hope and honor, when every man shall sit under his vine and fig tree and none shall make him afraid."

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MEMBERS NAMED TO ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairman Lazrus has announced that the following have accepted membership on the National Advisory Council now in formation: Alfred R. Bachrach, Ira Guilden, Orin Lehman, Earl Morse, Max E. Oppenheimer and Maurice Templesman of New York City; George Brussel, Jr. of Elmsford, N. Y.; Nathan Cummings of Chicago, Ill.; Samuel H. Daroff of Philadelphia, Pa.; Irving J. Fain of Pawtucket, R. I.; Kivie Kaplan of Boston, Mass.; Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, Md.; Charles S. Raizen of New Rochelle, N. Y.; Myron S. Silbert of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Benjamin H. Swig of San Francisco, Calif. Michael M. Nisselson of New Rochelle, N. Y. will act as consultant to the NAC. Irving Workoff of Bronx, N. Y., will serve as director of development to the Council.

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Rabbi Davidson Joins in 3-Faith UN Prayer Card

In connection with observance of "United Nations Day" on October 24, the United States Committee for the United Nations is distributing a three-faith "suggested prayer readings" card containing statements by the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches; Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York; and Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

In his text, Rabbi Davidson expressed the hope that the "United Nations be strengthened as a force for reconciliation," and, "may the peaceful process of deliberate and mutually-respecting discussion take the place of violence and force in resolving the problems of the world."

The U. S. Committee for the U.N. is distributing the cards to churches and synagogues throughout the nation for use in Sabbath observances prior to October 24.

Aids Chinese Refugee Service



HONG KONG — In a demonstration of the humanitarian concern of religiously-committed Jews for the welfare of suffering people of other faiths, Joseph Schlang, a Synagogue Council leader for over 20 years, made a contribution here last month in support of the milk bar service to Chinese refugees maintained by Church World Service, the Protestant overseas relief agency. Mr. Schlang (left) is shown presenting a check to Dr. Kenneth G. Hobart, Hong Kong Director of the church agency. "The brotherhood demonstrated by Church World Service in serving milk daily to more than 15,000 persons through its seven milk bars, without regard to race or religion, is most commendable", Mr. Schlang stated. "It meets with sympathetic response in the Jewish community which has had very wide experience in relief work for refugees."

SCA ACROSS THE NATION

TRAFFIC SAFETY: Leon J. Ell and Rabbi Irving Lehrman, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel, Miami Beach, Florida, represented the SCA at the American Bar Association Conference for the President's Committee for Traffic Safety held in Miami on August 24-25. "Whenever the driver of an auto takes the wheel in his hands, he invokes the verse from Deuteronomy, 'I have set before thee life and death: therefore, choose life,' they said.

UNITED NATIONS: Morris E. Adelstein, Robert Gamzey, editor of the Inter-Mountain Jewish News, Denver, and Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, SCA UNESCO delegate, represented SCA at the Seventh National Conference of the United States National Commission for UNESCO held in Denver, September 29. The conference was designed to advance more effective cooperation between the nations and peoples of North and South America.

CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE: Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, Md., SCA vice-president, represented the Synagogue Council of America at the National Conference on Citizenship on September 16-19 in Washington.

RECEPTION: Representatives of the Synagogue Council of America attended an official reception for the U. S. Mission to the Fourteenth General Assembly of the United Nations on September 13th at the Waldorf. The SCA representatives included Herbert Berman, SCA recording secretary; Israel Berman, chairman of the SCA mission to the United Nations; and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director.

BOY SCOUTS: Rabbi Norman Salit of New York City, past president, represented SCA among 3,000 of the nation's Boy Scout leaders at their 11th National Training Conference held September 1 to September 8 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

NUCLEAR TESTS: Rabbi Meyer Greenberg, President of the Washington, D. C., Board of Rabbis, represented the SCA at a briefing session held by the State Department on the Geneva conference on the discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests. The session, which took place in the new State Department building on June 25, brought the assemblage up to date on the negotiations between the United States, England and the Soviet Union.

Committee Heads

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INTER-RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Rabbi Maurice J. Bloom, New York (CCAR).

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES COMMITTEE: Rabbi David Golovensky, New Rochelle, N. Y. (RCA).

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Englewood, New Jersey (RAA).

FAMILY & YOUTH WELFARE COMMITTEE: Rabbi Bernard Lander, N. Y. (RCA).

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rabbi Julius Mark, New York (CCAR).

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UNITED NATIONS MISSION COMMITTEE: Israel Berman, New York (UOJCA).

World Refugee Year

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The inauguration of World Refugee Year, which will be celebrated by a series of local and national meetings to "awaken public opinion to the needs of the refugee," was addressed by Monsignor Edward E. Swanstrom, Executive Director of the Catholic Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference; The Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr., Dean of the Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C. and Chairman of the United States Committee for Refugees; and the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, U. S. Sen., Minn.

SCA is a member agency of the U. S. Committee for Refugees and is represented on its Board of Directors by past SCA president, Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, Conn.

Rabbi Hertzberg

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While the Synagogue Council arranged for publication of the Jewish reply, and while, too, Rabbi Hertzberg holds official position in SCA, the statement was printed as his own and does not constitute an official declaration of SCA or of any of its constituent organizations.

Reprints of Rabbi Hertzberg's article for distribution among congregation members, Christian clergy, mass media, and for other education and community relations purposes are available from Synagogue Council at fifteen cents per copy.

SCA Labor Day Message Broadcast Around the World

Radio Free Europe and the United States Information Agency broadcast around the world the Labor Day statement of Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of the Synagogue Council of America, together with those of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Council of Churches.

George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, wrote to 6,500 labor union affiliates urging their use of the Catholic, Protestant, and Synagogue Council statements in their Labor Day programs.

In his statement, which was unanimously approved by the delegates of the constituent organizations of SCA, Rabbi Davidson asserted: "Labor-management cooperation for the common good is a major force for democracy in the world struggle for public opinion."

Pointing to the necessity for both labor and management to "assess the spiritual and physical needs of the nation, the community and the individual" from the long-range point of view, Rabbi Davidson explained that, "in the contest for the hearts and minds of men, the concept and the practice of free and responsible cooperation between employers and employees in open good faith for the common weal of our citizenry emerges as a major force for democracy."

"The leadership of both labor and management," he added, "have a fundamental responsibility to assure that this achievement of American society be maintained and strengthened."

The message was distributed to all rabbis and community relations councils. Leading newspapers of the country published the message and congregational bulletins gave it wide attention.

Foundations Support SCA

Increased recognition of the values of SCA's program is reflected in contributions received from important national philanthropic foundations. The Reader's Digest Foundation, an annual contributor, transmitted this year's contribution with the comment, "We are glad to have the privilege of furthering . . . the valuable service that your organization is performing."

A substantial donation was also received from the Cecil B. De Mille Trust, appropriately set up from the proceeds of the motion picture, "The Ten Commandments." Concern for the promo-

The President's Corner

A Personal View

By Rabbi Max D. Davidson

The organizational pattern of the American Jewish community is far from definitive. Among the several factors that make for fluidity, we may mention two examples. Large-scale geographical redistribution shows no sign of slowing down.



The relationship of American Jews and Judaism to Jews and Judaism in Israel is not yet crystallized in a single, simple formula.

However, three changes have developed and are now broadly evident to all, except to a few groups and individuals whose *raison d'être* is disappearing with new conditions.

What are these three changes?

First — the non-religious representative of the Jewish community, local or national, is no longer acceptable, either by Jews or by non-Jews. Without going quite as far as Will Herberg, we have seen, in this generation, the emergence of the Jews as one of the three major denominations, and the recognition of official religious representatives as authentic and authoritative.

The catchword of a bygone generation, "cultural pluralism," is discredited and obsolete. The very creation of the State of Israel has made "nationalist" Jews everywhere but in Israel an anachronism. Certainly in the two fields in which the Synagogue Council has its most extensive activity, viz., contact with government agencies and with church bodies, we see that it is only with representatives of the religious community that they care to deal

when they are asking a Jewish question.

The non-synagogue agencies which still have the greatest funds and the largest staffs, and which would naturally be the last to want to accept the fact of this change, are themselves finding it necessary to call in the Synagogue Council when high level negotiations with government and the non-Jewish community are required. The Synagogue Council is ready to cooperate; indeed, it does cooperate with many of these agencies who have rendered distinguished service, and who have developed techniques and technicians in specialized fields.

It is when some of these agencies have stepped beyond the bounds of their competence and have assumed a mandate which they never possessed that they have run afoul of Jewish public policy and the new sense of public responsibility. When the Jewish point of view on social, political and religious questions and problems is sought, it is Jewish religious teaching that is wanted. Jews in America will be given attention when THEY speak with a religious voice.

Second — No single sub-denomination (Orthodox, Reform, Conservative) can arrogate to itself the privilege of speaking for the entire Jewish community. They may not be exactly equal in strength, in number of affiliated individuals, in number of rabbis, in number and size of congregations, in rabbinic and teachers' training schools, in departments and programming; but each of the three groups is so large and so well organized and well supported, each has such able leaders, each is so well entrenched and so influential, that not one of the three can be disregarded by the other two.

There are certainly areas of interest and intense activity in which one may be more concerned than the other, but even here the cooperation and participation of all three is required if a Jewish religious voice is to be heard by the outside world. Any other procedure would dissipate effective response, and would hold a divided Jewry up to ridicule and disesteem.

Third — Since Judaism does not make the same distinction between clergy and laity as do other religious groups, any approach to the non-Jewish world must come, not from rabbis alone, but

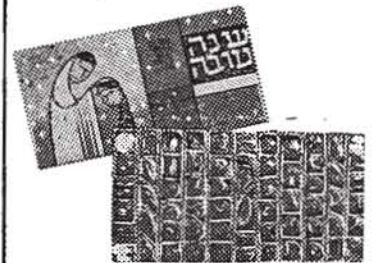
jointly from rabbis and laymen, from congregational and rabbinic bodies. By the same token, a unilateral presentation by laymen and/or congregational organizations, either alone, together, or in conjunction with non-religious groups, would be, and is, regarded as an anti-rabbinical cabal, and carries no authority.

The obsolescent non-religious associations who have heretofore been the self-appointed spokesmen for American Jews would very much like to encourage such anti-clericalism. They would like to see differences exposed and exhibited in public thus, by dividing they hope to conquer.

Government, church bodies, and other agencies can hear and understand the Jewish voice only when it speaks in religious accents, in religious tones; only when it issues forth from the joint chorus of congregational and rabbinic authority. That is why the Synagogue Council of America, despite its meager funds and small staff, has been so effective. By coming to a common consensus, the Synagogue Council can present a single point of view on behalf of the Jewish religious message.

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SCA Leader Elected CCAR President; Strong Support For Council Urged

Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, a former president of the Synagogue Council, was elected president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis at the organization's seventieth annual convention concluded on June 28th in Bretton Woods, N. H.

In a report to the CCAR convention on the Synagogue Council, SCA Vice-President, Rabbi Julius Mark, chairman of the CCAR delegation to SCA, urged a strong resolution in support of the Council. Rabbi Mark asked for a "commitment on the part of individual members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to go back to their communities and work actively during the coming months to assure that the Synagogue Council receive a substantial allocation from our local welfare funds."

He added that "If each of the major welfare funds allocated a minimum of \$1,000, the Syna-

gogue Council would quickly become established as it deserves to be."

In support of his recommendation Dr. Mark pointed out that "the National Catholic and Protestant church bodies, the White House, the State Department, and federal agencies of our government increasingly turn to the Synagogue Council as their liaison with American Jewry. The thesis that the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious communities constitute the three major faiths of America, and together represent the largest cross-section of our nation's population, is now a fact of life in American society.

"It has become similarly a fact of life that the representative agencies of these three religious communities are the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Council and the Synagogue Council of America," Rabbi Mark said.

Worth Quoting . . .

"It is most appropriate that in such a fearful, fateful time, representative leaders of the Jewish and Christian communities should be drawing close together, as we have been doing in recent years. For this bridge of reconciling relationship, major credit must be given to the magnificent leadership of the Synagogue Council of America, as exemplified in your retiring president, Rabbi Adams, in his predecessor, whom I delight to claim as a friend, Rabbi Feldman, and in your indefatigable and inspiring Executive Director, Rabbi Tanenbaum, to name only a few."

Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Maxwell, Director of the Department of International Affairs, National Council of Churches at SCA Annual Dinner, June 16.

"... my hope is for guidance along lines not already well-traveled by the community relations agencies. It seems to me that the pressing need at the moment is for religious leadership on such moral issues as the following:

Testing of nuclear weapons; Negotiations over European security and the German problem; scarcity in the midst of abundance (inflation at home and underdevelopment abroad).

A letter to SCA from Robert D. Katzoff of Baltimore, Md.

"Individuals and families are turning more and more to synagogues and rabbis on a local level than they have ever done in America. Communities and organizations are turning more and more to Jewish national religious bodies for moral and ethical guidance in situations where previously they might have turned elsewhere."

"... As recently as fifteen years ago, parents demanded a watering down of religion for their children. Now there is more and more demand for intensive religious education."

SCA President Rabbi Max D. Davidson in an interview with the New York Herald Tribune, published nationally by the Herald Tribune News Service.

Rabbi Mark Calls For Stronger Laws Against Obscenity

Strong legislation and effective law enforcement against the distribution of obscene and salacious literature were urged by Rabbi Julius Mark, SCA vice-president, in his testimony August 28 before the joint hearing held in Washington, D. C., by the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency and Constitutional Amendments.

Expressing alarm over the anti-social behavior among our youth, Rabbi Mark said, "The very future of our civilization is dependent upon our successful solution of this frightening problem.

"As to the need for improving our homes, our schools, our social agencies and our churches and synagogues making a greater impact upon our youngsters, so that they can be trained in the way that they should go," added Rabbi Mark, "there can be no question." He pointed out that "Most of our states and many of our cities have laws against the distribution of obscene and salacious literature, but these laws are frequently not enforced at all or, if a violator is apprehended, he is often set free after paying a small fine."

Appearing on the personal invitation of Sen. Estes Kefauver (Dem., Tenn.), subcommittee chairman, Rabbi Mark urged the committee to effect quick passage of the legislation it contemplates because it would "strengthen the hands of our law enforcement officials . . . by imposing heavier fines and making jail sentences longer and mandatory."



Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, outgoing SCA president, receives a plaque inscribed with a tribute to his leadership during his two-year term of office from incoming president Rabbi Max D. Davidson, at SCA Annual Dinner, June 16. Messages acclaiming the work of Rabbi Adams and SCA were received from President Dwight D. Eisenhower and many other national leaders in government circles and Catholic and Protestant church federations.

SCA Girl Scout Award

The Girl Scout Committee of the SCA has revised the requirements for earning the Menorah Award, and has published them in a booklet available at 25 cents. The sterling silver pin costs \$2.50. Both may be obtained from the Synagogue Council of America, 110 West 42nd Street, Suite 628, New York 18, N. Y.

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Rabbi Max D. Davidson Elected President of SCA

FEUERSTEIN SPEAKS FOR SCA ON MUTUAL AID BEFORE SENATE



AN URGENT APPEAL for continued foreign aid by the United States was presented to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on behalf of Synagogue Council of America in testimony by Moses I. Feuerstein, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Mr. Feuerstein is shown (left) chatting with two other national leaders, who testified at the same hearing: Eric Johnston (center) speaking for the Committee for International Economic Growth, and Dr. Donald Stone of the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches.

State Dept. Officials Praise SCA Testimony For Mutual Aid

A strong appeal for an adequate foreign aid program was made in April before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on behalf of the constituent agencies of the Synagogue Council of America by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. A similar SCA plea was presented to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on May 21 by Moses I. Feuerstein, President

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Officials of the U. S. Department of State have expressed appreciation to the Synagogue Council of America for testimony in behalf of the Mutual Security program before Congressional committees by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Moses I. Feuerstein, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

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Congregations Urged To Back Refugee Year

The Synagogue Council of America is participating in World Refugee Year, which begins July 1, with a request to the American rabbinate to incorporate in their synagogue educational programs information on this significant effort to focus world attention on the plight of more than 40,000,000 homeless human beings.

World Refugee Year is a key project of the United States Committee for Refugees, a new citizens organization concerned with the refugee problem on "a global scale." Dr. Abraham J. Feldman, Chairman of the SCA International Affairs Commission and past SCA President, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Committee.

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White House Assures SCA On AFME Tour

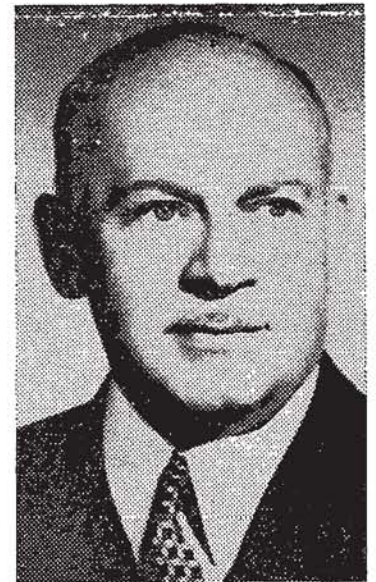
A White House spokesman has assured the Synagogue Council of America, in response to a protest over sponsorship by the People-to-People Foundation of a Middle East tour by the American Friends of the Middle East, that there will not be a recurrence of sponsorship of such groups by the Foundation.

The protest was made to Brooks Emery, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the People-to-People Foundation, by Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, Past President of SCA and Chairman of its International Affairs Commission.

Rabbi Feldman noted that the Foreign Affairs Committee had conferred official sponsorship on the tour as a People-to-People project and that the name of President Eisenhower had been

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Rabbis Mark, Miller Named Vice-Presidents



RABBI DAVIDSON

Rabbi Max Davidson of Perth Amboy, N. J., a past President of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, was elected at the final plenary session on June 9 to a two-year term as President of the Synagogue Council of America. He succeeds Rabbi Theodore L. Adams.

Rabbi Julius Mark of New York was elected First Vice President, succeeding Rabbi Davidson. Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore was elected Second Vice-President, succeeding Rabbi Mark.

Philip Greene of Jamaica, N.Y., was elected Treasurer, succeeding Samuel Rothstein of New York.

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ON THE INSIDE

This issue of HIGHLIGHTS contains a special insert giving a detailed report on the first Religious Leaders Conference called by the President's Committee on Government Contracts

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The National Council of the Committee includes as members Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Rabbi Arthur Chiel of the Rabbinical Assembly of America and Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President.

The SCA is requesting the American Rabbinate to schedule at least one sermon on World Refugee Year before July 1. Background material is being made available by SCA to rabbis to assure maximum educational programs in synagogue on the refugee problem.

The goals of World Refugee Year are to focus interest on the problem and to encourage additional financial contributions from Governments, voluntary agencies and the general public for its solution; and to encourage additional opportunities for refugee solutions, through voluntary repatriation, resettlement or integration, on a purely humanitarian basis and "in accordance

JEWISH LEADERS FIGHT BIAS



JEWISH LEADERS at the Religious Leaders Conference called by the President's Committee on Government Contracts took an active role in the deliberations on eliminating employment bias. Here is a group of the Jewish leaders in an informal moment. Jewish participation was coordinated by the Synagogue Council. Left to right (seated) are Samuel Daroff of Philadelphia; Benjamin Doft of Lawrence, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Kramer of New York and Herman Taubman of Tulsa, Okla. Left to right (standing) are A. W. Scheffres of New York City, Milton Levin of Jamaica, N. Y., William Murstein of Hamilton, Ohio, and Samuel Rothstein of New York City. A complete report on the conference appears as a special insert in this issue.

AT SCA-NCRAC URGING

State Legislators Postpone
Action On Local Slaughter Bills

A vigorous nationwide effort to persuade state legislatures to postpone action on state human slaughter bills, pending clarification of the Federal Humane Slaughter Law, has been pushed by the constituent agencies of the Synagogue Council of America. The campaign has met with positive results, according to Rabbi Emanuel Holzer of the Rabbinical Council of America, Chairman of the SCA Religious Observance Committee.

Such legislation has been introduced in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Washington State and Wisconsin.

Opposition to such legislation is based on a "Statement on Shechita" prepared by the Religious Observance Committee of SCA and approved by the SCA constituent organizations.

Nationally the Jewish position is being coordinated through the Joint Advisory Committee of SCA and the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

with the freely expressed wishes of the refugees themselves."

Dr. Feldman represented SCA at the White House Conference on refugees on May 21-22.

Flemming Names
Rabbi Tanenbaum
To Aging Conclave

The appointment of Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Executive Director of the Synagogue Council of America, as a member of the National Advisory Council of the 1961 White House Conference on Aging has been announced by Hon. Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Conference will be concerned with the economic security and retirement problems of some 50,000,000 Americans who are 45 years of age and over.

The Conference was authorized by Congress in 1958, with a specification that the conference be held in Washington, D. C. in January 1961. Participation of the religious Jewish community in the conference will be coordinated by SCA on behalf of its constituent organizations.

Under the direction of Secretary Flemming, a Special Staff on Aging is preparing plans for the Conference in cooperation with the Federal Council on Aging. The National Advisory Committee will direct the overall planning for the Conference, which will be preceded by a series of forums and conferences at local and state levels.

More than 2,500 delegates are due to participate in the Conference, which will be expected to make recommendations for a course of positive action in dealing with the problems of the aging. The law requires that a final report, containing recommended action to the President, is to be submitted not later than 90 days after the Conference is concluded.

In authorizing the Conference, Congress declared that the Federal Government should work with the states and their citizens to examine and recommend plans to help middle-aged and older persons in several major fields. These included employment opportunities, retirement for older persons with sufficient income for health and for community participation, suitable housing for older persons, assistance in preparing for the transition to retirement and more research to help older persons in handling the burdens of illness, mental problems and ostracism.

A National Leadership Training Institute for the Conference, to which SCA has been invited, will be conducted by the HEW Special Staff June 24-26 at the University of Michigan.

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MUTUAL AID

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of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Rabbi Eisendrath told the Congressional committee that "the Jewish religious community regards the economic assistance program as one of the indispensable elements, not only of the foreign policy of our Government, but of the spiritual ideals upon which America stands."

He said that President Eisenhower would "fire the imagination of mankind by pledging to the world that a percentage of the billions of dollars we are now spending for arms competition will be set aside for the advancement of human welfare throughout the world if a genuine disarmament agreement can be fashioned."

In response to questions from Committee members, Dr. Eisendrath touched on reports Israel would not be included in the United States grant aid program in the 1960 fiscal year. He urged that Israel be assured of sufficient aid to protect the maintenance of its status as a dependable ally of the United States in the Middle East.

He stressed that the American foreign aid program should be considered on a long-range basis, asserting that such aid "is too vital to American security and survival to be dependent on fits and starts, without long-range planning and study."

The Jewish religious community, Dr. Eisendrath said in his testimony, deplored "the tendency to justify the mutual security program solely on the basis of narrow and utilitarian self-interest. The moral character and humanitarian traditions of America demand the higher motives of love, of brotherhood, of reverence for human dignity."

Mr. Feuerstein told the Senate Committee that the foreign aid program was of "crucial importance in the struggle to achieve peace with justice and freedom" for the less developed nations and peoples.

"The Synagogue groups of our country recognize the great need for adequate military security and support the various programs for collective security, both within and outside the framework of the United Nations," he said. "However, we hold that our increasing reliance on military might is not adequate to the challenge of this era of social and political upheaval. The one billion underfed and underdeveloped

GIRL SCOUT AWARD FOR SERVICE



FOR SPECIAL SERVICE — Rabbi Max Schenk, Chairman of the Committee on Girl Scouting of SCA, is shown receiving a Girl Scout Statuette and a Certificate of Appreciation for his six years of service as official Jewish Advisor to the Girl Scouts of the U. S. A. Making the presentations are Mrs. Howard F. Katzenberg (left) Chairman of the Religious Policy Committee, and Mrs. Charles U. Culmer, President of the Girl Scouts of the U. S. A. Rabbi Schenk supervised the development and implementation of the SCA Menorah Award for Jewish Girl Scouts which has proved an instantaneous success in the American Jewish community.

people in Africa and Asia present a problem which begs solution through the humanitarian approach."

Mr. Feuerstein told the Senators that "the Jewish religious community is deeply concerned over the proposed drastic reductions in the appropriations for economic development of the new and emerging nations of Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America." He emphasized the special support of the constituent agencies of SCA for the appropriation for the Development Loan Fund, "an indispensable instrument designed to enable needy nations to move toward economic independence in the near future, while retaining their dignity and self-respect."

He suggested to the Senators that the United States, in its program of foreign aid, might well be guided by the views of Maimonides. He cited from the Code of Maimonides, Laws of Charity, X 7:

"The highest level of charity, higher than which is none, is to strengthen the hand of the weak and to give him a loan or to enter with him into partnership, or to provide him with work to the end that he may no longer need the mercy of man, as it is written (Leviticus 25:35) And thou shalt strengthen him, the stranger and the citizen alike and he shall live with you."

"In administering our material wealth and technical skills as a trust given us by the Creator for use in the service of mankind, we shall bring hope to millions of people," Mr. Feuerstein declared,

adding that American religious Jewry supported the American foreign aid program "as the surest vehicle we now possess in our waging of peace for all men everywhere."

Commenting on his appearance before the House Committee, Rabbi Eisendrath said that he felt strongly "that such presentations of the views of the Jewish religious community are important and represent a necessary implementation of the social action concerns which must impel the Jewish religious community." He added that there was no question but that Jewish religious representation in Washington on a "continuous and effective basis" was essential and added his belief that "ways must be found to achieve this long over-due instrumentality."

Queen Elizabeth, Eisenhower Invite SCA Head

Queen Elizabeth of England and President Eisenhower have invited Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, as SCA President, to participate in the dedication ceremonies for the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The ceremonies will be held in Montreal on June 26. Rabbi Adams was invited as representative of the combined Jewish religious community of the United States.

As part of the observance, Rabbi Adams has been invited by Prime Minister Diefenbaker to a special reception in Montreal. The Mayor of Montreal has invited Rabbi Adams to attend a special reception in the Hall of Honor of the City.

ELECTIONS

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Herbert Berman of Far Rockaway was elected Recording Secretary, succeeding Max S. Rosenfeld of New York. Marvin J. Silberman of Scarsdale, N.Y. was elected Corresponding Secretary, succeeding Hon. Joseph G. Shapiro of Bridgeport, Conn.

The slate of officers was unanimously endorsed as presented by a nominating committee which consisted of Rabbi Sidney Regner of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Rabbi Saul Teplitz, Rabbinical Assembly of America; Rabbi Paul Levovitz, Rabbinical Council of America; Marvin J. Silberman, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, chairman of the nominating committee; Moses I. Feuerstein, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; and Morris Laub, United Synagogue of America.

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SHECHITA

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Rabbis and rabbis in Columbus and Dayton cooperated with the Cincinnati Jewish Community Relations Council in testifying on the Ohio measure.

Opposition to the bill before the Michigan legislature was directed by the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit. Boris M. Joffe, Executive Director, presented the plan of opposition to the Council of Orthodox Rabbis of Detroit, which endorsed the plan.

The original bill introduced in Minnesota by the Minneapolis chapter of the Humane Society, was opposed by the Minnesota Rabbinical Association and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota. When efforts to obtain a postponement failed, Samuel L. Scheiner, Executive Director of the Community Relations Council, began negotiations with the Humane Society on behalf of the Rabbinical Association. The negotiations produced agreement on a clause declaring both Shechita and handling for Shechita as humane.

The bill approved by the Agricultural Committee of the New Jersey Assembly was returned to committee with instructions to hold a public hearing after formal objections were expressed by 14 Jewish organizations in New Jersey. Rabbi Zev Segal of the Rabbinical Council of New Jersey and Norman Heine of the Jewish Federation of Camden County appeared before the committee to give opposition testimony. Subsequently the date for the public hearing was set for July 13.

In each instance of testimony, Jules Cohen of the NCRAC coordinated the participation of local community relations councils. Rabbis Holzer and Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, coordinated the participation of SCA member organizations and their local affiliates and that of local rabbinic associations and synagogue councils.

Other orthodox rabbis have been working on the problem along parallel lines. Rabbi Eliezer Silver, member of the presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, Rabbi Pinchas Teitz of Elizabeth, N. J., member of the presidium, and Rabbi Meyer Cohen, Executive Director, have taken part. Rabbis Silver and Cohen appeared at the Ohio hearings. Rabbi Teitz appeared at the New Jersey hearings.

3-Faith Support For RIAL



RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE — In his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Religion in American Life and as Chairman of the RIAL Copy Committee, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director (right) was a speaker at the tenth annual dinner of RIAL, which honored Robert D. Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs (third from left). Others participating in the dinner, attended by 700 Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious leaders, were (left to right) Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council of Churches; Frances Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York; and Robert T. Stevens, RIAL National Chairman and former Secretary of the Army. Rabbi Tanenbaum reported on the advertising program of RIAL, which obtains annually about \$8,000,000 in free time and space through the Advertising Council for the encouragement of regular worship attendance for the strengthening of national, community and family life.

STATE DEPT.

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C. Douglas Dillon, writing as Acting Secretary of State, informed Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, that it was "heartening" to be reminded by the testimony that "there is a growing recognition in the United States of the importance of constructive and cooperative work overseas, particularly at this time in the so-called underdeveloped areas."

Praising "the excellent statements" made by the SCA spokesman, Mr. Dillon added that "We in America are fortunate that our cultural heritage, our humanitarian concern for our fellow-man and our national interests meet and work together for development programs."

Writing on behalf of Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, Maurice S. Rice, Chief of the Public Service Division of the State Department, gave assurance that the suggestions offered by the SCA spokesmen "will be fully considered." Mr. Rice added that the State Department was "most grateful for the Synagogue Council's efforts in the promotion of public understanding of the Mutual Security program."

Robert Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State, told the SCA that he was pleased by the support "which is being given to the United States Mutual Security program by your organization and the American Jewish community which it represents." He

added that the text of the testimony had been circulated in the State Department "for the information of interested officers" of the Department.

Rabbi Adams At Reception For King Baudouin

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, represented the Jewish community at a private reception given by the City of New York for King Baudouin of the Belgians on May 29.

The reception, held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, was sponsored by the Department of Commerce and Public Events. National representatives from the three faiths and the major institutions of American life also were invited.

AFME TOUR

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mentioned by the AFME in connection with this sponsorship.

The AMFE is a pro-Arab group and the tour is being led by Rabbi Elmer Berger of the American Council for Judaism and Harold Minor. The tour was scheduled to include Israel.

Rabbi Feldman pointed out to Mr. Emeny that "there is rather deep misgiving and concern within Jewish, as well as non-Jewish, quarters about this tour." He added that, as Co-Chairman of the Religious Groups Committee of the Foundation, he was "particularly concerned about the use of the name of the People-to-People movement in connection with this tour."

The IAC Chairman suggested that there was "an element of unfairness" in involving President Eisenhower "in such a project which can only create additional problems for him in dealing with the already complex and combustible Middle East situation."

Replying for the White House, David W. Kendall, Special Counsel to President Eisenhower, wrote that the distress expressed by Rabbi Feldman was "perfectly understandable."

Mr. Kendall added that "there was no intentional trespass" and that "there will not be a recurrence." He added that there would hereafter "be a more thorough canvass made of all aspects of a given situation."

President Eisenhower established the People-to-People program in September, 1956.

Rabbi Holzer Heads Research On Shechita

Rabbi Emanuel Holzer of the Rabbinical Council of America, Chairman of the SCA Religious Observance Committee, has been appointed coordinator of a program to start scientific research into the humaneness by which animals are brought into position for Shechita.

The appointment of Rabbi Holzer was made by the Joint Advisory Committee of the SCA and the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which blueprinted the research program.

The decision to undertake such research followed development of a memorandum prepared by Dr. Michel Munk and revised by the Religious Observance Committee.

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SCA Program For Rumanian Jewish Aid Mapped

SCA Agencies Gird For State Shehitah Bills

Procedures to protect Shehitah at both national and state levels were mapped at a meeting in January called by the Religious Observance Committee of the Synagogue Council of America.

Rabbi Emanuel Holzer presided as Chairman of the SCA committee.

The basis of the discussion at the meeting was a "Statement on Shehitah" prepared by the Religious Observance Committee and approved by the constituent organizations of SCA as a basis for action by all interested groups in dealing with legislative threats to this Jewish ritual requirement.

The statement was prepared and made available to the interested Jewish organizations. Also in attendance at the meeting was
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Dr. Feldman Named To New Refugee Body

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman, Chairman of the SCA International Affairs Commission, and past SCA President, has been appointed a member of the Board of the United States Committee for Refugees.

The new citizens organization, concerned with the refugee problem on a "global scale," was formed in January with the blessing of the U. S. Department of State. The new committee's first task will be the development of plans to implement in the United States the observance of World Refugee Year, which begins in July.

Harper Sibley, former President of the U. S. Chamber of
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SCA Announces Menorah Award For Girl Scouts

In response to a request from the Girl Scouts of the U. S. A., the constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council of America have established a Menorah Award for Jewish Girl Scouts, the first of its kind in the Jewish community, according to Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President.

A set of requirements for the Menorah Award and the design for a medallion for Girl Scouts winning the award have been approved. Similar programs are conducted by the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Council of Churches for the Catholic and Protestant communities.

The Menorah Award requirements will be published in booklet form and will be available at the end of February at 25 cents each from SCA. The medallion, to be available at a cost of \$2.50, will be ready about the same time, Rabbi Adams said.

Rabbi Adams announced that the Menorah Award program was developed by the SCA Committee



on Girl Scouts of which Rabbi Max Schenk of Brooklyn, N. Y. is Chairman.

The requirements were approved by a sub-committee consisting of Rabbi Israel Klavan, executive secretary of the Rabbinical Council of America; Rabbi Samuel Silver, editor of American Judaism, official publication of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Henry Griffel of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Executive Director of SCA.

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Constituents To Alert Members To New Needs

An intensive education and information program on the dramatic exodus of the Jews from Rumania, to be implemented through the constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council of America, was agreed upon by the February plenary of SCA.

Delegates voted to undertake this program to bring to the attention of their respect organizational memberships the full significance of this historic development to World Jewry and particularly to Israel.

The SCA agencies called on the Synagogue Council office to compile a kit of essential information about Rumanian Jews, and about the implications of their exodus for the American Jewish community in terms of supporting the United Jewish Appeal special relief campaign.

The SCA constituent organizations are participating in several national conferences during February to mobilize Jewish public opinion and responsibility in this critical rescue program.

The SCA materials, scheduled for release at the end of February, stress the history of Rumanian Jewry, the fact that Rumanian Jewry was the cradle of Hasidism and produced such great Jewish savants as Rabbi Moses Gaster, one of the great Chief Rabbis of British Jewry; and Dr. Solomon Schechter, among others.

The SCA notes that this spiritually-rich Jewish community will bring to Israel the seeds for continued Jewish spiritual and cultural growth, as well as thousands

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SCA Annual Dinner To Be Held In June; To Honor Rabbi Adams

The Annual Dinner of the Synagogue Council of America has been set for June. The event will be held in honor of Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President.

This will be the second time an SCA Annual Dinner was designated to honor an SCA President. Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman was similarly honored in June 1957.

Catholic, Protestant, U. S. Government and United Nations leaders are expected to join with leaders of the American Jewish community in paying tribute to Rabbi Adams' services in the Presidency of SCA. Additional details will be announced in the next issue of SCA HIGHLIGHTS.

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**CLEARING
HOUSE
CALENDAR**

(SCA HIGHLIGHTS will list in each issue, as space permits, convention and conference dates of its constituent organizations and their affiliates and auxiliaries. Please address items for this department to: Editor, Highlights, Synagogue Council of America, 110 West 42nd Street, Suite 528, New York 36, N. Y.)

MARCH

Rabbinical Council of America, Mid-Winter Conference, Atlantic City, March 2-4.

Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Executive Committee, New York City, March 10.

MAY

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Board of Directors, New York City, May 4-8.

National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Annual Convention, Grossinger, N. Y. May 17-20.

Rabbinical Assembly of America, Annual Convention, Kiamasha Lake, N. Y., May 17-21.

DR. FELDMAN

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Commerce and Chairman of Church World Service, is President and Edward B. Marks, formerly with the International Refugee Organization, is Executive Director. Dean Francis B. Sayre, Jr., of Washington, D. C. is chairman of the Board.

Former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, Honorary National Co-Chairman of the National Sponsors Committee of SCA, is one of the Vice-Presidents. Other members of the Board include Walter Bieringer of United Service for New Americans; Moses A. Leavitt, Executive Vice-President of the Joint Distribution Committee; James P. Rice, Executive Director of United HIAS Service; David Sarnoff; Paul C. Emple, director of the National Lutheran Council; R. Norris Wilson, Executive Director of Church World Service; and Rev. Edward E. Swanstrom, Executive Director of relief services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The National Council of the committee includes Rabbi Maurice N. Eisenrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Rabbi Arthur Chiel of the Rabbinical Assembly of America and Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President.

The committee hopes to "press for permanent solutions making possible the constructive integration" of the world's 15,000,000 refugees in "their present countries of asylum, or their movement for final resettlement in other countries of the world."

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RUMANIAN

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of skilled craftsmen and scientists sorely needed in Israel.

It is anticipated that SCA constituent organizations will call on their affiliated rabbis and congregations to provide maximum support to the UJA effort in their communities for this rescue program.

**Dr. Lander Is
Named To U.S.
Advisory Unit**



DR. BERNARD LANDER

Hon. Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has appointed Dr. Bernard Lander, National Chairman of the Family and Youth Welfare Commission of the Synagogue Council of America, to the 12-member Advisory Committee on Public Assistance.

The Committee, established by the last Congress, will advise Secretary Flemming on the distribution of some \$3,500,000,000 in federal-state assistance to the needy aged, the blind, dependent children and permanently and totally disabled persons.

The Committee will report its findings and recommendations on the assistance program to Secretary Flemming and the Congress by next January 1.

Dr. Hunter, Professor of Sociology at Hunter College and Director of the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University, is a leading sociologist and authority on social welfare problems. He has served frequently as consultant on such problems to city, state and federal authorities.

**SCA CALENDAR
Of Meetings**

Executive — March 11

Plenary — April 8

Executive — May 13

Plenary — June 10

MENORAH

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Financial assistance in implementing the program has been provided by the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America; and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Members of the women's organizations participating in the development of the program include Mrs. Allen I. Edles, President of The Women's Branch; Mrs. Louis Ginsberg of the National Women's League; Mrs. Julius Mark and Mrs. Frank L. Weil, members of the religious policy board of the American Girl Scout movement; Mrs. Herman Millman of the National Jewish Welfare Board, and Mrs. Louis Rosett of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Also taking part in the development of the program were Mrs. Arthur L. Weyne of the Women's Branch and Mrs. Abraham Stein of the National Women's League.

Candidates for the awards are expected to be regular students at religious schools or to demonstrate having been graduated or confirmed. Each candidate will be examined on various areas of Jewish knowledge, including the operations of her synagogue, the organization of her Jewish community and the national Jewish scene, Jewish history and related topics. She will also be required to participate in an appropriate service project and other similar activities. The candidate's rabbi will serve as counselor.

Full details on requirements and procedures may be obtained by writing to the Committee on Girl Scouts of Synagogue Council of America, 110 West 42nd Street, Suite 628, New York 18, N. Y.

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Religious Jewry To Have Key Role In '60 Conclave

Representation Is Arranged Through SCA

The constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council of America, and their local affiliates, will have leading roles in the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth as a result of the White House invitation to SCA to coordinate Jewish participation in the conference.

The focus and theme of the conference, to be held in Washington, D. C. from March 27 to April 2, 1960, will be "Opportunities for children and youth to realize their full potential for creative life in freedom and dignity."

Participation by SCA constituents and their local affiliates will be through the conference Council of National Organizations and the National Council of State Committees, according to Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, who was named by President Eisenhower one of the 12 Vice-Chairman of the conference Executive Committee.

Each of the SCA constituents will be invited to select a minimum of two official delegates to the conference. SCA was authorized to request the participation of the constituents through the Council of National Organizations.

There will be 42 state committees appointed by the governors of those states. SCA is making available to its constituents information on the possible role of local affiliates through the State committees. Each constituent will determine for itself the degree of such local participation.

Because of the possibility of confusion in representation at the local level, each SCA constituent is being asked to urge local affiliates to coordinate their approaches to the state committees.

In a report to the SCA Family and Welfare Commission on two conference planning meetings he attended, Rabbi Tanenbaum stressed that SCA policy was to cooperate fully with every Jewish organization interested in the conference and qualified to take part in it. The SCA's primary responsibility was described as that of making it possible for its constituents to have as meaningful a role in the conference as each organization wishes.

Among appointments to various conference planning groups announced by the White House promised."

THREE-FAITH PLANNERS



CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT AND JEWISH officials met recently in Washington, D. C. to help plan program and organization of the 1960 White House Conference for Children and Youth. Three of the national vice-chairman of the Conference (left to right) the Very Rev. Msgr. Raymond Gallagher, Associate Director of the National Conference of Catholic Charities; Rev. William Villaume, Director of the Department of Social Welfare of the National Council of Churches; and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, are responsible for coordinating conference participation of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish communities.

SCA Gets Bid To Conference On Aging In '61

The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has invited the constituent agencies of the Synagogue Council of America to take part in the National Conference on Aging scheduled for January, 1961.

The SCA Executive Committee has approved a recommendation of the SCA Commission on Family and Youth Welfare for participation by SCA and its constituents in the conference. Constituent organizations have been requested to alert local affiliates to take part in local conferences scheduled for 1960 in advance of the 1961 conference.

The SCA Commission on Family and Youth Welfare urged local participation and cooperation between synagogue groups and Jewish Community Relations Council in the conference.

are Dr. Eli Ginzberg as Chairman of the Committee for Studies; Philip M. Klutznick, a National Sponsor of SCA, as a member of the Finance Committee; Mrs. Moise Cahn, President of the National Council of Jewish Women, to the Organization committee; and Rabbi Tanenbaum as a member of the Theme and Focus committee and Committee for Studies.

National Family Week Plans Being Prepared

Constituent organizations of Synagogue Council of America will participate, through SCA, in National Family Week this year, which is usually sponsored on a three-faith basis.

Dr. Bernard Lander, Chairman of the SCA Commission on Family and Youth Welfare, reported that the commission in the past had participated actively in the program. This participation included publication by SCA of statements on the Jewish family and preparation of leaflets and bibliographies and related material on the theme.

In November, 1958, the National Council of Churches and the National Catholic Family Life Conference invited SCA to take an active role in National Family Week observance scheduled in May 1959 in connection with Mother's Day.

The Commission approved a plan for SCA participation, including preparation of a statement and assembly of a list of resource materials through consultation with the family and youth welfare commissions of SCA's constituent organizations. This list will be made available to interested agencies in the general community as well as to SCA constituent organizations.

Church Groups Welcome SCA In USSR Probe

The offer by the Synagogue Council of America to assist in the projected inquiry into the status of the human rights of Soviet Jews, planned by the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches, has been warmly welcomed by Ernest A. Gross, Chairman of the NCC Department.

In a letter to Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, Mr. Gross declared that "we welcome very much the offer of the Synagogue Council and its constituent organizations to assist in assembling of information concerning this problem." He added that the National Council of Churches views the problem "with gravity."

The decision to make such an inquiry into "reported moves to destroy the human rights of Jews in the Soviet Union" was approved at the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the Council, the central coordinating agency for 33 major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations, representing 39,000,000 American Protestants. Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, attended the November conference in Cleveland in response to an invitation to SCA to send an official consultant. Rabbi Tanenbaum presented a report on the problems of Soviet Jewry.

Moscow Blasts SCA

Apparently in response to Rabbi Tanenbaum's appearance at the conference and to the resolution, the Soviet Radio Chain, "Volga" broadcasted a sharp attack on SCA in January, asserting that SCA had been "cooperating with the clergy of other religious bodies" in the "fight against democracy and socialism" in the Soviet Union.

Commenting on the broadcast, Rabbi Adams declared that the Soviet propaganda blast at SCA apparently was "a crude attempt to coerce both the Synagogue Council of American and the National Council of Churches from the projected inquiry." He added that SCA would carry out its promise "to provide such assistance to the National Council of Churches as we had originally

State Shehitah Legislation

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Jules Cohen for the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the coordinating agency for the American Jewish Congress, Jewish War Veterans, the Jewish Labor Committee and 47 local Community Relations Councils; Dr. Edward Lukas and Dr. S. Andhil Fineberg of the American Jewish Committee, and others.

According to the SCA statement, the enactment of Federal legislation dealing with the humane slaughter of livestock is a matter of profound interest to the American Jewish community.

The new law provides for an advisory committee to guide Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson in implementing the legislation, which specifically endorses Shehitah as humane.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, noted Talmudic scholar, was appointed as the Jewish religious authority on the advisory committee as the nominee of the SCA constituent agencies.

The SCA statement notes that "The Jewish people are committed by their faith to the humane treatment of all living creatures. This principle is ordained by Scripture and prescribed by religious law.

"We note that the federal law specifies the traditional method of Jewish ritual slaughter as humane.

"This Federal statute has authorized the creation of a special advisory committee to assist the Secretary of Agriculture in determining what methods of non-ritual slaughter of food animals can be proved scientifically to be humane and can be practically implemented in our nation's abattoirs.

"In compliance with the requirements of the Federal statute, the advisory committee and the staff of experts in the Department of Agriculture are now engaged in a study of the entire question from its scientific, legal and practical aspects.

"In view of the recognized necessity for further serious and definitive study, and the untested character of his legislation, the SCA is disturbed to learn that pressure is being brought to bear upon the State Legislature throughout the country for immediate passage of local humane slaughter laws.

"We therefore urge the various State legislatures to defer consideration of any such legislation until the effectiveness of the present federal statute has been determined."

The January meeting reviewed a number of problems connected with protection of Shehitah, particularly a report that local humane slaughter bills were scheduled for introduction in 28 states during the current period of state legislative sessions.

Dr. Soloveitchik reported at the meeting that the Department of Agriculture had just begun exploration on how to implement the law and that there was an urgent need for unity in the Jewish community on any recommendations he might make to the Secretary of Agriculture's advisory committee on any phase of animal slaughter in which the Jewish community is particularly interested.

Mr. Cohen reported that a meeting on the problem had been held two days previously in which eight Community Relations Councils took part along with national member agencies of NCRAC.

He reported that in this meeting there was unanimous agreement in opposition to the enactment of state legislation pending the completion of studies by the Department of Agriculture.

It was also agreed at the NCRAC meeting that:

1. the NCRAC and the national organizations should notify their constituencies on this position;
2. local affiliates should be alerted to the issue but should refrain from public action until a humane slaughter bill was introduced locally;
3. copies of such bills should be sent to the national office for analysis;
4. central clearance and coordination on any action on such proposed legislation should be assured through central community organizations;
5. public statements considered necessary at the local level should be cleared nationally, as time permitted.

Also considered at the meeting was the need for a scientific study on methods of handling and preparation of animals, a study

Rabbi Adams Visits Texas On Behalf Of SCA Goals

Continuing the program to bring the story of Synagogue Council of America programs and plans to the grass roots of the American Jewish community, Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, spoke in San Antonio, Texas, on January 14.

Rabbi Adams was the guest of honor at the third Intra-Faith Brotherhood banquet of the

possibly to be made by the Jewish community.

Plans also were considered at the January meeting for the preparation of a memorandum on scientific studies to set forth the objectives of such studies, procedures and approximate costs.

Among those participating in the meeting were also Rabbi Louis Bernstein of the Rabbinical Council of America; Rabbi Max Davidson for the Rabbinical Assembly of America; Rabbi Israel Klavan, RCA; Rabbi Israel Munk of the Research Institute for Religious Jewry; Rabbi Sidney L. Regner of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Rabbi Herschel Schacter, RCA; Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director; Rabbi Samson R. Weiss of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; Herbert Berman, UOJCA; Samuel Brennglass of the United Synagogue of America; Morris Laub, USA; Al Vorspan of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Al Mehlman of the NCRAC.

Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations in San Antonio.

Rabbi Adams was presented the Intra-Faith Brotherhood Friendship Award at the third Intra-



RABBI THEODORE L. ADAMS

Faith Brotherhood banquet. The award was presented to him by the brotherhoods "as a token of their esteem and in appreciation of his spiritual leadership and for his outstanding services and contributions to our faith and all mankind."

The SCA President is scheduled to be the principal guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Synagogue Council of Greater Montreal, in March.

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SCA Urges UNESCO Stand Against Bias Teaching

Protestants To Probe Lot Of Soviet Jews

In an unprecedented action, a conference of the National Council of Churches in Cleveland unanimously adopted a resolution to conduct an inquiry into "reported moves to destroy the human rights of Jews in the Soviet Union."

The resolution was approved at the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the Council which is the central coordinating agency for 34 major Protestant denominations representing 39,000,000 American Protestants. Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, attended the November conference in response to an invitation from the National Council of Churches to SCA to send an official consultant to the conference.

The resolution noted "the reports coming out of the Soviet Union concerning efforts to eradicate Jewish religion, culture, schools, synagogues, publications and Scriptures" and "the effort to prevent the right of the Jewish people to leave the country and find a home in any other part of the world."

The delegates declared that the reports were reminiscent "of the elimination of six million Jews by the Hitler regime" and therefore "we request the Department of International Affairs and the Department of Religious Liberty of the National Council of Churches, in consultation with the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, to conduct an inquiry into reported moves to destroy the human rights of Jews in the Soviet Union."

The resolution added that if, after such an inquiry was completed, further action seemed justified.
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Proposed by SCA; Appointed by Benson
RABBI SOLOVEITCHIK NAMED TO UNIT TO ADVISE ON HUMANE SLAUGHTER LAW

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, world-famous Talmudic scholar, has been appointed by U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson as the Jewish religious authority on the advisory committee to assist the Secretary in implementing the recently passed Humane Slaughter Law.

Rabbi Soloveitchik was proposed by the constituent organizations of SCA for the important committee position. The candidacy of Rabbi Soloveitchik was endorsed by the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Rabbinical Council of America and the New York Board of Rabbis.

The first meeting of the advisory committee will be held in February. Its function is to guide the Secretary of Agriculture in implementing the law, which establishes as basic United States policy humane slaughter of animals and fowl for food use. The law specifically endorses Shechita as humane.

Rabbi Soloveitchik met with a committee representing the six constituent organizations of SCA to chart a program for safeguarding Shechita in local communities where state Humane Societies have started to press for so-called humane slaughter laws at the state level.

Chairmen of Standing Committees Of SCA For Current Year Named

Chairmen of the standing committees of SCA for the current organizational year have been announced by Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President.



RABBI SOLOVEITCHIK

Dr. Soloveitchik proposed that an SCA statement be drafted urging state legislators to avoid introduction of hasty and insufficiently considered proposals pending the passage of enough time to permit an evaluation of the effectiveness of the federal law.

He also proposed the convening of a day-long conference of all national Jewish organizations to develop a nation-wide program to safeguard Shechita in the local communities.

Rabbi Max D. Davidson of Perth Amboy (RAA) has been named Chairman of the Com-
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Anti-Jewish Arab Classes Spark Appeal

The United States delegation to the International General Conference of UNESCO in Paris was asked by the six constituent organizations of SCA to press for approval of a proposal that member states of UNESCO give assurances of opposition to the teaching of "inflammatory political points of view," particularly to children.

The request was made in a cable sent to Maxwell Rabb, chairman of the U. S. delegation. The stand embodied in the cable was adopted by the SCA Executive Board in support of a proposal made by Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of New York, SCA former President and representative of SCA to the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO.

Although stated in general terms, the Executive Board resolution was precipitated by a report that Arab instructors, subsidized by UNESCO funds, were teaching children in Arab schools to hate Israel and to prepare themselves to drive the Jews of Israel into the sea.

At the ninth annual conference of the U. S. National Commission last spring in San Francisco, Rabbi Rosenblum first proposed that UNESCO refuse to provide funds for such teachings which he said violated UNESCO principles. Subsequently, on September 12, the U. S. Commission adopted such a resolution at a meeting in Washington, D. C., in general terms. The commission at the same time recommended that the UNESCO Director General propose to the International Conference when it met in Paris such a resolution for adoption there.

The cable to Mr. Rabb was
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Six-Point SCA Program Proposed By Rabbi Adams

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, recently presented to a plenary session a series of six proposals "as guidelines for the program of my administration" for the current organizational year.

The proposed program of action covered the following areas:

1. The SCA should act vigorously on the proposals of its constituent organizations for the convening of a world conference of religious leaders to explore means of mobilizing the religious and moral resources of mankind for increased international cooperation.

2. The SCA should ask the President of the United States to convene a high-level, non-partisan, non-political conference of nuclear scientists, public health experts, social scientists, philosophers, theologians and mass media officials to study together the facts of nuclear bomb testing, radiation fallout, disarmament, and their implications for U. S. foreign policy and national survival. Under such high auspices, a public information program, within the limits of enlightened security standards, should be carried out with the goal of creating an informed public opinion to replace the growing fog of groping and doubt and directly conflicting opinions.

3. The SCA should register forcefully through appropriate channels the growing concern of the Jewish religious community of the United States over the dangerous trends in the struggle between religious communities and the Government of Israel.

Rabbi Adams proposed that the SCA consider creation of an appropriate instrumentality which might lead to an effective rapprochement and conciliation of the presently divided parties. He said he was convinced the situation had been permitted to fester too long and that American Jewry, and particularly its religious leadership, should act in reference to the present Israel atmosphere of indifference to the interests and welfare of non-Israeli Jewry.

4. The SCA, aware of the growing tensions in Catholic, Protestant and Jewish relations over fundamental church-state issues, such as religion in the public

schools, Sunday closing laws, religious symbols on public property, should explore the initiation of direct consultations between the leaders of the three religious groups. The goal should be that of opening direct channels of communication for an honest exchange of views leading possibly to greater accommodation of differences.

5. The SCA should consider sending a delegation, preferably one including also Protestants and Catholics, to meet with Federal officials in Washington to press for prompt action to outlaw further bombings of churches, synagogues and schools. Rabbi Adams recommended that, in the meantime, SCA give united support to HR 11806, the Loser Bill, which would make it a Federal crime to transport explosives in interstate commerce for use in violation of federal or state law.

6. The SCA should continue its support of the U. S. Mutual Security program and extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.

SCA Wins Shift In 1959 Date For Regents Exam

The date for the 1959 regents examinations for New York State has been shifted in response to notification by Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, to the New York Board of Regents that the date coincided with the first day of Shabuoth.

In his letter to Chancellor John F. Brosnan, Rabbi Adams pointed out that the holding of the important public school examinations on the holiday would create "profound difficulty" for many members of the Jewish faith.

Dr. Brosnan, in his reply, assured Rabbi Adams that the Shabuoth scheduling had been a mistake and was being corrected. Dr. Brosnan added that the State Education Department has assured him that a new date would be set in June 1959 to avoid such a conflict.

An SCA Holiday Calendar in the office of the Troy Superintendent of Schools led to notification of the conflict to Temple Beth El, which reported it to SCA.

UOJCA Head Lauds Role In SCA Activities

In reporting on the participation of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America in the national coordinating Jewish agencies, Moses I. Feuerstein, UOJCA President, described to delegates of the recent 60th anniversary national biennial convention the role of the UOJCA in SCA.

Mr. Feuerstein described SCA as being concerned, "in the main, with issues and problems bearing on religious and inter-faith relationships within American Society, and with legislation as it affects the freedom of religion on the state and national level."

The UOJCA President cited as an example-UOJCA participation as an SCA affiliate "in the White House Conference on mutual security in February 1958. At this conference, the White House made arrangements to serve kosher food for the observant Jewish participants."

Mr. Feuerstein noted that SCA was a member of the Conference on Jewish material Claims Against Germany and that currently the UOJCA "is a spokesman of the SCA at the Claims Conference. This has afforded us the opportunity to strengthen our ties with the leading personalities of continental Jewry and of the Jewries of Australia and South Africa."

The UOJCA President said such participation "has resulted in many appreciated contributions to the welfare of the Jewish community" from the UOJCA and, in return, has "opened to the UOJCA many valuable avenues and fields of activity."

U.S. Unit For UN Distributes 3-Faith Prayers

The United States Committee for the United Nations has distributed a three-faith prayer card, including a traditional prayer for world peace by Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President.

The Jewish prayer expresses the hope for world peace through the United Nations. It was used, with similar prayers from Catholic and Protestant leaders, in connection with the observance of United Nations week.

SCA is a member organization of the U. S. Committee for the UN.

SCA Urges UNESCO Ban

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signed by Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President; Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, Conn., Chairman of the SCA International Affairs Commission, Rabbi Rosenblum, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director.

The text of the cable read:

"Synagogue Council of America Executive, representing all branches of Judaism, unanimously voted to request you and the United States delegation to UNESCO to exert every effort at the UNESCO Conference to pass the September 12th resolution adopted by the United States National Commission recommending that the Director General insist all member states give assurances that UNESCO aims be followed in all educational programs, particularly those affecting children. A copy of this Synagogue Council statement has been forwarded to the United States Secretary of State."

SCA Commends President For Bombing Stand

The denunciation by President Eisenhower of the outburst of Synagogue bombings, which the President made extemporaneously at the dedication of the Interchurch Center October 12 in New York City, was lauded in a letter from SCA to the President as a "forthright statement."

In the letter, Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, offered "the gratitude of all branches of the religious community represented in the Synagogue Council of America" for the condemnation.

"The outrageous desecrations of houses of worship of all faiths by lawless gangs cannot be tolerated by our society which upholds the ideals of religious freedom," Rabbi Adams wrote.

He added that "we devoutly trust that your spirit of prophetic indignation so manifest today will lead to the immediate mobilization of the moral, social and legal forces in the nation and the individual states that will render impossible the repetition of such desecrations that make a travesty of our Biblical faith and our Bill of Rights."

Rabbi Adams and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, were invited, in a demonstration of inter-faith fellowship, to represent SCA at the ceremony. The Interchurch Center is the future headquarters of the National Council of Churches and its various service divisions.

Other Jewish leaders attending the ceremony included Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Capt. Joshua Goldberg, Chaplain of the Third Naval District of New York.

President Eisenhower, in a letter from the White House, expressed his thanks for the commendation from SCA, indicating that the SCA's "sentiments are very much appreciated."

The letter indicated that the President felt "very strongly about the outrageous bombings of the Atlanta and Peoria synagogues," and that he intended to make certain that the facilities of the Federal Government were provided to local authorities so that these "hoodlums" would "soon be apprehended and punished."

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council of Churches, also congratulated President Eisenhower. Dr. Dahl-

MASONS GIFT AIDS SCA



FOR THE FIRST TIME in its history, the New York Masons has made a contribution to the research and publications activities of the Synagogue Council of America. Shown accepting the check from Gay H. Brown, Chairman of the Foundations Committee of the New York Masonic Lodge (second from left) is Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President (left). Participating in the presentation were Dr. Norman Salit (second from right) and Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, both Masonic Grand Chaplains and SCA Past Presidents.

SCA, NCRAC Hold Meet On Sunday Laws

The Joint Advisory Committee of SCA and the National Community Relations Advisory Council sponsored a meeting on September 11 on the acute problems of Sunday closing in Pennsylvania.

The meeting, held at the Jewish Community Center in Harrisburg, was held with the cooperation of the Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council, the Pittsburgh Jewish Community Relations Council and the Scranton Jewish Community Council.

Jewish communities from throughout Pennsylvania participated in the meeting to map plans for dealing with legislative aspects of the problem in the forthcoming session of the Pennsylvania legislature.

The statewide meeting was decided on at an earlier meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee in which the Scranton Jewish Community Council took part.

berg in addition urged Federal legislation to prohibit the use of explosives for such purposes and expressed the hope that the Eisenhower Administration would find it possible "to initiate appropriate legislation in the next session of Congress to accomplish this purpose." He also called for outlawing the distribution of hate literature through the mails.

Protestants To Probe Lot Of Soviet Jews

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tified, that the National Council of Churches "make a strong representation to the United Nations through appropriate governmental channels to prevent any anti-Semitic movement by which our civilization has been in the past too often betrayed."

Prior to adopting the resolution, the Human Rights section of the study conference invited Rabbi Tanenbaum to speak on the status of Soviet Jewry. After reporting on the problem, Rabbi Tanenbaum thanked the delegates for this expression of Christian concern and urged unremitting vigilance on the part of the Christian community concerning the problem of Soviet Jews.

The six constituent organizations expressed through SCA to the National Council of Churches "the sincere appreciation of the Jewish community" for the resolution.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, in a letter to Ernest A. Gross, chairman of the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches, also offered the facilities of SCA for the projected inquiry and volunteered to help arrange meetings between National Council of Church officials and "national organizations in the Jewish community" which have considerable material on the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union.

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President Names SCA Executive



RABBI TANENBAUM

President Eisenhower has appointed Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, as one of the 12 national vice-chairmen of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth.

The other vice-chairmen include Erwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor; Donald K. David, chairman of the executive committee of the Ford Foundation; the Rev. William J. Villaume, executive director of the Department of Social Welfare of the National Council of Churches and Msgr. Raymond Gallagher, associate director of the National Conference of Catholic Charities. The SCA Executive Director is the only Jewish vice-chairman.

SCA, the National Council of Churches and the National Conference of Catholic Charities have been invited by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to coordinate the participation of the Jewish, Protestant and Catholic communities in the conference which will be held in Washington in March, 1960.

The purpose of the conference, held every ten years, is to mobilize governmental and voluntary agencies and organizations, and citizens with lay and professional backgrounds in the field, to study and improve the well-being of America's children and youth.

SCA CALENDAR Of Meetings

Executive — Jan. 14
Plenary — Feb. 11
Executive — March 11
Plenary — April 8
Executive — May 13
Plenary — June 10

SCA UNIT HEADS LISTED

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mittee on Committees and the Constitution Committee.

Rabbi Max Schenck of Brooklyn, N. Y. (CCAR) is Chairman of the Federal Prisons Committee.

Rabbi Abraham M. Heller of Brooklyn, N. Y. (RAA) is Chairman of the General Assembly Committee.

Rabbi Meir Felman of Brooklyn, N. Y. (RCA) is Chairman of the Girl Scout Committee.

Rabbi Norman Salit of New York (USA) has been named Boy Scout Committee Chairman.

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, Conn. (CCAR) is Chairman of the International Affairs Committee.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein of New York (RCA) has been named Chairman of the Inter-Religious Committee.

Rabbi Paul Levovitz of Lakewood, N. J. (RCA) has been named Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee Relations.

Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow of Cedarhurst, N. Y. (RAA) is Chairman of the Committee on Jewish

Welfare Board Center-Synagogue Relations.

Charles P. Kramer of New York City (UAHC) is Chairman of the Legal Committee.

Marvin J. Silberman of Scarsdale, N. Y. (UAHC) is Chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council Committee.

Rabbi Edward Klein of New York City (CCAR) has been named Chairman of the Publications Committee.

Rabbi Saul Teplitz of Laurelton, N. Y. (RAA) has been named Chairman of the Broadcasting-TV-Film Committee.

Rabbi Emanuel Holzer of Astoria, N. Y. (RCA) has been appointed Chairman of the Religious Observance Committee.

Rabbi Aaron Blumenthal of Mount Vernon, N. Y. (RAA) has been named Chairman of the Research and Information Committee.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg of Engelwood, N. J. (RAA) is Chairman of the Social Action Committee.

IN YOUR BEHALF ...

RIGHTS: Rabbi David Wachtfogel, President of the Philadelphia Board of Rabbis, represented SCA at the National Conference for Human Rights in Philadelphia, convened by Gov. Leader and the United Steel workers of America.

CHAPLAINS: Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, represented SCA at a meeting of the American Correctional Chaplains Board in New York City.

SAFETY: SCA was represented at a conference of President Eisenhower's Committee on Traffic Safety in Atlantic City. . . . Rabbi Tanenbaum was named a member of the National Committee of Religious Leaders for Safety of the National Safety Council. . . . The Federation of Women's Clubs Traffic Safety Award was granted to SCA. Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit accepted the award for SCA.

SECURITY: SCA was invited to attend the U. S. State Department Spring Conference on Foreign Affairs in Washington, D. C. Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, and Rabbi Tanen-

baum represented SCA. Among speakers who gave briefings were Secretary of State Dulles and Special Ambassador Robert Murphy.

HANDICAPPED: Herbert Henschel of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations represented SCA at a Washington meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

TRADE: Louis Solomon, President of the Greenwich Village Chamber of Commerce, and SCA National Sponsor, represented SCA at the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Conference in Washington.

LITERACY: More than 175 delegates from 24 states, Puerto Rico and Hawaii attended the Conference on World Literacy by Television in Memphis, Tenn. August 8-9 at which SCA was represented by Meyer Rabbi Passow, Rabbi Isadore Goodman, Rabbi Morris Berger and Philip Belz, prominent SCA National Sponsor. Delegates explored an imaginative program for using American techniques to combat illiteracy through television.

Capitol Leaders Hear SCA Head

In the continuing program to bring the story of SCA's accomplishments and goals directly to the local leadership of the American Jewish community, Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, addressed a group of 60 of the leading rabbinical and lay leaders of the Washington, D. C. community.

The meeting was held as a reception for Rabbi Adams at the home of Rabbi Balfour Brickner and it was sponsored by the Washington Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington.

Isaac Franck, Executive Director of the Council, introduced Rabbi Adams and moderated the discussion which followed the SCA President's report on the growing role of SCA as spokesman of the Jewish religious community to the American Protestant and Catholic communities, the United States Government and to the United Nations.

Rabbi Meyer Greenberg, President of the Washington Board of Rabbis, pledged the full support of the rabbinical group of the SCA program. Rabbi Brickner urged the lay and rabbinical leaders to help disseminate the information about SCA's vital role and to help assure adequate support for the program.

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SCA In 3-Faith Drive To Bolster Foreign Aid

Alert Sounded On Dangers Of Schechita Bills

With House passage on February 4 of a humane slaughtering measure likely to be followed by Senate action, SCA feels it is essential that the Jewish community be alerted to the historical dangers of all such legislation, according to Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA president.

The House approved measure, H.R. 8308, popularly known as the Poage bill, contains an amendment specifically exempting Schechita from federal control. There is widespread doubt in the Jewish community, however, as to the efficacy of such legal exemptions in protecting the Jewish community from the abuses which invariably have followed approval of such legislation in other countries.

It is also a certainty that federal legislation will be followed by similar laws at the state and local level in which even the exemption may not always be included.

SCA has had a constructive role, in cooperation with the National Community Relations Advisory Council, in making possible serious and thorough study of the issues by all segments of the Jewish community. An SCA-NCRAC conference was held on October 20-21, 1957, on the implications of proposals for humane slaughtering legislation for Schechita and for community relations.

Since that conference, the matter has been under continuous study within the respective SCA constituent organizations and jointly in the NCRAC as well as by the Religious Observance Committee of SCA, headed by Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, Rabbinical Council of America President.

SCA has been carrying on a nation-wide drive to combat mis-

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For Service To U. S. Jewry



TO IMPLEMENT the most intensive action program in SCA history in behalf of the American Jewish community in the areas of cooperation with the national Protestant and Catholic Church federations, international affairs and research, a 1958 budget of \$350,000 has been set. Shown reviewing details of the program are (left to right) Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, Honorary National Co-Chairman of the National Sponsors Committee; and Joseph Schlang, National Chairman of NSC. Benjamin Lazrus, industrialist, and Herman Wouk, noted novelist, also serve as NSC Honorary National Co-Chairmen. (Other photos and story on page 2.)

At White House Invitation

SCA Coordinates U. S. Jewry Role At Aid-Trade Conclaves

The White House has officially invited SCA to coordinate the representation of the entire American Jewish community at the widely-heralded nonpartisan conferences in Washington, D.C., on foreign aid and trade.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, and Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, SCA International Affairs Commission Chairman, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, head the delegation representing the SCA Orthodox, Conservative and Reform constituent agencies.

Rabbi Adams will share a platform with Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National

Council of Churches, devoted to a presentation of the moral and religious foundations of American foreign aid.

President Eisenhower and former President Harry S. Truman will address major functions of the Conference on Foreign Aspects of United States National Security. A total of 300 organizations are attending the conference on February 25-26.

Secretary of State Dulles, Vice-President Richard H. Nixon, Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy, Allen V. Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Adlai Stevenson and former Secretary of State Dean Acheson also will address key sessions.

Moral Duties Of U. S. To Be Re-Affirmed

A major cooperative effort of the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America, to mobilize support among their constituencies for America's foreign aid and trade program was launched this month.

The nation-wide three-faith drive seeks to impress on American Catholics, Protestants and Jews the moral obligations of America as the wealthiest nation in the world "to bring hope and help to millions of people in the underdeveloped parts of the world."

Mutual security and reciprocal foreign trade programs are scheduled for congressional consideration in March.

The religious groups are pressing for greater Congressional attention to the economic aid aspects of American foreign policy. This is being done because of a fear that without adequate public support, important foreign aid programs may be weakened by the tremendous pressures to accelerate the build-up of military defense and guided missiles programs.

The present education and information program marks an intensification of the efforts of the three major religious agencies. These efforts were climaxed last year when leaders from the three groups testified before Congressional hearings on the religious and moral foundations of America's mutual security program.

In May, 1957, Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, speaking as SCA President, testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the interest of the religious Jewish community in an increase of the American foreign

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Schechita

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information about Schechita, both to protect the good name of the Jewish people and in reference to pending legislation.

SCA has emphasized that such legislative measures leave an "inescapable implication" that Schechita is not humane but would be permitted because it is a religious requirement. Such implications, SCA believes, are "false and defamatory of the Jewish people."

The SCA educational program seeks to bring before the American people and their elected representatives at all levels of government "a large body of competent, objective, scientific opinion collected from the most eminent physiologists, pathologists, heads of veterinary schools and public health officials of world-wide fame in many countries, all of whom have declared the Jewish method of slaughter to be absolutely humane."

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Campaign Set To Assure Means For SCA To Fulfill Vital Plans

A sustained nation-wide drive is underway to provide the financial sinews required to implement fully the program of service to American religious Jewry which Synagogue Council of America uniquely provides.

This is one of the principal functions of the National Sponsors Committee (NSC) headed by former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, Benjamin Lazrus, chairman of the board of Benrus Watch Company, and Herman Wouk, the noted novelist, as Honorary Co-Chairmen.

Mr. Lazrus, nominated by Rabbi Julius Mark, SCA Vice-President, assumes the position left vacant by the late Roger W. Straus. Mr. Wouk, a distinguished Orthodox lay personality, succeeds Samuel S. Schneerson.

Joseph Schlang, prominent New York realtor, has been elected NSC National Chairman. He succeeds Marvin J. Silberman, the first National Chairman of NSC and now its first Honorary Chairman.

Mr. Schlang has called a meeting of the NSC leaders to review plans for a vigorous national effort to bring the story of SCA's unique contributions to Jewish life before the Jewish community, and to win substantially increased financial support to make possible implementation of the SCA's indispensable program of service.

A significant activity planned by NSC is a series of education luncheons in New York City and in other major Jewish communities throughout the country.

The first will be a businessmen's luncheon early in March in New York city. A series of three luncheons for national

sponsors on problems of American Jews will follow. At these events experts in the field of international relations, church-state problems and Catholic-Protestant-Jewish cooperation will give background talks on areas of SCA service programs.

A Message From The President

It gives me great pleasure to greet the readers of our new Synagogue Council publication, HIGHLIGHTS. It is my hope and that of my fellow-officers that HIGHLIGHTS will become a valuable instrument in projecting before the American non-Jewish and Jewish communities the growing importance of the Synagogue Council in the fields of international affairs and in Catholic, Protestant and Jewish cooperation on a peer-to-peer level, among other areas of vital service to K'lal Yisroel.

I hope too that HIGHLIGHTS will stimulate a much-needed two-way dialogue between the national leadership of SCA and its constituents, and in turn, with the pivotal leadership in local communities on questions of common policy and public action. In this dialogue, your voice, reflected in your participation in SCA activities and in support of its program, can become a strong contribution to the harmonious orchestration of Jewish life.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams,
President,
The Synagogue Council
of America

3 SCA Leaders Have Key Roles At Church Meet

Three Synagogue Council of America officials had key roles in a seminar on "International Responsibility And Our Religious Heritage" sponsored by the International Affairs Commission (IAC) of SCA, the Catholic Association for International Peace and the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches.

The five-day seminar, held in New York during January under auspices of the Church Peace Union, heard a keynote address on the theme of the event, given by Rabbi Jay Kaufman, UAHG Vice-President, as a member of the SCA Commission.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, also a member of the IAC, took part in a panel discussion on "World Economic Development: Policies and Problems."

Rabbi Robert Gordis, a past president of SCA, took part in a panel on "Ethics and Foreign Policy."

Jewish participants also included Jack Dauber, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center of Houston, Texas; Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn of Boston; Rabbi Mordecai S. Halpern of Oak Park, Mich., and Boris M. Joffe, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit.

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SCA Takes Part In State Dept. Policy Briefing

A selected group of leading American service organizations, including Synagogue Council of America, attended a one-day annual background conference on United States foreign policy in Washington, D. C. at the invitation of the U. S. State Department.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, represented SCA at the December 9 meeting which was addressed by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Under-Secretary Christian A. Herter and other State Department policy-making officials.

The two SCA officials participated in a special session at the conference devoted to discussion of planning for American participation in the recent NATO summit conference in Paris.

Pledge Help In Fight On Sabbath Bias

The SCA is undertaking a nation-wide educational program to alert the Jewish community to the problems confronting Sabbath-observing Jewish merchants arising from intermittent but harassing enforcement of Sunday blue laws against their business activities.

According to Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, SCA Religious Observance Committee Chairman, Sunday closing laws constitute a violation of religious freedom and work hardship by compelling an observant Jew, who closes his place of business on the Jewish Sabbath, to choose between his religion and his business.

The official SCA position is that laws which require gainfully employed persons to observe one day of rest in each week are salutary but "the choice of the day to be so observed should be a matter of individual preference."

In another issue of religious rights, SCA has declared its opposition to religious symbols of any kind on any public property, such as public places, city halls, governmental office buildings and similar property because they represent a serious impairment of the principle of separation of church and state. Such placements, the SCA holds, "constitutes in effect a dedication of the premises to one sect or creed, to the exclusion of others."

The evils inherent in such displays are "substantially aggravated when religious statues or symbols are placed on public school premises. In such cases, sensitive and defenseless children, rather than mature adults, are principally affected."

At a recent plenary, SCA approved these positions in accordance with decisions worked out by the Joint Advisory Committee of SCA and the National Community Relations Advisory Council, headed by co-chairmen Rabbi Theodore L. Adams and Mortimer Brenner.

These positions are reported in detail in a newly-revised pamphlet, "Safeguarding Religious Liberty," just issued by the SCA-NCRAC Joint Advisory Committee. The pamphlet also contains statements of policy and position on religion and public education and other aspects of church-state

Three Faiths Testify



AT THE INVITATION of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, leaders of U. S. Jewish, Protestant and Catholic communities testified last year on the "religious and moral foundations of foreign aid." Speaking for American religious Jewry was Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, SCA Past President and national chairman of the SCA International Affairs Commission. Shown are (left to right) Reps. Carnahan and Gordon, chairmen of House Foreign Affairs Committee and subcommittee on Foreign Aid; Father James L. Vizzard, Catholic Association for International Peace; Dr. Kenneth L. Maxwell, director of the Department of International Affairs, National Council of Churches; and Rabbi Feldman.

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aid program to help underdeveloped countries resist the inroads of Communism.

President Eisenhower expressed his appreciation to SCA for its stand in a letter in which he thanked SCA for "the support you have expressed for the Mutual Security program."

SCA's International Affairs Commission, of which Rabbi Feldman is national chairman, plans to distribute background

material on these issues to the entire rabbinate and to congregational social action commissions.

The commission also plans to arrange for sermons on the issues, joint statements issued locally over the signatures of rabbis, ministers and priests, as well as letters to Congressmen from local constituents and statements by rabbis to local newspapers on the moral issues underlying foreign aid.

FOR THE RECORD

IMMIGRATION: Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, appeared as an expert witness recently before a U. S. Senate subcommittee on immigration and warned that principles of selection of immigrants in admission laws should not be motivated "by fear or dislike." Rabbi Adams told the Senators also that each racial type "runs the gamut from idiots and criminals to geniuses and statesmen" and that no racial type "produces a majority of individuals at either end of the scale."

relationships. SCA has distributed copies to the nation's rabbis, congregation presidents, National Sponsors Committee members and interested individuals. Copies may be obtained by writing to SCA, 110 West 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y.

ANTI-BIAS: A wide variety of service organizations, Jewish and general, participated in a New York City 12-state conference of governors whose states have enforceable laws in the field of job discrimination. SCA was represented by Rabbi Julius Mark, its second Vice-President.

UNITED NATIONS: Rabbi Harry Kaufman of Washington, D. C., took part as SCA representative at a meeting last August of the Council of Organizations of the United States Committee for the United Nations. Object: to develop a better program of informing the American people on the scope and functions of the UN.

CENSUS: SCA added the impact of its opposition to that of the organized Jewish community

UNESCO Fund Abuse Issue To Be Pressed

SCA intends to press for elimination of an abuse in the activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which was first forced into the open by SCA through Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, past SCA President.

The problem was originally revealed by Dr. Luther H. Evans, UNESCO director general, who told the recent San Francisco conference of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO that UNESCO funds, provided largely by the U. S. Government, were being used to teach Arab children in the refugee camps to hate Israel.

Rabbi Rosenblum, SCA official representative to the UNESCO commission, promptly raised the issue, asserting strongly that such expenditures of UNESCO funds was "morally indefensible." His statement attracted widespread attention and led to plans, at Rabbi Rosenblum's urging, that a resolution opposing such use of UNESCO funds be placed before the next UNESCO executive committee meeting scheduled for March.

Rabbi Rosenblum, who has been appointed to the Committee on International Moral Resources of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO, said he had been assisted by Lt. Gov. Paul Herbert of Ohio and Kenneth Clark, vice-president of the Motion Picture Producers Association, in preparing the resolution. The resolution will ask UNESCO "under no circumstances" to take part in or sponsor any program which conflicts with the ideals of the international organization.

Both the U. S. National Commission and Director General Evans will seek to implement this resolution at the forthcoming international conference of UNESCO.

against proposals of the U. S. Census Bureau to include a question on religious affiliation in the forthcoming 1960 census. Memorandum: While the idea has been cancelled formally for the 1960 enumeration, the Census Bureau apparently is still interested in the idea and it may be revived.

DEFENSE: Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Executive Director, were among a selected group of leaders for

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SCA Record Shows Growth Of Interfaith Relationships

Impressive evidence of the growing cooperation and understanding between the national leadership of the Catholic and Protestant communities and the Jewish religious community of the United States is contained in exchanges of correspondence between key leaders of the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, in a letter to the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg of St. Louis, Mo., offered congratulations on Dr. Dahlberg's recent election to the presidency of the National Council of Churches, the highest leadership post in American Protestantism. The National Council of Churches embraces 34 denominations representing 38,000,000 American Protestants. In his December 20, 1957 letter, Rabbi Adams expressed his gratification over the increasingly close working relationships between the National Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council.

Dr. Dahlberg, in a warm and gracious reply, said he was looking forward to an early meeting with Rabbi Adams for a discussion of additional means of strengthening these cordial ties.

Similar expressions of goodwill and fellowship were indicated in a correspondence exchange between Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, past SCA President and chairman of SCA's International Affairs Commission, and the Most Rev. Howard J. Carroll, Bishop of the Altoona-Johnstown, Penna. diocese; the Rev.

Roy G. Ross, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches; and the Rev. Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, former National Council of Churches Associate General Secretary who was recently elected Executive Director of the United States National Conference of the World Council of Churches.

Rabbi Feldman congratulated Msgr. Carroll, formerly General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, on his elevation by Pope Pius to be Bishop of the Pennsylvania diocese. The friendship between the two religious leaders grew out of their service, together with the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, retiring President of the National Council of Churches, as co-chairmen of the Religious Groups Committee of President Eisenhower's People-to-People movement.

Expressing his appreciation for Rabbi Feldman's good wishes, Msgr. Carroll replied that he anticipated occasions during which "we may renew a friendship that I cherished very much."

Rev. Ross wrote to Rabbi Feldman that "it is our desire to continue the fine relationships which have obtained through the years between the leaders of our two faith groups."

Similar sentiments were expressed in an exchange of letters between Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, and Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy on the latter's election as Associate General Secretary of the National Council of Churches.

TENTH YEAR SERVICES NOW BEING PREPARED BY SCA

At the request of the American Committee for the Israel Tenth Anniversary Observance, SCA is preparing a suggested order of prayer readings for use by the committee. These selections will be appropriate for use in congregational and organizational observances in connection with Israel Tenth anniversary commemorative programs in local communities.

Rabbi Max D. Davidson, SCA Vice-President, is chairman of the special committee in charge of this effort. Committee members include Rabbi Israel Klavan (RCA); Herbert Berman and Rabbi Samson R. Weiss (UO-JCA); Rabbi Louis Bernstein (RCA); Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg (RAA); Rabbi Sidney Regner (CCAR); and Rabbi Samuel Silver (UAHC).



RABBI DAVIDSON

West German restitution funds to Jewish victims of the Nazi regime.

Mr. Rothstein has served as SCA representative to the Claims Conference since its formation and took part, on behalf of SCA, in the organization of the Conference. Mr. Feuerstein is serving as SCA representative for the first time.

Rothstein, Feuerstein Appointed

Samuel Rothstein, SCA treasurer and Honorary President of the United Synagogue of America, and Moses I. Feuerstein, member of the SCA Executive Committee and President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, have been appointed official SCA representatives to the Board of Directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

The two SCA officials attended the Claims Conference Board of Directors meeting in Rome at the end of January to participate in determination of allocations of

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whom a special demonstration was arranged by the U. S. Air Force of the newest advances in maintaining the aerial defenses of our country. The demonstration took place at the Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. The two SCA officials attended as guests of the Continental Air Command.

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SCA To Honor Outstanding Religious Leaders

FRIEDLAND, STERN, SILBERMANS TO RECEIVE SCA SYNAGOGUE STATESMAN AWARDS, DEC. 4

Orthodox, Reform and Conservative Laymen Are First Recipients



The first annual Synagogue Statesman Awards will be presented by the Synagogue Council of America to outstanding representatives of religious American Jewry, Samuel Friedland of Miami Beach, national Conservative leader; Max Stern of New York, national Orthodox leader; and a double award, presented posthumously, to Ruth and Marvin Silberman, Reform Jewish leaders. The awards were announced in a joint statement by Rabbi Max D. Davidson, Synagogue Council president; Benjamin Lazrus, chairman of the SCA National Advisory Council; and Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, honorary chairman of the Advisory Council and chairman of the Awards Committee.

SYNAGOGUE STATESMAN AWARDS of the Synagogue Council of America will be presented to Samuel Friedland, Miami Beach; Max Stern, New York, and (posthumously) to Ruth and Marvin Silberman, Scarsdale, N. Y. (top row, left to right) on December 4th, at \$100-per-plate dinner at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. Former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman is Honorary

Chairman of the dinner and Benjamin Lazrus is Chairman. Co-Chairmen are Stanley R. Broff, New York; and Louis Stein, Philadelphia (left to right, bottom row). The Synagogue Statesman Awards were established by the Synagogue Council to honor Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform Jewish leaders who have distinguished themselves in advancing the ideals and traditions of Judaism.

The presentations will be made at a gala \$100 per plate reception and dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria on Sunday, December 4th. Hundreds of associates and friends from the religious, professional, and business worlds will join in the tribute to the honored guests. Mr. Lazrus, retired board chairman of Benrus Watch Company, has accepted to serve as dinner chairman.

SCA Head Meets Pope, Protestant, Jewish Leaders on Europe Mission

An audience with Pope John XXIII in Rome, consultations with the Archbishop of Canterbury in London, the director of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, overseas Jewish community leaders, and the American ambassador to Italy, were among the highlights of an overseas mission for the Synagogue Council of America carried out by its President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson.

Advancing the international affairs and inter-religious programs of SCA, Rabbi Davidson discussed at length with world Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish leaders two major projects:

- The inauguration of an "International Geo-Theological Year" by leaders of the world's major religious faiths for helping to create the pre-

conditions for world peace; and

- The inauguration of an international "Elimination of Racial and Religious Prejudice Year."

Rabbi Davidson implemented his mission last June and July in connection with his representing SCA on the board of directors meeting of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany in Paris.

The SCA President reported that he was cordially received by the religious leaders and that his discussions with them were "constructive and encouraging."

In England, President Davidson conferred with the Most Rev. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dr. L. Silver-

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Nixon, Kennedy Bid To Set Example Against Segregation

Rabbi Max D. Davidson, President of the Synagogue Council of America, joined with prominent Protestant and Catholic religious leaders in a request to Vice-President Nixon and Senator Kennedy "to provide moral leadership in the struggle against prejudice and discrimination" by refraining from use of any facility where "any American or foreign visitors are excluded because of color."

The request was made on Oct. 27 in a statement issued by the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity and was signed by twenty-five religious leaders of the three major faiths in their individual capacities. The statement to the Democratic and Republican Presidential candidates read as follows:

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Joining Mr. Lazrus as co-chairmen are Louis Stein, prominent business and communal leader of Philadelphia, and Stanley Broff, leading figure in the building construction industry and member of the board of trustees of the Albert Einstein Medical School.

Serving with Sen. Lehman as honorary co-chairmen of the dinner are Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University; Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; and Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The Synagogue Statesman Award was created by the SCA to honor Jewish leaders who have distinguished themselves in ad-

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LCBC Includes SCA
In Budget Review

The Large City Budgeting Conference (LCBC) of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds voted at its Sept. 19 meeting to include the Synagogue Council of America in its budget review process following extended discussions with SCA leaders.

The LCBC consists of representatives of 23 of the largest Jewish communities in the country (with the exception of New York City) who review the budgets and programs of national and overseas agencies seeking welfare fund allocations. Following the joint review between LCBC and the agency representatives, the LCBC issues recommendations which the communities may use as a guide in determining allocations for the agency.

Representing the SCA at the Sept. meeting were Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president; Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, executive director; Philip Greene, treasurer; Charles P. Kramer, veteran SCA leader; and Irving Workoff, SCA Director of Development. Louis J. Fox of Baltimore is chairman of the LCBC and Walter A. Lurie is director.

White House Conference Reports to the President



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER expressed appreciation to Executive Committee of 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth for their role in success of parley last April. At Oct. 10 meeting in White House, conference leaders presented final report to the President. Among those present was Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum (extreme right), SCA executive director, who was a vice-chairman of the 1960 conference. Rabbi Tanenbaum took the occasion to express to the President the felicitations of the religious Jewish Community on his 70th birthday.

U. S. Supreme Court Petitioned On
Sunday Closing Laws by SCA-NCRAC

The Synagogue Council of America (SCA) and the National Community Relations Advisory Council (NCRAC), representing between them a total of 64 religious and civic Jewish organizations, 12 of them national in scope, have petitioned the United States Supreme Court to declare Sunday closing laws unconstitutional.

A brief, filed with the high court on Aug. 24 on behalf of the Joint Advisory Committee of the SCA and NCRAC, argued that existing Sunday closing laws violated the first and fourteenth amendments to the U. S. constitution. The brief was signed by Dr. Leo Pfeffer, associate general counsel of the American Jewish Congress. Signing on behalf of the Synagogue Council was Charles P. Kramer, chairman of the SCA Legal Committee.

The first amendment provides that Congress may pass no law respecting the establishment of religion nor the free exercise thereof. The fourteenth amendment prevents the Government from depriving its citizens of liberty or property without due process of law or from denying them equal protection under the law.

The brief challenged specifically the compulsory Sunday closing laws of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. In both these states, Sabbath-observing Jews have taken action in lower courts to enjoin enforcement of the laws against them. These cases are now on appeal in the Supreme Court.

A definitive ruling on the pending case will have nation-wide effect since many states have similar Sunday closing laws.

These laws were characterized as sectarian religious laws by the brief and therefore a clear violation of the first amendment. In reply to claims that the Sunday closing laws are welfare measures, the brief argues that they are still a violation of the Constitution since they restrain the religious freedom of those who observe some day other than Sunday as their Sabbath.

In arguing the applicability of the fourteenth amendment, the brief contended that the Sunday laws "arbitrarily and unreasonably permit some activities and forbid others." This, in effect, deprives individuals of liberty and property without due process of law and denies equal protection under the law, the brief stated.

Other signators to the brief as "of counsel" are: Lewis H. Weinstein, Boston, NCRAC chairman; Mortimer Brenner, Brooklyn, co-chairman of the SCA-NCRAC Joint Advisory Committee; Samuel L. Brennglass, New York, UOJCA vice-president; Shad Polier, New York, AJ Congress vice-president; and Philip Jacobson, New York, NCRAC Program coordinator.

Political Parties
Hear 3-Faith Plea
On Equal Job Rights

The three-faith Religious Advisory Council of the President's Committee on Government Contracts strongly urged both the Democratic and the Republican Party leaders at their conventions last summer to adopt planks calling for the creation of a Federal commission to assure equal job opportunities in industries and companies under contract with the Government.

Both parties heeded the appeal by Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious leaders and adopted the recommendations in their party platforms. They both pledged to assure equal job opportunities and to end racial discrimination in Federal institutions and on all Government contracts.

SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, and Executive Director, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum are the Jewish members of the Council. Rabbi Tanenbaum was also named a vice-chairman of the Advisory Council.

The three-faith declaration urged the political parties to favor creation of a permanent Federal Commission which would safeguard equal job opportunities.

The proposal urged in addition that the Commission "shall also encourage by the development and distribution of pertinent information and by other appropriate means, the furtherance of educational programs by employers, labor, civic, education, religious and other non-governmental groups in order to eliminate discrimination in employment."

Help Build Jewish Unity
SUPPORT SCA

SCA Agencies Take Part in White House Aging Parley

The following are the names of the official delegates from the constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council of America and their affiliates who are participating in the 1961 White House Conference on Aging, in Washington, D. C., from January 9-12:

SCA Constituent Organizations

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS:

Dr. Robert L. Katz, Professor of Human Relations, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA:

Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, President
Cedarhurst, New York

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA:

Rabbi Hayim Donin, Chairman, Social Action Committee
Detroit, Michigan

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS:

Rabbi Eugene J. Lipman, Director, Commission on Synagogue Activities, New York City, N. Y.

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Mrs. Henry Monsky, President, Los Angeles, Calif.
Miss Jane Evans, Executive Director, New York City, N. Y.

UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA:

Rabbi Samson R. Weiss, Executive Vice-President
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Women's Branch:

Mrs. David M. Brown, Member, Board of Directors,
New York City, N. Y.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA:

Mr. Morris Laub, Director of Joint Commission on Social Action of the United Synagogue of America, Rabbinical Assembly of America and the National Women's League of the United Synagogue.

National Women's League:

Mrs. H. Herbert Rossman, President, National Women's League, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Henry Gichner, National Parliamentarian, National Women's League, Washington, D. C.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA:

Rabbi Max D. Davidson, President, Perth Amboy, N. J.
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Executive Director, Elmhurst, N. Y.
Dr. Bernard Lander, Chairman, SCA Commission on Family, Youth, and Social Welfare, Forest Hills, N. Y.

SCA Agencies' Services For Aged Reported in White House Survey

"What Religious Groups Are Doing In The Field of Aging" is the title of a survey paper prepared for the 1961 White House Conference on Aging in which a summary is given by the Synagogue Council of America of the services its constituent agencies are providing for the senior citizens of the Jewish community.

The report prepared by Mrs. Elsie Thomas Culver, of Berkeley, Calif., surveys the activities of the Roman Catholic, Protestant, as well as Jewish groups in the field of aging. This study will supplement an earlier paper on "Reli-

gion and Aging" prepared by Fr. Donald Campion, Rev. Harold Haas, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum.

The SCA coordinated the information provided by its constituent agencies to Mrs. Culver. In addition, there are reports of the services to Jewish aging provided by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York's Commission on Synagogue Activities.

Welfare Group Urges U. S. To Widen Scope of Public Assistance Program

Dr. Bernard Lander, National Chairman of the Family, Youth, and Social Welfare Commission of the Synagogue Council of America, was one of the 12-member Advisory Committee on Public Assistance which presented the first of a series of reports to Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of the U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

The report, presented earlier this year, made 20 major recommendations which may have a profound effect on the nation's public assistance program. One of the most important proposals was that the Federal Government either provide cash grants to the states for general public assistance or else add this category to the four now receiving Federal aid.

Political Leaders Bid To Set Example On Segregation

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"A declaration that you would not knowingly use restaurant, lodging or recreational facilities, or other public accommodations, or participate in public worship or assembly where any Americans or foreign visitors are excluded because of color, would indicate in unmistakable terms your intention to provide moral leadership in the struggle against prejudice and discrimination. Such a stand by a President would inspire and direct our hearts in a way which laws alone cannot do. Because of the prestige of the office you may occupy, barriers would fall before you and others would be enabled and encouraged to follow. The world would know that we mean what we say about democracy. We would know that we had a leader prepared to guide us in a new crusade for freedom."

In addition to Rabbi Davidson, the following were among the prominent signers; Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President, National Council of Churches; Dr. Will Herberg, Drew University; Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., Honorary Chaplain, National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, and Associate Editor of AMERICA; Rev. John Courtney Murray, Jesuit Theologian; and Rev. Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Union Theological Seminary. Rev. John B. Morris of Atlanta, Ga., executive secretary of the Episcopal group, initiated the project.

The four areas of Federal aid are: old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the needy blind and aid to disabled aged over 50. There are no Federal funds provided for general assistance. The states and localities must bear the full burden for all needy persons not in the four groups covered.

The report pointed out that public assistance costs the country \$3.5 billion annually with the Federal Government paying more than half and the states and localities the rest.

The report stressed the inequities under the current program and recommended that public assistance be tied in more closely with the Old Age and Survivors Disability Insurance (OASDI) system and with services under the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Other proposals included:

- * Federal relief money be withheld from states that impose residence requirements;
- * Aid should be given to all needy children, including illegitimate children who are discriminated against in some areas;
- * Benefits should be given to all totally disabled regardless of age;
- * Expansion of social security coverage and liberalization of payments so that there will be fewer on relief rolls.

The Advisory Committee on Public Assistance was set up by the last Congress to advise it on the country's welfare system. Dr. Lander is Professor of Sociology at Hunter College of the City of New York and is Director of the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University.

The 12-member group was headed by William L. Mitchell, Commissioner of Social Security.

Charles Kramer Thanked By Executive Committee

The SCA executive committee, at its September meeting, expressed its deep appreciation to Charles P. Kramer of New York (UAHC), chairman of the SCA Legal Committee, for implementing the incorporation papers of the SCA under the laws of the State of New York.

Mr. Kramer, a former official and long time supporter of the Council's program, has been the legal counsel of the SCA for many years. He signed on behalf of the SCA the brief on Sunday Closing Laws recently submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court. (See Page 2.)

Boy Scouts Present Jubilee Plaque to Synagogue Council



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA recently awarded the Synagogue Council of America (SCA) its Golden Jubilee plaque "for significant service to American boyhood through scouting." SCA has sponsored for many years the Ner Tamid Award Program for Jewish boy scouts in the nation's synagogues. Rabbi Harry Lasker (left), National Director of Jewish Relationships of Boy Scouts of America, is shown above presenting the plaque to Rabbi Max D. Davidson, SCA President. Participating in award ceremonies were Rabbi Norman Salit (second from left), past SCA President and SCA Boy Scout Commission Chairman, and (right) Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director.

Rabbi Norman Salit

The officers of the Synagogue Council of America recorded with deep sorrow the untimely passing of Rabbi Norman Salit, who served as president of the Synagogue Council from 1953 through 1955.

Dr. Salit died July 21 in New York Hospital after a long illness. He was 64 years of age. He is survived by his widow, Ruth, and his daughter Mrs. Naomi Birnbach.

Shortly after assuming the SCA presidency, Dr. Salit was invited by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of the Federal Republic of Germany to visit there. He was the first Jew to be invited officially to Germany in the 20 years since the rise of Hitler. After an intensive three-week survey which included audiences with Dr. Adenauer and then president Theodor Heuss, Rabbi Salit warned that the seeds of anti-Semitism were still deeply rooted in Germany, calling for "the most thorough campaign of extirpation."

At his death, Rabbi Salit served as SCA representative on the Religious Advisory Council of the Federal Civil Defense Commission and as chairman of the SCA Boy Scout Commission. Elsewhere on this page he is shown in one of his last photographs receiving the Boy Scout Jubilee Award to Synagogue Council.

man, executive secretary of the United Synagogue of the United Kingdom. He also met with Mrs. Ilse Wolff, director of the Wiener Library, which contains an extensive archive on Nazi anti-Semitism.

In Rome, Rabbi Davidson held an audience with Pope John XXIII, and also met with Father E. Emmendegger of the North American College of Bishops. Rabbi Davidson also paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Rabbi of Italy, Dr. I. Toaff. SCA had previously cooperated with Rabbi Toaff on a project affecting the welfare of Jewish refugees from Egypt. While in Rome, President Davidson was the guest of U. S. Ambassador to Italy, His Excellency, James D. Zellerbach.

In Geneva, Rabbi Davidson conferred with Dr. W. A. Visser 'T Hooft, executive director of the World Council of Churches, which represents 170 million Protestants. Rabbi Davidson expressed his satisfaction over the fraternal and mutually-helpful relationships that have developed between the National Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council. The SCA President profitably visited with the Chief Rabbi of France, Dr. Joseph Kaplan.

In his discussions with the world Catholic, Protestant, and

SCA Special Events Calendar

- DEC. 4 — THE SYNAGOGUE STATESMAN AWARDS DINNER OF SCA, WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, N.Y.C.
 JAN. 6-8 — CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL SABBATH
 JAN. 9-12 — WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING — WASH., D. C.
 MAR. 3-5 — GIRL SCOUT SABBATH
 MAY 7-13 — NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK THREE-FAITH OBSERVANCE

SCA Dinner To Honor Friedland, Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Silberman

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vancing the ideals and traditions of the Jewish people and who worked to strengthen its representative institutions so that all of mankind can be better served.

Mr. Friedland, chairman of the board of Food Fair Stores, Inc. is a member of the board of overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. In his community, he is a leader of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and a member of the board of trustees of Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami. He is also president of Temple Emanu-El of Miami

Beach, whose rabbi is Dr. Irving Lehrman, a Rabbinical Assembly of America delegate to SCA.

Mr. Stern, president of Hartz Mountain Products, Inc. is the Founder of Stern College for Women and is vice-chairman of the board of trustees of Yeshiva University. He is also a member of the board of overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and chairman of the Manhattan Day School. Mr. Stern has been active for many years in the religious and administrative affairs of the Jewish Center of New York, whose rabbi is Dr. Leo Jung, Professor of Ethics at Yeshiva University and former vice-president of the Synagogue Council.

Prior to their tragic death through an airplane crash in Oct. 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Silberman began to achieve national reputations as leaders in the Reform movement, and, simultaneously, as pioneers in the life of the Synagogue Council. Mr. Silberman, who was chairman of the executive committee of the Consolidated Cigar Corporation and president of a realty firm, was a trustee of the board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, vice-chairman of the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and associate chairman of the combined campaign of UAHC-HUC-JIR.

At the time of his death, Mr. Silberman was national secretary of the Synagogue Council and chairman of its nominating committee. He served as the Council's first national chairman of its Sponsors committee. Mrs. Ruth Silberman was an active member of the Scarsdale-White Plains Section of the National Council of Jewish Women and was finance secretary of the Senior Citizens Center of White Plains. Both Mr. and Mrs. Silberman were active members of the White Plains Jewish Center whose rabbi is Dr. Lawrence Schwartz.

SCA Head Meets Religious Leaders on Europe Mission

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Jewish leaders, the SCA President urged serious consideration of an "International Geo-Theological Year" by leaders of the world's major religious faiths. "Through their ability to reach and to motivate the attitudes and behavior of millions upon millions of human beings of all races and stations in life, the organized Occidental and Oriental religions represent an unimaginable potential for creating the universal climate of brotherhood and mutual aid which are the preconditions for a world of law and order."

As a preliminary to such an ambitious project, Rabbi Davidson raised with the religious leaders the possibility of designating a special year-long effort of education and training among their congregants with the specific aim of eliminating racial and religious prejudice. On this he said:

"An international collaborative effort, sponsored and implemented simultaneously by the world's great religions, and given intensive attention during a one-year period, would serve to dramatize before the broad masses of mankind as well as for their leaders that hatred of man for his neighbor for reasons of race or religion are evil in the sight of God and man."

New Shehitah Restraining Device Studied by Joint SCA-NCRAC Group

Acting on a favorable report of a ritual slaughtering device developed by a Canadian abattoir, the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Community Relations Advisory Council, voted unanimously at a special meeting on Aug. 29 to seek approval of the method by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and to introduce it into American plants.

Reporting on the new restraining technique were Rabbi Emanuel Holzer (RCA), JAC Shehitah coordinator, Rabbi Samson R. Weiss, UOJCA executive vice-president. They stated that Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik of Yeshiva University, and Rabbi Eleazar Silver of Cincinnati, leader of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada, had found the method to be fully in accordance with Halachic requirements. Rabbi Soloveitchik, co-chairman of the RCA Halacha Commission,

is the SCA-nominated Jewish representative on U.S. Agriculture Secretary Benson's Federal Advisory Committee on Humane Slaughter.

Rabbis Holzer and Weiss also disclosed that the newly developed technique was approved by Robert Friend, general manager of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and John C. McFarlane, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The equipment is simple in design and can be produced for about \$1,200. It can process 60 to 70 animals per hour. It consists of a restraining pen in which the animal stands upright with head and neck extending through an opening in the front wall. A nose clip, such as is used by veterinarians to lift the head of an animal, raises the steer's head and by a lever mechanism places it at the proper angle for the simultaneous

BEQUEST FORM FOR SCA

For those who wish to include the Synagogue Council of America in their wills, the following is suggested for the guidance of testators and the attorneys who aid in the preparation of their wills:

I give and bequeath to the Synagogue Council of America, Inc., of the State of New York, the sum of \$..... for the use of the general purposes of the program of the Synagogue Council of America.

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severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp knife and causing instantaneous loss of consciousness.

Rabbi Soloveitchik will approach the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture for approval of the new method. Canada Packers Ltd., de-

velopers of the restraining pen, has stated that it has placed it at the disposal of all meat packers desirous of employing it. It is applicable only to steers thus far but representatives of the Canadian plant reported that it would soon be adapted for use in slaughtering lambs and calves as well.

SCA Agencies Elect Presidents: Reaffirm Support of Council

The three rabbinic constituent agencies of the Synagogue Council recently elected distinguished rabbis as their presidents for the coming year. The Central Conference of American Rabbis re-elected a former president of the Synagogue Council as its head, Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger of New York City; the Rabbinical Assembly of America elected an executive board member of SCA as its president, Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow of Cedarhurst, N. Y.; and the Rabbinical Council of America elected as its president, Rabbi Charles Weinberg of Malden, Mass., a RCA delegate to SCA. The elections took place at the summer conventions of the three national rabbinic associations.

The Rabbinical Council, at its June convention, also voted unanimously a life contract to its executive secretary, Rabbi Israel Klavan of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Delegates to the CCAR convention adopted a strong resolution of support for the Synagogue Council. Lauding the Council's function as representative of the American Jewish religious community on the national and international levels, the resolution urged "all its members to continue and to increase their moral and financial support of the Synagogue Council of America."

The RAA, at its May convention, also reaffirmed its "continued loyalty to the Synagogue Council of America," and urged its "members to mobilize more adequate and immediate financial support for the Synagogue Council through community welfare funds and federations, their Synagogues, and individuals."

Earlier last year, the RCA adopted a similar resolution which stated: "We are convinced that the role of the Synagogue Council of America in representing the interests of the total Jewish religious community in both government circles and in inter-religious activities with Catholic and Protestant groups is of permanent importance. We pledge our support to this program."

The three congregational associations of SCA have similarly reaffirmed their support of SCA. At its last biennial convention in Miami Beach, the UAHC declared: "We commend the Synagogue Council for the dignity and distinction with which it has represented Judaism in dealings with governmental and church bodies, and for other notable accomplishments. We pledge our continued loyalty to the Synagogue Council of America and we urge more adequate financial support for it from communities and individuals."

At their May convention, the National Jewish Men's Clubs of the United Synagogue of America called upon their membership "to give high priority to promote the cause of K'Lal Yisroel represented through the Synagogue Council, and to that end to secure more adequate support in all its endeavors in behalf of the Synagogue Council program both from individuals and congregations affiliated with the Conservative movement."

At their last convention of the UOJCA, Moses I. Feuerstein, UOJCA president, reported that the participation of the UOJCA in SCA "has resulted in many appreciated contributions to the welfare of the Jewish community."

RADIO - TV - FILMS

Radio-TV Survey

The SCA Radio-TV-Film Commission is preparing a survey of Jewish programming on radio and TV around the country, according to Rabbi David H. Panitz, commission chairman. Rabbi Panitz has been conferring with Msgr. Timothy Flynn who recently conducted a similar survey on behalf of the Roman Catholic community a few years ago. Msgr. Flynn, who is Director of Information under Cardinal Spellman, has been sharing with Rabbi Panitz techniques and methodology in preparing for this first survey of its kind in the Jewish community.

Jewish TV Courses

Father Steiner, president of Detroit University, and the major force behind the university's laboratory for educational TV, has offered the use of the university's TV and laboratory facilities to the SCA and its constituent agencies for the creation of Jewish religious courses on filmed TV, Rabbi Panitz reported. The program opens the possibility of achieving dramatic gains in mass Jewish education through the use of educational TV, Rabbi Panitz stated. Father Steiner and Rabbi Panitz discussed the project while they attended a recent conference of Catholic Educational Broadcasters in Pittsburgh.

Mass Media Conference

Rabbi Panitz took part in one of the sessions of a two-day conference on "The Church and the Mass Media," conducted in New York by the National Council of Churches, Sept. 28-29. The conference, conducted under the auspices of the NCC Broadcasting-TV-Film Commission, was based on two study documents "The Church in the World of Radio-Television," and "The Church and the Mass Media."

"The Way To Go"

Rabbi Max D. Davidson, SCA president, discussed developments on the general and Jewish religious scene in America in a TV interview, Aug. 28. He was the guest of Dr. Ormond Drake on the program, "The Way to Go," on WCBS-Channel 2. The program is sponsored by the New York Board of Rabbis.

"Ruzhinkes mit Mandlen"

Another radio innovation next spring will be a program called, "Ruzhinkes mit Mandlen," sponsored by Barricini. A feature of the program, over station WEVD on Sundays at 1:30 P.M., will be radio talks by religious leaders. Tentative dates have been set in March and April for three guest appearances, one each from the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform religious organizations.

SCA ACROSS THE NATION

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE: On invitation from President Eisenhower's People-to-People Foundation, SCA designated Benjamin Swig, prominent San Francisco Jewish leader and member of SCA's National Advisory Council, to represent SCA at the Sept. 13 commissioning of SS Hope, a re-conditioned hospital ship, in San Francisco Harbor. Vice-President Nixon addressed the distinguished audience.

SCA has participated in the People-to-People program since its inception through Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, SCA past president, who was appointed by President Eisenhower as the Jewish co-chairman of the People-to-People Religious Groups Committee. On Oct. 17, Rabbi Balfour Brickner of Wash., D. C., represented SCA at a reorganization meeting of People-to-People chairmen in Wash., D. C.

UNITED NATIONS: Seven prominent Jewish leaders represented the SCA at the Eleventh Annual Conference of the American Association for the United Nations on Sept. 18 in New York City. They were: Israel Berman (UOJCA), Samuel Brennglass (UOJCA), Samuel Falk (UAHC), Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg (RAA), Henry Rappaport (USA), Samuel Rothstein (USA) and Sen. Albert Wald (UOJCA).

Present at the conference were members of U. S. delegation to the U. N. Francis O. Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of State for U. N. affairs, reviewed the issues on the agenda of the U. N. General Assembly. This meeting marked the fifteenth anniversary of the United Nations.

CIVIL WAR OBSERVANCES: The nation's synagogues and churches are requested to join in the observance of Civil War Centennial Sabbath, Jan. 6-8, marking the commencement of the 1961-65 observance. Three-faith observances are coordinated through the Religious Cooperative Council of the Civil War Centennial Commission on which SCA is represented by Dr. Norman Gerstenfeld, rabbi of the Washington Hebrew Congregation for the last 25 years. Jesse Cohen former SCA officer, represented SCA at the first meeting in June 1960 of the Civil War Centennial Commission. The SCA has also affiliated with the Jewish Historical Commission of the Centennial.

PIONEER WOMEN: SCA president Rabbi Max D. Davidson delivered the invocation at the 35th anniversary luncheon of the Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization, on Sept. 19, at the Statler Hilton Hotel, N. Y.

LATIN AMERICA: SCA Executive director Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum has been elected to the board of directors of the American Foundation for Cultural Popular Action, Inc. The organization fosters self-help programs in Latin America in literacy, health, and agriculture.

CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE: Rabbis Balfour Brickner and Harry J. Kaufman of Washington, D. C. and Samuel Scolnic of Bethesda, Md., took part in the Fifteenth National Conference on Citizenship in Wash., Sept. 16-20, as official delegates of the Synagogue Council.

SAFETY COUNCIL: Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford represented the SCA at a regional meeting of the National Committee of Religious Leaders for Safety in New York on June 27. Another meeting, in October heard a paper from Rabbi Jacob Weinstein of Chicago on how much influence does religion have on family safety? He addressed the 48th National Safety Congress in Chicago.

RECREATION: President of the Washington Board of Rabbis, Rabbi Joseph Brandriss, Charles S. Raizen of New Rochelle, N. Y., and Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, Md., members of the SCA National Advisory Council, were named SCA delegates to the National Recreation Congress held in the nation's Capitol Sept. 25-29. The Congress played a significant role in the recent White House Conference on Children and Youth stressing the value of meaningful leisure time activities as a guard against delinquency.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: The executive committee of National Organization for Children and Youth met in New York on Sept. 13. Representing the SCA at the session was Executive Director, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum.

SCA Materials

The following SCA materials may be ordered from Synagogue Council of America, Suite 628, 110 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.

Girl Scout Award Requirements Booklet25
Girl Scout Menorah Pin	2.50
Five-year Jewish Calendar and Career Directory15
Sabbath Attendance Chart for Junior Congregations25
UN Prayer Card	Free
Labor-Management Relations Statement	Free
A Jewish statement on evangelism by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg15
"Preface to the Christian-Jewish Dialogue" by Rabbi Robert Gordis15
Bibliography on Middle East25

There will be a charge of 25c to cover administrative and mailing costs on each of the following:

"Religion and Aging" (Background essay for 1961 White House Conference on Aging)	
"Religion in American Life" (A three-faith essay for 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth)	
"The Role of the Rabbi in Jewish-Christian Relations" By Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum	
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"Thanksgiving Program for Celebrating Anniversary of Israel" by Rabbi Milton Steinberg	
"Memorial for Six Million Martyred" by Rabbi Ahron Opher	
"Equal Job Opportunity" (A report on Religious Leaders Conference of President's Committee on Government Contracts)	

SOCIAL SECURITY SET FOR RABBIS

An amendment to the Social Security Act extends to April 15, 1962, the deadline by which members of the clergy may elect voluntary coverage. The original cut-off date was Sept. 15, 1957.

Rabbis and other clergy are eligible for disability benefits at any age if they become totally disabled and have been covered by Social Security for five years or more. Their wives and children under 18 are also covered.

After April 15, 1962, this coverage can be elected only by newly-ordained rabbis. Full details of the amended Social Security Act may be obtained from the Social Security Administration in Washington, D. C., or from the Synagogue Council of America.

CLERGY RATES ON AIR LINES

The Civil Aeronautics Board approved on Sept. 1 an Airlines Clergy Bureau to handle reduced-rate clergy fares. The Bureau is now issuing 1961 identification cards which will be honored by all participating airlines, hotels, and car rental agencies.

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RUTH AND MARVIN SILBERMAN — At the time of their tragic and untimely death last year, Ruth and Marvin were on the threshold of national recognition as "Mr. and Mrs. Reform Jewry." Marvin was the indefatigable associate general chairman of the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism, and vice-chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He was the first national chairman of the Committee of Sponsors of the Synagogue Council of America, and the national secretary of SCA. Ruth and Marvin joined in translating their religious idealism through their activity in the Jewish Community Center of White Plains and by spearheading the building of the Senior Citizens Center of White Plains, recently dedicated in their beloved memories.



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SCA Plays Major Role in White House Conference

SCA Names Newark Jewish Leader to Rockefeller Study

Louis Stern, of Newark, has been designated by SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, to represent the Jewish community on the Rockefeller Foundation Commission to Study Voluntary Health Agencies. Mr. Stern, a prominent investment broker, has long been active in the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and in synagogue life.

The Rockefeller Foundation study, which will last about a year, will seek to answer two preliminary questions: if planned research can contribute to public understanding of the roles of voluntary health and welfare agencies and lead to resolution of the problems confronting them; and if so, what particular research should be undertaken? The study will conduct additional research if review of the recommendations of the initial investigation shows it to be feasible, practical and worthwhile.

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LOUIS STERN

Will Sponsor Exhibit At 1964 World's Fair

The Synagogue Council of America has accepted an invitation from the 1964 World's Fair Committee to sponsor a Jewish exhibit. The action, taken at the December 10th plenary meeting of the Council, also authorized the SCA President to appoint a committee of prominent Jewish leaders to represent the Jewish religious community in the project.

The SCA sponsored a similar exhibit at the 1939 World's Fair

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Third SCA General Assembly to Be Held In New York May 22

The Third General Assembly of the Synagogue Council of America will take place in New York City on Sunday, May 22nd, on the theme, "The American Jewish Community in Transition—Its Relations with Non-Jewish and Government Agencies."

Plans for the meeting have been drawn up by the SCA General Assembly Committee, under the chairmanship of Rabbi A. M. Heller (RAA) of Brooklyn, New York.

The Sunday morning session will be devoted to an analysis of the American Jewish community viewed in the perspective of Jewish community organizations in previous eras.

The afternoon session will "profile" the present organizational structure of the Jewish community. One of the major questions to be considered at this session will be the representation of the interests of American Jewry in relationship with the non-Jewish religious community, the American Government and the United Nations.

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National Leaders To Meet March 27 on Children and Youth

The Jewish community prepared this month to make its full contribution to the deliberations of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, to be held March 27 through April 1, in the nation's Capitol. The theme of the Conference is "to promote opportunities for children and youth to realize their full potential for a creative life in freedom and dignity."

Representatives from the major national Jewish religious, education, social welfare, community relations, youth, and recreation agencies are scheduled to participate in the Conference. Prominent Jewish leaders will also attend as members of various Governor-appointed State committees. (See insert for listing of Jewish representatives whose names were made available as this issue went to press.)

For the first time in the history of the White House Conferences, which date back to 1919, all of the constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council of America

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U. S. Jewry Urged to Cooperate in Census

At the request of the U. S. Census Bureau, the SCA and its constituent organizations have joined in urging the entire Jewish community to cooperate with Government recorders in the forthcoming census.

The census will begin on April 1. In a letter to SCA, Arthur E. Mielke of the Bureau of the Census, pointed out that "for the first time, an Advance Census Report form is being mailed to each household." Citizens are urged to complete the form and have it ready when the census taker calls.

In response to positions taken by major national organizations, no questions will be asked about the respondent's religion.

SCA in Three-Faith Plea for Fair Play in Politics

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, Richard Cardinal Cushing; the President of the National Council of Churches, Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg; and the President of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, have joined in an appeal to the American people calling for justice and fairness in political campaigns. Issued by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the statement was widely publicized in the nation's press.

Rabbi Davidson stressed that a candidate for public office "should be judged by his qualifications, character and merit, and not on the basis of prejudice. This precept of American democracy has

elevated men and women of every creed to high places in our society."

"Judaism teaches that we must judge the individual fairly by what he thinks and by what he does. The conduct of a public official will reflect his political and economic views, his religious conviction, his sense of propriety and justice, his sense of responsibility to the total community and will be an extension of his total way of looking at life," he stated.

Dr. Dahlberg declared that 1960 will be "a time of special testing for the United States. Democracy can be betrayed by religious discrimination or by dishonest and unfair practices in political campaigns."

In his message, Cardinal Cushing emphasized that Americans "wish to select their leaders on the basis of the candidate's abilities, his integrity and his loyalty to the country — no other tests should be applied."

"The way to insure a climate of justice and fairness in American political life is for every citizen, even on the local level, to take personal responsibility in dispelling the smear and the unfair tactics wherever they find them and to select candidates for election with thoughtfulness and discernment," he said.

Copies of the three-faith statement are obtainable from the SCA, 110 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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SCA President One of Three-Faith Leaders in Statement on Morals

SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, was one of a group of the nation's outstanding religious leaders who were queried by the United Press International recently on the apparent contradiction between recent religious revival and the succession of moral scandals which erupted into public print in recent months.

Evangelist Billy Graham and Dr. Louis W. Jones, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews joined Rabbi Davidson in expressing an optimistic view. Bishop James A. Pike and the Rev. John B. Sheerin, editor of the Catholic World, questioned the accuracy of the reported religious revival.

The United Press International wanted to know: If the United States is experiencing a record religious revival, why the nation has suffered such major moral scandals as TV quiz fixes, payola, and union corruption?

In his reply Rabbi Davidson urged thoughtful consideration

Leaders of the Synagogue Council of America noted with gratitude the many expressions of sympathy and support received by the SCA from the Christian community during the recent outbreak of anti-Semitic incidents. In its Purim message the SCA leaders declared:

"We find a considerable measure of encouragement in the response of the Catholic and Protestant leadership and of ordinary men and women who spontaneously, and with profound conviction, stigmatize these manifestations for what they are, namely, an offense to the spirit of the Divine among all men and an attack on the foundations of democracy."

A message from the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ pledged "a serious effort of education among the peoples of the churches dealing with the sources and manifestations of anti-Semitism." Hugo W. Thompson, chairman, and Ray Gibbons, director of the Council, declared they would utilize their publications and other means to "take up the responsibility that rests upon us as Christians to help end the great

"to determine whether morals and morals are deteriorating or whether, because of the immediate and mass communication of such news, we are made aware of a corruption that has always existed."

"The present reaction to the disclosures, the protest and the revulsion of the people of the United States may well be a reflection of the religious revival of our day, a revival that has not yet touched all of our citizens and institutions, but which will, in time, set new and higher standards for public and private conduct. Political, commercial and organizational leaders now, as never before, feel themselves compelled to account to the public for their policies and actions, and to justify their tenure of high position. This recognizes the confluence of the democratic, religious bases of American life; and this gives us heartening hope for honor and honesty in the future," he declared.

Christian Community Responds Vigorously to Swastika Daubing



INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE — The recent swastika-daubing of Synagogues was on the agenda of discussion between Synagogue Council of America and National Council of Churches leaders. Shown above at an informal reception at the Institute of Religious and Social Studies are

evil that so long has hurt the Jewish people and, by hurting them, hurt all members of the human family."

Another message, by the World Council of Churches, expressed deep sympathy with the Jewish people "with whom Christians share a precious heritage." It urged that this "dangerous recrudescence of anti-Semitism be suppressed from the outset." The statement, issued in Geneva, called upon the World Council's 172 member churches to work for the abolition of all segregation and discrimination.

Also coming at the height of the outbreaks was a statement sent to SCA from the American Friends Service Committee which deplored the "recent acts of vandalism and the defacing of houses of worship in this country and in other parts of the world."

Meanwhile, the SCA met with

Perth Amboy Marks Davidson Election

The Jewish Community Council of Perth Amboy, N. J., has honored the election of Rabbi Max D. Davidson to the Presidency of the SCA with an unprecedented gift of \$5,000.

A telegram signed by Benjamin Lorber, president of the Jewish Community Council of Perth Amboy, confirmed an allocation from the Council, half of it payable in 1959-60 and the second half in 1960-61. Mr. Lorber expressed the best wishes of the Community Council and his "highest personal regards" to Rabbi Davidson.

Dr. Martin Danzig is executive director of the Perth Amboy Community Council.

Dr. Darrell Randall, Associate Director of the National Council of Churches' Dept. of International Affairs; Rabbi Max D. Davidson, SCA President; Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director; and Dr. C. Arild Olsen, Director, Division of Christian Life and Work, NCC.

the National Council of Churches to analyze the causes of the outbreak and the two groups agreed to join in a program of public education against religious bigotry. The National Council announced that it was planning to include in its Religious Liberty Emphasis Year during 1960 an effort to help educate Protestants through 145,000 churches across the land on the positive image of the Jew in America. The program is aimed at improving the understanding of Jews and Judaism and the elimination of denigrating stereotypes.

General Assembly

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The evening session will feature a discussion of the "Prognosis of the Future American Jewish Community."

Rabbi Heller pointed out that "the General Assembly will seek to provide a platform for objective, thoughtful and dispassionate discussion of a vital issue of profound concern to all American Jews." As in previous SCA assemblies, he noted, there will be no resolutions adopted.

The members of the Assembly Committee are:

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Armour Institute Reports

On Shehitah Research

With the completion of the first phase of the study of humane slaughtering of animals, the Armour Research Foundation is preparing to carry out the second phase, design and construction of a mechanical device which will insure humane handling and observe the requirements of shehitah at the same time.

The study was initiated by the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America (SCA) and the National Community Relations Advisory Council (NCRAC) in January. The Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology undertook to survey all methods of animal handling prior to slaughter and to determine the best possible method.

T. L. Bush, project engineer of the Mechanics Research Division, visited meat packing plants in Omaha, Oklahoma City, Kansas City and St. Paul where he conferred with rabbis supervising ritual slaughtering and also with

plant personnel. He also studied a method devised by a meat packing company in Toronto. The technique has been approved by the Canadian Jewish Congress as an acceptable method for kosher slaughter and has also been approved by the Health of Animals Division of the Canadian Department of Agriculture.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik of Brookline, who was nominated by the SCA as the Jewish member of the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Advisory Committee on Humane Slaughter, reported at a recent meeting of the committee that before any method is approved, "it will be subject to the scrutiny of qualified physiologists and veterinarians." (Copies of the report are available on request.)

Mr. Bush reported to the Joint Advisory Committee on Feb. 11 and received its authorization to design and construct the demonstration model. If it is found to be superior to methods now in use and is consistent with ritual requirements, the Joint Advisory Committee will recommend its adoption as the acceptable method of handling animals.

Rabbi Max D. Davidson and Mortimer Brenner of Brooklyn are co-chairmen of the Joint Advisory Committee. Rabbi Emanuel Holzer of Long Island is coordinator of the sub-committee on shehitah.

Rabbi Adams Attends Claims Conference On Behalf of SCA

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, past president of the Synagogue Council of America, represented the American Jewish religious community at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany held in Amsterdam, Jan. 31 through Feb. 2.

Benjamin Lazrus, chairman of the SCA National Advisory Council, who was also scheduled to attend the conference, was unable to do so because of illness in the family.

The German Claims Conference, composed of representatives of major Jewish communities throughout the world, supervises the distribution of restitution funds from the West German Government to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

Before arriving in Amsterdam for the three-day conference, Rabbi Adams toured Israel where he was received by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. They had a lengthy and searching discussion on the relationship of American Jews to Israel.

Both Rabbi Adams and SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, will represent the Synagogue Council at the Executive Board meeting of the Claims Conference to be held in Paris beginning June 26th.

RADIO-TV-FILMS

Attend NCC Meeting

In another expression of fraternal cooperation, the Broadcasting-Television-and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, representing 34 major Protestant denominations, invited Synagogue Council of America representatives to participate in their annual meeting on Feb. 17 and 18 in New York City. Rabbi David Panitz of Paterson, N. J., chairman of the SCA Radio-TV-Film Commission, and SCA Executive Director, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, attended the meeting at the invitation of Mrs. Theodore Wedell of Washington, D. C., NCC Commission Chairman, and Dr. S. Franklin Mack, Commission Executive Director. David Susskind, noted producer, delivered the principal address at the Feb. 17 evening meeting.

Moral Standards

Rabbi Panitz met last month with Bishop McNulty of Paterson, chairman of the Mass Media Division of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and with Msgr. Little and Father Sullivan

of the Legion of Decency, to discuss means of raising the moral standards of mass media. He also met with Dr. S. Franklin Mack, executive director of the Broadcasting-TV-Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, and Mrs. Theodore Wedell of Washington, D. C., national chairman, for similar discussions.

Conference of Agencies

The SCA Broadcasting-Television-Film Commission at a meeting on Jan. 12 recommended continued exploration with the commissions of the National Council of Churches and the National Council of Catholic Men of the possibility of convening a conference on moral and ethical standards in the mass media. The commission also undertook to study and formulate a position on this question for the SCA to adopt in advance of such a conference. Present at the meeting were: Rabbi David H. Panitz (RAA), Rabbi Morris Kertzer (CCAR), Paul Kresh and David Wise (UAHC), Samuel Hartstein (UOJCA) and Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum (SCA).

FILM PREVIEWS

SCA Broadcasting-TV-Film Commission sponsored preview screenings for its constituent agencies and their members of "On the Beach" in cooperation with United Artists, and "Conspiracies of Hearts," with Paramount Pictures Corporation.

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SCA ACROSS NATION

UNITED NATIONS: The 10th Annual Conference of the American Association for the United Nations met in Washington, D. C., March 6-8. Rabbi Balfour Brickner (CCAR) of Washington, D. C., represented SCA.

HEALTH FORUM: Rabbi Yaacov Rosenberg (RAA) of Miami Beach, Fla., spoke on Judaism and the problem of the aging at the National Health Council Forum in Miami Beach during its March 14-17 conference on the invitation of SCA.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of the SCA, met with representatives of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Council of Churches in Washington, D. C. on January 6th on behalf of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. They agreed to recommend to their respective organizations the formation of a religious leaders conference to cooperate with the Government Contracts Committee.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: The National Safety Council announced the appointment of a group of distinguished rabbis to its board of directors. They are: Morris Adler, Detroit; Abraham Feldman, West Hartford; Morris Katz, St. Paul; Louis L. Mann, Chicago; and Marc Tanenbaum, New York. They will take part in their first meeting of the board on April 5 in New York City.

"WHO SPEAKS FOR THE JEWS?" was the subject of an address by SCA Executive Director, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, before the adult education institute of Temple Israel, Great Neck, N. Y. on February 29. Dr. Mordecai Waxman, rabbi of the congregation, presided as moderator.

"TRENDS IN CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS" was the theme of Rabbi Tanenbaum's talk before the brotherhood of Congregation Beth Jacob, Baltimore, Md., on February 14. SCA Vice-President, Rabbi Uri Miller, led a lively discussion.

1964 World's Fair

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in New York. It organized a similar exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair in 1936, and arranged the sesquicentennial exhibition in Philadelphia (1926) for which it was awarded a medal.

Similar invitations to sponsor the Catholic and Protestant exhibits have been issued to the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Council of Churches. Representatives from these coordinating agencies and SCA are scheduled to meet shortly to plan a coordinated approach to the three-faith exhibitions.

Thomas Deegan, chairman pro-tem of the 1964 Fair expressed appreciation for the cooperation of SCA and its six constituent agencies.

SCA Leaders Meet With Ben Gurion

SCA President Rabbi Max D. Davidson and Executive Director, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, joined a distinguished group of Jewish organizational and communal leaders at a meeting addressed by Israel Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. The meeting took place March 15 at the Pierre Hotel in New York.

The Prime Minister, here on a brief visit, spoke to the American Jewish leaders on the Middle East situation and the economic and social outlook in Israel.

Jos. Schlang To Attend Paris Alliance Congress

Joseph Schlang, former officer and long-time supporter of the Synagogue Council of America, has been designated as the personal representative of the SCA president to the 100th anniversary of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, to be held June 21 in Paris. French President Charles de Gaulle is honorary chairman of the centennial observances.

Rockefeller Study

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Other members of the Commission are: Lowell T. Coggeshall, dean of the Division of Biological Sciences of the University of Chicago; S. Sloan Colt, president of the National Fund for Medical Education; Hon. Arthur S. Fleming, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Marion B. Folsom, Director of Eastman Kodak Co., and former Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Margaret A. Hickey, contributing editor to the *Ladies Home Journal*; Joseph C. Hinsey, Director of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center; Eugene Holman, Chairman of the Board of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey; Devereux C. Josephs, Chairman of the Board of the New York Life Insurance Co.; James A. Linsen, publisher of *Time*; Arthur W. Page, business consultant to American Telephone and Telegraph Co.; and Juan T. Trippe, president of Pan American World Airways.

Mr. Stern, who was named in cooperation with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, is a member of the CJFWF Executive Committee and chairman of its Health Planning and Social Planning committees. He is also vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

SCA Materials

The following SCA materials may be ordered from Synagogue Council of America, Suite 628, 110 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.

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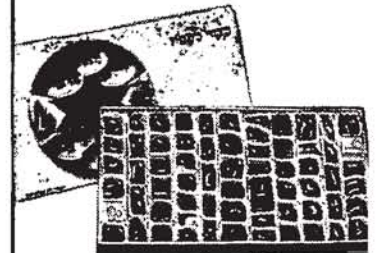
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SCA Moves To Explore Jewish Unity Conference

Vice-President Nixon Addresses Religious Council



VICE-PRESIDENT Richard Nixon (seated, center) is shown meeting with the Religious Advisory Council of the President's Committee on Government Contracts at its first meeting, held at the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. on May 11. SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson

(seated, left), and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum (seated, third from right) represented the SCA at the Conference. The religious leaders elected as chairman Dr. A. Dudley Ward of Chicago, General Secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations of the Methodist Church. Elected

vice-chairmen were: Rev. John F. Cronin of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; Dr. J. Oscar Lee of the National Council of Churches; Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of the SCA. Miss Dorothy I. Height of the Young Women's Christian Association, was named secretary.

Exec. Board Creates Commission to Study Feasibility of Plan

Taking official cognizance of the resolutions urging the Synagogue Council of America to form a single unified representative body of American Jewry, the SCA executive board at its meeting on May 18 authorized President Rabbi Max D. Davidson to appoint a commission to explore the feasibility of convening such an American Jewish Assembly. Members of the commission will be announced when the appointments are made.

Among Jewish agencies which have called for such a consultative body in recent weeks have been the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, the American Jewish Congress, Labor Zionists of America, and the Jewish Day-Morning Journal.

The General Assembly of the SCA, held May 22 at Columbia University, New York City, also heard a series of speakers urge the elimination of duplication through the creation of a representative forum. (See special story on page 3.)

The Rabbinical Assembly of America at its annual convention on May 9th called upon the Synagogue Council of America to take the lead in the creation of a "unified, democratically constituted national organization to serve as the spokesman of the total American Jewish community in the United States." The Assembly offered the services of its 700 members in helping the Council create such an organization.

Addressing the 60th annual convention in Liberty, New York, Rabbi Israel Goldstein told more than 500 Conservative rabbis from the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, that there is an "acute need for such a national organization."

An organized Jewish community, represented by a unified instrument, would provide for common counsel and common action

White House Receives Messages on Violence

Leaders of the three major faith groups joined in expressions of concern to President Eisenhower over racial tensions in the South. They were: Rabbi Max D. Davidson, President of the Synagogue Council of America; the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council of Churches; and George K. Hunton, Secretary of the Catholic Interracial Council of New York.

In a telegram to President Eisenhower, Rabbi Davidson declared: "Toegther with Americans of other faiths, the Synagogue Council of America is profoundly disturbed over racial tensions erupting in our country, particularly in Alabama and South Carolina." At the same time the SCA president commended the U. S. State Department for its forthright condemnation of racial violence in South Africa.

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SCA Elects Officers For 1960-61; Rabbi Max D. Davidson Re-elected

The Synagogue Council of America this month re-elected Rabbi Max D. Davidson of Perth Amboy, N. J., as president to head an administration of Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform rabbinic and congregational officers for a second one-year term. Together with Dr. Davidson, the Plenary re-elected on June 8:

Rabbi Julius Mark, New York City, first vice president; Rabbi Uri Miller, Baltimore, Md., second vice president; Philip Greene, Jamaica, N. Y., treasurer; Herbert Berman, Far Rockaway, N. Y., recording secretary; Dr. Robert Nach, New York City, corresponding secretary. Dr. Nach was elected to fill the vacancy created through the death of Marvin Silberman of Scarsdale, N. Y., who perished with his wife in October 1959 in a West Virginia plane crash.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of Elmhurst is executive director of the Council.

These officers will head the Synagogue Council through June 1961.

SCA President To Meet with World Christian Leaders

In keeping with the inter-religious and international affairs program of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Max D. Davidson, SCA President, will meet with world Roman Catholic and Protestant leaders, with Jewish community, American embassy, and European government officials in England, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland during his forthcoming overseas mission. He departs for London on June 19.

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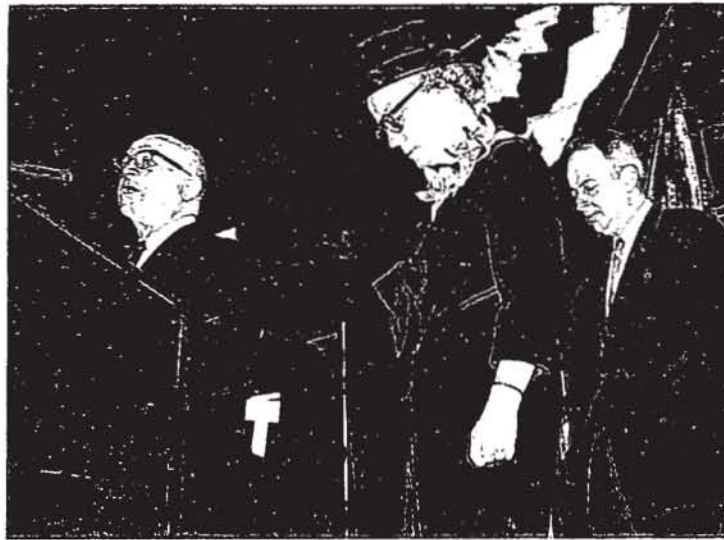
Sec'y. Flemming Urges Moral Safeguards

Secretary Arthur S. Flemming of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, warned religious leaders that private economic interests were trying to undermine the Department's work in certain areas and called upon them to offset this pressure with moral pressures of their own.

Addressing an Interfaith Consultation in Washington, D. C. on May 23, Mr. Flemming told the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders that this problem concerned mainly food additives, barbiturates and other drugs, and fraudulent and illegal therapeutic devices. He urged the religious leaders to stand up for human values and the physical and moral safety of the individual.

The consultation was one of a series with Secretary Flemming and his staff sponsored by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, National Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council of America. Representing the SCA were: Philip Goldsmith (USA), Judge Nathaniel Ely (UOJCA), Rabbi Balfour Brickner (UAHC), Rabbi Uri Miller (RCA), Rabbi Samuel Scolnic (RAA) and Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld (CCAR).

1960 White House Youth Parley



CLOSING INVOCATION at the White House Conference on Children and Youth is offered by SCA President Rabbi Max D. Davidson. Shown on the dais with him are Mrs. Rollin Brown, National Chairman of the Conference, and Arthur S. Fleming, Sec'y. of the Dep't. of Health, Education and Welfare.

Religious Leaders of Three Faiths Write Background Essay on Aging

Religion can make the latter years of the aged "a time of fulfillment," a three-faith committee of religious leaders declared in a jointly published paper on "Religion and the Aging." The paper will serve as a background statement for delegates to the White House Conference on Aging which will take place in January, 1961, in Washington, D.C.

The three collaborators are: the Rev. Donald Campion, Associate Editor of the Catholic weekly, AMERICA; the Rev. Harold Hass, an executive secretary of the United Lutheran Church; and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, who is also one of the Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Religion and Aging for the Conference. The other two Co-Chairmen are: Msgr. Raymond J. Gallagher of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, and the Rev. William J. Villaume of the National Council of Churches.

The statement, designed for State and local conferences which will precede the national Conference, ranges across the broad field of religion in relation to the aging, exploring the common grounds of all three faiths on the aging. It reviews the situation of the aged in modern society, the former status of the aged, their increase in numbers, social changes, in family life, community attitudes towards the aged, the self image of older people, and their needs.

Religion must supply the answer to what the community, and particularly its ministers, can do to support older members "by religious and other means as they confront the social and psychological trials commonly linked with the oncoming of old age and the imminence of death," the clergymen declared.

Religion helps preserve the dignity of human life and provides a measure of stability in a period of rapid change. Tensions between older and younger people can be overcome only by "spiritually healthy unselfish people," the statement declared. "Younger persons in a family or community can contribute greatly to an easing of this tension by manifesting their abiding esteem for the value of each person, whatever his age or condition."

"In the years ahead," the statement concludes, "the major religious bodies must give themselves to more than the task of devising emergency provisions in the face of pathological situations associated with aging and the aged . . . It should seek to offer a series of positive affirmations and proposals for long-range action by individuals and the community with respect to our senior citizens, their needs and position in our society."

Copies of "Religion and the Aging" are available from the Synagogue Council of America, 110 West 42 Street, New York 36, N. Y. Enclose 25¢ to cover mailing costs.

Fed. Civil Defense Urges Synagogues Build A-Shelters

The National Religious Advisory Council of the Office of Civil Defense last month urged all synagogues and churches to consider constructing bomb shelters as protection against atomic attack. The action followed a conference of the Council at which Rabbi Norman Salit, past SCA president, represented the Synagogue Council.

Rabbi Salit reported that the Civil Defense Council recommended that all new construction of churches, synagogues and community center buildings include provision for fall-out shelters; that buildings already in use convert their basements into shelters; and that individuals be encouraged to construct fall-out shelters in their homes.

At another civil defense meeting in New York, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller said that shelters can save between eight and 15 million lives in New York in the event of an atomic attack. He spoke at a Civil Defense Seminar of the New York State Civil Defense Commission. SCA Executive Director Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum represented the Council at the meeting.

SCA Urges Rabbis To Take Active Role

The SCA called upon its constituent agencies, rabbinic associations and local rabbis to become actively involved in the State Committees on the 1961 White House Conference on Aging.

While stressing the primary responsibility of the federations, welfare funds and community centers in this area, SCA pointed to the vital interest of religious leaders in the section on "Religion and the Aging."

Tentative topics for this section include: the role of the congregation in the lives of older people; spiritual growth of the aged; the place of the aged in the life of the congregation; the role of the congregation in shaping concepts of older people in relation to family and community; the role of church and synagogue in forming attitudes and developing services for the aged; and the role of religion in the lives of older people living in institutions.

Approximately 3,000 delegates, representatives of social service, welfare, communal and religious organizations, are expected to attend the conference. They will be divided into 20 sections, with 150 delegates to each section.

SCA General Assembly Probes United States Jewish Community — Past, Present and Future

"The promotion of a cooperative American Jewish community representing the interests of Jewry in relation to the general population and before governmental agencies" was termed "the great Jewish need of the hour" by speakers before the Third General Assembly of the Synagogue Council of America meeting on May 22, at Columbia University, New York City.

Representatives from the major branches of the Jewish religious community, educational, cultural and social welfare agencies participated in the all-day meeting devoted to the theme, "The American Jewish Community in Transition — Its Relationships with the Non-Jewish Community and Government."

RABBI A. M. HELLER

At the all-day meeting, speakers called for "the elimination of competitive and antagonistic trends in Jewish life." Keynoting this view, Rabbi Abraham M. Heller of Brooklyn, Chairman of the General Assembly Committees said: "While recognizing the existing legitimate difference in ideology and modes of expression among national Jewish organizations, the Synagogue Council and its constituent organizations strongly believe that American Jewry must possess a community interest with a democratic, collective voice reflecting the will of the various Jewish groupings."

DR. SIDNEY B. HOENIG

In a paper viewing the American Jewish community from the perspective of previous Jewish communal organizations, Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig of Brooklyn, Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, proposed the levying of a tax by Jews on religious materials, ceremonial foods, and such functions as weddings and Bar Mitzvahs, as a means of unifying the Jewish community. This voluntarily imposed tax would provide funds for distribution by a central community council to religious schools, charitable organizations and other institutions.

Dr. Hoenig, who traced the rise of the Jewish community from early times to the present, cited two other factors that have contributed to the "community-mindedness" of Jews throughout history: the self-imposed identification as a Jew and affiliation with the Jewish community; and the creation of centralized community archives.

"Inherently and traditionally a Jew belongs to a cohesive Jewish community regardless of the ex-



RABBI A. M. HELLER

tent of his religious observance," Rabbi Hoenig asserted.

Professor Hoenig also proposed "the revival of a system of regional communities, uniting diverse groups of congregations and denominational branches of Jewry into one body of general Jewish identification . . . Past Jewish communal life always started from the bottom rung, from local cohesion and not from governmental desire or institutional direction from the top.

"The creation of such a unified community will not only revitalize Jewry internally but would also, by eliminating present-day pseudo-spokesmen for Judaism, result in setting up an authoritative voice for the Jewish people in America," he stated.

SOLOMON B. DINGOL

Solomon Dingol, of the Bronx, Editor of the Jewish Day and Morning Journal, and Albert Vorspan, of Hewlett, L. I., Director of the Joint Social Action Commission of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, were discussants of Prof. Hoenig's Paper.

Mr. Dingol said "it was utterly impossible" for the American Jewish Community to return to the "historic concept of the full religious community." He added, "Impossible, because all our religious communities in the past were either the result of government decrees or by the authority of our rabbis. The individual Jew had no say in the matter. Our Jewish community of today is a voluntary, loosely-knitted association of individual Jews in whose affairs the government does not interfere and over whom the rab-

bis have some influence but no authority. If any lessons are to be drawn from the American Jewish Community, let us draw them from voluntary Jewish communities in the democratic world of today."

Discussing some of the present-day problems of the United States Jewish Community, he criticized the lack of unity and duplication of effort; the transformation of philanthropy from the concept of charity to an overly-bureaucratic social service; and the failure of rabbis and synagogues to "sell Jewishness" in its full meaning and implications to the Jewish people.

ALBERT VORSPAN

Mr. Vorspan, author of the recently-published "Giants of Justice," stressed the role of the Synagogue in Jewish life, calling it "the key to Jewish survival." Beyond all other institutions, the synagogue is the "nuclear institution" in contemporary America he declared. "Jews will survive in America as a distinctive group only through Judaism and not through Jewishness alone. In the past decades, Jewish life in America was welded by anti-defamation, Zionism and philanthropy. These continue and must continue, but they can no longer guarantee Jewish survival. Only Judaism, the faith of the Jew, can sustain those ethical and spiritual values which the Jewish people have contributed to mankind and which now help to enrich America. The American Jew is identified by America and identifies himself in terms of religion," he said.

The conference was formally opened by Rabbi Heller. Rabbi Sidney L. Regner of New Rochelle, Executive Vice-President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, delivered the invocation and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of Elmhurst, L. I., Executive Director of the Synagogue Council, brought greetings to the Assembly. Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow of Cedarhurst, L. I., President of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, was the moderator. Greetings from Columbia University were brought by Rabbi Isidor B. Hoffman, counselor to Columbia's Jewish students.

At the afternoon session, Dr. Israel Goldstein, rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, New York, and Judge David L. Ullman of Philadelphia, Chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, analyzed the national and local structures of

Jewish communities in America. Herbert Berman of Far Rockaway, L. I., National Secretary of the Synagogue Council of America, served as moderator.

RABBI ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

Rabbi Goldstein listed as "the major commitments of the American Jewish community as a Jewish community in the hierarchy of existing priorities, the Synagogue, including Jewish education, Jewish philanthropy, aid to Israel, anti-defamation activities, concern with other Jewish communities in the world, contact with other non-Jewish groups in the United States and concern with the traditional American protection of minority races and creeds."

He termed the current religious revival superficial and urged that "American rabbis should be more critical and more demanding." He called for an intensification of Jewish religious practice and religious education. He also urged greater support for the higher institutions of Jewish learning.

Next to the Synagogue, Rabbi Goldstein singled out philanthropy as the most vital commitment. He urged the Jewish leader to resist the temptations to "overspend for local needs" with the result that vital needs abroad are either neglected or supported on a bare subsistence level. He called for a proper balance between domestic and overseas needs.

"For most American Jews support of Israel is more than philanthropy," Rabbi Goldstein declared. "When a Jew contributes to Israel," Rabbi Goldstein declared, "he does so with a different feeling than when he contributes to a hospital or a children's home. Whether he realizes it consciously or not, its existence and its record enhance his own stature in the eyes of the world and in his own eyes," he said.

Civil rights and liberties should continue to be a focal point of American Jewish concern, Rabbi Goldstein declared, "both because its own interests are involved and because it is in the spirit of Jewish tradition to espouse the human rights and the human dignity of all men."

Praising the Synagogue Council of America for its achievements, Rabbi Goldstein urged it "to undertake a much larger scope of activity in fields where it is uniquely qualified to serve. Even in the limited sphere in which it has functioned, it has already given an earnest indication of its

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reliability and trustworthiness, its competence and statesmanship. After these thirty-four years of its existence, it has proved itself worthy of the confidence of its constituents and of the American Jewish community, to function in the special fields in which its credentials are unparalleled."

HON. DAVID ULLMAN

Judge Ullman also stressed the need to strengthen civil rights in America. He pinpointed three major developments affecting the Jewish community in the past year; the violent outbreaks of anti-Semitic vandalism, the reaction in America to the Arab boycott of Israel and the "dramatically accelerated" advance toward emancipation and equality by the Negro people.

He urged increased attention to youth and youth-serving agencies "for it is clear that the swastika incidents were in many cases the work of youngsters who somehow had been allowed to drift into a neo-Nazi ideology." This was "perhaps due to the failure of our educators to paint a sufficiently vivid picture of the real nature of Hitler's attack upon the free world," he said.

Warning that the coming year may find an increase in public controversy over church-state issues and the presence of religious issues in the Presidential campaign, Judge Ullman cautioned the Jewish leaders to be "on the alert that this discussion remain within limited and proper bounds."

The constant goal of those in community relations Judge Ullman said, is for "every American to do as good a job as he can do in any occupation; to as good a home as he can afford and in any community; to as good an education as will make him able to contribute his best to the community in which he lives and in any seat of learning; to worship God as he sees fit and on his Sabbath, and, above all, and including all, the right to walk in dignity and with his head held high among his fellow men."

He termed these ideals the essence of Judaism and the basis of the American way of life. "In seeking to achieve these ideals," he stated, "there is never enough of resources, never enough manpower. The greatest latent pool of such manpower is in the synagogues and the rabbinic leadership. In serving these ideals, our religious forces will be furthering the goals of our religion and strengthening the hand of our democracy in the cold war for the hearts and minds and the souls

of the uncommitted millions of the earth."

The final session featured two major addresses on the future of the American Jewish community, one by Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, Rabbi of Congregation Shaaray, Tefila, N. Y. C., President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the second by Philip Bernstein of South Orange, N. J., Executive Director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson delivered greetings before the presentations. Morris Laub of N. Y. C., Director of the Joint Social Action Commission of the United Synagogue of America, Rabbinical Assembly of America and National Women's League (Conservative), was the moderator.

RABBI BERNARD BAMBERGER

Rabbi Bernard Bamberger offered five proposals for strengthening Jewish life:

- *Utilize increased Jewish education to transmit not only information and skills but "to educate also for commitment, faith and action."

- *Stress the spiritual tone of the synagogue rather than the financial. "In this connection I challenge the concept of the 'catering synagogue' an institution justified neither in Jewish tradition nor general American practice."

- *The communities must develop a proper relationship with their rabbis "for whether we like it or not Jewish life is heavily dependent on the rabbis. The rabbi suffers now from insecurity and lack of dignity, now from over-adulation. Above all, his functions are not defined and his role as teacher is often ignored."

- *Prevent the break-up of the Jewish community into isolated fragments. Rabbi Bamberger warned that sectarian lines are being drawn more sharply. "This is due not so much to clarification of ideology as to the expansion and increased efficiency of national organizations," he said.

- *Consider whether Judaism shall remain "as ethnically determined" or "should become a faith with a message to all men."

Rabbi Bamberger pointed out that Jews are sustaining losses through mixed marriages and inadequate natural growth. "We need numbers for sheer survival," he said. "On the higher level, the question is whether we are doing justice to the faith of the prophets and sages if we cultivate it only within the narrow circle of persons of Jewish blood and do not present it as persuasively and ardently as we can to all who may benefit by learning and practicing it."

SCA Studies Jewish Unity

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on "matters of Jewish concern here and abroad," he said.

American Jewry needs "a single voice to speak on behalf of the American Jewish community to the non-Jewish community and to Israel," Rabbi Goldstein declared. Despite past failures to achieve such unity, he urged that another attempt be made at this time.

Paralleling the action of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs adopted a resolution urging the creation of a single voice for the American Jewish community.

The resolution, adopted at its 31st annual convention in Kiamasha Lake, May 8-11, stressed the need for a democratic representative body "empowered to speak for all of American Jewry." It noted the confusion and loss of effectiveness suffered by the lack of unity in Jewish life and also the "unseemly competition among

PHILIP BERNSTEIN

Discussing the organization of Jewish communal life, Philip Bernstein said "Community organization must grow from the ground up, not from the top down. It must have its roots in communities, where people live, where their needs are felt, where their aspirations must be realized."

He cited the areas in which communities have developed central community organizations — "financing, planning and coordinating virtually all of our major responsibilities — local, national, and overseas . . . Nationally, we have achieved, entirely voluntarily, a substantial measure of cooperation in virtually every major field — or at least the basic structure has been established for cooperation."

The question that remains, Mr. Bernstein said, is: "What should be done that is not already being done? What must be done more effectively? How can it best be achieved?"

The quality and effectiveness of what we are doing is the ultimate test, he declared. How good is the product, how important the results? "Are we applying, in each of our communities, and nationally the best understanding, the greatest knowledge, the fullest wisdom, the finest skills we can bring to bear on our responsibilities and our opportunities?" he asked.

Rabbi Paul Z. Levovitz of Lakewood, N.J., Treasurer of the Rabbinical Council of America, offered the benediction that brought the conference to a close.

Jewish organizations for public attention."

The Federation therefore called upon "all other Jewish national organizations to participate in a conference at which ways and means shall be considered and adopted, for the formation of an American Jewish Assembly as a permanent body to represent the Jews of the United States in matters of Jewish policy and to speak for the American Jewish community."

A second resolution called upon the membership to "secure more adequate support in all its endeavors on behalf of the Synagogue Council program both from individuals and congregations affiliated with the Conservative movement."

BOOKS . . .

JEW IN SUBURBIA

(Beacon Press)

by Rabbi Albert I. Gordon, an incisive sociological analysis of the impact of suburbanization on Jewish religious, communal, educational, and social behavior. Based on much original research, the author affirms that "The synagogue is the center of Jewish life" in suburbia.

THE ZIONIST IDEA

(Doubleday)

by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, a creative and scholarly analysis of the intellectual history of Zionism. Relating Zionism to its Jewish messianic origins and 19th century European nationalism, author points up arresting parallels between Jewish interdependence and Christian ecumenicity.

BIRTHDAY OF THE WORLD

(Farrar, Straus & Cudahy)

by Rabbi Moshe Davis & Victor Ratner, a refreshing statement of major Jewish ideas and ideals that are related to our holidays. Marc Chagall illustrations make this handsome work an ideal gift volume.

JUDAISM (Penguin Books)

by Isidore Epstein, a concise and reliable statement of the essentials of Judaism, viewed from traditionalist commitment, useful for inter-religious activities.

THE JEWS IN OUR TIME

(Pelican)

by English author-attorney Norman Bentwich, is a most useful and literate summary of Jewish history, ranging from antiquity through modern times. His freshest chapters are on "The Geographic and Economic Distribution" of Jewry, "The Jew and his Neighbor," and "The Religious Background." Excellent for adult study courses and inter-faith programs.

Three-Faith Group Drafts Basic

Principles on Religion in Politics

A recent two-day conference of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders in Washington, D.C. resulted in the formulation of five basic principles to govern the discussion of religion in the 1960 political campaigns. Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, vice-president of the Synagogue Council of America, and Rabbi Bernard Bamberger, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, were the two Jewish representatives at the meeting.

The five principles which emerged from the discussions were:

1. It is proper and desirable that every public official should attempt to govern his conduct by a personal conscience that is formed by his religious faith.
2. No candidate for public office should be opposed or supported because of his particular religious affiliation.
3. A candidate should be judged by his qualifications for the office he seeks and by his position on issues relevant to that office. He may properly be questioned about such issues and about the bearing of his religious faith and conscience on them. A candidate's reli-

gion is relevant to a voter's decision, but only so far as it bears on such political issues.

4. Stirring up, fostering or tolerating religious animosity or injecting elements of a candidate's faith not relevant to the duties of the office he seeks are unfair campaign practices.
5. Intelligent, honest and temperate public discussions of the relation of religious faith to the public issues will, as it has already done, raise the whole level of the campaign.

The Conference was sponsored by the Fair Election Campaign Practices Committee.

The Fifth Question

The annual Passover appeal to rabbis and their congregations for renewal of their contributions to the Synagogue Council of America has met with generous response from all parts of the country.

Have you renewed your allocation to the Synagogue Council?

If not, please send your check NOW to:
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New York 36, N. Y.

Text of the Resolution By Rabbinical Assembly

"The American Jewish community, preeminent in size among Jewish communities in the world, blessed with many endowments, confronted with many problems still waiting for solution, charged with many responsibilities toward Israel and the Jewish people, and thriving in an atmosphere of democracy and freedom, owes it to itself and to its responsibilities to Israel and world Jewry, to establish a united, representative, democratically constituted spokespersonship.

"The lack of organized unity in American Jewish life has resulted and will inevitably continue to result in confusion of counsels, unseemly competition among Jewish organizations for public attention, a confused image of Jewish policy in the mind of the American community and a weakening of the effectiveness of Jewish representations before governmental forums here and abroad.

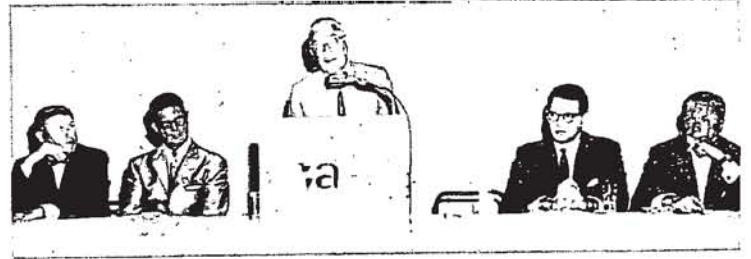
"It would be in the spirit of democracy to establish a unified, democratically constituted Jewish spokespersonship in the United States as has been done in Great Britain, Canada, France, Australia and other democratic countries.

"Previous attempts on the American Jewish scene to call into being united Jewish spokespersonship have served well in carrying out the ad hoc purposes for which they had been called into being, and have demonstrated the possibilities of working together for ad hoc purpose.

"The time is overdue for the establishment of such an instrumentality on a permanent basis for dealing with the major problems at home and abroad which require a united American Jewish body to make policy and to speak for the American Jewish community.

"The Rabbinical Assembly of America, whose 700 rabbis minister to congregations numbering nearly one million American Jews, calls upon the Synagogue Council of America to initiate action whereby the leading Jewish organizations in the United States will meet in conference to consider the establishment of an American Jewish Assembly, and offers its help toward that end."

Southern Leaders in Support of SCA



BENJAMIN LAZRUS of New York, chairman of the SCA National Advisory Council, is shown, center, describing the work of the Council to a group of Southern Jewish leaders at a fund raising function last month. Shown with him are, l. to r. Judge

Irving Cypen of Miami Beach; Louis Wolfson, Miami industrialist; Mr. Lazrus; Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director; and Dr. Irving Lehrman, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of Miami Beach. The event was sponsored by Dan B. Ruskin of Miami.

WORTH QUOTING...

"I am very pleased that your organization is in accord with our views concerning residence requirements. Similarly, I feel confident that the proposed Aging Conference will be largely in the nature of a voluntary citizens' character, and hopeful, that it will make a significant contribution toward the alleviation of some of the problems in this area."

Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary, U. S. Dep't. of Health, Education and Welfare.

"As Msgr. John O'Grady, veteran head of the national Catholic Charities Conference and a five-time delegate to White House conferences on youth, remarked, the successful manner in which these dedicated representatives of our major religious bodies (Msgr. Gallagher for the Catholics, Rev. Dr. Villeneuve for the Protestants and Rabbi Tanenbaum for the Jewish delegates) cooperated was reason enough to hail the conference as a landmark in American religious and civic history."

from AMERICA,
the Catholic weekly

"This will acknowledge, with gratitude your release informing us of the observance of Refugee Sabbath by the nation's synagogues during the Passover holidays. This further evidence of

your Council's cooperation in our observance of World Refugee Year is greatly appreciated."

Edward B. Marks, Executive Director, United States Committee for Refugees

"Thanks a million for your brochure, 'Safeguarding Religious Liberty.' The brochure was read with very great care and, in my judgment, is a really statesman-like, dignified and constructive document."

Donald S. Howard, Dean,
School of Social Welfare,
University of California

"Congratulations on the fine job that you did in connection with the White House Conference on Children and Youth. We have had many fine comments on the chapter you wrote for the study book and in the course of the conference it was clear that you men had done very effective work as members of the planning committee.

"I know from personal observation how much time and effort all of this required from each of you and want you to know of our deep appreciation for this fine service."

A. L. Roberts, General Director, Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches

BEQUEST FORM FOR SCA

For those who wish to include the Synagogue Council of America in their wills, the following is suggested for the guidance of testators and the attorneys who aid in the preparation of their wills:

I give and bequeath to the Synagogue Council of America, Inc., of the State of New York, the sum of \$..... for the use of the general purposes of the program of the Synagogue Council of America.

Executors are advised that the Synagogue Council of America may also qualify for grants from residuary estates or "broad" legacies where the testator expresses the intention to donate to the promotion of Jewish religious unity.

SCA Across The Nation

AJC ANNUAL MEETING: SCA President, Rabbi Max D. Davidson delivered the invocation at the Annual Dinner of the American Jewish Committee in New York, April 23rd. The dinner highlighted the 53rd annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE: The U. S. Committee for Refugees has voted to continue as a permanent organization, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Chairman of the SCA International Affairs Commission, reported. He represented Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, past SCA president and SCA representative on the Board of Directors of the Refugee Committee at its May 16 meeting in N. Y. The U. S. Committee also voted to enlarge the membership of its lay board.

UNESCO COMMISSION: "Our Moral and Spiritual Resources for International Cooperation" will be the topic of a meeting on June 17 of the Citizen's Consultation Committee of the United States National Commission for Unesco. Attending on behalf of the SCA will be former president, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, and SCA International Affairs Chairman Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg.

CONFERENCE ON AGING: Dr. Nathan Lander of Yeshiva University, represented the SCA at a meeting of the New York State Committee for the 1961 White House Conference on Aging, March 31, at Islip, N. Y. The meeting was one of a series throughout the state in preparation for the national Conference which will convene in Washington, D. C. in Jan. 1961.

DE GAULLE RECEPTION: SCA President, Max D. Davidson joined a group of distinguished religious and civic leaders at a luncheon meeting with French President Charles De Gaulle at the Waldorf-Astoria on April 26.

MEETING ON HANDICAPPED: Orin Lehman, chairman of the Governor's Committee on the Physically Handicapped of New York State, represented the SCA at the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped on May 5 in Wash., D. C. Mr. Lehman is a member of the SCA National Advisory Council.

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL: Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum will attend a regional meeting in New York on June 27 of the National Committee of Religious Leaders for Safety. The meeting will review plans for 1960 programs for religious emphasis on safety. Another feature of the conference will be a "brainstorming session" in which the clergymen will put forth new ideas on needed safety projects, propose pilot safety programs in selected cities and states and plan religious school safety educational programs.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS: Rabbi Isidor B. Hoffman, Counselor to Jewish students at Columbia University, represented the SCA at the annual meeting of the Consultative Council of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors in Wash., D. C. last month.

YOUTH MORALS: Dr. Bernard Lander, chairman of the SCA Family and Youth Commission, was the SCA delegate at a meeting of the Committee of 104 Religious Leaders, held in New York's City Hall in February. The Committee, created by Mayor Robert F. Wagner, has the goal of bettering the moral and spiritual climate for the young people of the city.

CONFERENCE ON AGING: Theme of the 13th Annual Conference on Aging sponsored by the University of Michigan is: "After the White House Conference on Aging — What?" It will be held in Ann Arbor, Mich. June 27-29 and will include delegates from the National Council of Churches, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Synagogue Council of America and other major national and state agencies. Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit will attend as representative of the SCA.

SCA Plans Conferences On Peace, World Issues

The SCA plenum this month voted authorization for a series of conferences to be sponsored by various Synagogue Council commissions in 1960-61, designed "to render more effective the creative role of religious Jewish agencies in the decisive areas of national and international affairs." Scheduled for the Fall or early Spring of the coming year will be the following conferences:

"The Role of the Synagogue in Fostering World Peace," sponsored by the SCA Commission on

SCA Materials

The following SCA materials may be ordered from Synagogue Council of America, Suite 628, 110 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.

Girl Scout Award	
Requirements Booklet	25
Girl Scout Menorah Pin	2.50
Five-year Jewish Calendar and Career Directory	.15
Sabbath Attendance Chart for Junior Congregations	25
UN Prayer Card	Free
Labor-Management Relations Statement	Free
"To Believe and to Wait," a Jewish statement on evangelism	.15
Bibliography on Middle East	25
<i>There will be a charge of 25c to cover administrative and mailing costs on each of the following:</i>	
"Religion and Aging" (Background essay for 1961 White House Conference on Aging)	
"Religion in American Life" (A three-faith essay for 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth)	
"The Role of the Rabbi in Jewish-Christian Relations" By Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum	

Radio-TV

The Catholic Broadcasters Association has invited the SCA Broadcasting-TV-Film Commission to participate in its Conference on Religious and Educational Broadcasting, June 20-25, in Pittsburgh.

Representing the SCA at the conference will be Rabbi Seymour Cohen of Pittsburgh, and Rabbi David H. Panitz, chairman of the SCA Broadcasting-TV-Film Commission. Rabbi Cohen will act as consultant at a panel on Radio and TV on June 21, and Rabbi Panitz will participate as consultant at several sessions on June 22 and 23.

White House Reply

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Dr. Dahlberg stated in a wire to the President: "Religious leaders are concerned with moral and spiritual implications of this situation as well as with the breakdown of community morale and the use of physical violence."

In a third telegram, Mr. Hunton stated: "Mr. President, we believe prejudice and discrimination are moral problems and that all citizens have the responsibility to explore what may be done to lessen the existing tensions and to seek to improve race relations."

The three religious leaders suggested to the President that he meet with religious leaders on the problem. In a White House reply to Rabbi Davidson, Special Counsel David W. Kendall stated that the President did not feel it was appropriate to meet at this time. He said that the incidents were "entirely local in nature" and did not involve Federal jurisdiction.

Nevertheless, he continued, the President can "express his personal views and can, by virtue of the national leadership which is his as President, attempt to exert a moderating influence and to persuade the parties at interest of a more enlightened mutual understanding."

He also disclosed that at a recent press conference, President Eisenhower declared that there should be bi-racial conferences "in every city and community in the South which would be much better than trying to get up here and direct every single thing from Washington." He felt there was "too much interference by the Federal Government in our private affairs and I would like to diminish rather than increase it."

Virtually identical replies were sent to Dr. Dahlberg and Mr. Hunton.

Rabbi Davidson Tour

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Among the questions which he will explore will be the role of religious institutions in helping mobilize forces for world peace, in fostering improved inter-group and inter-religious relationships, the recent swastika episodes, and the functioning of religious pluralism in democratic societies. Rabbi Davidson will also represent the Synagogue Council at the Executive Board meeting of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, meeting in Paris, June 25 and 26.

**Help Build Jewish Unity
SUPPORT SCA**



SCA In 3-Faith Drive To Bolster Foreign Aid

Alert Sounded On Dangers Of Schechita Bills

With House passage on February 4 of a humane slaughtering measure likely to be followed by Senate action, SCA feels it is essential that the Jewish community be alerted to the historical dangers of all such legislation, according to Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA president.

The House approved measure, H.R. 8308, popularly known as the Poage bill, contains an amendment specifically exempting Schechita from federal control. There is widespread doubt in the Jewish community, however, as to the efficacy of such legal exemptions in protecting the Jewish community from the abuses which invariably have followed approval of such legislation in other countries.

It is also a certainty that federal legislation will be followed by similar laws at the state and local level in which even the exemption may not always be included.

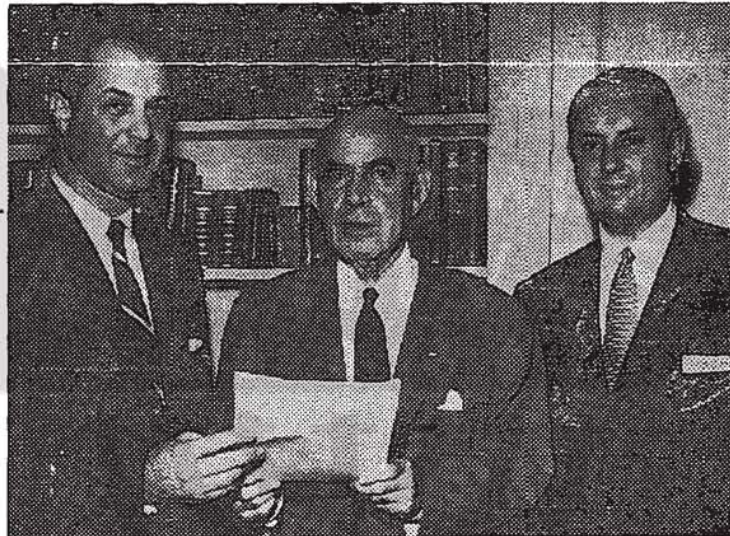
SCA has had a constructive role, in cooperation with the National Community Relations Advisory Council, in making possible serious and thorough study of the issues by all segments of the Jewish community. An SCA-NCRAC conference was held on October 20-21, 1957, on the implications of proposals for humane slaughtering legislation for Schechita and for community relations.

Since that conference, the matter has been under continuous study within the respective SCA constituent organizations and jointly in the NCRAC as well as by the Religious Observance Committee of SCA, headed by Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, Rabbinical Council of America President.

SCA has been carrying on a nation-wide drive to combat mis-

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For Service To U. S. Jewry



TO IMPLEMENT the most intensive action program in SCA history in behalf of the American Jewish community in the areas of cooperation with the national Protestant and Catholic Church federations, international affairs and research, a 1958 budget of \$350,000 has been set. Shown reviewing details of the program are (left to right) Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, Honorary National Co-Chairman of the National Sponsors Committee; and Joseph Schlang, National Chairman of NSC. Benjamin Lazrus, industrialist, and Herman Wouk, noted novelist, also serve as NSC Honorary National Co-Chairmen. (Other photos and story on page 2.)

At White House Invitation

SCA Coordinates U. S. Jewry Role At Aid-Trade Conclaves

The White House has officially invited SCA to coordinate the representation of the entire American Jewish community at the widely-heralded nonpartisan conferences in Washington, D.C., on foreign aid and trade.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, and Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, SCA International Affairs Commission Chairman, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, head the delegation representing the SCA Orthodox, Conservative and Reform constituent agencies.

Rabbi Adams will share a platform with Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National

Council of Churches, devoted to a presentation of the moral and religious foundations of American foreign aid.

President Eisenhower and former President Harry S. Truman will address major functions of the Conference on Foreign Aspects of United States National Security. A total of 300 organizations are attending the conference on February 25-26.

Secretary of State Dulles, Vice-President Richard H. Nixon, Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy, Allen V. Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Adlai Stevenson and former Secretary of State Dean Acheson also will address key sessions.

Moral Duties Of U. S. To Be Re-Affirmed

A major cooperative effort of the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America, to mobilize support among their constituencies for America's foreign aid and trade program was launched this month.

The nation-wide three-faith drive seeks to impress on American Catholics, Protestants and Jews the moral obligations of America as the wealthiest nation in the world "to bring hope and help to millions of people in the underdeveloped parts of the world."

Mutual security and reciprocal foreign trade programs are scheduled for congressional consideration in March.

The religious groups are pressing for greater Congressional attention to the economic aid aspects of American foreign policy. This is being done because of a fear that without adequate public support, important foreign aid programs may be weakened by the tremendous pressures to accelerate the build-up of military defense and guided missiles programs.

The present education and information program marks an intensification of the efforts of the three major religious agencies. These efforts were climaxed last year when leaders from the three groups testified before Congressional hearings on the religious and moral foundations of America's mutual security program.

In May, 1957, Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, speaking as SCA President, testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the interest of the religious Jewish community in an increase of the American foreign

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Schechita

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information about Schechita, both to protect the good name of the Jewish people and in reference to pending legislation.

SCA has emphasized that such legislative measures leave an "inescapable implication" that Schechita is not humane but would be permitted because it is a religious requirement. Such implications, SCA believes, are "false and defamatory of the Jewish people."

The SCA educational program seeks to bring before the American people and their elected representatives at all levels of government "a large body of competent, objective, scientific opinion collected from the most eminent physiologists, pathologists, heads of veterinary schools and public health officials of world-wide fame in many countries, all of whom have declared the Jewish method of slaughter to be absolutely humane."

NSC LEADERS



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**Campaign Set To Assure Means
For SCA To Fulfill Vital Plans**

A sustained nation-wide drive is underway to provide the financial sinews required to implement fully the program of service to American religious Jewry which Synagogue Council of America uniquely provides.

This is one of the principal functions of the National Sponsors Committee (NSC) headed by former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, Benjamin Lazrus, chairman of the board of Benrus Watch Company, and Herman Wouk, the noted novelist, as Honorary Co-Chairmen.

Mr. Lazrus, nominated by Rabbi Julius Mark, SCA Vice-President, assumes the position left vacant by the late Roger W. Straus. Mr. Wouk, a distinguished Orthodox lay personality, succeeds Samuel S. Schneier-son.

Joseph Schlang, prominent New York realtor, has been elected NSC National Chairman. He succeeds Marvin J. Silberman, the first National Chairman of NSC and now its first Honorary Chairman.

Mr. Schlang has called a meeting of the NSC leaders to review plans for a vigorous national effort to bring the story of SCA's unique contributions to Jewish life before the Jewish community, and to win substantially increased financial support to make possible implementation of the SCA's indispensable program of service.

A significant activity planned by NSC is a series of education luncheons in New York City and in other major Jewish communities throughout the country.

The first will be a businessmen's luncheon early in March in New York city. A series of three luncheons for national

sponsors on problems of American Jews will follow. At these events experts in the field of international relations, church-state problems and Catholic-Protestant-Jewish cooperation will give background talks on areas of SCA service programs.

**A Message From
The President**

It gives me great pleasure to greet the readers of our new Synagogue Council publication, HIGHLIGHTS. It is my hope and that of my fellow-officers that HIGHLIGHTS will become a valuable instrument in projecting before the American non-Jewish and Jewish communities the growing importance of the Synagogue Council in the fields of international affairs and in Catholic, Protestant and Jewish cooperation on a peer-to-peer level, among other areas of vital service to K'lal Yisroel.

I hope too that HIGHLIGHTS will stimulate a much-needed two-way dialogue between the national leadership of SCA and its constituents, and in turn, with the pivotal leadership in local communities on questions of common policy and public action. In this dialogue, your voice, reflected in your participation in SCA activities and in support of its program, can become a strong contribution to the harmonious orchestration of Jewish life.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams,
President,
The Synagogue Council
of America

**3 SCA Leaders
Have Key Roles
At Church Meet**

Three Synagogue Council of America officials had key roles in a seminar on "International Responsibility And Our Religious Heritage" sponsored by the International Affairs Commission (IAC) of SCA, the Catholic Association for International Peace and the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches.

The five-day seminar, held in New York during January under auspices of the Church Peace Union, heard a keynote address on the theme of the event, given by Rabbi Jay Kaufman, UAH Vice-President, as a member of the SCA Commission.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, also a member of the IAC, took part in a panel discussion on "World Economic Development: Policies and Problems."

Rabbi Robert Gordis, a past president of SCA, took part in a panel on "Ethics and Foreign Policy."

Jewish participants also included Jack Dauber, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center of Houston, Texas; Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn of Boston; Rabbi Mordecai S. Halpern of Oak Park, Mich., and Boris M. Joffe, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit.

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**SCA Takes Part
In State Dept.
Policy Briefing**

A selected group of leading American service organizations including Synagogue Council of America, attended a one-day annual background conference on United States foreign policy in Washington, D. C. at the invitation of the U. S. State Department.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, SCA President, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, SCA Executive Director, represented SCA at the December 9 meeting which was addressed by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Under-Secretary Christian A. Herter and other State Department policy-making officials.

The two SCA officials participated in a special session at the conference devoted to discussion of planning for American participation in the recent NATO summit conference in Paris.



The Synagogue Council OF AMERICA

To Rabbi David H. Canebaum

In grateful appreciation of his outstanding leadership and devotion to the cause of American religious Jewry, the officers and delegates of the Synagogue Council of America, tender this expression of warm regard and profound gratitude.

As Executive Director 1953-1961, he has set a high standard of achievement. His stewardship of the Council has been marked by consummate statesmanship and his contribution to its growth has been without parallel in the organization's history.

His belief in the interdependence and fraternity of all Jews has characterized his every action. He has enhanced the name and prestige of the Synagogue Council in his work with U.S. Government agencies, the White House, the United Nations and the Protestant and Catholic communities.

We are heartened by the thought that wherever he will be he will continue to serve the American Jewish community with the same dedication and distinction.

Presented at a Testimonial Dinner in his honor the 7th day of March, 1961, ~ the 19th day of Adar, 5721.

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