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THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, N.Y.

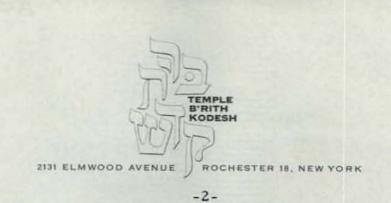
Dear Herb:

Thanks for your note of the 19th. I am delighted that you will serve on the sponsoring committee and will write an article.

Herb Bronstein will be in touch with you about date and subject. We hope the book will be ready for publication by June, 1966 when I will be 65.

My own thinking is that there ought to be some particular aspect of your experience which will be unique to you. Perhaps it is the rescue of a particular Jewish group. Possibly it is some unusual achievement in Israel that isn't generally known. Perhaps it might be some interpretation of the larger spiritual and educational role of the United Jewish Appeal. You might give these some thought and then talk to me about them when we see each other.

Sophy and I expect to be in New York this week beginning Tuesday noon for a wedding Tuesday night and then to remain on for Thanksgiving with our kids in New York, Jeremy and Alice. (Incidentally Jeremy has a brilliant book review in the current New Yorker and Alice soon opens for five weeks playing the lead in "Alice in Christmasland" in Radio City Music Hall.) We will be staying at the Plaza, and if you are in town I am sure we can arrange to get together. In fact I am thinking of bringing some slides along of our recent trip to show to Jeremy, particularly of the Chamonix area where we spent a wonderful few days together and also Greece and Israel. Perhaps we might get together at



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your home at some point during the week. We'll be in touch.

All the best.

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Rabbi Herbert Friedman United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of Americas New York, N. Y. 10019

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

I am writing to you in regard to a Jubilee volume, Essays in Honor of Philip S. Bernstein, that is now in preparation.

In order to express appreciation and esteem for the work of Rabbi Bernstein, his congregation, friends, and associates are preparing a festschrift for his 65th birthday which will take place in June 1966. The editorial committee includes Dr. Salo Baron, Max Lerner, Robert Murphy, former United States Undersecretary of State, as well as yourself.

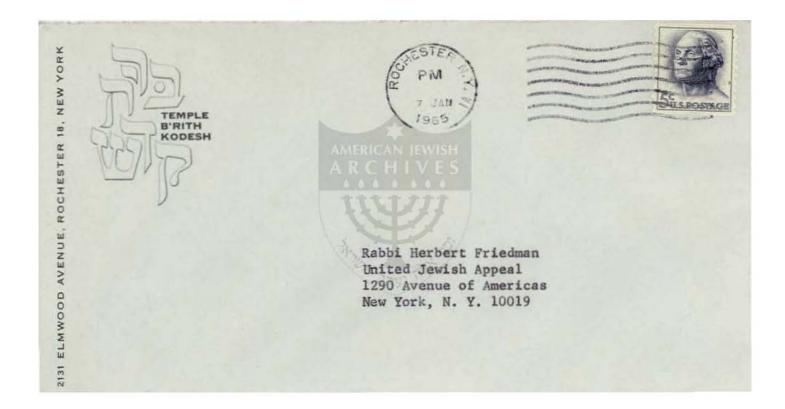
Having worked with Rabbi Bernstein for the past eight years, I have undertaken editorial responsibility.

In what we are confident will be a fine volume of enduring value, I know that Rabbi Bernstein would very much appreciate an essay by you in one of your fields of interest. Anything that you could contribute would be suitable. Rabbi Bernstein has suggested that possibly you might want to relate your experience with the rescue of a particular Jewish group, or possibly some unusual, little-known achievement in Israel, or perhaps some interpretation of the larger spiritual and educational role of the United Jewish Appeal.

We would like to see your essay by May 1965. The essay should be approximately 3000-5000 words.

I hope you will find it possible to participate in this jubilee volume for Rabbi Bernstein. It would mean a great deal to him.

Sincerely yours Herbert Bronstein



cc: HAF IL MT BA

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19 November 1964

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein Temple B'rith Kodesh 2131 Elmwood Avenue Rochester 18, New York

Dear Phil:

I am delighted to learn that on your sixty-fifth birthday your congregation will honor you for the forty years of service you have given as spiritual leader of Temple B'rith Kodesh. It's absolutely impossible to realize you are this old and have been working this long.

Actually, it is a fitting tribute to the distinguished record you have achieved not only in Rochester but throughout the country and abread.

It is a privilege to join the committee which is sponsoring the "festschrift", and I shall be happy to write an article for the book. Please let me know approximately how many words, and the date by which you must have it.

With warmest personal regards.

Cordially,

Berbert A. Friedman

HAF: MBK



ROCHESTER 18. NEW YORK November 10, 1964

THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Herbert Friedman United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, N.Y.

Dear Herb:

As I approach my sixty-fifth birthday in June, 1966, and also the completion of forty years' service to this Temple, the congregation would like to take some appropriate and meaningful cognizance of these events. It has been decided that a book, a "festschrift" should be prepared and published. This should contain original articles by distinguished men and women with whom I have been associated, but not about me.

Among the persons who will be invited to contribute articles will be David Ben Gurion, Abba Eban, President Shazar of Israel, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Senator Jacob Javits, Gen. Lucius Clay, Robert Murphy, Vice-President elect Hubert Humphrey, Pres. Eliahu Elath of the Hebrew University, Prof. Harry Wolfson of Harvard, Prof. Salo Baron of Columbia.

The purpose of this letter is to invite your participation in two ways. First, the folks here would like to be able to say, as they extend invitations for participation, that you are on the committee sponsoring this book. There will be no obligations of any kind on your part. The editorial work will be done by my capable associate, Rabbi Herbert Bronstein, and the finances will be taken care of by the congregation. The others who are being invited to serve on the sponsoring committee are Abba Eban, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel; Robert Murphy, author and diplomat; Max Lerner, teacher and publicist; and Prof. Salo Baron.



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Our second wish is that you contribute some appropriate article growing out of your own experience. You have had such a rich and varied experience that I am certain without any help from us you can think of some phase of it which would be appropriate for such a book.

Thanks in advance for considering the above and looking forward to hearing from you. With all good wishes.

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Philip S. Bernstein



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THE RABBI'S STUDY

September 23, 1976

Dear Herb,

Thanks for your New Year's card. We wish you and Francine and the children everything good in the coming year and pray that it will be a year of peace for Israel and mankind.

Some of the pictures were excellent. Some less good. I think I was a bit too cavalier about the lighting. Perhaps my son-in-law, Fred, had monkeyed with it. I had never touched it. In any event, they all add up to splendid record of a splendid event. I will try to get them supplemented by pictures taken by the Rochester people.

It is interesting that you sent me a page from the Sasoon Hagadah. Do you recall how I tried to buy his collection for the Hebrew University and I talked with you about it. He wanted seven million dollars cash and confidential. You suggested some names, including the RosentHals, but I didn't get very far with them. The only person with whom I might have made headway was Nelson Rockefeller but he happened to be running for governor against Arthur Goldberg, so that was out.

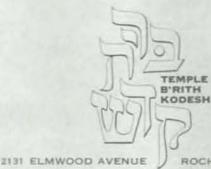
Incidentally, my Sasoon pictures are quite beautiful.

Once again, best to you and the family. Do let us know when you come to the country and have time and we'll go on a picture orgy.

All the best,

As ever

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein



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THE RABBI'S STUDY

June 17, 1975

Dear Herb,

It occurs to me as I'm about to leave for the Cape that we haven't been in touch with each other for ages. I think the last letter I had from you was from November 12th, 1974, in which you told me that the HUC-UAHC leadership wanted to put the project on ice and also in which you informed me that Shimon Peres was asking you to take over the project of building a new city in the south of Israel to be called Yamit. I'm eager to learn what has happened with both.

We've had a pleasant, uneventful winter. We had a long visit to Florida, where I played tennis and swam nearly every day, a month with my brother Irving and our son Steve in California, long visits in New York to be with Princess Rebecca, who is, of course, the brightest, most charming, adorable and, as her mother adds, "a pain in the neck."

I can't quite understand why I didn't come to Israel this spring. There was no special occasion to come, etc., etc. but that isn't a very good reason. We hope to make for it by a prolonged visit either in the fall or in the spring. Is there anything special you think I might come for in either period or have you got a plan to suggest that would be interesting to an'ex-leader?" We're just about to leave for the Cape. Our address is Dennis, Mass. 02638; 617/385-3413. Write soon. All the best to Francine and the kids,

ever.

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein

/d

Rabbi Herbert Friedman 15 Ibn Gabirol St. Jerusalem, Israel 92430

July 2, 1975

Rabbi Philip Bernstein Dennis Mass. 02638 USA

Dear Phil:

Your welcome latter arrived, sounding very family-oriented - which is the way it should be. This is your first experience as a grandfather, but not your last, so you must begin to build up a body of experience.

The derusalem project continues to meet with little success. I made another foray in late May-early June: saw more prospects: have two promises for commitments whose exact amounts will be determined in January: several more from still in the fire for decisions at indeterminate times; and one embryonic situation in England which might develop into commitments as a meeting I am trying to arrange for late October. It is rather discouraging - and the situation is not that Gottschalk-Schindler want to discontinue the project, but rather that I do not know if I want to go on carrying the one-man load. I will decide by year's-end.

As for Yamit, that project met a political death. Peres wanted to build the city with new concepts - i.e. free enterprise, creative architecture, intensive pre-planning - and I wrote him a long memorandum embodying all the principles, with a specific plan of action. Unfortunately, he made the mistake of showing it to Ofer, Minister of Housing (who is a big dove, and doesn't want to huild a city there anyway) who immediately grabbed the project for its publicity value for his ministry, and took it out of Shimon's hands. Now his Housing Ministry is grinding out the usual routine ugly dreary plans with which they build everything, and all the unsual features which I had envisioned for a beautiful city will not ever be attempted. So it goes,

Now, as to coming here after a pleasant Cape summer, I think you should spend a whole long winter here, like October to April, and work on the specific project of familiarising yourself in detail with every aspect of the Reform program here, for two purposes: to interpret it to a wide audience in the U.S. and on the Continent; and to suggest ideas for its improvement.

Let me explain what I mean. There is a variety of activity which comprises parts of a whole, but the whole has not yet been drawn together into one clear big pattern, in the monds of the U.S. mbbis or laymen. If you were to familiarise yourself with every part, then you could write a document (with humor, like your end-of-summer massive book review and commentary) which could be widely disseminated and would interpret what is going on here, and would carry weight because of your name.

In addition, as you studied the many parts, you could suggest things out of your experience and intuition to the various managers how running the parts. They could benefit from discussion with you.

UDSTATE New York

The irrepressible Rabbi Bernstein

He's the irrepressible Rabbi Bernstein

By LINDA CHIAVAROLI Photographs by JIM LARAGY

This anecdote wound up a temple program of Bernstein wit that the rabbi later recorded:

When Rabbi Bernstein visited Russia in 1933, everything was tightly rationed, including tea, so that when he reached the Polish border he drank not one, but thirteen glasses of tea with lemon and sugar immediately before catching a train.

"Well, you can imagine the consequences of that," he recalls. To his chagrin he found the W.C. on the train was locked, and the corridor seemed the only alternative. Unfortunately at that moment the conductor appeared.

"He started screaming at me in Polish, while I continued in English. Finally when I was through, we got together in German and it turned out the fine for what I was doing was three zlotys or 39 cents. So I forked over three well-earned zlotys, much relieved. But all I could think of was what the headlines back home would say: 'Prominent Rochester Rabbi Arrested for Liquidating the Polish Corridor.' " 24/UPSTATE/SUNDAY, Vec. 3, 1972 Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Rochester's Temple B'rith Kodesh in his study. Who else do you know who is on speaking terms with Al Capp, Yehudi Menuhin, Gen. Lucius Clav and Golda Meir?



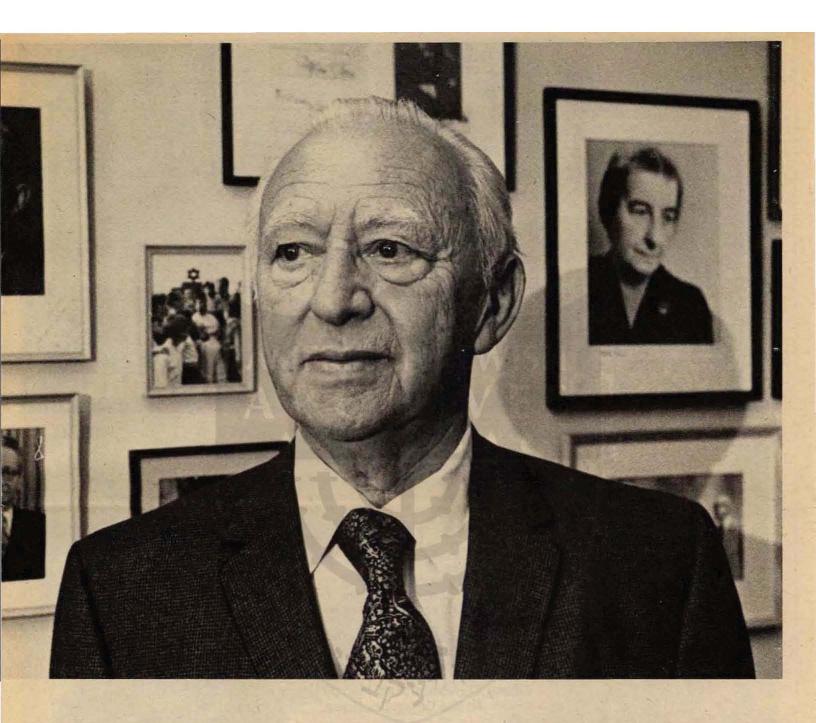
"Somehow you don't think of him as LEADING you," a member of his congregation has said, and when you meet Rabbi Philip Bernstein you realize this has been the key to his dichotomous career.

Born on Cumberland Street where the main post office now stands, he has based his life in Rochester, serving Temple B'rith Kodesh for the last 46 years. Yet he has radiated influence far beyond the walls of his study.

The memorabilia on those walls reflect his life in microcosm. On one side of the doorway are three favorite photos taken by the rabbi, an inveterate shutterbug. They show old men studying the Talmud, their stark black garb sharply outlined against the white stone walls of their kibbutz. Balanced against these are a score of framed black and white glossy pictures, many with warm inscriptions, of Bernstein with world leaders, men of letters, show business celebrities.

The man in the photos has silver hair, full, ruddy cheeks, a compact and robust frame. The rabbi who sits behind the desk is paler, thinner, although at 71 he still plays tennis two or three times a week. The temple is at present without an associate rabbi, so Bernstein has a full schedule of duties this year, his last at B'rith Kodesh. He will retire, with admitted misgivings, next June.

didn't become a rabbi because I had some great mystical experience," he says. "I



decided to become a rabbi to help Jews. I also had a number of social concerns, and being a rabbi gave me a platform and outlet for those concerns."

There's no doubt he has succeeded in the first endeavor. As executive director of the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activites of the National Jewish Welfare Board, he organized the American rabbinate for chaplaincy service during World War II. As adviser on Jewish Affairs to the U.S. Army Commanders in Europe following the war, he spotlighted the Jewish displaced persons problem and influenced key post-war decisions. His book, "What the Jews Believe." written in 1950, is, he often quips, "a bestseller second only to the Bible" (actually it is in its 17th hard cover edition). As chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (1954-1968), he has advised congressmen, senators and presidents on the Middle East.

His influence on wide-ranging social problems is more difficult to assess, but in Rochester he was many times the first voice and always a well-informed one to speak out about such issues as housing for the poor, birth control, organized labor.

He began the housing campaign in 1928 with the Rev. Walter Foery. "Then Rochester was sweeping that issue under the rug." Bernstein recalls. "Only subsidies would help solve it and the whole conservative, Republican atmosphere here was against that." He later served as president of the Rochester Planning and Housing Council, a forerunner of the Housing Authority.

"What Phil did was to keep that issue alive," says city historian Blake McKelvey. "The community was slow to move and he was one of the half dozen who stuck it out to the end. Nothing was accomplished until the Truman victory in 1948 floored the local establishment."

Bernstein created a furor in the early 30's when he and the temple sisterhood invited birth control pioneer Margaret Sanger to speak. "There was violent opposition from the Catholic authorities, lay and clerical." recalls Bernstein, "but I held my ground because I believe in both freedom of speech

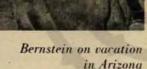
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'It was purely by accident that he became rabbi of the rich, radical, German-Jewish temple in Rochester.'





Atop Long's Peak in Estes Park, Colorado, in 1939.



The rabbi in action on court of Ben Lull of Superior Road.

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and the substantive issue. I lost the friendship of two of my best parishioners over that.'

Mrs. Morton (Miggie) Baum, local pioneer in birth control, and active today in Planned Parenthood, feels the formation of the first local birth control committee in 1932 and the subsequent establishment of a clinic here stemmed directly from Mrs. Sanger's visit.

Bernstein was and is a staunch supporter of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, in spite of the fact that some of the most prominent members of his congregation are descendants of the founders of the local clothing industry and represent top management

Bernstein's liberal views spring from his own background. His parents were Eastern European Jews from Lithuania. His father owned a small pants business on North Clinton Avenue. His mother worked in one of the clothing factories for a time. He was raised

in the orthodox tradition and bar mitzvahed

at Temple Beth Israel on Leopold Street. which he visits each year with his confirmation classes "to expose them to the neighborhood and to a tradition they know little about.'

t was purely by accident that this poor Eastern European Jew, and founder of the Zionist Young Judea club in Rochester, became rabbi of the rich, radical German-Jewish temple in town.

While honeymooning in Israel after graduating from New York's Jewish Institute of Religion, he met Mrs. Katherine Weil, an influential member of B'rith Kodesh whose father was Joseph Michaels of Michaels-Stern & Company. She was immediately impressed with the young rabbi and urged the congregation to engage him as assistant rabbi, which they did. A year later, in 1927, Rabbi Horace Wolf died at the age of 41 and the 25-year-old Bernstein assumed leadership of the congregation.

"Mrs. Weil was a very direct sort of person," recalls her daughter-in-law Mrs. James

Weil. "I think that's why she established a rapport with Phil immediately. He's the same way.

Bernstein feels the reputation of B'rith Kodesh automatically lent prestige to its leader. The two rabbis who preceded him -Wolf and Dr. Max Landsberg - had also been liberals and pioneers. B'rith Kodesh was the first temple in the United States to have services in English. Dr. Landsberg had established the Union Thanksgiving Service in cooperation with First Unitarian Church. When Bernstein came to the congregation, they had carried the Reform concept to such a degree that the services were conducted on Sunday, and Hebrew school and the bar mitzvah had ceased to exist.

Bernstein re-instituted the latter and eventually moved services back to Friday night. In this, he sees himself as a bridge between the German-Jews who dominated the congregation when he came and the East European Jews who were later drawn into it. But while he restored a sense of Jewish history and tradition to a congregation he regarded as "spiritually at a low ebb" he pres-

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The rabbi with daughter, Alice, and son Dr. Jeremy Bernstein at family gathering Oct. 28 when Alice married Fred Perkins, her second husband.

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erved the open-mindedness which he feels is at the heart of Reform Judaism. "Reform fundamentally means the process of change, evolution and growth, not a set of customs and ceremonies," he says. "You don't observe this or that. According to the orthodox thought, these things were given for all time."

While his background gave him strong convictions and the temple gave him a platform for his views, it is Bernstein's personality that has made him a man to be listened to. He knows how to swath his sometimes harsh opinions in warmth and humor, yet still make their cutting edge felt.

"Philip has a way of saying strong things in a way that's not irritating," says his longtime parishioner and friend, attorney Manuel D. Goldman. "He's one of the few

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Rabbi and Mrs. Bernstein and son Dr. Stephen Bernstein of Los Angeles.

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In 1946 with Gen. Eisenhower.



Bernstein with David Ben-Gurion.

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men of religion who relates to people as people. He can converse on any subject. He knows how to push his congregation — gently."

Bernstein, who taught himself to play tennis as a boy in the playground of No. 10 School, claims never to have lost a serve in his 60-year addiction to the game. "Actually his serve is pretty weak," says his 20-year tennis partner, Benjamin Lull. "But he wins a lot because he keeps returning the ball with a high lob."

'As long as I keep talking, I can win,"



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The rabbi in his temple: 'There really is a generation gap.'

says the rabbi. Bernstein witticisms are legion and it is generally conceded that no one in Rochester can tell a Jewish story better than he can. A few years ago he collected all his favorites for a program at the temple called "Why Jews Laugh" (the answer is: "Why not?") which he later recorded. It ends with the joke about the Polish corridor.

No situation is too much for the rabbi. How many people do you know who are on speaking terms with Al Capp. Yehudi Menuhin, General Lucius Clay and Golda Meir?

"In Israel they call Golda the strongest man in the cabinet," says Bernstein. "But in many ways she's very womanly. One of the last times we were in Israel, we had lunch with her. She had a moral dilemma that day, and she called upon me, as a rabbi, for advice. She was foreign minister then and was supposed to attend a reception for a visiting dignitary that evening, but her son, who plays the cello, was performing the same night. I told her, 'Be a Jewish mother and go to your son's concert.""

Bernstein's famous congregational letters, which he sends at the end of each summer, are peppered with such anecdotes as well as trenchant reviews of his summer reading. He has such a rich store of material and obvious writing ability that his readers may well hope the rabbi will continue his illustrious literary tradition when retirement gives him more free time.

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The rabbi blesses son Stephen during bar mitzvah in Frankfurt, Germany in 1947. Bernstein was an adviser on Jewish affairs after World War II, and this was first bar mitzvah in Germany since 1940.

'I'm worried about this year...'

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If you look under Bernstein in the card catalogue of any library you'll find the Rochester Bernsteins own a respectable chunk of that entry. Aside from those by the rabbi-"What the Jews Believe" and "Rabbis at War" (a history of the chaplaincy program) - there are those by his brothers, Saul and Irving, both college professors, on the problems of alienated youth and American labor. The rabbi's son Dr. Jeremy Bernstein, the only physicist on the staff of New Yorker magazine, has written on his consuming passion for mountain climbing, computers, and elementary particles.

In order to write a good book you have to have an angle," says the rabbi, "and right now I'm not in the mood for angles. I'm worried about getting through this year first."

After next June, Bernstein and his wife, Sophie, will give up their home on Windmere Drive and take an apartment. Probably they will spend the winter months in warmer climates - in California, Florida or Israel. They will have more time to spend at their 200-year old house on Cape Cod and visit their children - Jeremy, who lives in New York; Dr. Stephen Bernstein, who is with the

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Brain Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles; and actress daughter Alice, who may be anywhere but is 'usually in New York. She starred in "The Fantasticks" and played in "Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" last summer.

Bernstein leaves B'rith Kodesh with a sense of uncertainty, although he still intends to be active and speaks of possible positions in New York, Washington or Israel.

"This congregation has been my whole life," he says. He's stayed in Rochester, although there were offers to go elsewhere. "because the basics here satisfied me. I have had the freedom to do what I want, to say what I want. The patterns of life, the human relationships, the kind of congregation I have — they have all made for a very satisfying life."

Yet he is basically committed to that "process of change, evolution and growth" he spoke of earlier. Asked what he would do, what issues he would address himself to, if he were a young rabbi taking over the congregation today, he replied:

"That's very difficult to say. I feel there really is a generation gap. We have a bright, eager, searching and honest young generation now and we have to face that. They will need another framework in which to operate and the leadership of the future will have to be close to their needs."



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THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

W. ALLEN WALLIS CHANCELLOR

November 25, 1974

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

I want to add a word to the formal invitation you have received to participate in the University's Convocation on December 16. This will be an historic occasion marking the formal inauguration of the Philip S. Bernstein Professorship in Jewish Studies at the University of Rochester, and Her Excellency Golda Meir is to receive an honorary degree and give an address.

I know how much it will mean to Rabbi Bernstein if you are able to accept this invitation and be present at the dinner before the Convocation itself, and the reception that is to follow. It will mean a great deal to the University, as well, and I hope I may look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely yours,

allen Wallis

Rabbi Herbert Friedman 15 Ibn Gabirol Street Jerusalem, Israel

December 4, 1974

Chancellor W. Allen Wallis The University of Rochester Rochester New York, N.Y. 14627 USA

Dear Mr. Wallis:

I received today your very friendly letter concerning the inauguration of the Philip S. Bernstein Professorship in Jewish Studies, at the University on December 16.

I cannot tell you how much it would have meant to me to me to have been present. My relationship with Philip goes back to the Second World War, when we worked together in the Chaplaincy Corps. I have enormous respect for him, and am delighted to see him linked in this permanent manner with the University to which he feels so close.

The only thing which keeps me from accepting the invitation is the expense involved.

I have written to Philip explaining my disappointment, and extending my congratulations to him. I cannot thank you enough for the kindness of your personal letter. I know the effort involved in taking the time to write as you did, and I am most grateful. I am sure it will be a beautiful day, impressive and significant. I shall miss it with regret.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman





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THE RABBI'S STUDY

October 23, 1974

Dear Herb,

It seems to me that a long, long time has elapsed since I have written to you.

First let me express great appreciation for the brochure you put out. It is a superb job. It is so obviously right in tone, values, objectives that it makes one want to weep at the frustrations of present conditions.

I am, of course, very much interested in what has happened to the project and what is happening with you. Is it in deep-freeze or are you maintaining momentum?

Have I written to you about our grandchild, Rebecca Bernstein Perkins? She arrived on July 2nd and, of course, is a honey. However, I must say she changed our lives. She and Alice and most of the time Fred were with us for six weeks during the summer and all I read was Spock and my checkbook.

They are with us now just as we are about to move from our old beloved bonjorie into a beautiful new condominium townhouse, but Sophy wouldn't have it otherwise. She's in seventh heaven.

Horace Manacher was here last weekend. His youngest daughter, Allegra, is a freshman at the University of Rochester, and Horace and Zelda came up to spend Parents' Weekend with her. He seems to be as lovable and charming and probably as conflicted as ever, but he is a wonderful human being.

Because of moving and because we want to spend as much time as possible with Rebecca, we haven't crystallized our plans for the winter. I am assuming, however, that in the spring, we'll be coming to Israel. All the best to your family and yourself,

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein

As ever,



ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14618 244-7050

June 10, 1974

THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman World Education Center for Progressive Judaism 13 King David Street Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Dear Herb:

I am giving a letter of introduction to you to my very dear friend, Reverend Joseph P. Brennan, Rector at Saint Bernard's Seminary in Rochester. He is leading a tour of priests to Israel this summer arriving July 4th . He is a devoted friend of Israel, always loyal and helpful.

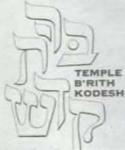
I thought that it would be meaningful to the group to meet with you while in Jerusalem, and therefore have arranged for this introduction .

All the best.

As ever,

PSB:hc

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein



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June 10, 1974

THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman World Education Center for Progressive Judaism 13 King David Street Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Herb:

I didn't hear from you before you left the country. Perhaps you tried and missed us. In a letter from Ralph Yablon he writes that he very much enjoyed meeting you and "will do what I can do help." However, he adds, "Altho Herbert does know it is always a bad time for good causes - but now really is about as difficult a time is I have evern known. It is said that it is worse than 1929 - and that was a year never to forget."

You will be interested to know that Manny Goldberg and his wife will be in a Rochester leadership group arrivin g in Israel around the middle of July. They start their trip at the King David Hotel.

I'd like to hear from you and learn what's happening.

All the best to Francine and the children and yourself.

As ever,

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein

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December 24, 1973

THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman 15 Ibn Gabirol Street Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Dear Herb:

Thanks for your nice note. Yes we are planning to come to Israel for about three months, but not quite as early as January. Alice and her husband will be returning to this country from Brazil about the middle of January and we want to see them and also Sophy wants to help Alice get settled. So it looks as if we'll be coming around the first week of February and remaining for about three months.

We would like to get a pleasant, comfortable apartment in Jerusalem. We are not definite enough yet to make a firm commitment, but if you have the opportunity to do a little poking around, and especially if you should see something really very nice, let me know one way or the other, and we'll probably be ready by that time to make a firm commitment.

Let me add that from time to time Hadassah Plaut has written me about apartments so perhaps she could be helpful.

It's pleasant to hear about Keating. We are really very good friends and I know that we can count on him wherever he has discretion and judgment.

I returned a few days ago from Washington where I spent a month hovering over the affairs of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. Kenen was as you probably know in Israel and also speaking on the west coast, so I was minding the store. It came to a climax in my testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I am too modest to say only that it was a Better Bernstein. Sophy, strangely enough, thought I was superb, and Kenen when he read the testimony said it was even more than great. The only person who didn't share their enthusiasm was Senator Fulbright who presided. He really is a momzer, but I stood up to him. When I get a copy of the testimony in the Congressional Record I'll send it to you.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman - 2

We have thought of you much in these last months, and now are looking forward to seeing you and Francine and the family and spending much time with you.

Sophy joins me in fond good wishes to you all for the New Year and in the prayer that it will be a year of peace.

As ever,

Mie

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Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein

Saint Bernard's Seminary

June 14, 1974

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman World Education Center for Progressive Judaism 13 King David Street Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Phil Bernstein has been kind enough to write a letter of introduction for me, informing you that I am leading a group of alumni of this seminary to Israel during the month of July. This is my fifth trip to Israel since 1956, and I am very much looking forward to introducing these friends (15 of us) to the Land and the People. If you would have any time for us, I know that it would mean a great deal to our group to see Israel through your eyes. We shall be staying at the Kings Hotel from July 4 until July 9. If it is not being too presumptuous, I would like to call you shortly after we arrive.

With every best wish, and thanks for your consideration,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Reverend Joseph P. Brennan Rector

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OFFICE OF THE RECTOR 718 254-7349

June 20th, 1974

Reverend Joseph P. Brennan, Rector Saint Bernard's Seminary 2260 Lake Avenue Rochester New York 14612 U.S.A.

Dear Reverend Brennan:

I received Phil Bernstein's letter of introduction two days ago, and your note this morning. I would be delighted to meet with your group, and to do everything I possibly can, as one person, to make your trip meaningful.

I can meet with you for any length of time you wish; gan show you around Jerusalem; explain the Holocaust by visiting Yad Vashem; can advise you on your itinerary throughout the rest of the country; can try to be generally helpful in any way you feel necessary.

We have a summer house at Caesarea, on the coast between Tel Aviv and Haifa, and shall probably be there after July 1st. But I will be happy to come to meet you in Jerusalem. When you arrive at the Kings Hotel, please try the following telephone numbers, and you will find me at one place or the other:

| Jerusalem, Office | 232444 |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Jerusalem, Home | 66921 |
| Caesarea, Home | area code 063-88233 |

Looking forward to meeting you,

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman

January 13, 1974

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein Temple B'rith Kodesh 2131 Elmwood Avenue Rochester, New York 14618

Dear Phil:

Enclosed is the real estate column from this past weekend's Jerusalem Post. I have marked those items which seem worth looking into, but it really is difficult to make a decision for you.

I am leaving for Switzerland and England on January 20, and I expect to be back in Jerusalem on February 8. Francine is going with me for part of the way and will be back here on January 27. Should you arrive in Jerusalem before I return, please do not hesitate to call her and ask for whatever help you need.

We really look forward to your being here, and during the course of several months we shall be able to spend lots of time together.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Briedman



ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14618 244-7060

THE RABBI'S STUDY

April 27, 1973

Dear Rabbi Friedman,

This morning Rabbi Bernstein sent you a cable to your post box number reading as follows: Retiring June. Final honoring dinner May 20th. Would love you participate. Please Cable.

We called the United Jewish Appeal office in New York, spoke with Shirley Stillman, who said that you would be in this country in mid-May. And would, therefore, possibly be available to be with us for the Temple's Annual Meeting at which Rabbi Bernstein will be honored.

It should be a very warm, friendly affair, and I know that Rabbi Bernstein wants very much to have you participate.

We are sending you this letter in case you didn't get the cable. Would you please cable or even telephone? Thank you.

Sincerely,

Downah Lederman

(Mrs) Devorah Lederman Secy to Rabbi Bernstein

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February 8, 1973

TO: FRIENDS OF AIPAC

FROM: IRVING KANE, CHAIRMAN I. L. KENEN, EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM FOR ACTION

In our January 18 communication we informed you that we were making an effort to win more sponsors for the Vanik bill which, like the Jackson amendment in the Senate, would deny most-favorednation status, credits and investment guarantees to countries which charge exhorbitant exit fees. At that time, there were 144 sponsors of the Vanik bill.

You will be pleased to know that the number of sponsors has now risen to 261. Representative Wilbur D. Mills, Chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, has contributed his prestige and influence and he introduced the Mills-Vanik bill yesterday, as its No. 1 sponsor.

We are grateful to all our friends throughout the country who wrote or called their Congressmen to help achieve this result. We think this was of major importance because now that both the Senate and House have demonstrated their concern, the Administration is in a much better position to influence the Soviet Union to abandon its harsh and restrictive policies.

We think it worthwhile to continue to secure additional sponsors, and if your Congressmen are not on the enclosed list, we suggest that you write, urging them to become co-sponsors.

Finally, we believe it most important that letters of thanks and congratulations go to Representatives Wilbur D. Mills and Charles A. Vanik and to your own Congressmen who have become co-sponsors.

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