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RABBI HENRY J. BERKOWITZ, LL. D.
CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
PORTLAND 9, OREGON

November 29, 1946

Dear Mr. Rose:

I too, am sorry we did not have a chance to talk together. It was amusing that we are suspected of collusion, when the fact is we had only the minimum of casual conversation and never alone for one minute.

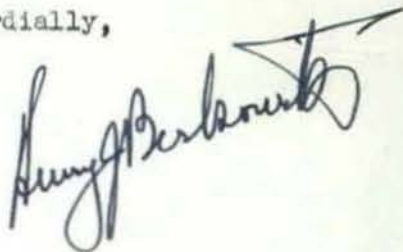
Many thanks for your generous letter with the enclosure to Dr. Eisendrath. Such praise is hardly deserved, but it does no harm to my stock in Cincinnati.

The display cards came. We will use them at the general meeting Sunday night,

You will be interested to know that Gerald L.K. Smith was in Portland last Monday and was interviewed by the press. In his statement he repeated almost verbatim what Rabbi Berger had said here two weeks before about the Jews having dual allegiance. It proved conclusively how dangerously the American Council plays into the anti-semites hands. You also know I am sure, that in Los Angeles Gerald Smith praised Berger and called him "my kind of Jew".

Please give my warm regards to you wife. She appealed to me very much. Remember me also to Bernard.

Cordially,



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AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

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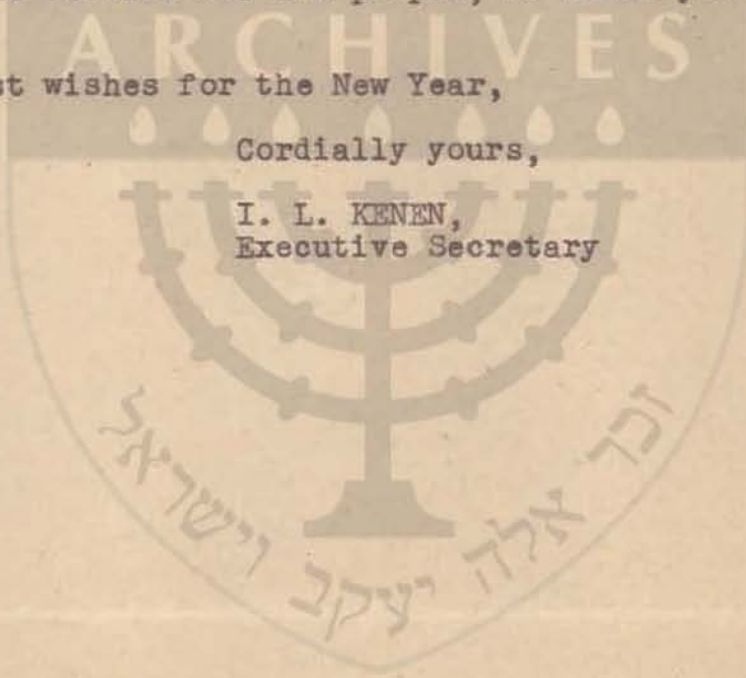
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With the best wishes for the New Year,

Cordially yours,

I. L. KENEN,
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August 22, 1946

Dear Herbert:

Now that I have adjusted my mental processes to the fact that you will not return to us the coming Holydays, but maybe at the turn of the year or shortly thereafter, I can write to you as a normal individual. The "norm" in my case varies according to perspective.

I received a beautiful letter from Rabbi Bernstein which I appreciate a great deal and which will be read to the Board at its next meeting.

I realize fully everything that Rabbi Bernstein stated in his letter. With all that you can't return too soon for me.

Here's the situation - Bernard will remain with us until next spring and we are getting along; that is a matter of opinion. I will say this that he is very decent about the whole matter. I may add here that it would be nice to drop him a chatty note which can be read to others.

I failed to mention in my last letter that the correspondence enclosed has not changed your status or lessened the desire for your early return. I think that when several fellows are "knocked off" at the next annual meeting the entire situation will be adjusted to the satisfaction of the great majority of the Temple.

I am also enclosing a letter which was mailed to the congregation by the Board. This report was not accepted unanimously by them and is not accurate. A good strong hand, such as yours, could brush aside these things as easily as a duck sheds water.

Tell Elaine I received a government check for \$185.00 from her father which was duly deposited and on the first of the month I will report to you your balance.

In my last letter I asked for a message for the bulletin. If it doesn't come in time for the Holydays, I will publish it as soon as I receive same, with the necessary explanation that distance and the uncertainties of deliveries have caused the delay. In any event I want a nice message from you.

You will find your message from last year which will serve as a sort of guide. You may write as much as you want; we never get too much from you.

I hope that you and Elaine will be able to see a great deal of each other and make the most of this opportunity. I am sure her presence in Europe will lighten the heavy burden that you no doubt are carrying in your heart.

The press and the radio are filled with the problems of the DPs and the extremely hazardous situation of our brethren in Palestine. I have been informed that several workers are now going to Europe to aid the destitute and homeless Jews. In fact I met a young lady who had just received her notice to sail. I mention this because I strongly feel, as I have indicated before, that you can be of even greater service here, because trained personnel will soon be in Europe to aid in every way possible the remnants of our people.

You probably think that I am nuts on this but I am not and I say this with due modesty and humility. I, therefore, earnestly believe that as soon as the critical situation is relieved you should make every effort to come back.

Many things have happened here. I cannot begin to tell you of the prolificness of our young people. In about five years, Grade I will exemplify the "Birth of a Nation."

Sad things have happened also:

Henrietta Fine, oldest daughter of Sara and Milton Fine was thrown from a horse and is very ill at the moment.

Buddy Basso, Sol's son, is in the hospital - suspected disease - polio.

Stella Michaels, mother of Louise Rosenbaum, recuperating from severe heart attack.

Hattie Cohen, mother of Alvin, only a question of weeks.

Marion Baskin, wife of Ellis the dentist, dying of a malignancy.

Rabbi Kauvar recovering from an operation.

Sam Schaefer quite sick. Will be operated.

George Meyers quite ill - will never get well. May not live many months.

Anne Wittelshofer recovering from a severe burn.

Marjorie Hyman passed the critical period during a siege of pneumonia.

I mailed you several letters and hope that you received them.

The housing situation in Denver is extremely critical. Many houses and apartments are under construction but cannot be completed for lack of essential materials. To speak of a housing shortage when you are seeing people living in dire want may appear to you as out of place. I mention this because you will have to think about housing prior to your return. The prices, of course, are frightful. When you and Elaine return you will probably have to be content with a small aptment for a limited length of time. I am now faced with the same problem with regard to Bob and his mother. She wants a small apartment or room at a hotel; Bob needs a house. His mother's is too large and this presents a problem. Bob's unit, where he has been living for the past few months, is going on the market for sale. The price is out of all reason.

I like the way you handled the "hot potato" sent to you by Mort Lewin. He read your note to the entire Board and must admit that you haven't lost your delicate touch.

There are a million things I want say but can't go on forever so please kiss Elaine for me and Marion.

Love

Sam

P.S.--Just saw Martin Weitz on the street and he voluntarily said that you are needed very badly in Denver and hoped that your return would be soon. He is doing quite well in Des Moines.

I shall try to write from now on to keep you informed on activities within and around the Temple.

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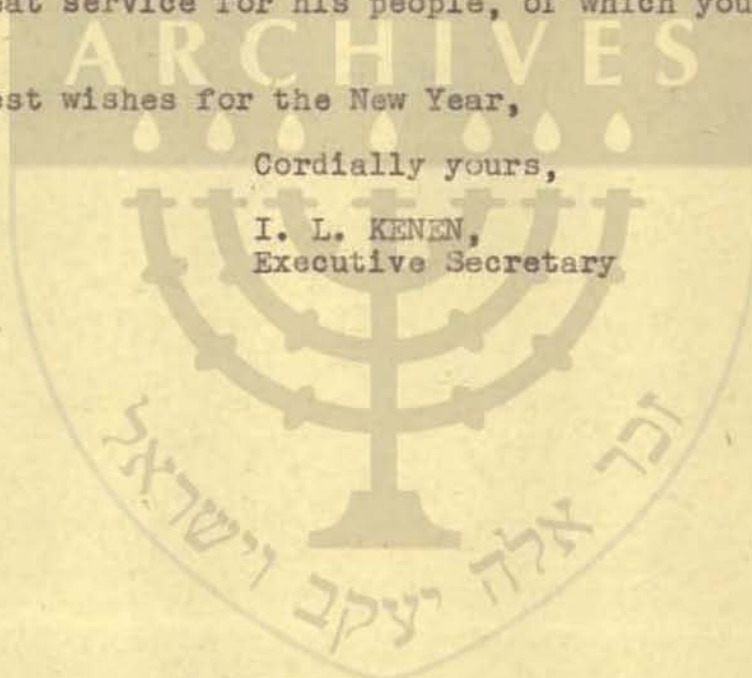
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August 8, 1946

Dear Herbert:

It has been some time since I have received a letter from you and the same can be applied to my negligence. I did receive the picture and was able to see you quite clearly with the aid of a magnifying glass. I am always happy to receive a picture or anything from you. I am keeping all these things in a scrap book and when you return we will have a good time reliving your experiences.

Received the beautiful Menorah or candelabrum. What gives? Is it to be kept for you or do you wish to present it to the Temple? If so, please suggest how you want to have it finished. Imagine there is quite a story behind it.

To get a few sordid things out of the way, I want to let you know that your insurance has been paid, storage up-to-date, and your share of the pension. According to the U. S. Bank, as of July 30, your balance was \$2,368.39. However, I do not know if any checks are outstanding. I will be glad to send your bank statement on to you if you wish. I also paid your Yale dues.

Naturally I was keenly disappointed that you did not proceed with the use of the affidavits to accelerate your honorable release. However, I can understand quite well how you feel about this matter. Obviously you are doing the right thing. On the other hand, it is difficult for me to reconcile your position with the actions and attitude of the army and the JWB. It would seem to me that they are not giving the position of chaplain in Europe enough importance because they have been withdrawing chaplains rather than leaving them at their posts and recruiting new men.

From my own experience I know of several who would like to remain in the army and cannot do so. As a result, I have probably been a little too insistent. I now rely on your judgment and desires and have enough confidence in you to know that you are doing the very best under the circumstances.

I talked with Elaine some weeks ago and she called me to say goodbye just before she left. I deeply regret that she and I misunderstood each other. I assure you and her that whatever I may have said was done in the best interests of all concerned and not from any personal motive. I am sure that by now Elaine will understand what I was trying to put over.

Marion concurs with me, which emphasizes the fact that I cannot be one hundred percent wrong. Honest differences are not harmful and we will soon be together again.

Whether or not you will be able to get an automatic discharge at the end of a certain term of service is questionable. At least that is the information I have received and it may be necessary at that time to use affidavits. I know rabbis who have been in more than two years and are still in service.

As I have said before, my reasons for hastening your return are not selfish or personal. They are based on convictions that I believe will ultimately result in the best interest of our people. In America there are more than five million Jews - the largest congregation of Jewish people in the world - the last stronghold. Unless the American Jews can enjoy more harmony and understanding the cause of world Jewry is lost. Here in America the means and the energies are provided for the rebuilding of Palestine, for the defense and care of homeless Jews wherever they may be. Every spiritual leader in his respective sphere of influence can do much to solidify into a strong element the various groups of Jews having divergent views.

I feel that you can do much to bring a spirit of harmony with its ultimate good results, cooperation and usefulness to our brethren.

Denver, like several other communities in the country is experiencing conditions that are not healthful or helpful to Jewry. Our Temple is in the midst of quite a bit of feeling that can and must be eradicated by the kind of spiritual strength, which I know you possess.

You will find enclosed a copy of a letter from Abe mailed to the entire membership which will give you an idea of recent events. I don't believe that this will precipitate any break in our Temple, because the great majority of members feel the same as Abe and the minority group will disintegrate in time. In the meantime, however, the affairs of the Temple are being subjected to common discussion and criticisms. A special meeting of the congregation may be the result of this letter. I don't really know just what will happen. I do know, however, that all groups in the Temple are eagerly awaiting your return.

You will also find enclosed copies of correspondence between Bernard - Granison - Brickner. I am glad to see that Granison is on the ball. There is no question that we can use some assistance. However, the matter is not urgent and should wait until you return. The Temple is being served by Bernard and other functions are going on, not as well as usual, but going on satisfactorily. However, no particular group opposed the inquiries, although I was aware of the position the schools are supposed to take. I feel as others do that the Rabbi should select his own assistant, or rather have something to say about it. Should Rachael for any reason be unable to carry on, then, of course, we must have some assistance. Whatever we do should be on a temporary basis and not on a permanent basis.

You can probably understand why I have been over-zealous about your return.

Back to Elaine, who I think is not entirely wrong in everything. I can also understand why she wanted to go and why you wanted her with you. I sincerely hope that you both will stay well and will be able to derive great happiness in being together again.

The holidays are rapidly approaching and may I suggest at this time that you write a good message to our members in the form of a letter which will embody New Year, 5707 in Europe and America; the hopes of the homeless and the hopes and desires of those who have homes and to whom world Jewry must look for help.

Yesterday I started to write you a real long letter, but could not do so because of interruptions and demands on my time. Since yesterday I have heard a great many things regarding Abe's letter, all them complimentary. Abe has no desire other than to advise the congregation of the events that have taken place. He refused to accept the honorary office because to him it was an empty honor. May I suggest you send him a New Year's greeting, and omit anything regarding the political situation in the Temple. Also please take time out to drop Rachael a card.

I suppose Elaine has told you that Minna Mae gave birth to a fine young boy. Bob Eichberg's boy is now three and a half months old and is quite a fellow. Sometimes he looks like a gorilla, but I am sure that he is going to be a fine looking boy in a little while.

Marion joins me in love to you and Elaine.

Sam



July 3, 1946

Dear Herbert:

No doubt you are greatly puzzled by some of my recent letters and the receipt of the affidavits. To be perfectly honest with you I have purposely avoided writing in detail the trend of events. My reasons are many and again I shall not attempt to bother you with a good many things that may blow over and yet on the other hand, develop into a rather serious situation.

At the meeting of the congregation some changes were made on the Board indicating very plainly the attitude of the membership at large. The attitude to which I refer is good. On the other hand, some changes have been made in the officers of the Temple by a group that still have control by a majority of one on the Board. It is too early to predict the outcome.

I take the position that a group of men elected to the Board of the Temple will expend their best efforts for the cause. There are those who foment trouble, but in the long run they will become less harmless.

I also feel that your return would do much to bring the several factions together. Some will never come into the fold and others who are sitting on the fence will come over to our side with just a little persuasion.

The affidavits sent to you will indicate better than I the true picture.

Denver is a definite challenge to your courage, convictions, experience, and training. I realize that you brush off a great many things and I am glad you can do so, because a lot incidents to which I have referred in the past are really meaningless and should be flicked off like a speck of dust.

Please advise me by fastest communication, namely cable, whether you received my letters and more particularly the affidavits to which I have referred.

Should you return in the fall the Allied Jewish Council will want to use you in their drive. Denver will attempt to raise five hundred thousand dollars as their part of the one hundred million dollar total. New York alone will raise twenty-five million.

I have never seen, since you have been here, such genuine concern for your return and your good health. Those who even

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disagree with your views on certain matters are deeply interested in your early return. You have really made a place for yourself in this community.

When I think of the affection many have for you and the high regard in which you are held then I realize that you can mold these divergent views into one strong group.

Personally I miss you more all the time, as do Marion, Rachael, Sadie, Carl and Anna, the teachers, the children, and everyone else.

Marion has not been too well, but is able to wither some of the "Antis" with pointed remarks.

The purpose of this letter really, in addition to maintaining our correspondence, is to find out whether or not you have received the above referred to affidavits. Lou Isaacson is also anxious to know what you want him to do with the one hundred dollars contributed by the children of the confirmation class for any cause you designate, for any group that you come in contact with.

Sadie is going on her vacation in a few minutes so will cut this letter short and will write again very soon.

Marion joins me in love.

Sam

P. S.-- Two days ago marked the first anniversary of Dad's passing and the girls and I went to the cemetery to visit his grave. It does not seem as if it were only a year since you buried him. I cannot tell you how much we miss him.

May 29, 1946

Dear Rabbi Baskin:

The Temple and I personally feel very grateful to you for purchasing for us the beautiful Torah. It is just what we want and the price was most reasonable.

It is surprising that a Temple as large as ours has never had more than two Scrolls. The new one will afford us a Scroll for the beautiful portable ark which is used during the summer months in the chapel.

The Ark and the Scroll will be dedicated in loving memory of our late Rabbi William S. Friedman. The funds to build this Ark and to purchase the Scroll were furnished by several Confirmation Classes and close friends of Rabbi Friedman.

I suppose that you have noticed from the latest bulletin that Denver is experiencing the results of a radically changing Jewish Scene. There are those who think that Reform Judaism is too traditional and would want to revert to the Classical Reform, as enunciated in Pittsburgh in 1885. They also shudder at the word "Zionism". No doubt you are familiar with this "mishagug". Very fortunately the numbers are few. However, we hope as time goes by that the differences will be adjusted and that Jewry all over America will have the harmony and unity it needs so desperately.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which was mailed to Dr. Wise and also to Dr. Slonimsky. This will tell better than I how well Bernard is doing. There is no question in my mind but what the fine influence of both yourself and your ~~niece~~ ^{daughter} ~~wife~~ ^{Charm} is reflected in Bernard and his work. He is looking forward eagerly to his visit and to be quite truthful his anxiety to be with you again for a few weeks is evident, even now.

The next time we are in New York we would like the pleasure of meeting you and renewing our friendship with Mrs. Baskin.

My wife, Marion, joins me in warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Sam Rose

April 26, 1946

Dear Herbert:"

Marion has indicated to you how thrilled we both were to hear your voice. You sounded like your old self. I am sure that you are deriving a great deal of satisfaction from a job well done.

It would be very thrilling to hear your voice at Confirmation. However, I doubt if it can be arranged by phone. There are so many uncertainties that it would be difficult to stop the service and then not be able to get your voice or to even get it at all. One of the KOA engineers and also a telephone official made this suggestion - that you contact some army authority who has the equipment, and that you make a record which we can use over our public address system, and that this record should be packed very carefully to avoid breakage. I even discussed with KOA about getting a message from you that morning or the day before but the law does not permit them to tap a telephone line. I wish you would make every effort to have a record made, not exceeding four or five minutes. It would not be as inspiring to you to speak into a machine, but you can do it over if the first is not satisfactory. All you have to do is to think of these thirty-one children, all of them known to you, the large congregation, and the fact that they are being charged with the full responsibilities as young Jews.

I think this is the most satisfactory way because I can get my machine in order and at the proper moment bring your voice into the Temple. They all assure me here that the army does have such equipment and will be glad to provide a chaplain with that service.

Your letters to the congregation, although edited slightly, were well received and we are now going to press with your Passover story. Your news letters are just right.

I feel now that at this time you can play down the Zionist angle. As you no doubt heard, the Anglo-American Commission has decided unanimously to recommend, without any strings attached, to the several governments interested that one hundred thousand Jews or more be admitted at once into Palestine, and I agree with many Zionists who feel that this will alleviate the situation. It may not solve the entire problem. I cannot agree with the extremists who think that this recommendation by the Joint Inquiry Committee is to side-step the issue of a commonwealth. I only mention this because I feel that for the time being some good has been accomplished and if the several interested governments will adhere to the result of the deliberations, one hundred thousand or more Jews will be saved. Let us be grateful for anything that helps to save a life.

Marion wrote you several days ago and I will omit some of the things she has already told you. She just called me up on the phone a few minutes ago and said she received a letter from Elaine. Her attitude, judging from the letter, is good and her spirits are high at this time. Eddie Miller and Bess were in New York and spent some time with Elaine. I understand that they had a swell time together.

Don't forget, if you can't make a record write to the children, and in the absence of a record we will print same in a bulletin.

Intrigue, politics and other things are in the air. I wish time would permit me to relay all the rumors, but as Dad used to say "What you don't hear probably isn't worth hearing anyway".

Our annual meeting will take place May 5th and I may have some surprises for you regarding trustees. I don't know any more than you do at the moment but precedent is liable to be broken and the nominating committee may bring in additional names. If so there will be surprises.

I can just see you sitting at the head table, conducting a Seder with the important people in military circles seated with you. It must have been some experience. Knowing how deeply you are interested in people and understanding them, I can easily see why you were so affected. Rightly expressed in your letter, it was an historic moment.

Needless to tell you again how pleased I was to relay your conversation to the Board and later we will get together and see if we cannot hasten your return by a few months.

In our condition, pregnant with misunderstanding, indecision, false rumors and the growing pains of disunity, a few months can make a lot of difference. This condition is prevalent throughout the country, not only in Jewish circles, but in others. I was listening last night to an attack on Russia by Governor Earl Long and when a man in the audience asked him a question his retort was "I take it that you are a foreigner and that you do not like this country. Why don't you go back to the country of your birth?" And this was the answer to a very provoking question. I mention this little incident to show that following a war all is not peace and good will. Souls are sick and need treatment. The only cure is through the teaching and the application of the moral laws. This you can do.

Louis Isaacson's father, Isaac Isaacson passed away at the age of ninety-four. A note to Louis C. Isaacson, 840 Detroit Street, Denver 6. In it you may include his sister, Mrs. I. Z. Ettenson (Sarah). Mr. Isaacson lived at the home of Mrs. Ettenson. You may address the same letter to both.

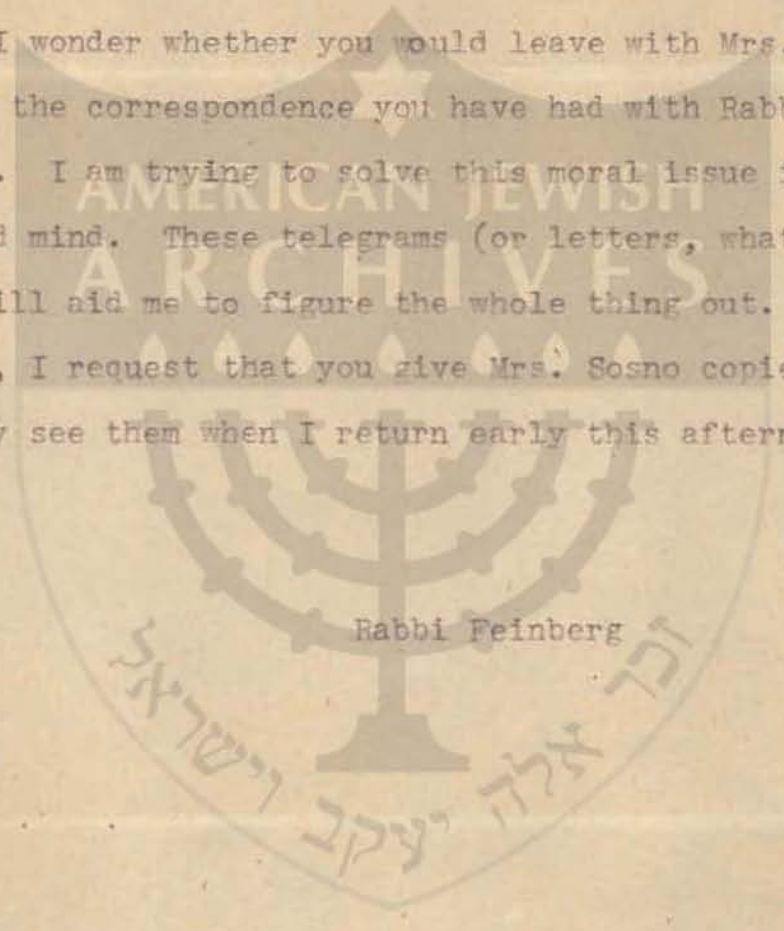
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Dear Sam:

I have to rush at once to deliver the invocation at the Rotary Club meeting today which takes place at five after twelve. I wonder whether you would leave with Mrs. Sosno copies of the correspondence you have had with Rabbi Friedman this week. I am trying to solve this moral issue in my spirit and mind. These telegrams (or letters, whatever they may be) will aid me to figure the whole thing out. Therefore, I request that you give Mrs. Sosno copies now so that I may see them when I return early this afternoon.

Rabbi Feinberg



February 26, 1946

Dear Herbert:

Evidently you have received none of my letters and probably will never receive some of them. You will find enclosed several copies of previous letters written. I had intended sending them to Elaine, but did not do so because I shall soon see her personally in New York.

I am very sorry that you found it unwise to take my advice regarding your contact with the Temple. As you know all chaplains in service keep in contact with their congregations through their Board of Trustees. Most of them, and this is based on experience, send personal communications to their trustees periodically. I have only suggested that you write a letter at least once every three or four weeks to Abe and one to Rachael to be read to the Board of Trustees, to the children of the religious school and then reprinted in a special communication to our members or in our bulletins. In all fairness, stop to think how it must appear to the trustees and to the members that our chaplain has never written directly to any officer of the Temple. After all the congregation is your family and is interested in what you do and your reactions to your work.

I never approved of making the Jewish News your official spokesman and will never do so. As you know by now the Jewish News has very little circulation among our Temple members and is not considered a Temple organ. We have our own bulletin and certainly we should have the exclusive right to publish your newsletters prior to the Jewish News. I will be very frank with you and say that up till now your "public relations" with your congregation have not been good.

I therefore make the following suggestion, that you immediately write to Abe and to Rachael. The communications need not be as long as the stories to the Jewish News, and for the time being please discontinue further communication with the Jewish News. You may do as you wish.

You will learn from some of the enclosed copies of letters what is going on in Denver.

As you know there has been some dissatisfaction with Bernard, although Barnard feels that the dissatisfaction is with you. Our so-called Jewish leaders have been clamoring for leadership and representation and dignity, and a good many things they know very little about.

On the other hand we do not know when you will return. With the above and the uncertainty of your return, the Temple feels it must plan on another replacement. If the Trustees were certain that you would return by the end of this year our plans would be entirely

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different. However, you were vague about your return so they are really in a dilemma. There is no doubt in the minds of the Trustees and the congregation that they want you to return to your duties here as soon as it is honorably possible.

In the meantime, while all this conjecturing has been going on, there have been a number of developments. First: I have gone to work on Bernard in a big way and the improvement is noticeable to all. I have taken him to Dr. Markley and his face is showing tremendous improvement and he has toned down a great deal in his youthful ways. There are a good many other noticeable changes for good.

Second: A group of eighty-two members signed a petition asking that the congregation remain Reform and not introduce orthodoxy in any way. Second: They ask that Zionism be omitted from the curriculum and not preached from the pulpit and they also ask that the Rabbi be in accord with this. The petition was received and it followed that quite a few signers regret doing same. A letter, a copy of which is enclosed, was sent to the signers of the petition. The petition in itself has caused no trouble whatsoever because the number of eighty-two as against six hundred is rather small and also because there is no basis for such petition.

It, however, has created a great deal of feeling among groups. Members greet each other with this sort of thing: "Hello Zionist" "Are you one hundred percent American" "When are you going to Palestine" "Why Don't you join the BMM" and a good many other things that may be called insulting. I am very sorry that I have been unable to remain neutral to the extent I should. My position is clear and I cannot subscribe to anything the petitioners ask.

Well, Jack Weill and Bill Schenkein went east on business and as they say "incidentally" attended the meeting of the American Council for Judaism. They came back with glowing reports of the "quality of Jews" present.

Jack came back with a suggestion that he new of a wonderful candidate for a replacement, a Rabbi Max J. Merritt, formerly of Evansville, Montreal, Portland, Shreveport and Hillel work. I knew that he had a very undistinguished record but did not give out this information to the Board because the opposition or petitioners would say that I was trying to stymie them. My dad used to say give a fellow enough rope and they will hang themselves and that is what I thought best in this case.

Enclosed you will find a letter that was mailed to each member of the congregation. Well Rabbi Merritt came to town. Sam Rose greeted him at the Union Station in the middle of the night - 8:40 A. M. He is short, about sixty-eight, with part of a toupee over the front part of his head and a rather unimposing gentleman. I will say this for him, he is very agreeable and I am sure quite a decent sort despite the fact that he is a member of the Council.

Well, the usual things followed, luncheon, then he appeared in a brotherhood service, with Dean Roberts and Rev. Dones, a colored minister of the New Hope Baptist Church and was by far the poorest of the three. The other ministers spoke for ten minutes each and he spoke for forty-five. What he had to say could have been said in thirty-five seconds. I feel rather sorry for him because at his age he was trying

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to satisfy himself that he is still vigorous and could make valuable contributions to the Jewish scene, from his point of view. Even the signers of the petition who felt that here was their champion "if only on an interim replacement basis" could not look each other in the eye and say "here is a worthy replacement".

To tell you the truth those who are responsible for his coming are chastened and the scene at this moment is one of love and contentment. Bernard, in their eyes, is just wonderful at this time and the desire for your return has been intensified.

I failed to mention that in the letter we are endeavoring to get an assistant, which means that if we do get an older man who is retired and who is willing to return to the pulpit for a replacement period, must have some assistance. This is obvious.

Now the thing that may be peculiar to you is the letter which refers to the HUC. This had to be done because we were told that Bernard was the last available man and since quite a few people were not satisfied with him the Board had no other alternative. I assure you that no slight was meant to you in this regard. However, since the above events, and the return of Merritt to California, from whence he came, views and decisions have changed somewhat. The next step is rather indefinite, and in that regard you will have something to say. As soon as it is possible the Board would like to know, I am sure, just about how long you will be in service.

I am not fearful of the future of Reform. I honestly believe that as soon as certain elements are toned down or eliminated Reform will go forward with great strides. I am also firmly convinced that Denver offers the greatest opportunity for the growth of Reform. Our Temple, if it had the facilities, could have at least eight hundred members. In fact it does have over six hundred at this very moment.

Another thing I want to call to your attention is very important. The above group of eighty-two have made themselves very unpopular in the community and they do not by the furthest stretch of the imagination represent the whole of the congregation and the signers of the petition are beginning to realize this and are not raising their voices as they would have several weeks ago.

I have been asked by several people if you know the situation here and I answer quite frankly that up till now you don't. I would prefer, however that they do not know that I am communicating these things to you. A good many members feel that you should not be worried or bothered with things that will pass over.

Rachael is getting along quite well and is somewhat disturbed because she hasn't heard directly from you and recommend a letter to her. I also recommend a periodic letter to Abe to be read to the entire Board, parts of which can be used for publication. I also recommend that letters to the Jewish News, for the time being, be discontinued. I also realize that some of my advice will not be taken.

On the 7th of March I expect to be in New York to visit my sister whom I have not seen in twenty-seven years. I expect to spend quit a bit of time with Elaine and will tell her these things and get her blood pressure up to the boiling point.

I forgot to tell you that I am attending the bi-annual conference of the UAHC in Cincinnati March 3rd, as a delegate from the Temple and

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will conduct a round table for the executive secretaries - expenses paid.

If my letters catch up with you and there were some things that you should have done. May I suggest that you attend to them now and explain why they have not been done before.

I want you to write a letter to Mr. K. S. Barnett (Kollie) 601 Milwaukee St. A letter of condolence on the death of his wife, Myrtlemae, who died as the result of an automobile accident. She was thirty-eight; she worked quite faithfully in our Canteen. She was pleasant and kindly.

The father of Abe and Sam Shraiberg passed away at the age of eighty-four. Their address is 1100 Sixteenth Street. The father's name was Barnat.

Write a letter to Mrs. Isabel Goldsmith, 1317 Ogden Street, on the death of her sister Lillian B. Himes. Have you written to Rita Silversmith on the death of her mother, Carrie Friedman? Mrs. Silversmith's address is 395 Clermont Street.

I am attending to your affairs as well as I can under the difficult circumstances. Your charming wife hasn't the slightest idea of why bills should be sent to her because you are in Europe. She is under the impression that she doesn't have to pay anything as long as her boy friend is over there. When I see her in New York this matter will be discussed with her.

After reading over this disconnected letter all I can say is that Marion and I miss you very much. You have very little to worry about and we, like many others, can't wait until your return. I know you will be very pleased to know that the overwhelming majority of your congregation generally loved you and can't wait for your return. When you do come back it will mark the beginning of a great step forward for Denver Jewry.

With love, I am as always

Your dear friend

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 18, 1946

Mr. Samuel Rose
16th Avenue and Pearl Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sam Rose:

I have already been home ten days with my desk frightfully overcrowded or I would have written to you before this.

First of all, I wish you to know that I had the joy of seeing Elaine and Herbert in Paris and we had lunch together. Second, I want you and the members of the Congregation to know that Herbert is doing a fine piece of work in the DP Camps and for the DP's. While *Rabbi* Bernstein is to be here for a fortnight in connection with the Holydays, Herbert will be Acting Chief. He has the confidence of Phil and I am sure he will emerge from his post with honor.

I congratulate you, his friend, and my dear friend, A. B. C., and all of his close friends in the Congregation upon the splendid work which Herbert is doing in Europe. The Congregation ought to be proud of him and I hope you will forgive what I say, that a special message of appreciation and congratulations should be sent to him and Elaine *for it's*

I would like to write more but I have not the time.

With most cordial greetings to you and your wife who, I hope, is comforted after the death of her dear Father,

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise
Rabbi Stephen S. Wise

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September 18, 1946

Mr. Samuel Rose
16th Avenue and Pearl Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sam Rose:

I wanted my earlier letter to stand alone. I thought you might care to read that letter to Herbert's best friends and perhaps publish it in the Temple Bulletin as a word of testimony from the President of the Jewish Institute of Religion and the President of the World Jewish Congress. I mention the latter post because I went to Frankfurt as the President of the World Jewish Congress in conjunction with representatives of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Conference, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Now I can let down my hair, particularly since there is a barbers' strike in New York and talk intimately about what is to be shared with only Herbert's most intimate and trusted friends.

Herbert told me something about the successful attempt to organize an American Council for Judaism Section in Denver. Of course, he seemed disturbed about it but I do not think he feels that there is anything personal about it. Of course there should not be and, please God when he returns to Denver, he will be no worse off than are the rabbis of other communities afflicted in the same way by the un-Jewishness of those members of the community who label themselves under the title American Council for Judaism. I have noted some rather interesting correspondence which Rabbi Granison may have sent you between himself and Brickner. I had a good talk with Rabbi Klausner who is a native Denverite and who knows the situation in your community which he recently visited. He absolved President Morgenstern from all blame in the matter of interference, saying he kept his hands off in every sense and refused to make recommendations.

Write to me very fully so that I may be kept informed about the situation with respect to the whole Denver picture in relation to Herbert and your own accurate estimation of Baskin.

I am not too disturbed about the situation. I think upon Herbert's return ~~he~~ will be greeted with honor and enthusiasm and he will be more than able to hold his own. I must repeat that this letter is for your eyes alone unless you feel some of his most intimate friends should see it.

Faithfully yours,



Rabbi Stephen S. Wise

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Dear Mr Rose - Herbert Friedman
tells me that you would like me to
write to you, and through you to Mr. Brown,
repeating in essence what I said in my
letter to Rabbi Feintzy.

I addressed myself in the first place to
him, because I owed it to him in courtesy,
as Rabbi of the place and as a former student
of mine at the H.H.C., to write directly to
him and to no other. I am glad I now
have a direct request from you to repeat what
I said in my first letter.

Herbert Friedman is our best man. He is
the best man in our present student body
of 35 rather good all-around men. That is
how high we think of the Denver opening.
He is our best man in many ways. He is a
man of absolute integrity: no double dealing,

no guile, a man of courage & convictions, a man who will command the respect of men, Jew & Gentile, ^{the more} the longer they know him. He is the kind of man who means well, - no flashy tricks or surface brilliancy, but all depth and reliability. He is an excellent student, a Yale man of high standing, & a conscientious and solid student with us. He commands the universal respect of Faculty & Student Body. He has had fine experience in the field, both as teacher & preacher. He has a lovely wife, a fine cultured person, who will be a real help-mate in such a situation. We could not send you a better man.

May I, without presumption I hope, make one remark? You have but one duty, namely to yourself. No other consideration, as to school or institution or supposed loyalty of any alleged kind, should weigh with you, except the one thought as to who will serve you best. You will have to pay him, you will entrust your children to him, he will represent you in the larger community: it is therefore for you to decide as to who will serve you best.

Samuel Rose Esq
3328 E. 13th St
Denver, Col.

Very faithfully
H. Slovinisky
Dean of Faculty and Prof. of Philosophy

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 30, 1947

Mr. Sam Rose
Congregation Emanuel
Sixteenth Avenue & Pearl Street
Denver 5, Colorado

Dear Sam:

It is fine to have your letter and to have you tell me what, of course, I knew in advance, that Herbert is doing a super piece of work. I am very proud of all that he was able to achieve in Europe.

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I am most happy to learn that you play the transcription of the address. Someday, you might send me a copy of it, but I have no machine on which to reproduce it, so I don't really need it.

I need not tell you how much I appreciate Herbert's gift to the Institute in connection with the funeral service of the late Mrs. Guldman. I am writing to Mr. Wolff today, thanking him, and asking him to convey my appreciation to other members of the Family.

With warmest greetings to you and Marion, and affectionate greetings to the Friedmans,

Yours,

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Stephen S. Wise

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June 11, 1947

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Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
16th Avenue and Pearl Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herbert:

It was through you that I had great joy the other day when Mr. and Mrs. Eliezer Kaplan of Jerusalem came to us the other night to bid us good-bye on the eve of their return flight to Palestine.

Both of them spoke with such enthusiasm of you. They had nothing but admiration for the address you gave. They said you saved a very dull situation and they were particularly keen to have me know that Secretary Morgenthau felt about you exactly as they did.

I am very happy over this and proud of it. I want you to show this letter to my dear friends, Sam Rose and ~~Ab~~ Cowen. I am not sending them copies. I want them to read my letter to you.

With affectionate greetings,

Yours,

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PRESIDENT

June 18, 1947

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
Jewish Institute of Religion
West 68th St.
New York, 23, N. Y.

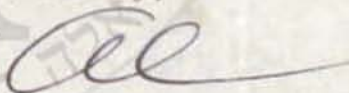
Dear Dr. Wise:

I was indeed glad to receive your letter of June 17th;
you can certainly feel great pride that Rabbi Herbert
Friedman is one of your boys.

I hope that the Almighty God will spare you so that you
can continue to produce more men like him - for that is
what the world really needs.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,



A. M. KAHN

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June 23, 1947

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herbert:

I understand that you are going to be here on the 26th, but, alas to my great sorrow, I cannot attend the Dinner Meeting. We have a meeting, the same day and evening, of the Executive Committee of the AJC, - the last before the Summer session, at which most important decisions are to be reached.

I heard from Dr. Newman of the enthusiasm on the part of Albert Kahn, a member of Newman's Synagogue Board, and friend of the Institute, for your Wernersville Address, - so I wrote to tell him that I was glad that he felt about Wernersville as I did. The enclosure is his reply, - which you may show to Elaine and your favorite members, - Sam Rose and A.B.C.

With affectionate greetings,

Yours,
Sam Rose

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October 28, 1947

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
16th Avenue at Pearl
Denver, Colo.

Dear Herbert:

At a meeting of the Institute Campaign Committee, it was unanimously decided that one or more representatives of the Institute should visit your community in the near future for the purpose of presenting the case of the Institute, and helping you to win the approval and participation of your congregation and community in our first real campaign for large funds.

Rabbi Granison would be ready to spend two or three days with you, but you will understand that he would not go to you, nor would I wish him to do so, unless I had, in advance, from you the assurance that he and the Institute are to have your fullest cooperation during his visit to your community. I think it would be most helpful if you could arrange a special meeting of your Board of Trustees, at which time, campaign plans could be submitted, endorsed by the Board, and a quota adopted. The right kind of Campaign Committee would then be appointed to conduct a drive among your people on behalf of the Institute, to which, I am sure, your community feels indebted in view of your fine service over a period of years to it. Rabbi Granison would, of course, meet with such a Campaign Committee and you during his stay in your city.

It is my feeling that Rabbi Granison should also meet with the leaders of your Jewish Welfare Fund, and that, under your sponsorship, he should have the best opportunity to move the leaders of the Fund to allocate a considerable sum annually for the Institute.

I need hardly say to you, dear Herbert, that the present allocation of \$500 from your Welfare Fund means little, almost nothing, in a budget that is growing toward \$150,000.

It will be most heartening to hear from you soon that you are in agreement with the plan, and that you will, as I am certain you will, cooperate with him in every way.

With affectionate greetings,

Yours,

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P.S. If Rabbi Granison gets the right response from your community, it ~~will~~ be quite possible that we can move Dean Slonimsky to go to you and give one or more addresses before your groups.

P.P.S. I know you will be interested to learn that I was in New Haven Monday evening (October 27) speaking, first, before about thirty ministers of Trinity Church Parish House, including some priests and, of course, Rabbi Siskind. Later, I spoke before a very large and friendly audience at a High School, under Jewish Center auspices. I had very great satisfaction in telling of your fine work in Germany, which fitted perfectly into my address. I told them my pride in your service. I don't know how active your Father is in the work of the Jewish Welfare Fund, but, after all, Morton Berman, you, Marvin Reznikoff and Morris Shapiro are among the New Haven boys we trained. The New Haven Welfare Fund ought to help the Institute.

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November 20, 1947

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
16th Avenue at Pearl
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herbert:

I must frankly say to you that it has been more than disappointing to me that you have failed to answer my earlier letter. But, I forgive you, taking it for granted that you have been under great stress because of your long absence from our Country.

I write especially, now, that you may know that previous commitments at home and abroad, including the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, in February, make it impossible for me to go to you — as much as I love Denver, and would enjoy visiting with you and Elaine — since I cannot manage, Abe Granison is going in my place.

I know I need not ask you to help him, in every way you can, to secure the assistance which the Institute deservedly and urgently merits, if its work is to go on as it should. I know that nominally and technically Abe may be debarred in your community, and in others, from soliciting help, — in view of the nominal allocations from your Welfare Fund. But, that can be overcome if there be the will to overcome it on your part, and on the part of our good friends. I count on dear old A.B.C., Sam Rose and Mr. Isaacson who, I believe, is your President, and whom I believe to be a warm friend to Abe, and to me, as well as to you, and, of course, to the Institute.

Let Abe meet with your "big shots"; with some of the leaders of your Congregation; let him explain what the Institute has done, is doing, and plans to do in the future. Of course, he should also meet with the Allocations Committee of your Welfare Fund.

With affectionate greetings to you and Elaine, and to all the dear Friends,

Yours,
W. F. Friedman

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P.S. The present plans of Rabbi Granison are to reach the Denver airport on Wednesday morning, December 17. He will stay at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, and will remain in Denver until Thursday afternoon, December 18.

November 24, 1947

Dr. Stephen Wise,
Jewish Institute of Religion,
40 West 68th Street,
New York 23, New York.

Dear Chief:

I must apologize for not having answered your earlier letter, but there is a two-fold explanation, in that I have been out of the city a great deal on speaking engagements for the UJA, and further in that I have been attempting to work out some sort of a formula between our local Welfare Fund and the Temple, and did not wish to write until I had some progress to report.

Our local drive is just coming to an end (ours is a Fall Campaign) and we should have completed results by the end of December. Knowing what the community has pledged, the Allocations Committee plans to meet early in January, approximately six weeks hence. I intend to ask the Allocations Committee for an increase for the Institute from \$500 to \$1,000 per year. I have spoken with the Executive Director and several of the Board members. While the actions of the Allocation Committee are obviously unpredictable, I think it reasonable to believe that my request will be acted upon favorably.

Lou Isaacson, Sam Rose and I next discussed the question of how funds could best be raised from the Temple membership. Lou Isaacson feels that the Board of the Temple will agree to vote a \$1.00 per year per member assessment. We now have 675 members.

Should the Allocations Committee fail to raise the Institute, then we would consider the possibility of a \$2.00 assessment on the Temple membership. This figure might meet with Board opposition. At any rate, we have decided to wait until we see what the Allocations Committee will do before asking the Temple Board.

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I am attempting to create something permanent, so that the Institute can depend upon between \$1500 and \$2,000 every year from Denver. Within six to eight weeks I shall have the scheme worked out. Therefore, quite frankly I am not sure of the necessity of Abe Granison's coming here on December 17. I do not see what he will be able to accomplish in terms of Tachlis. His visit would have educational value, but I really think that would be all.

There is yet another consideration. Present plans call for my being in the east, to attend the UJA National Conference in Atlantic City and other meetings in New York, during the week of December 13-19. Therefore, I would not be here when Abe arrived. I am sure that Lou Isaacson and Sam Rose could take him in hand, but again some of the value of his visit would be lost.

May I therefore suggest that we wait for the next six or eight weeks, during which time I fully expect to have the problem settled, and a definite annual sum agreed upon, between my Congregation and the Allocations Committee.

Will drop in for a Schmoos when in New York. With deepest affection and love from Elaine, myself, and everyone else.

As ever,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

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October 12, 1948

Mr. Samuel Rose
Congregation Emanuel
16th Avenue & Pearl Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sam:

I am most grateful to you for your kind contribution for the Institute, which is now combined with the Hebrew Union College. I hope that your Congregation will make a very good showing this year in connection with the Combined Campaign of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

With renewed appreciation, and with warmest New Year greetings,

Yours,

Stephen S. Wise

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January 13, 1948

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
16th Avenue at Pearl
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herbert:

I could not before this, as you can well understand,
answer your message of, what I know is, deep and true sympathy.

Mrs. Wise was a great lady; you must have felt that in
Paris, when we were all so happy together. My deepfelt thanks
for your and Elaine's sympathy. Over and above everything else
in public life, the World will never know what She was to our
Children and to me.

Yours,



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Free Synagogue

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Synagogue House

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January 20, 1948

Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanu-El
Denver, Colorado

Dear Elaine and Herbert;

I write to ask you to do something for us if you can; and if you can, I know you will. Mrs. William Korn, who is in charge of the Refugee Houses of the Congress, adjacent to the Synagogue, has told me of a fine young man, about thirty-five. He has lived in Palestine. His name is Ezra Rueck. He has a wife and child of one year. They will go to Denver probably within a week or thereabouts to make it their permanent home. I understand from Mrs. Korn that he is a good, dependable auto mechanic. His references from the British Military Government are quite unusual.

My request is this: They cannot from here get a room in advance in Denver; so would it be possible for you to find a room for them in a very modest hotel or even in a rooming house, in which they might live for a couple of nights until they can find some kind of home for themselves. I know you will want to do that, and I am giving Mr. Rueck a line, which he will bring to you when he reaches Denver.

With affectionate greetings to you and dear Elaine,

Faithfully yours,

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January 23, 1948

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
16th Avenue at Pearl
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herbert:

I cannot deny myself the pleasure of writing a line in order to tell you how grateful I am, as Abe is, for the help you are going to bring us for the Maintenance and Expansion Fund of the Institute. I know you will do all this, in part, out of your friendship and loyalty to me.

I spoke of you yesterday, in Indianapolis, with my beloved friend, Bill Greenfeld, who performed your marriage ceremony. After waiting thirteen years, they have a lovely little daughter, Deborah. I hope you won't have to wait as long!

With affectionate greetings to you and Elaine,

Yours,

W. F. Friedman

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February 20, 1948

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Congregation Emanuel
E. 16th Ave. at Pearl St.
Denver 5, Colo.

Dear Herbert:

I wish I could say yes. I love your mile high City, and I would love to see you, and while Omaha is relatively near Denver, I am due at the Champaign Hillel the day after I am to be in Omaha; and my calendar is now so crowded for the rest of the year that I am afraid I cannot undertake it. I would like to do it next year if I am still alive.

You ask whether I would not like to demolish Morris Lazaron, who will be with you March 12th.. I wonder whether you noted what I said about him and the Christian Century in the first number of the CONGRESS WEEKLY some six or seven weeks ago after its resumption.

Glad to hear that you are working along nicely on the Institute campaign. I hope soon to hear of goodly developments.

With love to both of you,

Faithfully yours,



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April 14, 1948

Mr. Bernard P. Kopkind,
2nd National Bank Building,
New Haven 8, Connecticut.

Dear Bernie:

As you will recall I wrote to you many weeks ago about the possibility of a decent allocation from the New Haven Welfare Fund for the Jewish Institute of Religion, of which Dr. Stephen S. Wise is the president. I explained, I think, in that previous letter the reasons which led me to believe that such a request was not exorbitant or ill-founded.

You know how deeply involved I am in the whole UJA structure. Ever since the Conference at Wernersville last summer, I have given innumerable days to fund-raising affairs for the UJA. I've traveled back and forth across this country many times, going into the smallest villages to tell the UJA story. I make these preliminary remarks, because I know your feeling that most of the money collected by any particular welfare fund should go to the UJA, and the smallest amount possible be drained off for non-UJA causes.

I think I am as enthusiastic about the UJA as anyone else is, and yet we must realize that if the rabbinical institutions are not supported, there will be a tremendous loss of leadership in the future of the American Jewish community. Rabbinical schools are absolutely essential for the future preservation of the health of our community. In Denver, 14% of the non-UJA allocations go to the various rabbinical schools.

There is no need, I think, to elaborate the point further. I would really like very much to see New Haven make a \$500 or \$1,000 allocation

Mr. Bernard P. Kopkind

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to the JIR, as well as, incidentally, to all other rabbinical institutions. Please let me know what you plan to do, and what your reactions in general are to these feelings on my part.

Best love to Esther and the family, and hoping to see you this summer, I am

As ever,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

HAF:EW
cc:Dr. Wise



April 6, 1948

Bernard P. Kopkind, Esq.
2nd National Bank Building
New Haven 8, Conn.

My dear Mr. Kopkind:

I have a formal communication under date of March 26 which, through Mr. Dockman, your Executive Director, - tells me that the pre-campaign allocation to the Institute is \$150.

I must say to you that I do not believe it is worth the Institute's while to accept this allocation. I wonder whether you realize that we have trained five New Haven men for the rabbinate: Rabbi Dr. Morton Berman; Rabbi Samuel Berman; Herbert Friedman; Marvin Resnikoff; and Morris Shapiro. Some of these men have already rendered distinguished service to American Jewry, and three of them: Morton Berman, Herbert Friedman and Marvin Resnikoff, have served as chaplains in the Army and Navy of our country.

I ask that you reconsider the amount that you have designated in your pre-campaign allocation. I am sure you will not wish this insignificant sum to stand.

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise

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Copies to:

Rabbi M. Berman
S. Berman
H. Friedman
M. Resnikoff
M. Shapiro

April 6, 1948

Dear Morton Berman:
Sam Berman:
Herbert Friedman:
Marvin Reznikoff:
Morris Shapiro:

About a month ago, Rabbi Granison went to New Haven and made an appeal for support from the New Haven Jewish Welfare Fund for the Institute. He did not have the best kind of a hearing.

A communication has now come to me from the Executive Director of the New Haven Jewish Welfare Fund, Norman B. Dockman, stating that the pre-campaign allocation to the Institute, to be published in the budget statement to the community, is \$150.

It has occurred to me to write to Morton Berman, Sam Berman, Herbert Friedman, Marvin Reznikoff and Morris Shapiro — all of whom are New Haven boys — asking them to intervene and urge that the allocation be increased to at least \$500, as an initial contribution of the New Haven Jewish Community.

I need not point out to you that we have trained Morton Berman, Sam Berman, Herbert Friedman, Marvin Reznikoff and Morris Shapiro, and we think that the training of five men — two percent of the alumni of the Institute — entitles us to more decently generous support.

Will you be good enough to write to the New Haven people, and let us have, for the record, a copy of your letter.

I understand, although I am not certain, that a considerable sum, about \$1000 a year, is given both to the Seminary and to the Yeshiva.

Yours,



Stephen S. Wise

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WEST SIXTY-EIGHTH STREET
NEAR CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK 23, N.Y.

April 20, 1948

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
16th Avenue at Pearl
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herbert:

I want to thank you first for the letter that you wrote to our friend, Kopkind, in New Haven.

I am delighted to read about your "Institute on Judaism — For the Clergy", and to note that our friend, Dr. Marcus, is to give the two addresses. I write because I wish to offer a suggestion to you, which I am sure you will be glad to have. The suggestion is that you invite the Dean to be the speaker next year, taking it up with him early so that he can fit your dates into his teaching program. In any event, it would not mean more than a week, and I would be perfectly ready that he be spared for a week in order that you may have the benefit of his teaching.

With most cordial greetings

Yours,

W. W. W.

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April 27, 1948

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
Jewish Institute of Religion,
40 West 68th Street,
New York 23, New York.

Dear Chief:

I have an answer to my letter to Bernard Kopkind of New Haven in re a larger allocation for the JIR from the New Haven Welfare Fund. May I quote the relevant paragraph:

"Jewish Theological Seminary, with a budget of one and three-quarter millions, was voted an allocation of \$2,500.00. HUC and UAHC, with a total budget of over one million, was voted an allocation of \$1,500.00. 99% of our workers and givers are connected with either of the above two groups. Perhaps the merger of JIR and HUC will do away with future problems. It is impossible to raise the allocation for the JIR this year."

In the light of this answer, I do not know what further steps can be taken. I will be happy to be guided by any advice.

Have read about the honor accorded you at the recent rally at Temple Emanuel. Was delighted to hear of this recognition of your outstanding lifelong services to the Jewish community. My own opinion is that no one can ever repay you for what you have done.

Fondest regards from Elaine, Sam Rose, and everyone else out here.

As ever,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

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April 20, 1948

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herb:

I have your letter of the 14th which is quite obviously inspired by a letter from Rabbi Wise who had Morton Berman also write to me.

I was not on the sub-committee handling the allocation for J.I.R. nor did I sit on the general allocation meeting which considered this item. I did preside over the Board of Directors of the Welfare Fund which considered the total budget, and in turn I presented the final budget to the delegates of the Community Council which had the final vote. At no time, did anyone make a suggestion that \$150.00 for J.I.R. for the first year was not fair.

You will recall that the total budget of J.I.R. is estimated at \$150,000.00, of which \$96,849.00, is provided for by income from sources other than Federations and Welfare Funds. In 1946 and 1947, J.I.R. received \$14,539.00 from Federations and Welfare Funds. There are twenty thousand Jews in the City of New Haven contacted by our Welfare Fund, of whom five thousand are contributors. If there are six million Jews within the United States, it would seem quite logical that you would hardly expect us to give approximately one or two per cent of the estimated total requirement from Welfare Funds of \$53,151.00.

Theological Seminary, with a budget of \$1,750,000.00, was voted an allocation of \$2,500.00. The Hebrew Union and the Union of Hebrew Congregations, with a total budget of \$1,112,765, was voted an allocation of \$1,500.00. Ninety-nine per cent of our workers and givers are connected with either of the above two groups. Perhaps the merger of J.I.R. and Hebrew Union will do away with future problems.

There is no magic in voting allocations, but there is magic in getting the money. Money is obtainable in two ways, by workers and givers.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

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April 20, 1948

We find no great amount of J.I.R. workers, or givers, storming at our doors. Outside of your father, who came to one meeting and gave a gift, I don't know of anyone else.

I get a little tired, as I told Morton Berman, and Rabbi Wise, of being called to account by my various "friends" throughout the country for the Communities allocation. Why my "friends" should include Morton Berman, whom I do not know, and so far as I know, he has taken no great part to raise the tremendous sums needed in the last few years. He speaks of his "family" in New Haven as if they did all the work here.

It is true that I am Chairman of the Board, but I do not make the allocations, although, in this particular matter I do not feel the allocation is out of line.

It is impossible to raise the allocation this year. We can't make payment to all of the beneficiaries in the amounts already allocated, unless we raise \$1,517,000.00. If we do not raise that amount, obviously all of the beneficiaries can not get the amount allocated.

Last year we allocated \$1,120,000.00 to U.J.A. We actually gave them \$660,000.00. None of the other beneficiaries were cut from the amount originally allocated to them. Do you feel that we have a right this year to delete anything from the greatest amount which we can possibly send to Europe and Palestine, in order that three hundred and fifty dollars extra can be given to J.I.R.? Will the difference between one hundred and fifty and five hundred dollars make or break the J.I.R.?

Our problem is getting workers and money, and not indulging in semantics or the relative worth of organizations.

I have taken this time to write to you, and to your good friend, Berman, because I want you to know, that I cannot take up the cudgel for any single organization. We try to do this on as democratic basis as possible in view of the tremendous task set upon us.

Esther and Andy are well. I hope you and Elaine are well and enjoying your work in Denver.

Sincerely,

Bernie

Bernard P. Kopkind

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May 5, 1948

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

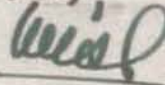
Dear Herbert:

Many thanks for your note. Of course, Kopkind can make out some sort of a case. I don't think his note sounds very friendly.

Thanks for your kind word about the recent citation at Emanuel.

My most affectionate regard, always, to you, Elaine, Sam and A.B.C.

Yours,



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Jewish Institute of Religion

40 WEST 68 STREET, NEW YORK 23, N. Y.



Telephone: TRAFALGAR 7-4050

September 2, 1948

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
1595 Pearl St.
Denver, Colo.

Dear Herbert:

I feel I ought to share with you some recent information with reference to the merger of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. For the current academic year, which began on September 1, funds for maintaining and operating the New York or Jewish Institute of Religion Division of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion will come from the Combined Campaign of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. All contributions to the Combined Campaign from Institute Congregations, community welfare funds and friends are being earmarked and restricted for the operating expenses of the Jewish Institute of Religion Section of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, until the budget of the New York Schools shall have been met.

The College-Institute will require much larger and substantial financial support than we have been receiving in the past. I strongly urge that you give your fullest personal cooperation toward that end, and that you agree to do whatever may be asked of you in connection with the joint Campaign of the Union and College-Institute.

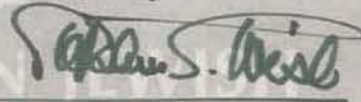
I appeal to you as disciple and friend to help me fulfill the commitments that I have made on behalf of the Institute in connection with the consolidation of the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion. You can do your part by giving whatever help you will be in a position to offer. May I add that it is to your interest as well as to the interest of the Union and College-Institute, which represent K'lal Yisroel, that you and your friends help secure maximum and significant support for the Combined Campaign of the Union and College-Institute.

I look forward to hearing from you in the nearest future - by return mail, if possible. I shall soon confer with Dr. Nelson Glueck, who, as you know, is the new President of the Institute as well as of the College. I wish to be in a position to turn over to him a list of those of my loyal

disciples and friends on whom he may count for fullest support, and who in turn may count on him for friendly cooperation in the future. I earnestly hope that you will make it possible for me to include your name on that list.

With warmest greetings,

Yours,



President Emeritus
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

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P.S. Attached herewith is copy of the Statement of Purpose that was issued in connection with the merger of the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion, which merger was announced on June 16, 1948.

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Dr. Wise's personal
address is 40 W 68 St.
November 10, 1948.

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
1595 Pearl Street
Denver, Colo

Dear Herbert:

Just this word to supplement the telegram
which you had from Bob Marcus whom, I be-
lieve, you know. I hope he is right and
that the reports are exaggerated, and that
the dear Rabbi will not be in any diffi-
culty.

With most cordial greeting,

Yip on Galt,
Faithfully yours,
Wise

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DR. LÖW ANTAL

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BUDAPEST,

IV., NYÁRY PÁL-UTCA 10.

Budapest, 1948.17-th.Nov.

Dear Reverend Dr. Wise!

As I see, that I sent my first letter not on the right address, which I got just now from Rev. Dr. Scheiber, - a most kind friend of my family - I repeat once more exactly my so important request!

My father, Dr. Anthony Löw, who was my best friend and my only support, has written a letter to you on Aug. 20th 1947. I have lost him after a tragical illness just a year later.

His immense ability, his charm paved the way of my son's future, and at last made it possible for him to leave for the U.S.A. So my son arrived at Denver the 11-th Oct.

I must express my deepest gratitude, because I learned, that you interferred in a kindest way in behalf of my son's permission to enter the U.S.A.!

Now he studies at the Denver University with hard work and the strong will, he inherited from his father, grandfather and great-grandfather Rev. Leopold Löw. Though he is only 19, - the English language, the whole unaccustomed surrounding is rather interesting for him, and as all his professors are exceedingly kind towards him - I believe, his progresses will be

soon even more satisfying.

But the letter I have got to day, tells me rather serious things. His Uncle, who was so kind as to send us the affidavit, is now in a difficult business-crisis. My son makes efforts, to get a job at the radio-his favourite-branch, to earn enough, to pay at last his school-fees. But it is rather hard, to earn 135 Dollars for each trimester.

AME Please, let me ask you, dear Reverend Dr. Wise, to pay once more the inestimable attention, as you have done before for my son's future! Please, try to make it in some way possible for him, to go on with his studies! Be convinced, that he deserves the help, and that he will be worth of it!

Dr. Wise,

My son's address:
PETER RÉVÉSZ
c/o Elmer Forbath M.E.
1401 Vine Street
DENVER
Colo.

Let me thank you in advance, dear Reverend

always yours devoted

Mrs. Robert Reich
born Elisabeth Löw

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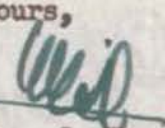
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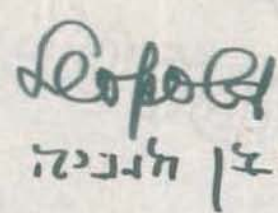
Dear Herbert:

I don't like to trouble you, but I don't know what else I can do in the matter of this letter. This boy, Peter Revesz, is the great-grandson of that extraordinary Jewish Scholar, ~~Anthony~~ Loew. The rest of the story you will get from the letter. If you feel you can write to the Mother, and get someone to help the boy, if he really need help, I shall be most grateful.

With warmest greetings,

Yours,


Stephen S. Wise


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December 8, 1948

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
Jewish Institute of Religion
West 68th Street
Near Central Park
New York 23, New York

Dear Chief:

I have your letter concerning Peter Revesz, and am writing to him, asking him to see me. We will determine exactly what his needs are, and in what way we can be most helpful.

I shall also write to his mother, after having an interview with him, and do my best to put her at ease. I am sure that somehow or other we shall manage to see that the boy is properly taken care of.

And would you please take good care of yourself, for there are so many of us around the country who love you very dearly and want you to preserve your strength.

Elaine and I send you our very best love.

As ever,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

F/s