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Special Services

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
270 West 89th Street
New York City

April 4, 1944

Dear Colleague:

Following upon the designation by the American Jewish Conference of April 19th as the day of commemorating the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto's resistance against the Nazi executioners, the Synagogue Council of America hereby proclaims this day as a day of prayer and sorrow.

Accordingly, we are calling upon all the Rabbis of the country to convoke their communities for special Services on the evening of April 19th to honor and mourn the heroes and martyrs of the ghettos who sacrificed their lives in the cause of the United Nations and for the glory of Israel, and to dedicate themselves to the effort of rescuing the survivors.

We are sending you herewith special prayers prepared by Rabbi Ahron Opher which you may want to use at the Services.

At 11:00 A.M. our people throughout the country are asked to pause for a two minute silence and a fifteen minute work cessation at home, in the shops and factories (except in war plants), during which the enclosed prayer for private gatherings should be recited.

The purpose to be served are the following:

1. To honor the heroes and martyrs of the ghettos who have given their lives for the ideals of the United Nations and for the glory of the Jewish people.
2. To urge the possibilities of rescuing the surviving remnants of Israel in Nazi-held Europe.
3. To mobilize all our strength to help speed the victory of the United Nations.

We urge you to bring this to the attention of your community through pulpit and bulletin announcements and by advice through your local press.

We look forward to your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Israel Goldstein
Dr. Israel Goldstein

PRAYER BEFORE MOMENT OF SILENCE

My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?

Why hidest Thou Thyself in times of trouble?

Oh my God, I call by day, but Thou answerest not; and at night,
but I find no relief.

Oh Lord God of Israel, turn from Thy wrath, and hold back this
evil against Thy people.

Have compassion on us, Oh Lord, in Thine abundant mercy, and
deliver us not into the power of the tyrants.

Arise, Oh God, plead Thine own cause: for Thy sake are we
killed all the day, are we treated as sheep at the slaughter.

For lo, Thine enemies are in an uproar, and they that hate
Thee have lifted up their head. They have called, "Come, let
us blot out their existence, that the name of Israel may be no
more."

As a father hath compassion upon his children, so have Thou
compassion for us, Oh Lord.

Our anguish is locked up within us, and we are silent. In our
hearts we sanctify the memory of the slain who are silenced
forever. May our silence be felt to the ends of the earth.
May it stir the souls of men, and reach up to Thee, O God of
Mercy.

Amen.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR APRIL 19, 1944

A. Regular Evening Service

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to your Congregational practice)

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Our king, our God, O merciful Father, bless Thou the works of our hands with prosperity and success. Bless and strengthen and extoll those who bring good counsel to us, Thy people Israel, and let them fulfill their counsel, as it is written: "He will give you according to thy desire and all thy counsel will He fulfill". But those who counsel wickedly Thy people Israel, destroy Thou their purpose, as it is written: "The Lord bringeth to naught the counsel of the nations, He maketh of no effect the thoughts of the peoples", and it is also said, "Take counsel together and it shall be brought to naught, speak the word and it shall not stand, for the Lord is with us".

Open unto us the gates of repentance and the gates of salvation, as it is written: "The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord, He is their stronghold in time of trouble". Fulfill for us, O Lord our God, the words of Thy prophet, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger of good tidings, that announceth peace, the harbinger of good tidings, that announceth salvation".

Responsive Reading

- R. O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto Thee.
C. Hide not Thy face from me in the day of my distress; incline Thine ear unto me; in the day when I call answer me speedily.
R. For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as a hearth.
C. My heart is smitten like grass, and withered; for I forget to eat my bread.
R. How long, O Lord will Thou hide Thyself forever? How long shall Thy wrath burn like fire?
C. Remember Lord, the shame of Thy servants; how do I bear in my bosom the shame of so many peoples; wherewith Thine enemies have scorned, O Lord, wherewith they have scorned the footprints of Thine anointed.
R. They have chased me sore like a bird, that are mine enemies without cause. They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and have cast stones upon me.
C. Thou wilt render unto them a recompense O Lord, according to the work of their hands. Thou wilt pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of the Lord.
R. O Lord, Thou hast pleaded the cause of my soul; Thou hast redeemed my life.
C. Let us search and try our ways, and return to the Lord.
R. Now know I that the Lord saveth His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the mighty acts of His saving right hand.
C. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will call unto the Lord our God.
R. Save, Lord; let the King answer us in the day that we call.
C. O Israel, thou art saved by the Lord with an everlasting salvation; ye shall never be ashamed or confounded.

Unison Reading

May it be Thy will, O Lord our God and God of our fathers, that Thou be filled with compassion for Thy people of the household of Israel everywhere, and especially for our brothers, downtrodden and harassed in the lands of the enemy. Protect them, O God, from those who have risen to assail them; and deliver them from fear and anguish, from sword and famine, from plunder and captivity; and render their assailants powerless. We pray Thee, O merciful and compassionate Lord, redeem the children of Jacob from wrath and put to naught the evil conspiracy of our enemies. May our tribulations come before Thee, O Holy one of Israel. and plead our cause, that Thou shouldst save us from extinction. Thy children are stricken and sorely afflicted, yet they put their trust in Thee and ever hope for Thy salvation. Our Father and King, let Thy mercy remove Thine anger from us, and bring redemption to Thy people Israel everywhere, especially to our brothers held captive in the lands of the foe. For the sake of Thy Holy Name, lift them out of despair and destruction, as it is written: The Lord Thy God is a merciful God, He will not fail thee, neither destroy thee nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them. Hasten Thy salvation O Lord, for Thy namesake. Amen.

Special Reading

Merciful Father, Thou who dwellest on high,
In this hour of sorrow and anguish,
When the world is shaken with death,
When the earth is trembling with death throes,
When man is drowning in blood,-
Let Thy mercy descend and Thy light shine upon us.
Many altars have we set before Thee,
Countless Sacrifices have we offered unto Thee,
Hundreds of our holy congregations have been destroyed by the tyrant,
Hundreds of thousands of Thy children have suffered death in
sanctification of Thy name.
The cry of the youths who were slain and defiled in the sight of
their parents,
The deep pain which burns in the breast of every man in Israel,
This is the cry which rises unto Thee from the heart of the world;
The whole world cries unto Thee, and calls out of the multitude
of its sins and errors.
Answer us, O Lord, in the day that we call upon Thee.

Memorial Prayer

O God full of compassion, Thou who dwellest on High! Grant perfect rest beneath the sheltering wings of Thy presence, among the holy and the pure who shine as the brightness of the firmament, unto the souls of the martyred, the tortured and the slain in the dominion of arrogance and cruelty.

The wicked tyrant has crushed free nations and appointed wanton and traitorous masters over them to loot and murder innocent people. They have slaughtered countless men, women and children in Israel with merciless brutality. They have shed like water the blood of our brothers, 'till the blood of parents mingled with the blood of their children. The sword bereaveth without and the terror reigneth within the habitations of Israel.

May the blood of the dead, the lament of the bereaved and the wail of the doomed pierce the heavens and stir the hearts of men throughout the world to break the prison walls and deliver the captives.

O Father of mercy, have compassion upon Thy children, the household of Israel; hasten Thy salvation unto those yet alive, and bind the souls of the martyrs in the bond of eternal life. Be Thou their possession, and may their repose be peace, till the coming of Thy kingdom.

Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Teach us, O Lord our God to know Thy ways. Purify our hearts to serve Thee in truth. Forgive our sins and save us from evil. Be Thou a shield about us to guard us from confusion and failure. Gird us with fortitude and faith to aid and share in the deliverance of man from slavery and the establishment of Thy kingdom of justice on earth. May the wicked come to judgment, the iniquitous know Thy might, and the righteous rejoice in the glory of Thy salvation. May all created in Thine image recognize that they are brethren, so that, one in spirit and one in fellowship they may be forever united before Thee. Then shall Thy kingdom be established on earth and the word of Thine ancient seer be fulfilled: The Lord will reign forever and ever. On that day the Lord shall be One and His name shall be One.

ORDER OF REDEEMING THE FIRST BORN

FATHER:

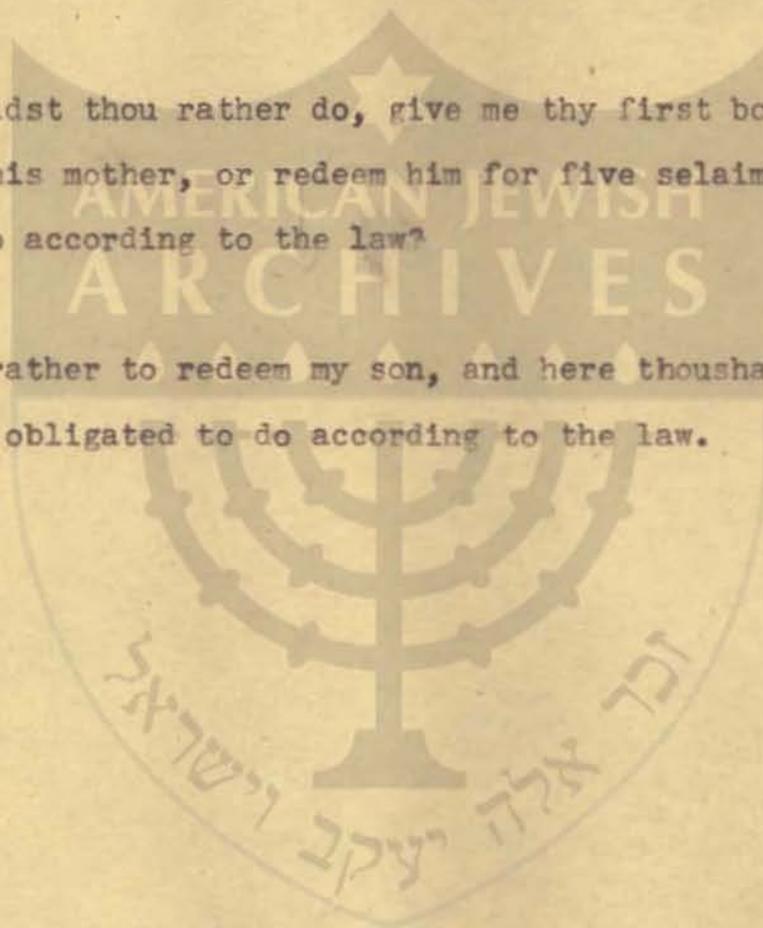
This, the first son of mine, is the first born of his mother, and of the Almighty Father has bidden us to redeem him, as it is said, (Exodus 13:2) "Sanctify unto Me all the first born, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast, it is Mine."

RABBI:

Which wouldst thou rather do, give me thy first born son, the first born of his mother, or redeem him for five selaim, as thou art obligated to do according to the law?

FATHER:

I desire rather to redeem my son, and here thoushast redemption money, as I am obligated to do according to the law.



PRAYER FOR PEACE.

We stand in prayer before Thee Lord,
Our pleadings all, with one accord
Are but for Peace.
Oh Lord of Hosts- on land air and seas,
Protect us from our enemies;
And give us Peace.
Let every mother's son return,
The fathers for whom ~~the~~ children yearn,
The husbands to their loving wives;
Dear God of Mercy- spare their lives!
And give us Peace.
We know not what the Future holds,
We only pray as Time unfolds,
That Thou wilt, in Goodness give
Humanity the right to live
In Peace.

Mrs. Leon Grauman.
Written for Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.
Apr. 10, 1944.

Special Service

★ Lest We Forget — BUY WAR BONDS TODAY

Great Value of Death
is in the lesson it
Teaches us about Life.

~~We grieve at death~~

Psychological factor of
self-flagellation is greatest
cause of anguish at death.

We berate selves when we
recall how badly we have
treated the deceased.

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This teaches lesson for
life - be nice to your
loved ones, and their death
will be to you something
blessed rather than something
horrible.

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also to your own.

If all life is
lived with sweetness,
death has no sting.

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And secondly, if all
life is lived in an
atmosphere of true religious
spirit, then death's blow is
also softened.

(Religion is discipline, etc.)
Can't expect to receive solace unless

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MEMORIAL SERVICE - 7th DAY OF PASSOVER - APRIL 15, 1944

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SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 12th--LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

conducted by

Doris Nier
Leonard Fox
Dick Bernick

The service begins on Page 432 of the Union Hymnal

432-433 Dick Bernick

Responsive Reading

In unison: The Bor'chu (All rise)

Reader: Prayer

In unison: Sh'ma

434-435 Leonard Fox

Responsive Reading

Reader: Prayer

Turn to Page 439 and recite the Kodosh in unison

109-110 Doris Nier

Reader: Prayer on 109 and the 23rd Psalm

Reader: Original Prayer for Soldiers

Prayer for Peace in unison on Page 140 of

the Union Prayer Book

Silent Devotion

Reading from Torah and blessings

Sermons

Conclusion by Rabbi

WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE AND CHARITY FOR ALL

In President Lincoln's time, the oppressed peoples of the world looked toward the shores of the United States as a refuge from the tyrants of their time. Again in our own day the enslaved peoples of the world after this great conflict will look to the United States as a pattern for the rebuilding of their own lands. Now as in the past, great problems will arise.

One problem will be uppermost in our minds, (as we are the generation of the future.) This problem will be to educate the oppressors and those who have been influenced by them. In Germany for instance, the children of our own ages have been taught from the cradle, and their young minds have been impounded with the so-called ideals of Nazism. They have been taught that they are the "Master Race". The ideals of the youth movement in Germany, are just the opposite of our own. The young Germans have been taught to scorn all other people, particularly the Jews. We must educate those unfortunate people whose minds have been poisoned by the fangs of dictatorship. Most of us know that this will be a difficult undertaking, but few of us realize how difficult this problem really will be.

First of all we will have to implant the ideals of Democracy into the minds of our children. These ideals are the Four Freedoms -- Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear; all the ideals of Tolerance, such as "all men are created equal" , and many others. All of these ideals will have to be implanted in our children's minds to help us to carry them to all the corners of this war torn earth.

This will be accomplished only after we break down the walls of intolerance, that seem to be separating the people of our faith from the Christians in our own country. Our own Rabbis with the full cooperation of the religious leaders of the Christian Religions will be able to instigate various inter faith meetings in order to straighten out these difficulties. With full cooperation of religious and political leaders all over the world, and with the aid of propaganda our postwar world will be a better place to live in. "Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it." May the teachings of our great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, help to free the oppressed all over the world.



THAT THIS WORLD UNDER GOD SHALL HAVE
A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

No people in the world today have suffered more than the Jewish people. The only country in which the Jews as a whole have not suffered is the United States. We Jews here, fortunately, have not experienced the burning of our sacred, beloved, and cultural books. We have not seen our loved ones forced into a Synagogue by merciless SS troopers to be burned to death. We have not seen the wholesale slaughter by the Nazis of our Kinsmen while whole Jewish sections have been pillaged. We have not been forced to desecrate our holy scriptures.

No, here in this wonderful land of ours, we have remained happy and content; most of us have not been greatly shackled in any of our doings by the war which seems so distant. Therefore, for this reason, it is we, the Jews of this country, who have not been persecuted, who have been able to go on learning the principles of Judaism, honor, and justice. It is we who will have to rebuild physically and spiritually the war torn parts of the world, where before this great conflict Judaism stood for the high ideals that she has championed for so long.

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations

NATIONAL FIELD SECRETARY
SARAH LEE MEYER
603 E. Green St.
Champaign, Ill.

May 24, 1943

AIRMAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. A. B. Cowen
Congregation Emanuel
16th & Pearl
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Cowen:

Dr. Sechar is in New York at present but he has been in touch with me. He has heard that Herbert Friedman of the Jewish Institute of Religion has been recommended for the Denver Assistantship. He was really delighted to hear this. Apparently Friedman is a topnotcher and easily ranks any of the men who have been suggested. He was a Hillel leader at college, an effective organizer, and a really rare spirit.

It is Dr. Sechar's feeling that you will make no mistake in lining up such an Assistant.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Sarah Lee Meyer
Sarah Lee Meyer
National Field Secretary

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June 4, 1943

Mr. A. E. Cowen
Congregation Emanuel
16th & Pearl
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Cowen:

I asked our Secretary to write to you with reference to young Friedman whom you are considering as an Assistant for your temple for the duration. I was away from the office when I received the information that he was being considered. I am glad now to supplement the statement which you have already received.

I have watched Friedman's work carefully during the past few years because we have had him in mind for a Hillel post. He is Hillel trained and is especially gifted for work with young people. Of course, the post in Denver is a larger post, and although we regret that we cannot have him, our loss is your gain if you take him.

I have no hesitation in recommending him as a conscientious, hard working, loyal person with a good Jewish background and a special flair for working with young people.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Ah Sachar

A. L. Sachar

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TEMPLE ISAAH ISRAEL
1100 Hyde Park Boulevard
CHICAGO

RABBI MORTON M. BERMAN

STUDY OF THE RABBI

May 21, 1943

Dear Mr. Cowen:

I am delighted to have this opportunity to recommend to you Herbert Friedman. Herbert Friedman was a graduate of Yale and will be ordained by the Institute shortly. He is a fine, cultured, personable young man.

Friedman has done some excellent work at Rabbi Lawrence Schwartz's school in White Plains. He has a special forte for education and he has had excellent training under Rabbi Schwartz, who is one of the experts in this field in the East.

Friedman has a liking for young people and young people like him. He seems to understand them and their needs. I am sure that he could do very much to help Rabbi Feinberg, not only with the children, but with the adolescents.

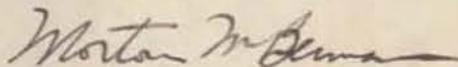
Mrs. Friedman, whom I also know, is a graduate of Wellesly and will be receiving her M.A. from Yale School of Dramatic Arts this June. She is a cultivated and charming person and will be a great aid to her husband in the special fields in which you are contemplating to use his services.

If you should decide to ask Herbert Friedman to come to you, I am sure that you would be making a wise decision and that you would find that his background, his training, and his devotion to the Jewish cause would qualify him highly for work in your Congregation.

Will you be kind enough to give my friendliest greetings to my friend and colleague, Rabbi Feinberg.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,



MMB:fmb

Mr. Abe Cowen, President
Temple Emanuel
18th & Pearl Streets
Denver, Colorado

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Mr. Leon Grauman
Congregation Emanuel
Sixteenth and Pearl
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Grauman,

Mr. Herbert Friedman has been a teacher in our Religious School and the leader of our Young People's group for two years. In addition, he has preached from our pulpit and assisted me in some of my rabbinical duties. Not only I, but our whole congregation feel that he is one of the most capable and likeable young men to enter the rabbinate. I can give him my unqualified recommendation. I feel certain that your congregation will never regret engaging him, and if he accepts the position we will be the losers.

Please give my personal greetings to Rabbi and Mrs. Feinberg, and with kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Lawrence W. Schwartz

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

June 30, 1943.
(Dict. June 29)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. A. B. Cowen, President
Congregation Emanuel,
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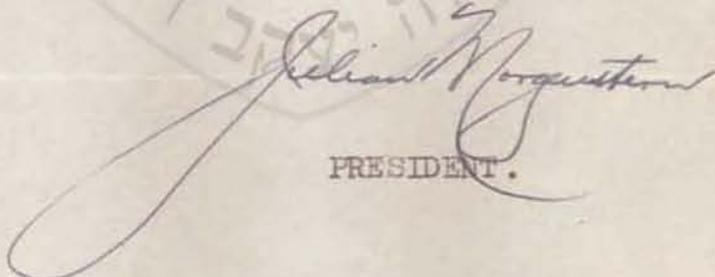
My dear Mr. Cowen:

Upon my return to my office yesterday, after a two-weeks' sojourn in the east, upon important business, I found upon my desk your good letter of the 17th inst., in which you inform me of the decision of your congregation to engage as your assistant rabbi Rabbi Herbert Friedman of New York City. I have heard only commendatory things about Rabbi Friedman, and I have not the slightest doubt that he will be able to serve your congregation satisfactorily. I wish him all success and happiness in his work.

I regret exceedingly that, because of my absence from the city at the time, I was unable to meet you during the convention of the B'nai B'rith here in Cincinnati. I hope that I may have this pleasure upon some other and not too remote occasion.

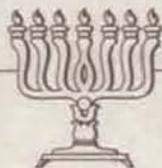
With cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,


PRESIDENT.

JM/s

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June 8, 1943

Mr. Leon Grauman,
Temple Emanuel,
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Grauman,

I have recently learned that the Board of Temple Emanuel is considering Rabbi Herbert Friedman as a candidate for the position of assistant rabbi and I thought that a few words from one who knows Rabbi Friedman well would not be unwelcome.

My acquaintance with Rabbi Friedman goes back to 1935 when he was a student at Yale and I the counselor to the Jewish students. He was actively associated with our program from the beginning and served ably as secretary of the Yale Jewish student organization. I was delighted to learn from him that he wanted to enter the ministry and, in 1938, it was my privilege to recommend him to Dr. Stephen S. Wise for admission to the Jewish Institute of Religion. His excellent record there amply substantiates my earlier predictions about him.

Rabbi Friedman has the qualifications which seem to me necessary for a successful ministry. He has a fine religious background, a warm, friendly personality, a sincere enthusiasm about his calling. He has already demonstrated his abilities as a speaker. You will also find him an able teacher. I know that he will labor unselfishly to enrich the spiritual life of the Temple.

Very truly yours,

Maurice L. Zigmund