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May 16th, 1963

Dear Herbert:

Could have missed to let you know that this week have been realizing that this year are fairly surprising; we have been able to contribute to the end and $75.00. All kinds of help.

7 Mrs. A. Stoneman
15 June 1964

Rabbi Morris Lieberman
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation
7401 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore 8, Maryland

Dear Morris:

I am enclosing, in Slonimsky's handwriting, a list of people he thought might be invited to join in the sponsoring group. He said that this was not exhaustive but represented his first thoughts.

Meanwhile, I happened to talk about this project with Morton Berman, who is temporarily in New York on an assignment for the UJA. He was very enthusiastic but suggested that we were wrong to limit the list. He thought all JIR alumni should be written and asked if they wished to be part of it. He felt that it was our responsibility not to make this an exclusive "club" but to give everyone a chance to participate. Whether they would or not was up to them. He suggested that we develop no elaborate machinery but simply send a letter jointly signed by you and me. What do you think of this idea?

I simply cannot get to Atlantic City on Wednesday or any time this week. I am leaving for Israel on 1st July and expect to be back some time towards the end of July. When should we get together to discuss this with Glueck? Where will you be during August? Please give me a ring as soon as you get back from the Conference.

As ever,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman
31 August 1964

Dean Paul Steinberg  
HUC-JIR  
40 West 68th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Paul:

Just a note to ask you what is new on the Slonimsky project.

The bust is finished. Slonimsky loves it. It is now at the foundry being cast. I have advanced $100 to the artist for materials. I have a bill from the foundry for $350, which will be due when the bust is finished, and then we must pay the artist the balance.

Have you been in touch with Earl Stone? I heard somewhere that there was a new president of the Alumni Association. Is that accurate?

I shall be out of town all this week, but I think we should get together immediately after Rosh Hashanah, don't you?

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman
Dear Colleague:

I am very happy to be able to share the following good news with you. This fall Dr. Henry Slonimsky, one of the most beloved and revered teachers of the College-Institute and former Dean of the JIR, is going to celebrate his 80th birthday.

At the recent CCAR Convention, as well as at the Administrative Committee of the Alumni Association, I mentioned the possibility of giving our colleagues an opportunity to express their appreciation to Dr. Slonimsky on this great milestone in his life. The response was most enthusiastic from scores of men who had the privilege of studying under him and of being able to consider him a friend.

I, therefore, am asking you, at this time, if you would like to participate in raising a fund to be presented to Dr. Slonimsky at a fitting occasion in New York City a short time from now. We felt that a gift of cash would be the simplest way of doing this. Any amount, of course, will be most welcome and if you would like to write him a letter, I will be glad to see that it is included.

Would you be good enough to make your check payable to the "Henry Slonimsky Fund" and send it to me in the enclosed envelope.

May I ask that you take care of this as soon as possible as time is short and I would like to have the gift ready in time to be presented to him.

With my sincere thanks and with every good wish for a wonderful New Year, I remain

Sincerely,

Earl Stone
Rabbi Earl S. Stone

3/s
Rabbi Earl Stone  
51 Grape Street  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Earl:

After returning from Denver last week, I spoke to the following fellows, all of whom agreed to send $100: Isidore Breslau, Philip Bernstein, Morris Lieberman, Horace Manacher, Leon Kronish. So, you should be receiving those checks shortly.

Phil Bernstein said that he would speak to Jack Rudin and Larry Schwartz, asking each one of them for $100.

Manacher said that he would speak to Alvin Rubin, Herbert Weiner, Al Silverman, Jerry Malino, and such others that he could think of.

I have not yet been able to reach Irving Lehrman. I will try him again on Monday.

I will write to Morton Berman and Herbert Brichto, both of whom are in Israel.

As for my own, I have already given $100 to the sculptor. So when the final reckoning is made with him, it will not total $1200 but $1100. So, this is my contribution.

Shortly I shall be receiving a bill from the foundry for the bronze casting. When that bill comes, for approximately $350, I will send it to you and ask you to pay it out of whatever funds you have already received.

So far, I have not received your letter, nor have any of the other men to whom I spoke. I was under the impression that you told me last week that it had already gone out. Did I misunderstand?

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am,

As ever,
11 September 1964

Rabbi Morton M. Berman
Keren Hayesod
P. O. B. 583
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mickey:

Henry Slonimsky will be 80 years old next month. I took the initiative of arranging to have a bronze bust made by the famous sculptor, Nathan Rapoport. As you may know, he is the one who did the historic monument in the Warsaw ghetto and also the big statue at Yad Mordecai. Slonimsky sat for him during most of July and August and the bust should be finished within another month.

I had intended that this would be a small project, involving a handful of men, from each of whom I would ask for $100, since the total cost of the bust in bronze was to be $1200.

The Alumni Association of the HUC-JIR decided that they wanted to raise a purse of money to present to him as a gift, as had been done recently on behalf of Jacob Marcus. The Alumni Association asked me if I would permit them to take over the raising of the funds and the paying of the bust as well as giving the balance of whatever would be raised to Dr. Slonimsky as a personal gift.

I certainly agreed to this and Earl Stone, the immediate past president of the Alumni Association, is sending out a letter to all the men informing them that they can make a contribution.

I am still taking the responsibility of speaking to the small group of insiders on a more personal basis. So far, the following men have indicated that they would like to contribute $100 each to this fund: Morris Lieberman, Philip Bernstein, Horace Manacher, Isidore Breslau, Leon Kronish and myself. Phil Bernstein, Ace Manacher and I are making additional calls to several other fellows. By next week those will be completed.
If you want to send $100 or any amount, please make out the check to the Henry Slonimsky Fund and mail it to Rabbi Earl Stone, 51 Grape Street, Denver, Colorado.

I am writing to you, actually, because I know that you would want to participate as fully as possible in view of your feelings. And being distant, you might not receive Stone's letter, nor might not hear of this in any other way.

The bust is a handsome creation and Dr. Slonimsky wants it to remain in the library at the school. I thought of this because in a small way it will keep him alive for future generations of students.

Best wishes for the New Year.

As ever,
11 September 1964

Rabbi Herbert Brichto  
Hebrew Union College  
King David Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Herb:

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Best wishes for the New Year.

As ever,
September 15, 1964

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10019

Dear Herb:

Thank you very much for your note of the 11th. There was a mix-up at the post office, therefore, a delay in sending out our mail, but by this time I am sure you have received my letter, as well as the other men.

I have spoken to a couple of people and they promised to work, Hy Perelmutter and Harry Kaplan. I have a few more in mind. With the men you have already contacted, and have agreed, I don't think we should have any trouble raising the necessary funds for the bust, as well as a sizeable gift. I will keep you informed as to how things are progressing. I will also send a followup letter to the JIR men whom I feel ought to respond and haven't, after a fair amount of time. I will keep you posted of developments.

It was good seeing you and want to wish you and yours a very happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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

Dear Herbert:

I am sending a check of $100 to Earl Stone for the Henry Slonimsky Fund.

I am happy, indeed, that you took the initiative to honor this great teacher and friend of us all.

I am also pleased that the Alumni Association of the HUC-JIR had decided to raise a purse as a gift, in addition to helping make possible the bust itself. No teacher deserves this tribute so richly.

With affectionate greetings to you, Francine and David,

Yours,

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

Dear Herb:  

Just a note to tell you that I talked to Jack Rudin and Larry Schwartz about the Slonimsky fund. Each promised to send $100., and I am doing the same.

If there are any other calls you would like me to make where you think I might have some special influence give me a ring.

All the best.

Cordially,

Philip S. Bernstein

P.S. Did I tell you that Abba Eban is to speak for us in Rochester at our annual Forum Weekend Friday night, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th? I know that he is expected in the country shortly and would appreciate your letting me know where and when he can be reached.
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Mr. Herbert Friedman
200 Central Park South
New York, New York 10019

September 22, 1964

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**AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES**
23 September 1964

Rabbi Earl S. Stone
51 Grape Street
Denver, Colorado 80220

Dear Earl:

Just three more items to report:

I received a note from Morton Berman from Israel saying that he sent you $100. And Phil Bernstein, Jack Rudin and Larry Schwarts will also be sending $100 each.

At your earliest opportunity I would love to get a reaction from you as to the first returns to your letter.

Sincerely,
23 September 1964

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein
Temple Brit Kodesh
2131 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester 18, New York

Dear Phil:

Many thanks for your prompt response and your success with Jack Rudin and Larry Schwartz. If there are other calls for you to make, I will let you know. I wrote to Morton Berman in Israel and he also sent $100.

Regarding Eban's arrival, he is due today (Wednesday) and will be staying at the Plaza Hotel through Friday night, at least. I do not know his plans thereafter. He is going to Latin America, but I do not know exactly when.

All the best.
24 September 1964

Dear Earl:

Enclosed is a copy of the bill from the bronze works for the bust. Would you please make out a check to them and notify me when you have done so.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Earl S. Stone
51 Grape Street
Denver, Colorado 80220
Rabbi Earl S. Stone
Temple Emanuel
51 Grape Street
Denver 20, Colo.

Dear Earl:

Our colleague, Herb Friedman, had spoken to me about this before your letter had arrived.

I hasten to enclose my contribution to the "Henry Slonimsky Fund".

I am sure that you will be successful. It is a pleasure to participate.

Sincerely,

CC: Blind Rabbi Herbert Friedman - United Jewish Appeal
September 29, 1964

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10019

Dear Herb:

I have a very fine report to make to you. First, the following men have sent in $100: Jacob Rudin, Irving Lehrman, Morton Berman, Horace Manacher, Lawrence Schwartz, Morris Lieberman, Leon Kronish and Philip Bernstein. Alvin Rubin $50 and Hi Perelmuter has promised $100, which I should have shortly. This makes a total of $950, plus your own which would be $1050 and mine which will make it $1150, so we are in good shape on this score.

Yesterday I received a bill from the foundry for $369.20 and I sent a check in that amount.

At the moment, I have 77 gifts, including the $100 givers, with a grand total of $1495. (This does not include yours, mine or Hi Perelmuter). I am amazed at the great number of HUC men who, I am sure did not have Slony as a teacher, but have responded. By the same token, I am disappointed so far in our own men. Last night, I went through the CCAR list and picked out 56 men whom I know are old JIR alumni who should have answered by now. I am sending them another letter at once. I also listed 40 names of our alumni who are not members of the CCAR and have sent them to Paul Steinberg to see if his office has their addresses. So you see, all in all, I think this is going to work out very well.

Have you heard anything about the time and nature of the event in honor of Slony? As soon as you know, I would appreciate hearing as I will then know the deadline for sending in the grand total.

Looking forward to hearing from you and with fond regards, I am

Sincerely,

Saul

Airmail
Dear Herbert,

Sept 30

Just received 100 from N.Y. Peninsular and 100 from Sally Miller in Phila. whom I sent to. I now have ten 100 checks plus 50 from Alain Rublin, so we are cooking with gas.

Yr. regards,

[Signature]
October 1, 1964

Rabbi Earl S. Stone
Temple Emanuel
51 Grape Street
Denver 20, Colorado

Dear Earl:

Enclosed you will find my personal check in the amount of $50.00 for the Henry Slonimsky Fund, and a check from Irwin Schor.

I am also enclosing the names and addresses of alumni who are not members of the CCAR.

I hope to be forwarding more checks to you.

With warm personal regards and every good wish for the New Year.

Cordially,

Paul M. Steinberg

cc: Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
N.York October 5 1964

Dear Rabbi Herbert Friedman,

The bust of prof. Shostakovitch is finished. I hope you will like the patique.

Where shall I send the bust?

The 9 October is the anniversary of the professor.

If it is possible, please pay me the amount of $30 dollars as it is convenient to you.

Yours sincerely,

Nathan Rapoport
On the occasion of his eightieth birthday, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion—its faculties in Cincinnati, New York, Los Angeles and Jerusalem, and its Board of Governors—salute Dr. Henry Slonimsky, eminent scholar, beloved teacher and devoted dean.

Building on the finest tradition of American and European academic learning which had shaped his scholarship, Dr. Slonimsky in a long and distinguished career of teaching conveyed to his students at American universities and our rabbinic schools a unified Weltbild, expressive of his own deep and rich philosophic and Jewish convictions.

In his interpretation, Jewish religion and thought became the never exhaustible, ever freely and freshly flowing sources of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. Midrash, Hebrew poetry and literature, and Jewish philosophy to him were just so many facets of the one living spirit of a people whose proud son he confessed to be.

Generations of disciples gratefully acknowledge the benefactions received from a man blessed with the gift of teaching, who instructed by imparting the essence of his own self, who stayed young because teaching of others never ceased to teach him, the teacher.

President

Chairman, Board of Governors
October 16, 1964

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
United Jewish Appeal  
220 West 58th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Herb:

Just a note to keep you informed.

1) I received a card today from Earl Stone who advises me that to date he has received about $1,700, and the checks are still coming in.

2) Joe Weiss, who is the President of the Association of Reform Rabbis has agreed that the December meeting of the Association will be devoted to a luncheon in honor of Dr. Slonimsky. The date is December 9th - the place is here.

3) I think it would be a good idea if you, Ed. Klein and Herb Weiner and I could get together to discuss the affair.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Cordially,

Paul M. Steinberg
October 28, 1964

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
United Jewish Appeal
220 West 58th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Herb:

I think that we ought to get together to work out the details for the following:

1) The Association of Reform Rabbis will devote their December meeting to honor Dr. Slonimsky. The occasion will be marked with a luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 8th.

2) Earl Stone has received a little over $1200. I think he ought to follow up with another letter.

3) I have asked Ed Klein to prepare a citation.

4) We ought to meet to discuss invitations, program, etc.

Please be in touch.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Steinberg
October 28, 1964

Rabbi Edward Klein
Stephen Wise Free Synagogue
30 West 68th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Ed:

At the Executive Board meeting of the Alumni Association it was suggested that there be a scroll with a citation prepared honoring Dr. Slonimsky. Would it be possible for you to prepare it? I know that you will feel free to call on us for help but you are so good at things of this kind that I know you won't have to.

The date of the event is Tuesday, December 8th, at lunch.

With many thanks and warm personal regards,

Cordially,

Paul M. Steinberg

CC: Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
Rabbi Herbert Weiner
November 11, 1964

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

Dear Herb:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the citation for Dr. Slonimsky. If you could have it here by November 23, Dr. Glueck can sign it. I know that he will be in New York at that time.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Paul M. Steinberg

enc.

DR. HENRY SCONIMSKY
E S B T D
November 18, 1964

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
United Jewish Appeal
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10019

Dear Herb:

I don't want to hold up your artist; hence, I am sending the text of the resolution for Dr. Slonimsky, with Herman Snyder's signature. I am still awaiting Ed Siskin's signature. When this comes in I will send it to you, but I thought the artist might like to start in the meantime.

With "bestest,"

Yours,

Rabbi Edward E. Klein

enclosure
proudly bails
DR. HENRY SLONIMSKY
on the occasion of his eightieth birthday, in most profound gratitude

For the glowing inspiration, the breadth of wisdom, the depth of learning selflessly offered to ongoing generations of students, as Professor and Dean at our school,

For his warm friendship to students and alumni through the years,

For the eloquence of his words and the equal eloquence of his lifelong quest for truth,

For the indelible imprint of his teaching and personality on the fleshy parchments of the hearts and minds of all who have had the good fortune to sit at his feet and walk at his side.

This tribute of love and respect is offered with our prayers that God grant him continued health, strength, and fulfillment.

Tebeth 3, 5725
December 8, 1964

Edgar E. Siskin
375 Kent Avenue
July 24, Dec 13, 64

Dear Mr. Kent - I tried to get you on the phone a few days ago but you were inaccessible. First, I want to tell you what I am about. I firmly know that the luncheon was a success. I am deeply grateful and appreciate you for what you have done from the start.

Now, I want to talk a word about the bust. It is, I need not tell you, a beautiful work of art. The question now is that it seems to perfectly fit.

I will recall that I agreed to sit for it only on the assurance that it would be set up somewhere in the school. That has now to be attended to.

I have written to Earl Stone, who is the President of the Alumni, and who was also a prime student of the Alumni, to know in arranging for luncheon & bust, to keep the same general effect.

As it asking too much of you now, Herbert,
as a personal favor to me, that you would appear at the next meeting of the Alumni to explain to them the circumstances under which I agreed to sit for the bust, namely, that it would be properly placed somewhere in the school building.

Ever cordially & faithfully,

[Signature]

[Inscribed text:]

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
Dear Colleague,

As you know, our Association will be joining with the HUC-JIR and its Alumni Association in honoring Dr. Henry Alonimsky, former Dean of the JIR on his 80th Birthday, on Tuesday, December 8th at the Free Synagogue Auditorium. This will constitute our regular Luncheon meeting.

We expect a very large group of students and colleagues (and some wives) who will come to honor Dr. Alonimsky, our teacher and friend.

If you have not returned the printed response card and cannot locate it, you may use the enclosed card for Luncheon reservations.

Looking forward to an inspiring afternoon.

Cordially,

[Signature]

P.S. The meeting will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: 11:00 a.m. in one of the classrooms of the JIR, prior to the Luncheon Meeting.

MEETS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, OCTOBER TO MAY INCLUSIVE, AT 838 FIFTH AVENUE, MANHATTAN
375 West End Ave
April 24, 65

Dear [Name]—We were delighted to get your good wishes for the New Year and we are preaching more
nearly, to you, your wife, your
son [Name] and the baby that is
about to come. We look forward
to a visit together as soon as you
can make it possible.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
September 28, 1966

Dr. Henry Slonimsky
375 West End Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10023

Dear Dr. Slonimsky:

I was delighted to receive from Rabbi Herbert Friedman your contribution of $300 to the 1966 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

Your gift will help our agencies continue their worldwide life-saving services in this difficult period when rising costs and the termination of German reparations payments have aggravated the financial strains under which they are working.

I know I express the feelings of my fellow officers in UJA when I send you heartfelt thanks for your continuing interest and generous support.

With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Samuel D. Leidesdorf
Treasurer

Enc.

cc. Rabbi Herbert Friedman
14 May 1971

Dr. Chaim Sheba
Tel Hashomer Hospital
Tel Aviv, Israel

Dear Chaim:

I finally got to see Mrs. Slonimsky today, showed her the brochure and had a fairly long discussion with her.

My reaction is that she is quite interested. She thinks she will have $75,000, and maybe even $100,000 to give away, and she really seems to be favorably inclined. She is now going to discuss it with her lawyer and her executor.

When I brought up the question of giving the money now, while she is alive and receive interest from you, she said that she would really like to do this, but her lawyer has already warned her against making any such commitment. Under normal circumstances, at her age of 84, she should be quite able to live from the income, and the capital could remain in tact. So, theoretically, she could give the capital away now, as I tried to suggest. But, they told her some unusual sickness might occur whereby she might have to use the capital, and since it is all she has, she would not be fair to herself if she gave it away. So, I don't think we have much of a chance along those lines.

I will contact her again in a week or two to see if the deal is final. Meanwhile, all the best.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman