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SAMUEL D. LEIDESDORF

Awards will be presented to

MORRIS W. BERINSTEIN

Syracuse

WILLIAM ROSENWALD

New York

ISADORE BRESLAU

Washington, D. C.

SAMUEL ROTHBERG

Peoria

SAMUEL H. DAROFF

Philadelphia

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JOSEPH HOLTZMAN

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JACOB SINCOFF

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San Francisco

JOSEPH M. MAZER

New York

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New York

JOSEPH MEYERHOFF

Baltimore

JACK D. WEILER

New York

MRS. HENRY NEWMAN

Kansas City

JONAH B. WISE

New York



*You are cordially invited
to join in a memorable opening of the
1957 campaign for Jewish life and freedom
at a*

DINNER

to be given in heartfelt tribute

to

SAMUEL D. LEIDESDORF

*for his outstanding leadership in behalf of
Israel's people and distressed Jews
throughout the world*

and to honor

**OFFICERS OF THE 1956
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL**

A major address will be made by

MOSHE SHARETT

Former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1957 AT 6:30 P.M.

WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL

NEW YORK CITY

*You are cordially invited to
join in a
Dinner
of heartfelt tribute
by a grateful American Jewry
to
AMERICAN JEWISH
Samuel D. Leidesdorf
inspired and dedicated leader
in the cause of Israel's people
and distressed Jews overseas
and to honor*

*Officers of the 1956
United Jewish Appeal*

Guest Speaker

*Mr. Moshe Sharett
Former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister
of the State of Israel*

*Waldorf-Astoria
Saturday evening, the second of February
One thousand, nine hundred and fifty-seven
at six-thirty*

Awards will be presented to

Morris W. Berinstein, Syracuse

Isadore Brestau, Washington, D. C.

Samuel H. Daroff, Philadelphia

Fred Forman, Rochester

Joseph Holtzman, Detroit

Milton Kahn, Boston

Joseph I. Lubin, New York

Sol Luckman, Cincinnati

Joseph M. Mazer, New York

Joseph Meyerhoff, Baltimore

Mrs. Henry Newman, Kansas City

William Rosenwald, New York

Samuel Rothberg, Peoria

Robert W. Schiff, Columbus

Joseph Shulman, Paterson

Jacob Sincoff, New York

Michael Stavitsky, Newark

Dewey D. Stone, Brockton

Benjamin H. Swig, San Francisco

Edward M. M. Warburg, New York

Jack D. Weiler, New York

Jonah B. Wise, New York

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In Appreciation

*Tonight we pay tribute to a man of great heart and good will—
Samuel D. Leidesdorf, communal leader and philanthropist.*

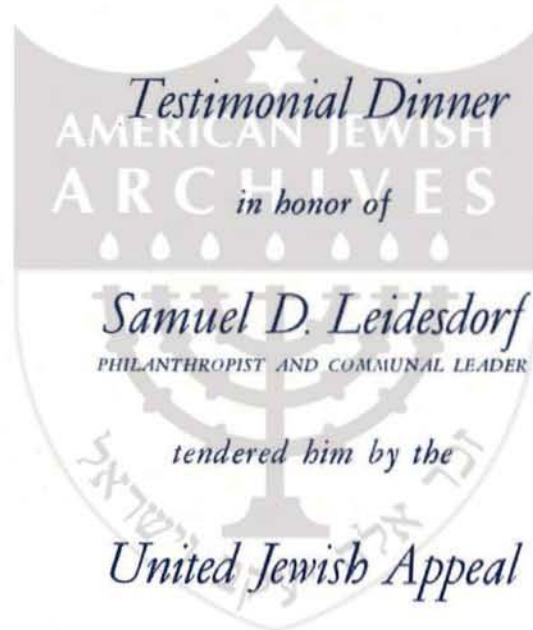
*We pay homage to him for his dedicated service in bettering and
enriching the lives of his fellow New Yorkers as an active, wise and
dynamic leader in community affairs.*

*We pay homage to his devoted efforts in rescuing distressed Jews
overseas and in extending the hand of help and friendship to the
people of Israel in the building of their democratic land.*

*It is fitting that as we honor him tonight, we honor, as well, a
group of men who have proven their dedication, their leadership,
their compassion—the officers of the 1956 United Jewish Appeal.*

*This meeting is held in a pivotal hour. The plight of Jews fleeing
Hungary and of those driven out of Egypt worsens daily. From East-
ern Europe, from North Africa, too, the ranks of the uprooted swell
to fearful proportions.*

*We honor Samuel D. Leidesdorf and the officers of the 1956
campaign of the United Jewish Appeal for what they have done. And
we pledge, tonight, that their deeds shall serve to inspire us to the full-
est effort in 1957 to save the greatest possible number of Jewish lives.*



Testimonial Dinner
AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES
in honor of

Samuel D. Leidesdorf
PHILANTHROPIST AND COMMUNAL LEADER

tendered him by the

United Jewish Appeal

JACOB A. GOLDFARB
Vice-Chairman, United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York
DINNER CHAIRMAN

The Star Spangled Banner

Hatikvah

INVOCATION

WILLIAM ROSENWALD
General Chairman, United Jewish Appeal

RABBI HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN
Executive Vice-Chairman, United Jewish Appeal

JACK D. WEILER
National Chairman, United Jewish Appeal

DEWEY D. STONE
National Chairman, United Jewish Appeal

EDWARD M. M. WARBURG
Honorary Chairman, United Jewish Appeal

PRESENTATION TO 1956 UJA CAMPAIGN OFFICERS

MORRIS W. BERINSTEIN
President, United Jewish Appeal

THE HONORABLE JACOB K. JAVITS
United States Senator from New York

MRS. ADELE LEVY
Honorary Chairman, Women's Division, United Jewish Appeal

SAMUEL D. LEIDESDORF

BENEDICTION

FEBRUARY 2, 1957

WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL

NEW YORK CITY



Testimonial Dinner
AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES *in honor of*

Samuel D. Leidesdorf
PHILANTHROPIST AND COMMUNAL LEADER

tendered him by the

United Jewish Appeal

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO
THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF THE 1956 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

National Chairman
MORRIS W. BERINSTEIN
Syracuse

Allocations Chairman
ISADORE BRESLAU
Washington, D. C.

National Chairman
SAMUEL H. DAROFF
Philadelphia

Vice-Chairman, National Campaign Cabinet
FRED FORMAN
Rochester

National Chairman
JOSEPH HOLTZMAN
Detroit

Chairman, Speakers Division
MILTON KAHN
Boston

National Co-Treasurer
JOSEPH I. LUBIN
New York

National Chairman
SOL LUCKMAN
Cincinnati

Chairman, Special Survival Fund
JOSEPH M. MAZER
New York

Chairman, National Campaign Cabinet
JOSEPH MEYERHOFF
Baltimore

Chairman, Women's Division
MRS. HENRY NEWMAN
Kansas City

General Chairman
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Chairman for Regions
JOSEPH SHULMAN
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National Co-Treasurer
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MICHAEL A. STAVITSKY
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National Chairman
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Brockton

Big Gifts Chairman
BENJAMIN H. SWIG
San Francisco

President
EDWARD M. M. WARBURG
New York

National Chairman
JACK D. WEILER
New York

National Chairman
JONAH B. WISE
New York



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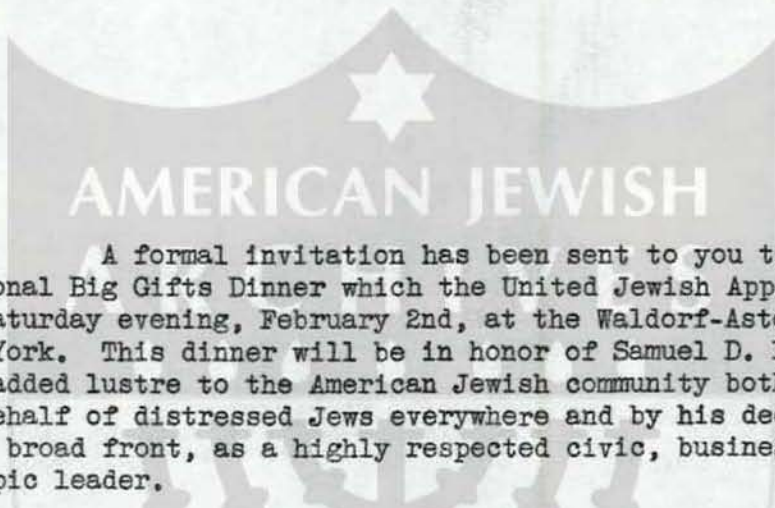
\$100,000,000 UJA EMERGENCY RESCUE FUND for Freedom and Survival... 1957 REGULAR CAMPAIGN GOAL—\$105,557,250

over and above

SENT TO ALL PERSONS RECEIVING AWARD AT LEIDESDORF DINNER

January 16, 1957

- Honorary General Chairman*
HERBERT H. LEHMAN
- Honorary Chairman*
EDWARD M. M. WARBURG
- President*
MORRIS W. BERINSTEIN
- General Chairman*
WILLIAM ROSENWALD
- National Chairmen*
Representing Agencies
DEWEY D. STONE, UJA
JONAH B. WISE, JDC
- National Chairmen*
SAMUEL H. DAROFF
JOSEPH HOLTZMAN
SOL LUCKMAN
JACK D. WEILER
- Emergency Rescue Fund*
Chairman
ISRAEL RUBIN
Co-Chairman
JOSEPH M. MAZER
- National Co-Treasurers*
JOSEPH I. LUBIN
JACOB SINCOFF
- Executive Vice-Chairman*
HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN
- National Campaign Director*
SHOLEM SONTUP
- National Women's Division*
Chairman
MRS. JACK A. GOODMAN
- National Campaign Cabinet*
Chairman
JOSEPH MEYERHOFF
Vice-Chairman
FRED FORMAN
- Big Gifts Chairman*
BENJAMIN H. SWIG
- Allocations Chairman*
ISADORE BRESLAU
- Chairmen for Regions*
ALBERT A. LEVIN
JOSEPH SHULMAN
- Trade & Industry Chairman*
ROBERT W. SCHIFF
- Emergency Division Chairman*
TON KAHN



A formal invitation has been sent to you to attend the National Big Gifts Dinner which the United Jewish Appeal is giving on Saturday evening, February 2nd, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. This dinner will be in honor of Samuel D. Leidesdorf who has added lustre to the American Jewish community both by his zeal on behalf of distressed Jews everywhere and by his dedicated efforts on a broad front, as a highly respected civic, business and philanthropic leader.

All of us here at the UJA are looking forward with particular eagerness to your presence on this occasion. For, in addition to honoring Sam Leidesdorf, tribute will be paid to you that evening for your dedicated leadership in our great common cause as an officer of the 1956 United Jewish Appeal as well as in a multitude of other ways. Arrangements have, therefore, been made to present you with a special award as a token of appreciation for your devotion to the work of the UJA.

My associates join in the hope that you may accept the honor in person at the February 2nd dinner. So that proper arrangements can be made, your early confirmation that you plan to attend the dinner will be most appreciated.

Kind regards.

Cordially,
William Rosenwald
William Rosenwald.

January 17, 1957.

Mr. Max Fisher
Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit
Fred W. Butzel Memorial Building
163 Madison at John R.
Detroit 26, Mich.

Dear Max,

A formal invitation has been sent to you to attend the National Big Gifts Dinner which the United Jewish Appeal is giving on Saturday evening, February 2nd, at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria in New York. This dinner will be in honor of Samuel D. Leidesdorf, who has added lustre to the American Jewish community both by his zeal on behalf of distressed Jews everywhere, and by his dedicated efforts on a broad front, as a highly-respected civic, business and philanthropic leader.

The program on this occasion will include the granting of an award to Mr. Joseph Holtzman who, as one of the officers of the 1956 UJA and in a multitude of other ways, has provided such dedicated national leadership to the great common cause in which we are all engaged.

It is felt that you and other leaders in Detroit will certainly want to attend the meeting and honor Mr. Holtzman.

At this point it is hardly necessary for me to set down the other, more ominous reasons why the February 2nd Dinner must be successful. The movement of Jews from Eastern Europe to Israel, the Hungarian refugees, and now the expulsion of the Jewish population of Egypt, make it eminently clear that the UJA is confronted with an even more pressing task than was recognized as recently as two months ago. One thing that can be done immediately is to use the occasion of the Leidesdorf Dinner as a tremendous demonstration. My associates, therefore, join in urging you to do everything within your power to obtain the greatest number of significant gifts, particularly to the Emergency Rescue Fund, and to rally the maximum attendance from your community.

Please let me know that you will attend the dinner and give me the names of those in your community who will accompany you.

Kind regards.

Cordially,

(William Rosenwald)

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.
165 WEST 46th STREET
NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

Date January 23, 1957

To Mr. Herbert A. Friedman

From Melvin S. Goldstein

Subject February 2nd Dinner

Attached hereto is a very rough outline of the program for the
February 2nd Dinner.

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TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 2nd BIG GIFTS DINNER

Invocation

WILLIAM ROSENWALD

Presiding - Opening Remarks

President of United Synagogue

Eddie Weisberg

EDWARD M. M. WARBURG

Address on total refugee picture

Vice-President Nixon, or
Jacob Javitz, or Thomas Dewey,
or Wayne Morse, or Mrs.
Eleanor Roosevelt

ADDRESS

CARD CALLING

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~~PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO OFFICERS~~

by Morris Berinstein?

INTRODUCTION OF MRS. ADELE LEVY

by Albert Greenfield

PRESENTATION TO MR. SAMUEL LEIDESDORF

by Mrs. Adele Levy

Roman Glass

MR. SAMUEL LEIDESDORF

Remarks

Benediction

Study the program

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cc: RL, AF, SS, IJ, HDB

WILLIAM ROSENWALD
122 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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January 23, 1957

Dear Albert,

This is just to repeat my thanks for your gracious hospitality. It was nice being with you.

In accordance with your kind suggestion, I look forward to seeing you next week in New York. Meanwhile, I hope that you and your wife will save the evening of Saturday, February 2nd, as we'd like to have you on the dais, playing some active role at the dinner in honor of Sam Leidesdorf.

Cordially,

Mr. Albert M. Greenfield
Bankers' Securities Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

cc(blind): MSG

HAF files

January 24, 1957

Mr. Sholem Sontag

Melvin S. Goldstein

February 2nd Mg Gifts Dinner

Attached hereto is a copy of the letter Mr. Rosenwald sent to Albert Greenfield under date of January 23rd.

Would you please arrange, tentatively, a place on the dais for Mr. Greenfield.

MSG:js

cc: Mr. S. H. Abramson
Mr. H. D. Hiele

enc.



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January 28, 1957

Mr. Herbert A. Friedman
Mr. A. Pichsohn
Mr. I. Jacobs
Mr. Ray Levy
Mr. Sholem Sontag

Melvin S. Goldstein

February 2nd Dinner

Attached hereto are alternate programs discussed today.

The program marked "A" will be used in the event that a chairman other than Mr. Rosenwald is selected for the meeting. Consideration is now being given to:

Jack Goldfarb
William Schweitzer
Jacob Blumstein
Samuel Rubin.

The program marked "B" is to be used in the event that no chairman is selected.

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January 30, 1957

Mr. Morris W. Berinstein
Morris W. Berinstein & Co. Inc.
612 Syracuse Kemper Bldg.
Syracuse 2, New York

Dear Morris,

Attached hereto for your information is a copy of two alternative programs for the February 2nd Dinner. I am sending you this because I am sure you are interested.

Program "A" is to be used in the event that we have a chairman other than Bill Rosenwald. We may have one of the New Yorkers who, through being invited to serve as chairman, might make a large contribution. Program "B" is to be used in the event that William Rosenwald is to serve as chairman.

You know by now about the cabinet meeting we have scheduled for 3:00 PM on Saturday, February 2nd. In addition to the members of the cabinet, we have invited persons who have been members of recent study missions to Israel. There will also be some other leaders. The program for the cabinet meeting will be composed of a report on the total over-all situation by Herb Friedman, reports on campaign status and plans in individual communities by cabinet members, and a call for fund raising activity and support for the March 3rd meeting in Miami Beach.

With regard to the reports on the campaign status in the individual communities, we would very much like to have you call on individuals, to let us know what is happening in their communities and what the plans are for the month of February. We will, of course, provide you with a good deal of information. We feel in this way we will be better able to persuade the communities to set up more intensive fund raising meetings in February.

Best regards and all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Melvin S. Goldstein

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January 30, 1957


Mr. Harry D. Biele

Melvin S. Goldstein

Gearing at Cocktail Party February 2nd.

Mr. Rosenwald is most anxious that proper gearing takes place at the cocktail party just before dinner on February 2nd. Cards should be assigned to cabinet members at the cabinet meeting Saturday afternoon so that the gearing can take place. Will you please make up the necessary assignments.

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This is being done by
Sobin and all in
order.*

MEMORANDUM

Date January 30, 1957

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To Mr. Mel Goldstein

From Harry Biele

Subject Leidesdorf Dinner - Jack Goldfarb

Mr. Rosenwald advised me by telephone that he had just finished a conference with Jack Goldfarb who has consented to be chairman of the dinner on Saturday night.

Mr. Rosenwald wishes remarks prepared for him to introduce Mr. Goldfarb and he would like this material sent to his office.

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CC: SS
Miss Chiat

HDB



January 31, 1957

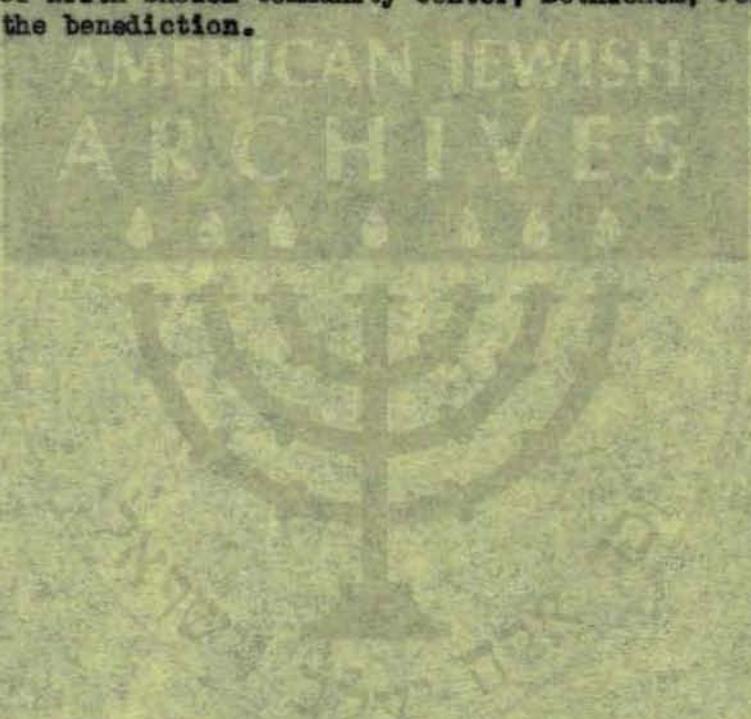
Mr. Ray Levy

Melvin S. Goldstein

Leidesdorf Dinner

Dr. Chaim Pearl, who is chief Rabbi of the Birmingham Hebrew Congregation in England will deliver the invocation at the dinner. Rabbi William Frankel of Brith Sholom Community Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania will deliver the benediction.

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MEMORANDUM

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Date Feb. 1st, 1957

To Mr. Melvin S. Goldstein

From Arthur Fishzohn

Subject RABBI PERETZ HALPERN - Benediction - Leidesdorf Dinner - 2/2/57

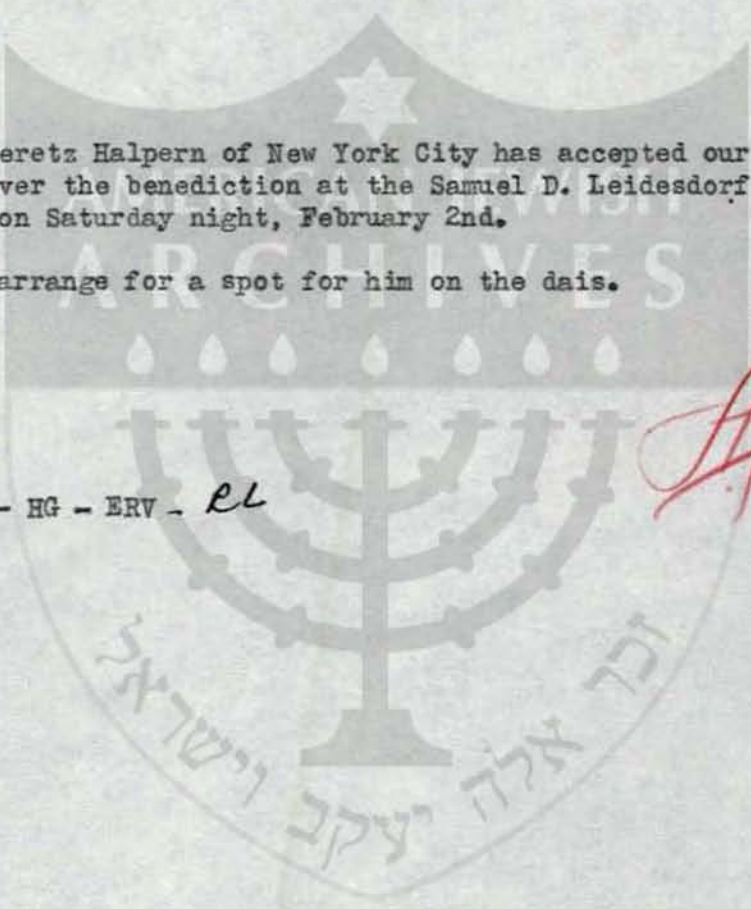
Rabbi Peretz Halpern of New York City has accepted our invitation to deliver the benediction at the Samuel D. Leidesdorf Testimonial Dinner on Saturday night, February 2nd.

Please arrange for a spot for him on the dais.

AF/s

cc: SS - HG - ERV - *EL*

AF



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
ADVERTISING BOARD

February 1, 1957

Mr. Ray Levy

Helvin S. Goldstein

February 2nd Dinner

Attached hereto is copy of Program for the February 2nd Big Gifts Meeting.

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copies and same memo also to: Herbert A. Friedman
Arthur Fishzohn
Irving Jacobs
Sholem Sontup

PROGRAM FOR THE SAMUEL LEIDENDORF DINNER, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1957

WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

1. Call for invocation William Rosenwald
2. Introduction of the chairman
after dinner William Rosenwald
3. Remarks Jack Goldfarb, Chairman
4. Remarks re absence of Mr. Sharrett Edward M. M. Warburg
5. Introduction of Herbert A. Friedman Jack Goldfarb
6. Address Herbert A. Friedman
7. Card calling immediately following
Mr. Friedman's address, with
no introduction Jack D. Weiler
Dewey B. Stone
8. Introduction and presentation of
sword to Morris W. Berinstein Edward M. M. Warburg
9. Presentation of swords to officers Morris W. Berinstein
10. Introduction of Mrs. Adele Levy Jack Goldfarb
11. Presentation to and introduction
of Mr. Samuel B. Leidesdorf Mrs. Adele Levy
12. Address Samuel B. Leidesdorf
13. Call for benediction Jack Goldfarb
14. Benediction

February 4, 1957

SAMUEL D. LEIDESDORF TESTIMONIAL
WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL
FEBRUARY 2, 1957

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ATTENDANCE

CONNECTICUT

Bridgewater

Mr. & Mrs. A. O. Samuels

Greenwich

Mayer H. Cohen

Meriden

Judge & Mrs. Selig Schwartz

New Britain

Joseph Eisenberg, Exec. Dir.
Mr. & Mrs. Max Kirshnit

Westport

Mr. & Mrs. Martin A. Hertz

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Isidore & Mrs. Isadore Breslau

GEORGIA

Atlanta

Max Rittenbaum

ILLINOIS

Chicago

Max Bressler

INDIANA

Indianapolis

Mrs. Jack A. Goodman

KENTUCKY

Louisville

Sam Rosenstein

MARYLAND

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Mr. & Mrs. Philip W. Lown
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Monossin

Brockton

Mr. & Mrs. Dewey D. Stone

MICHIGAN

Detroit

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Holtzman

MICHIGAN (cont'd)

Detroit (Cont'd)

Isidore Sobeloff, Exec. Pres.

MISSOURI

St. Louis

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Dubinsky

NEW JERSEY

Bridgeton

Judge & Mrs. David L. Horovitz
& Guest

Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. LyBew

Elizabeth

Louis Kousin

Englewood

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Fisher
Harold Meltzer
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nelson

Jersey City

Mr. & Mrs. Irving Begun
Mr. & Mrs. David Canter
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Burstein
George Clott
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Goodman
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Gur-Arie
Mr. & Mrs. Louis R. Kagan
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kanter
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kohl
George E. Milstein
Mr. & Mrs. Max Pillersdorf
Dr. & Mrs. Meyer K. Schleider

Nathan L. Schwartzman

Dr. & Mrs. Harry A. Silberman
Harry Weinberg
Emanuel Weitz

Newark

Martin S. Rakitt, Camp. Dir.
Mr. & Mrs. George Sagan
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Wechsler
Leo Yanoff

New Brunswick

David Darwin

North Hudson

Judge Abraham Lieberman
Mr. & Mrs. I. Rogosin

NEW YORK

Amsterdam

Dr. & Mrs. S. I. Kriegel

Samuel D. Leidesdorf Testimonial - Attendance

NEW YORK (Cont'd)

Gloversville

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Schulman

Hudson

Mr. & Mrs. Harry H. Frankel
Mr. & Mrs. Abraham G. Novick

Loch Sheldrake-Hurleyville

Judge Milton Levine

Rochester

Elmer Louis, Exec. Dir.
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Forman

Schenectady

Paul Dworsky
Samuel Weingarten, Exec. Dir.

Syracuse

Morris W. Berinstein

OHIO

Cincinnati

Miss Linda Luckman
Sol Luckman

Cleveland

Ezra Z. Shapiro
Henry L. Zucker, Exec. Dir.

Columbus

Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Zacks

Toledo

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Bronstein,
Exec. Dir.

OKLAHOMA

Tulsa

Maurice Sanditan

PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg

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February 4, 1957

SAMUEL D. LEIDESDORF TESTIMONIAL
WALDOFF ASTORIA HOTEL
FEBRUARY 2, 1957

ATTENDANCE

NEW YORK CITY

A

Mr. & Mrs. S. Robert Abrahami
Mrs. Louis Altschul
Miss Aronson
Mrs. Max Ascoli
Seymour R. Askin
Robert August

B

Paul Baerwald
Sidney M. Barton
Mr. & Mrs. Morris S. Becker
Henry C. Bernstein
Philip Bernstein
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Berse
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Berson
Sidney H. Blauner
Simon Bond
Morris Brecher
Miss Sue Brecher
H. H. Butler

C

Harold Cohen
Nathan Coleman

D

Abraham M. Davis
Miss Ruth Davis
Carl Deutsch
Mr. & Mrs. H. Dickstein
Leopold Duboiskey

E

Mr. & Mrs. Gustave Etra
Miss Yona Ettinger

F

Mr. & Mrs. Harry P. Fierst
Harry Fogler
Miss Estelle Frankfurter
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert A. Friedman
Charles Frost

G

Lawrence M. Gelb
Herman Gelbin
Judge & Mrs. Abraham N. Geller
Mrs. Ray Geller
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Ginsberg
Dr. & Mrs. Otto Gitlin
Israel Gitenstein & Guest
Dr. & Mrs. H. Raphael Gold
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Goldfarb
Horace W. Goldsmith
Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Goldwater
Edward Goodell
Abraham Goodman
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Gordon
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Gould
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Greenblatt

H

Rabbi & Mrs. Peretz Halpern
Gottlieb Hammer
Miss Esther Herlitz
Mr. & Mrs. Abe Hershon
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hofheimer, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hofheimer
Mrs. Hal Horne
Mrs. Rachel Hubner
C. Hyman

J

Mrs. Ann Lee Jacobs
A. B. Joffe

K

A. M. Kahn
Mr. & Mrs. Elias Kalmanowitz & Guest
Leonard S. Kandell
Mr. & Mrs. William Kaufman
Dr. Sarah E. Kelman & Guest
Jacob Klein
Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Kleinbaum
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Kratter
Jack Kriegel & 2 Guests
Jack Kukoff

Samuel D. Leidesdorf Testimonial

New York City (Cont'd)

L

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Lania
 Moses A. Leavitt
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur D. Leidesdorf
 Mr. & Mrs. Samuel D. Leidesdorf
 Dr. & Mrs. David M. Levy
 Abraham Liebovitz
 Harold F. Linder & 2 Guests
 Simon Loeb
 Mr. & Mrs. J. Loewengart & Guest
 Miss Frieda Lorber
 Mr. Lowenstein
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph I. Lubin
 Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell Luchs

M

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Mack
 Mr. & Mrs. Ben Marcus
 Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Marks
 Charles Mayer
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Mazer
 David Menahem
 Mr. & Mrs. Aron A. Mestel
 Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Michael
 Mrs. Frances Miller

P

Mr. & Mrs. David Pasmentier
 Dr. & Mrs. Chaim Pearl
 B. Z. Pecker

Q

Joseph Quarte

R

Theodore Racoosin
 Morris W. Rosen
 Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Rosenthal
 Mr. & Mrs. William Rosenwald
 Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Rosner
 Dr. & Mrs. H. Herbert Rossman
 Miss Rose Rothenberg
 Samuel Rubin

S

Mr. & Mrs. G. Saguy
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sandler
 Frank A. Scervini
 Albert D. Schanzer

S (Cont'd)

Saul Schiff
 Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Schneierman
 Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Schooler
 Yale Schulman
 Joseph Schumer
 Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Siegel
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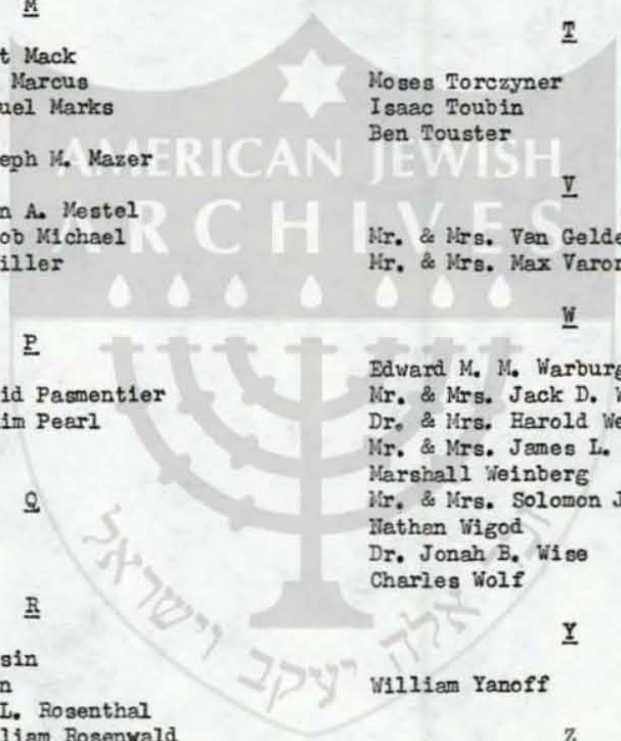
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FROM: Raphael Levy
Director of Publicity
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
165 West 46th Street
New York 36, New York

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FOR RELEASE: On Receipt

NEXT TWO MONTHS CRITICAL ONES FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM, WILLIAM ROSENWALD DECLARES

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U.S. Senator Jacob K. Javits, of New York, to Deliver
Keynote Address at Dinner Honoring Samuel D. Leidesdorf

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Dinner Initiates First Step in \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund

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The next 60 days will present the National United Jewish Appeal with its "most challenging emergency since 1948," William Rosenwald, UJA chairman, declared this week in announcing that newly-elected U.S. Senator Jacob K. Javits, will be the guest speaker at a dinner honoring Samuel D. Leidesdorf, nationally known business and communal leader, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Saturday, February 2, starting 6:30 P.M.

The emergency will reach a highwater mark in the next 60 days because it is expected that in addition to the 10,000 foreign, stateless and native Jews who have already been driven out of Egypt, a large number of the remaining 50,000 will be forced to leave then. These new Jewish refugees will need immediate aid, along with the 17,000 who have already fled Hungary and others coming out of Eastern Europe and North Africa in great numbers.

The dinner will serve, also, as the first step in launching the UJA's \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund and regular 1957 campaign, and as a testimonial to the officers of the successful 1956 campaign.

The need by UJA constituent agencies to provide immediate relief of the pitiful plight of thousands of Hungarian and Egyptian Jewish refugees patiently sitting in reception centers in Europe is placing an almost intolerable burden

upon the humanitarian Organization's finances, Mr. Rosenwald explained. At the same time, the tide of Jewish refugees reaching Israel's open gates is swelling daily, stretching the tiny Middle Eastern democracy's resources to the breaking point, the UJA chairman said. When 1,100 Jewish refugees arrived in Israel in a single day on January 22, he added, it broke all immigration records there for the past nine years.

At the dinner, which will be attended by key leaders from Jewish communities all over the United States, New York's junior Senator will deliver the keynote talk, and will report on the critical situation faced by Israel's people and the need to extend them help immediately in meeting the influx of refugees.

Participating in the program also will be Mr. Rosenwald, who will serve as presiding officer; Edward M. M. Warburg, Honorary UJA Chairman, who will present awards to the 1956 officers; Mrs. David M. Levy, Honorary Chairman, UJA Women's Division, who will make the presentation to Mr. Leidesdorf; the guest of honor and other top UJA officers.

Mr. Rosenwald said that Mr. Leidesdorf is being honored for his "long, dedicated and distinguished service to the cause of Israel's people and for his devoted efforts in behalf of distressed Jews all over the world."

Mr. Rosenwald pointed out that delegates from all over the country will attend the Leidesdorf dinner in an hour when 14,000 Hungarian Jews wait in Austrian refugee camps and 10,000 new Jewish refugees from Nasser's Egypt are trying to put together their suddenly shattered lives in France, Italy and Israel.

"It is costing the Joint Distribution Committee, which receives its funds from the United Jewish Appeal almost a half-a-million dollars a month for the maintenance and care of the Hungarian refugees in Austria alone," Mr. Rosenwald said.

"At the same time, a flood of 1,100 refugees arrived in Israel on January 22 - the largest group of new arrivals to enter the country in a single day. This is indicative of a very heavy immigration that has placed a terrific burden upon the people of Israel," Mr. Rosenwald continued. "The Jewish Agency, which receives its

funds from the UJA is straining every resource to build 16,000 new permanent housing units immediately to meet needs of the new influx of immigrants," Mr. Rosenwald said.

He said that the UJA-financed Joint Distribution Committee is providing on-the-spot relief and welfare services for all Jewish refugees in Europe and adjacent areas, including food, clothing and temporary shelter. The Jewish Agency, which also is a beneficiary of UJA funds, transports refugees from Austria and other staging areas in Europe to Israel. The Agency is providing for the reception and immediate care of these newcomers, as well as for their absorption during the first year after their arrival in Israel. The Agency is, in addition, furnishing transportation to all refugees without means who want to resettle in Israel.

To meet this critical situation in the next 60 days, Mr. Rosenwald said, the UJA is appealing to the U.S. Jewish community to act quickly in rallying support for the \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund to save and resettle 100,000 Jews from Egypt, Hungary and other Eastern European countries and from North Africa. Gifts sought for the \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund will be over and above contributions to the regular 1957 UJA campaign. The Emergency Rescue Fund will be used to transport and resettle in Israel and other free world countries the 100,000 Jewish refugee men, women and children from Egypt, Hungary, other European countries and North Africa.

"Speed in meeting the very pathetic and real human needs of the refugees is essential," Mr. Rosenwald stressed.

Mr. Leidesdorf has played an important role in the growth of the UJA of Greater New York, serving as its treasurer since its founding. He has also served as a director and member of its executive committee. In 1950 he received the First Annual Chairman's Award for Service to the UJA of Greater New York.

He is a past President of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, an honorary trustee of that organization, a member of its Business Men's Council Executive Committee, Building Committee, Legacy Development Committee and Honorary Chairman of its Committee of 100.

In addition, he has been active over many years, as officer or director of an exceptional number of civic and communal organizations, including the American Jewish Committee; American Red Cross; Boy Scouts of America, Greater New York Councils; Greater New York Fund and Girl Scout Council of New York.

In 1948, Mr. Leidesdorf received an Honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from New York University, a certificate of recognition for work in philanthropy and religion from Columbia University and the Gold Award for Interfaith Work in 1952 from the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The United Jewish Appeal is the world's largest wholly fund-raising agency for aid to refugees and newcomers to Israel. In addition to its \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund, it must in 1957 raise the money to support the regular humanitarian programs of three constituent agencies -- the United Israel Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the New York Association for New Americans. This year these agencies, in addition to providing assistance to the 100,000 refugees, must extend help to 525,000 Jewish men, women and children in Israel and 20 other countries throughout the world. Their budgetary requirements in 1957 total \$105,000,000.

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(PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL)

August 22, 1956

Mr. Moshe Sharett
Member of Knesset
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

Dear Moshe:

This is the first opportunity I have had to write to you since returning from my recent trip.

When I told Bill Rosenwald and Eddie Warburg that I had invited you to come for the big opening campaign dinner on February 2, 1957, they were delighted. They really look forward to your coming and feel that the communities of the country would be delighted to see you again.

You will remember you said that you would give me a definite answer when I came to Israel again with the Study Mission in October. I am writing this because I have read that you are leaving for the Far East and might not be back in Israel by mid-October, when we arrive. In the event that we miss each other, I wonder whether it would be possible for you to keep thinking about this project, and let me know as quickly as you can.

I recall that you showed me the invitation from London for February 16th, and I know that you are trying to make up your mind about that. It would seem to me that it would be wonderful if you could do both. Any time that you could come to the States, from the middle of January on, would be very productive. Any length of time you could stay beyond February 2nd, would also be enormously useful.

If you are going to be in Israel around the middle of October, then we can discuss the whole thing again in person. If not, then I hope this letter will serve as a reminder that we would like very much to have an affirmative answer from you as soon as possible.

Please give my fondest regards to Mrs. Sharett.

As ever,

Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman

HAF:FF

WILLIAM ROSENWALD
122 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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August 31, 1956

Dear Governor,

As always, it was nice speaking with you the other evening.

It will be most helpful to have assurance of your participation in UJA's dinner meeting on Saturday, February 2, 1957, if you are in New York City at that time.

In accordance with your kind suggestion, I shall call you at your office and make an appointment to see you after September 15.

Mary joins in hoping that you and Mrs. Lehman continue to enjoy your stay at White Sulphur Springs.

Cordially,

Senator Herbert H. Lehman
Green Briar Hotel
White Sulphur Springs, Virginia

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Jerusalem, 4 September 1956

Dear Herb,

Much to your surprise, I am replying definitely in the affirmative to your kind letter of 22 August, reiterating your and your friends' invitation to be with you at the opening campaign dinner in New York on 2 February.

I shall miss you here in October when you come with the Study Mission. My journey over Asia starts on 18 September and ends on 30 November. Therefore, whatever remains to be settled with regard to my trip to the U.S.A. on behalf of the U.J.A. will have to be done by correspondence in December or January.

My own preference would be to leave here as close to the end of January as circumstances will permit. For many reasons I am not keen this time on visiting towns outside New York, so if you can let me off with that one dinner, I shall be deeply grateful.

My London engagement for 16 February stands. My wife has been invited to come with me to England and I would be happy if you, too, could include her in your invitation. She is not joining me on my Asian tour and I would hate to leave her again after such a brief interval at home and let her travel to England alone.

So au revoir until February, and in the meantime please accept my heartiest good wishes to you and your family for 5717.

Yours ever,

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Mr. Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman
United Jewish Appeal
New York, N.Y.
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UNITED STATES SENATE
Washington, D.C.
September 3, 1956

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Mr. William Rosenwald
122 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Bill:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 31st. It was a pleasure to speak to you on the telephone at Niagara Falls last week.

If I am in New York on Saturday, February 2, 1957, I certainly will make every effort to attend the UJA dinner. I am sure you will understand, however, that my plans for next year are still quite indefinite and I am therefore unable to make a commitment so far in advance.

I hope you and Mrs. Rosenwald and the children have had an enjoyable trip, and I look forward to seeing you soon after your return to New York.

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) Herbert

COPY

September 19, 1956

Mr. Moshe Sharett
Member of Knesset
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Moshe,

I was delighted to get your letter and to learn that you will be with us for the campaign opening in February. In fact, this news pleases me so much that it helps to mitigate the keen disappointment I would otherwise feel about missing you when I will be in Israel next month.

Of course, all of us here will be very happy indeed if Mrs. Sharett accompanies you on your visit. It is wonderful to know that she will be able to make the trip with you.

As far as holding down your commitments to that one dinner, I appreciate your feelings and will certainly do my best to set it up that way. However, I know you will understand if anything tremendously important comes up where I feel your appearance would be of marked campaign value. But it would have to be something extremely important indeed.

I am sure I will be in touch with you again before next February. Meanwhile, I hope your Asian tour will be wonderful. I really look forward to hearing what you discover there.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman

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September 19, 1956

Mr. Henry C. Bernstein

Melvin S. Goldstein

February 2nd Dinner

Just for your information, Moshe Sharett has accepted our invitation to speak at our February 2nd dinner in New York.

Regards.

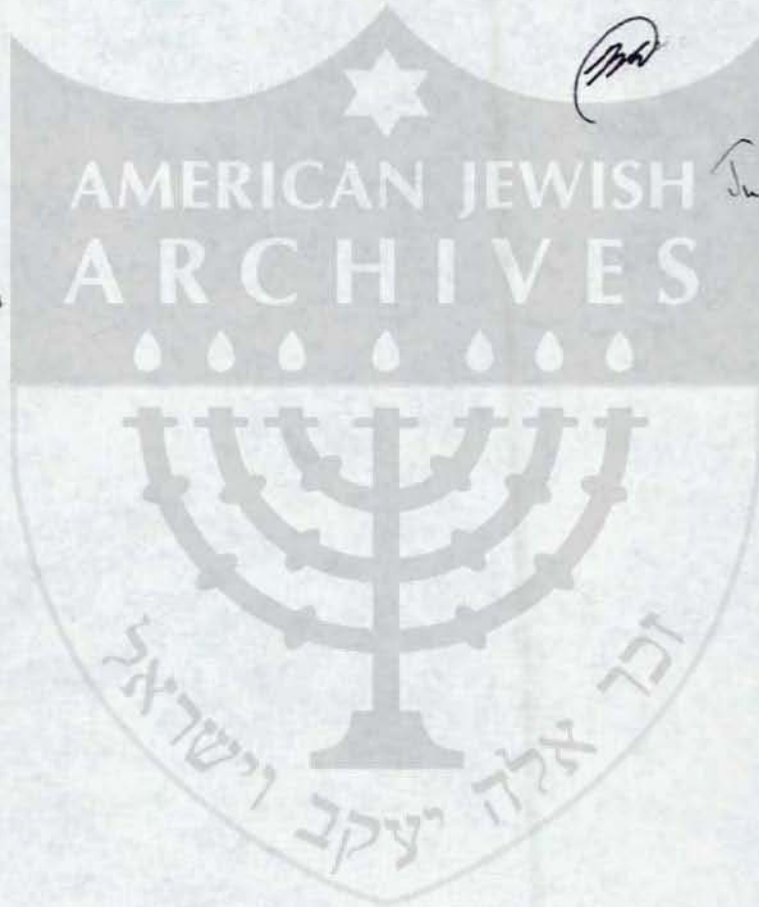
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NOTE FOR TICK

OCTOBER 1, 1956

LEHMAN-WARBURG DINNER

Mr. Rosenwald is to tell Morris Berinstein as well as Mr. Warburg and one or two others that he will not be the Guest of Honor in 1957 when they are directing their attention to this particular problem.



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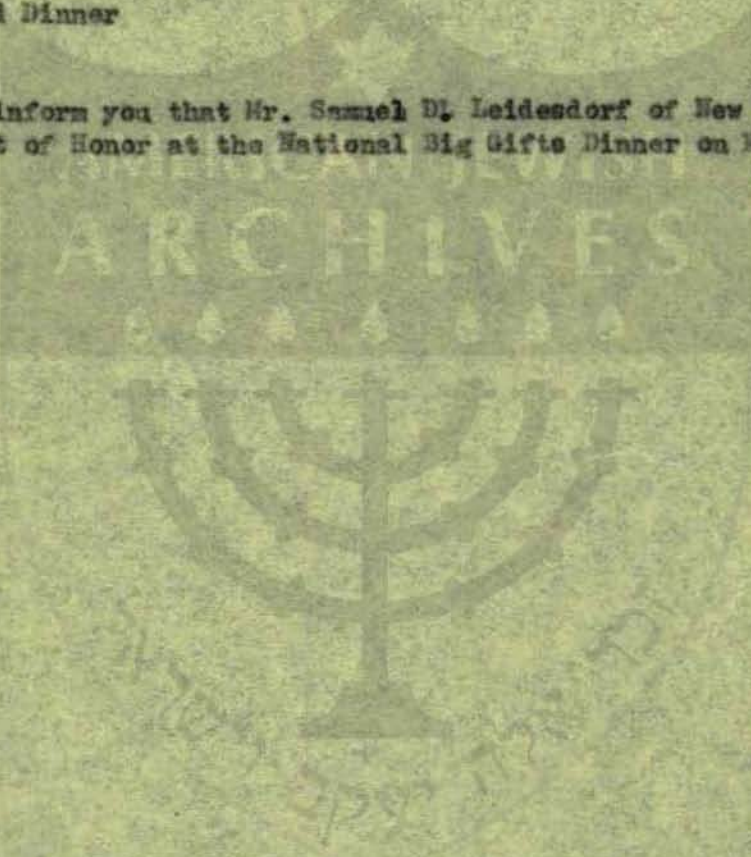
November 13, 1956

Mr. Ray Levy
Mr. M. William Weinberg

Helvin S. Goldstein

February 2nd Dinner

This is to inform you that Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf of New York City will be the Guest of Honor at the National Big Gifts Dinner on February 2, 1957.



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COPY FOR M. GOLDSTEIN (from NY UJA)

MISS CHAT
Feb 1952

November 14, 1956

Dear Sam:

The only good news I have heard in a long while is that you said "yes" to being the porcelain egg in the nest on the evening of February 2nd.

Sometimes I wonder if you have any idea how nice you are. Maybe it's just as well, because if you did, you wouldn't be!

But in any case, many thanks.

Fondly,

Edward M. M. Warburg

Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf
125 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

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165 WEST 46th STREET
NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

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MEMORANDUM

Date December 28, 1956

To Melvin S. Goldstein
From Raphael Levy
Subject Leidesdorf gift at Dinner

What gift do you want to give Leidesdorf at his dinner? And -- do we want a scroll?

RL:mk

a Bowl!

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MEMORANDUM

Date December 27, 1956

To Mr. Raphael Levy
From Melvin S. Goldstein
Subject

The following are the names of the officers to receive the awards at the February 2nd Dinner:

- William Rosenwald
- Edward H. M. Warburg
- Dewey D. Stone
- Jonah B. Wise
- Morris W. Berinstein
- Samuel H. Daroff
- Joseph Holtzman
- Sol Lackman
- Jack D. Weiler
- Joseph Meyerhoff
- Fred Forman
- Mrs. Henry Newman
- Joseph Shulman
- Isadore Breslau
- Robert W. Schiff
- Benjamin H. Swig
- Milton Kahn
- Joseph Mazer

The abovementioned list was cleared with Mr. Rosenwald. You will note that not included in the list are the names of the honorary chairmen of the Women's Division and the names of the treasurers who are not campaign officers.

There may be some additions to the list, but that is doubtful. Meanwhile, however, you can certainly proceed with the abovementioned names.

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cc: Mr. Herbert A. Friedman
Mr. Irving Jacobs
Mr. George Silverman
Mr. Sholem Sontup

Handwritten: H. G. Goldstein

Handwritten: 1/17

January 11, 1957

Mr. Henry C. Bernstein

Melvin S. Goldstein

Leidesdorf Gift at February 2nd Dinner

We have been giving some thought to what might be presented to Mr. Leidesdorf at the Dinner on February 2nd. I think that a silver Revere bowl, suitably inscribed, would make a very nice gift. I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me have your view on this.

The question of a scroll for Mr. Leidesdorf has also come up. Personally I am against it, but you might feel that Mr. Leidesdorf would appreciate it. Please let me know.

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January 14, 1957

Mr. Raphael Levy

Melvin S. Goldstein

Invitation for February 2nd Dinner

Mr. Rosenwald makes the point that the invitation we sent out for the February 2nd Big Gifts Dinner notes the names of the people who are to receive special awards but does not note that these people are being honored because they were officers in the 1956 campaign. Mr. Rosenwald suggests that this be corrected in the next invitation that goes out by including all of these names once again and showing that they are being honored because they were officers in the 1956 campaign.

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January 14, 1957

Mr. Arthur Fishohn

Melvin S. Goldstein

February 2nd Dinner

It is quite likely that action on this has already been taken, but I thought that I should call your attention to the importance of letting all your speakers know that the Leidesdorf (formerly the Warburg-Lehman) Dinner will be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York this year on February 2nd. The speakers should point up the fact that this is a national Big Gifts dinner, and should do whatever they can to press for attendance.

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January 14, 1957

Mr. Herbert A. Friedman

Melvin S. Goldstein

February 2nd Dinner

Mr. Henry Bernstein's office has informed me that Mrs. Adele Levy has agreed to make the presentation to Mr. Leidesdorf at the February 2nd dinner.

A little while ago I made the suggestion to Mr. Bernstein that a Revere bowl suitably engraved might be a nice gift to be presented to Mr. Leidesdorf. Mr. Bernstein has said that he thinks this would be all right. What do you think?

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cc: Mr. William Rosenwald

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January 14, 1957

Mr. Raphael Levy

Melvin S. Goldstein

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January 14, 1957

Mr. Raphael Levy

Helvin S. Goldstein

February 2nd Dinner

As of this point there is some feeling that the best gift that can be given to Mr. Leidesdorf at the February 2nd Dinner is a Revere silver bowl suitably engraved. I will let you know about this definitely after I have cleared it with a couple of people. Meanwhile, however, it occurs to me that you might want to start writing the inscription.

Also for your information, this is to advise you that, according to Henry Bernstein, Adele Levy has agreed to make the presentation to Mr. Leidesdorf.

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cc: Mr. I. Jacobs
Mr. S. Sontag

1/17
January 7, 1957

Mr. Henry C. Barnstein

Melvin S. Goldstein

February 2nd Big Gifts Meeting

At our last meeting with Mr. Rosenwald on December 30th it was the consensus of those present that someone who has made a startling gift to the Emergency Rescue Fund, should be asked to serve as Chairman. It was thought that Samuel Rubin should be the Chairman at this time, but Mr. Rosenwald is of the opinion that this would not be "spreading the honors" at all. We will, of course, have to give this matter very careful consideration, and I am just passing you this note so that you will know that we plan to take it up at the next Rosenwald meeting after January 15th.

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(1) *Miss Schwartz*

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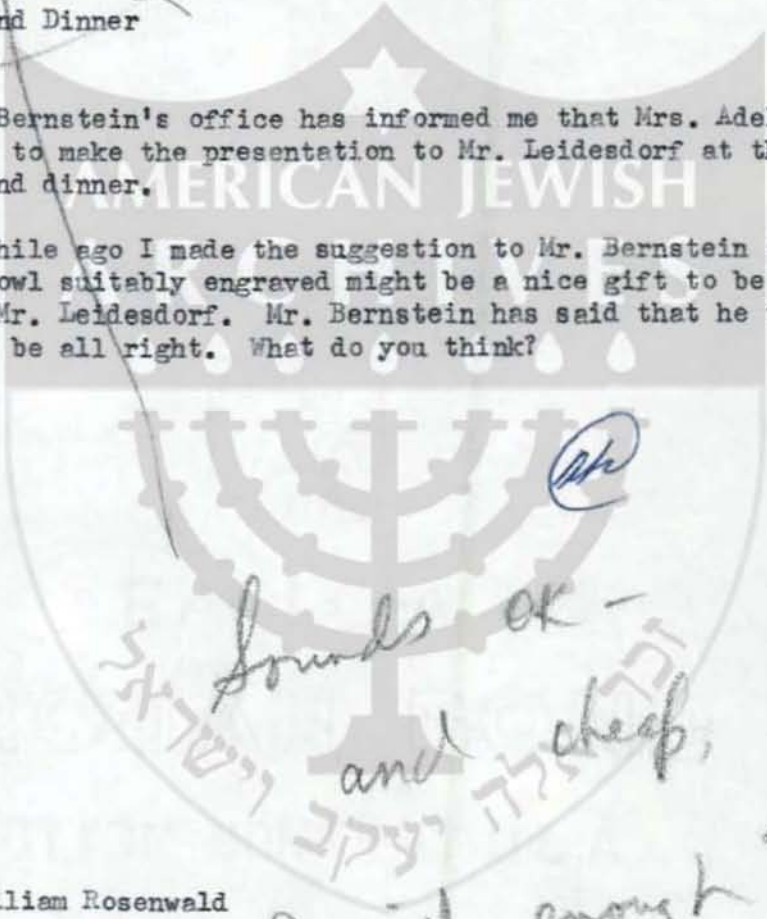
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From Melvin S. Goldstein
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OK
Sounds OK -
and cheap, too.
Is it enough?

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cc: Mr. William Rosenwald



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January 16, 1957

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HERBERT H. LEHMAN

Honorary Chairman
EDWARD M. M. WARBURG

President
MORRIS W. BERINSTEIN

General Chairman
WILLIAM ROSENWALD

National Chairmen
Representing Agencies
DEWEY D. STONE, UIA
JONAH B. WISE, IDC

National Chairmen
SAMUEL H. DAROFF
JOSEPH HOLTZMAN
SOL LUCKMAN
JACK D. WEILER

Emergency Rescue Fund
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ISRAEL RUBIN
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JOSEPH M. MAZER

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JOSEPH I. LUBIN
JACOB SINCOFF

Executive Vice-Chairman
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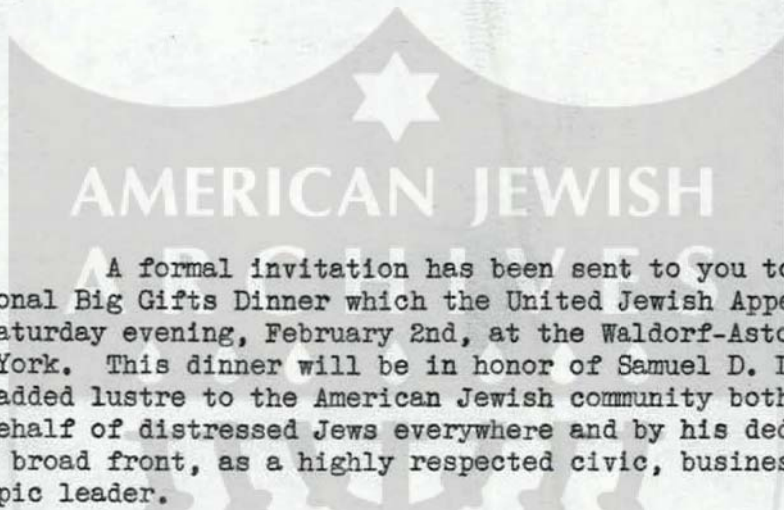
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JOSEPH SHULMAN

Trade & Industry Chairman
ROBERT W. SCHIFF

Officers Division Chairman
ELTON KAHN



A formal invitation has been sent to you to attend the National Big Gifts Dinner which the United Jewish Appeal is giving on Saturday evening, February 2nd, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. This dinner will be in honor of Samuel D. Leidesdorf who has added lustre to the American Jewish community both by his zeal on behalf of distressed Jews everywhere and by his dedicated efforts on a broad front, as a highly respected civic, business and philanthropic leader.

All of us here at the UJA are looking forward with particular eagerness to your presence on this occasion. For, in addition to honoring Sam Leidesdorf, tribute will be paid to you that evening for your dedicated leadership in our great common cause as an officer of the 1956 United Jewish Appeal as well as in a multitude of other ways. Arrangements have, therefore, been made to present you with a special award as a token of appreciation for your devotion to the work of the UJA.

My associates join in the hope that you may accept the honor in person at the February 2nd dinner. So that proper arrangements can be made, your early confirmation that you plan to attend the dinner will be most appreciated.

Kind regards.

Cordially,

William Rosenwald.

MEMO FROM

FLORRIE CHIAT

1/23

Mrs. Horowitz ramp.
re: Adele Levy
re: Feb 2 Dinner

Did a letter go to
Mrs. Levy? yes

(MSG Note). I find no trace of
a letter having been prepared --
& Mr. Gottheimer says he has not
written such a letter)

NY City ask for a copy!

Mrs H. Called & said Mr. Bernstein
said a letter should go from National
to Mrs. Levy -- she asked me to tell you

January 28, 1957

Mrs. David M. Levy
993 Fifth Avenue
New York 28, N.Y.

Dear Dolly,

This is to extend to you officially a most cordial invitation to make the formal presentation of the award to Samuel D. Leidesdorf at the National Big Gifts dinner which the United Jewish Appeal is tendering in his honor on Saturday evening, February 2nd, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. It is my intention herein, of course, to confirm the verbal invitation previously extended to you as well as your gracious acceptance of it.

It was a wonderfully heartening thing to all of us in the UJA to receive the two checks from the Adele R. Levy Fund. Formal acknowledgment of these generous contributions has been made in a separate letter.

kindest regards.

Cordially,

William Rosenwald.

WR:SG:SS

cc: HB: Mary joins in love to you
and Doc - Bill

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.
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Feb

MEMORANDUM

To Mr. Herbert A. Friedman
Mr. A. Fishzohn
Mr. I. Jacobs
Mr. Ray Levy
Mr. Sholem Sontup

From Melvin S. Goldstein

Subject February 2nd Dinner

Date January 28, 1957

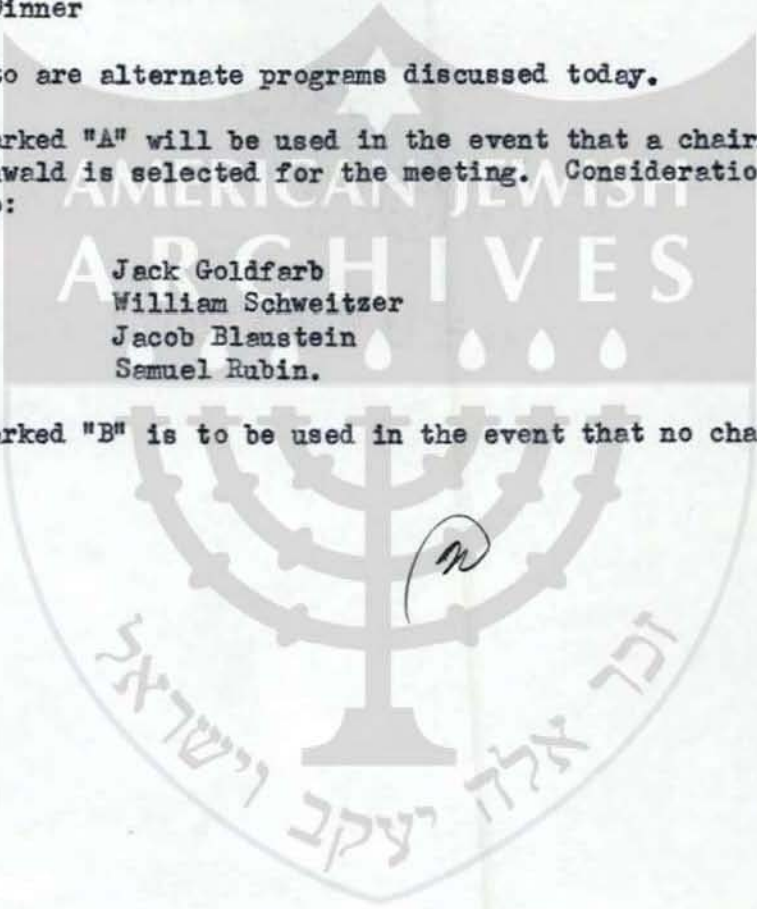
Attached hereto are alternate programs discussed today.

The program marked "A" will be used in the event that a chairman other than Mr. Rosenwald is selected for the meeting. Consideration is now being given to:

Jack Goldfarb
William Schweitzer
Jacob Blaustein
Samuel Rubin.

The program marked "B" is to be used in the event that no chairman is selected.

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PROGRAM "A"

PROGRAM FOR THE SAMUEL LEIDESDORF DINNER, FEBRUARY 2, 1957

1. Call for Invocation William Rosenwald
2. Introduction of the chairman after dinner
William Rosenwald
3. Introduction of Herbert A. Friedman The Chairman
4. Address Herbert A. Friedman
5. Card calling immediately following Mr. Friedman's address,
with no introduction
Jack D. Weiler
6. Introduction of Morris W. Berinstein Edward M. M. Werburg
7. Presentation of swards to officers Morris W. Berinstein
8. Introduction of Senator Javitz Morris W. Berinstein
9. Address Senator Jacob Javitz
10. Introduction of Mrs. Adele Levy The Chairman
11. Presentation to and introduction of Samuel Leidesdorf
Mrs. Adele Levy
12. Address Samuel D. Leidesdorf
13. Call for benediction The Chairman
14. Benediction

PROGRAM "B"

PROGRAM FOR THE SAMUEL LEIDESDORF DINNER, FEBRUARY 2, 1957

1. Call for invocation William Rosenwald
2. Presentation of awards to officers during the course of the
dinner
William Rosenwald
3. Following the dinner introduction of Morris Berinstein who
is to preside for the balance of the evening
Edward M. M. Warburg
4. Introduction of Herbert A. Friedman Morris W. Berinstein
5. Address Herbert A. Friedman
6. Card calling immediately following Mr. Friedman's address,
with no introduction
Jack D. Weller
7. Introduction of Senator Javits Morris Berinstein
8. Address Senator Jacob Javits
9. Introduction of Mrs. Adele Levy Morris Berinstein
10. Presentation to and introduction of Samuel D. Leidesdorf
Mrs. Adele Levy
11. Address Samuel D. Leidesdorf
12. Call for Benediction Morris Berinstein
13. Benediction

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Cleared with WR list of officers to be honored at Feb. 2 Leidesdorf dinner.

WR would like to have HCB informed of this, and thinkg the best way of informing him so that ~~xxxxxx~~ if he has any comments he can make them known, is be sending a telegram to Mr. B. stating that since the orders for the awards must be placed immediately his office wants him to be informed thatnational is preparing awards for the following names:

(18)
These people comprise the 56 national campaign officers other than the honorary chairmen of the WD. It should also be pointed out that Mr. Lubin and Sincoff who are ~~campaign officers~~ corporate oficers and Mr. Sonnenborn who is a member of the Budget & Finance Committee are not on the list because they are not campaign officers.

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Mrs Honowitz will call Mr Bernstein

December 27, 1956

Mr. Michael Levy

Malvin S. Goldstein

The following are the names of the officers to receive the awards of the February 2nd Dinner:

William Rosenwald
Edward H. M. Harberg
Garry P. Stone
Samuel A. Wise
Morris V. Barinstein
Samuel H. Baroff
Joseph Saltzman
Sol Ruben
Jack S. Miller
Joseph Hayschick
Fred Kaplan
Mrs. Harry Keweenaw
Joseph Salzman
Isidore Keweenaw
Robert S. Schiff
Benjamin H. Wig
Milton Kohn
Joseph Keweenaw

The above-mentioned list was discussed with Mr. Rosenwald. You will note that not included in the list are the names of the honorary chairmen of the Women's Division and the names of the treasurers who are not campaign officers.

There may be some additions to the list, but that is doubtful. Meanwhile, however, you can certainly proceed with the above-mentioned names.

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cc: Mr. Herbert A. Friedman
Mr. Irving Fassin
Mr. George Silverman
Mr. Charles Keweenaw

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Mr. William Rosenwald

Halvin S. Goldstein

Awards to Officers February 2, 1957

At two of our staff meetings it was agreed that presentations should be made in connection with the national fund raising meeting scheduled for February 2, 1957.

At the meeting on November 12th note was made (Item #30) that the presentations should be made to the national chairmen and officers.

At the meeting held on December 11th, note was made (Item #19) that the presentations are to be made to the national chairmen.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would indicate your opinion regarding the persons to whom the presentations should be made on February 2nd. In this connection you may wish to note that ancient clay lamps appropriately mounted will be given to the persons selected.

Attached hereto, for your convenience, is a chart showing the names of all those who should be considered for this particular honor.

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LIST OF NAMES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

FEBRUARY 2, 1957

<u>"A"</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>"C"</u>	<u>"D"</u>
1) William Rosenfeld	do	do	do
2) Edward M. M. Warburg	"	"	"
3) Dewey D. Stone	"	"	"
4) Jonah B. Wise	"	"	"
5) Morris V. Berinstitutein	"	"	"
6) Samuel H. Daroff	"	"	"
7) Joseph Holtzman	"	"	"
8) Sol Lickman	"	"	"
9) Jack D. Weiler	"	"	"
10)	Joseph Meyerhoff	"	"
11)	Fred Forsan	"	"
12)	Mrs. Henry Newman	"	"
13)		Joseph Shulman	"
14)		Isadore Breslau	"
15)		Robert W. Schiff	"
16)		Benjamin H. Swig	"
17)		Milton Kehn	"
18)			Joseph Lubin
19)			Jacob Sincoff
20)			Mrs. Bravilove
21)			Mrs. H. Horne
22)			Mrs. H. Lehman
23)			Mrs. Levy
24)			Mrs. Pilevin
25)			Mrs. Warburg

December 26, 1956

Mr. Raphael Levy

Melvin S. Goldstein

Awards to Officers February 2, 1957

The record certainly is not clear as to who is to receive the awards.

I have sent through various lists of names to Mr. Rosenwald and have asked him to let me know what he desires. As soon as he does I will, of course, pass the note on to you.

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I should know by this evening



Should this be in W.R. file?

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December 12, 1956

Mr. Raphael Levy

Melvin S. Goldstein

February 2nd Meeting in New York

We were planning, as you know, to have the lamps awarded to the national chairmen at the February 2nd meeting. It is felt that this can be used as a gimmick to get attendance from some of the communities from which the national chairmen come. In drawing up the invitation to the February 2nd meeting, therefore, you might want to make mention of this.

Incidentally, Mr. Friedman feels that the first invitation for the February 2nd conference should hit the country on or about January 2nd. The second invitation should hit about January 15th.

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Address of
HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN,
Executive Vice President, United Jewish Appeal
at the Leidesdorf Testimonial Dinner
in New York
February 2, 1957

Before we talk about any of the danger spots overseas, there is a danger spot right here in New York at the United Nations General Assembly where two resolutions are being offered tonight. On the first there is unanimous agreement. That resolution will state again that the General Assembly expects Israel to withdraw immediately behind the demarcation lines, and in the mood in which the General Assembly finds itself, there is very little doubt that that resolution will pass.

The second resolution which is being offered concurrently with it affords small victory. The second resolution is intended to answer Israel's legitimate requests for some guarantees for herself. There is being offered tonight a very weak and watered down statement which says nothing specifically designed to give Israel any aid or comfort, but which speaks in vague terms about some sort of guarantees, and about turning this over to the Secretary-General for his judgment and his jurisdiction. I should like you to know in this room that the second resolution, in the judgment of those who have looked at it carefully, gives Israel no guarantees whatsoever.

As a matter of fact, it is not even acceptable to such states as Canada and others in Western Europe who would like to see something stronger to afford Israel the peace of mind which she does not now enjoy. And the real clue to the weakness of this second resolution is the willingness of the Asian-African bloc to go along with it. This is the tip-off.

Israel's position in this matter has been stated very clearly by Mr. Eban time and time again. In a speech just a few days ago on the 28th he said that the Government of Israel has reiterated its willingness to withdraw its forces from

Gaza and from the Straits of Tiran. And he added: "We hold, however, that the withdrawal of these forces from the western coast of Akaba and from the Gaza strip should be accompanied by related measures to prevent a renewal of conflict by land and by sea. We have no desire to remain in this strip of territory. It is our intention to evacuate it immediately upon receiving effective assurances against any interference with the freedom of Israel or international shipping.

"The best solution would be for the countries bordering on the Gulf of Akaba to sign a treaty safeguarding freedom of navigation for all ships wherever bound and without distinction of flag."

He knows that this is not possible, however, and so he goes on to say that "until such time as a solution of this kind becomes practicable, the problem would be solved if this Assembly would decide that the United Nations emergency force will assure freedom of passage and that it will not leave the coastal strip until a final settlement is obtained between Israel and Egypt."

I have fears, in view of the vocabulary used this afternoon by Mr. Krishna Menon, that there is no intention in the minds of the framers and supporters of this second resolution that they should remain until freedom of passage is assured, because he called the United Nations emergency force an evacuation force whose purpose is to see that English, French and Israeli troops evacuate, and once they have evacuated its function is done.

If that be its role and if that be what is designed for it by this second resolution, then you can see very clearly that this United Nations force is not going to prevent any future blockade or to guarantee any freedom of passage. If it is a force merely to see that the so-called belligerents and invaders are evacuated and then can pick up and go home, you can understand why Israel feels no measure of security whatsoever ^{to be} implicit in this second resolution.

There is some beautiful language in what Mr. Eban said regarding what Israel wants:

"In presenting our views to the General Assembly we remind the world of the essential simplicity of our case. The things we seek are simple things. We seek no Egyptian territory. We threaten no Egyptian interests. We seek to live without our men, women and children being liable to sudden death springing at their throats from Gaza and elsewhere. We wish our homes in the Negev and in the ^{coastal} plain to maintain the peace which they have now known for three months, and not be brought back into the inferno which any prospective Egyptian occupation would involve. We seek to have our ships sail freely, equally with others on international waterways.

"We want our lawful access to our ports. We want to be free to develop our trade and commerce, free from the warlike strangulation of blockades. These things are our rights. They are not acts of grace. Let us have these rights and we shall respect the rights of others."

This reads so logically to us. This is so pristine, pure and simple, so uncomplicated. This is a statement coming out of human needs, coming out of the desire for decent sovereignty and independence. This is a statement without pretensions in it of conquest or grandeur or expansion. This is a statement of the legitimate needs of a growing people who seek only to develop intensively, not extensibly, and who, in order to do that, must have access to the coasts and the waterways of the world. This is a people which, according to the way the resolutions are being framed at the United Nations tonight, will not have these rights, and that is what is so desperately awful about it and that is what is so perplexing - what is so frustrating about it.

I have no idea what will happen if these two resolutions are passed, as careful observers seem to think they will be. There is a rush afoot apparently to get them passed because Mr. Hammerskjold is quite anxious to get the Canal opened by the first of March, and in order to get the Canal opened he's got to get some resolutions passed which are acceptable to Egypt. The form in which

they are being proposed tonight is acceptable to Egypt. She will not vote for Resolution No. 2, but you watch and see how other Afro-Asian nations will vote and you will realize then that if they vote that way as a gesture of support, Egypt sees no threat to herself and that they see in the resolutions no guarantees for Israel.

Out of all of this comes the question: what did Israel have to gain by the invasion of the 29th of October if it all ends with an ignominious withdrawal and no guarantees from the international moral conscience of the world? If that is the way it ends up, why did Israel do it? What did she gain? Why, why, why? And the asking of the question that way indicates a mood of low morale, indicates a mood of despair, indicates a mood of questioning, out of the goodness of the heart, but indicates that faith begins to dissipate.

I should like to say quite simply that it seems to me a great deal has been gained in the last few months. If you stop to think of the relative difference between the position today and then, the assets are quickly perceivable. First of all, I think, and most importantly, the Egyptian army in its striking potential has been smashed and doesn't exist poised as a dagger at Israel's throat any longer.

We came to you in this room one year ago, and we spoke *f* about the potentially dangerous buildup of a situation in which Russian arms were going to an irresponsible dictator, and we asked you to be alert. We asked you to give money so that the integration burden could be removed from the Israeli shoulders in order that they might turn their full attention to the obviously growing security problem.

One year ago men stood on this platform and warned you, and you took that warning to heart and to conscience. You gave much more money. You did help in that indirect way of relieving Israel of many burdens. She was able to arm herself as the months went by, and the blow ^h which all men in the free Western world had reason to believe was coming -- and I say "all men" knowing hereof I

speak, even those in Washington -- that blow was never delivered because the force was blunted, and now the power and the weapons of that force lie either in Israeli ordnance depots, having been captured, or they lie rusting in the Sinai Desert, uselessly. In one place or the other they are incapable of dealing the death blow for which their purchase was intended. And if nothing else came out of the Sinai action of November, one thing did come out: that the Pearl Harbor was avoided. Let us not consider this a very small gain.

The second thing that happened was that Akaba was opened up and Elath, that tiny, little port now crying for development and expansion and growth, was opened to the commerce of the world. The Egyptian naval guns were blasted and their muzzles were spiked as they commanded that five hundred yard wide channel, and there are none over there now to do their deathly work, their strangulation and their blockading, so that the ships now go in and out. The free ships of peaceful commerce from East Africa and from the Far East carry their cargoes back and forth, and there is talk now in Israel, hopeful and happy talk, about expanding the harbor, building jetties and handling hundreds of thousands of tons of cargo a year. There is a pipeline being laid from Elath up north to Beersheba. It is only eight inches but it carries all the oil that Israel needs for her domestic purposes, let alone oil which can be transported through it for transfer to Mediterranean ships which will then not depend upon the Suez Canal, subject to the whims of any dictator.

The little pipeline can't carry the huge volume. The little pipeline is a harbinger of a big pipeline that might some day come. Akaba is open and this is no small gain.

Thirdly I should like you to know that in spite of recent flurries which you read, by and large the bases of the fedayeen in Gaza and in Sinai have been rooted out and smashed and destroyed, and are no longer operative. You think this is no

small gain? You should know what this means to the peace of mind and the security of men and children and babies and farmers all up and down the Negev line where the new settlements are planted. How would you feel if you didn't have to worry any more about a hand grenade coming through your window or your son being shot while he is out farming or your daughter ^{on guard} ~~staying up~~ all night on a watchtower? You can't measure that in money or in political achievement. By and large those bases are rooted out.

It seems to me that whatever happens tonight in the United Nations or tomorrow, or whenever those resolutions are passed, ~~unless by some miracle the second one is not passed and some stronger version is offered, that whatever happens, with that,~~ the gains of the thwarting of a Pearl Harbor and the opening up of Akaba and the destroying of the guerilla bases, these gains justify what happened, explain why people feel that there is a plus out of what happened, even though tonight it might look dark and we might say it ^{as a} ~~is~~ minus.

Like pioneer families in this country who plowed their fields and cut the timber and occasionally had to turn from those pursuits to fight the Indians ^{and} ~~but~~ then went back to those pursuits, the Israelis are now back at the pursuits which we like to see them occupy. We don't like to see them occupied with war and blood and fighting any more than they like to be concerned with those things. When ^{it} ~~that~~ is necessary, that is done, but now the turning back from that to the good and the happy and the healthy and the wholesome lifesaving tasks afford us more joy and more pleasure, as they ^{do} ~~afford~~ the Prime Minister of Israel who spoke a few days ago at a meeting of his own Mapai party, and there, it seems to me, ~~he~~ gave us the cue to our campaign, ~~although I am quite sure he wasn't thinking about that.~~

He said this: "One of the important results of the Sinai campaign is that we have assured ourselves a lull on the military front. This means that Egypt will not attack tomorrow. Hence the priority must be given once again to the needs of immigration and economic independence. This year we may expect from

60,000 to 100,000 immigrants. This is a heavy burden but it is a sacred and precious burden and it must now have first priority."

It has always had first priority here with us in the United Jewish Appeal. That is what we like to think we are organized for, and while we do many things, while we are frightened when Israel is frightened and while we rally when she rallies, never far from our minds is the fact that ours is the task of lifegiving and lifesaving and lifebuilding, and now the Prime Minister tells us that this again assumes the first priority.

It comes at a peculiar time in history, this admonition to us. It comes at a propitious time, as though he or someone were pulling the strings of Jewish history. It comes at a time when I think -- and I speak just for myself alone -- that the figure of 60,000 which he used is quite too low and the figure of 100,000 may not be quite too high in terms of the problems which face us as we see them so clearly emerging on the scene.

I don't have to describe for you in detail the situation in Egypt. You have read it; it's been in the press. The analogies have been carefully drawn. I would just like you to know that as of this moment somewhere between ten and eleven thousand Jews of Egypt have already been thrown out in a barbaric and brutal and police-inspired action, reminiscent of other expulsions in recent Jewish history which have made our blood boil, and we are back at it again and there is no sense shouting, because no matter how the anger wells up in us, not one government has lifted a voice or a finger, not one personage in the world has done or said anything designed to alleviate the suffering. There is no one but us standing on the docks in every port in Europe, waiting to receive these people. There may be forty or fifty thousand there. Ten or eleven thousand have already come out.

I read you a few sentences by a man who stood in Cairo and watched them leave. "I witnessed a deeply moving scene," he wrote. "In one of the large synagogues in Cairo thousands of Jews ~~who~~ had prepared to depart on the SS MISR," which is the name of the Egyptian pilgrim ship now being used to evacuate Jews a thousand at a time. "As they were about to embark they were assembled for a final service in the synagogue. Many young Jews passed by the Holy Ark for a last and tearful farewell to the Torah. They never dreamed that they did not belong to the country. For the farewell the congregation remained standing and heard Rabbi Haarashi announce that the next ship would leave on the second of February. They dispersed with bowed heads and heavy of heart."

He was wrong. It is not leaving on the second of February, which is tonight. It is leaving next Tuesday, the fifth of February, and again it will carry a thousand Jews to Piraeus in Athens and on to Naples, and most of them will be put on a vessel, we hope the JERUSALEM, to Israel, and as on their way they go, they are tortured, confused and shocked.

Let me read you these words: "It was truly heartrending to see a graybeard of eighty bid a last farewell to all but one of his twelve children and to his fourteen grandchildren, the youngest baby barely two months old. This town has a population of about five hundred Israelites. So far 92 have emigrated. The present group carried with them their Torah scrolls."

This second quotation is not from Egypt. This is Germany 1939. The town was Ebinhausen near Stuttgart. A fantastic parallel! Jews going to the synagogues saying goodbye to the Torah, the graybeards talking to the youngsters and off they go. One is Egypt 1957 and one is Stuttgart 1939.

When I said this makes the blood boil, there are those of us who promised with all of the solemnity we could that this would not happen to Jews again. Our promises were whispers in the wind. Our capacity to help is only remedial when the damage is done. We don't control the madnesses and the paranoia of the

dictators of the world. We can only pick up the wounded when it is over. We are doing it again today, and the money is pouring like water to bind up the wounds.

And there are others knocking on our gates. What will you do with the Hungarians? 17,000 in, six or seven thousand out, 10,000 still there, ^{As to} ~~and~~ the ones who are out ^{do} you think they represent no cost? There are 2,800 in the United States now -- Jews, I am talking about. There are 1,500 in Canada. There are 500 in Australia, 1,500 in Israel. Do you think they ^{constitute} are no charge? Do you think they are no burden? Do you think they are on their feet already?

The anti-Semitism in the camps in Austria is mounting to proportions which are dangerous. At first we were not sure that this was the case. At first there were those who queried and questioned why we should worry about taking care of Jews separately from other people. Well, you answer me. ^{Suppose} ~~if~~ you were one of the 300 Jews on the buses who came into the camp of Zeitzenheim on the 12th of January and someone entered a bus and said, "I am the cook. I shall not cook for Jews in this camp. I will cook their hearts." ^{Suppose} ~~And~~ the man who came onto the bus with him, lighting a cigarette lighter said, "I will burn the eyes out of every Jew I can get my hands on." ~~And~~ ^{them?} ~~If~~ you were those 300 people on those buses on the 12th of January, would you go into the barracks with those ~~people~~? Would you take your children into the barracks with those people, or would you say, "Put me in a separate barracks"? ^{So} ~~And~~ they were moved from No. 909 to No. 303. ~~That is camp~~
~~talk~~

You've got camps again on the continent of Europe whether you like that ugly, ~~stinking~~ ^{a term} word or not. It is ~~something~~ that hurts, ^{had} ~~Because~~ we ^a made another promise, ^o that we wouldn't have camps again. We've got them, whether we like it or not.

I should like to talk for a few moments about Polish Jews, and I know you will respect this as being off the record for there are dangers implicit in it.

The happy thing is to watch those Polish Jews as they too run from the anti-Semitism which is rampant in that land, run in a fever and a frenzy while the doors are still open to get out, ~~And~~ the reason for the off the record is not to be coy but simply to prevent anything happening politically which would close those doors. Publication of this is not safe. ~~Eternally we must note it.~~ The happy, happy people, out at last after ten years behind the Iron Curtain, out at last with an Israeli visa and passport in their pockets, on the way to safety and freedom and love!

And they will tell you that behind them there are those who are coming from Poland at the rate of seven hundred, eight hundred, nine hundred a week. They tell you that soon, if it can continue at this pace, we will have them all out, ~~and~~ you say, "How many are there?" They say fifty, sixty, seventy thousand. You hold your breath. You don't see where the money is coming from. You don't see how Israel can take them, ~~But~~ you don't have a right to say to them, "Look, we can't take 70,000."

No, you don't dash their hopes. You say, "All right, come children, come, come, come."

I can only leave you with an unfinished question. How does Israel handle all this? Unknown. Does Israel have housing for all these people? Unknown. Does Israel have jobs for all these people? Unknown.

There is the most incredible thing developing in Israel, ~~where~~ ^{They} say: "All our problems, all our difficulties at the United Nations, all our difficulties at Akaba or Gaza, all these things overwhelm us. Our future is uncertain. Only one thing is clear: our attitude, that over which we have control, our attitude is unshakable. We will take every one, Egyptian, Pole, Hungarian, North African, anybody. Camps, tents, ma'aborot — we are not sure. We are not sure. We only know that there will be no person who needs us to whom we will say no."

And we are on the long march, the long march of people toward freedom where the honor of the American Jewish community is at stake. We have never needed more money but, on the other hand, we have never needed our honor to be kept more intact.

I should simply like to remind you that in Europe Jews wept and died because they had no choice. In Israel Jews fought and sang because that was the way they lived their lives. We need neither to weep nor to die. We need neither to fight nor to sing. We need only to stand staunchly, placed in the position of power and wealth as we are, behind the segments of our people who need to feel the pulse beat of our strength. We need but to stand firmly and give our money, give our loyalty, give our moral courage. No dying, no weeping, no fighting, no singing. Money and power will uphold the honor of this generation of Jews in America, for this is the ^{and the position} moment _^ for which we have paid, ~~for this position~~.

We promise ourselves, we promise our God, we promise our people and our history ⁱⁿ that _^ this year of 1957 we shall not be found wanting.

