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February 3, 1994  
22 Shevat 5754

Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus  
American Jewish Archives  
3101 Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45220-2488

Dear Jake:

You always come up with a fascinating document to share!  
Thanks so much for the handsome Naturalization Certificate  
of Moses Lopez.

Rhea joins me in sending you our love and all good wishes  
for 1994.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES



DR. JACOB R. MARCUS  
Director

January 18, 1994

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
UAHC - 838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

I am enclosing a facsimile of the Naturalization Certificate of Moses Lopez, a New York merchant. This is probably the oldest extant certificate under the Naturalization Act of 1740. This British Naturalization Act in the American Colonies allowed Jews to do business everywhere but not to hold office. Jews were not allowed to hold office under the Federal government until the adoption of the Constitution in 1788.

With all good wishes for 1994, I am

As ever,

Jacob R. Marcus

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RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER • UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS  
PRESIDENT 538 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100

April 15, 1991  
1 Iyar 5751

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus  
Director  
American Jewish Archives  
3101 Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45220-2488

Dear Jacob:

Thank you so much for the wonderful stamps issued in tribute to Mikveh Israel. I am so pleased that the 250th anniversary of this synagogue building has been recognized by our government. While I, myself do not collect stamps, nor do any of my children, I do know a few youngsters who would be delighted to add these special stamps to their collection and I will select one of them to benefit from your thoughtfulness.

Rhea and I join in sending you our fondest regards and best wishes for your well being and a very pleasant and fulfilling summer.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES



DR. JACOB R. MARCUS  
Director

April 9, 1991

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
UAHC 838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

We here at the Archives are delighted to send you three stamps which are a set. If you don't collect stamps yourself, possibly you may have a friend or a member of the family who does.

These three stamps were issued by the community of Curacao which is in the Dutch Antilles, as you know. These stamps represent different views of the Mikve Israel synagogue.

This is the oldest synagogue building still standing and in use in the Western Hemisphere. It was finished in 1732. These stamps were issued on the occasion of the 250th anniversary. The name, Mikve Israel, means "the hope of Israel." The name so appealed to American Jews that when they built their first synagogue building in Philadelphia they named it Mikveh Israel also. The Philadelphia synagogue is still in existence. The Philadelphia synagogue was organized officially in 1782 during the Revolution. When Mikveh Israel of Philadelphia was dedicated in 1782 they invited the governor of the state and in a prayer for the government blessed the United States and George Washington.

With all good wishes to you and your dear ones and with the hope that this spring and summer will initiate a period of peace for all humanity, I am

Very cordially yours,

Jacob R. Marcus

JRM:eml

Enclosure



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February 25, 1991  
11 Adar 5751

Dr. Abraham J. Peck  
Administrative Director  
American Jewish Archives  
3101 Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45220-2488

Dear Abe:

I am delighted that the Centennial History of Congregation B'nai Jehudah has been added to the American Jewish Archives resource library. As I told you, I may be coming up with even more such congregational or community histories. As a matter of fact, I am sending to you under separate cover, a history of Savannah Jewry from 1733 to 1983. I believe this, too, belongs in the American Jewish Archives resource library. Also being sent is a two volume family history - From Shtetl to Steelmaking: From Steel Making to Shtetl.

You are absolutely correct, there is no reason on earth why a letter from me should not say, "Dear Abe." Forgive the error of my previous communication. It stands corrected herewith.

With every good wish and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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DR. ABRAHAM J. PECK  
Administrative Director

February 22, 1991

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex (Please call me Abe, after all we are,  
I hope, dutzfreunde):

Thank you so much for sending us a copy of  
Congregation B'nai Jehudah Centennial History.  
It is a welcome addition to our resource library  
and I am very grateful.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Abraham J. Peck  
Administrative Director

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& Pink to Shipping

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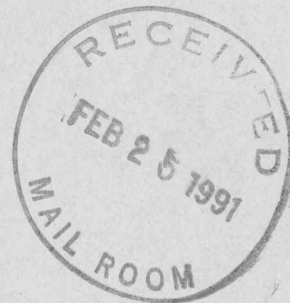
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August 8, 1989  
7 Av 5/49

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus  
Director  
American Jewish Archives  
3101 Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45220-2488

Dear Jake:

Things are rather frenetic here today, but I do want you to know that we get some \$1,700,000 per year from the Agency. The bulk of the funds are for the programs of the Israel Progressive Movement.

With love and best wishes, in which Rhea joins, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES



DR. JACOB R. MARCUS  
Director

July 31, 1989

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alexander:

Thank you for your letter in which you tell me you are working on the Agency. I hope you were successful. They should do something for you. Please bear in mind that the bulk of their money comes from Reform Jews! As far as a return is concerned, we certainly get much less than the Orthodox who give only a small proportion of the money that the Agency receives.

Happy New Year! Say hello to Rhea.

As ever,

*JRM*  
Jacob R. Marcus

JRM:eml

*Handwritten notes:*  
M. F. ...  
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per annum  
Mostly  
for  
Israel Program  
movement

*Comm. Jewish Archives*

February 23, 1990  
28 Shevat 5750

Dr. Abraham Peck  
3101 Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45220

Dear Abe:

A UAHC Board member, Sherman Naymark, of Los Gatos, California, has created a two volume publication, "In Remembrance." It is a history of his family which follows Jewish life here in America, as well as the early roots of his family in Europe.

These two volumes may be of interest to you for the archives. They are being sent to you under separate cover.

With warmest regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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July 17, 1989  
14 Tammuz 5749

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus  
Director  
American Jewish Archives  
3101 Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45220-2488

Dear Dr. Marcus:

Thank you for correcting the historical record.

In my speech- and it will be printed- I refer to a figure of "hundreds," which is really more accurate than saying thousands of members or even a few thousand members. Unfortunately my copy has already gone to print and so I can make no further correction. In any event, as always, it was good to be enlightened by you.

Sorry that I had to rush off to Israel almost immediately after I gave my talk, if only because I missed your presentation which by all accounts was superb. But, on Sunday I had meetings of the Jewish Agency and, as you know, there is a large grant to the Reform movement which my presence helps to protect.

It was wonderful seeing you. I am beholden to you for everything you do and above all for what you are: a proud Reform Jew.

Fondly,

Alexander M. Schindler

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A M E R I C A N   J E W I S H   A R C H I V E S



DR. JACOB R. MARCUS  
Director

July 5, 1989

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
President  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

I went back home after the Conference was over and I checked the first list of congregations and I found out that I was off quite a bit. The twenty-eight congregations in 1873 had a total of 1,865.

Nevertheless, we have moved forward since that day. We now have 850 congregations and we have made real progress. Inasmuch as I think some of the congregations do not give you their actual full enrollment just to be on the safe side I would add five percent to what they report to you.

I heard your talk and I enjoyed it. You do a good job. See that it is published and distributed at least to the boards of all the congregations. It is a major address. Rhea looks wonderful; give her a hug for me.

With all good wishes, I am

As ever,

Jacob R. Marcus

JRM:eml

Enclosure

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whereupon Rev. A. Norden gave his proxy for the Natchez and Vicksburg congregations to Mr. Wm. Kriegshaber, who transferred it to Mr. J. Rohrheimer, and Mr. S. Heidenheimer gave his proxy for the Galveston congregation to Mr. Julius Freiberg, who transferred it to Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal.

On motion of Mr. Lipman Levy, it was resolved by a vote of forty-two to ten, that Rule No. 3, adopted yesterday, be so amended as to allow delegates, either by themselves or proxies, to cast as many votes as their congregations would have been entitled to under the call.

The roll of the congregations was then called, each congregation giving its number of members, and the President and Secretary assigned the vote to each as follows :

Place.	Congregation.	No. of Members.	No. of Votes.
Youngstown, Ohio,	Rodef Sholem,	27	2
Columbus, Ohio,	B'nai Israel,	48	2
Cincinnati, Ohio,	Sherith Israel,	80	4
Cincinnati, Ohio,	Ahabath Achim,	66	3
Dayton, Ohio,	Bene Yeshurun,	50	3
Cleveland, Ohio,	Tifereth Israel,	85	4
Indianapolis, Indiana,	Indianapolis Hebrew,	54	3
Evansville, Indiana,	Bene Moshe,	27	2
Cincinnati, Ohio,	Bene Israel,	185	8
Cincinnati, Ohio,	Bene Yeshurun,	200	9
Peoria, Illinois,	Anshai Emeth,	27	2
Natchez, Mississippi,	B'nai Israel,		2
Vicksburg, Mississippi,	Anshe Chesed,	76	4
Charleston, W. Va.,	Hebrew Educational Society,	22	2
Evansville, Indiana,	B'nai Israel,	82	4
Louisville, Kentucky,	Beth Israel,	55	3
Chicago, Illinois,	Anshe Mayriv,	125	6
St. Joseph, Missouri,	Adas Joseph,	52	3
Portsmouth, Ohio,		21	2
Louisville, Kentucky,	Adas Israel,	200	9
Cincinnati, Ohio,	Adath Israel,	53	3
Hamilton, Ohio,	B'nai Israel,	14	2
Madison, Indiana,		22	2
Shreveport, Louisiana,	Zion,	50	3
Galveston, Texas,		75	4
Memphis, Tennessee,	Children of Israel,	110	5
Pine Bluff, Arkansas,	Anshe Emeth,	45	2
Peru, Indiana,		14	2





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## AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

3101 CLIFTON AVENUE • CINCINNATI, OHIO 45220-2488

December 1, 1986

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
President, UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

Enclosed is a picture of my first class at the Hebrew Union College in September, 1920. I remember vividly my opening words: All you'll ever get is chicken feed. I was thinking of Joseph Spiro, the first rabbi in Rhode Island, a cantor, shohet, and teacher; they gave him \$5.50 a week, but no perquisites.

And, Rabbi Marcus, how do you feel now that you have had a significant birthday? What keeps you going? My interest in American Jewish history! I am not a poached egg in search of a piece of toast. I love my work. I never try to predict the past; for me history is not fiction with the truth left out. We Jews have done so many wonderful things in this country that it is not necessary to glory in deeds that never happened. We are a favored people with Oriental sunlight in our blood:

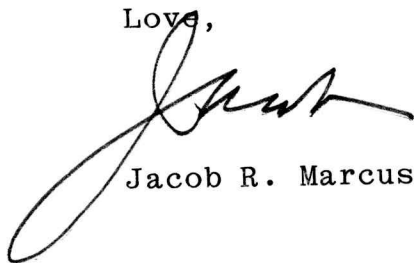
A Jew may have a heart as pure  
As any Christian I am sure.

We make our presence felt: Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois -- a country lawyer -- learned and used Yiddish phrases; in a public parade an Orthodox congregation moved its Sefer Torahs from the old to the new shul as the band played: Onward Christian Soldiers; one of America's greatest congregations only recently dropped a name from its Kaddish list; many years before a fond mama had memorialized her dog.

Our Reform Movement is growing rapidly. Conservative Jews are becoming Reform at the drop of a hat. But some of our HUC women rabbis are restoring the yarmulke; they are covering their heads; no sheitel but it may yet come:

There was a young lady from Breitel,  
Who was never without her sheitel.  
On religion and such  
She was never very much --  
But she felt that the sheitel was vital.

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacob R. Marcus', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Jacob R. Marcus

P.S. You may not cover your head but I must cover my deficit. Ah!!! Thank you very, very much.

**AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES**  
**Jacob R. Marcus, Director**

**IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARIES OF INTEREST TO AMERICAN JEWRY**  
**FALLING IN THE YEAR 1987**

**1787**

**Two Hundred Years Ago**

The Northwest Ordinance was adopted by Congress, July 13, 1787. All new states will now accept Jews as equals.

American Constitution completed and signed, September 17, 1787. Jews now truly emancipated in Diaspora for the first time.

**1887**

**One Hundred Years Ago**

Jewish Theological Seminary of America opened in New York City, January, 1887.

Congregation Beth El established in Tyler, Texas.

Temple Sinai of Sumter, S. C., organized.

Birth of Edna Ferber, distinguished litterateur, August 15, 1887.

Birth of Sidney Hillman, famous labor leader, March 23, 1887.

Birth of Harry Austryn Wolfson, historian of philosophy, November 2, 1887.

Oscar S. Straus appointed minister to Turkey by President Grover Cleveland.

Death of Emma Lazarus, poet and Zionist, November 19, 1887.