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December 29, 1992
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Joyce C. Kitay, Director
Resources and Board Development
American Joint Distribution Committee
711 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017-4014

Dear Joyce:

It was delightful having you as a luncheon partner at the JDC Board sessions. I am pleased that we had a chance to chat and it was good to learn more of your responsibilities within the JDC.

As promised, I enclose herewith a small gift to assist you in obtaining the required mezzuzot. I hope this will be of help in this most worthy project.

With every good wish and warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

December 21, 1992

TO: Fred Cohen

From: Edie Miller

Please let me have a check for \$100. from the Contingency Fund made payable to the American Joint Distribution Committee. This is a special contribution in connection with their program of aid for overseas Jewry.

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December 11, 1992

Rabbi Alex Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York City 10021

Dear Alex,

How fortunate I was to have you as a luncheon companion at the Board Meetings. What a fortuitous choice of seats. I want to thank you for your generous offer towards the mezzuzot. (As you requested, please take this as the most gentle of reminders).

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Warmest regards,

Joyce C. Kitey, Director
Resources and Board Development

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December 3, 1992
8 Kislev 5753

Elaine Winik
American Jewish Joint
Distribution Committee
711 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Elaine:

After our IDP meeting, Ed Kaplan, from Washington, approached me to tell me that he knows of a very wealthy man in Washington who has never given anything to Jewish causes. He is a dentist, but has extensive real estate investments too, and is apparently an exceedingly wealthy man. His name is Dr. Laszlo Tauber. He dislikes Federation types, shys away from them for some reason, but is generous in many other ways. May be a Brandeis University giver, but gives mostly to non-Jewish causes. Ed Kaplan cannot approach him directly, but he does know one of the people, by the name of Socol, who could make an approach to him.

I hope you will follow up on this. I, myself, would of course be willing to go to Dr. Tauber. It also occurs to me that we have a Reform rabbi in Northern Virginia, near Washington, who is also of Hungarian parentage. Maybe he might be of use. But in any event, please take the leadership in this. I will be glad to help tangentially if at all possible.

Please keep me posted on this.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Aryeh Cooperstock
Edward Kaplan

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November 12, 1992
16 Heshvan 5753

VIA FAX: 9722-633-010

Mr. Jack Habib
Israel Director
Joint Distribution Committee

Dear Jack:

You will recall the conversations which Ray Epstein and you had in Israel concerning a Hebrew Instruction book in Russian prepared by Luba Uveeler, which she plans to publish in Israel for use by the new olim from the former Soviet Union. I, too, discussed this matter with you briefly when we encountered each other in the dining room of the King David.

As I told you at the time, this is a widely used work in America. It has gone through eight editions since it was first published and is useful especially for older people who strive to master the Hebrew tongue. No funds for publication are being sought. The publisher does want a guarantee for 1000 copies and David Hartman of the Jewish Agency has agreed to guarantee the purchase of 500 copies and we were turning to you for that additional guarantee which will allow the publication of this work to go forward.

When I talked to you I suggested that you might have a brief chat with Luba Uveeler, the author, so that she can explain to you exactly what her work is all about and wherein it differs from the other materials which are available. She called your office for that purpose but was told by the secretary that you could not spare any time for her. You probably did not associate her request for "just five minutes" with the earlier conversations which you had with us. Hence, this letter to you.

Let me tell you a little bit about Luba. To begin with, she is the widow of Mark Uveeler, who was the founding executive director of the Memorial Foundation

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Accordingly, I would be beholden to you if you were to give her the five minutes of time that she asks so that she can explain to you precisely what is at stake here.

Thank you very much for your helpfulness. I look forward to seeing you a few weeks hence at the Board meetings in New York. I assume, of course, that you will be here.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,



Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ray Epstein



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Sylvia Hassenfeld
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980 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Sylvia:

What a charming expression of appreciation! Your token of gratitude means a great deal to me, but more importantly, I am delighted that I have had the pleasure of working with you in behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee and the superb work it undertakes. I am especially pleased that I was assigned to the IDP Committee for it really does an incredible humanitarian service wherever and whenever it is called upon.

You have led the JDC with devotion and dignity. You have every right to be pleased and proud of the manifold accomplishments this fine organization has fulfilled during the period of your presidency.

With repeated thanks, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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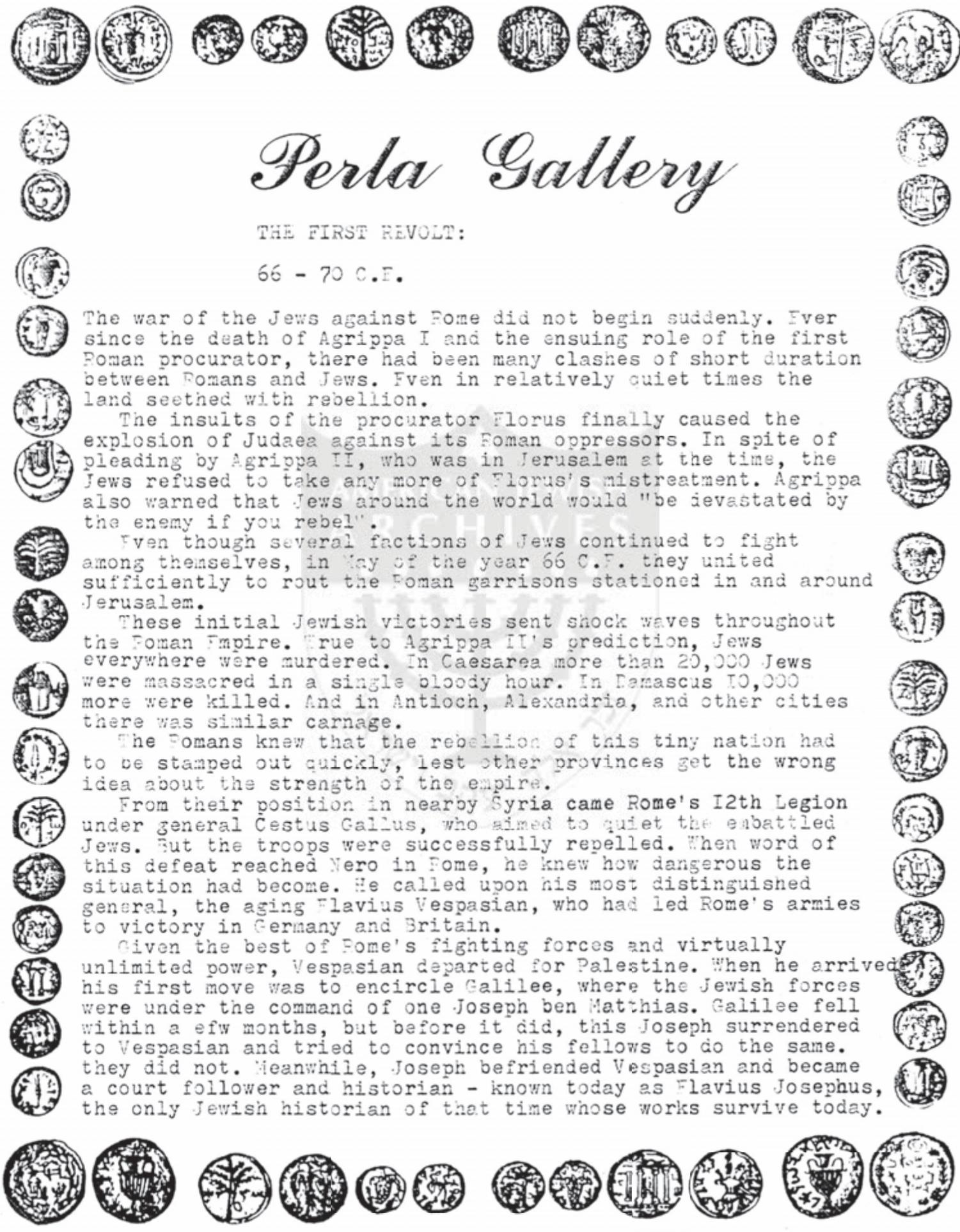
Alex ~

*acknowledged
with honor*

A small token of appreciation
for your help and leadership in
chairing the IDP Committee during
my presidency.

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Sylvia



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THE FIRST REVOLT:

66 - 70 C.E.

The war of the Jews against Rome did not begin suddenly. Ever since the death of Agrippa I and the ensuing role of the first Roman procurator, there had been many clashes of short duration between Romans and Jews. Even in relatively quiet times the land seethed with rebellion.

The insults of the procurator Florus finally caused the explosion of Judaea against its Roman oppressors. In spite of pleading by Agrippa II, who was in Jerusalem at the time, the Jews refused to take any more of Florus's mistreatment. Agrippa also warned that Jews around the world would "be devastated by the enemy if you rebel".

Even though several factions of Jews continued to fight among themselves, in May of the year 66 C.E. they united sufficiently to rout the Roman garrisons stationed in and around Jerusalem.

These initial Jewish victories sent shock waves throughout the Roman Empire. True to Agrippa II's prediction, Jews everywhere were murdered. In Caesarea more than 20,000 Jews were massacred in a single bloody hour. In Damascus 10,000 more were killed. And in Antioch, Alexandria, and other cities there was similar carnage.

The Romans knew that the rebellion of this tiny nation had to be stamped out quickly, lest other provinces get the wrong idea about the strength of the empire.

From their position in nearby Syria came Rome's 12th Legion under general Cestus Gallus, who aimed to quiet the embattled Jews. But the troops were successfully repelled. When word of this defeat reached Nero in Rome, he knew how dangerous the situation had become. He called upon his most distinguished general, the aging Flavius Vespasian, who had led Rome's armies to victory in Germany and Britain.

Given the best of Rome's fighting forces and virtually unlimited power, Vespasian departed for Palestine. When he arrived his first move was to encircle Galilee, where the Jewish forces were under the command of one Joseph ben Matthias. Galilee fell within a few months, but before it did, this Joseph surrendered to Vespasian and tried to convince his fellows to do the same. They did not. Meanwhile, Joseph befriended Vespasian and became a court follower and historian - known today as Flavius Josephus, the only Jewish historian of that time whose works survive today.

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By the middle of the year 68 Vespasian's troops had succeeded in crushing the revolt throughout Palestine. Only Jerusalem and the zealot fortress Massada remained. Massada, for now, was ignored, and Vespasian prepared to besiege Jerusalem. But at about this time Nero died and civil wars rocked Rome. The Eastern legions proclaimed Vespasian emperor, and within a year he victoriously claimed the throne in Rome. He had not forgotten the Jews, however, nor his desire to crush their uprising once and for all, and he sent his son Titus to finish the job he had started.

Within Jerusalem the three factions of Jews continued to battle; the zealots under Eleazar, the Sicarii (or knife-men) under Simon ben Giora, and their opposition led by John of Gishala.

Titus's siege machines pounded the city and its walls with battering rams and huge stones. Even while Titus was at work on the outside of Jerusalem his allies, famine and plague, struck down thousands of the besieged Jews. Slowly but surely Titus's men and machines tore down the city's three walls.

When the last wall fell the survivors holed up in the Temple compound and continued to resist for six more days. It is said that Titus had ordered the Temple itself saved, but as his troops smelled the success that had so long eluded them, they burnt it to the ground and butchered its protectors. Even after this, however, isolated pockets of resistance flickered in the Temple area, and it was a month before all were wiped out.

Few realize that throughout all of this at least four ranking Jews stood with Titus: the apostate Tiberius Alexander, of Alexandria, who was a former procurator of Judaea, was his chief of staff; Agrippa II, who commanded a large army of auxiliaries; Berenice, sister of Agrippa II, who was the mistress of Titus and hoped to become his wife; and the turn-coat historian, Josephus, who chronicled the campaign.

Upon Titus's final victory, Josephus wrote of the Jewish captives: "The tallest and handsomest of the youths were reserved for the triumphal procession in Rome. Of the rest, all over 17 were given by Titus to various provinces for gladiatorial combats with men and beasts. Those under 17 were sold. The total number of prisoners taken throughout the war amounted to 97,000. And those who perished during the entire siege from the war, pestilence and famine numbered 1,100,000".

The golden Menorah and other holy implements of the Temple were taken to Rome and put in the Roman Temple of Peace. They have long since disappeared, but we are reminded of them even

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today by the reliefs on the arch that Titus had built in Rome to commemorate his victory over the tiny Jewish nation. That arch stands today not as a monument to its Roman builders, whose civilization is long gone, but as a monument to the Jewish people who outlived their conquerors by many generations.

Actually, the Jewish revolt had not yet been entirely crushed. For three more years a band of zealots held out at the mountain fortress of Massada near the Dead Sea. And even when this last heroic bastion of freedom fell, the Jewish people did not. Their faith depended more on traditions and laws than on the sanctuary and sacrifices. Virtually at the moment of Rome's victory, Rabbi Johananben Zakki, with Titus's blessing, was establishing a center of learning in the city of Jabneh.

The coins of the First Revolt were a significant expression of the Jews' freedom from Rome, for they struck not only coins of bronze, but coins of silver as well - a privilege usually reserved strictly for the emperor. Coins of the First Revolt are dated from years one to five, corresponding to the five years (actually just more than four) of the war. The coins carry "revolutionary" slogans such as "for the freedom of Zion"; and "for the redemption of Zion", as well as "Jerusalem the Holy". Symbols on the coins of the First Revolt are characteristically Jewish: the lulav etrog, chalice, amphora, three pomegranates, vine leaf, and palm tree. All inscriptions on the coins of the First Revolt are in the ancient Hebrew script.

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With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ray Epstein

also faxed to Uri Regan for transmittal to Luba.

Handwritten initials: JDe

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November 2, 1992
6 Heshvan 5753

Mr. Herbert M. Singer
745 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10151

Dear Herb:

Thank you for your very kind comments on my address to the JDC Board. I am deeply grateful for your warm words of commendation and thank you taking the time to write as you did.

Indeed, I was delighted to learn of your brother's generous gift to the Endowment Fund you established for JDC and the benefit of its International Development Program. I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter of appreciation to Edwin.

With every good wish and warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

HERBERT M. SINGER
745 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10151

October 16, 1992

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

Dear Alex:

I did not have the opportunity to talk to you after your brilliant address to the JDC Board. Belatedly, I pay tribute to the eloquence and the effectiveness of your presentation of the IDP concepts and program.

I think you would be pleased to learn of the enclosed commitment to the Endowment.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

HMS:df
enclosures

HERBERT M. SINGER
745 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10151

October 16, 1992

Mr. Stephen D. Solender
UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies
130 East 59th Street
New York, N. N. 10022

Dear Steve:

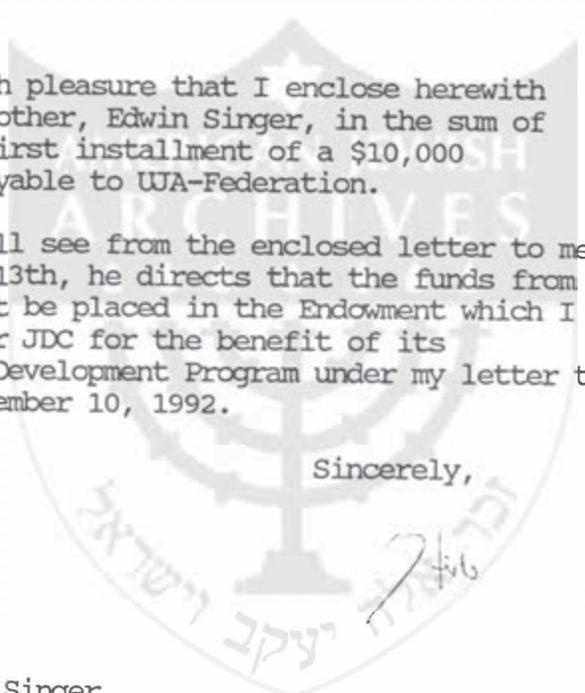
It is with pleasure that I enclose herewith check of my brother, Edwin Singer, in the sum of \$5,000, as a first installment of a \$10,000 commitment, payable to UJA-Federation.

As you will see from the enclosed letter to me dated October 13th, he directs that the funds from this commitment be placed in the Endowment which I established for JDC for the benefit of its International Development Program under my letter to you dated September 10, 1992.

Sincerely,

HMS:df
enclosure

cc: Mr. Edwin Singer



Edwin Singer

FIRST CITY BANK TOWER
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78477

10/13/93

DEAR HERB

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER THAT WASN'T EVEN MEANT FOR ME. THE LETTER TO MR. SOLENDER WAS SO COMPELLING THAT I HAD TO RESPOND.

YOUR SELECTIONS OF PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY WORTHY, THEY ALSO HAVE HAD THE UNIQUE QUALITY OF PROVIDING PATHS THAT LEAD TO ULTIMATE SOLUTIONS RATHER THAN SIMPLY AMELIORATING SUFFERING.

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK MADE OUT TO UJA-FEDERATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 AS THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF A \$10,000 COMMITMENT. THE SECOND INSTALLMENT WILL BE PAID IN JANUARY 1993. THESE FUNDS ARE TO BE PLACED IN THE ENDOWMENT YOU CREATED. LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT TO HANDLE IT DIFFERETLY.

I HOPE THAT MY EXUBERANCE OVER YOUR CONCEPT WILL PROVIDE JUST A LITTLE MORE MUSCLE TO THE PROGRAM.

LOVE

Edda

Handwritten initials/signature



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6 Heshvan 5753

Mr. Edwin Singer
First City Bank Tower
Corpus Christi, TX 78477

Dear Edwin:

Your brother, Herb, as well as Aryeh Cooperstock of the JDC have told me of your generous gift to the Endowment that Herb has established for the International Development Program of the JDC. As one who serves on that important committee, I was thrilled to learn of your gift. I guess it was fate that incorrectly directed Herb's letter to Stephen Solender to you.

I can assure you that your gift has been given to a very worthy undertaking. It will be used wisely and well.

With deepest gratitude for your generous contribution and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Herbert M. Singer

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ARYEH COOPERSTOCK

Dear Alex -

For your information.



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Corpus Christi, Texas 78477

Dear Mr. Singer,

We were delighted to learn from your brother Herb of your most generous contribution to the endowment he established for us. Your description of his choice of causes is a view we share; and we are honored that he has included our program among them. Herb's letter is a work of art that inspires us to still greater efforts. Please be assured that we will make every effort to continue to merit this trust and expression of confidence.

Enclosed, for your information, is a brochure describing our activities. We will keep you informed as our work continues.

With best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

Aryeh Cooperstock

cc. Herb Singer

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October 16, 1992

Mr. Stephen D. Solender
UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies
130 East 59th Street
New York, N. N. 10022

Dear Steve:

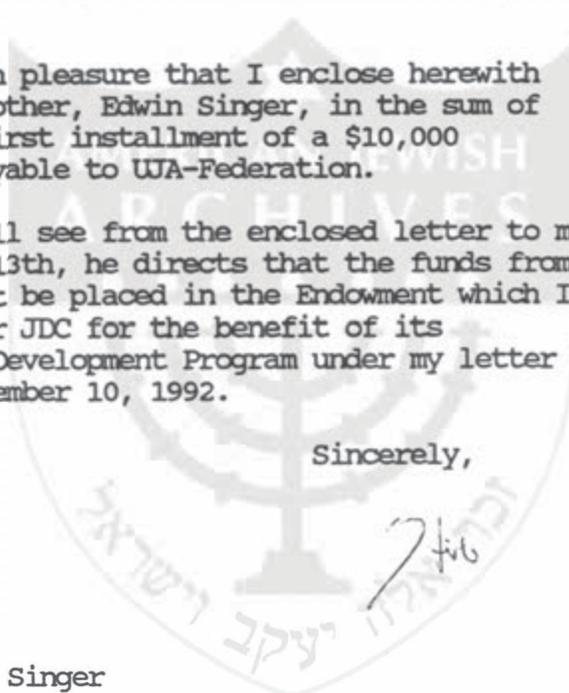
It is with pleasure that I enclose herewith check of my brother, Edwin Singer, in the sum of \$5,000, as a first installment of a \$10,000 commitment, payable to UJA-Federation.

As you will see from the enclosed letter to me dated October 13th, he directs that the funds from this commitment be placed in the Endowment which I established for JDC for the benefit of its International Development Program under my letter to you dated September 10, 1992.

Sincerely,

HMS:df
enclosure

cc: Mr. Edwin Singer



Handwritten initials: JAC 10B

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TO: Rabbi Alexander Schindler

FROM: Tzivia Bieler
Office of Gideon Taylor

DATE: October 28, 1992

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Gideon prepared the attached Meeting Summary in Israel and asked that I fax it to you.

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MEETING SUMMARY

TENT CITY PROJECT

Date: October 23, 1992

Present: Michael Schnieder, Ami Bergman, Gideon Taylor,
Abie Nathan.

The following points were agreed regarding the
implementation of this project:-

1. There will be 3 stages to the project:-
Pre-operation
Operation
Follow up
2. JDC will be responsible for the pre-operation in the US, namely the application for funds to the US government and liaison with the US Jewish organizations.
3. AN and JDC will be jointly responsible for planning of the project, preparation of the budget, and negotiation of agreements with the Kenyan authorities, UNHCR and other relevant parties.
4. AN will be responsible for implementation of the project on the ground. JDC will be kept fully informed of all activity and JDC staff will be present on the ground.
5. The project will not commence before completion of satisfactory agreements with the appropriate authorities.
6. The budget will be framed in such a way to ensure that there will be flexibility and that there will be sufficient margin to avoid overruns.
7. The budget will include sufficient funds for the follow up (described below).
8. Liaison with JDC will be through Ami Bergman.
9. JDC will provide a staff-person to deal with financial issues on the ground.

10. Where necessary US volunteers will also be involved in the project.
11. There will be a follow through period of at least 3 months after the camp is turned over to UNHCR during which time JDC will maintain a presence. This might be in the form of medical personnel.

prepared: Gideon Taylor.





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October 20, 1992

JAC

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Thank you for sharing with me a copy of your October 16, 1992 memo to Don Day.

About five years ago I made the rounds of all the Joint Distribution Committee people to whom I had access to pursue the possibility of JDC funding for movement projects. To say it was a vain statement is an understatement. This is yet another situation where we are not, or at least were not, considered as making enough of a contribution to the "overall" Jewish community to make support of us appropriate for the JDC.

I would welcome the opportunity to make another such effort. It would be very helpful if you would ask Mrs. Tishman with whom I should speak. If I can say "Peggy Tishman suggested I call," that would probably open a door or two which would otherwise remain shut.

I suspect any monies the Conservative movement receives is in support of the Seminario. If that is not the case, than we really should be receiving our fair share!

Thank you in advance for what you are able to do!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin

cc: Donald S. Day



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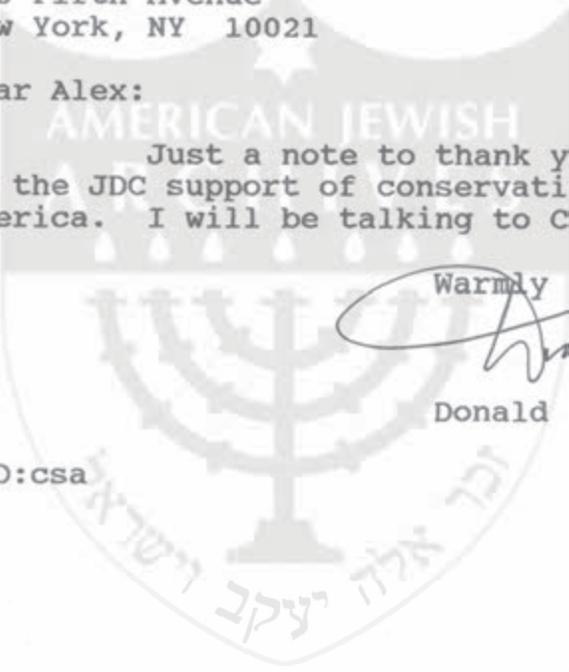
Dear Alex:

Just a note to thank you for your memorandum on the JDC support of conservative projects in South America. I will be talking to Cliff Kulwin about it.

Warmly

Donald S. Day

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MEMORANDUM

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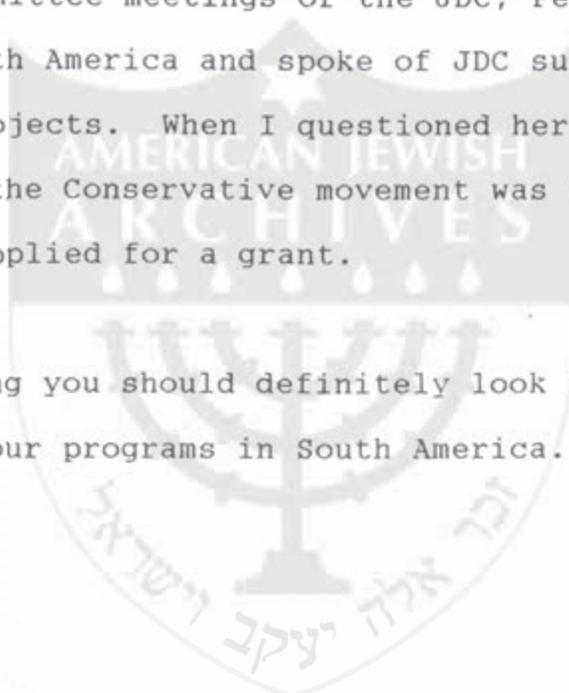
October 16, 1992

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
TO: Donald Day
COPY: Rabbi Clifford Kulwin

At the Area Committee meetings of the JDC, Peggy Tischman reported on South America and spoke of JDC support to some Conservative projects. When I questioned her about this, she indicated that the Conservative movement was the only stream of Judaism which applied for a grant.

This is something you should definitely look into with an eye to assistance for our programs in South America.

Fond regards.





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September 24, 1992
26 Elul 5752

Michael Schneider
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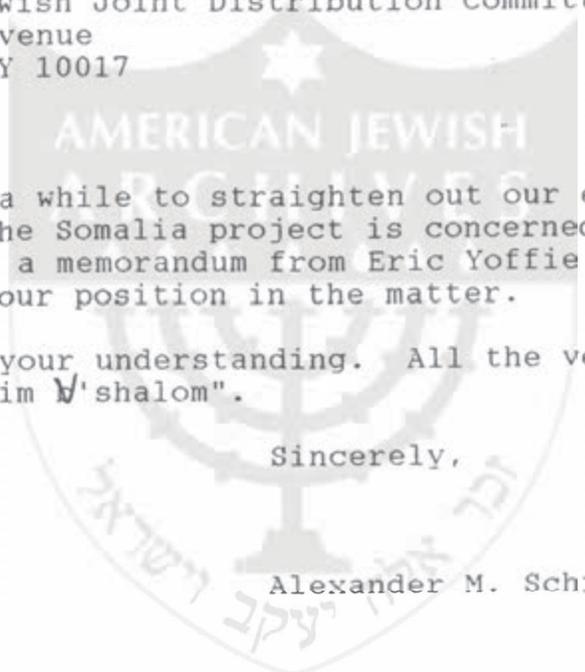
Dear Mike:

It took me a while to straighten out our eager beavers so far as the Somalia project is concerned. Enclosed please find a memorandum from Eric Yoffie which summarizes our position in the matter.

Thanks for your understanding. All the very best for a "shnat chayim v'shalom".

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



MEMORANDUM

#4
Date: September 23, 1992

From: Rabbi Eric Yoffie *Eric A. Yoffie*

✓ To: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Evely Laser Shlensky, Melvin Merians

Our letter does indeed imply more of a role for the UAHC than we have taken on. We should have been more careful in our wording.

As we discussed, our responsibilities are clear and very limited: we have undertaken a one-time fundraising effort, and we have no role -- implied or otherwise -- beyond our High Holiday appeal. We most certainly will have no connection with the AID.

As I think you know, Glenn Stein has had almost daily contacts with the JDC, and we have a clear understanding with them of what they are prepared to do, assuming adequate funding comes in. If adequate funding does not come in, all money raised will be directed to Somalia through some other channels -- such as the International Red Cross. Both our letter and the New York Times ad are making this clear.

I will keep you informed.



COPY

September 15, 1992
17 Elul 5752

Herbert M. Singer
745 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10151

Dear Herbert:

I have a copy of your letter accompanying your gift of \$25,000 to our UJA Federation and earmarked to advance the work of JDC and particularly its International Development Program.

But, then, you have the thanks which comes from the knowledge that your gift advances a cause which is preeminently worth while.

You are a man of your word and I admire you exceedingly much.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



Herbert M. Singer

HERBERT M. SINGER
745 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10151

September 10, 1992

Mr. Stephen D. Solender
UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies
130 East 59th Street
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Steve:

I am enclosing herewith my check payable to UJA-Federation in the sum of \$25,000, as the first installment of a \$50,000 commitment for the benefit of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. (JDC), the balance to be paid in January, 1993 or before, at my discretion.

These funds are to be held as an Endowment fund for the benefit of JDC, the income from which is to be devoted to support the activities of the International Development Program (JDC-IDP) of JDC.

I am establishing this Endowment as a result of my close observation of the activities of JDC-IDP over its entire five year existence.

I have been profoundly impressed by its creativity in the selection of programs; by its ability to augment its budget with funds from government, foundations and interested individuals in its various programs; by its skill in finding the appropriate project leaders and the talent required to implement those highly diversified programs, frequently fraught with danger; and by its thoroughness in integrating and overseeing complex projects.

I have the deepest of respect for the dedication of its extraordinary staff; for its remarkable record of achievement; and for the worldwide prestige for performance which it has already earned, despite its short period of existence and its limited funding.

But, more significantly, I am making this grant because of my conviction that JDC-IDP has the potential to become one of the great humanitarian institutions of the world.

Its dominant mission is not only to ameliorate, on a non-sectarian basis, the suffering of victims of natural disasters and man-made misfortunes, but also to leave the stricken community with the tools, organizational structure and trained indigenous talent to pursue a program of self-help; and thus to regenerate within the community, a spirit of hope and enterprise.

The worldwide implications in realizing this potential, would be profound. It would be a dramatic demonstration of Jewish concern for human misfortune regardless of race, creed, national origin or global location, in keeping with Biblical teaching of the kinship of all mankind. It would soften the deep seated prejudice and antagonism with which Jewish society has been plagued for a millennium.

It could also change the attitude of many governments presently unsympathetic to the Jew and to the ultimate refuge of persecuted Jews, Israel. It could become a restraining influence in manifestations of anti-semitism in governments and among people, when they consider that, in the future, disaster may strike and they will need help from every source that they can tap.

Incidental to its humanitarian objectives, JDC-IDP, through its effort to involve Israeli talent in its projects, could be (and, indeed, has already been) of significant help to Israel in advancing Israel's science, technology, trade and commerce with lands previously unfriendly; and could also be of some help in Israel's unemployment problem.

JDC-IDP could also become of important consequence to Jewish communities in our nation.

While the Jew, historically, has had a deep concern for the unfortunate in human society and has translated that concern into a rare dedication of effort and treasure in the cause of humanity, nevertheless Jewish generosity has been widely considered to be parochial and limited to the unfortunate in the Jewish community. The extraordinary generosity of Jewish philanthropy to non-sectarian causes has, unfortunately, been considered to be given by individuals rather than as members of the Jewish community. JDC-IDP and its dramatic non-sectarian program could significantly dissolve this unfortunate image of parochialism which presently attaches to Jewish philanthropy.

Not the least, JDC-IDP could become a mobilizer of funds (without adversely affecting the fund raising efforts of UJA) by tapping, as it already has, government funds, foundation funds and funds from Jewish and non-Jewish sources that, for one reason or another, have not contributed to UJA or will not diminish contributions to its appeals.

It is my profound hope that the rationale and the exciting potential of JDC-IDP will appeal to others who could furnish further strength and stability to this unusual project.

For those who are unfamiliar with JDC-IDP, I am annexing a statement concerning its origins, its policies and its achievements.

Many thanks for your willingness to give this program the wide coverage that it deserves.

Sincerely,

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Elaine & Alex

How's this?
R

W
DRAFT

MEMORANDUM

TO: IDP Committee

FROM: Elaine Winik and Alex Schindler

DATE: September 11, 1992

RE: Endowment for the JDC International Development Program

It is our great pleasure inform you that Herb Singer has established an endowment for the IDP. Demonstrating what we have come to know as his profound commitment to the Jewish people and JDC in particular, and his imaginative foresight and creativity, Herb has identified IDP as a pivotal instrument in furthering our objectives. Attached is his letter which he cogently explains the reasons for his confidence in the program.

You will note that Herb is doing this through the UJA-Federation with Steve Solender's advice, support, and consent. This demonstrates that there will be no conflict with UJA.

We are confident that you share our excitement about Herb's generous initiative and that you will help in finding ways to make the endowment grow so that IDP can continue to develop and expand.

MEMORANDUM

July 10, 1992
9 Tammuz 5752

From: Edie Miller

To: Elaine Winik

When Aryeh's memo of July 7 on the opening of the Children's Rehabilitation Center in Armenia arrived, I immediately called him and learned he is out of the country. I left word for him to take note of the fact that September 27 is erev Rosh Hashonah.

Alex, who is just back in the country but not yet in NYC, suggested I call you. When I telephoned your home I learned you are away for about ten days. Be that as it may, you may want to consider requesting a date change for the opening so that a JDC representative might be in attendance. A program on the eve of Rosh Hashonah in such a far distant place creates difficulties for most Jews, and certainly for leaders of an American Jewish organization it would be best to seek to reschedule the official opening.

Hope all is well with you and that you are enjoying a pleasant summer. Warm regards.

Did you send
cc to Aryeh?
If not
please do

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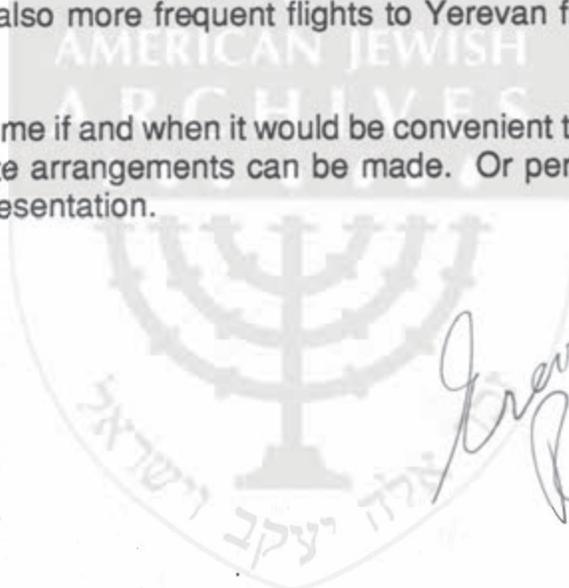
MEMORANDUM

TO: Sylvia Hassenfeld, Elaine Winik, Alex Schindler, Michael Schneider
FROM: Aryeh Cooperstock 
DATE: July 7, 1992
RE: Opening of the Children's Rehabilitation Center, Armenia

We were informed today that we can (finally!) schedule the official opening of the Center on September 27 in Gumri (Leninakan). Obviously JDC should be represented by our leadership. There are weekly flights from Paris to Yerevan and from Sofia to Yerevan. There are also more frequent flights to Yerevan from various cities in the FSU.

Would you please tell me if and when it would be convenient to have your participation so that the appropriate arrangements can be made. Or perhaps you could suggest some alternative representation.

Thank you.



*I saw
Rosh Hashmah
Called A. E.
out of country*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sylvia Hassenfeld, Elaine Winik, Alex Schindler, Michael Schneider
FROM: Aryeh Cooperstock
DATE: July 2, 1992
RE: Children's Rehabilitation Center, Armenia

Construction completion of the Center is now scheduled for mid-September. Obviously, given our experience with delays so far - caused, for example, by war, blockades, a devastated economy - the date could be changed. But so far, so good.

We have to decide on a name for the Center. A Jewish name is certainly appropriate. Our original idea was to name it for Henry Morgenthau Sr.: not only might he be considered the father of JDC, but also he is a bona fide hero for the Armenians since he brought their plight at the hands of the Turks to the attention of the world. This would, however, be very unpopular with the Turkish Jewish community.

Of course it can be called the JDC Center with an appropriate explanation of who and what we are on a plaque inside. Or some name that signifies the American Jewish community. A more creative solution would be welcome.

Please let me have your advice as soon as possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Aryeh Cooperstock', is written over a faint circular seal. The seal contains a menorah and Hebrew text: 'מרכז אלה יצקב' (Merkaz Alah Yitzqav) and 'ישראל' (Israel).



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June 10, 1992
9 Sivan 5752

AS
Mr. Herbert Singer
Singer, Netter & Dowd
745 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10151

Dear Herb:

I was delighted to learn via Aryeh Cooperstock that you had made a commitment of \$50,000 for the JDC International Development Program. You know, of course, how consequential I consider this work to be. Not only is it good for the Jews, it is good for humankind. So I am admiring of you and grateful to you.

Kol Hakavod - all honor to you.

Fondly,

Alexander M. Schindler

BCC: ARYEH COOPERSTOCK
ELAINE WINIK



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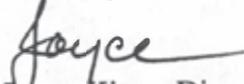
Mr. Herbert Singer
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745 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Herb,

We were very pleased that Pat Gantz announced the establishment of an endowment with your personal commitment of \$50,000 for the JDC International Development Program. It is our understanding that you wish to fulfill this pledge within the year. Once your initial contribution is received and the endowment is formally established, we will be able to solicit additional funds.

This tangible expression of your support for one of our most innovative programs is another demonstration of your deep concern for the welfare of our people. Through your sensitive gift you recognize in IDP the humanitarian base of our faith as it helps all people.

Sincerely,


Joyce Kitey, Director
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April 20, 1992
17 Nisan 5752

Theodore Comet
Assoc. Executive Vice President
Joint Distribution Committee, INC.
711 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ted:

I have your letter of April 16th concerning your desire to bring a greater awareness of JDC to the rabbinate.

As you know, I head the congregational body of Reform Judaism and the contact to the rabbinate itself is better established through the CCAR. Joe Glaser is your best contact on that, and you can reach him at the offices of the Central Conference.

As far as our conventions both national and regional are concerned, we obviously have a number of workshops on World Jewry and their needs in one way or another at each of our conventions. They are arranged primarily through our international affiliates, the World Union for Progressive Judaism, and focus at least to some extent on the development of Reform Judaism in those areas. Still, there is no reason whatsoever why the JDC contributions should not be an element of that. We do draw a lot of people to these functions. Approximately, 500 to each of our 14 regional conventions and at our last National Biennial between 4500 and 5000 people were in attendance.

You are also right as far as our Camp and Youth programs are concerned and of course our school system is important too. Our curriculum does include courses on "Jews Around the World". JDC and its story ought to be a part of that if it is not already. (It was when I was Director of Education years ago).

The proper contact for our Camp and Youth work is Rabbi Allen Smith, who is here at our office at 838 Fifth Avenue. Arthur Grant, also at our national headquarters, coordinates our national and regional conventions. Rabbi Howard Bogot is our National Director of Education. Why don't you make an appointment with each of them and discuss how the JDC story can become a thread of our programming.

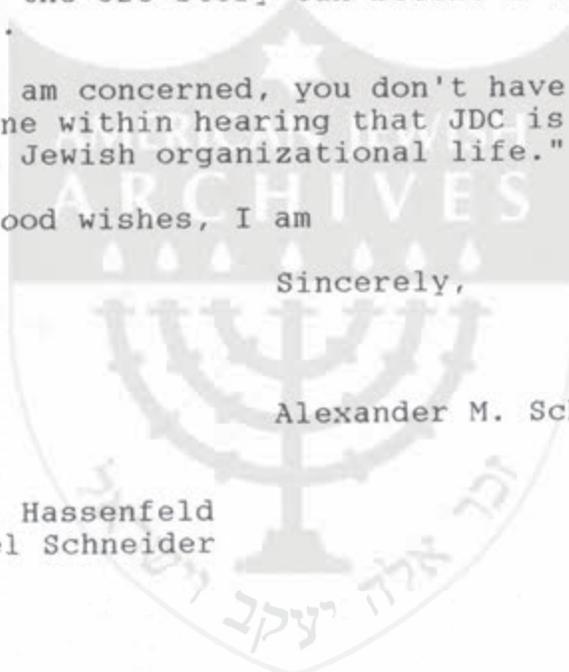
As far as I am concerned, you don't have to worry. I tell everyone within hearing that JDC is "the class act on American Jewish organizational life."

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

CC: Sylvia Hassenfeld
Michael Schneider





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April 16, 1992

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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Dear Alex:

As we are now able to talk publicly about most of JDC's global activity, we are looking at new audiences we should be reaching. An important target group identified is the Rabbinate -- for their personal edification and as potential tellers of the tale to their congregations.

The concept is not the selling of JDC, but rather raising consciousness of and deepening knowledge about the condition of world Jewry. On a narrow functional level, JDC can provide dramatic themes and anecdotal material that could enhance sermons and synagogue bulletins; on a broader plane, JDC can provide the background against which the Reform movement can view its activities overseas.

We have a close rapport with the UJA Rabbinic Cabinet and its members do receive JDC materials on a regular basis. But we would like to go beyond UJA and directly to the major instruments of the Reform movement -- U.A.H.C. and the CCAR, to explore how JDC information on world Jewry can be channeled through them; the possibilities for sessions on world Jewry at their conventions; getting on the programs of retreats; NFTY camps, etc. (you know the potential better than I do).

I'd welcome your thinking on this matter and the opportunity to discuss it with you.

Chag Sameach!

Cordially,

Theodore Comet
Associate Executive Vice President

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cc: Sylvia Hassenfeld
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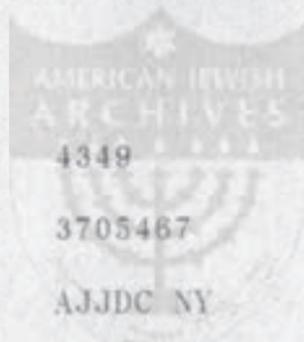
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April 16, 1992

From: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

To: Aryeh Cooperstock

RE: JDC Statement

Enclosed is my re-draft of the JDC Mission statement. I tried to retain as much of the original as possible.

Let me have your reaction and, of course, any suggested changes.

Warm regards and have a sweet and happy Pesach.

JDC-IDP's objectives are

to advance the basic tenet of Judaism which affirms that all people, Jew and non-Jew, are members of one Family; and that the victims of natural disasters and man-made misfortunes should be aided in their need by the more fortunate members of that Family;

to provide a Jewish presence in the development programs of Third World countries and the emerging nations of Eastern Europe;

to extend such efforts particularly to lands where Jewish communities still exist, and where their status might be improved or the burden of their continuing persecution be relieved because of our activities;

to further efforts of the United States government in the pursuit of its long-established policy to bring succor to peoples who are victims of famine, diseases, and other natural or man-made disasters;

to enhance the international standing of the State of Israel wherever its foreign policy goals coincide with those of our own government;

to carry on activities in foreign lands that use Israeli products and skills and thus help not only to generate Israeli employment but also to enlarge Israel's scientific, technical and industrial capacity;

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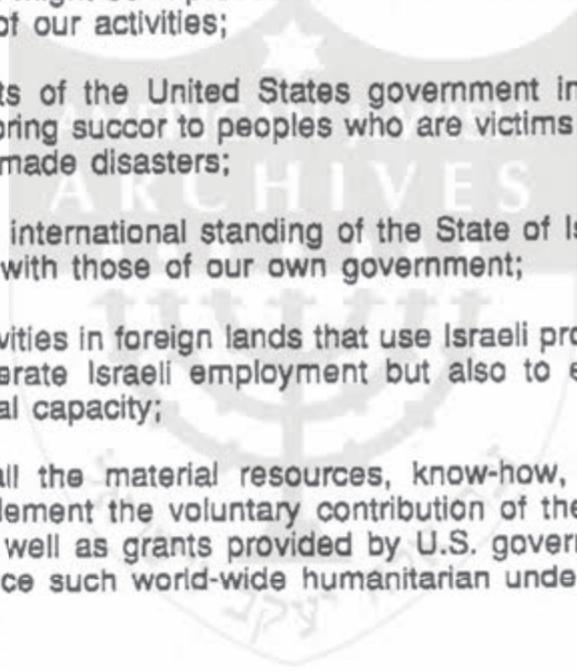
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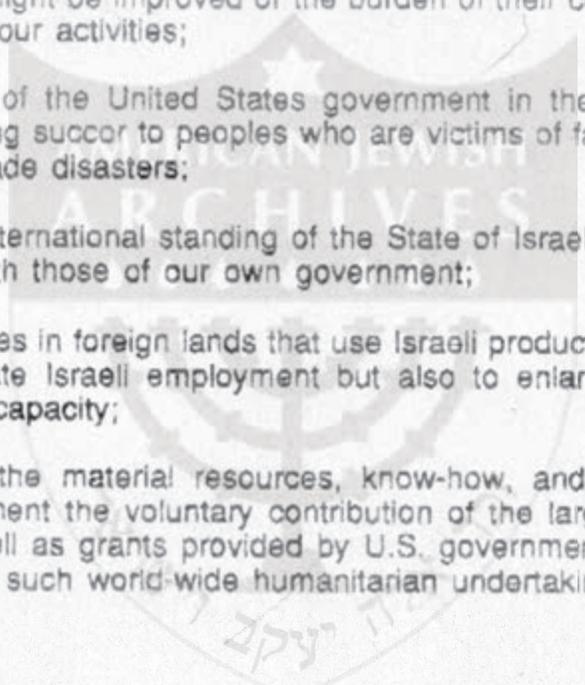
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April 21, 1992
18 Nisan 5752

Mr. Arthur Brody
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.
711 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Arthur:

I am delighted to join the former Soviet Union Area Committee of the JDC.

However, it is impossible for me to attend the meeting on May 19 as I will be in Los Angeles speaking at a dinner of the UAHC Fund for Reform Judaism. I hope you will forgive my absence and keep me posted on any and all developments which transpire in this committee.

Warm regards,

Alexander M. Schindler



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April 15, 1992

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
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New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex,

As you know, JDC's Board has mandated a restructuring of Area Committees to make them smaller and more effective as decision-making bodies. Board members are now assigned to just one Area Committee. I was pleased to learn that you were proposed for the Former Soviet Union Area Committee, and am writing to urge you to accept this assignment.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the former Soviet Union is a major area of operation for JDC. We provide a wide gamut of services, most prominent of which is our food distribution program, both sectarian and non-sectarian.

I am sure you will find it a stimulating and satisfying experience. We, in turn, can benefit from the input of someone like you who has valuable experience in dealing with human needs.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on May 19, currently scheduled for 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., and hope that you will make every effort to be present. You'll soon be receiving the agenda and other information.

If you would like to discuss the work of the committee and your role, please call me at (908) 602-1500. Should you require background material, call Searle Brajtman, JDC's Desk Officer for the former Soviet Union, at (212) 687-6200.

Sincerely,

Arthur Brody

The Joint Distribution Committee receives its funds chiefly from American Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal. The JDC also receives smaller amounts from the Central British Fund World Jewish Relief, Canadian Federations via United Israel Appeal of Canada, and communities in Europe.

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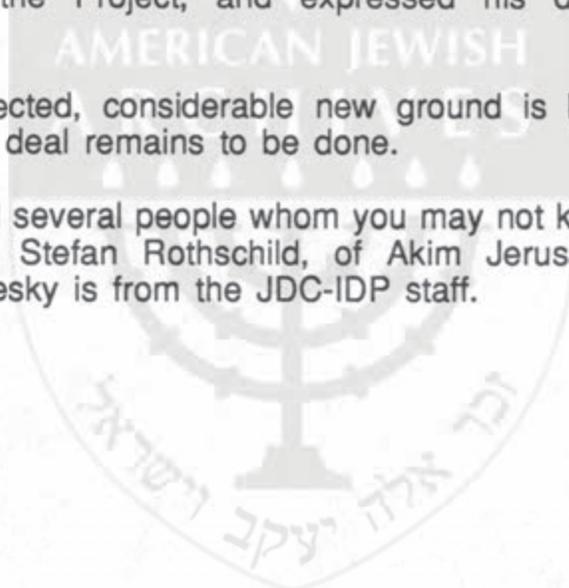
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TO: IDP Committee
FROM: Elaine Winik/Alex Schindler
DATE: March 30, 1992
RE: IDP Czechoslovakia Project

We thought you would be interested in the attached report by Prof. Stanley Herr of the University of Maryland following his very intensive week in Prague. (Not all the expatriate instructors come for so short a stay.) You will see that he taught his specialized subject to a very receptive audience of non-lawyers; and that he learned a great deal from the experience. In fact, he is extremely enthusiastic about the Project, and expressed his desire to continue his participation in it.

Clearly, as we expected, considerable new ground is being broken with this Project; and a great deal remains to be done.

Prof. Herr mentioned several people whom you may not know: Pesach Gitelman, of JDC Israel, and Stefan Rothschild, of Akim Jerusalem, are our Project Directors; Marcia Presky is from the JDC-IDP staff.



SUMMARY REPORT ON JDC TRAINING INSTITUTE

March 15 - 22, 1992

I. Teaching Activities

Human rights, legislation, and advocacy were the focuses of my teaching assignment. For most of the students, my classes were their first systematic exposure to those subjects in relation to the disabilities field. The students, however, brought to the class a profound and intimate experience of human rights struggles from first-hand encounters. This, in turn, led to a high level of personal and intellectual engagement that produced lively exchanges and concrete written proposals for change.

The themes for the five days of teaching were:

Day 1. International human rights, with special emphasis on the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons (1971), the U.N. Declaration on the rights of Disabled Persons (1975) and the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (1990).

Day 2. Human and legal rights for persons in institutions, or in the process of movement to community living, including legal concepts of the principle of the least restrictive alternative, normalization and integration.

Day 3. Advocacy in its various modes (parental, habilitation, professional, self-advocacy, legal, etc.) and efforts to enhance autonomy and choice for persons with disabilities.

Day 4. Recognizing and remedying discrimination and prejudice against persons with disabilities in different cultures and legal systems.

Day 5. Evaluation of methods of fostering legal and social change in relation to contemporary Czechoslovakian realities.

adequate medical treatment and to enjoy community living with de facto parents when the natural parents rejected and become detached from their Down's Syndrome teenager.

Stefan and Pesach were helpful in many ways, including inviting the Ministry officials, arranging an interview with a leading governmental adviser on disability policy and orienting me to the group, classroom, Prague, the local Jewish community and the national context. They have a fine rapport with the students and this reservoir of good will between them (and the faculty members that came earlier) spills over to benefit the faculty member for the current week. They were kind to go out to the airport in an attempt to meet me (see recommendation 1 below) and to introduce me to a remarkable set of professionals, parents, persons with disabilities, the Israeli ambassador, and experiences.

III. Useful Contacts

I attach photocopies of the business cards of the two lawyers who came to successive classes (Jan Bebr and Anna Samkova). They are interested in the disabilities field and might be usefully consultant in the future. At a reception at the University Medical School, I was also introduced to Czech Minister of Health, Dr. Martin Bojar, and his aides for international cooperation (Dr. Katerina Ciharova) and adviser (Dr. Slavomil Hubalek). Their cards are attached as well as that of Professor Jan Pfeiffer of Charles University's Rehabilitation Clinic, who strongly encouraged me to undertake follow-up work with various named federal and republic officials in ministries of Labor and Social Affairs. Finally, Ing. Tomas Jung and Ing. Jaroslav Hruby came to our class, and in the course of our discussions invited us to send our views and recommendations to them.

Marcia Presky on the weekend (who most graciously received my calls at inconvenient hours) and my wife in Baltimore, and sending a telex message from Frankfurt were not effective means to spare us all some wasted energy and uncertainty. An agreed upon telephone point of contact in Prague would avoid that problem.

2. Share prior faculty reports (with their permission) or use other means to better prepare the faculty members that come afterwards.

Although I did take the initiative to call Alan Gartner before my teaching stint, it would be helpful to have a clearer idea of what teaching styles work best and what was already covered in the earlier sessions. Anything that can be done to increase continuity and build on effective approaches is clearly helpful.

3. Use teaching methods and schedules that maximize student participation.

Role plays, drafting tasks, and other small group exercises were very constructive learning opportunities. They tested mastery of new concepts and principles. They allowed the students to operate uninhibited by the English language, or the shyness of large class dynamics led by a "foreign expert."

4. Shorten the teaching day.

Eight hours even with lunch and other breaks is too much for students and faculty alike. These students as busy professionals also have other demands on their time, and the result is some fall off of afternoon attendance (always with the politest and most reasonable of excuses). This faculty member certainly found the physical and mental burden significant, especially with the jet-lag and travel delays thrown in for good measure. I know that some other faculty members had this opinion, too.

from care in large, isolated institutions often located in rural areas to care in more normal settings in population centers.

Stanley S. Hell

*Baltimore
March 24, 1992*





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April 1, 1992
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Herbert M. Singer
745 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10151

Dear Herb:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your newly revised JDC-IDP mission statement. You handled the problem with delicacy.

Thank you so much.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



HERBERT M. SINGER
745 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10151

March 27, 1992

Mr. Aryeh Cooperstock
American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee, Inc.
711 Third Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Aryeh:

In accordance with my discussion with Alex Schindler, I have revised the first paragraph of the mission statement, which I enclose herewith.

I would appreciate your reaction to the revision and the reaction of those set forth below:

Sincerely,

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cc: Elaine Winik
Rabbi Alexander Schindler



Draft 3/27/92

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February 21, 1992

Ms. Elaine Winik
103 Greenhaven Road
Rye, NY 10580

Dear Elaine:

In keeping with the Review Committee recommendations, we would like to make better use of our board talents and create a better mechanism for active committee involvement. To achieve this goal, we would like this year to appoint board members to area committees and to thereby both control committee size and provide for better distribution on the various committees.

We know that many board members like the opportunity to receive up-to-date briefings on developments throughout the JDC world. We plan to initiate an all-area-forum at which updates will be presented to the full board.

Our intent is to involve board members deeply in an area and then rotate them around so that within a few years, they become more knowledgeable in-depth in many areas of our activity.

We have taken the prerogative of suggesting the enclosed list of board members for the International Development Committee. This list includes many current members of the committee and some new proposed members. I would appreciate it if you would review this proposed list and let me know your reactions before we take the next steps.

I hope that by these changes, we will be able to achieve better area committee involvement in decision making.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Sylvia
Sylvia Hassenfeld

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cc: Alex Schindler
Michael Schneider



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Mr. Marshall Weinberg
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Dear Marshall:

I received a copy of the Archives Committee minutes of your September 13th meeting which I was unable to attend.

I really have nothing to add to what was decided. I would have joined with virtually every one of the decisions which were reached.

I was glad to read this report, particularly that section which related to the general background on the JDC Archives. These are in a far better state than I would have thought - surely the best of any American Jewish organization.

I agree with Herb Katzki that the oral history project be carried forward with the greatest possible speed. The sands of time flow quickly. Valuable insights might be lost.

The minutes indicate that presently interviews are conducted with former "JDC staff members." I assume that even active staff members are being interviewed. Some have served JDC for a long time and they might be able to shed light on events which happened in the past. I take it moreover, that these interviews are not just limited to JDC staff. I am certain that lay leaders involved in this work have valuable insights to offer.

This is important work and I am glad that it is in your capable hands.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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FROM: Denise Bernard Gluck

Enclosed are the minutes of the first meeting of the Archives Committee on Friday, September 13, 1991.

This meeting marked an historic point for JDC's archives program: the official involvement of our Board in our archives. We touched on a broad range of issues at this introductory session and will address some of them in greater depth when we meet again.

I look forward to an exciting and fruitful partnership and thank you all for your participation.

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ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Friday, September 13, 1991

Chair: Marshall Weinberg

Present:

Dr. Martin Cherkasky
Elliott Cohen
Pauline Falk
Sylvia Hassenfeld
Saul Kagan
Sybil Milton
Jane Weitzmann

Staff:

Ted Comet
Miriam Feldman
Denise Gluck
Ralph Goldman
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1. Introductions and Welcome

Chairman Marshall Weinberg welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the Archives Committee and each person present introduced him/herself to the group. Mr. Weinberg acknowledged the committee members who could not be present: Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Bernice Waldman and Harold Friedman. The primary purpose of this first meeting was to acquaint everyone with the basic facts about the JDC archives, their potential uses and some practical problems which the committee will eventually address.

2. Role of Committee

Mr. Weinberg outlined his vision of the key roles of the Archives Committee:

A. Preserving JDC's historical documents, both written and oral;

B. Overseeing the use of the archives by scholars and students for the publication and dissemination of information;

C. Guiding the use of the archives as a vital public relations tool for JDC, federations and UJA;

D. Ensuring the proper maintenance of records for JDC's administration;

E. Advocating the work of the archives within the overall governance structure of JDC.

3. General Background on JDC Archives

Dr. Sybil Milton, Senior Resident Historian of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, presented an objective view of the value of JDC's archives. She stated that, for research in most areas of twentieth-century Jewish life, the JDC archives is one of the richest resources, with the photo archives themselves being a fantastic resource. It has the only major collection of photos, for example, of the French transit camps during Nazi occupation. In terms of size and importance, the JDC archives rank between the Leo Baeck institute (smaller than JDC) and YIVO (slightly larger than JDC's archives) among local institutions.

Denise Gluck posed, and answered, a series of basic questions about JDC's archives:

A. Locations of collections (New York and Jerusalem) and their respective sizes.

B. Physical condition and security with respect to environmental hazards: conditions in New York are relatively good, while the climate in Israel poses more of a threat to paper and requires greater monitoring;

C. JDC records housed out of JDC's immediate control: in other repositories, such as university libraries, and in private collections.

The possibility of reclaiming some of these scattered collections was briefly discussed. Michael Schneider suggested that we prepare an analysis of what is being stored by others and then evaluate the options available for obtaining the material, whether it be microfilm copies or return of originals. Dr. Cherkasky suggested the committee receive a summary listing of the materials held in JDC's archives. This will be prepared and distributed before the next committee meeting.

D. Microfilming of JDC historical materials for preservation purposes: all records from 1914-1921 have been filmed, filming of 1921-1932 records is halfway completed. The major task of filming until the present is ahead.

E. Insurance: our insurer has not been willing to insure the archives; Dr. Milton mentioned the existence of specialty insurers who will insure documents and artwork. She explained that the real value of this coverage is to pay for restoration of damaged materials.

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F. Management & staffing: Denise Gluck is director, based in New York; one full-time staff is assigned to assist with archives and Central Files, and one half-time staff works with cataloguing and accessing photo collection. JDC Israel archives has one staff person, working between half-time and full-time; oversight of the Israel archives, in other than day-to-day issues, is provided by New York staff.

G. Objectives of archives:

1. Administrative: staff reference
2. Research by historians, sociologists, filmmakers, exhibit designers, museums.
3. Legal: mostly accounting files kept for audit purposes.
4. Service to Jewish people by providing story of Jewish life in the twentieth century.

H. Use: in 1990, out of 261 working days, outside researchers were in the archives on 140 days. This should be considered heavy usage relative to the size of the collection and its specialized clientele.

I. Access:

1. As a private institution, JDC is not legally obligated to provide access to its archives, excepting for audit purposes. However, we do provide access as a public service, and attempt to conform to legal guidelines regarding policies (e.g., equal access). As a private institution we are not bound by these guidelines and can deny access if we wish.
2. Access to archives by outsiders is restricted to materials over 20 years old.
3. Access is by application, with proper institutional affiliation identification required.
4. Researchers must agree to submit portions of manuscripts, before publication, which contain citations from JDC archives.
5. Researchers are shown catalogues of files pertinent to their research and select files, which are brought to them by archives staff. Photocopying services are provided by staff at a cost of fifteen cents per page.

Dr. Cherkasky posed the question of access restrictions at other archives and expressed concern for what might appear to be censorship in JDC's policy. He proposed comparing policies at similar institutions and suggested the formation of a sub-committee to formalize access policy.

4. Tour of JDC Archives

The committee adjourned briefly in order to see, at first-hand, some of the workings of the archives. In the archives, they were given a demonstration of the computer program being used to catalogue the historic photo collection. Photographs from the collections, copies of books and journals containing material from JDC archives, and the annotated catalogues used to find files were all displayed to the committee.

5. Current Issues in JDC Archive Program

A. Locations of collections: The question of why JDC maintains archival facilities in two separate locations, New York and Jerusalem, was raised. Ralph Goldman related the history of this phenomenon, tracing its genesis to 1969, when a decision was reached to maintain an already functioning archive in New York and create a second one in Jerusalem, to which the archives scattered among JDC's branch offices were sent. The intention was to have copies of all original documents available in both facilities.

B. Facilities in Jerusalem: Denise Gluck summarized the archives storage situation in the JDC building and in the basement of the Ilan Home for the Handicapped in Gilo. The space in Gilo, for which we pay no rent, is subject to extreme environmental humidity and dust due to its hillside location; in addition, defective plumbing has caused one major water damage incident. We have attempted to ameliorate the environmental problems through the use of dehumidifiers and have discussed the installation of additional equipment, as well as the feasibility of sealing the floor to prevent dust dispersion.

The research facilities at Givat Joint, while more protected from environmental hazards, are lacking such basic amenities as desk space for researchers, light and proper air conditioning.

The above issues were discussed, with suggestions from the floor including investigating alternative storage facilities in less expensive parts of the country, consolidation of all JDC archives in one point, and transfer of archives to one of the university or Zionist archives. Staff will examine options and take appropriate action.

C. Oral History: Herb Katzki, who has been conducting oral history interviews of former JDC staff members, reported on this project. To date he has interviewed about 60 individuals and has transcripts of an additional 20 done by Yehuda Bauer in connection with his last book. No budget has ever been allocated for this project. Since the

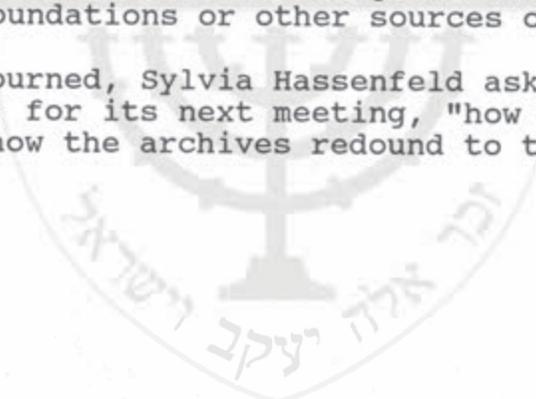
remaining potential interviewees are advanced in age, the project should continue with greater speed. To that end, staff will compile a list of additional interviewees, as well as a budget for swifter completion of the project.

Miriam Feldman said she is beginning to think of ways in which the Archives and Public Information departments can work together, especially in preparation for JDC's 80th anniversary in 1994. One project she has considered is the development of a video, including oral history interviews, about JDC history for commercial release (e.g. public television).

D. Soviet Union and Eastern Europe: Ralph Goldman reported on the agreement he has reached with the October Revolution Archives to compile an inventory of their holdings related to JDC's activities. Once this inventory is completed, we can decide which documents we would like for JDC's archives and negotiate their reproduction.

E. Requests for Funding of Publications: Marshall Weinberg mentioned that scholars frequently approach the JDC to fund historical research projects and suggested that the committee develop a mechanism for dealing with such requests. One idea is for us to guide the applicants to appropriate foundations or other sources of funding.

As the meeting adjourned, Sylvia Hassenfeld asked that the committee consider, for its next meeting, "how we can tie the past and present; how the archives redound to the present day."



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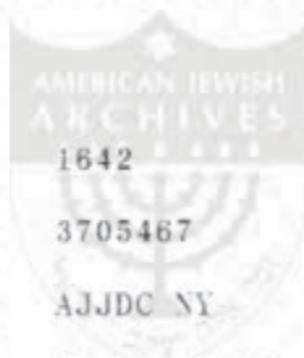
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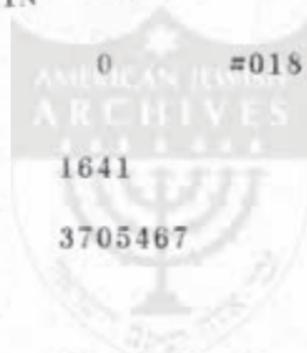
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October 8, 1991
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Theodore Comet, Associate
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Dear Ted:

Your fax confuses me. You tell me that the CJF recommends my appointment to a JDC officership. I've never heard of one organization determining the officers of another organization. I suspect though that it is only a matter of old habits which are difficult to shuffle off. I am flattered by the invitation and I will accept only because I have the highest possible respect for The Joint Distribution Committee and its lay and professional leadership. This is a class act in the American Jewish community - on a par with the UAHC, of course.

I hope you understand the constraints of time. I do have a busy schedule but I will do what I can.

Insofar as the educational materials on JDC, by all means send them along or perhaps directly to our Education Division which is headed by Rabbi Howard Bogot. Reform Jewish day schools do offer courses on the American Jewish community and the JDC is included in this material. Still, your educational materials are likely more up to date and our education people can certainly use them.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Alexander M. Schindler



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October 4, 1991

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Dear Alex:

The Nominations Committee of CJF met and would like to offer your name as Secretary of JDC. Please let me know if you accept this invitation.

On another matter, it occurs to me that there are other means by which JDC can be brought to the attention of younger people and that is via the curriculum of reform schools.

I am sure that all curricula contain or should contain content on world Jewry and in that regard, should include ways in which American Jewry connects to world Jewry. One level of connection is through the reform channels, the communal connection through JDC.

We have many materials that could be used in such curriculum and would be happy to make them available. I would welcome your thinking on this matter.

Cordially,

Theodore Comet
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RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER OF REFORM JUDAISM

October 8, 1991

Dear Alex:

Thanks so much for your advice yesterday. I felt far more confident being able to run my thoughts by someone. You're a good friend.

This is a follow-up to our conversation about Janet Marder. I would greatly appreciate your contacting her to ask her to do two songs for Al. The sensitivity is rooted in her fear that she is being pegged as the "staff songwriter." It would be helpful to acknowledge that and promise her that we really will not treat her as such generally but that this is a special occasion.

Thanks very much for your help on this.

Warmly,


David Saperstein

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September 10, 1991
2 Tishri 5752

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Mr. Ted Comet
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
711 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ted:

I have your outline of the article which you are preparing for the Wexner Foundation.

I have some minor brief comments concerning your sub-section on Reform under the rubric of "Religious Organizations." To begin with, I think you ought to treat the Hebrew Union College separately. Its program is quite distinct from that of the UAHC.

Secondly, under the heading of the UAHC, or perhaps even in a separate sub-section, you ought to discuss the work of our Religious Action Center in Washington which is the vortex of our efforts in the political realm. For more information, please contact David Saperstein.

Thirdly, ARZA is misspelled. There is no T in that.

Next, the Central Conference of American Rabbis merits a special sentence or two since its efforts in this realm are worthy of it.

Finally, there is also the World Union for Progressive Judaism, our international body, which focuses largely on our Israel movement and its relationship with the American Jewish community.

Good luck with your work. I would be interested to see a final copy. Of course, my very best wishes to you for a sweet year.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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September 5, 1991

TO: Rabbi Alexander Schindler
FROM: Ted Comet

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to

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

I was invited by the Wexner Foundation to make a presentation on the structures and mechanisms through which Israel and American Jewry interact and, given your concern about this subject, I thought you might be interested in the outline I prepared.

All the best.

Enclosure

Ted - notes commentary on Reform.

WEXNER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM: SUMMER INSTITUTE

STRUCTURES: ISRAEL-AMERICAN JEWRY

- Theodore Comet, JDC
Associate Executive Vice-President

I. Political

1. President's Conference (Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations)
2. Community relations organizations

NJCRAC
ADL
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Congress
B'nai Brith
Jewish Labor Committee

3. AIPAC: Registered lobby for Israel
4. PAC's: Election funds for presidential, congressional and local candidates (single issue; non-partisan)

II. CJF and the Federation System

1. Federation --> UJA --> UIA --> Jewish Agency:
 - a. Relationship to government
 - b. Governance
 - c. Project renewal
2. Federation --> UJA --> JDC (includes ORT)
3. CJF and Federation offices in Israel
4. Special projects:
 - Legacy funds
 - Designated gifts
5. Missions to Israel
6. Economic Development
7. Relations with Olim
 - Hometown link and support
 - Mortgage and personal loan funds
8. Funding Israel programs for students

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III. Fund Raising Bodies

1. American Friends of:
 - a. Universities
 - b. Museums
 - c. Hospitals
 - d. Cities: Jerusalem and Tel Aviv
 - e. Magen David Adom
 - f. Yeshivot
2. Jewish National Fund
3. America-Israel Culture Foundation
4. New Israel Fund

IV. Zionist Organizations:
American Zionist Federation

- Hadassah
- Zionist Organization of America
- Labor Zionist Alliance
- Naamat
- B'nai Zion
- Religious Zionists of America
- Amit
- Emunah
- Herut

V. Economic Development

1. American-Israel Chamber of Commerce
2. Operation Independence
3. Committee for the Economic Growth of Israel
4. Israel Bonds

VI. Religious Organizations

1. Orthodox
 - a. Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations
 - b. National Council of Young Israel
 - c. Yeshiva University
 - d. Haredim

VI. Religious Organizations (continued)

2. Conservative

- a. Jewish Theological Seminary; United Synagogue
- b. MERCAZ

3. Reform

- a. Hebrew Union College; ^(b.)UAHC

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VII. Students and Jewish Education *Religious Action Center in Washington*

1. American Zionist Youth Foundation

2. Hillel Foundation

3. Youth Movements:

- Young Judea
- BBYO
- USY (Conservative)
- NFTY (Reform)
- B'nai Akiva
- Habonim
- NCSY (Orthodox)
- BETAR

4. OTZMA

5. Jewish Education Authority

6. World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers

7. JESNA, university programs, Melitz, Hartman Institute

VIII. Peer Groups

1. Israel Forum - North American Forum

2. Professional associations

World Conference of Jewish Communal Service

IX. Volunteer Programs

1. Volunteers for Israel

2. B'nai Brith

3. Hadassah

4. Kibbutzim



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August 6, 1991
26 Av 5751

Mr. Alexander Grass
Rite-Aid Corporation
P.O. Box 3165
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Alex:

Thanks so much for helping JDC and our committee regarding the purchase of gamma globulin for our Kurdish refugee project. I am glad I turned to you for help, you certainly were most responsive.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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July 30, 1991

Mr. Alexander Grass
Rite-Aid Corporation
P.O. Box 3165
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Alex,

Please accept our most sincere thanks for putting us in touch with your Sera-Tec Biologicals Division, and especially Mr. Joseph Rosen. No only was he most helpful and accommodating in response to our request for assistance; but also he succeeded in saving us at least \$25,000 in the purchase of the gamma globulin for our Kurdish refugee project.

By the time this letter reaches you, the material will be well on the way to relieve or even prevent serious illnesses which are so prevalent in this unfortunate population.

You will have helped us to save many lives--and you know that saving only one life is equivalent to saving the world.

Thanks again

Most cordially,

Aryeh Cooperstock
Executive Director
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April 11, 1991

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Union of Amer. Hebrew Congreg.
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alexander:

Since its inception, the Resources Department has garnered some notable successes: we have provided much needed drugs for Romania, medical equipment for Tanzania, clothes for Ethiopia, etc. The department's continued achievements are dependent upon its network of contacts. In order to build a stronger and expanded base of contacts for such gifts-in-kind we need your help. Would you please tell us about any contacts you have in the area of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, clothing, and other miscellaneous items (such as toys, balls, blankets, etc). This type of information will enable us to draw on your expertise when the need arises and thus facilitate our initiatives. As a partner in these endeavors, you play an integral role in the life of JDC and in the lives of those we help.

May I look forward to receiving your responses in time for the upcoming board meetings? Given your interest and commitment to our objectives, I am sure we can count on your participation.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Hassenfeld

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MEMORANDUM

APRIL 15, 1991

FROM: EDIE MILLER
TO: UAHC REGIONAL DIRECTORS
RE: RELIEF OPERATIONS

Through the Joint Distribution Committee we have been asked to help obtain blankets to be shipped overseas for the Kurds who are suffering so greatly at this time. This is an urgent need and the blankets MUST BE NEW. Apparently there are many governmental regulations concerning shipments overseas and thus new blankets are required.

Do you have any manufacturers in your regions who might be called upon to aid in this humanitarian endeavor? Please let us know, in fact you might contact the JDC directly to determine how best to get the blankets out. The contact is:

Henryka Manes, JDC International Development Program
Projects Coordinator

Phone 212-687-6200

Fax 212 -370-5467

Please also note the JDC also needs contacts in the following areas: pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, clothing and miscellaneous items such as toys and balls. You might share information on these needs with me and I will get them to the JDC from this end.

Many thanks for any assistance in you can provide in this critical quest to bring aid and comfort to a beleaguered people.

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December 13, 1990
26 Kislev 5751

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Ms Elaine K. Winik
Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.
711 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Elaine:

TURKEY

As I agreed to do at our recent Committee meeting, I got in touch with Paul Berger and questioned him concerning the possibility of doing something on ~~Armenia~~. His initial reaction was "there is really very little that is needed." But on further reflection, he felt that there is a tremendous refugee problem in the country: refugees from Iran, Iraq, refugees from the entire Middle East which places an extraordinary burden on the country. Usually, many Jews are among them, too. He feels that if a little bit could be done in that realm, it would be most appreciated both by the Turkish Government and by the Jewish community.

As far as "leveraging" is concerned, he indicates that there are a number of organizations in the realm of Turkish/American relations ^{which} ~~who~~ might be persuaded to make donations for such an effort, whatever it might be.

Obviously, Israel is not exactly inexpert in the realm of refugee resettlement and absorption. Perhaps our three factors can be pulled together.

Clearly, this is not a priority, but something might be done, or at least could be done if we should determine to do so.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Aryeh Cooperstock



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October 16, 1990
27 Tishri 5751

Sylvia Hassenfeld
President
and
Michael Schneider
Executive Vice President
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.
711 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Sylvia and Michael:

The 5751 JDC Old Manuscript Calendar is beautiful! You have created something very special and have every reason to be very proud of this particular undertaking.

I am delighted to have received so magnificent a calendar.

Rhea and I join in sending to you and all your loved ones our very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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Dear Friends:

We are pleased to send you the enclosed JDC Old Manuscript Calendar for the New Year א"שנ"א - 5751. This is an annual tradition which draws upon our rich Jewish heritage of printed manuscripts.

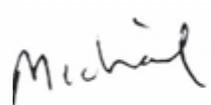
This year's calendar reproduces a drawing and text from a century-old Ethiopian Torah, written in the Gez language. This Torah was recently brought to Israel by a new Ethiopian immigrant. Its journey gains an especial poignancy as some 17,000 Ethiopian Jews, provided by JDC with food, blankets, shelter, and medical care, await permission to emigrate to the Promised Land.

JDC is sending copies of the calendar to the Jewish communities it serves, including formerly "lost" communities in the Soviet Union. Jewish homes and institutions worldwide will display this beautiful and meaningful record of the year's Jewish holidays. We are delighted to share this tradition with you.

May you and your family celebrate a year laden with health and happiness.

Shana Tova,


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October 5, 1990
16 Tishri 5751

Sylvia Hassenfeld
President
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711 Third Avenue
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Dear Sylvia:

That was a classy affair Tuesday night. What more can you possibly ask: good fare, good company and an altogether beautiful and gracious hostess.

Your performance in introducing us all was a real tour de force. Everyone admired you. The evening in every way followed the pattern of excellence that JDC always achieves.

Rhea joins me in sending you our thanks and our love.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Michael Schneider



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October 5, 1990
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Daniel S. Schechter
552 Woodlawn Avenue
Glencoe, IL 60022

Dear Dan:

I, too, regret that you won't be at Beth Emet when I am there just a few weeks hence now. I would have enjoyed meeting you and re-embracing you every bit as much as you might have encountering me.

By curious coincidence, just a few days ago I re-read the paper you delivered in Seattle and my judgment of it has not altered one iota. It is really magnificent.

All the very best to you and yours for good health and life.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

DANIEL S. SCHECHTER

552 Woodlawn Ave.
Glencoe, Illinois 60022

September 30, 1990

Dear Alex,

I know how much the congregation at Beth Emet looks forward to your October 12 visit. I regret that I will be away from the city and not able to share the privilege with them.

Sally joins me in extending best wishes to you and your family in the new year.

Sincerely

Dan



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July 16, 1990
23 Tammuz 5750

Mr. Theodore Comet
Assoc. Executive Vice President
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.
711 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ted:

Thanks for the speedy manner in which you responded to Jindra Lichter. Not that this comes as a surprise to me. I have always known you to be effective, and that goes for the Joint as a whole. As I have told everyone in sight, "The JDC is a class act."

Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

CC: Sylvia Hassenfeld



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June 28, 1990

Jindra Lichter
201 Ocean Avenue
Santa Monica, CA 90402

Dear Mrs. Lichter:

I am please to send you the enclosed response from our field director regarding the important problem you raised concerning the condition of Jewish Cemeteries in Eastern Europe.

Sincerely,

Theodore Comet
Associate Executive Vice-President

TC/lfb
Enc.
cc: Rabbi Schindler

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