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# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

May 25, 1995  
25 Iyar 5755

Dr. Israel Miller  
2619 Davidson Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10468

Dear Israel:

We hope that all is well with you and your loved ones. May you and Ruth regain full strength in the midst of those who love you and need you.

We write you now in connection with the indebtedness which the Claims Conference incurred during the years 1978 to 1984 when we shared facilities, personnel as well as administrative costs.

The total sum owed is \$137,080, plus accrued interest, and we attach herewith two documents which were prepared by our comptroller some years ago and sent both to the leaders of the Claims Conference as well as to Phil Klutznick, who then headed the Memorial Foundation.

These memoranda attached spell out in detail precisely what these charges were for. They were acknowledged as debt by the Claims Conference when \$441,000 were paid against the overall indebtedness of \$578,000.

We would appreciate it if you were to present this matter to your Committee on Allocations and, of course, we will be talking to you personally about it when we see you.

In addition, I think it important that we recognize the historic agreement which made the Memorial Foundation the sole recipient for all sums which may be contributed to the Claims Conference that are available for cultural activities. This is an agreement which was made by Nahum Goldmann with the German Government and with the full participation and assent of the Claims Conference leadership. We assume that this commitment will stand - in the future as in the past.

Sincerely yours,

Jack J. Spitzer  
President

Alexander M. Schindler  
Chairman, Executive Committee

cc: Saul Kagan  
Akiva Lewinsky




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July 23, 1985

TO: Jerry Hochbaum

FROM: David Goldman 

RE: MEMORIAL FOUNDATION/CLAIMS CONFERENCE  
INTER-AGENCY CHARGES

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July 29, 1985

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Dear Mr. Klutznick:

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Controller

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PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021-7064 (212)249-0100

Two Page Fax

May 24, 1995  
24 Iyar 5755

To: Jack J. Spitzer

CC: Dr. Jerry Hochbaum

As you will recall, you asked me to pursue our complaints with the Claims Conference regarding both their indebtedness to us and as well as the reaffirmation of our status as the sole recipient of all sums contributed to the Claims Conference that are available for cultural activities.

I had a brief meeting with Jerry and Carmi this morning and I drafted the attached letter which can be sent over either your signature or mine or both our signatures as you see fit.

Please let Jerry know as soon as possible what your decision is so that we can carry this matter forward.

You may well recall that Julie Berman did not want to represent us in this matter, since he is also the consul of the Claims Conference. Accordingly, I asked Jerry to find another lawyer who would be willing to serve us on a pro bono basis. At my suggestion, he sent the above letter to a Marvin Jacob, Esq. who read it and deems it appropriate from the legal point of view.

Am running around the country like a whirling dervish as you seem to be too. Hopefully this fax will catch up with you.

Warm regards.

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

Re: FAX 650-4169

Dear Alex:

Attached is the letter to Israel Miller, as you requested.

Marvin Jacob, the lawyer with whom I spoke, approved the letter. I will be following up with him and possibly the second counsel recommended.

I don't know in which hotel Jack is staying in Washington, D.C., so I suggest that you fax him to his office in Mercer Island -- (206) 232-9879 -- to check about the signatures on the letter.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum

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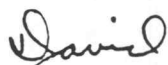
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