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MEMORANDUM

Date November 10, 1969

From Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman

To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Copy for information of Rabbi Henry F. Skirball, Rabbi Jack D. Spiro, Carol Horn

Subject K'far Galim

This is to inform you officially of the decision made at meetings during the Biennial by Dick Hirsch, Nat Hess and myself, based on the recommendations of Marc Rosenstein and Irving Kaplan, NOT to continue K'far Galim for the summer of 1970.

Therefore, all inquiries for summer teenage programs will be directed to NFTY.

May 13, 1968

Mr. Nathaniel Hess
Sloane Court
Sands Point, New York

Dear Mr. Hess:

Dick Hirsch has informed me that the Israel Committee meets in a few days and that you would like to report on the progress to date of the 1968 UAHG Camp-Institute in Israel.

I am pleased to report that staff appointments and programming have proceeded very smoothly both here in the United States and in Israel. We have worked very closely with the Director of Kfar Galim, Mr. Avram Miron, and with Rabbi Robert Samuels of Haifa. We are confident that this program will provide 14 and 15 year old boys and girls from Reform Congregations in the United States and Canada an opportunity to share in a variety of educational and inspirational experiences in the State of Israel. Our 17-day program will be highlighted by an active schedule at the Kfar Galim Youth Village--7 miles south of Haifa on the Mediterranean Sea where we shall be engaged in the study of Hebrew and Israeli life, as well as agricultural work, sports and recreation, creative arts and considerable touring of the length and breadth of Israel. In most instances, our program will be thoroughly integrated with Israeli teenagers who live and study at Kfar Galim.

To date, we have formally accepted and received full or partial payment for 31 teenagers. They include:

Seth Ammerman, Temple Sinai, Washington, D. C.
Garry Bregman, Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, N. J.
Mitchell Birenbaum, Rodeph Shalom, Flourtown, Pa.
Robert Haas, Main Line Reform, Berwyn, Pa.
Scott Italiaander, Reform Jewish Cong., Merrick, N.Y.
William Robins, Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, N. J.
Gene Rosenberg, Temple Israel, Los Angeles, Cal.
Mark Rothman, Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, N. J.
Alan Schachtman, Temple Beth Emet, Skokie, Ill.
Roger Small, Temple (The), Nashville, Tenn.

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Richard Watman, Temple Israel, Columbus, Ohio
Jonathan Wolfe, Holy Blossom, Toronto, Canada
Neil Zack, Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, N. J.
Richard Frank, Beth Am, Chicago, Ill.
Martin Baron, Schaarai Zedek, Tampa, Fla.
Allen Baron, Schaarai Zedek, Tampa, Fla.
Robert Waxman, Beth Sholom, Miami Beach, Fla.
Paula Levitt, Oak Park Temple, Melrose Park, Ill.
Judy Lipshutz, Hebrew Benevolent Cong., Atlanta, Ga.
Joanne Katz, Shaare Emeth, University City, Mo.
Franci Reiss, Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, N. J.
Susan Satter, Temple Sinai, Newington, Conn.
Josephine Schwartzbach, Vassar Temple, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Lisa Stern, Westchester Reform, Scarsdale, N. Y.
Lauren Wasserman, Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, N. J.
Michele Welt, Temple Sinai, Massapequa Park, N. Y.
Debra Goldberg, Issac M. Wise Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio
Kim Geringer, Temple Beth El, Chappaqua, N. Y.
Robin Smith, Issac M. Wise Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio
Heidi Ackerman, Temple Emanu-El, Great Neck, N. Y.
Victoria Irwin, Temple Beth Israel, Portland, Ore.

We anticipate approximately 35 participants by the date of our departure. I am personally most enthusiastic about the Camp-Institute in Israel. I believe that this program, with the support of our member congregations and our rabbis, might easily expand to 100 participants within a year or two.

Our group departs New York July 3 and returns August 20. If you desire any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I appreciate the encouragement which this project has received from the Israel Committee and from all of the staff of the UAHC, particularly, Rabbis Schindler, Skirball and Hirsch who have been so intimately involved in the development of this program.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff
Director, Camp-Institute in Israel

cc: Rabbi Schindler ✓
Rabbi Skirball
Rabbi Hirsch
Rabbi Samuels
Rabbi Widom
Rabbi Schafer

MEMORANDUM

Date April 11, 1968

From Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff

To Rabbis Hirsch, Skirball, Schindler, Samuels, Miron, Schaefer Mr. Rabbi

Copy for information of _____

Subject _____

Attached is a copy of the letter which went out this week to 54 persons who inquired about our Camp-Institute in Israel between Jan. 1 and March 13 and who did not return applications.

I am convinced that we would already have had 40 to 50 applicants accepted were it not for the incidents in recent weeks.

I am pleased to report however that we have now accepted 23 applications and we know of several others that are on the way.

*Wonderful job
Thanks*

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RABBI ROBERT S. WIDOM, *Director*

RABBI STEPHEN A. SCHAFER, *Chairman*

Dear Friend,

We were pleased to have received your inquiry concerning the U.A.H.C. Camp-Institute in Israel for 1968. Since we have not heard from you recently, we want to inform you about our progress and plans.

Applications have been arriving at an ever-increasing rate. Boys and girls have been accepted from Toronto, Hollywood, Nashville, St. Louis, Washington, D. C., Chicago, Boston, Hartford, Atlanta, the New York metropolitan area and many other cities. We would not be surprised if we reach our maximum number within the forthcoming weeks. If you are planning to apply, we suggest you submit your application very soon.

We have received some inquiries about the security-situation in Israel. We want to reassure you that Kfar Galim, our camp-site, is located in the most secure area in Israel. It is just south of Haifa, directly on the Mediterranean. Also, we intend to refrain from travelling in border areas. I would like to reassure you that neither the U.A.H.C. nor I, as Director, would consider taking any risks or subjecting our campers or our own young children to any danger whatsoever.

Incidentally, since publishing our brochure, we have added to our staff Dr. Sanford Reiss, a Westfield, New Jersey physician and his wife, a registered nurse. Together with their young children, they will be with us at Kfar Galim through the entire summer.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. With best wishes for a joyous and meaningful Pesach.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Kroloff

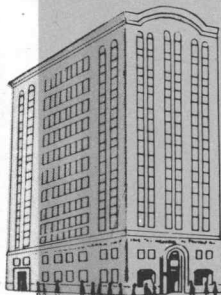
Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff
Director, Camp-Institute in Israel

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Israel Camp

March 22, 1968

Mr. Nathaniel E. Hess
Sloanes Court
Sands Point, New York

Dear Nat,

I think I ought to authorize our going ahead with this project. If we go under-one of the students, we might need some small subsistence from the Israel Committee, but I think the project is sufficiently worthwhile to take that risk.

Don't you agree?

Warm good wishes.

Cordially,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

MEMORANDUM

Date March 21, 1968From Rabbi Charles A. KroloffTo Rabbis Shindler, Skirball, Hirsch; Messrs. Broido, Kaplan

Copy for information of _____

Subject Progress Report - UAHC Camp-Institute in Israel.

As of today, we have in hand 18 firm applications plus references for 1 additional whose applications are in process making a grand total of 22 applications that can be considered firm. In addition, I have 5 more youngsters in Westfield who have indicated orally that they will join the Camp. If they all do so, this would give us 27, 7 of whom would be from Westfield.

I spoke to Sid Akselrad of Los Altos Hills, California. It now appears they will provide us with no more than 1 applicant. He cites reasons for his failure to come up with additional youngsters as:
 1) concern for security; 2) the cost-California is even higher and
 3) the revived interest in the SWIG Camp.

Even allowing for some cancellations due to the military reports from Israel, I would think that we ought to reach 30.

On this basis, I have indicated to Bob Samuels and Avram Miron that in my opinion our program will definitely take place.

February 28, 1968

Rae Weiner, Rabbi Schindler's secretary

Rabbi Kroloff

I received a call today for information on summer camp
in Israel for a girl who will be 17 years old this June:

Miss G. Michals
975 Walton Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

She asked that you mail her the pertinent information.

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Date March 4, 1968

From Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff

To Rabbis Schindler, Skirball, Hirsch, Widom; Mr. Irving Kaplan, Mr. Ted Broide

Copy for information of _____

Subject Progress Report of the UAHG Camp-Institute in Israel

I am pleased to report that interest in the Camp-Institute has surged. Applications and inquiries are now coming in at what I consider to be an encouraging rate.

We now have 9 applications and deposits in our hands. We also have references on 3 others whose applications are due momentarily. I have several hot prospects still in Westfield. We have many prospects in other areas. We have received nearly 100 serious inquiries and they are coming in now at the rate of 2 or more a day. I would like to meet with Dick Hirsch and others toward the end of March. (Dick: Please let me know when you expect to be in New York.)

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Date February 19th, 1968

From Theodore K. Broido

To Rabbi A. Schindler

Copy for information of Rabbis Kroloff, Skirball, Hirsch

Subject Israel Summer Camp Institute

The following are the results of our discussions this morning concerning the proposed Israel Summer Camp Institute.

1. Enrollment - As of to-day, 2/19/68, Rabbi Kroloff reports that he has 2 firm applications and 65 serious inquiries.
2. We went over the budget and agreed that it was obviously correct although the budget indicates a \$1,700.00 deficit. This is after including a contingency reserve of \$3,000.00. Rabbi Hirsch indicated that even if this deficit were to materialize, the Israel Committee would make it one of its projects.
3. The question of plane space is still up in the air. However, Rabbi Kroloff reported that he expects a firm commitment from Air France within the next several days, as well as the possibility of additional space being secured through Downtown Travel.
4. Rabbi Kroloff agreed to investigate what medical services were available at Kafar Lalin and let me know so that we can then decide what medical insurance would be required.
5. It was agreed that Rabbis Hirsch, Skirball, Kroloff and Mr. Broido would meet on or about April 1st to evaluate the entire project in terms of the then definite enrollment. It would be at that meeting that we would determine whether to continue with the project, cancel it or find some means of subsidizing any deficit that might appear.



December 21, 1967

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

Rabbi H. Skirball; Al Vorspan

When I agreed to the Israel Camp project I was persuaded in part by your report, Dick, that some 15 kids from Chicago had already committed to us.

You may remember that our meeting was held immediately after your brief journey to that city, and you spoke of everyone's enthusiastic response to the concept.

At the Israel Committee meeting last Tuesday, I was disturbed to hear that Chicago will go it on its own -- that there will be in effect two camps: ours and Chicago's. Is this so, or do I misunderstand?