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MEMORANDUM

May 20, 1991

FROM: Edith J. Miller
TO: Paul J. Reichenbach

Alex is out of the city, but I told him about your May 17 memo concerning NFTY flying Tower Air. He asked about the insurance coverage and assumes that there is no problem obtaining insurance for Tower Air was the only airline backed by the Israeli government in terms of insurance during the Gulf War. Please let me know by return mail that his assumption is correct.

Many thanks.

They are fully insured
They could not fly unless
covered —

Thanks
Paul

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MEMORANDUM

From Paul J. Reichenbach

Date 5/17/91

To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Copies Rabbi Allan Smith

Subject Most NFTY Groups Flying Tower Air This Summer - Pressure from El Al

For a range of very good reasons, most summer groups will fly Tower Air. We have used Tower extensively for 5-6 years. We have great confidence in their safety and service. This year, a critical year from a dollars perspective, the Tower Air ticket cost per participant is almost \$200 less than El Al.

I'm updating you because there is great pressure on us at present to switch back to El Al. You may hear of this as well.

Below is the brief history of our contact with El Al this past winter.

Smitty and I met in December and January with David Shein and Leon Hasdai (#1 and #2 managers of El Al - North America). We told them that we were prepared to fly El Al if:

- A) We were a party to the negotiations on price with El Al and the Jewish Agency.
- B) The price per ticket would be the same for all youth organizations.
- C) The fare during the peak period (mid June-mid July) would be competitive.

Shein and Hasdai, in two hours of conversation, made it clear that El Al would do all it could, in a difficult year, to work with us and to respond to our concerns.

Six weeks later (after not receiving an invitation to participate in negotiations) a summer youth fare structure was announced by El Al. They raised the peak season fares by 20% over Summer 1990. We knew then that Tower Air was the only viable option this year.

After the initial 20% fare increase was announced, there was an outcry from all groups, youth and adult. El Al rolled back the fare 5 or 6%. This new fare is the \$200 more per ticket than Tower fare. (Please see letter of February 28 to El Al attached.)

We were unhappy about the price and not having input into the price negotiation.

We communicated with El Al and AZYF our displeasure with the above and our intention to fly most groups on Tower Air.



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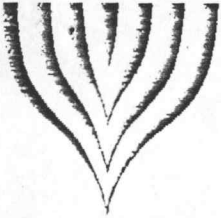
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Just last Friday (May 10) I received a call from the #3 guy at El Al (Adi Zacharia). He states that, faced with the stark reality of our planning to fly Tower, El Al is now willing to offer us a lower price.

My reaction is that this is not the "shuk". We stated directly in December and January our needs and expectations. El Al continues to treat North American youth organizations with little regard. This is a shabby way to conduct business.

Smitty and I feel that no matter the pressure we may encounter in the weeks ahead, we will stick with Tower Air. Tower published a fare in November and will stand by their fare.

Finally, even a compromise on El Al's part would leave us with an El Al fare at least \$100 more per kid than Tower.



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YOUTH DIVISION

Rabbi Allan L. Smith, *Director*

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Paul J. Reichenbach, *Director*

Anita Hommel-Schnee, *Registrar*

February 28, 1991

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Mr. David Shein
General Manager-Vice President
El Al Israel Airlines Ltd..
120 West 45th Street
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Shein:

We are writing today to express our profound disappointment at El Al and the projected summer airfares for youth travel to Israel.

This year especially, we need to encourage large numbers of young people to travel to and stand with Israel. These new airfares are a significant deterrent to youth travel to Israel. We must assume that El Al has "written off" the youth constituency and youth organizations who believe in the Israel experience.

We are stunned and beginning to become angry as we see our dreams for the summer swept away with disdain by El Al.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Allan L. Smith
Director
UAHC Youth Division

Paul J. Reichenbach
Director
Israel Programs

cc: Ms. Irene Solomon
Mr. Gidon Elad
Mr. Yossi Kedem
Ms. Melanie Shamir
Rabbi Paul Friedman

Edwards

October 16, 1989
17 Tishri 5750

Rabbi Jonathan Stein
Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation
6501 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Dear Jon:

You probably realize that this pre-Biennial period and the preparation of my State of the Union message create an undue amount of pressure upon me. In order to save my sanity and my health, I turn to members of the staff to undertake some responsibilities which I usually handle.

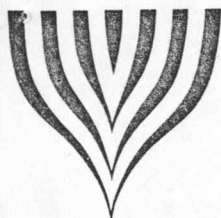
Such is the case of your draft letter to members of the Commission on Jewish Education. I've discussed it with Dan Syme and have asked him to husband this issue. You will be hearing from him shortly.

Your understanding is appreciated and be sure that Dan is keeping me posted on developments.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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October 11, 1989

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I have scheduled a mailing of the enclosed material to current members of our Commission on Jewish Education prior to the New Orleans biennial.

Because the process of enhancing the work of the Commission is vital to all of us, I am asking a small and select group of readers to review this draft prior to the mailing.

Our mailing date is Monday, October 23rd. Therefore, please telephone your comments to me (317-255-6647) by October 20th.

Thank you for your support and counsel.

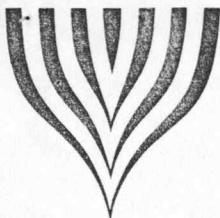
B'shalom,

Jon JB

Jonathan A. Stein, Rabbi
Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

cc: Rabbi Howard I. Bogot
Robert E. Tornberg, RJE

Tell him the pressures on me as moment are overwhelming & that I have asked Don Sygne to write this issue. He will keep me posted.



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Dear Commission Members:

In May Rabbi Jonathan Stein, Chair of the Commission on Jewish Education wrote to a number of the leaders of our Movement and a cross section of current and past Commission members and asked them to share their thoughts regarding

1. The purposes, goals, scope and authority of the Commission, and
2. The type of structure which might encourage and promote a truly Movement-wide Commission.

The purpose of this exercise was to embark upon a process to develop a Mission Statement and structure which would serve the needs of Jewish education in the Reform Movement for the 90's.

Twenty-nine responses to Jon's letter were received and I have spent considerable time this summer reviewing these comments and suggestions. Several issues became clear as a result of this survey:

1. There is a need to clarify the mandate of the Commission.
2. There is an overwhelming need for the Commission to serve as a center of communication for and about Jewish education.
3. There is a strong desire that the Commission serve as the setting for policy planning as related to Jewish education in the Reform Movement.

Based on our findings, I have prepared a DRAFT of a Mission Statement and suggested Structure and Procedures for the Commission. Copies of these documents are enclosed.

Although a deliberative process for developing these statements would have been preferred, because of serious time constraints at Commission meetings Jon, Howard and I determined that developing a draft for you to review would be a more efficient approach.

We would, therefore, appreciate it if you would please review the drafts attached as we will be discussing them in depth at our next Commission meeting and adopting a version upon which we can agree.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

B'Shalom

Robert E. Tornberg, R.J.E.
Co-Chair

DRAFT

THE COMMISSION ON JEWISH EDUCATION OF REFORM JUDAISM
MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

The Commission on Jewish Education of Reform Judaism is the forum in which Reform Jews--UAHC congregational, regional and trustee leadership, rabbis, professional Jewish educators, and other Jewish professionals--come together to consider the vital issues of Reform Jewish education. In this way, we can use the expertise and perspective of the different constituencies of our Movement to face the many challenges of Jewish education.

The scope of the Commission's work begins with educational programming for infants, toddlers and their families and continues through the entire lifetime of the Jew. Formal and informal, part-time and full-time, family and parent education are within our purview.

The Goals of the Commission on Jewish Education fall within two broad categories;

1. Set direction for Jewish education within the Reform Movement.
2. Facilitate Communication among the various groups in the Reform Movement interested in Jewish education.

In order to fulfill the goal of "Setting Direction" the Commission will:

1. Use various research methodologies to
 - A. Assess the state of Jewish education in the Reform Movement
 - B. Define emerging needs for maintaining quality Jewish education.
 - C. Study the issues and new directions in Jewish education in general.

2. Articulate educational values for the Reform Movement.
3. Recommend direction for Jewish education in the Reform Movement.
4. Identify program development and service priorities for all participants in the Commission and receive comprehensive, on-going reports from all concerned which give evidence that these priorities are being addressed.
5. Work in cooperation with the UAHC Department for Religious Education in order to implement its priorities and goals.
6. Based on #2 and #3 above, recommend to the participating organizations resolutions regarding Jewish education within the Reform Movement.

In order to fulfill the goal of "Facilitating Communication" the Commission will:

1. Convene national and regional meetings.
2. Produce publications for Commission Members and UAHC Congregations, and
3. Create other means of communicating about Jewish education.

for the following segments of the Reform Movement:

1. Commission Partners
 - A. Union of American Hebrew Congregations
 - B. Central Conference of American Rabbis
 - C. National Association of Temple Educators
 - D. Hebrew Union College--Jewish Institute of Religion (4 campuses)
2. Council of Reform Jewish Day Schools
3. Professional Organizations
 - A. American Conference of Cantors
 - B. National Association of Temple Administrators

4. UAHC Auxiliaries
 - A. Association of Reform Zionists of America and Kadima
 - B. National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods
 - C. National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
 - D. North American Federation of Temple Youth
 - E. World Union for Progressive Judaism
5. UAHC Commissions
 - A. Family
 - B. Outreach
 - C. Religious Living
 - D. Social Action
 - E. Others as deemed important
6. UAHC Departments
 - A. College Youth
 - B. Publications
 - C. Religious Education
 - D. Youth and Camping
7. Congregations affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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THE COMMISSION ON JEWISH EDUCATION OF REFORM JUDAISM
STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

The Commission on Jewish Education of Reform Judaism will consist of the following:

1. Ten (10) Appointees of the UAHC.
2. Seven (7) Appointees from each of the following:
 - A. Central Conference of American Rabbis
 - B. National Association of Temple Educators
 - C. Hebrew Union-Jewish Institute of Religion.
3. Two (2) Appointees from each of the following Organizations:
 - A. American Conference of Cantors
 - B. Association of Reform Zionists of America and Kadima
 - C. Council of Reform Jewish Day Schools
 - D. National Association of Temple Administrators
 - E. National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods
 - F. National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
 - G. North American Federation of Temple Youth
 - H. World Union for Progressive Judaism
4. The Director and/or an Appointee from each of the following UAHC Commissions:
 - A. Family
 - B. Outreach
 - C. Religious Living
 - D. Social Action
 - E. Others as deemed important
5. The Director of each of the following UAHC Departments:
 - A. College Youth
 - B. Publications
 - C. Religious Education
 - D. Social Action
 - E. Others as deemed important

All Commission appointments will be for a three year term. No one may serve more than two terms unless they are appointed Chair or Co-Chair of the Commission.

The Commission will meet at least once a year and at National

Biennials of the UAHC. When possible, additional meetings will be held in conjunction with Regional UAHC Biennials.

The Director of the Department for Religious Education of the UAHC will staff the Commission. Other professional staff members of the Department will assist as delegated by the Director. The Chair of the Commission and Co-Chair(s) will each serve a three year term.

An Executive Committee will be responsible for setting the agenda of Commission meetings and for supervising and/or carrying on the business of the Commission between meetings. The Executive will meet immediately before or after each Commission meeting and, at least, one other time during the year. The Executive will consist of the following, each serving a three year term:

1. The Chair and Co-Chair of the Commission.
2. The Chairman of the UAHC, and the presidents of the CCAR and NATE.
3. One representative of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (to be decided by the representatives of the College-Institute).
4. Five members of the Commission elected at a full meeting of the Commission. At least three of those elected must be "non-professional leaders."

Other Committees of the Commission may include:

1. Program Committee which will assist in creating the actual program of the full Commission meetings.
2. Communications Committee which will be responsible to find vehicles for insuring that the Communications Goals of the Commission are fulfilled.
3. Budget Committee which will initially be assigned the task of finding an equitable way to fund the work of the Commission. This Committee will consider what financial commitment can be reasonably expected from constituent organizations.

These and other Committees and Task Forces will be appointed as the Executive Committee deems necessary.

Dear Alex,

9/15/89

Thank you for the kind words regarding the Walcott memorial liturgy and my poetry.

The enclosed directory shows you the profile of a trustee-caliber committee which I have been privileged to nurture.

May I suggest that we demonstrate our recognition and deference to this unique group as both short-term and long-range planning takes place.

If I can be of help in your consideration of this agenda, please count me into the process.

Love,

Howard

P.S. DBS has a copy of the list.

Rabbi Howard I. Bogot

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Rabbi Howard I. Bogot
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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

September 28, 1989

Rabbi Howard Bogot

The enclosed letter ^ris self-explanatory. I enclose a cppy of my response so you will know what I have stated. However, I would be grateful if you would make contact and share some of our materials for the boy's bar mitzvah. It's quite late but we should do what we can!



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September 18, 1989
18 Elul 5749

MS. Lia Gladstone
432 East 1st Street
Juneau, AK 99504

Dear Lia:

While the time is quite short to prepare your son for a December, 1989 Bar Mitzvah, I will certainly do what I can to be of assistance. We do not have a congregation in Juneau but Rabbi Harry Rosenfeld of Anchorage is a very fine young man. I don't know when you tried to make contact but during my visit some years ago he was still quite new in the pulpit and I was impressed with him.

Be that as it may, I have shared your letter with the staff of our Jewish Education Department and have asked that they be in touch with some materials to help your son learn the required blessings and prayers for a Bar Mitzvah. We do have a congregation in Santa Barbara, Congregation B'nai B'rith, 900 San Antonio Creek Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93111. Alas, their rabbi is leaving for a new pulpit in Florida but you might contact their educator, William Concoff, or Cantor Samuel Cohon to seek their aid. The phone number is 805-964-7869. Rabbi Kendall is commuting between California and Florida so I doubt that he will be in a position to be of assistance.

I do hope Kipchoge will reach Bar Mitzvah with a good measure of preparation and only regret that you didn't seek to contact me earlier. All good wishes for the coming New Year.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Howard Bogot

(907) 586-3350

September 12

**BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS
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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Union of American Hebrew
Congregations

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Although you won't
remember me, I was in
your congregation when you
were at Temple Emanuel
in Worcester, Mass and
I was a child.

I now live in Alaska
and have a 16-year old
son who has never been
Bar Mitzvah'd. He will be
17 on Dec. 9, 1989 and

we have decided he will
have a Bar Mitzva
this year. We did
want to have one when
he turned 13 but

there is only one Rabbi
in Alaska and he
wasn't very responsive.

I realize this is a
bold request but I
was wondering if you
per chance never been
to Alaska, you
might like to preside at
his Bar Mitzvah.

Barring that bold
possibility, we have

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Decided to have the
Ceremony without a
rabbi.

I do have another
request. My son goes
to boarding school
in Santa Barbara,
California (on full
Scholarship) and we
know no one to guide
his preparation there -
Could you suggest
someone. He was
able to learn the
Hebrew alphabet this

Summer and is able
to read Hebrew a
little. There is a small
Jewish congregation in
Tunau and several
male members have
spent some time with
him.

I appreciate your
consideration in this
matter. It has been
a frustrating 4 years
trying to make this
happen but we are
determined.

Thank you
Sincerely
Lia Gladstone
1122 1st St SE

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P.S. Could you also
send materials
(Torah portion, tape, etc.)
for a Bar Mitzvah
on December 9, 1989.

My son's name is:

Kipchoe Spencer
Cate School

Box 5005

Carpinteria CA 93013

Los Angeles
432 E 1st St
Juneau, Al
99801

New File
Daf Shavuah.
Cohen

August 30, 1989
29 Av 5749

FROM:

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

TO:

Rabbis Grary Bretton-Granatoor; Philip Hiat; Sanford Seltzer

I appreciate your memo of August 24 providing further background and clarification of the Daf Shavuah project. I appreciate being kept posted on this exciting program and I express personal gratitude to each of you for pursuing this undertaking and making it come to be.

It will be a marvelous addition to our adult education materials.

Many thanks.

To all 3

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

From: Rabbis Gary Bretton-Granatoor, Phil Hiat, Sandy Seltzer

RE: DAF SHAVUAH PROJECT

August 24, 1989

Alex,

Just so you understand the history and background of the Daf Shavuah Project, herewith is an explanation.

Four years ago, when Gary was still with the NYFRS, its Committee on Religious Commitment played around with the idea of a Daf Yomi. It was intended for the leadership of the NYFRS and was structured around six short readings that arose from the Parashat HaShavuah. The seventh day, Shabbat, was intended for reading the parasha. The six days would each have a theme. They were: 1) A reading on Shabbat observance; 2) A reading on doing Mitzvot; 3) A reading on up-coming Haggim; 4) A reading on Belief; 5) A reading on Tzedakah; and 6) A reading on Torah study. Hence the initials of each of the six categories (Shabbat, Mitzvah, Haggim, Emunah, Ma'aser, Torah) spelled out its title Simchah v'Emet (if one changed a shin to a sin).

Because the committee felt that it was incapable of authoring such a project and it was felt that Gary should not write the whole thing, the project was abandoned.

Last year, at a Board meeting, Phil came up with the idea of writing a Daf Yomi and mentioned it to Gary, who told Phil about the abandoned project and suggested that he take a look at the original format. Phil decided to put together a committee of people that could write a Daf Yomi. The committee was comprised of Phil, Gary, Sandy Seltzer, Steve Chatinover and Manny Gold. This committee met several times, suggested other formats and finally settled on an enhanced version of Simcha v'Emet -- which would really be a Daf Shavuah -- one page per week. All participated in writing the material with Phil making additional contributions on heretofore seldom celebrated holidays (i.e. A'sara b'Tevet, Tzom Gedaliah, etc.) and special parts of the parashah that should be noted.

What you received was just the six readings per week for a ten week period. What was missing was an Introduction, which would instruct the reader on how to employ the text in personal or synagogue settings.

The questions that have been only recently been settled centered on who would publish the text. At first, Brotherhood was

*Thank you for
keeping me posted
It's an exciting
project and I
am grateful
to all of you for
pursuing it to
be.*

contacted and was unable to make a commitment. Sisterhood was also contacted as they already publish a calendar, and it could be published in tandem. Dept. of Rel. Ed. has an Adult Ed. budget line which could bear part of the costs. Ellie just informed us that they would like to share the costs of publication and use it in Sisterhood settings.

At this point, it is our intention to demonstrate its use in the Adult Ed. workshop that Gary will run at the Biennial and Ellie will have it shown off at a similar workshop for Sisterhood. It would be described as a work in progress that will be available for next program year.

In the mean time, Sandy will take it to the Commission on Religious Living to see if there are members who would like to make contributions to finish off the parashiot. Phil is writing the Introduction and Usage Guide.

It is intended to be a pocket size text that could be carried in a purse or jacket pocket. It would be small and inviting and direct the reader to additional sources.

We hope this fills in some of the blanks that were created when you first received the text.

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Ami of Jon Ed.

May 26, 1989
21 Iyar 5749

Rabbi Jonathan A. Stein
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6501 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Dear Jon:

I have just seen your letter of May 19, -- it has been a merry-go-round between meetings of the UAHC Board of Trustees, committees, and our National Staff. Indeed, the next few weeks will be almost as harried -- if not more so.

Thus, I am writing to ask that you please understand my predicament and my inability to share thoughts concerning the two sections of your letter. My schedule has me on the road until mid-July and I simply will not have time to give this matter the careful consideration it requires. Certainly I cannot respond by June 15.

If you wish, once you have received comments requested of others, I will be happy to review them and make suggestions. If this pattern is agreeable, you have but to send me the draft of your final document and I will be delighted to react to it.

With fondest regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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May 19, 1989
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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

The Joint Commission on Jewish Education of the UAHC, CCAR and NATE, through its Executive Committee, has embarked upon a process to develop a mission statement and to create a structure which would involve every constituent organization and interested group within our movement in order to fashion a Commission truly representative of the totality of Reform Judaism. In order to accomplish these goals, we are writing to you and others to solicit your input and ideas.

I would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to share your thoughts concerning:

1. The purposes, goals, scope and authority of the Commission, and
2. the type of structure which might encourage and promote a truly movement-wide Commission.

It is my hope to formulate a draft proposal to be circulated to you in the early fall in anticipation of a Commission meeting during the UAHC Biennial in New Orleans this November. Therefore, it would be helpful if you could respond to this letter by June 15.

I look forward to receiving your comments. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

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