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MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.
Rabbi Allan Smith

Copies

Subject

Date Feb. 2, 1987

In light of our discussions with Macy Hart regarding the Museum at Jacobs Camp, the enclosed note takes on increased significance.

Apparently, the South is not the only area of the country where there are "takeover" candidates.



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MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi James L. Simon
To Rabbi Daniel Syme
Copies Arthur Grant
Subject UAHC Project - Trusteeship for Dying Synagogues

Date January 26, 1987

As I mentioned to you a month ago, I spent a few hours in Owensboro with the leaders of Temple Adath Israel, which is listed in our directory as having 62 but in reality has no more than 25. Many of those 25 are elderly, and there is a very good possibility that within five to seven years, noone will be left with the ability or desire to run the synagogue. (They are only able to afford a student Rabbi currently because they have income from an endowment fund and the trust pays for the Rabbi. Without that endowment, there is no way in which they could ever afford a student.)

They own a nice little piece of land and a small synagogue structure in Owensboro. We have no idea what the land would bring, but I am sending you this memo because it brings up the question as to whether or not we want to launch some type of a program wherein we will agree to take over these synagogues when noone is able to do so under the condition that proceeds from the sale of the building and/or the land will be used for a special UAHC project or publication. Obviously, the synagogue would be listed prominently as the sponsor of that project or publication.

There are obviously many details to be worked out on many levels, with respect to this particular synagogue we are five years away from anything happening, but it is something for us to think about and I am hopeful that you will pursue it at your leisure. If you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

A Museum - Synagogue

To Preserve Our Past — To Insure Our Future

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January 22, 1987

Dr. Joseph Cohen, Director
Jewish Studies Program
Newcomb College, Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118

Dear Joe:

This letter is long overdue, and I apologize for not getting to you sooner. As you can see from the enclosed letter, the enthusiasm and significance of this project has grown and grown and grown. We met with you on the first day of a trip that lasted ten days. What we found as we traveled was unbelievable.

Presently, we are in the process of developing a master plan to present to the UAHC with regard to the project. The building of an actual structure is now only one part of the program. I call your attention to the letter I have enclosed in hopes that you will give some thought as to what you feel Tulane's involvement with this project might be. When we worked together, Vicki and I mentioned graduate student assistance, etc., which is what we are going to need.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your very earliest convenience, as to how we might work together and how Tulane might be willing to aid us, as we see the scope of this project unfold. Obviously, we are looking for as many resources as we can get, not only from the financial end, but development as well.

On one of my trips last month, I was in Minnesota and spoke with Jeff. He sounded great, and I am glad that he is doing so well.

Personal regards,

Macy B. Hart
Director

MBH:jb

cc: Rabbi Daniel Syme
Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Rabbi Allan Smith
Mrs. Vicki Reikes Fox
Museum Committee

David B. Grishman
Chairman, Board of Directors

Macy B. Hart
Director

Vicki Reikes Fox
Project Director

Julian & Kathryn Wiener
Project Co-Chairmen

Rabbi Murray Blackman
Rabbinic Advisor



The University of Mississippi

Center for the Study of Southern Culture
University, MS 38677
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January 12, 1987

Macy B. Hart, Director
Henry S. Jacobs Camp
P.O. Box 16528
Jackson, MS 39236

Dear Macy,

It was a special pleasure to see you at the Jacobs Camp this past month. I was very pleased with the discussions we had and look forward to meeting with you here at the Center.

As I indicated, we would very much like to develop a long-term relationship with you and your project on southern Jews. In our study of the American South we are well aware of the major contributions of Jewish families. Our forthcoming Encyclopedia of Southern Culture features entries on southern Jews by scholars such as Eli Evans.

We are also developing a major film on Ludwig Lewisohn who was one of the few Jewish novelists from the South. Born in Charleston, Lewisohn became a leader of the Zionist cause and corresponded with Freud, Einstein, and other intellectuals during the early part of this century. One of Lewisohn's relatives, Walter Lewisohn, has made major gifts of films, books, and paintings to our center. The enclosed copy of our SOUTHERN REGISTER includes a feature on Walter and his wife, Florence.

I would like to outline resources which our Center and the University might provide should you choose to work with us in developing an Archive of Southern Jewish Culture. We currently have internationally recognized programs on the American South which include archives, conferences, publications, research, and teaching components. Each of these areas has an obvious relationship to the study and preservation of southern Jewish culture.

We also have extensive media facilities at the University which could be used to develop films, videotapes, slides and other materials for public dissemination. As a filmmaker, I would be especially interested in working with you on such projects.

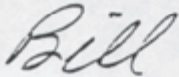
I would like to stress the fundraising potential a relationship with our Center and the University would offer your project. Since its creation in 1977, the Center has raised just under four million dollars in non-state support. Much of this support was for projects which were developed by individuals such as yourself who felt the Center was the appropriate base to develop their efforts.

Should you decide to work with us, we would assist in developing proposals, and I would personally travel with you to make presentations before foundations. We also have prominent Jewish alumni who have expressed an interest in supporting projects on southern Jewish culture at the University.

Our discussions and my visit with you at the Jacobs Camp make it increasingly clear that our respective institutions can develop a symbiotic relationship in which we will both benefit. We can assist you in developing conferences and public exhibits on at your museum, and we will develop research archives and courses on southern Jewish culture. Our Center and the history department cosponsor an annual symposium on southern history, and we might consider highlighting this project through a symposium focused on the theme of southern Jewish history. As with earlier symposia, the edited proceedings would be published and could serve as a basic text for courses on southern Jewish culture.

These are preliminary thoughts which we can discuss further during your visit on January 12th. I look forward to seeing you then and deeply appreciate your interest in our program.

Sincerely,



William Ferris
Director

cc: Chancellor et.al.
Ann Abadie
Don Fruge
Catherine and Julian Weiner
Bob Haws



MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

Date

12/24/86

To Macy B. Hart

Copies Rabbi Schindler, Rabbi Allan Smith

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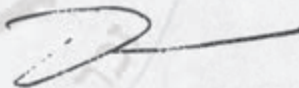
Dear Macy,

Thanks for your letter of December 17th. I'm glad to hear that plans are in process for the completion of the master program for the synagogue-museum.

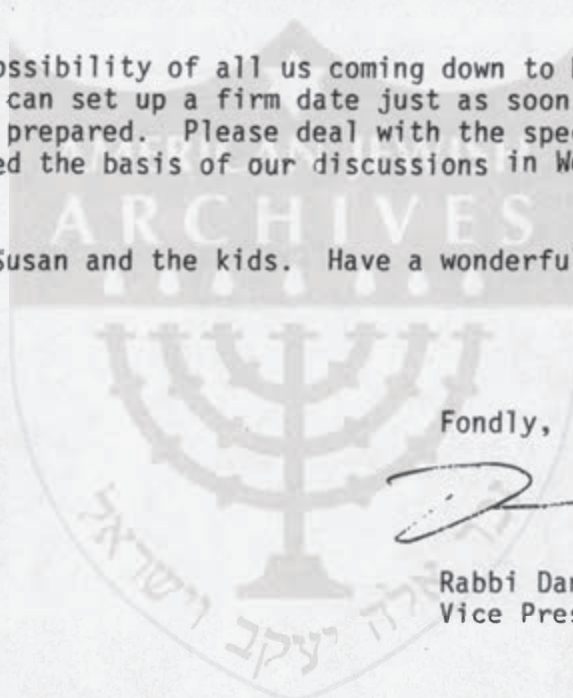
There is virtually no possibility of all us coming down to Mississippi for the discussion. We can set up a firm date just as soon as the preliminary document is prepared. Please deal with the specific issues and questions that formed the basis of our discussions in Westchester. That is the first step.

I send my love to you, Susan and the kids. Have a wonderful Chanukah.

Fondly,



Rabbi Daniel B. Syme
Vice President



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from *The Tap Dance Kid*
"William's Song"
Lyrics by Robert Lorick

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December 17, 1986

Rabbi Dan Syme
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Dan:

Thanks for your letter which I received today. I am glad that the process has begun. We are in the planning stages now, as I have just this week returned from the New York meeting.

We are also anxious to meet as soon as possible. We are preparing the master plan. For it to be meaningful, it must be done properly. We have established deadlines for our auxiliary groups. Assuming that we meet our stated goals, we can meet no earlier than late January or early February. I am interested in having all possible questions, scenarios, and proposals ready to present.

Please check your calendar for dates in the time frame I have mentioned. By copy of this letter, I request that Alex and Smitty do the same. You can clear dates for "your side", and I will do the same for "my side".

We look forward to seeing you when the times are set. Again, I suggest that the possibility be considered that Alex, Smitty, Chuck, and you come here for the meeting. I can assure you that we could parade in front of you many interesting items from physical to fiscal.

From our house to yours much love and wishes for a festive and bright Chanukah.

Sincerely,

Macy B. Hart
Director

MBH:jb

cc: Rabbi Allan Smith ✓
Rabbi Alexander Schindler



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December 11, 1986

Mr. Macy Hart
UAHC Jacobs Camp Institute
Box C
Utica, MS 39175

Dear Macy,

Just a follow up on our discussions at the Board Meeting.

Alex would very much like to aim for an early to mid-January meeting with you, David and Smitty.

In preparation for that meeting, I hope you will prepare the written memo which Alex requested delineating areas of concern. It would be helpful to have that document by January 1st, so that we might study it prior to the meeting itself. I send much love to you and the family, and best wishes for a Happy Chanukah.

Fondly,

Dan

cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Rabbi Allan Smith

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December 2, 1986

Memo to: Rabbi Schindler

From : Smitty

Re: Macy Hart and Museum

I have read Macy's memo about the Museum and the need for full time staff. Macy also told me you will be meeting with him at the Board Meeting. There are a few issues which I believe to be important:

1. The UAHC must decide how far it wants this to go and whether in fact there really is the type potential concerning which Macy speaks.
2. Jacobs Camp is a 180 Camper Bed Facility, the smallest of the UAHC. This is not meant to put down anyone or the institution. The Camp has become a major educational facility for the deep south and has incredible lay support. However, to suggest that Macy needs two full time assistants is perverse. Build the new facility first, then let's see.
3. In terms of the facility, if it is on Camp property, it should be built under the directions and guidelines of the NCCI. I know that Macy does not like this. He always likes to work alone under his own guidelines. I think it would be a big mistake not to be very clear that this operation will be carefully supervised.

I just believe that this must be kept in proper perspective. I am in the office Wednesday Afternoon and Thursday Morning. I am picking up Mel and Harry Thursday PM and then am at Stouffers for the duration if you need me.

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November 21, 1986

FEDERAL EXPRESS

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Rabbi Daniel Syme
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

RE: Museum of the Southern Jewish
Experience

Dear Alex and Danny:

This is a difficult letter to compose because there is so much to convey. We shall not attempt to capture in writing all that is necessary, but merely hit some essential and crucial points. The main issue is that we believe that an immediate meeting must be held to allow us sufficient time to make you aware of how magnificent this project has, or can, become.

When we were first notified that someone was interested in funding this museum, we advised that we were not ready to undertake a project of this magnitude. We were finishing a 15,000 square foot Activities Center for which we had raised over \$700,000 in pledges and cash. We had every detail on that building identified because we had had sufficient time to prepare and plan. Now that the Activities Center is complete, there are no mistakes, none of the "I wish we had thought of that" type problems, because simply we had thought of and planned for all possibilities.

Even though we protested that we were not ready for the current project, you insisted that we proceed anyway, because we had a chance for immediate funding. Hurriedly, we put together a package that, you remember, called for a 3,000 square foot building and a budget of \$190,000. You presented that to Jocelyn, and she expressed interest. We were then instructed to submit a real budget and floor plan. This time, we had six weeks to do it right, and we then submitted

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a proposal for 8,000 square feet and \$540,000. The plan in itself is good, but it is way off in what it can be.

When we began, we had no idea that the project would become such a magnificent one. The reason that we are now seeing an outpouring of interest is simply because many of these small communities in the deep South are dying and are desperate to have their Jewish contributions and sentiments preserved. Macy travelled with our consultant for eleven days in October. Each day brought something phenomenal, and doors that were not even previously approached opened.

The scope of the museum has changed -- merely by the fact that there will be one! Presently, two universities are ready to publicize this project, and in fact, assist with additional funding. The State Department of Archives and History has already been a tremendous help and source of information. The American Jewish Archives is interested, as well. No one previously has helped plan for a community's demise. We are creating a model of a last will and testament for many small congregations. These are great treasure houses that are fading fast.

Here are some of the problems:

1. This is a major project in which you must become involved to comprehend the vast potential.
2. We need several full time staff members working on this project immediately. Our part time consultant needs to be on this job full time immediately.
3. Macy has been working on this project almost full time since September, but we have a Camp to operate. Is Macy going to be freed to head this project? Are you going to allow us to hire another assistant director to handle the Camp under his supervision?
4. Editorial staff from Reform Judaism should have already been here to prepare a feature article. We need publicity, and we need it properly coordinated. The article from Richard Cohen's office took far too long. Please do not say that we took too long to get pictures. We took three different sets of pictures and air expressed them each time they were asked for. We had a photographer at Camp all summer. He took a set of what was requested. After Camp was over, when we no longer had a photographer standing by, we were asked for something different, and so it went. The request

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should have come to us in early June, after we had been given the grant.

5. This project can be one of the most innovative, impressive and important undertakings the UAHC has ever undertaken. It is not simply another Camp project that can be quickly thrown together. The possibilities of this being a major Jewish museum is real. We are only limited by our imagination. The implications for the orderly transition of small Jewish communities everywhere are vast.

6. We cannot move in any direction until you decide what you want. We are at a complete standstill. If we are to proceed with what we have, we can do that, but the project will fall far short of what it should be and must be. Time is of the essence!

7. Do we approach one of these universities and make a commitment to work with them only? Do we have the authority to make this decision on our own? Do we try to work with more than one? Are there others who want to share in what we are assembling?

8. Are you willing to approach other big givers for some help on this project?

9. Attached is a brief analysis of what the UAHC can offer and receive in return.

We believe that it is imperative that we meet face to face and bring you up-to-date. It is crucial that we get moving because the Plough Foundation wants a report as to how we are progressing.

We are willing to meet with you in New York, or certainly you are welcome to come South. We would love to have you visit. It will make you a believer in what is really here and what can be.

Sincerely,



David B. Grisman



Macy B. Hart

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enclosure

WHAT UAHC CAN OFFER THE MUSEUM PROJECT:

- *access to and assistance in acquisition of major funds
- *credibility for the project
- *standing within the national community
- *staff, equipment and resources, for example the publishing company
- *support and recognition for our project
- *priority in publicity efforts (i.e. REFORM JUDAISM Dick Cohen)
- *Alexander Schindler and Daniel Syme to grasp the magnitude of the Museum and project it with vision.
- *minimum of a full time staff person to administer the project (Macy B. Hart?) -- if not that, then another Assistant Camp Director under Macy's supervision

WHAT UAHC STANDS TO GAIN:

- *prestige
- *recognition for the most visionary approach and responsibility to/for a constituency
- *credit for recognizing a people's contribution within the development of a community
- *world-wide recognition for their creativity and vision
- *creation and development of a model for the transition of Jewish communities throughout the United States
- *source of potential income and new sources of funding and support
- *curriculum(s), catalogues and publications to their credit
- *whole new area of scholarship and research
- *impact on the overall Jewish community
- *interest/affiliations by universities and institutions
- *international acclaim
- *credibility, respect and enhanced image

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

October 16, 1989

Allan B. Goldman, Esq.

By now you have probably seen my letters to various parties involved in the dedication of the Synagogue-Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience at Jacobs Camp. It is a gem of a building and the program of dedication was superb.

It occurs to me that Macy has been so deeply involved in the work with dying congregations of the South in Mississippi and others areas and in preserving what remains, even as he had the kids working in the various old Jewish cemeteries, it would be a natural for him to work with the Small Congregations Trust Committee. You might wish to consider naming him staff director to work with Marshall Krolick.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 11, 1989
13 Kislev 5750

TO: Macy Hart

FROM: Robert M. Koppel *Bob*

CC: Rabbi Allan L. Smith, Mel Merians

RE: UAHC Jacobs Camp/Museum for the Southern Jewish Experience

Thanks for calling me so that we could talk further about the Museum for the Southern Jewish Experience. I want to emphasize to you once again that the purpose of my visit is to clarify the relationships that exist between the Jacobs Camp and the two entities both known as the Museum for the Southern Jewish Experience and to gain as much information as possible about the museum and the camp.

As we discussed on the phone, it will be easier for both of us for you to receive in advance some of the questions that I believe will aid in clarifying the issues:

1. Do any formal written agreements exist between the Jacobs Camp and the Museum for the Southern Jewish Experience, Inc? (MSJE, Inc.) If yes, who signed on behalf of the UAHC?
2. What is the plan for operating the museum, the modus operandi: Basically, what I need to know is:
 - a. What operational or fund raising responsibilities did the Jacobs Camp assume in operating the museum? What expenses were incurred by the camp to accomplish the above responsibilities during the year ended 10/31/89. Are you budgeting any expenditures for the fiscal year ending 10/31/90?
 - b. What operational or fund raising responsibilities did the MSJE, Inc. assume?
 - c. Please summarize the operational "table of organization" to show which organization is responsible for each segment of the museum's operation.
3. Were there any financial transactions between the camp and the MSJE, Inc? Are any contemplated? If so, for what purpose?

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4. I would like to see a copy of the Plough Foundation Award Agreement with the Jacobs Camp.
5. Do you have a complete set of records for the museum construction and related costs? How was the bookkeeping handled?
 - a. What was the total cost of the construction of the museum?
 - b. Did the MSJE, Inc. pay for any of the construction costs?
 - c. I would like to see a complete income and expense report for the museum construction.
 - d. When did construction actually begin?
 - e. Why was there no record of the museum assets on the Jacobs Camp 1988 financial statement? It does not appear to be present on your 10 month interim report either.
6. Was there any allocation of camp expenses to the museum construction project?
 - a. You indicated that the camp is responsible for maintenance of the museum building. Is there anything else that camp personnel does for the museum operation?
 - b. What percentage of your personal effort is related to museum fund raising and operations?
7. Is there any allocation of camp expenses or personnel to the MSJE, Inc? If any, does the camp get reimbursed from MSJE, Inc. for any effort expended or cost incurred?
8. Does the MSJE, Inc. raise money under its own tax exempt number or does it use the UAHC exemption? Does Jacobs have a separate tax exemption or do you use the UAHC exemption?
9. Does the camp raise money for the museum as a project of the camp, separate from the MSJE, Inc. effort?
10. Who is responsible for the costs associated with the set up, installation and operation of any shows that are presented in the museum building?

Macy Hart Memo re: Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience

11. How is the museum building and its contents insured; through Jacobs Camp or MSJE, Inc? Which entity actually owns the items, MSJE, Inc. or the camp?
12. Who is legally responsible for any payables (financial obligations) incurred by the museum?
13. Do you have a copy of the MSJE, Inc. incorporation documents? I would appreciate a copy.
14. Does the MSJE, Inc. have a budget for the current fiscal year? Do you have a copy of the MSJE, Inc. financial statements.

I know that answering the above questions requires a certain amount of effort; however, I would like to get a written response by Friday morning, so that I can review them before I fly down on Monday. You can fax them to me at 212 734-2857.

Macy, I look forward to seeing you on Monday evening, December 18th and truly appreciate your cooperation. Thanks again.

bcc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler



MEMORANDUM

for for

DATE: November 30, 1989
2 Kislev 5750

TO: ✓ Rabbis Alexander M. Schindler, Allan Smith

FROM: Robert M. Koppel *Bob*

CC: Mel Merians

RE: UAHC Jacobs Camp and the Museum for the Southern Jewish Experience

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I think it was useful that we met on Monday regarding the Jacobs Camp and the Museum for the Southern Jewish Experience. However, I believe more work needs to be done for us to move toward a real resolution. Just so that we are all working in the same direction, I am summarizing our understandings reached at the close of the meeting:

1. The museum building is to be a separate restricted fund within the Jacobs Camp books.
2. The corporate status of the independent entity known as the Museum for the Southern Jewish Experience, Inc. (MSJE, Inc.) needs to be clarified to the Union's satisfaction. Among the points that need to be explained are:
 - a. The relationship of the MSJE, Inc. to the Jacobs Camp and the museum building (the definition of this relationship should be dictated by the UAHC or, at the very least formally approved by us.)
 - b. What is the defined purpose of the MSJE, Inc.?
 - c. Who has the ownership and fiduciary responsibility for the funds raised by the MSJE, Inc. Are those funds UAHC funds?
 - d. We need a clear definition of the relationship of UAHC Jacobs Camp personnel to the MSJE. Our staff should not receive, under any circumstances, compensation from the museum corporation.
3. All of these issues will be discussed either at the Audit Committee and/or our Camp/IED meeting following the Audit Committee.

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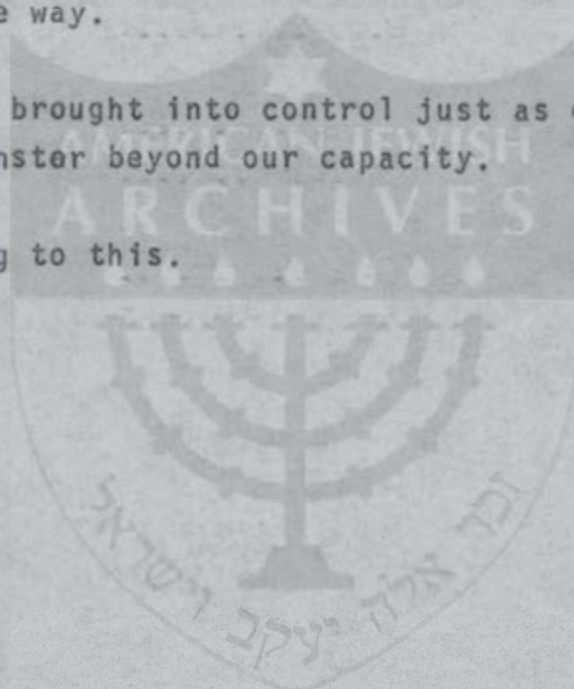
Robert Koppel

Allan Smith - Mel Merians

I fully agree with the summary of our decisions regarding the
UAHC Jacobs Camp and the Museum for the Southern Jewish Experience.
I assume you will carry it forward and keep me and Mel posted
every step along the way.

This matter must be brought into control just as quickly as possible
lest we create a monster beyond our capacity.

Thanks for attending to this.



Syn-Museum
Jacobs

October 24, 1989
25 Tishri 5750

B.J. Tanenbaum, Jr.
B.O. Box 669
Dumas, AR 71639

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your gracious letter. It was wonderful to share such a very special time with you and Pat and many other dear friends.

I am still quelling from the dedication of our new Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience.

Enclosed herewith, as per your request, is a copy of my dedicatory address.

Thank you for reminding me about my promise to call M~~ay~~cy. I have already been in touch with him and will arrange for a meeting so that we will have an opportunity to talk together.

See you a few days hence in New Orleans. Until then, fondest regards to you and Pat, in which Rhea joins.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Synagogue Museum

May 1, 1989
26 Nisan 5749

Mr. Macy B. Hart
Henry S. Jacobs Camp
P.O. Box 16528
Jackson, MS 39236-0528

Dear Macy:

Many thanks for the check and your wonderful letter on the Synagogue-Museum. Yes, it is a very exciting project and I am delighted that it is reaching fulfillment.

Jerry Tanenbaum may have told you already, but just in case I advise that I have agreed to participate in the dedication of this new facility on October 15, 1989. I look forward to being at this festive occasion and to seeing you and many dear friends who will share in the dedication. Jocelyn has been apprised of the date so she can reserve it on her calendar.

With thanks for all your efforts and with fondest good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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your silver
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your
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Thank
you
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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

April 24, 1989

Robert M. Koppel

Rabbi Allan Smith

The enclosed check for \$70,000. is from the Henry S. Jacobs
Camp Synagogue-Museum Project. While the funds will eventually
go to the FRJ, I send it to you for the 15% line and handling
accordingly.

Warm good wishes.



*being
at attention.*



April 21, 1989

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

Dear Alex:

I am proud and pleased to enclose this check for \$70,000. This represents three years of exciting challenge, discovery, and creation. The building that was constructed by the funds made available by the Plough Foundation is a masterpiece. It embodies the spirit and the struggle of a very dynamic ethnicity whose very presence helped shape a society and move it forward.

The acknowledgment of this "dream" brings with it some pain and a reality that casts a shadow on the accomplishment of this unique approach of insuring the legacy of a fading people. Inspiration was provided to us all by Jake Marcus, when he plodded through the overgrown, neglected ground of an abandoned Jewish cemetery to say Kaddish over four visible gravestones dating to 1853. His words still can be felt on this now cleared resting place that yielded no less than forty Jews whose stones our campers found during excavations this past summer.

Why would Jake Marcus come to Mississippi at age 93 and not only speak for an entire weekend, but to have us hack through extreme terrain to get him to this site, a site no Jew had visited or known about for over one hundred years? What emotion, when our Campers filed unprompted off a bus at the conclusion of this "dig" to go back to the site to say Kaddish, as we, the staff, watched and cried inside at the moment. This spontaneous outpouring by a group of 9th and 10th graders taught us, the adults, that the essence of Judaism is being passed on. Did we not witness in this demonstration, the acceptance of the responsibility of being a Jew by a group of the next generation? Did this teaching moment add quality to their lives and to our mission?

I have visited with optimistic people who have made a conscious decision to preserve their fathers' and mothers' struggles to make a life for their families. From parent to child goes the Jewish people, and so goes the determination and excitement to be a part of the opportunity to have the adventures of the settlement of the South noted.

Dr. and Mrs. Julian Wiener
Project Co-Chairmen

Vicki Reikes Fox
Project Director

David B. Grishman
Past Chairman, Board of Directors
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Director
Henry S. Jacobs Camp

Southern Jews are more rooted in their communities than their counterparts in other geographic sections. It is important to these people to write the poetry of the extreme. These Jews came to a foreign land that kept them as foreigners. They had customs and dress that were not understood. They spoke with heavy accents that badged them, as in other times our ancestors have known. They worked hard, isolated in communities, no longer knowing the frail security of the shtetel or the strength of ethnic areas of the urban centers. These Jews have made a mark, they have spread upon the nation a unique success story that is rapidly vanishing. These were courageous people. Can we allow this saga to disappear? We must give honor and gratitude to our pioneers, for they have contributed greatly to this future wherein we now reside.

Alex, this is a project of wonderful magnitude and vision. I never dreamed this when I conceived the original concept. Be that as it may, the project is unbelievable in scope; its dimension is boundless. It grew out of desperation and commitment because it is so necessary. Its infancy has passed, and its adolescence is upon us. I appeal for you to embrace and nurture its maturation. It can become the model for other areas and ethnicities to emulate.

Personal regards,

Macy B. Hart
Director

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June 14, 1989
11 Sivan 5749

Mr. Steven D. Orlansky, Chairman
Henry S. Jacobs Camp Board of Directors
P.O. Box 16528
Jackson, Mississippi 39236-0528

Dear Steven:

Many thanks for your gracious letter of invitation to the dedication ceremony of the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience. The date is reserved on my schedule and I am truly looking forward to sharing in this wonderful event. Rhea will be coming to Utica with me and I have noted the 1:00 p.m. start of the day's events.

At this writing I do not know just when I will get to Camp, or, for that matter, from where I will be travelling. However, we do have time to finalize these details as the date of October 15, 1989 draws closer. Your warm office of assistance is much appreciated.

With best wishes for a wonderful Jacobs Camp season and a rewarding and relaxing Summer, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Macy B. Hart
Mr. B.J. Tanenbaum, Jr.
Julian and Kathryn Wiener

P.S. Macy tells me you are Linda's brother and that she and Mark will be coming back to Jackson where he will participate in a residency program in urology. Please give them both my fond regards and good wishes. It will be a plus for Rhea and me to see them at the dedication!

Give us the strength to be gentle
the wisdom to be confused
the right to be wrong on occasion
the sense to know when to lose.
Give us the time to be patient
the courage to be afraid.
Give us the eyes of children again
to see the world - a different world -
a world that can still be made.

from *The Tap Dance Kid*
"William's Song"
Lyrics by Robert Lorick

June 6, 1989

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

Re: Dedication of Museum of Southern
Jewish Experience
Henry S. Jacobs Camp
Utica, Mississippi
October 15, 1989

Henry S. Jacobs Camp

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

It is my honor, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Henry S. Jacobs Camp, to formalize our invitation to you to be among the speakers and honored guests at the dedication ceremony for the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience at the Camp on Sunday, October 15, 1989, at 1:00 p.m. I understand that Jerry Tanenbaum has already discussed the event with you, and that you have stated that both you and your wife plan to be in attendance. Your intention to be present confirms our belief that the dedication of the Museum will be a very significant event in American Jewish life.

The dedication event is being co-chaired by Julian and Kathryn Wiener of Jackson who have co-chaired the Museum project since its infancy. I know that they share my pleasure at the prospect of having you with us at the Camp as we kick off our twentieth year with the dedication event.

Of course, all of us involved with the Camp are at your disposal to assist in making your visit to Mississippi as enjoyable and productive as possible. Toward that end, we would be happy to arrange your visiting one of our state's congregations for that Shabbat Eve, if you desire to do so. Whatever your proposed itinerary may be, please let us know how we may be of assistance. Looking forward to having you

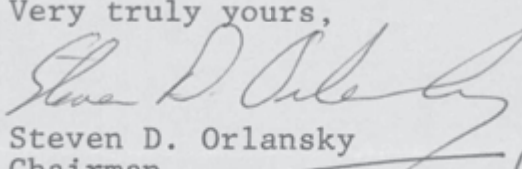


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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President
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June 6, 1989

and Mrs. Schindler with us in October, and with
kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,


Steven D. Orlansky
Chairman

*P.O. 650
J.M. 39205*

cc: Mr. B. J. Tanenbaum, Jr.
Macy B. Hart
Julian and Kathryn Wiener



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October 16, 1989
17 Tishri 5750

Macy B. Hart, Director
UAHC Jacobs Camp Institute
Box 16528
Jackson, MS 39236-0528

Dear Macy:

I truly meant what I said at the magnificent dedication of the Synagogue Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, you dreamed a dream and you had the drive and energy and motivation to demand that it attain its reality. And it did! And what a beautiful and meaningful reality it is. You have every right to be pleased and proud. Very few people can boast of such an achievement.

Macy, the facility is marvelous and the program of dedication was beautifully planned. I am so pleased that it was possible for me to share in this very special experience.

We didn't really have a chance to chat and we should. Do you have any plans to be in New York? When you do let me know so we can arrange to meet. New Orleans will be far too hectic, unless you plan to stay over until Tuesday and if that should be the case we might arrange to have breakfast or lunch in order to talk a bit. But don't stay on especially for such a conversation.

Again, my thanks and appreciation for all your efforts in making the dream a reality. With fondest regards to you and Susan, from Rhea, too, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: ABG _ You might want to drop a note to Macy.

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October 16, 1989
17 Tishri 5750

Mr. Robert Berman
2515 Honeysuckle Lane
Jackson, MS 39211

Dear Bob:

It was delightful meeting you at the wonderful day of dedication. The Museum-Synagogue of the Southern Jewish Experience is a gem. I am so pleased that I was able to share in this very special program.

We made the plane with no problem, thanks to you. I am grateful for your kindness in getting us to the airport and glad we had a chance to chat.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

October 16, 1989
17 Tishri 5750

Mr. Edward C. Greene
5580 LBJ Freeway
Suite 530
Dallas, TX 75240

Dear Ed:

It was delightful being with you and Elene for a very special few days. The Dedication of the Synagogue-Museum was a very moving and beautiful occasion and I am truly delighted that it was possible for me to be a part of this wonderful venture.

Ed, your words of greeting were perfect! You really have a well-defined sense of humor and your warmth and gracious comments made for a marvelous presentation. You are great!

With fondest regards to you and Ilene, from Rhea, too, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

October 16, 1989
17 Tishri 5750

Mr. B.J. Tanenbaum, Jr.
111 N. Main Street
Dumas, AR 71639

Dear B.J.:

Rhea and I are grateful to you and Pat for your many kindnesses during our brief visit to Jackson and the Jacobs Camp. The dedication was a magnificent occasion and we are truly delighted to have been able to share in so meaningful and moving a program.

It was wonderful having a chance to spend time with you and Pat. We enjoyed dinner with you and Ed and Ilene, the conversation, company and cuisine made for a delightful few hours. And, of course, it was nice having you meet our flight into Jackson.

Your introduction of me was most generous and I am grateful for your warm comments. You have good reason to be exceedingly pleased and proud. You have had such a great role in nurturing our Southern congregations and in building the UAHC Jacobs Camp Institute. You were a strength to Macy and all of the people involved in creating the new Museum and it is a gem in which we can all take pride.

Thanks, too, for your advice in regard to Macy. I will be sure to follow up.

With gratitude for all that you are and all that you do, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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October 16, 1989
17 Tishri 5750

Dear Jocelyn:

What a glorious occasion we were privileged to share! I was absolutely thrilled and amazed by the magnificent new Synagogue-Museum facility, it far exceeds my expectations!

The program was beautiful and the attendance was gratifying. You and the Trustees of the Plough Foundation have every reason to be pleased, after all, thanks to your generous support this new Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience has attained reality and is no longer merely a coinage of the mind. It will stand as a testimony to the great contributions our people have made to the American South and to the strengthening and continuity of American Judaism.

Jocelyn, I hope you agree the building is a gem. The sweep and cleanness of its lines so much remind me of your inner spirit, they certainly made my spirit soar!

The beautiful service of dedication will long remain with me as a memory of a truly moving and wonderful day.

With love to you and your dear ones, from Rhea, too, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Mrs. William Rudner
4654 Hemlock Lane
Memphis, TN 38117

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April 25, 1989
20 Nisan 5749

Mr. B. J. Tanenbaum, Jr.
U.D.S., Inc.
111 North Main Street
Dumas, AR 71639

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Dear Jerry:

Obviously both Edie and I missed the second P.S. on your original letter and thus no reaction to the suggested date of October 15, 1989. Indeed, it's a great time for a dedication -- immediately following Sukkot.

The date is now reserved for the Synagogue-Museum Dedication at Jacobs Camp. We can work out details as the time draws closer and I am delighted that we were able to plan for my presence on October 15. Rhea and I look forward to this wonderful occasion.

With fondest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Schindler



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April 20, 1989

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
U.A.H.C.
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. , 10021

Dear Alex:

Thank you for your letter of April 13th.

First of all, I am enclosing a copy, again, of my letter of April 7th regarding the Museum Dedication. Yes, there is a "typo" in the letter, but it is not October 22, 1989, but instead, Sunday, October 15th, as noted in the last paragraph of the "P.S.". Any possibilities?

Meanwhile, I'll check with the Jacobs Camp and see what the possibilities might be for September 16th or 17th. It seems to me that I discussed a September date with them earlier and they felt like it was not suitable.

Take a look at October 15th and please let me hear from you. *OK*

You will be very pleased to see the beautiful Museum facility at the Camp. It is first class!

I hope that you and Rhea and your family have a very happy Passover. Pat joins me in best to you and your family.

I am,

Very truly yours,

B.J. Tanenbaum, Jr.
B.J. Tanenbaum, Jr.

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April 13, 1989
8 Nisan 5749

Mr. B.J. Tanenbaum
111 North Main Street
Dumas, AR 71639

Dear Jerry:

It was good hearing from you and I thank you for sharing the clipping of the very fine interview you gave on your return from Israel. I am delighted that you were able to participate in the Solidarity Conference -- it was good having you on board.

There have been many excellent comments on your report to the Southwest Council Board. I understand you were simply marvelous and Allan Goldman and I agree that you should report on the Conference to our forthcoming UAHC Board of Trustees meeting. We are putting your name on the agenda; I trust you will agree to share your reactions with our colleagues.

The dates you have selected for the Museum dedication at our Jacobs Camp are not possible for me. They are exceedingly close to the Biennial and I have a wedding on your preferred date of Sunday, October 22nd (you noted the 25th). Will it be possible to have the ceremonies earlier? I have a rabbinic installation on Friday, September 15th and, if convenient for all concerned, I could return via Jacobs Camp and participate in the dedication some time Saturday (depending on flight schedules) or on Sunday. Do let me know if this meets with the Museum and Camp leadership.

Rhea and I join in sending fondest regards to you and Pat. Best wishes for a sweet and joyous Passover.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Allan B. Goldman, Esq.
Rabbi Daniel B. Syme



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April 7, 1989

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
U.A.H.C.
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y., 10021

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Dear Alex:

I haven't had a chance to catch my breath since I returned from Israel. I have been much in demand (overwhelming) to speak to various groups, including U.A.H.C. congregations and the Southwest Council board meeting in Jackson, Mississippi last weekend, regarding our trip to Israel for the Prime Minister's Solidarity Conference.

I am so glad that I was able to go with you. Thank you for your support and mentoring. I am enclosing a copy of a newspaper article which was taken from an interview I gave them. I am pleasantly surprised by the reporter's perceptiveness and really it is one of the few interviews I have done that I can truthfully feel the newspaper properly quoted me and let me give them certain printable facts.

Pat joins me in very best to you and Rhea. We will see you in Stamford, Connecticut.

I am,

Most sincerely,

B.J. Tanenbaum, Jr.

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PS--The Henry S. Jacobs Camp Museum dedication is set for either Friday, October 13th, Saturday, October 14th, or Sunday, October 25th. (221)

The choice of day and time can be yours. The building is wonderful. I guess a preference of time would be Sunday, October 15th, but it is your call.

Best.

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JERRY TANENBAUM

Meets with Israel Prime Minister Shamir:

Tanenbaum joins in Jewish parley

By RANDAL SEYLER

The Clarion staff

Jerry Tanenbaum of Dumas was one of the 1,600 Jewish leaders from around the world who attended a conference on Jewish solidarity with Israel's leader, Yitzhak Shamir.

The Prime Minister's Conference on Jewish Solidarity with Israel, held at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel March 20-22, featured Prime Minister Shamir and several of that country's top ministers, including Vice Premier Shimon Peres, Minister of Defense Yitzhak Rabin and Minister of Industry and Trade Ariel Sharon, meeting attentively with Jewish leaders from "practically every country in the world," Tanenbaum says.

As vice-chairman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Tanenbaum attended the Jerusalem gathering along with UAHC President, Rabbi Alexander Schindler of New York, and the president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Delores Wilkenfeld.

The event garnered national media attention, and it was deemed by Shamir as "a great success" which "demonstrated total support of all Jewish people for the State of Israel." The conference was an attempt to reconcile differences between the Orthodox Jewish com-

munity, which Tanenbaum calls a "vocal minority," and the rest of the world's leading Jewish organizations.

Shamir's solidarity conference also strategically preceded his visit to Washington D.C. by less than two weeks. As Yossi Ahimeir, director of the Prime Minister's bureau has said, "When the U.S. Administration sees that support of American Jews for Israel is diminishing, it can allow itself to take more critical positions."

Tanenbaum said he felt the conference had three distinct functions. First, it gave Shamir a chance to see how the American and world Jewish communities felt about his policies; it gave the prime minister political clout in the form of an allied Jewish front, going into his meetings this week with the Bush administration; and finally, the conference allowed the rest of the world an opportunity to understand the varied viewpoints of the Labor and Likud parties of Israel.

"Prime Minister Shamir called for this solidarity conference, an ingathering of people from all over the world, to discuss substantive issues regarding Israel's policies as they affect the rest of the world, particularly Jews living in the Diaspora (the world outside the original nation of Israel)."

The UAHC leaders attended the conference with the intention that the voice of the American Reform Judaism movement be heard on the issues discussed, especially on the controversial "Who Is A Jew?" issue and the volatile Palestine Liberation Organization situation.

At the start of the three-day meeting, stories in Israeli newspapers described a new intelligence analysis contending that the *intifadeh*, the popular uprising by Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, could not be suppressed by force. Only political measures, including talks with the PLO, would lead to a solution.

At first, Shamir denounced these stories as lies, but later his spokesman acknowledged that the intelligence report existed. While the report offered no specific recommendations, it did say the PLO could no longer be ignored.

This came two weeks after a report from the prestigious Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, which concluded that none of the long-term peace options that either Shamir or the Palestinian leadership considers acceptable have any chance of succeeding. The American Jewish Congress think-tank reported that moving beyond the status quo requires a long process of mutual accommodation starting with direct talks with the PLO and possibly ending with

the creation of a circumscribed Palestinian state.

With political pressures from the Despora community heating up and internal fallings out over the strategy of handling the PLO, Shamir has felt more and more pressure to come up with a solution to the *intifadeh*, and this conference may well have been an important part of that process.

"Israel is caught in a situation where it is constantly being judged by the world, based on what people see in the media," Tanenbaum says. "It is being judged harshly, and in some cases it should be judged harshly, but there is more to the story than what appears in the news reels."

The PLO tactics involve having young teens hurl rocks and bottles at Israel soldiers. "How much abuse can a soldier take before he lashes out?" Tanenbaum asks. "We do not condone the killing or brutalizing of children, but what is the solution?"

The Shamir government is not willing to deal with the PLO because the PLO is a terrorist organization which has foisted itself upon the people of the Gaza and the West Bank, Tanenbaum said. This self-proclaimed government has been using terrorist tactics for years to not only force the Israelis to go along

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Jerry Tanenbaum participates in international Jewish meet

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with their demands, but to maintain the loyalty of its people.

"This is not a recognized, elected, constitutional body," he comments. "The PLO is an organization that reigns by terror."

Tanenbaum had no predictions on the final outcome of the Gaza strip unrest, but speculated that the country of Jordan would have to play a big role in the final settlement of the *intifadeh*.

The political and controversial "Who is a Jew?" issue, which drew much media attention last year when ultra-Orthodox religious parties made a bid to gain exclusive power over the religious conversion of immigrants to Israel. By implication, the legitimacy of Conservative and Reform Jews would have been undermined, and those non-ultra-Orthodox Jews who were in attendance at the recent solidarity conference made their viewpoints on the conversion issue clear with Shamir.

Tanenbaum said the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community was a small, but very vocal minority. "The 'Who is a Jew' issue was a divisive political issue, and one of the principal reasons the UAHC attended the conference was to implore Shamir not to divide us.

"Shamir pledged to us that (the conversion issue) was not on his political agenda, and said he understood that it should have never been

a political issue. He urged the varied movements to resolve the issue among themselves."

Those attending the conference met with Shamir and his ministers every day of the conference, Tanenbaum said, and the meetings, which lasted from 12-15 hours each day, resulted in frank dialogue between the world's Jewish leaders and the heads of Israel's government.

"In Shamir, you have a hard line, Right-wing fighter, who has fought his way up to his present position," Tanenbaum said of the prime minister. "He has very strong beliefs and principals, and he has goals, he knows what he wants and he persistently strives toward those goals. He is a very strong leader. You have to admire somebody like that."

Tanenbaum says Shamir has one quality which separates him from most politicians; he is not a fence-rider. "You know where he is. A lot of people love him and a lot of people hate him, but they all respect him."

Shamir would like to see peace in the Gaza Strip, but he will not sacrifice the safety of Israel to achieve it, nor will he ever allow Israel to become dependent upon another power for protection.

"He is never going to put the people of Israel into the position of having to depend on other people to defend them," Tanenbaum said. "That type of situation has proven undependable, and once created the Holocaust."

*Syme Musens
Jacobs*

March 16, 1989
9 Adar II 5749

Mr. Macy B. Hart
Henry S. Jacobs Camp-UAHC
Box 16528
Jackson, MS 39236-0528

Dear Macy:

Forgive the brief note, I am off to Israel, but I do want to respond to your letter of March 6th.

The projected budget that I personally discussed with Jocelyn, was for \$540,000.00 - it was never for less. This is the figure which I worked with and this is the figure on which the 15% should be based.

I would appreciate it, therefore, if you were to transfer the sums which you owe us and which were built into your budget.

Thank you so very much. If you have any questions, please discuss them with Danny. I'll be wandering all over the face of this earth for the next month or two, but I want this matter settled certainly within this fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Daniel B. Syme
bcc: Mr. Melvin Merians
Allan B. Goldman, Esq.

This relates to the special fund raising effort for FRJ which is usually in Dan Syme's column.

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Synagogue Museum*

Rabbi Alexander M..Schindler

February 23, 1989
18 Adar I 5749

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

Rabbi Allan Smith

Your recent memo concerning the Plough grant for the "Museum for the Southern Jewish Experience" puzzles me. I had no conversations with Jocelyn concerning the 15% administrative charge. She talked to me once about the seeming delay in getting construction going and I agreed to push in her behalf. As far as I am concerned that 15% was to be billed into the cost of the project and should come from Macy. Since he received \$540.00, he should remit the appropriate sum to us as soon as possible.

Thank you.



MEMORANDUM

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From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme ✓
To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Rabbi Allan Smith
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Date Feb. 14, 1989

I enclose a copy of a letter received today from Macy Hart. This is the first that I have heard of this.

In the first instance, 15% of the \$540,000 grant is \$81,000 not \$64,000. Secondly, our budget this year depends heavily on the delivery of that entire amount by June 30th.

I would appreciate clarification at once so that we can determine what additional steps need to be taken.

Thanks.

I had had absolutely
no conversations with
Jocelyn regarding the
15% that was to be
built in with the
cost + shared one
from Macy.





February 9, 1989

Rabbi Daniel Syme
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Danny:

Thanks for your memo to me concerning the 15% on the Plough Foundation funds. I want to make sure we are all in concert with each other as to what that amount is going to be and how it is going to work. I am sure you are aware there was a conversation between Alex and Jocelyn Rudner with regard to the 15%, and that the Foundation made the decision to withhold the 15% until the Museum was completed. I do not have any extra monies to be sending at this time. We are nearing completion of the project, and probably the funds will free up, although I do not know the particulars of the conversation between Jocelyn and Alex.

The UAHC's share of this grant is \$64,000. That is the amount that was figured in the original budgeting process. I hope we will be able to deliver, not only a great portion, but possibly all of it, by the summer meeting time. In the meantime, I am counting on you for Phase 2, as you have indicated in past conversations.

The building is magnificent, as is the momentum that seems to be building. As you are aware, I am very much strapped timewise and have not been able to do a great deal of fundraising. I hope that you will come soon and see for yourself what has been accomplished, for I believe this project will generate a great deal of excitement throughout the country. I am sure you have seen the Baltimore Jewish Times article. It has brought us a wonderful amount of exposure.

Love and kisses at home.

Personal regards,

Macy B. Hart
Director

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Dr. and Mrs. Julian Wiener
Project Co-Chairmen

Vicki Reikes Fox
Project Director

David B. Grishman
Past Chairman Board of Directors
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Macy B. Hart
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February 27, 1989
22 Adar I 5749

Synagogue Music Jacob

Mr. Macy B. Hart
Director
UAHC Jacob Camp Institute
Box 16528
Jackson, MS 39236-0528

Dear Macy:

On my return from Israel, I met with Dan Syme regarding your letter about the Plough grant.

Unless I have totally lost my memory, I cannot recall ever having discussed the 15% amount or the schedule of payments with Jocelyn at any time. About a year or so, she contacted me concerning the slow pace of the building process and asked me to hurry you up and that I did, but nothing at all was discussed beyond this.

From the very beginning, we agreed that this 15% administrative fee was to be built into the cost of the project itself. This is a reasonable request, far below the administrative charges which are paid by other foundations to institutions for central administration. That sum approaches, if it does not exceed, 25%.

Be that as it may, you owe us \$81,000.00 rather than the lower sum that you indicate and I would appreciate it if you were to send it to us by June 30th. We need it desperately to make our budget this year. And, our abilities to make our budget this year will in turn determine the leeway with which we have the coming year.

Please send me written confirmation of your understanding of this deadline. We're involved in the budget processes even now and we must have your answer -- by return mail if at all possible.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

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DRAFT MEMO FROM RABBI SCHINDLER TO MACY HART

Dear Macy,

about
Upon my return from Israel, I met with Dan Syme regarding your letter to ~~him~~ *regarding*
the Plough grant.

Unless I have totally lost my memory, I cannot recall ever having discussed the 15% amount or the schedule of payments with Jocelyn at any time. Furthermore, the amount we are expecting from you by June 30th is \$81,000 rather than the lower sum which you indicate.

I would appreciate a written confirmation from you regarding your understanding of this deadline. Our budget for this year is heavily dependent upon receipt of the funds by the date indicated.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

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*This may be
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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

July 26, 1988
12 Av 5748

Mr. Aaron Hart-Manheimer

cc: Mr. Arthur Grant

The enclosed may be of interest to you. It might be a good way of telling our constituency about that special committee which we have established to create a special fund which will preserve the assets and protect the cemeteries of our dying southern congregations.

Art Grant will be able to fill you in on the scope of this committee and its membership.

cc: Art Grant

By the way, what is happening with that committee.



*Jacobs Camp
Synagogue Mass*

May 31, 1988
15 Sivan 5748

Mr. Macy B. Hart
P.O. Box 16528
Jackson, MS 39236

Dear Macy:

I am just signing a letter dated May 18, 1988, sent to you by the Plough Foundation, in which they express displeasure with the fact that there has been lack of progress in the movement toward the construction of the building at Camp Jacobs. This delay violates a promise I made in an earlier letter to the Plough Foundation, made on your assurance that the requirements would be met.

I am signing the new contract agreeing that the building be started no later than July 15, 1988. I am holding you personally responsible that this agreement will be met. I don't want to be embarrassed a second time, worse than that, I certainly don't want to lose a half a million dollars because of this needless delay.

Greetings,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Original to Plough

Xerox of signed contract to Macy.
(I have covering letter to Macy)

PLOUGH FOUNDATION

6055 Primacy Parkway, Suite 250

Memphis, TN 38119

901/761-9180

May 18, 1988

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Jackson, Mississippi 39236

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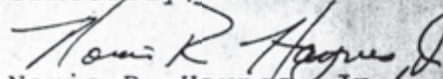
Please accept this letter as confirmation of the following action taken by the Board of Trustees of Plough Foundation at its meeting on May 17, 1988:

RESOLVED, that the Plough Foundation agree to revise the 1986 grant of \$539,220 by removing the requirement that the building be completed by June 30, 1988 with a requirement that the building be started no later than July 15, 1988. As a condition of this change, the Plough Foundation will require a copy of the construction contract and specific validation of construction costs as building progresses. That validation will be on a monthly basis and consist of copies of draw requests properly approved by the architect or other responsible party. Progress payments will be made monthly by the foundation on the basis of requests signed by Macy Hart or his successor. The foundation staff is instructed to communicate the following statement:

At their meeting on May 17, 1988, the Trustees of the Plough Foundation expressed their displeasure over the lack of progress in the movement towards the construction of the museum at Jacobs Camp and your failure to provide regular quarterly reports in a timely fashion as we have requested. The Trustees have asked us to inform you that any failure in the future, including failure to begin construction by July 15, 1988, will result in the discontinuance of the foundation support and a request for the return of funds remaining unspent.

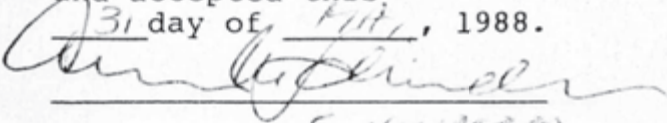
If the terms and conditions above stated are acceptable, please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter for our files.

Sincerely,


Noris R. Haynes, Jr.
Executive Director

The foregoing terms and conditions are agreed to and accepted this

31 day of April, 1988.



is the strength to be gentle
wisdom to be confused
right to be wrong on occasion
sense to know when to lose.
is the time to be patient
courage to be afraid.
is the eyes of children again
the world — a different world —
world that can still be made.

from The Tap Dance Kid
"William's Song"
Lyrics by Robert Lorick

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February 15, 1988

MEMO TO: Rabbi Allan Smith

FROM: Macy B. Hart

COPY FOR: Rabbi Alex Schindler, Rabbi Larry Jackofsky

Supposedly, I have been "on Sabbatical" but, have not found the means to actually pull it off. Originally, I had planned to vacate my office by October 1, 1987. I did not leave until the first week of November. I have already worked almost the entire month of January.

We have an enrollment problem that requires my attention now. The Museum continues to occupy a great deal of time. Our region is in need of addressing the long term financial vitality of the Camp. The list goes on. Therefore, I am going back to work after having only two real months of off time.

I see that, at this time, I cannot continue and would like to have available to me the remaining four months at a later time. Please let me have your thoughts on this as soon as possible.



Jacobs Synagogue Museum

October 1, 1987
8 Tishri 5748

Mr. Macy B. Hart, Director
UAHC Jacobs Camp Institute
Box C
Utica, MS 39175

Dear Macy:

Mazalttov to you and all of these involved in the creation of a Synagogue--Museum at the UAHC Jacobs Camp Institute. I so regret my inability to be with you for the groundbreaking ceremony but I shall be present in heart and thought and spirit.

I am certain the program on October 10 will be exciting and moving. Please convey my warm good wishes to all concerned. This endeavor is one which will have meaning for the Jewish community of the South, indeed for our total American Jewish community. When the dream is fulfilled and the Synagogue-Museum is complete it will be a storehouse of American Jewish history with a particular emphasis on the many communities of the South.

So I write to express all good wishes for a wonderful ground-breaking ceremony and for the fulfillment of the beautiful promise it bespeaks.

With warm regards to one and all and best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme
To Rabbi Frank N. Sundheim
Copies
Subject

Date Feb. 9, 1987

Dear Frank,

Alex has shared your letter to Melvin Levy with me.

I hope I can impose on you to get some information for me from the congregation, specifically:

1. Do they have a building? What will they do with it?
2. Do they have a cemetery? If so, how do they plan to maintain it?
3. What do they plan to do with the Torahs, religious objects, etc...?

These are not idle questions. In the last several months, we have received a number of proposals for a national UAHC program that would assist congregations in an orderly and dignified dissolution of their affairs.

Please get back to me as soon as possible.

Thanks, Frank.

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler



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SOUTHEAST COUNCIL

Rabbi Frank N. Sundheim

Regional Director

February 18, 1987

Melvin Levy
301 canal Street
Demopolis, Alabama 36732

Dear Mr. Levy:

When I wrote you a few weeks ago about the dissolution of your congregation, I sent a copy of my letter to Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the President of the UAHC.

I have recently received a communication from Rabbi Schindler, expressing not only his deep regrets, but his concern that the dissolution of the congregation should be done in the proper manner. Evidently, there have been several proposals within the UAHC for a national program that would assist congregations in an orderly and dignified dissolution of their affairs when this became necessary.

I am writing you this letter so that you might be able to respond better to me when I call you in a week or so (I leave shortly for a trip and will not return to my office until next week).

Rabbi Schindler is interested specifically in the following information:

- 1) Do you have a building?
- 2) What are your plans for that building?
- 3) Do you have a cemetery?
- 4) If you have a cemetery, how will you plan to maintain it?
- 5) What are your plans concerning your Torah Scrolls and other religious objects?

I am sure that you realize that these questions are asked with the hope that the UAHC will be able to assist you not only in the present situation, but in our concern that a congregation of long standing like yours, should maintain your dignity and your historic presence within the community even if an act of presence is not possible.

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Again, please know that we are ready to be of assistance to you. I look forward to talking with you in the next week or so.

Shalom,

Rabbi Frank Sundheim

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cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Abe Kaplan
enclosure



Synagogue Museum

February 11, 1987
12 Shevat 5747

Mr. Macy B. Hart, Director
UAHC Jacobs Camp Institute
Box 16528
Jackson, MS 39236-0528

Dear Macy:

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Mr. Macy B. Hart
February 11, 1987
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4/ Sacred Object Loan Program: As the Jacobs Synagogue/Museum becomes the repository of large quantities of Synagogue Sacred Objects and Art, a loan program to new congregations and havurot could be established through the facility.

There are some practical considerations. I know that the project, even within the limited scope, will require much of your time. Our Camp Directors have all had the responsibility of major development on the Camp properties. At times, some extra part time help was needed. I suggest that the same is true in this case. It might be necessary for you to have a rabbinic intern during the next year or so to help with the programmatic aspects outlined above. I believe that this can be done within the existing Grant structure. Macy, all of us know that the success of the Jacobs Camp has been related in large measure to your function as Camp Director. I do not want to jeopardize that. Your prime responsibility must be the Camp and its development. We will assist you in whatever way possible with the normal constraints of time and budget.

Please be in touch with Danny and Smitty as matters progress. Thanks for your vision and your dedication.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: David Grishman, Esq. Box 427 - 39205
Rabbi Allan Smith
Rabbi Daniel Syme

DRAFT

suggested letter to Macy with copy to David Grishman

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January 23, 1987

Ms. Ann Abadie
Mr. William Ferris
Center for the Study of Southern Culture
University, MS 38677

Dear Ann and Bill:

I certainly enjoyed being in Oxford this past week. I was quite impressed at your Center and wish we had more time to really get a grand tour. I firmly believe that there are many ways for us to work together, and hope that the work we will be doing from this end will generate significant contribution to your work.

Jacobs Camp assumed a very unique posture when it was built. It is unlike any Camp in Jewish life today. We became the lifeline for a diminishing geographic Jewish community. Through the wonderful facilities of the Camp, we are a year-round conference and retreat center where Jews from extreme minorities of one and two, ten and fifteen families, many miles from Synagogues, could gather for high level seminars presented by some of the great names in contemporary Jewish life. Since our funds are very limited, all of our speakers basically waive their fees to be with us. Most are moved by the sense of giving, as they realize that the audience they are reaching are so interested and appreciative of the opportunity.

The Camp's summer operation is the essence of the vision the community must have possessed when the idea of a Jewish Camp was pushed to reality. Many accomplishments and firsts have taken place at Jacobs Camp. We are very proud of the accomplishments of the Camp that was predicted to fail... as we enter our eighteenth year.

As the Camp became this recognized Jewish Center, the key was the sense and pride of ownership that the Jews of Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and West Tennessee felt. The Camp has grown in so many ways, but most importantly in the area as the place for the continuation of L'Dor V'Dor, from generation to generation. Through the physical plant and its offerings, the once grand communities scattered throughout the four state territory mentioned above, have continued to live on. The legacy of commitment and social responsibility to the secular community shall pass to the coming generations.

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For the last ten years, we have been the repository for several synagogues that have ceased to exist. Additionally, there are quite a few that are on the verge of extinction. Thus, we had the idea that we would build a museum/synagogue at the Camp. We would outfit the structure with the artifacts that we already possessed and new items we would receive. We began to plan this project, not knowing the immensity of the undertaking. We found quickly that we were not just going to build a physical facility. There is a tremendous opportunity to create an umbrella that can be responsible for:

1. Cemetery maintenance.
2. Presentations to schools throughout the South on the ethnicity that now does not exist or will soon be lost to their community.
3. Coffee table publications concerning people and places that are no longer extant.
4. Raising the consciousness of individuals who represent the last remnants of a Jewish community. There is a great responsibility in being the last of a culture in a secular community.
5. Creating everchanging exhibitions at the museum for the thousands of people who now come through the Camp. There are countless others who will come when the physical facility is completed.
6. The sponsorship of seminars and symposiums for the study of topics that have universal appeal and interest to a great number of people.

These are just a few of the elements of a project that has unlimited dimension and far reaching implications.

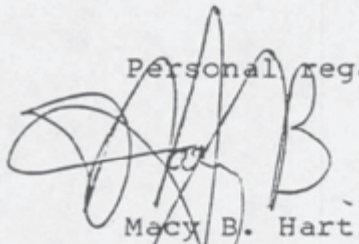
Our problem, at this time, is that we are not prepared to tackle this "event." The opportunity arose, and we moved quickly. We requested monies to just build a building and outfit it. I allowed for a part time consultant over a three year period and basically, no other funds are in our hands. As we have travelled in our planning, we have become painfully aware that we are going to fall far short in our development. Immediately, we need two full time staff members to get the project rolling. Additionally, we need without delay a photographer and an oral historian. Many of these Jewish communities are in their last two or three years. For several we have more time, for they will be here for five or six years.

The bottom line is that we need planning money, as I did not allow for that in the grant that we received. Then, we need to move ever forward to establish the elements of permanent funding for the staff people and the projects mentioned above. "Tomorrow" I need \$100,000.00 so this project can be planned on a full time and not a part time basis. This is a wonderful moment. To achieve the full potential, we need some resources to properly plan, instead of being in a quagmire of confusion.

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This attempt is unheard of in contemporary American Jewish history. Our only limitations will be those of our own imaginations. Thanks for your help.

Personal regards,


Macy B. Hart
Director
MBH:jb



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January 22, 1987

Dr. Joseph Cohen, Director
Jewish Studies Program
Newcomb College, Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118

Dear Joe:

This letter is long overdue, and I apologize for not getting to you sooner. As you can see from the enclosed letter, the enthusiasm and significance of this project has grown and grown and grown. We met with you on the first day of a trip that lasted ten days. What we found as we traveled was unbelievable.

Presently, we are in the process of developing a master plan to present to the UAHC with regard to the project. The building of an actual structure is now only one part of the program. I call your attention to the letter I have enclosed in hopes that you will give some thought as to what you feel Tulane's involvement with this project might be. When we worked together, Vicki and I mentioned graduate student assistance, etc., which is what we are going to need.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your very earliest convenience, as to how we might work together and how Tulane might be willing to aid us, as we see the scope of this project unfold. Obviously, we are looking for as many resources as we can get, not only from the financial end, but development as well.

On one of my trips last month, I was in Minnesota and spoke with Jeff. He sounded great, and I am glad that he is doing so well.

Personal regards,

Macy B. Hart
Director

MBH:jb

cc: Rabbi Daniel Syme
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The University of Mississippi

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January 12, 1987

Macy B. Hart, Director
Henry S. Jacobs Camp
P.O. Box 16528
Jackson, MS 39236

Dear Macy,

It was a special pleasure to see you at the Jacobs Camp this past month. I was very pleased with the discussions we had and look forward to meeting with you here at the Center.

As I indicated, we would very much like to develop a long-term relationship with you and your project on southern Jews. In our study of the American South we are well aware of the major contributions of Jewish families. Our forthcoming Encyclopedia of Southern Culture features entries on southern Jews by scholars such as Eli Evans.

We are also developing a major film on Ludwig Lewisohn who was one of the few Jewish novelists from the South. Born in Charleston, Lewisohn became a leader of the Zionist cause and corresponded with Freud, Einstein, and other intellectuals during the early part of this century. One of Lewisohn's relatives, Walter Lewisohn, has made major gifts of films, books, and paintings to our center. The enclosed copy of our SOUTHERN REGISTER includes a feature on Walter and his wife, Florence.

I would like to outline resources which our Center and the University might provide should you choose to work with us in developing an Archive of Southern Jewish Culture. We currently have internationally recognized programs on the American South which include archives, conferences, publications, research, and teaching components. Each of these areas has an obvious relationship to the study and preservation of southern Jewish culture.

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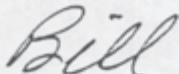
I would like to stress the fundraising potential a relationship with our Center and the University would offer your project. Since its creation in 1977, the Center has raised just under four million dollars in non-state support. Much of this support was for projects which were developed by individuals such as yourself who felt the Center was the appropriate base to develop their efforts.

Should you decide to work with us, we would assist in developing proposals, and I would personally travel with you to make presentations before foundations. We also have prominent Jewish alumni who have expressed an interest in supporting projects on southern Jewish culture at the University.

Our discussions and my visit with you at the Jacobs Camp make it increasingly clear that our respective institutions can develop a symbiotic relationship in which we will both benefit. We can assist you in developing conferences and public exhibits on at your museum, and we will develop research archives and courses on southern Jewish culture. Our Center and the history department cosponsor an annual symposium on southern history, and we might consider highlighting this project through a symposium focused on the theme of southern Jewish history. As with earlier symposia, the edited proceedings would be published and could serve as a basic text for courses on southern Jewish culture.

These are preliminary thoughts which we can discuss further during your visit on January 12th. I look forward to seeing you then and deeply appreciate your interest in our program.

Sincerely,



William Ferris
Director

cc: Chancellor et.al.
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January 22, 1987

Ms. Patti Carr Black
State Historical Museum
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
Box 571
Jackson, MS 39205

Dear Patti:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 31. I was out of my office from the December 26 until January 15, and I am just now trying to catch up with my correspondence, as well as "work". First and foremost, I am honored, flattered, and basically delighted, that this possibility exists, not only for us at the camp, but for us in the state, as well.

Now is not the perfect time for me to discuss this with you, but I would like to do that in the near future. For the next month, I am going to be hard at work in the preparation and delivery of the master plan of our project to our national offices in New York. We have come so far since the meeting with all of you at the Department of Archives and History.

What we are now trying to accomplish is far greater than just a building with a museum. We are launching an umbrella structure that will administer the museum, as well as, several full time people. What we are doing is unique to the Jewish community and has, therefore, gotten a lot of attention since our meeting. At that time, you will remember, we were just beginning the first planning trip. Since that time many miles have been traveled by quite a few of us.

So, please put us down as very interested, but not committed, until I can know more about whether or not we can

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Department of Archives and History, but to the group itself.

Thanks again for thinking of us.

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Director

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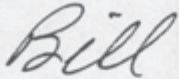
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Our discussions and my visit with you at the Jacobs Camp make it increasingly clear that our respective institutions can develop a symbiotic relationship in which we will both benefit. We can assist you in developing conferences and public exhibits on at your museum, and we will develop research archives and courses on southern Jewish culture. Our Center and the history department cosponsor an annual symposium on southern history, and we might consider highlighting this project through a symposium focused on the theme of southern Jewish history. As with earlier symposia, the edited proceedings would be published and could serve as a basic text for courses on southern Jewish culture.

These are preliminary thoughts which we can discuss further during your visit on January 12th. I look forward to seeing you then and deeply appreciate your interest in our program.

Sincerely,



William Ferris
Director

cc: Chancellor et.al.
Ann Abadie
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December 31, 1986

HENRY S. JACOBS

Mr. Macy B. Hart, Director
Henry S. Jacobs Camp
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Dear Macy:

I hope plans for the Jewish History Museum are moving swiftly and successfully. I know that it will be a facility that Mississippi will be extremely proud of. An idea has occurred to me that I would like for you to consider.

I think your museum, its setting, and its development, would be of great interest to the museum profession. Would you be interested in hosting the 1990 or 1991 annual meeting of the Southeastern Museums Conference?

Approximately 300 attend the four-day meeting. The cost of the registration should cover all of the expenses that you would have (exclusive of your staff time). Lodging is charged separately to each participant. The SEMC program committee always arranges a high-caliber program of professional interest and a local arrangements committee assists the host.

Normally the group meets in a city that can offer tours of several museums. We can arrange bus trips to Jackson, Vicksburg and Natchez to accomplish that. Normally the entertainment is "city" entertainment: drinks and hors d'oeuvres and musical groups. I think many wonderful entertainments could be devised at your camp, including some sports activities and outdoor cooking. There may be logistical problems that I have not considered.

If you are at all interested in this possibility, I would love to come down and talk to you about it. A formal invitation would need to be extended at the 1987 meeting which will be in Virginia in September and then the in-coming president would probably make a visit.



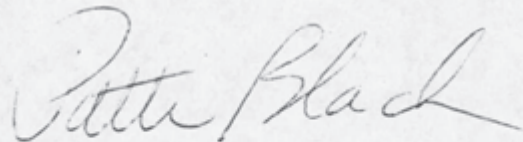
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Mr. Macy B. Hart
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If you are too swamped to think about this yet, I will understand and bring it up again later.

Let me know what's going on down there.

Sincerely yours,



Patti Carr Black, Director
State Historical Museum

PCB/dm
cc: Elbert Hilliard
Mary Lohrenz





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HENRY S. JACOBS CAMP

Dear Macy,

It was a special pleasure to finally meet you in Greenwood. I am very excited about the research you are developing on Jewish Culture in the South. It is long overdue and you can rely on our Center for full support in this important work.

Kathryn and Julian Wiener and I spoke at length about ways the Center might assist you. We would be happy to provide research archives, assist in fundraising, and coordinate our academic programs to support the Henry S. Jacobs Camp and the projects you are directing.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss these ideas in more detail if you wish. We would also like to feature you as a speaker at one of our Wednesday Brown Bag Lectures. If you let us know a time you would prefer we will publicize the program.

On my next trip home I will try to visit with you. I look forward to seeing the Henry S. Jacobs Camp and hope you can come over to our farm for a visit with our family over the holidays.

Enclosed are materials on our Center which give an overview of our work. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Bill

William Ferris
Director

WF/rw

encl.

cc: Kathryn & Julian Wiener

*P.S. Thanks for your recent call.
I look forward to seeing you
soon.*

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

July 24, 1986

Aron Hirt-Manheimer

Albert Vorspan

CAMP JACOBS SYNAGOGUE/MUSEUM

The Plough Foundation grant to the UAHC Jacobs Camp Institute and the plans attendant upon it, that is to say the purpose for which it was given, ought to be given extensive coverage in REFORM JUDAISM. As you know, Al, something more than just another building for one of our camps is involved here. The new Chapel will also be something of a museum focussing on the religious life of Southern Jewry and preserving the records, memorabilia and ritual objects of congregations which have either been dissolved or are in the process of being dissolved because of the harsh demographic facts of life.

Macy has all of the plans and I have asked him to send them to you, Aron. This story should be told to others.

Macy told me that Jocelyn Rudner and the Plough Foundation do not want us to use their names. I am going to try to reverse this decision but for the moment at least please do not give names, the gift will remain anonymous. The grant, as you know exceeds \$500,000.

Thanks.

