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Nata

February 3, 1987

Harold Press, F.T.A.  
Temple Emanuel  
280 May Street  
Worcester, MA 01602

Dear Harold:

I want to formally take issue with the thesis put forth by Solomon H. Friend in his letter to you of January 22 in regard to non-Jewish members of NATA. To start with, Mr. Friend cites neither federal or state laws and/or decisions of federal and/or state agencies as to whether NATA would be "discriminating" against non-Jews if they were barred ~~them~~ from serving on NATA's Board or as an officer.

If you go to NATA's constitution, Article III, PURPOSES, you'll find that number one is "To Foster Reform Judaism and its religious, cultural and social activities in our Reform Houses of Worship". Further, I believe that the UAHC, of which NATA is an affiliate, is a "religious" institution and so defines itself to the IRS in acquiring its 501 (c) (3) designation.

I do hope you will pursue this matter with Mr. Friend and will keep me informed as to what transpires.

Sincerely,

Myron E. Schoen, F.T.A.

MES/rte

cc: Mr. Albert Vorppan and Ms. Edith J. Miller

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January 22, 1987

Mr. Harold Press  
Temple Emanuel  
280 May Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 06102

Dear Mr. Press:

We are in receipt of a letter from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations requesting our opinion regarding membership of non-Jewish administrators in NATA. Specifically, our opinion was requested as to whether it would be appropriate to provide all rights and privileges of membership to non-Jewish members with the exception of service on the Executive Board and election to an office.

As we see it, there seems to be no purpose in offering a restricted membership to non-Jewish members. NATA does not perform any religious functions of uniquely Jewish practice or rituals. NATA is purely a professional organization composed of Jewish administrative personnel, who happen to be employed by Temples.

To create a separate and inferior class of membership in NATA by excluding non-Jewish administrators from membership would "open a can of worms" and raise serious questions of discrimination which could prove embarrassing, even if not illegal.

Frankly, if Temple administrators are eligible for membership in NATA, a professional organization, membership should carry with it equal privileges, rights and obligations, irrespective of religious denomination. It is simply not appropriate for a professional organization such as NATA to create two classes of membership solely on the basis of religion, especially where the professional organization is an affiliate of UHAC, an organization which has never countenanced religious discrimination.

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Mr. Harold Press  
Temple Emanuel  
January 22, 1987  
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I am sure you recognize that restricting membership in a Synagogue to persons of the Jewish faith presents an entirely different situation because the Synagogue engages in religious practices which are unique to the Reform movement. However, to apply that practice to a purely professional organization is an entirely different matter, not so much one of law, as of practicality and good judgment.

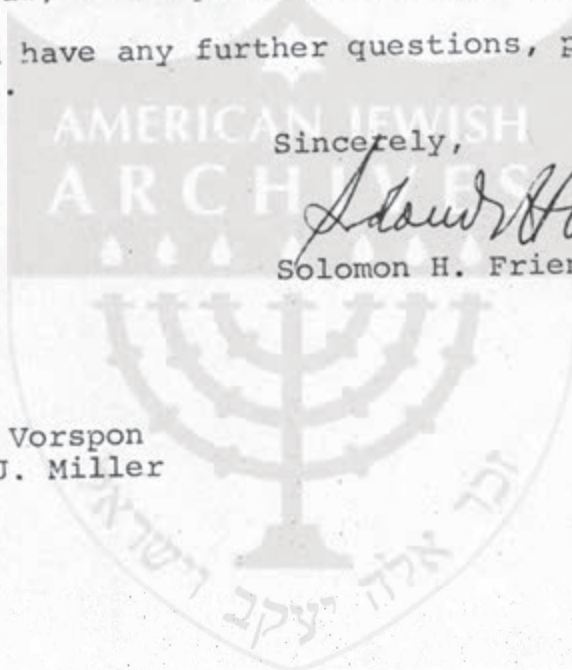
If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

  
Solomon H. Friend

SHF:md

cc: / Mr. Albert Vorspon  
Ms. Edith J. Miller





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January 21, 1987  
20 Tevet 5747

Solomon H. Friend, Esq.  
575 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Sol:

Harold Press, president of NATA, called to ask that we submit a query to you in behalf of NATA, an affiliate of the UAHC.

Some years ago they had a problem in regard to rights and privileges of non-Jewish members of this professional organization. They want to change their Constitution and By-Laws but do not want to do anything which might be considered discriminatory. They would like to provide all rights and privileges of membership with the exception of service on the Executive Board and election to an Office.

Your response on this would be appreciated and in writing. Harold is the Administrator of Temple Emanuel, 280 May Street, Worcester, MA 01602 and in the interest of time he would appreciate your comments directed to his office. Please also copy our office as we will want to know your response.

Synagogue Constitutions and By-Laws do sometimes allow for such exceptions but since NATA is a professional organization there might be a differing opinion, even though they are a UAHC affiliate.

With many thanks and fond regards to you and Channa, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller  
Assistant to the President

cc: Mr. Harold Press, F.T.A.  
Mr. Albert Vorspan



NATE

January 8, 1987  
7 Tevet 5747

Mr. Robert E. Tornberg, R.J.E.  
The Temple-Congregation B'nai Jehudah  
712 East 69th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64131

Dear Bob:

I was delighted to learn that you have been elected president of the National Association of Temple Educators. Mazal tov and every good wish on this wonderful tribute on the part of your colleagues of NATE. It bespeaks the admiration, esteem and affection in which you are held by the Educators of our Movement.

I am also delighted that by virtue of this office you ~~now~~ become a member of the Board of Trustees of the UAHC. It will be exceedingly good to have you participate in our deliberations and decision making processes. I know that you bring many fine qualities of heart and mind to this important responsibility and I look forward to working in ever closer association with you in the years ahead.

By now I trust you have received information on our forthcoming Executive Committee meeting on February 2, 1987 and the Board of Trustees meeting here in New York on June 12-14, 1987. It is my hope you will be able to attend both of these sessions and I look forward to greeting you personally. Until then, fond regards and every good wish.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



January 6, 1987

Mr. Robert E. Tornberg, R.J.E.  
The Temple-Congregation B'nai Jehudah  
712 East 69 Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64131

Dear Robert:

I want to personally and officially congratulate you on your election as president of the National Association of Temple Educators, and to welcome you, by virtue of that office, as a member of the UAHC Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee.

The date for the next meeting of the Executive Committee is February 2, 1987, and we are enclosing a meeting notice and response card. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place the weekend of June 12-14, 1987, and details of that meeting will be sent to you shortly.

I look forward to seeing you at these meetings and to extending a personal welcome.

Cordially,

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

cc: Rabbi Michael R. Zedek

bcc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Mr. Nelson Cohen  
Rabbi James L. Simon  
Rabbi Howard I. Bogot  
Rabbi Daniel B. Syme



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January 8, 1987  
7 Tevet 5747

Mr. Kenneth A. Midlo  
Congregation Beth Israel  
5600 N. Braeswood Blvd.  
Houston, Texas 77096

Dear Ken:

It has been good having you serve on the Board of the UAHC and I am deeply grateful for all of your efforts in our behalf. Now that you are an "elder statesman" in NATE your successor will replace you on our Board. I shall regret not seeing you as often as has been the case in the past. But I am deeply grateful for that service that you give to our Movement. I know it will not be diminished in the years ahead.

With warm regards in which Rhea joins, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



January 6, 1987

Mr. Kenneth A. Midlo  
Congregation Beth Israel  
5600 N. Braeswood Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77096

Dear Ken:

I am indeed sorry that your term as president of the National Association of Temple Educators has come to an end, and with it, your membership as an ex-officio member of the UAHC Board of Trustees.

On behalf of all of us at the UAHC, permit me to express my gratitude for the service you have given to the cause of Reform Judaism as a member of our Board of Trustees.

I hope that your interest in our many varied programs will continue undiminished and I look forward to continued close association in the work of the Union and the Reform movement.

With warm goodwishes.

Cordially,

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

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bcc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Mrs. Davna Brook  
Rabbi Lawrence Jackofsky  
Rabbi Howard Bogot  
Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Howard I. Bogot  
To Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Copies  
Subject *NATE*

Date 8/29/85

Dear Alex-

Thank you for your comments regarding Eric Feldheim. A number of months ago he discussed his availability with me. The only project which could benefit from his management skills would have been a National Teacher Certification but I have already assigned this task to Paul Yedwab, our rabbinic intern, and to a special committee of NATE. I will stay alert, however, to his readiness for service.

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*cc Bob +*



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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

August 21, 1985

Rabbi Howard Bogot

bc: Gilbert Tilles

As you may know, Eric Feldheim is retiring from his post as educational director of Temple Beth El, Great Neck. Gil Tilles called to ask me whether there is not some way in which we could use Eric. As Gil notes, "he does not need much money," but he probably has something to contribute to our work. As I recall him from our association, he is rather conservative and a bit rigid but, on the other hand, he is a talented and knowledgeable educator. In any event, I bring his availability to your attention in the hope that you will at least explore this possibility with Eric. Please also keep me posted in this connection.



Gil, I'll keep you posted.

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January 8, 1985

Mr. Kenneth A. Midlo  
Congregation Beth Israel  
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Dear Ken:

Mazal tov and all good wishes on your election to the presidency of NATE. This is a wonderful development for you and the organization and I am delighted that you will be serving in this leadership role.

It is especially pleasing to be able to welcome you to service on the Board of Trustees of the UAHC as NATE's representative. I know that you will have much to contribute to our deliberations and decision making processes and I am delighted that you will now be a part of our Board and Executive Committee. It will be grand to have you in our midst.

With best wishes and warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



January 3, 1984

Mr. Kenneth A. Midlo  
Congregation Beth Israel  
5600 N. Braeswood Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77096

Dear Ken:

I want to personally and officially congratulate you on your election as president of the National Association of Temple Educators, and to welcome you, by virtue of that office, as a member of the UAHC Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee.

The date for the next meeting of the Executive Committee is February 4, 1984, and we are enclosing a meeting notice and response card. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place May 17-19, 1985, and details of that meeting will be sent to you in due course.

I look forward to seeing you at these meetings and extending a personal welcome.

Cordially,

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

cc: Rabbi Samuel E. Karff

bcc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Mrs. Davna Brook  
Rabbi Lawrence I. Jackofsky  
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January 7, 1985

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

On behalf of the Officers, Board, Conference Committee and members of NATE, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation with our recent Conference. It was so good having you with us and the feedback from your talk was more than positive.

I look forward to seeing you again soon.

With kind regards,

L'Shalom,

*Zena W. Sulkes*

Zena W. Sulkes  
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December 31, 1984

Rabbi Joel I. Wittstein  
TemplesIsrael  
5725 Walnut Lake Road  
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Dear Joel:

Just a note to thank you for all of your courtesies during my visit to the NATE Convention. You were kind in every way and your introduction was elegant.

I'm exceedingly pleased by what I see in NATE. You certainly have grown over the years, and I meant what I said: Your contributions toward the advancement of our cause is considerable and merits applause.

Much good luck as you progress in your work. Obviously, if there is anything I can do to help you, just let me know.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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April 4, 1984

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President  
Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr., Chairman  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Board of N.A.T.E., I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 30 and to thank you for extending to us your approval and congratulations for our decision not to accredit a non-UAHC congregational school.

May I assure you, however, that the decision was a very difficult one to reach in this particular matter since the educator is an active member of N.A.T.E. serving on our Nominations Committee. I have heard (though I have not spoken with her) that she is quite upset with our decision and that her School Committee is considering forcing her to resign in protest from N.A.T.E. or withdrawing funds allowing her to attend the annual conference.

The decision, which seemed a logical and fair one, has thus placed one of our members in "the middle," and stirred up a considerable controversy. It may well lead to a happy ending, but, at the moment, things are not pleasant. Please do know that the decision will stand and has merely taught us to check carefully for what seemed to be a given: congregational membership in the UAHC.

Again, thank you for your letter. We needed that statement of support when it arrived.

Sincerely,

*Joel*  
Rabbi Joel Wittstein, President

cc- Sandra Ross, Chairperson, Accreditation and Consultation

PS - Please address all mail to my home address in Union Lake, MI



NATE ✓

March 30, 1984

Rabbi Joel I. Wittstein  
President, NATE  
c/o Temple Israel  
5725 Walnut Lake Road  
West Bloomfield, MI 48033

Dear Joel:

A movement is as strong as all of its parts. Our Reform movement is strengthened in so many ways by the National Association of Temple Educators; it is a very special part of our Union family.

It was heartening to learn of the decision made by the Officers and Board of NATE not to accredit non-UAHC congregations. We write to express our gratitude for this indication of the full hearted support of NATE. We applaud you for advising Am Shalom of Morton Grove, Illinois that they cannot be accredited until and unless they become a UAHC member congregation. Many thanks.

With warm regards and all good wishes for a sweet and meaningful Pesach, we are

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler  
President

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board



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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, F.R.E.,  
President  
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Dear Alex:

On behalf of the members of NATE, Joel and Ken join me in thanking you for taking time from your extremely busy schedule to meet with us last Wednesday afternoon.

As I indicated at the outset of our meeting, NATE has gone on record with its membership informing them of the beauty and the practicality of presenting a copy of THE TORAH, A Modern Commentary, to each B'nai Mitzvah. At the same time, the utilization of the individual Sedras will prove invaluable to those involved in B'nai Mitzvah instruction. We are grateful for your insight in fostering this magnificent piece of scholarship.

I am sure, Alex, that many important meetings have been held in the Office of the President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations during these past 28 years that NATE has been an affiliate. But, obviously, in our opinion, no meeting was as historic as last week's. As I mentioned, NATE now numbers approximately 550 members, a growth in just the past two years of 100 members! Obviously, the employment by NATE of a full-time executive becomes more than a wish. It must be a reality if NATE is to be responsive to its membership. The NATE Board has re-affirmed this necessity on two separate occasions.

Therefore, I would like to summarize the major points concerning our conversation so that we are aware of the course of action NATE will now pursue. In addition this will allow me to report to our Ad Hoc Committee on the Employment of a Full-Time NATE Executive an accurate picture of our conversation. The Ad Hoc committee will meet in Cleveland, Monday, November 29, 1982, to discuss two areas. First, a job-description, and second, the question of funding the position. At that time, I will inform the group that NATE can raise



Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, F.R.E.  
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funds from foundations and/or individuals as it chooses. It is our understanding that the only avenue not available to us is the \$1.00 or \$5.00 "add-ons" to individual congregants through the payment of their temple and UAHC dues. If we are successful in our efforts, it is indeed possible that we will utilize the UAHC Endowment and Trust Department. While there would be a monthly service charge for this service, that which accrues to NATE will be for the sole use of NATE in this important project..

In addition, NATE will contact legal counsel to further investigate the IRS rulings (and implications) of having a NATE member who receives the title of Reform Jewish Educator "invested" for the purpose of tax and parsonage advantages. After very careful discussion with outside counsel, with Rabbi David Saperstein in Washington, and with the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and provided there are no obstacles, we are pleased that the UAHC would consider being the parent body to grant this investiture.

And, we will contact Dr. Alfred Gottschalk directly concerning the New York School of Education. It is a wise suggestion and we thank you for your guidance.

Finally, please know that NATE stands ready to assist you in any manner that we can...as resource people, as discussion leaders, as workshop participants... at the next UAHC General Assembly meeting in Houston. I will convey this also to Donald Day and to Dr. Paul Vanek, Chairperson of the Program Committee, of which I am a member.

Alex, again we thank you for your time. More important, though, we thank you for your support and your counsel as NATE takes this giant step with the cooperation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to build an even stronger, more meaningful and ever dedicated affiliate of Reform Judaism.

Cynthia joins me in our very best wishes to Rhea and to you.

Shalom,



Richard M. Morin, F.R.E.  
President

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October 5, 1981

Ms. Audrey Friedman Marcus, F.R.E.  
4505 South Yosemite Street #365  
Denver, Colorado 80237

Dear Audrey:

This letter will undoubtedly await your return from abroad and what I hope was a rewarding and exciting journey. Alex is still out-of-the-country and so I am responding in his behalf.

Per your request, I enclose herewith his bio and three glossy photos. As to special requirements, it would be helpful if you could arrange to have a lavalier microphone available for Alex. Other than that I can't think of any special needs but will let you know if he has any requests.

It's a bit too early to share travel plans with you. We'll provide details at the earliest and I am certain he will try to work out his plans to provide time for some radio and television interviews.

With best wishes for the New Year and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller  
Assistant to the President

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October 1, 1981

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
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Dear Alex:

Thank you for your response to my letter regarding the title of your banquet speech for N.A.T.E. in December. We will not be going to press with the program booklet until November 15, so if you should have a brilliant idea for a title, please send it on. I would prefer to have you dream it up than put in something general!

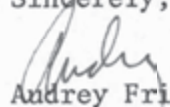
I would appreciate it if you would send a bio and 3 black and white glossy photographs at your earliest convenience. Additionally, I would ask that you fill in the enclosed equipment sheet, particularly the arrival time at the bottom.

We would very much like to set up an appearance or two with a television or radio station and would like your permission to arrange this. It is especially necessary to know when you are arriving in order to facilitate this.

There will be a speaker's folder awaiting you at the Registration Desk with last minute information and directions for picking up special materials, etc. While the Conference is far away to be thinking of all of these details, I am leaving next week for five weeks abroad and need to have everything at my fingertips on my return.

Again, we are looking forward very much to your visit and talk. It is always a pleasure to have you with us at N.A.T.E. Fred joins in warm regards,

Sincerely,

  
Audrey Friedman Marcus, F.R.E.  
Program Coordinator

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Banquet

Address Title: \_\_\_\_\_

~~Workshop Title:~~ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name as you wish it to appear on the program: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Needed:

\_\_\_\_\_ 16mm film projector

\_\_\_\_\_ 35mm slide projector (state what kind and whether you need slide trays)

\_\_\_\_\_ screen

\_\_\_\_\_ blackboard

\_\_\_\_\_ flip board

\_\_\_\_\_ Magic Markers

\_\_\_\_\_ tape recorder

\_\_\_\_\_ blank cassette

\_\_\_\_\_ videotape equipment (be specific)

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\_\_\_\_\_ tables for display (state how many and what size)

\_\_\_\_\_ paper/pencils

Room Set-up:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairs in a circle

\_\_\_\_\_ Theatre style

\_\_\_\_\_ Round tables and chairs

\_\_\_\_\_ U-shape

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (describe)

Handouts:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will send you my handouts for duplication by December 1, 1981.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will run off my own handouts and bring them to the Conference.

Information for speakers will be available at the Registration Desk. Please pick up your folder there.

ARRIVAL TIME: Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Airline \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_



October 26, 1981

Ms. Robin L. Eisenberg  
Temple Beth El  
333 S.W. 4th Avenue  
Boca Raton, FL 33432

Dear Robin:

In response to your letter of October 19, I am pleased to enclose herewith some biographical data for your use in coordinating the gathering of proceedings for the 1981 NATE Conference.

It's a bit too early to provide any typed highlights from my address. I simply have not had an opportunity to begin working on this assignment and thus I have nothing to share with you at the moment. I will keep your requirements in mind and as we get closer to the Conference I will seek to send you some highlights from my address.

I look forward to seeing you in December, until then my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# TEMPLE BETH EL

OF BOCA RATON

October 19th, 1981

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

As a member of the 1981 NATE Conference Committee, it is my pleasure to inform you that you are going to be part of a most exciting experience in Jewish Education. The Conference theme, "Spiritual and Professional Concerns For The 1980's," will attempt to involve our educators in these two critical areas.

My job on the Conference Committee will be to gather the proceedings of the Conference. The greater portion of my job will be done in early 1982. However, some groundwork now will make that job much easier then.

As a major speaker at the Conference, you will have the opportunity to address the Conference as a whole. I'm sure you realize the potential impact that your presentation could have. The proceedings will attempt to capture the highlights of the Convention, and certainly included in those highlights will be your address. I'd appreciate receiving from you - prior to the Convention - autobiographical information as well as typed highlights of your speech.

Speeches will be recorded, but the information you "feed" me will help make the proceedings as valuable as possible, since the highlights will be in your own words.

I look forward to the Conference as a real step in professionalizing the National Association of Temple Educators - and your contribution will certainly add to that goal.

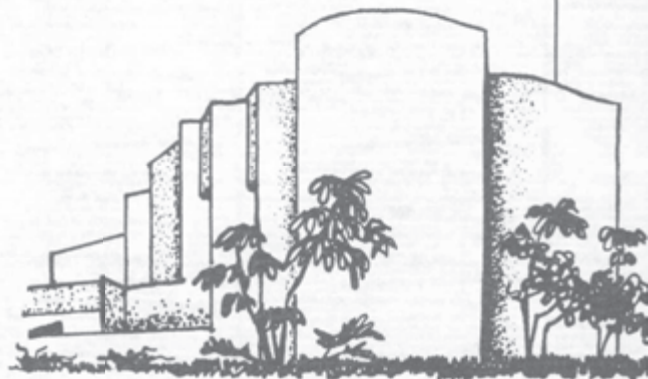
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Robin L. Eisenberg*

Robin L. Eisenberg  
1981 NATE Conference Committee

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September 8, 1981

Ms. Audrey Friedman Marcus  
4505 South Yosemite Street  
Suite 365  
Denver, CO 80237

Dear Audrey:

Many thanks for sending me the advanced publicity on the forthcoming N.A.T.E. Conference. I am grateful for your thoughtfulness.

At the moment my mind is in 99 other places and I really don't even have an idea for a title for my banquet address. If you must have one perhaps you can come up with something general which will allow me leeway in terms of what I am to say. If not, than you might just include in the program that I will give the banquet address and leave it untitled. I leave that decision up to you.

Rhea joins me in sending fondest regards to you and Fred and our best wishes for the New Year, may it be healthy, happy and fulfilling in every way.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Dear Alex:

We thought you would enjoy seeing the advance publicity on the December N.A.T.E. Conference! We are all delighted that you will once again be with us and all are looking forward to the occasion.

In order that we can have more complete information for the Registration packet which will go out shortly, I would appreciate it if you would send me the title of your banquet address. Please mail this to me at home, 4505 South Yosemite Street #365, Denver, Colorado 80237. Thank you in advance for this help.

Both Fred and I join in sending you and Rhea and the children our fond regards and warm wishes for a happy, healthy, fulfilling and sweet new year.

Sincerely,

Audrey Friedman Marcus  
Program Coordinator

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no idea  
at now.

27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE -- DENVER, COLORADO

December 25 -- 29, 1981



***Tie this string around your finger and  
remember these important dates:***

December 23-25, 1981 - Pre-Conference Kallah on Jewish Literature

December 25-29, 1981 - The Great N.A.T.E. Conference

Downtown Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colorado



***Conference Theme:***

***"Spiritual and Professional Concerns for the 80's"***

**Ten Reasons Why the Denver N.A.T.E. Conference is a Must:**

1. **IN-DEPTH LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH EXCITING SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RABBI LAWRENCE A. HOFFMAN.** Professor of Liturgy at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, Rabbi Hoffman is the Editor of *Gates of Understanding* and the Chairperson of the Liturgy Committee of the C.C.A.R. His seminars are fresh, fascinating and involving.
2. **DEMONSTRATIONS BY EXCEPTIONAL MASTER TEACHERS.** Participants will watch Master Teachers translate content into instruction, then analyze the lesson in terms of such issues as learning styles, age appropriateness and the relationship between models and outcomes.
3. **A CHANCE TO WRITE CURRICULUM BASED ON RABBI HOFFMAN'S MODULES.** In small groups, Naters will arrive at concepts, goals and objectives, then write a lesson based on a specific text. Lessons will be collected and published for use in our schools.
4. **WORKSHOPS ON 15 AREAS OF CONCERN TO THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR.** Sessions will be led by knowledgeable and talented Naters in such areas as Administration; Ethics and Personnel Practices; Contract Negotiations; Stress Management; Synagogue Staff and Board Relations; Parent Involvement; Interviewing, Hiring and Training Teachers; Placement; Getting and Keeping a New Job; Educational Resources.
5. **OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS ON VITAL ISSUES.** The impressive list of speakers includes such dynamic personalities as Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Rabbi Daniel B. Syme, Dr. William Cutter, Rabbi Raymond A. Zwerin, Sara Lee and Rabbi Howard Bogot.
6. **PRE-CONFERENCE KALLAH ON JEWISH LITERATURE.** Members will expand their horizons in a unique and stimulating two track *kallah* with outstanding scholars Sara Lee, Dr. Stuart Kelman, Dr. William Cutter and Dr. Michael Zeldin. Co-sponsored by H.U.C. with credit available!
7. **SHABBAT SERVICES AT BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE EMANUEL.** Led by Senior Rabbi Steven E. Foster, services will include participation by all local Reform congregations and will be preceded by a delightful Shabbat dinner hosted by Temple Emanuel.
8. **EXHIBITS, FILM SHOWINGS AND TEACHER CENTER.** Participants will have an opportunity to examine firsthand texts and materials from major Jewish publishers. They will preview exciting films, as well as make and take home materials for their schools in a Teacher Center organized by Anita Wenner of the Central Agency for Jewish Education in Denver.
9. **FABULOUS ENTERTAINMENT.** Conference goers will enjoy Ossie Sladek and the fantastic Shir Ami Singers in concert and will watch and participate in a dance experience with Zahava Koll and her exceptional dance group.
10. **SUPER PROGRAM FOR SPOUSES AND FAMILIES.** There'll be a trip to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs with its famed three chapels and a walking tour of Denver, the Capitol and the State Historical Society Museum. Arrangements can also be made for one day trips to exceptional nearby ski areas.



**THE DENVER N.A.T.E CONFERENCE HAS NEARLY  
EVERYTHING — ALL IT NEEDS IS YOU!  
BE THERE IN DENVER!**

**Watch for your Registration Packet in September  
Call Your Travel Agent Today!**

*"And you shall tread upon the high places . . ."*

*(Deuteronomy 33:29)*



**Rocky Mountain Chai**  
Hilton Hotel  
Denver, Colorado

December 23-25, 1981 — Pre-Conference Kallah

December 25-29, 1981 — National Association of Temple Educators Conference



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Dear Alex:

I am delighted to learn from our N.A.T.E. Conference Committee that you will be joining us during our meeting in Denver this December.

I do not recall how many times you have addressed our gatherings since you became associated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, either as Director of Education, Vice-President, and now, President. It really is immaterial.

What is important, however, is your involvement with N.A.T.E. and your continuing concern and constant commitment to the field of Jewish Religious Education.

I am pleased that you are taking time from your hectic schedule to be with us.

Warmest wishes from home to home.

Shalom,

Richard M. Morin, F.R.E.  
President

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29 Tevet 5740  
January 18, 1980

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

Dear Alex :

The members of the National Association of Temple Educators join me in expressing our sincerest thanks for your participation in our recent 25th annual conference. Your and Rhea's presence at the opening session, your as always thought provoking and deeply inspiring address at the closing banquet, the gracious reception Rhea and you tendered to our board and our past-presidents, and most of all your ongoing interest in our affairs are warmly appreciated. We were proud to have you in our midst.

Personally, I must add my gratitude for the warm and kind words with which your honored me in front of my colleagues. They touched my very soul.

Audrey joins me in sending our warmest personal regards to Rhea, you and the children.

Bivrachah,

*Handwritten signature: Fred*

Fred W. Marcus  
President

FWM/ms



*Education*

January 17, 1980

Ms. Nachama Skolnik  
Director of Religious Education  
Temple Israel  
2004 East 22nd Place  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114

Dear Nachama:

I am loath to turn over the Camp Department to the directorship of the Department of Education. I consider the latter more of a thought and resources development department than a programmatic department. And, the supervision of the camps requires not only substance but a history of administrative responsibilities which would drown the Education Department and deflect it from its real task.

This is not to say that formal and informal education are not related. Quite the contrary, in the development of its new curriculum, the Education Department has been charged with the planning of a "map" in which the educational effort of our camps will be fully developed and integrated into the overall education effort.

I therefore feel that the best way of making this possible is to have an interlocking directorship. Steve, Smitty and Danny work very closely together. Camp people are on the Education Commission and Education people serve on the Camp Commission. This kind of cooperation has to provide the desired result.

With appreciation for your having shared your concerns with me and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



# Temple Israel

2004 East Twenty-Second Place Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114 (918) 747-1309

Rabbi  
Charles Philip Sherman  
Rabbi Emeritus  
Norbert L. Rosenthal  
Cantor  
Harry Sebran

January 9, 1980

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing to you in my capacity as chairperson of NATE's Camping and Youth committee. In a recent meeting, members discussed the importance of UAHC camping in relation to a child's informal educational experiences. Though our camps do fulfill social needs for Jewish children (and adults) they even more so serve an educational role. This being the case, committee members have asked why the UAHC Camps do not fall under the Department of Education, but are rather affiliated with NFTY?

From my own work with Steve Makoff at UAHC Camp Swig and my educational responsibilities in the regional office, I can see the benefit of Steve's involvement with both NFTY and Swig. Yet, my own direct contact with the Educational Department was extremely helpful in developing the camp program.

With the implementation of the new curriculum, the link between UAHC camps and affiliate religious schools could and should be strengthened to provide our youth with an integrated summer and winter Jewish education. It has been difficult enough establishing the informal link between my NATE committee and the UAHC's Camping and Youth Department. Paul Reichenbach's participation at the NATE Conference, addressing the plenum and leading a workshop with me on "Schools and Camps" was an important step in creating the bond, and much appreciated by NATE'rs. He did an excellent job representing the UAHC camps to them.

NATE's Camping and Youth Committee members realize that while our discussions were internal to our committee, we do represent a cross-section of Jewish educators who feel strongly about the di-





rection our camps are taking. The question, then, is brought informally to you. "Can the bonds between the Department of Education and Camping and Youth be strengthened, with the hope that a greater educational link be created between regional UAHC camps and the congregations they serve?" We, of course, realize the "political" ramifications of such a question are many.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Fred Marcus and Leonard Kramish since the committee is responsible to them.

Sincerely yours,

*Nachama*

Nachama Skolnik,  
Director of Religious Education



Edith J. Miller

Dec. 18, 1979

Joshua Dwork

As per the enclosed please issue a check in the sum of \$2500 to Rabbi Howard Bogart for his assistance as Consultant to the Department of Education. This amount is due on January 15, 1980.

When it is ready send it to Danny for transmittal. We will be getting a grant which will cover this allocation - so for the time being, charge the amount as you see fit and then we can make the necessary bookkeeping correction.

Thank you.

cc: Rabbi Daniel Syme

Enc.



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Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
UAHC Department of Education

Alex -

\$2500 of the \$5000  
we promised to  
Bogot as his  
Consultantship is  
due January 15th.  
would you please  
order the check and  
charge it to wherever  
it's to come from.  
I'll get it to Bogot.

THANKS,

Dan

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Only

# C O N S T I T U T I O N

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEMPLE EDUCATORS

(revised 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1972)

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of this association shall be NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEMPLE EDUCATORS, a duly constituted affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and shall hereinafter be referred to as NATE.

### ARTICLE II

#### Aims and Purposes

The need for professional leadership, capable of guiding the educational growth and development of the Jewish community within the ranks of Reform Judaism, determines the aims and purposes of NATE, as follows:

1. To promote and to assist in the growth and development of Jewish religious education consistent with the aims of Reform Judaism, as promulgated by the Commission on Jewish Education of the CCAR-UAHC.
2. To stimulate communal interest in and responsibility for Jewish religious education.
3. To represent the Temple Educator within the general body of Reform Judaism and to foster and encourage the full-time profession of Temple Educator.

### ARTICLE III

#### Functions

Therefore, the functions of NATE shall be:

1. To advance the understanding and development of Reform Judaism and its educational system by
  - (a) co-operating in the programming of workshops in education at regional and national conferences of UAHC and its affiliates;
  - (b) maintaining a Placement Service for the placement of educators in full-time positions;
  - (c) assisting the Commission on Jewish Education of the UAHC in the formulation of curricula and in the evaluation of textbooks and other materials;



- (d) collaborating with existing organizations for an interchange of experiences and for the advancement of greater understanding of our common field.
- 2. To attract and retain individuals of competence and integrity for the ranks of Reform Jewish education by
  - (a) establishing and maintaining professional standards and a code of professional practices;
  - (b) aiding and supplementing existing agencies in the recruitment and placing of personnel;
  - (c) aiding in the establishment and maintenance of teacher-training programs;
  - (d) securing professional status and security for the Temple Educator;
  - (e) encouraging the support of Jewish educational periodicals;
  - (f) encouraging members to participate in the various insurance plans offered by NATE, e.g. pension, disability, health, etc.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Membership

- 1. Membership in NATE shall be open to the following persons engaged in supervisory capacity in the field of Reform religious education:  
  
Directors of Education, Principals of Reform Religious Schools, Department Supervisors, Bureau Consultants, Authors and persons engaged in research.
- 2. Membership shall comprise these categories:
  - (a) MEMBER -- the term MEMBER shall be used for persons who meet the requirements under Section 3 of this Article.
  - (b) ASSOCIATE MEMBER -- the term ASSOCIATE MEMBER shall be used for persons whose principal activity in Jewish education is set forth in Section 1 of this Article and who do not meet the requirements under Section 3 of this Article. However, ASSOCIATION MEMBERS must meet the requirements in Section 3 (a) i of this article and must express their intent to fulfill the requirements in Section 4 of this Article.
  - (c) AFFILIATE MEMBER -- the term AFFILIATE MEMBER shall be used for persons who are working in the field of Jewish education, but do not qualify for membership under (a) or (b) of this section.
  - (d) SUSTAINING MEMBER -- the term SUSTAINING MEMBER shall be used for members of NATE who have left the field of Reform religious education but continue their interest in the work of NATE and wish to maintain their affiliation with it.

- (e) HONORARY MEMBER -- the term HONORARY MEMBER shall be used for persons who because of their position in Reform Jewish Education or in Reform Judaism are elected to such status by the membership at large upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Such positions are limited to:

Heads of national departments of Reform Jewish Education;  
Professors of education at HUC-JIR;  
Deans of HUC-JIR;  
Presidents of HUC-JIR;  
President and Vice-President of UAHC.

- (f) LIFE MEMBERS -- the term LIFE MEMBER shall be used for persons who have retired from active participation in Reform Jewish Education and who have been a member of NATE in good standing for not less than 10 years.

- (g) Election to all categories of membership shall be by the Executive Board on recommendation of the Membership Committee.

3. Requirements for full membership:

(a) Educational Qualifications:

- i. Graduate of a recognized secular college, having taken courses in education and educational administration, or the equivalent;
- ii. Graduate of or certified by a recognized school of higher Jewish studies or a Jewish licensing board, or equivalent in Jewish studies.

(b) Professional Qualifications:

- i. Three years' experience in Reform Jewish Education in a supervisory capacity, two of which were consecutive immediately prior to the date of application for membership in NATE, or the equivalent.

4. Applicants who do not meet all the qualifications set forth in Section 3, may be admitted to Associate membership for a period of three years. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS will be required to fulfill the remainder of qualifications within that period and apply for full membership. An additional period of time will be granted upon special consideration by the EXECUTIVE BOARD where ASSOCIATE MEMBERS can prove the need for such extension of time. If an ASSOCIATE MEMBER does not fulfill the qualifications, and further extension of time is not granted, he will automatically become an AFFILIATE MEMBER.

## ARTICLE V

### Dues

1. The dues for all categories of membership shall be established at a plenary of the annual conference on recommendation of the Executive Board; except that HONORARY and LIFE members shall be exempt from any payment of dues.



2. For all purposes of the association the fiscal year shall run from January 1 to December 31, inclusive. Members admitted prior to July 1 shall pay dues in full for the year in which admitted; members admitted after July 1 shall pay 1/2 the annual dues for the year in which admitted.
3. Members whose dues are not paid by September 30 of the year for which they apply shall be considered delinquent. The names of members whose dues are delinquent for two years shall be submitted by the Treasurer to the Retention Committee, whose report will be submitted to the Executive Board for appropriate action.

## ARTICLE VI

### Officers

1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a First Vice-President, three vice-presidents representing a wide geographical area of the United States and Canada, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary.
2. All officers except the Executive Secretary shall be elected to serve for one year, and may be re-elected for a second term, but may not serve more than two terms in succession in the same office. The Executive Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Board at its first meeting following the Annual Conference to serve for one year, and may be re-elected an indefinite number of times.
3. Duties of the officers:
  - (a) The President shall preside at all membership and Executive Board meetings. He shall also make Committee appointments.
  - (b) The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.
  - (c) The Regional Vice-Presidents shall, at the request of the President convene members for regional meetings, assist in regional teacher training and recognition programs, and represent NATE at regional activities and functions.
  - (d) The Recording Secretary shall record the business of each meeting and keep such records in order.
  - (e) The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all correspondence of NATE.
  - (f) The Treasurer shall collaborate with the Conference Chairman, as directed in Article IX 5 (C) (d) in establishing a conference bank account which will enable the conference chairman to make necessary expenditures from this account.
  - (g) The Executive Secretary, at the direction of the President, shall serve as liaison officer to such organizations which may require representation of NATE, and shall perform such other services as the President shall, at his discretion, designate.
4. The Executive Board shall consist of 30 elected members in addition to the nine elected officers named above. The Board shall consist of members elected as prescribed hereinafter, provided that every region as established by the UAHC shall be represented by at least one member, if possible.

The Chairman of the UAHC Executive Board, the President of the UAHC, the Director and Associate Director of the Commission on Jewish Education, and representatives of each of the three branches of HUC-JIR shall be ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Board; and the Board may invite any other educators to participate in an advisory and consultative capacity at its meetings.

The outgoing President of NATE shall serve on the Board for two years, with full voting powers, after which time he shall remain an Honorary Member of the Board with no voting powers.

## ARTICLE VII

### Election of Officers and Executive Board Members

1. The Nominations Committee shall be created annually and shall consist of 7 members:

a chairman, appointed by the President;  
a member of the Executive Board not up for re-election;  
four members appointed by the Executive Board from the membership at large;  
the Executive Secretary.

All designations by the Executive Board shall be made by majority vote of the entire Board.

2. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, after meeting or consulting with the Committee, shall submit to the President the names of the persons a majority of his Committee recommends for officers (except the Executive Secretary), and members of the Executive Board at the first Executive Board meeting of the Annual Convention.
3. At the first business meeting of the Conference, these names and the offices for which they are candidates shall be read to the assembled members.
4. Any member of NATE may suggest other names for the officers in writing to the chairman of the Nominations Committee within 24 hours thereafter. If a name is suggested and has ten signatures of members of NATE, the Nominations Committee must submit this name as a candidate for the office named.
5. The Chairman of the Nominations Committee shall determine whether those persons who are suggested or recommended will accept the nomination and will serve, if elected.
6. Members of the Executive Board are elected for a three-year term, and may be re-elected to the Executive Board at the expiration of their term of office. No member may serve for more than two consecutive terms, except the Executive Secretary as provided in Article VI, 2.
7. At the final business meeting of the Conference, the slate of all candidates shall be submitted. Where only one name is submitted for an office, the President may authorize any officer to cast one ballot for the candidate. Where there are two or more candidates



for any office, a majority vote by secret ballot shall be necessary to elect a candidate. Where no candidate has a majority, the two names of those candidates receiving the least votes shall be dropped unless this leaves only one candidate, in which case the candidate receiving the least votes shall be dropped and balloting shall continue until a candidate has a majority.

8. In voting for members of the Executive Board, each member of NATE shall vote for as many names as there are vacancies. The regulations of (7) as to election shall then be applicable.
9. Only members (Article IV 2 (a) may be nominated for election as officers of NATE. Members and Associate Members (Article IV 2 (a) (b)) are eligible to the Executive Board.
10. One-third of the Executive Board shall be elected each year.
11. In the event that a member of the Executive Board or an officer retires for any reason from these positions, and it becomes necessary to fill said vacancies prior to the next regular election, the Executive Board shall, by a two-third majority of those present and voting, elect such person, or persons, to fill said vacancies until the next regular elections.
12. In the event that a member of the Executive Board or an officer retires for any reason from these positions within two months of the next regular election, the Nominating Committee will submit, at the next Annual Conference, a candidate or candidates to serve such unexpired terms of office.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Meetings

1. There shall be one annual meeting of NATE, which shall be held as part of the annual conference.
2. Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.
3. The Executive Board shall meet no less than once a year.
4. A quorum for a meeting of NATE shall be those present after due notice of such a meeting.
5. A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Board shall be seven members, of which at least three shall be officers of NATE.

## ARTICLE IX

### Committees

1. The President shall, with the consent of the Executive Board, appoint all committee chairmen as soon as possible after the

conclusion of each Annual Meeting. Such appointments must be made from the Executive Board.

2. Members of committees shall be appointed by the respective chairmen with the advice and consent of the President.
3. Chairmen of all committees shall render annual reports in writing; such reports shall become part of the recorded minutes of the Annual Meeting.
4. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, create such special committees as are necessary. Chairmen and members of such special committees shall be appointed as heretofore provided (Sections 1 and 2). Reports shall be rendered as provided in Section 3, except that the Executive Board may request additional reports.
5. The following standing committees shall exist:
  - (A) The Camping Committee shall,
    - (a) foster and promote in every way possible a well rounded camping program for Reform Jewish Youth, in cooperation with the UAHC Commission on Camping and Youth;
    - (b) be liaison between NATE and the UAHC Commission on Camping and Youth;
    - (c) develop camp leadership Training Programs in cooperation with the UAHC Commission on Camping and Youth.
  - (B) The Constitution Committee shall,
    - (a) study this Constitution to suggest ways to strengthen and improve it;
    - (b) propose suggested amendments and changes at the Annual Meeting, as provided for in this Constitution.
  - (C) The Conference Committee shall,
    - (a) make all arrangements for holding conferences, including such items as housing, program, and speakers;
    - (b) notify the NATE NEWS Committee of its work;
    - (c) receive reservations with deposits and make plans accordingly.
    - (d) establish a limited conference account sufficient to enable the conference chairman to make necessary expenditures for the conference; all other funds to be handled by the Treasurer.
    - (e) collect in advance of the annual conference such papers, reports, etc. as may be presented at said conference; record all discussions, resolutions, programs, etc. as may comprise the content of said conference; and transmit all such documents, information, etc. to a proceedings editor named by the Executive Board prior to the conference. Said proceedings editor shall publish and distribute the collected proceedings of the annual conference.



(D) The Curriculum Awards Committee shall,

- (a) encourage and stimulate the Religious School personnel in congregations affiliated with the UAHC to create and develop those educational programs and curricular material which are required to achieve the aims and objections of Reform Jewish education;
- (b) serve as a catalytic agent in urging and motivating NATE members to make original contributions in educational endeavors which require advanced thinking and experimentation, and which have applicability to the field of Jewish education;
- (c) bring the prestige of professional recognition to the Reform Jewish educators and to those schools whose curricular projects and materials have been judged most worthy by a panel of suitable judges.

(E) The Ethics and Personnel Practices Committee shall,

- (a) recommend professional standards for adoption by NATE;
- (b) work to secure professional status for Temple Educators;
- (c) collect and record changes in policy determined by other professional organizations of Jewish education;
- (d) act on all questions concerning standards, salaries, grievances, etc., referred to it by the Executive Board;
- (e) consider and report on all matters of ethical conduct and practices pertaining to members of NATE, and referred to it by the Executive Board.

(F) The Goals Committee shall,

- (a) develop a philosophy of Jewish Education for children and adults;
- (b) prepare a series of minimum standards for materials, methods, and goals.

(G) The Israel Committee shall,

publicize and stimulate interest in NATE -- support Israel projects, including but not limited to Leo Baeck School, Neot Kedumim, and Keren Bet Hanasi Sifriot.

(H) The Liaison Committee shall,

- (a) establish closer personal and professional ties between all NATE members and especially between members within the same area;
- (b) assist NATE in public relations by personal communications with members;
- (c) officially represent NATE at all regional and national functions, as requested by the President.

(I) The Membership Committee shall be headed by the First Vice-President and shall,

- (a) receive all applications for membership, review these applications and recommend for membership those applicants who fulfill the requirements;
- (b) draw up rules and regulations governing suspension and reinstatement with reference to non-payments of dues for recommendation to the Executive Board.

(J) The NATE NEWS Committee shall,

- (a) gather and distribute such information as would be of interest to the membership.
- (b) be published at least twice a year.

(K) The Pension Committee shall,

- (a) administer the provisions of the Pension Plan;
- (b) endeavor to secure the participation in this Plan of all NATE members and their employing agencies.

(L) The Placement Committee shall,

- (a) review vacancies and make recommendations for placement of members;
- (b) review requests by members for placement and make recommendations.
- (c) be the sole agency through which contact shall be made between members and those seeking and educator.



(M) The Professional Growth and In-Service Training Committee shall,

- (a) promote a program which will raise the level of professionalism in Jewish Education through continued study;
- (b) offer every possible assistance for professional growth to leaders in Reform Jewish Education who do not meet the scholastic requirements for membership in NATE;
- (c) give special attention to educators who live far from accredited schools and who are unable to enroll in graduate programs of study.
- (d) encourage and assist members to qualify for the F.R.E. program.

(N) The Recruitment Committee shall,

- (a) work closely with the Liaison Committee, utilizing the services of Regional Representatives to promote recruitment of NATE members;
- (b) contact NATE members, Religious School teachers, Jewish student groups, and others interested in Jewish education for possible recruitment;
- (c) prepare brochures and other materials for distribution to those interested in a career in Jewish Education.

(O) The Resolutions Committee shall,

- (a) present formal expressions of the opinion or will of members of the Association at its Annual Conference;
- (b) receive, in writing, no later than the first plenary session of the Conference, all suggested resolutions bearing the signatures of no less than ten (10) NATE members;
- (c) see to the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the membership.

(P) The Educational Research Committee shall,

- (a) conduct research concerning current educational practices, and concerning the professional status and stature of the Temple Educator;
- (b) make the results of such research known to the membership and to the Jewish Educational community through the publication of these surveys.

- (Q) The Time and Place Committee shall,
- (a) make recommendations to the membership on the dates and location of the Annual Conference.
  - (b) prepare 5-year recommendations for the scheduled locales of the annual conferences.
- (R) The School Consultation Committee shall,
- (a) provide consultation to Reform Congregations with respect to school curriculum and administration.
  - (b) determine and implement procedures for such consultative services.
- (S) The Retention Committee shall,
- (a) consider the status of members whose names have been submitted by the Treasurer as delinquent in payment of their dues, and make recommendations to the Executive Committee for final decision.
  - (b) consist of members of the Liaison Committee, with the NATE Treasurer as chairman.

## ARTICLE X

### Duties of the Executive Board

1. At the request of 5 members of the Executive Board, the President shall call a special meeting.
2. It shall authorize the payment of bills and direct the Treasurer in the disbursement of funds.
3. It shall advise the members of election results.
4. It shall make recommendations for the agenda of meetings.
5. It shall consider application for membership referred to it by the Membership Committee.
6. It shall make referrals and recommendations to the various committees as necessary to uphold the aims of this Association.
7. It shall recommend the appointment of such Committees that shall be necessary for this Association to function in the best interest of its members and of Jewish education.
8. It shall elect an Executive Secretary in accordance with Article XVI, Section 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the UAHC, and as provided in this constitution, Article VI, 2.



## ARTICLE XI

### Annual Meetings

1. Regular business meeting at which
  - (a) necessary business is conducted,
  - (b) accept candidates for membership,
  - (c) announce results of elections,
  - (d) display and report on new materials, etc.,
  - (e) announce the appointments to permanent Committees.
2. Business meeting to be followed by a dinner at which
  - (a) newly elected officers are installed,
  - (b) program of interest and significance is presented.

## ARTICLE XII

### Amending the Constitution

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be prepared:
  - (a) By the Executive Board,
  - (b) By 25 members of NATE, in writing and submitted to the President of NATE.
2. Amendments must be approved by:
  - (a) 2/3 of the members at a regular business meeting, or
  - (b) A 2/3 vote by mail of the members of NATE.
3. Method 2 (b) may be used at the discretion of the Executive Board unless a regular business meeting is to be held within two months.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Miscellaneous

1. The members of NATE at a regular business meeting may vote to sit as a Committee of the whole, in which case Roberts Rules of Procedures shall be followed, except that no changes may be made in this Constitution while sitting as such Committee.
2. Any amendments presented in writing by 5 members of NATE to the Chairman of the Constitution Committee must be submitted to the President of NATE and placed on the agenda of the next Executive Board meeting, whether special or regular.

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December, 1979

Dear Fred:

It is always a joy to celebrate a special simcha. Thus, I am truly delighted to express to the members of the National Association of Temple Educators a warm and hearty mazal tov on the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of NATE. This is indeed a time for rejoicing, and I, as well as the families of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, share with all of you a sense of pride and happiness.

NATE is a precious and respected member of the Reform Jewish family. The work it is doing in seeking to enrich and enhance the quality of Jewish education is of the highest priority in our community. Great strides have been made during the past twenty-five years and it is my fond hope that NATE will continue to grow and flourish in the days and years ahead as the beautiful promise of this anniversary continues to be fulfilled.

With every good wish for a successful anniversary convention and with warmest regards to you and my many friends in NATE, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Mr. Fred W. Marcus  
President,  
National Association of  
Temple Educators





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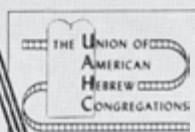
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## Technical Data

1. To project the filmstrip, use a single frame 35mm *filmstrip* projector.
2. Become thoroughly familiar with the script or narration before showing the filmstrip. Make your own notes to guide your presentation.
3. Signal the operator of the projector with a clicking sound or hand signal when you want the next picture to appear on the screen.
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6. Be sure that everything is in order before the class arrives. Focus the first frame in advance of the showing.
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## SUGGESTIONS FOR PRESENTATION IN THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

This filmstrip is intended for students in the middle and upper grades of the religious school. It may be used in courses which stress "famous Jewish personalities" and with classes which study modern Jewish history.

In order to help the students focus their attention on specific aspects of the career of Moses Montefiore, the teacher may pose one or more of the following questions before the filmstrip is shown:

1. What, in your opinion, were the most important missions in the "century of service" of Sir Moses Montefiore?
2. Why was Sir Moses Montefiore called "The Champion of the Rights of the Jews?"
3. To this day there are hospitals, synagogues, and other Jewish institutions bearing the name Montefiore. Why did the founders of these institutions select this name?

## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

After the showing of the filmstrip, the teacher may refer to the questions listed above. Here are several additional subjects for discussion.

1. Were there any Jewish leaders in modern times other than Moses Montefiore who were received by royal rulers in Europe and Asia? (Theodor Herzl)
2. Are there any Jewish organizations today that may be called upon for the kind of help and service that Sir Moses Montefiore provided in his day? (World Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, et al)
3. Two recent books, "The Fixer" by Bernard Malamud and "Blood Accusation: The Strange History of the Beiliss Case" by Maurice Samuel, deal with a "ritual murder" case in Czarist Russia similar to the Damascus affair. One of them achieved the status of "best seller" and became the subject for a movie. Why is there so much interest in such cases in these times?
4. Sir Moses Montefiore made seven trips to Palestine during his lifetime. Why is this considered so remarkable?

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#### **Narration**

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#### **1. MOSES MONTEFIORE (1784-1885)**

For a man to live for more than one hundred years is indeed unusual. But if we also judge a man by his achievements, we are amazed that Moses Montefiore accomplished so much in only a century. This distinguished English Jew was sheriff of London and knighted by Queen Victoria. An outstanding philanthropist and humanitarian, Montefiore's greatest service was in behalf of the Jewish people, earning for him the title, "Champion of the Rights of the Jews."

#### **2. INSET OF LIVORNO OVER MAP OF EUROPE**

Strangely enough, Moses Montefiore was not born in England, but in Livorno (Leghorn), Italy, in a house opposite the great synagogue of that city. The Montefiores were a prominent Sephardic family which had lived in Livorno for centuries. Part of the family moved to England and Moses' parents were British citizens. They were on a business trip to Italy when Moses was born.

#### **3. INSET OF MOSES' MOTHER IN LIVORNO SYNAGOGUE**

According to Jewish custom, on the Sabbath after the child's birth, Moses' father, Joseph, was called to the Torah in the beautiful Livorno Synagogue. Moses' mother was also a member of an old Sephardic family, the Mocattas.

#### **4. YOUNG MOSES STUDYING WITH HIS UNCLE**

Moses came from an Orthodox family. His mother's brother, Moses Mocatta, was a learned Hebrew scholar, author, and translator of books on Judaism. He tutored his nephew in Hebrew and religion. Moses was very fond of his uncle, whose love and devotion to Judaism exerted a lasting influence on him. Among his treasured papers Moses Montefiore kept the notes of biblical phrases and their English translation which he used in study sessions with his uncle.

#### **5. MOSES WORKING OVER HIS LEDGERS AT NIGHT**

Moses' formal schooling ended at an early age. Since he had a number of relatives who were brokers on the London Stock Exchange, he decided on a financial career. Montefiore was a conscientious young man, spending many evenings in the office studying account books and becoming thoroughly familiar with the details of the business.

#### **6. MOSES AND HIS BROTHER IN THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT OF LONDON**

Several years later Moses and his brother, Abraham, who subsequently married a member of the Rothschild family, established themselves near the Bank of England as brokers under the name "Montefiore Brothers." They were quite successful and enjoyed an excellent reputation.

#### **7. WEDDING OF MOSES MONTEFIORE AND JUDITH COHEN**

In 1812, Moses married Judith Cohen, daughter of Levi Barent Cohen, an influential Dutch-born Londoner. The bride's sister, Hannah Cohen, was the wife of Nathan Mayer Rothschild, founder of the English branch of the House of Rothschild. The wedding, a glittering social event, took place in the Sephardic synagogue at Bevis Marks, London. Moses and Judith stood under the tallit as Raphael Meldola, the hacham or chief rabbi, officiated at the wedding service.

## **8. MONTEFIORE TRAINING MILITIA RECRUITS**

Moses was deeply devoted to England. He volunteered his services in the Surrey militia, where he rose to the rank of captain. One of his responsibilities in the militia was training new recruits.

## **9. MOSES MONTEFIORE AT DINNER PARTY**

Deeply devoted to Judaism, Moses Montefiore never hesitated to perform his religious duties in public. At a dinner party attended by the famous British naval hero, Lord Nelson, Montefiore recited the grace after meals in Hebrew, as he always did whether at home or away. All the guests, Christians and Jews alike, listened respectfully as he recited the prayers.

## **10. SPLIT FRAME — NAPOLEON WITH TROOPS — MONTEFIORE BEING AWAKENED BY BROTHER-IN-LAW**

Moses became closely associated with the famous banking family, the Rothschilds, and played a prominent role in their business activities. He was especially close to his brother-in-law, Nathan Mayer Rothschild, who awakened Moses early one morning in 1815 to inform him of Napoleon's escape from Elba. Rothschild was the first person in England to learn of this momentous event. He received the news from the French branch of the House of Rothschild. This advance information enabled the Montefiores and the Rothschilds to engage in profitable financial transactions.

## **11. LIGHTING STREET LAMP IN LONDON**

Montefiore pioneered in promoting the use of gas for lighting. He was the founder and president of the Imperial Continental Gas Association. In recognition of his valuable contributions, Montefiore was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, the first Jew ever to receive this honor.

## **12. MONTEFIORE GIVING GIFTS TO JEWISH CHILDREN**

Although he had no children of his own, Montefiore took a great interest in the education and welfare of young people. When he was only forty, he retired from the Stock Exchange in order to devote himself to philanthropic causes. He was particularly interested in the Villareal School, the religious school of the Sephardic Congregation, which he visited regularly, encouraging the students and distributing gifts. He was also most generous in his contributions to Christian charities.

## **13. MONTEFIORE PRESIDES AT MEETING OF BOARD OF DEPUTIES**

The sincerity and devotion of Moses Montefiore won him the confidence of the leaders of the Jewish community. He was active in the Bevis Marks Synagogue, named after the street in East London where the historic Sephardic synagogue still stands. It was not unusual for him to attend meetings at the congregation, arriving at ten in the morning and remaining until midnight. Montefiore was elected president of the Board of Deputies, the official representative body of English Jewry. This was the highest office a layman could achieve in the Jewish community.

## **14. THE MONTEFIORES AND PRINCESS VICTORIA AT EAST CLIFF LODGE**

Moses Montefiore and his wife enjoyed their large estate, East Cliff Lodge on the British south coast, near the then fashionable seaside resort of Ramsgate. When Princess (later Queen) Victoria spent a summer in Ramsgate, Montefiore had a special gate installed and presented the Princess with a key, so that she could enjoy the lovely grounds in privacy.

## **15. FRIDAY EVENING AT THE MONTEFIORE HOME**

The Montefiores gave many lavish parties for prominent guests at East Cliff Lodge, but some of their most treasured moments were spent during their quiet Sabbath eves together. Mrs. Montefiore was charming, cultured and highly intelligent. Moses always consulted her on important matters and she accompanied him on most of his trips. Their devotion to Judaism and to each other brought them strength and joy throughout their lives. Montefiore wrote in his diary, "God, in His great goodness, blessed me with my dear Judith. A better and kinder wife never existed."



## 16. MAP WITH INSET OF JERUSALEM

A long cherished hope of Moses and Judith Montefiore to visit Palestine was realized in 1827. In those days the trip was difficult and dangerous, especially because of the outbreak of the war for Greek independence. After a long, weary journey, the Montefiores were able to spend only nine days in the Holy Land. In spite of the brevity of their visit, they were profoundly impressed. They poured out their devout praises to God for bringing them safely to Jerusalem, the city of their fathers.

## 17. THE MONTEFIORES AT THE WAILING WALL

Following their visit to the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, Mrs. Montefiore wrote in her diary, "The huge stones seem to cling together, to be cemented by a power mightier than decay, that they may be a memorial to Israel's past glory: may they be regarded as a sign of future greatness, when Israel shall be redeemed." The Montefiore's visit to Jerusalem gave them a feeling of indescribable joy. They resolved to initiate a number of projects to improve the economic condition of Jews in the Holy Land.

## 18. SPLIT FRAME — DEDICATING THE SYNAGOGUE AT RAMSGATE

After their safe return, the Montefiores built a beautiful little synagogue near East Cliff Lodge to commemorate their visit to the Holy City of Jerusalem. At the dedication of the synagogue, Moses carried the first scroll in the procession. After the dedication service, the Montefiores entertained a distinguished company on the grounds of their estate.

## 19. RIDING IN CARRIAGE AFTER ELECTION AS SHERIFF OF LONDON

Another milestone in the career of Moses Montefiore was his election to the post of Sheriff of London, the second highest office in the city. He did not wish to ride in the procession on the day originally set for the inauguration which coincided with Rosh Hashanah. In deference to Montefiore's religious convictions, the date was changed and so he was able to join in the procession.

## 20. MONTEFIORE CONGRATULATES QUEEN VICTORIA

In 1838, Moses Montefiore headed a delegation of the Board of Deputies of British Jews to convey their congratulations to Queen Victoria on her accession to the throne. The young Queen received Moses and his colleagues graciously and thanked them for their good wishes.

## 21. QUEEN VICTORIA KNIGHTS MOSES MONTEFIORE

At the end of his year as Sheriff of London, Moses Montefiore was knighted by Queen Victoria. The Queen touched him with a sword on his left shoulder, saying, "Rise—Sir Moses." He proudly recorded the event in his diary: "This was a day that can never be forgotten by me, it is a proud one; with the exception of the day I had the happiness of dedicating our synagogue at Ramsgate and the day of my wedding, the proudest day of my life."

## 22. COAT OF ARMS OF SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE

The coat of arms of Sir Moses Montefiore was decorated with a mountain of flowers corresponding to the meaning of his name in Italian.\* There were also two pennants on either side with the word "Jerusalem" inscribed in Hebrew letters, and his motto "Think and Thank." At a later occasion, Queen Victoria granted Montefiore special recognition by permitting him to add a lion and a stag as supporters to his coat of arms.

## 23. MONTEFIORE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WAIT TO PRESENT PETITION IN PARLIAMENT

Although Sir Moses Montefiore personally enjoyed many honors and distinctions, he was always aware of the discrimination endured by the Jews in England. In 1844, Sir Moses headed a delegation to Parliament requesting the abolition of restrictions against the Jews. For example, the delegation objected to the fact that no Jew could become a member of Parliament unless he took the oath as "a true Christian." However, it was not until 1851 that the first Jew was seated in Parliament. He was Lionel de Rothschild, a nephew of Judith Montefiore.

\* (monte — mountain, fiore — flower)

#### 24. MAP WITH INSET OF CAIRO

In 1840, Sir Moses set out on one of the most important missions of his career. In Damascus, a Capuchin monk and his servant mysteriously disappeared; thereupon the Jews of Damascus were accused of murdering them and using their blood to make matzot for Passover. In the reign of terror that followed, four Jews lost their lives and many more were tortured and imprisoned. Strong public opinion was aroused all over the world as a result of this baseless charge of ritual murder. The Lord Mayor of London called a protest meeting and Sir Moses was requested to head a mission to the East. Queen Victoria lent her active support to this venture.

#### 25. SIR MOSES BEING RECEIVED BY THE PASHA OF EGYPT

In Egypt, Sir Moses was cordially received in Alexandria in a room of oriental splendor by Pasha Mehemet Ali, who ruled over Damascus at that time. After lengthy discussion, the Pasha agreed to release the nine Jews still imprisoned as a result of the "Damascus Affair." At first he agreed to grant a "pardon" to the Jews, but on Montefiore's insistence, the term was changed to "honorable release."

#### 26. MAP WITH INSET OF WALLS SURROUNDING DAMASCUS

The document proclaiming the honorable release of the prisoners was sent to Damascus and the Jews who had been falsely accused were set free. Sir Moses and his party wanted to go to Damascus, but hostilities between Egypt and Turkey made such a trip impossible. As a result of the conflict, control of Syria and its chief city, Damascus, passed into the hands of the Sultan of Turkey.

#### 27. INSET OF SULTAN'S DECREE PROCLAIMING THE INNOCENCE OF THE JEWS

This turn of events made it advisable for Sir Moses and his party to proceed to Constantinople, where he presented a petition to Sultan Abdul Medjid, who had become the new ruler of Syria. The Sultan issued a firman (decree) stating that the charges of ritual murder were completely false. He also guaranteed freedom of religious worship to all Jews of the Turkish Empire. Adolphe Crémieux, a prominent leader of French Jewry was a member of this mission. Crémieux was later the founder of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, which was organized to protect the rights and interests of the Jews.

#### 28. SERVICE AT BEVIS MARKS SYNAGOGUE CELEBRATING SIR MOSES' SUCCESSFUL MISSION

When the Montefiores returned to England, a thanksgiving service was held at Bevis Marks Synagogue to celebrate the successful completion of the mission. Sir Moses was enthusiastically welcomed and received many letters of gratitude from all over the world. Queen Victoria sent a special message commending Sir Moses for "his unceasing exertions in behalf of his injured and persecuted brethren in the East and of the Jewish nation at large."

#### 29. MAP WITH INSET OF ST. PETERSBURG

Shortly after these festivities, disturbing news came from Russia. A decree had been issued ordering all Jews in the frontier regions (about 100,000 in number) to leave their homes and businesses. Jewish delegations from Russia appealed to Sir Moses to come to their country and intercede in their behalf. With Lady Montefiore he made the long journey to Russia, traveling in bitter weather, crossing the thin ice on the rivers at considerable risk.



### 30. SIR MOSES SHAKING HANDS WITH CZAR NICHOLAS I

After a month's journey, the Montefiores arrived in St. Petersburg. After meeting Russian officials, Sir Moses had an audience with Czar Nicholas. He stressed the loyalty of the Jews as industrious subjects of the Czar, whose protection they deserved. Montefiore was most courteously received as "the representative of the Jewish people" and the cruel and unjust decree was temporarily withdrawn as a result of his intervention.

### 31. SIR MOSES RIDING IN CARRIAGE IN RUSSIA

During his return trip to England, Sir Moses visited Vilna and several other Jewish communities. As he rode through the streets of the Jewish quarters, crowds lined the route, greeting him with an overwhelming show of affection. This contact with the masses of Jews in Russia made an unforgettable impression on him. There was hardly a Jewish home in Russia or Poland in which Montefiore's picture was not displayed.

### 32. MAP WITH INSET OF BOLOGNA

In 1858, another urgent plea for help came to Montefiore, this time from Bologna, Italy. Edgar Mortara, a six-year-old Jewish boy, had been forcibly taken from his home by the papal police and brought to Rome. The Mortara child had been secretly baptized, at the age of one year, by a young Christian servant girl when he was critically ill. Edgar's horrified parents tried unsuccessfully to obtain the release of their son. The Jews of Europe were deeply disturbed by the entire affair. All hope was placed in Sir Moses, the defender of his people. He yielded to the many requests and in 1859, already 75 years old, made a special trip to Rome with his wife.

### 33. SIR MOSES WITH PAPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

Sir Moses was refused an audience by Pope Pius IX, but was received by the papal secretary of state. In spite of Sir Moses' intervention, which was supported by Emperor Napoleon III of France and Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, the Church refused to reverse its stand and release the boy, who later became a Catholic priest. This was one of the few unsuccessful missions in the long career of the courageous "Champion of the Rights of the Jews."

### 34. SIR MOSES VIEWING NEW SETTLEMENT OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM

Of all Sir Moses' journeys, his seven trips to the Holy Land were the most significant. They were more than visits; they were pilgrimages. Montefiore was among the builders of the new Palestine. He was the first Jew permitted to buy land outside the walls of the old city of Jerusalem. There he built houses for Jewish settlers. This was the beginning of the modern city of Jerusalem and the area is still called "Yemin Moshe" (the Right Hand of Moses).

### 35. MAP WITH INSET OF MARRAKECH

Sir Moses never used advancing age as an excuse to reject a call for help. He learned that in Morocco, where Jews were subjected to many humiliating restrictions, the situation had become critical. Two Jews had been falsely accused of murder and were executed; nine others were kept in prison, threatened with the same fate. Approaching his 80th year, Montefiore set out on the arduous trip to Morocco. He went from Madrid to Tangier, and from there to Gibraltar where the British Navy assigned a ship to take Sir Moses and his party to Mogador. This was followed by another eight days of desert travel to Marrakech.

### 36. SIR MOSES IN COURTYARD OF SULTAN OF MOROCCO

Sir Moses was carried in a sedan chair at the head of the caravan. The delegation led by Montefiore was given a magnificent reception by the Sultan of Morocco in the courtyard of his palace. Sir Moses requested the protection of all Jews and Christians living in the Sultan's domain. The Sultan finally issued a decree proclaiming that the Jews should be treated justly and should "occupy a position of perfect equality with other people."

### 37. SIR MOSES COMPLETING TORAH IN THE GOTHIC ROOM OF EAST CLIFF LODGE

In 1862, Sir Moses and Lady Montefiore celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, marking fifty years of love and devotion. Sir Moses took note of the memorable occasion by inscribing the last words in a Sefer Torah prepared for him. Later he presented the scroll to a needy congregation, a practice which he followed every year. Unfortunately, Lady Montefiore was ill and could only watch the ceremonies from an adjoining room.

### 38. TOMB OF LADY MONTEFIORE MODELED AFTER RACHEL'S TOMB

It was a cruel blow to Sir Moses when his beloved wife passed away not long afterward. She was buried near the synagogue in Ramsgate that she loved so dearly in a replica of the Tomb of Rachel near Bethlehem. When Lady Montefiore saw Rachel's Tomb "fast crumbling into ruins" on one of their trips to the Holy Land, she asked her husband to provide for its repair. Though Lady Montefiore had no children, Sir Moses called her a "mother to all Jews," for she was always ready to go anywhere to help them.

### 39. MAP WITH INSET OF BUCHAREST

Though deeply grieved by the death of his wife, Sir Moses, mindful of her wishes, continued to serve his people. The Jews of Rumania, already suffering severe persecution, were threatened with expulsion from the country. At the age of 83, Sir Moses traveled to Bucharest where he received a friendly reception from Prince Charles, who promised to help the Jews.

### 40. SIR MOSES AT WINDOW FACING ANGRY CROWD

However, the attitude of the Rumanian people remained hostile. Riots broke out in the streets and there were threats against Sir Moses' life. Sir Moses, nevertheless, stood at the open window of his hotel and shouted, "Fire away, if you like. I came here in the name of justice and humanity to plead the cause of innocent sufferers. . . . I trust in God. He will protect me." The mob slowly dispersed without incident, perhaps shamed by the courage of the old man.

### 41. SIR MOSES IN SEDAN CHAIR IN PALESTINE

At the age of 90, Sir Moses made his seventh and last trip to Palestine. He was often carried through the streets in a sedan chair. Montefiore's interests extended beyond the city of Jerusalem. With an eye to the future, he established a number of agricultural settlements, making a great contribution to the colonization of Palestine. He encouraged Jews to lead productive lives and to learn handicrafts. On this, his last trip to the Holy Land, Sir Moses was gratified that the seeds he had sown were bearing fruit.

### 42. SIR MOSES EXAMINING SCROLL ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

The 100th birthday of Sir Moses was an occasion of great rejoicing in England and was celebrated by Jews the world over. Services were held in his honor in many synagogues. A new scroll, recently completed for his birthday, was brought to Sir Moses. He opened it and found the priestly blessing. In reverent tones he read, "יברכך ה' וישמרך" "May the Lord bless thee and keep thee." It was as though his century of service was crowned with a blessing. On July 28, 1885, Sir Moses passed away. On the last day of his life, he asked his secretary, Dr. Loewe, if there were any checks to be signed for charity. To the very end, this great and good man maintained the Jewish tradition of service and responsibility.

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Dear Alex:

Knowing that your schedule must be hectic just prior to the Biennial, a brief note requesting your permission to re-print the enclosed article in a forthcoming issue of NATE NEWS.

As you will note, it appeared in the Miami Jewish Tribune, the first week in September. I do have the newspaper's permission.

Warmest regards to Rhea and you from Cynthia and me for the New Year. I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans shortly.

Shalom,

Enclosure

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## Opinion

# Reform Judaism: The Wisdom to Change

By ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

Reform Judaism has been the well-spring of leadership of Jewish experience on every front for over a century. Scions of Reform Jews such as Louis Marshall were in the forefront of establishing the world's most prosperous, secure and politically influential Jewish community in America. The institutionalization of Reform Judaism by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise set the pattern for rabbinic training, congregational cooperation and rabbinical networking for all Jewish movements. The transformation of Zionism from a historical footnote into a stirring chronicle of statehood was presided over by Rabbis Stephen S. Wise and Abba Hillel Silver.

The great strength of Reform Judaism, which now numbers more than a million members in nearly 850 congregations, has been its ability to respond to the ever-evolving needs of each generation in creating a cadre of new leaders. In the last decade alone, Reform membership has swelled by 25 percent. And, according to Jewish sociologists, its growth rate will accelerate even more in the future, for their studies show that the fifth generation of American Jews inclines to identify almost exclusively with Reform.

Conservative Judaism, on the other hand, is steadily contracting. Orthodoxy has made some headway in urban centers, but it has toppled from its former status as America's most populous synagogue body to where only about 10 to 12 percent of America's Jews affiliated with synagogues now identify themselves with Orthodox Judaism. Only Reform Judaism is

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burgeoning. It has emerged as the predominant synagogue movement in North America.

### Why Reform Judaism Has Flourished

Reform has flourished because it has understood Judaism as a dynamic rather than a static faith. We mustered the wisdom to change when changing circumstances required alterations, prepared to move forward whenever necessary — or even backward for a step when an honest self-searching summoned us to do so. And despite the changes it has introduced, Reform has remained part of the mainstream of Judaism because it has insisted that Jewish life be adjusted to the needs of modernity only within the framework of Judaism's historic tradition.

A second source of Reform's continuing strength is its insistence on the full participation of women in religious life. By empowering women within Judaism, Reform has brought new creative energy to the Jewish people and redoubled its future leadership sources.

Social activism — loyalty to the prophetic spirit of Judaism — is still another pillar of Reform's communal strength. It has assured us of relevance and wholeness in our changing

and fractured world.

"Outreach" represents probably the most important source of Reform Judaism's current burgeoning. Rather than cloaking itself in an exclusive chosenness, Reform has warmly embraced those who would choose it. In this realm, Reform's accomplishments have been illuminating. It has transformed American Jewry's mindscape. The subject of intermarriage is no longer taboo, and the concept of outreach, even conversionary outreach, is no longer a heresy within the American Jewish community.

### A World of Change

We live in a world of incessant change that quickly supplants the deeds of yesterday with the needs of tomorrow. Thus, while Reform's statistical growth can well excite our hopes and ambitions, we know that too many of our congregants do not perceive Judaism as a serious religious enterprise — as an approach to the world that makes demands on its adherents. So we must find newer ways to add meaning to labels and substances to form.

If our dynamic social action agenda has kept the movement relevant and dynamic, we must

refuel that dynamism so that we will be able to respond to those many great moral issues that will continue to press upon us. And we must extend that dynamism to Israel and help catalyze the process of peace.

### On Patrilineality: 'No Retreat'

Above all, if we proudly proclaim that our Judaism is an ever-evolving faith, that the concept of change embodies our self-definition, let us not be frightened by those who counsel us to retreat from some of our recent innovations lest we break our Jewish unity. This alarm was sounded at every stage of our evolution as a movement within Judaism, and always proved false.

Let us not be snared by the delusion that a retreat on such issues as patrilineality will gain us acceptance by the more traditionally inclined in Israel or anywhere else. Only total surrender will have such an effect.

Let us not become sycophants, truckling for favor by becoming what we are not. It will not avail us. We will only demean ourselves and lose our distinctive character. Our forbears did not forge Reform Judaism to have us trade it in for a tinsel imitation of Orthodoxy. We owe *halachah* a vote but not a veto. And we owe ourselves the self-respect and integrity that holds fast to our finest values and our most cherished beliefs.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.



## The State Department is Given the Third Degree on Capitol Hill

[At a recent hearing of the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the new Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, John H. Kelly, made his first appearance before the Subcommittee to discuss current developments in the Middle East. During the hearing, Congressman Tom Lantos of California questioned Kelly regarding the State Department's position on the terrorist who forced the Tel Aviv

declaration to distance itself from terrorism in all its forms is not a mere political declaration, but that it expresses the de facto Palestinian policy. From a humanitarian standpoint, this is a horrendous crime, but also from an operative, political standpoint, this is a crime perhaps no less horrendous. The bloody attack on the bus has delivered a severe blow to the peace process in the Middle East."



NATE

September 10, 1984

Alan D. Bennett  
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Dear Alan:

Enclosed is the requested photo and my greeting to NATE. I took you at your word, the greeting is brief. I assume that you have many such greetings and that you merely wanted a paragraph or two beneath the picture. If I'm wrong, scream and I'll get more wordy. You know that I am capable of that. ] After all, you have suffered through my State of the Union messages!

I, too, look forward to our meeting again in Los Angeles. God willing. Warm good wishes and love from house to house,

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Encl.



30TH ANNIVERSARY -- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEMPLE EDUCATORS --  
GREETINGS FROM RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER, PRESIDENT,  
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

No years of my professional life were more satisfying to me than the years I spent as the Union's director of education, and no aspect of my work in this realm gave me greater joy than my association with the men and women of NATE. Their enthusiasm encouraged me. Their friendship sustained me. Their knowledge and experience always freely shared helped me to succeed in a calling in which they were expert and I but a novice.

NATE has achieved much in the three decades of its being. It helped to create a new profession and to give it stature in our religious community. It gave shape and content to Reform Judaism's educative process. It fostered the development of cadres of teachers capable of bringing this process to life. And this above all: NATE helped rear a new generation of Jews who are committed Jews, in whose heart Judaism has come to life, for whom our people's spiritual legacy is something more than mere preachment or vague recollection but rather a true possession.

This is why NATE's 30th Anniversary is an occasion of joy for the entire Reform Jewish community whose sons and daughters join in the prayerful hope that NATE's future will be as glorious as was its past.

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Dear Alex:

I trust that this finds you, Rhea and the children well and a little bit rested as the summer fades into oblivion.

NATE's 1984 Conference will celebrate thirty(30) years of NATE's existence. I am asked to prepare an Anniversary Volume in honor of that auspicious event. May I impose upon your crowded schedule to pen a brief message of greetings for the Volume? I hope that stressing the word "brief" will make your life easier.

Would you be kind enough to send your message to me, along with a 5x7 photo, within the next few weeks so that we can move ahead quickly with our production?

In the meantime, I do look forward to seeing you in October. Our encounter at the King David Hotel was all too brief.

Warmest regards from us to you and to Rhea.

Cordially,

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Dear Heinz:

Forgive me for being so slow in responding to your letter of July 12th. It reached our office while I was in Israel and Europe and awaited me in a mountain of mail which I am just beginning to plow through, for I've been back in the office for but a few brief days.

You raise a vexing albeit familiar problem for which I must confess I do not have an answer, simply because the resolution is not within my control. I agree with you in principle that the united way of giving is better than all of these splintered efforts. I am willing to unite -- not on MUM but on RJA -- but insofar as RJA is concerned, I am bound by agreement with the HUC-JIR whose leadership so far has been reluctant to alter the 50/50 split so that a portion of it can be turned over to the WUPJ and all of our Israel programs combined.

Barring that possibility, I suppose we could have a "United Israel Appeal" under the aegis of the Israel Commission, yet there is always the fear that the combined effort would yield less in total than the splintered effort such as it is and such as it will undoubtedly continue to be. Maurice Eisendrath, olaf-hr-sholom, used to insist, and I'm sure he was right, that the pie simply is not cut that way, that giving is not a pie in fact, that giving a slice to one does not mean that the next slice becomes smaller it may even become larger and that the net result is a larger total pie or even two pies.

All this is not helping you very much, I know, but if someone can come up with a meaningful, cohesive, coordinated plan it will have my full support.

The Schindler family is well and we hope that all is well with you. I can see that you are quite active in getting things up-to-snuff for your successor and I have a feeling that you'll be keeping busier than ever in the months ahead. We all join in sending fondest regards to you.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



Mr. Heinz Warschauer  
August 2, 1976  
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*How we dictate*

July 12th, 1976

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Dear Alexander:

I received the attached letter from Rabbi Samuels some weeks ago.

The problem is rather obvious: the continued support of the Leo Baeck School is essential; the support of the first, second and third garin is also essential.

In some way, rather than channeling funds from one worthwhile cause within our movement to another, we should try to work out an understanding both on the part of Rabbis, educators, youth leaders on the one hand and the people involved in the Leo Baeck School and the Reform Kibbutz on the other, that each of these projects is vital to the future of Liberal Judaism and that also each of these projects makes a particular, different and essential contribution to the lives and future of Israel.

I'm also concerned about who is going to approach the Religious Schools. I do not think that very much is gained by NATE sending out an appeal for the Leo Baeck School and then a different appeal asking for contributions to the garin. Quite apart from the duplication of effort and the cost involved, the result would only be a splitting of efforts rather than a raising of concern.

My successor shouldn't have to wrestle with these problems if it can be avoided. Before we can do anything, we really should know in all honesty whether we will again be entering a period of competition within our own movement for various causes and the need for the Leo Baeck School "to go it alone" or whether we can finally find a way to include, in some constructive fashion, not only the childrens' support of the Leo Baeck School but also the movement's support in our overall budgeting.

I'm also looking forward and anticipate the Reform Kibbutz. While Rabbi Levine assured us when he spoke in Toronto that only the garin would require funds, whereas the kibbutz would struggle like any other, this will of course not be the case. Just as many kibbutzim have special friends who make it possible to build libraries, theatres and such, so will undoubtedly the Reform kibbutz appeal for special funds to build a synagogue, a library, special quarters for the aged, special quarters for Temple youth, and what have you. All these worthwhile projects have appeal to raise funds

within Religious School and youth groups. We also know that fashions change and that something new is always better for fund raising than something old but we must keep in mind that starving one to feed the other serves no good purpose. There must be a careful appraisal of our values and of our situation and I feel quite confident if all factors are taken into account the continued existence of not only the Leo Baeck School but also the creation of similar schools in other urban centers, perhaps even in such places as Arad or Beer Sheva, will have to be considered.

In any case, for the time being my main concern is the continued support of the Leo Baeck School and I would appreciate your considered opinion as well as the ideas and suggestions of all those who receive copies of this letter and also the original note from Rabbi Samuels.

With kind regards and thanks for your interest in our mutual concern, Israel,

Sincerely,



Heinz Warschauer.

HW:rl

cc: Rabbi Richard Hirsch  
Rabbi Ira Youdovin  
Rabbi Allan Levine  
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Rabbi Stephen Schafer  
Rabbi Robert Samuels  
Mr. Rolf Schickler  
Mr. Alan Bennett







Haifa, May 14, 1976

Mr. Heinz Warschauer  
Holy Blossom Temple  
1950 Bathurst Street  
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Heinz,

Amongst the material I received from NFTY were the minutes of the meeting of Garin Arava, the kibbutz nucleus that will found a reform kibbutz next year. The meeting took place February 14-15 in the States. The minutes contain the following passage:

" With the KEREN AMI project, efforts will be made to contact kids in UAHC summer camps about the needs of the garin and follow up this campaign with a letter to the same in the fall urging their religious schools to contribute to the garin.

We should note that a commendable effort is already being done by the religious school of Temple Emanuel of East Meadow, New York."

I should be grateful if you would check the matter to see that this project will not be at the expense of the Leo Baeck School - NATE fund contributions.

Fond greetings,

Rabbi Robert L. Samuels,  
Headmaster

June 19, 1972

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

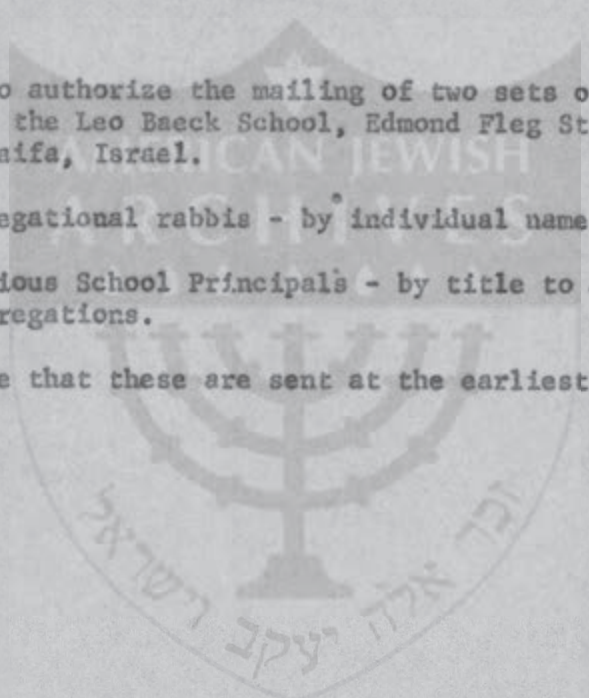
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*Henry W*

This is to authorize the mailing of two sets of address labels to the Leo Baeck School, Edmond Fleg Street, French Carmel, Haifa, Israel.

- 1/ Congregational rabbis - by individual name
- 2/ Religious School Principals - by title to all congregations.

Please see that these are sent at the earliest.





June 19, 1972

Dear Heinz:

You will note from the enclosed that the two sets of mailing labels have already been authorized. I trust they will reach the Leo Baeck School in good time and order.

As regards the NATE Conference, there is no problem as far as my travel and expenses are concerned. I have a travel budget and it will cover my participation at the NATE sessions. Ruth Buchbinder's travel and expenses would have to be picked up by NATE. Her departmental budget does not provide for attendance at such meetings. Our Education Department staff has a budgetary allowance for NATE Conferences so that's no problem but should you decide to invite Ruth, know it will have to be at NATE's expense.

Thanks for the "late" flowers -- they didn't serve to remind me of Rhea's birthday, as per usual, this time they came too late. But know that they were beautiful and deeply appreciated by Rhea. If she hasn't written to you herself yet, she will be doing so soon. It's been a very hectic few weeks for both of us.

We expect to enjoy Switzerland -- after all the conferences -- and hope you enjoy Lake Placid. Have a restful and refreshing vacation and hopefully we'll see each other when we get back to the States.

Fondly,

Alexander M. Schindler

Mr. Heinz Warschauer  
Holy Blossom Temple  
Bathurst Street at Ava Road  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

*Holy Blossom Temple*  
*Bathurst Street at Ave Road*  
*Toronto*

June 14th  
1972

Rabbi Alexander Schindler,  
President-Elect, UAHC,  
838 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y. 10021.

Dear Alexander:

On behalf of the Leo Baeck School I would like you to authorize once more the mailing of two sets of address labels to the Leo Baeck School. They will send the customary Rosh Hashanah card and support request.

The first and most important set of labels is the one for the Rabbis of our congregations and the second set would be that of the Religious School Principals. The former list is by name, the latter list, I understand, is by title only.

I hope that Rhea and you will enjoy some restful days in Switzerland and environs and I do hope to see you soon, even before Toronto in December. I pray that nothing will stand in the way of you and Rhea coming to town then to enjoy our city and the NATE Conference.

I will be in touch regarding details of arrangements later in the season.

I also would like to know at this time what the policy of the Union is re participation of yourself and perhaps Ruth Buchbinder (I have not even approached her). But what is the policy: (1) who pays the air fare (2) who picks up the hotel bill? Inasmuch as NATE has a limited Conference budget (and an even more limited general budget), I would like to know what we are expected to contribute if anything, and what the Union budget allows for such "appearances."

I would like to draw up my Conference budget in a realistic manner so that we know where we stand in this and all the other related matters. . .

I had planned to visit you during July but I'll have to take a raincheck again. Perhaps I'll see you in town when the kids go to camp. However, I'm leaving on June 29th for Lake Placid. . .

Kind regards and thanks,

Fondly,

*herz*

HW:rg



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January 4, 1968

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

Dear Alex:

Need I tell you what a joy it was to have you at the convention, and to have you as our banquet speaker? We couldn't have done better.

Altogether, I think it was a good convention, and I was very much impressed with Jack Spiro. It will be good to work with him.

Just keep on being interested in us, and I will be satisfied.

Be sure to give my love to your darlings.

Affectionately,

CSS:PD

Mrs. M. M. Singer  
President of NATE

P.S. I've written to Kathryn, asking her to have your plaque framed. There wasn't enough time to have it done before the convention. You see, we want you to hang it up as a constant reminder that we love you.



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January 29, 1968

Mrs. M. M. Singer  
The Isaac M. Wise Temple  
Reading Road & N. Crescent Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Dear Cel,

While the idea of an honorary D.R.E. to NATEr's is good, you ought to know that the College itself has discontinued the practice of giving twenty-five year degrees to rabbis; only a few of each graduating class are chosen for this honor -- at least this is what Fritz Bamberger tells me. In a word: While the idea is good, I don't think it likely of fulfillment, considering the present constellation of attitudes.

On the other hand, I do think that there is a need for pressure to allow the earning of a Doctorate in absentia by educators. This path is more hopeful of fulfillment.

As far as the Program Committee on the Biennial is concerned, almost anyone on the east coast would do. Most of our NATE members are capable enough for this particular task. We have an ample group to draw from here, and there is no need to add to the financial burden of NATE.

With fond good wishes, I am

Cordially,

Alexander M. Schindler

/w



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January 23, 1968



Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler,  
c/o U.A.H.C.,  
838 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y. - 10021

Dear Alex:

It is always a pleasure to hear from you and I deeply appreciated your very gracious letter of thanks. Our tribute didn't tell the half of it.

I want to ask your advice about something. I have a letter from Carl Erdberg, in which he says that he and a few other people discussed the idea of having the College present a D.R.E. to NATE'rs, who have completed twenty-five years of service in this field. I am enclosing a copy of his letter together with my answer. I would like very much to know what you think.

Now, as to your request for a NATE'r on the Program Committee of the Biennial. I want to think about this a little longer. Possibly you have some suggestion. It would be very practical for us to name someone on the east coast but, if there is no one <sup>there</sup> ~~else~~ who could be helpful, I don't think we should let distance stand in the way. You will hear from me soon, but you know our group well enough to have some idea yourself as to whom you would like.

Give my love to <sup>L</sup>Rea. It was delightful to have her and the children and you at the convention.

Affectionately,

Mrs. M. M. Singer  
President of NATE

CSS:PD



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Mrs. M. M. Singer, Principal, Religious School  
Isaac M. Wise Temple,  
Reading Road & N. Crescent Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio (29)

Dear Cele:

Some of us had the idea at Miami that instead of the F.R.E., the H.U.C. offer an honorable D.R.E. (Doctor of Religious Education) to those principals and educational directors (who are members of N.A.T.E.) who have had 25 or more years of service.

At present, I understand, the H.U.C. presents an honorary D.H.L. to Reform rabbis who have 25 years of service. By the same token, we could be considered for the honorary doctorate. Those receiving the D.R.E. could submit a paper on a type such as "How Can We Improve the Curriculum of Reform Jewish Education?"

Thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Carl B. Erdberg

January 23, 1968

Mr. Carl B. Erdberg,  
c/o Congregation Rodeph Shalom,  
7 West 83rd St.,  
New York, N.Y. - 10024

Dear Carl:

Your letter of the 16th contains an interesting idea. Before we would even consider it, I think we should get the advice of Alex Schindler.

The College does give an honorary doctorate to Rabbis who have given twenty-five years of service in congregations. However, these men are alumni of the College and very close to it. They have, in a sense, reaped the benefit of their rabbinical education, plus years of experience in using what they have learned. So it seems logical for the College to bestow this award.

With us, it is different. The College is not our alma mater, and the "machers" there might think the idea a little farfetched.

I do want to tell you that on the 30th anniversary of my service at the Wise Temple, first as teacher and then as director of the school, the College gave me an honorary M.R.E. degree in recognition of my service, not only to Jewish education, but in training H.U.C. students in our Religious School.

The H.U.C. in Cincinnati no longer has a department in which the M.R.E. degree is given, so I don't think that it would be interested now. I am going to mention it to Sylvan Schwartzman, who is Professor of Education at H.U.C., to see what he thinks about it. Meanwhile, let's talk it over among ourselves.

I have written to Al Werpan, asking him to get in touch with you as our representative to the Commission on Social Action. Have you heard from him?

It was very pleasant having you at the convention. It has been a while since you have been with us. Keep coming.

Warmest regards.

Cordially,

CSS:PD

Mrs. M. M. Singer  
President of NATE

c.c. Mr. Alan D. Bennett



*Nate Personnel Practices*

December 19, 1967

Mrs. M. M. Singer  
Isaac M. Wise Temple  
Reading Road & N. Crescent Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Dear Col,

As Kathryn Friedman probably told you, I spoke to Paul Steinberg and he has absolutely no objections if the burden of responsibility for Placement were to fall on Alan Bennett. He and I too hope of course that neither the College nor the Union will be completely dissociated from this process. We should continue to serve on this tri-partate Board, to be consulted in matters of over-all policy and to be kept informed much in the manner in which the NATE representative was informed, and Paul too, when I handled this matter, or in the manner in which the Union representative and the NATE representative was kept informed when Paul Steinberg handled the matter.

We can discuss this procedure more carefully when we get to Miami. In the meantime, you ought to know that you can proceed with NATE's plans.

With warm good wishes, I am

Cordially,

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

/w

cc: Rabbi Jack D. Spiro  
Alan Bennett

November 28, 1967

Mrs. M. M. Singer, Principal  
The Isaac M. Wise Temple  
Reading Road & N. Crescent Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Dear Ceil:

I do agree with you that you ought to write a letter to Leideker's congregation.

I am glad to know that you are feeling better. Obviously, I hope for your continued well being.

Maurice will definitely go to Miami as you now know. I look forward to seeing you there and just in case my presence isn't enough--as I am sure it isn't--you will be happy to learn that Rhea and three of our five children will also be on hand.

Fondly,

AMS:B

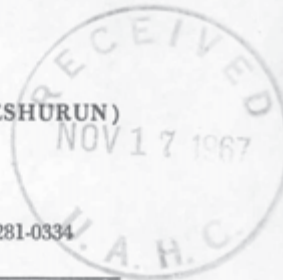
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November 15, 1967

Rabbi Alex M. Schindler,  
838 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y. - 10021

Dear Alex:

## LEIDEKER

One day after I received your letter of November 12, I received a reply on the Leideker matter from Sy Namzoff. I notice that he sent you a copy of his letter. Good old Sy. He worked so hard on the Code of Personnel Practices that I think he knows it by heart. We can certainly rely upon his judgment.

I notice that Sy sent a copy of his letter to Stanley Leideker, and I shall write to Stanley and ask him what he would now like to have us do.

It seems to me that I should write this letter to Leideker's congregation. I would enclose a copy of the Code of Personnel Practices and point out that it was adopted by NATE, the Board of Trustees of U.A.H.C., and the Joint Commission on Jewish Education of the C.C.A.R. and the U.A.H.C. Certainly, as Sy points out, there is no point in bringing it up at the business meeting of the Board. The only value it might have had would have been to call everyone's attention to this clause in the Code. Let me know if you agree.

## THE GREENBURG VISIT

I shall follow your suggestion and ask Pauline to whom a letter (bill) should be directed, but I think it is Sylvia Goldman who should send that letter. I did immediately thank Pauline with the phrase "gesogt und geton". You can rely upon Pauline to do a good job any time.

I am feeling somewhat better than I did last Tuesday when I made the decision not to go to the convention, but this is not something that will be better tomorrow or the next day. I just have to learn to live with it.

Thanks for caring.

Affectionately,

Mrs. M. M. Singer  
President of NATE

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