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November 18, 1980

Dear David:

Mazal tov on your election as president of the National Federation of Temple Brotherboods. This development bespeaks the admiration, affection and esteem in which you are held by your colleagues of the NFTB and you have a right to be pleased and proud.

It is a pleasure to welcome you to service on the Board of Trustees of the UAHC. I look forward to having you in our midst, I am confident you will have much of value to contribute to our deliberations and decision-making processes. You bring so many fine qualities of heart and mind to the task, along with deep devotion and dedication to our sacred cause. It will be wonderful working with you in close association in the days and years ahead.

With fondest regards to you and Bebe ahd all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Mr. David Krem 2435 Baxton Way Chesterfield, MO. 63017



November 6, 1980 27 Cheshvan 5741

Dear Dave:

On behalf of the officers and Board of the Midwest Council, we would like to offer you our congratulations on your upcoming election as President of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. We take great pride in the fact that a member of our Board has been accorded such a great honor. We know that your term of office will be a distinguished one, and that you will bring to NFTB a deep sense of commitment to Judaism and the Jewish people.

We offer our best wishes to you and to your family. May you go from strength to strength in your service to our movement.

Sincerely yours,

Ted Pailet, President Midwest Council

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Mr. David Krem 2435 Baxton Way Chesterfield, MO 63017

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

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June 3, 1980

Mr. Irvin Husin 27 William Street New York, N.Y. 10005

Dear Irv:

I've just learned that you took out a JCS Life Membership in my honor. What a wonderful and beautiful thing you did! I am deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness and appreciate being honored in so meaningful a fashion.

With fondest regards to you and Bernice, in which Rhea joins me, and with best wishes for a great summer, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

MEMORANDUM

Date May 30, 1980

From Av Bondarin

To Rabbi Alexander M. SChindler

Copy for information of

I want to thank you for attending the Chautauqua Brunch at Terrace on the Park on April 27.

I am sorry that you could not stay for the balance of the event, but you will be pleased to learn that this was an experimental venture which resulted in our raising an additional \$40,000.

The real purpose for this memo is to advise you that Irv Husin, who attended the brunch in your honor, subsequently took out a Life Membership in your honor.





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May 20, 1980

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Joshua Dwork

Please let me have a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to JCS Special Funds, per the attached. This \$25.00 is to come out of my Special Discretionary Fund. Send it to my office for transmittal.

Thank you.



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KATZ, BERRY & ASSOCIATES CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS P. O. BOX 9200 CANTON, OHIO 44711 ROBERT KATZ, CPA AREA CODE 216 MORTON BERRY, CPA 499-0707 May 13, 1980 Dear Board Member: This year marks the 25th year of Av Bondarin's association with NFTB-JCS. The Cleveland planning committee thought it appropriate that we honor him at our bienniel in Cleveland this coming November. The committee has chosen me to communicate with all of the Board Members to make them aware of this occasion, and to solicit each of you for a contribution towards an appropriate gift for him and Mary. A contribution of at least \$25.00 would seem in order. It is our hope that this will truly be kept secret and, therefore, we have not communicated with the New York staff for any help in this effort. I would hope that none of us would even allude in any way to his length of service with us in any conversations that we might have with Av or the office between now and the time of our meeting in Cleveland. Therefore, would you kindly send your honorarium made out to JCS-Special Funds, to my attention, at P. O. Box 9278, Canton, Ohio, 44711. Your remittance as soon as possible to facilitate our acquisition of the proper gift will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and have a good summer. Very truly yours, Bob Katz REK/arg

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May 1, 1980

Mr. Lawrence M. Halperin 2014 Heather Cove Memphis, Tennessee 38138

Dear Lawrence:

It was very gratifying to be selected as an honoree by the Jewish Chautauqua Society. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you and your colleagues for this tribute.

The brunch last Sunday was lovely and I deeply regret that circumstances made it necessary for me to make an early departure. I would much have wished to remain for the entire program, alas I could not. I do want to thank you and all concerned for your understanding of the situation.

You were most gracious.

With repeated thanks and warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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November 29, 1979

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Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr. Campus Sweater & Sportwear Mack Center Drive Paramus, N.J. 07652

Dear Chuck:

Enclosed are copies of memos, tables and letters concerning the agreement worked out between the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods concerning the charges payable by the NFTB to the UAHC.

This agreement was made because of the sincere desire of both the Union and the NFTB to prevent NFTB from moving its headquarters because of increasing costs of remaining at 838 Fifth Avenue. (Since your name appears in the left hand corner of Ed Lee's memo of September, 1973, it appears that you may have attended the meeting referred to in the memo).

In our judgment, the enclosures clearly establish the intent and agreement of the parties to establish a percentage ratio of 26.435% and that this figure was derived from the base year 1968-69.

It is our further judgment that we should take the years in question presented in your letter of August 31, 1979 and let our respective representatives analize the charges and credits for those years under the agreed percentage of 26.435%, and if additional sums are due to the UAHC then those sums should be paid by NFTB; conversely if NFTB has overpaid under the formula, then credit should be given to the NFTB.

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Please let me have the benefit of your further thoughts as NFTB is just as anxious as you and Rabbi Schindler to harmoniously resolve this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Bernard Hirsh

Chairman, Committee on Cooperation with UAHC

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Lawrence M. Halperin

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MEMORANDUM ON DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NFTE-JCS AND UAHC ON HEADQUARTER'S EXPENSES Robot Paristy
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At the meeting of the Committees of NFTB-JCS and UAHC on September 7, 1973, it was agreed that, for purposes of computing the proportion of NFTB-JCS income to be used for rent, central services, outside services and salaries, there rent, central services and salaries and Tillie compensation paid to Sylvan Lebow, Av. Bundarin and Tillie compensation paid to Sylvan Lebow, Av. Bundari

Said 26.435% of gross income should, for years commencing July 1, 1974, cover NFTB-JCS Salaries and Expenses of the types included above. Table II shows, for illustrative purposes, how said formula would work out when applied to the NFTB-JCS Budget for 1973-74.

As shown in said Table II, the payments by NFTB-JCS to UAHC for Shared Services would be \$42,394 for said year instead of the budgeted item of \$73,409. The reduction in UAHC charges to NFTB-JCS for said year, if the aforesaid formula had applied to that year, would have been \$31,015.

The UAHC position varied from the NFTB-JCS position as follows:

- 1. In the figures UAHC originally proposed on September 7, 1973, both Sylvan Lebow's secretary and Tillie Ginsburgh were treated as "excluded personnel." NFTB-JCS had initially treated both of them as included personnel. This issue was compromised by excluding Tillie Ginsburgh but including said secretary.
- 2. In UAHC's original figures, no allowance was made for any increase in NFTB-JCS costs for printing done outside the building. It was later agreed that this matter must be included building. Indeed, UAHC might change all of its proint the final figures. Indeed, UAHC might change all of its procedures so far as printing at 838 Fifth Avenue is concerned.
- 3. UAHC sought to exclude FICA, UI, and hospitalization (hereinafter referred to as "Itemized Fringe Benefits") of all employees from the formula. For reasons stated below, NFTB-JCS employees that exclusion of the Itemized Fringe Benefits would be believes that exclusion of the Itemized Fringe Benefits would be an erosion of the compromise agreed to at Baltimore an May, 1973.

However, a presentation of the UAHC figures as called for in the Memorandum sets forth the UAHC figures on the basis of acluding the Itemized Fringe Benefits from the formula.

We have no breakdown of the UAHC final proposed figures which we were told would reduce the UAHC charges by \$25,000. However, examination of the figures at hand, modified pursuant to the agreements reached September 7th, allows us to make a very close (if not exact) approximation of the UAHC position.

Table III annexed hereto shows that in the base year, salaries and expenses covered by the formula, exclusive of the Itemized Fringe Benefits, would constitute 25.013% of NFTB-JCS gross income.

NFTB-JCS Budget for 1973-74 and shows that the amount payable to UAHC for shared services would be \$47,371. This is a reduction of \$26,038 from the items budgeted by NFTB-JCS to pay for shared services in that year. So far as NFTB-JCS is concerned, after services in that year. So far as NFTB-JCS is concerned, after paying \$47,371 o UAHC, there would still have to be paid the Itemized Fringe Benefits.

CONCLUSIONS

The UAHC proposes, based on excluding from the formula the itemized fringe benefits, reduces the applicable percentage from 26.435% to 25.013%. As applied to the NFTB-JCS Budget for from 26.435% to 25.013%. As applied to the NFTB-JCS Budget for 1973-74, it increases total expenses by \$4,977. These differences are due to UAHC's proposal to exclude from the formula the Itemized Fringe Benefits.

NFTB-JCS believes the UAHC position on the itemized fringe benefits is erroneous for the following reasons:

l. It changes the items payable by NFTB-JCS after settling with UAHC. NFTB-JCS had anticipated that, if it agreed to stay in New York it would have one over-all computation to show what it cost to remain in the City. Omitting the Itemized Fringe Benefits would to remain in the City. Omitting the Itemized Fringe Benefits with place NFTB-JCS in a position wherein it had to settle first with place NFTB-JCS in a position wherein it had to settle first with place NFTB-JCS in a position wherein it had to settle first with place NFTB-JCS in a position wherein it had to settle first with place and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits with place Itemized Fringe Benefits with place Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits in UAHC and then would have to pay the Itemized Fringe Benefits with place Itemized Fringe Benefits with place Itemized Fringe Benefits with place Itemized Fringe Benefits would be an other cities.

2. More important, eliminating the Itemized Fringe Benefits from the general formula is a withdrawal from the compromise achieved at Baltimore. We were there discussing a comparison of NFTB-JCS expenses in New York compared to what they would be if NFTB-JCS moved away from New York. The estimated Sayings of such a move were reported as approximately \$70,000 per year. For the sake of unity with UAHC, NFTR-JCS was willing to sacrifice a substantial portion of that saving to stay in New York, a consummation devoutly wished for by UAHC. Therefore, NFTB-JCS agreed to stay in New York if those salaries and expenses would cost no greater percentage of its future gross income than the percentage of its base year gross income used for those purposes. After this formula was adopted, in fairness to UAHC, NFTB-JCS voluntarily excluded from the formula salaries paid to Sylvan Lebow and Av. Bondarin, and later Tillie Ginsburgh, because NFTB-JCS recognized equitable reasons for assuming any increases in those salaries. But there is no reason, under the formula adopted, why the Itemized Fringe Benefits should be excluded in computing the formula.

The UAHC's position amounts to taking a compromise already agreed upon and bargaining down from there to another compromise. We believe this is unfair and the NFTB-JCS Committee could not recommend that position to its Board.

Tables I, II, III and IV are an integral part of this memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Lee, NFTB-JCS Headquarters Committee

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It was agreed as follows: For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975 the Union charges for rent and central services to NFTB-JCS will be reduced by \$31,000. \$1,000 of this amount may be either in cash or in additional space or by making certain physical changes in the space. The agreement will go on to state that this amount has been arrived at according to the principles stated in the memorandum on differences between NFTB-JCS and UAHC on headquarters expenses submitted by Ed Lee with his letter to Morton Kemper and others of September 25, 1973, a copy of which has been supplied to the Union representatives and more particularly Tables 1 and 2 attached to said memorandum. Furthermore, it will be stated that because of studies being made respecting UAHC administrative procedures and central services by Fenvessy Associates Inc. as outlined in Harry Gutmann's letter to Morton Kemper of November 1, 1973 and as a result of said study the Union felt it was unable to come to a definite agreement at this time as to what computations will be made in future years. However, the parties agree in principle that after the administrative changes are made as a result of such Fenvessy report and other items which may be taken into consideration, the parties will meet in good faith and try to work out a definite formula for future years as close as possible to the formula expressed in Ed Lee's said report and Tables 1 and 2 attached thereto. It is recognized that good faith on both sides is basic both to working out such an agreement in the future and in NFTB operating as nearly as possible in the same manner (with reasonable variations in operations comparable to variations in gross income) as it operated at the time of the base year, that is the fiscal year 1968-69 represented in Table 1.

The parties will start negotiating as soon as possible after UAHC makes its plans for future administration after receiving the Fenvessy report. Such negotiations will deal with future years after June 30, 1975.

Going back to the \$1,000 question, Iselin felt that he was bound by commitment to officers of the UAHC not to go beyond \$30,000. I felt bound not to come below \$31,000. In discussion afterwards there was some reference to our needing further space and perhaps our needing certain physical changes by knocking out walls or something comparable and it was suggested that perhaps this \$1,000 difference could be worked out in connection with those physical requirements.

Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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January 10, 1974

Mr. Edward Lee 6 East 43rd Street New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Ed:

As a result of discussions I have had with the members of the committee, in accordance with my letter to you of January 3rd, we propose the following:

"For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975 the Union charges for rent and central services to NFTB-JCS will be reduced by \$30,000. The agreement will go on to state this amount has been arrived at by approximating the principles stated in the memorandum on differences between NFTB-JCS and UAHC on headquarters expenses submitted by Ed Lee with his letter to Morton Kemper and others of September 25, 1973, a copy of which has been supplied to the Union representatives and more particularly Tables 1 and 2 attached to said memorandum. Furthermore, it will be stated that because of studies being made respecting UAHC administrative procedures and central services by Fenvessy Associates, Inc. as outlined in Harry Gutmann's letter to Morton Kemper of November 1, 1973 and as a result or said study the Union felt it was unable to come to a definite agreement at this time as to what computations will be made in future years. However, the parties agree in principle that after the administrative changes are made as a result of such Fenvessy report and other items which may be taken into consideration, the parties will meet in good faith and try to work out a definite formula for future years.

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If the above is satisfactory to you and the officers and Board of NFTB we will move to recommend same to the Board of the UAHC for their approval.

With kindest regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alan V. Iselin



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838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021

January 16, 1974

Mr. Harry Gutman Chairman, Board of Trustees Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Harry:

I am in receipt of a copy of the letter dated January 10 from Alan V. Iselin to Edward Lee in which he presents the UAHC proposal for resolving the differences between NFTB-JCS and the UAHC on headquarters expenses.

ease be advised that MFTB accepts the proposal in principle and hereby urges the UAHC to implement it forthwith by submitting the recommendation to the UAHC Board for its approval.

At this time I want to again lodge a complaint about the inefficiency of the mailroom. The personnel is consistent in not filling orders and shipping material in accordance with the written instructions. We have written numerous memoranda on this untenable situation without results.

We are hopeful, too, that the maintenance of our offices can be improved. We would welcome the opportunity of discussing this matter with a member of the UAHC staff who is in charge of this function.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

MLK: vk

c: A. Iselin

Morton L. Kemper

BC: Ed Lee, Morton Kemper, Bernard Hirsh, Sylvan Lebow, Bob Katz Arthur Plotnick

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January 17, 1974

Mr. Morton L. Kemper, President National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods 838 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y. 10021

Dear Morton:

I have your letter of January 16 and I am very pleased to know that NFTB has accepted the proposal in principle submitted by Alan V. Iselin in his letter of January 10 to Ed Lee. It will be on the agenda of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the UARC on February 7, 1974, and will be recommended for approval at that time.

I have taken careful note of your continued dissatisfaction with the functioning of the mailroom and assure you that tighter control and supervision will be instituted without delay in order to reach maximum efficiency in that area of our operations. As you know, a study by Fenvessy Associates, Inc. of all UAHC administrative activities is now nearing completion and out of it will come constructive recommendations which should result in more competent performance. The problem of housekeeping to which you refer will be turned over to the UAHC staff member in charge with instructions that he give it his immediate attention.

I look forward to seeing you at our Executive Committee meeting next month.

Kindest regards.

Cordially,

Harry K. Gutmann

HKG:sk cc: Mr. Alan V. Iselin

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REPORT OF UAHC-NFTB SPECIAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UAHC BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEBRUARY 7, 1974

Submitted by MR. ALAN V. ISELIN

The terms of the agreement submitted by the UAHC-NFTB Special Negotiating Committee are as follows:

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975, the Union charges for rent and central services to NFTB-JCS will be reduced by \$30,000. The agreement will go on to state that this amount has been arrived at by approximating the principles stated in the memorandum on differences between NFTB-JCS and UAHC on headquarters expenses submitted by Ed Lee with his letter to Morton Kemper and others of September 25, 1973, a copy of which has been supplied to the Union representatives and more particularly Tables 1 and 2 attached to said memorandum. Furthermore, it will be stated that because of studies being made respecting. UAHC administrative procedures and central services by Fenvessy Associates Inc. UAHC administrative procedures and central services by Fenvessy Associates Inc. and as a result of said study the Union felt it was unable to come to a definite agreement at this time as to what computations will be made in future years. agreement at this time as to what computations will be made in future years. agreement at this time as to what computations will be made in future years. agreement at this time as to what computations will be made in future years. The parties agree in principle that after the administrative changes are used as a result of such Fenvessy report and other items which may be taken into consideration, the parties will meet in good faith and try to work out a definite formula for future years.

The parties will start negotiating as soon as possible after the UAHC makes its plans for future administration after receiving the Fenvessy report. Such negotiations will deal with future years after June 30, 1975.



November 2, 1979

National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods 838 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10021

Attn: Mr. Lawrence M. Halperin

Dear Larry:

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to answer your October 16th letter but I have been out of the country for the past two weeks.

I am not sure whether it is your intention to have the November 15th meeting in Detroit or New York. I have to attend a seminar in New York part of the day on November 15th, so it will be impossible for me to come to Detroit. If it was your intent to have the meeting in New York, I am sure we can arrange a convenient time.

I await your reply.

Kindest regards,

cc: A. Schindler

J. Dwork

October 24, 1979

Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr. 550 Sunderland Road
Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

Dear Chuck:

Larry Halperin has, as you know, shared with me his letter to you of October 16. I note he has requested a meeting on November 15. Chuck, I would be grateful if you were to keep me posted on developments.

With warmest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

cc: Joshua M. Dwork

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October 16, 1979 Less
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Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr. 550 Sunderland Road
Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

Dear Chuck:

Pursuant to our meeting in New York last month enclosed find the figures which our people have developed. I trust they will be helpful in your investigation.

I am certain we both are anxious to implement the solution to this problem.

We have an Executive Board Meeting scheduled at the Hyatt Regency in Detroit next month.

In view of the fact that all of our people who have been involved in this matter will be there I suggest that perhaps we could meet at some time convenient to both of us on Thursday, November 15.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Halperin

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August 20, 1979

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the reply from Mr. Klutznick to mine of July 28. Unlike Mr. K. I feel that everyone involved in this matter, which dates back to 1974 is quite literate. I would even go so far as to say that a course with the "late Dale Carnegie" would be "gilding the lily".

So at this point after a great deal of wasted effort, I feel our time could be better spent in endeavors more in keeping with the spirit of N.F.T.B. - J.C.S.

I look forward to seeing each of you in New York next month. With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Halberin

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Philip M. Klutznick

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August 6, 1979

Mr. Lawrence M. Halperin President Jewish Chautauqua Society 838 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Halperin:

I took the time over the weekend to read your letter of July 28 and the several letters that you attached thereto. I regret that I put you to so much trouble, especially since it seems others read English a little differently than I write it.

In your concluding paragraph which I quote, you say: "Let me emphasize, however, that if you do not recognize the commitment, please advise me and the matter will be put to rest forevermore." This implies that someone else recognizes a commitment from the correspondence if I do not. I am, therefore, taking the trouble to point out to you where you may have misinterpreted the whole of the correspondence.

I refer now only to my letters not to what you may have implied or others may have thought. I do not question that I was solicited for a contribution, not only in this connection but in years prior. The only two letters that you enclosed which I signed, I quote from directly:

(1) My letter of March 8, 1976, to Rabbi Schindler:
"At no time will I ever ask an organization with which I am
directly or indirectly affiliated to do an unfair or unpolitical act.
If this is a matter of policy and it is embarrassing to the organization to change, then I would suggest that you merely tell me so

Mr. Lawrence M. Halperin August 6, 1979 Page Two

and I will handle the diplomatic relationships with Creighton.
All I would suggest is that some future promise be held forth.
If I have to, I will raise the money among others to take care
of the present situation.

There are two principles expressed in that paragraph that have guided me throughout. I do not ask for special treatment and I sought none. Secondly, if this had been rejected, I would have asked a number of Jewish Creighton alumni to join me in funding whatever Creighton had in mind. I do not handle these things on my own. I have too many other causes in which I am interested.

(2) The only other letter is my letter of April 1 to Mr. Edward Lee from which I quote:

"About the only thing I can suggest is that you handle this matter in routine, decide what you think you have to decide. Base it on whatever considerations you think are proper.

"When you send your letter to Creighton, please send me a copy. I will then be in a position on my next trip to Omaha to handle this in the best way that I can. I fear my talents may not be up to the situation that has arisen, but I will do the best under the circumstances that is in me.

"All that I ask is that you do not involve me in the decision itself."

Thereafter, you decided to include Creighton, I assume on the basis that it was entitled to be included as against another lesser college that was involved. I appreciate this and I am sure the people in Omaha do. I am certain that your correspondence was not written vindictively, but I must say it is beneath the dignity of any correspondence that I have had on any contribution that I have ever contemplated leave alone one that I had never promised.

Mr. Lawrence M. Halperin August 6, 1979 Page Three

I would suggest that you take lessons from the late Dale Carnegie.

Beyond that, totally unrelated to this matter, you may count on me to make a contribution to the Jewish Chautauqua Society for the year 1980. Your office can call this to my attention any time after January 1 and I will include it on my list.

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Since rely,

Philip M. Klutznic

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cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

P.S. The last sentence, for those who do not read English well, is a firm commitment.



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You can rely on my word that my and previous correspondence was not written vindictively or to be quarrelsome. As the current president of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and the Jewish Chautauqua Society, you can understand that the exchange of communications with respect to this matter is available to me, and, therefore, copies of my letter of May 8, 1979 were simply mailed to those persons who have been or are currently involved.

Enclosed is the data which I believe to be the facts of your commitment. By providing you with these copies you will be saved the time involved in purging your files.

You involved Rabbi Schindler in this matter as far back as February, 1976; so I am certain you will not object to his receiving a copy of this letter.

Special attention is invited to the last sentence in the fourth paragraph of your letter to Rabbi Schindler dated March 8, 1976.

Please understand that our intention is not to pressure you or to ask anything of you; however, if you agree with our interpretation, we thank you for your much needed financial support of the lectureship which, since 1976 has been funded at the cost of \$1500 per year.

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MEMORANDUM

February 10, 1976

From	Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler	
То	Mr. Sylvan Lebow	
Copy fo	or information of Mr. Philip M. Klutznick	
Subject		

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick has been in contact with me regarding the possibility of a JCS program at Creighton University. He is an alumnus of the University and a close friend of Father Reinert, former President of Creighton who is now the President of the University's Development Foundation. Father Reinert has been in contact with Mr. Klutznick to seek his assistance in regard to the JCS program for correspondence to JCS from Fr. John Sheets of the Department of Theology has not brought forth a response and they are very eager to develop a program for their students.

I would be grateful if you would let me know the status of the Creighton request and what can be done to move matters forward. Mr. Klutznick tells me that the Creighton request is indeed a worthy one and deserving of consideration and attention.

Vender RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER . UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 March 4, 1976 Mr. Philip M. Klutznick 875 No. Michigan Avenue Suite 4044 Chicago, Illinois 60611 Dear Phil: In regard to the Creighton lectureship, here is the story. The Jewish Chautauqua Society already has one lectureship in Cmaha at a Christian College - the name slips my mind just now but it really doesn't matter and that lectureship is taught by our Rabbi Sidney Brooks. Creighton University is, of course, a more prestigious academic institution but you ought to know that in the past correspondence with the office of the JCS the administration of Creighton indicated that it would like the course to be taught by a Rabbi Kripke who is a Conservative rabbi in town, now emeritus and therefore he has the time and there is some indication in the JCS-Creighton correspondence that it was actually Kripke who put the bee in the bonnet of the Creighton administration and they, in effect, have indicated it's either Kripke or nothing. This does confront us with something of a political problem vis-a-vis Sidney Brooks, a decent human being and most qualified too. Moreover, maintaining two lectureships in Omaha strains an already over-strained JCS budget. Nonetheless, and because the wish of Philip M. Klutznick will continue to be our command, the JCS leadership is willing to recommend two lectureships to its Board and even to brave Sidney Brooks' displeasure if things simply cannot be worked out in any other way. Tell us, therefore, what your judgment in this matter is and there is really no reason why you should communicate through me and not directly with Mr. Edward Lee, a member of the Board of the Union who is the chairman of the Sub-Committee for NFTB and JCS which makes the lectureship plans. I hope the word "recommend" used above did not escape your attention. We have the assent of the leadership but the final approval is always subject to the decision of the Board and the availability of finances. Warmest regards. Sincerely, Alexander M. Schindler

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick March 4, 1976 Page -2-

cc: Mr. Edward Lee 6 East 43rd St. New York, N.Y. 10017

Mr. Sylvan Lebow

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Philip M. Klutznick 875 North Michigan Avenue . Suite 4044 . Chicago, Illinois 60611

March 8, 1976

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My dear Alexander:

Congregations

I am sorry that I have put you and our friends in such a difficult position. Sidney Brooks and Meyer Kripke are both old friends of mine. Kripke is an extraordinarily able scholar and I share your view about Sidney. Therefore, the question of competence is not an issue.

Since I do not know the college where Sidney holds forth, I am in no way able to evaluate the importance of the college in relation to Creighton. All that I know is that Creighton is a major institution in the Middle West and has been the home of many of our people in times when other schools were not so receptive. During the war its medical school housed almost as many New Yorkers as it did Nebraskans. However, that too is unimportant.

At no time will I ever ask an organization with which I am directly or indirectly affiliated to do an unfair or unpolitical act. If this is a matter of policy and it is embarrassing to the organization to change, then I would suggest that you merely tell me so and I will handle the diplomatic relationships with Creighton. All I would suggest is that some future promise be held forth. If I have to, I will raise the money among others to take care of the present situation.

Between us we have much more important problems that we have to solve in the immediate days ahead.

My very best.

Philip M. Klutznick

RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER PRESIDENT SAMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
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March 22, 1976

Mr. Edward Lee 6 East 43rd Street New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Ed:

Thank you for the prompt response in regard to Phil Klutznick's recent letter. Your letter to him is excellent and by all means share it with those noted in your letter to me. I also agree it would be wise to keep Marvin Taxman apprised of developments in regard to Creighton.

I would ask that you continue to keep me posted on this matter by sharing copies of correspondence with me.

With appreciation and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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March 26, 1976

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COUNSEL

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick 875 North Michigan Avenue Suite 4044 Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: Proposed JCS Resident Lectureship at Creighton University

Dear Mr. Klutznick:

Rabbi Schindler has forwarded to me your letter of March 8, 1976 concerning Creighton. Since, as you write, you and Alex have more important problems to solve, it is appropriate for me to communicate with you concerning this matter. Since I am not aware how much you know about the Jewish Chautauqua on Resident Lectures takes into consideration in making recommendations to the JCS Board.

1. Last year we supported Lectureships given for full credit at 112 colleges, and we hope to increase the number this year. The courses we support deal directly or indirectly with the life of Jews and the vitality of Judaism today. Since we receive more requests than we can fulfill, we choose on the basis of merit, but where merit is otherwise about equal we look to the source of funds and the cooperation of the local Temple and Rabbi in supporting Brotherhood and JCS. This is a practical matter, for more contributions enable us to support more Lectureships. Sometimes Brotherhoods, or a local association of Brotherhoods, raise funds to support a particular Lectureship. We run "Life Membership Dinners" which frequently feature the start of a new Lectureship in the area. Sometimes Lectureships honor individuals or their memories, such as the Maurice Eisendrath course at Manhattan College and the Irvin Fane course at the Missouri School of Religion. Although Resident Lectureships is one of six JCS programs, it is allowed a larger part of our budget than any other program.

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick

March 26, 1976

- 2. In Nebraska we now give a \$1500 subvention to St. Mary's College in connection with a course given by Rabbi Sidney Brooks. (The college pays its administrative costs and JCS pays its own administrative costs, so the full \$1500 is received by Rabbi Brooks.) Creighton originally made a request last year for a course to be given by Rabbi Brooks, but our budget was not sufficient to add this course to others already being given. It was suggested that Creighton reapply this year, which they did; but this time they asked that Rabbi Kripke give the course. Indeed, Reverend Sheets states that Rabbi Kripke called to express his interest in teaching the course.
- 3. Marvin Taxman, JCS Board member from Omaha, does an above-average job in obtaining JCS contributions. Last year seventeen members of his Brotherhood contributed \$1,925 to JCS. So far this year fourteen members have contributed \$1,005. However, the JCS Vice President in charge of Life Memberships reports to me that attempts to run a Life Membership Dinner in Omaha have been stymied in part by a recent hurricane, and in part by Rabbi Brooks' conviction that funds from the community should not be spent for projects outside the community. If all communities limited their contributions on the basis of amounts spent on local projects, JCS would have no funds left for its other five programs or to pay its own administration expenses (including contributions to the UAHC administration expenses).
- 4. There is one additional difficulty with Creighton that I did not explain to Alex before he wrote you on March 4th. The courses suggested by Rabbi Kripke to Rev. Sheets are, first semester, "The Prophetic Movement in Israel," and second semester, "Selected Writings from the Prophets." These sound like courses in the Bible which most colleges include in their regular curriculums. This would not be a typical JCS course. Generally, courses we support deal either with contemporaneous matters or with the life of Jews and Judaism after the death of Jesus. In the past, we have found that we can usually work out with local colleges the matter of an appropriate subject for our Lectureships, and I assume the same could be done at Creighton.

To sum up: We would like to give the course at Creighton, but I fear the budget committee will want to see a source of funds before approving our line item. There is an embarrassing situation concerning Rabbi Brooks and Rabbi Kripke; perhaps

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick

March 26, 1976

you, as a friend of both, can smooth our path in that regard. JCS does not like the subject matter of the proposed course but that can probably be modified by discussions between us and the college.

I await your suggestions with interest.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Lee

EL: EW

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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Marvin Taxman

bc: Sylvan Lebow (Ex.Dir., JCS)

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Philip M.Klutznick

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April 1, 1976

Mr. Edward Lee *
Bondy & Schloss
6 East 43rd Street
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Lee:

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I hasten to answer your letter of March 26th. I am extremely sorry if my communication involving Creighton University has caused so much of a problem. I am aware of the delicacy involved in handling the Brooks/Kripke situation, but frankly, I do not know how I can I do it by mail and I do not plan to be in Omaha for some time.

About the only thing I can suggest is that you handle this matter in routine, decide what you think you have to decide. Base it on whatever considerations you think are proper.

When you send your letter to Creighton, please send me a copy. I will then be in a position on my next trip to Omaha to handle this in the best way that I can. I fear my talents may not be up to the situation that has arisen, but I will do the best under the circumstances that is in me.

All that I ask is that you do not involve me in the decision itself.

Sincerely,

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April 6, 1976

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick 875 North Michigan Avenue Suite 4044 Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: Proposed JCS Resident Lectureship at Creighton University

Dear Mr. Klutznick:

Thank you for your letter of April 1. I assure you that I am not troubled by your having caused us "a problem." We are quite used to the trouble of stretching our budget to meet all we want to do, and the other matters eventually take care of themselves.

The whole question of the Creighton lectureship will be reviewed at our JCS meeting in Valley Forge during early May. I will most certainly keep you informed after the decision is made. In the meantime, I am suggesting to Marvin Taxman that he review the situation with Rabbi Brooks, and I have invited him to attend the meeting of the Resident Lecture Committee which will make its recommendations to the entire JCS Board concerning all the resident lectures which JCS will support next year.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Edward Lee

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cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021 Telephone: (212) 249-0100 October 7th, 1976

Mr. Philip Klutznick 875 North Michigan Avenue Suite 4044 Chicago, Ill. 60611

Dear Mr. Klutznick:

I enjoyed your lead article on the United Nations in the September-October issue of "BROTHERHOOD" Magazine.

As Chancellor of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, I am following up on correspondence which you have had with our past president, Edward Lee. We have established a course in Judaic studies at Creighton University in Omaha, which is being taught by Rabbi Myer Kripke. We also endow a similar course at St. Mary's College in Omaha taught by Rabbi Sidney Brooks.

Our checks for the Fall semester to endow these Resident Lectureships are being sent to the University next week and for the Spring semester in February.

I would hope that you could see your way clear to make your contemplated contribution to Chautauqua at this time, as it would be most helpful in meeting our commitments for the current academic year.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Robert E. Katz Chancellor

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July 25, 1977

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick 875 N. Michigan Avenue Suite 4044 Chicago, Ill. 60611

Dear Phil:

We are pleased to report that the course in Judaic studies which we instituted at your suggestion at Creighton University is going well.

Rabbi Kripke had 35 students in his class last year. He taught Wisdom Literature of the Bible in the Fall and The Jewish Experience in the Spring.

Chautauqua has renewed its subsidy of \$1,500 for this course for the coming academic year.

We know you have in mind a grant to Chautauqua for this work. It would be most helpful if you could see your way clear to provide it at this time.

With best personal regards and hoping our paths will cross soon,

Cordially, Sylvan Lebow

Executive Consultant

cc: Edward Lee

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838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021 Telephone: (212) 249- 0100 January 25, 1978

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick 875 No. Michigan Avenue Suite 4044 Chicago, Ill, 60611

Dear Phil:

I intended to write to you since my appointment as the Executive Director of the Jewish Chautauqua Society on July 1, but I have been caught up in a myriad of administrative duties. In addition, as you may have heard from members of the Fitch family, my mother, Marion, died last September.

I am prompted to contact you at this time because I recently returned from Omaha where I had a series of meetings at Temple Israel. I also spoke with Rabbi Myer Kripke and discussed with him the course he has taught at Creighton University under JCS auspices the past two years.

In reviewing the file of correspondence on this resident lectureship I noted several references to your desire and intention of making a grant to Chautauqua to assist us in our vital work.

As the Resident Lectureship committee will be meeting in May to review the entire program in preparation for the 1978-79 academic year, your support at this time will be most helpful.

May I hear from you?

After these many years, I am pleased to reestablish contact. Extend my best wishes to Helen.

Kind regards,

Sincerely,

Av Bondarin Executive Director

AB:dl

bcc: Robert E. Katz; Lawrence M. Halperin Al Raizman; Edward Lee

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August 31, 1979

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Mr. Bernard Hirsh 911 Elm Street Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Bernard:

Back in 1974, the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods felt that occupancy costs at 838 Fifth Avenue were excessive and that acceptable quarters could be obtained out of New York at a lower cost. Since the Brotherhood preferred to remain at 838 Fifth Avenue and certainly the UAHC believed it was in the Movement's best interest to have the Brotherhood at 838 Fifth Avenue, a committee appointed by NFTB and a committee representing UAHC met to arrive at an amicable and acceptable arrangement. After many months of discussions, the bottom line of the agreement provided that the UAHC would reduce its shared services charges to NFTB in the amount of \$30,000 per year. All salaries, fringes, and other direct charges would continue to be the responsibility of NFTB. Shared services would be computed in the proper way and that amount to be charged to NFTB would be the Brotherhood's share less a credit of \$30,000 annually.

This agreement was followed through fiscal year ending June 30, 1975. Beginning in fiscal '76, something went awry. Our records show the following receivables still open:

FYE 6/30/76 - \$10,381.54 FYE 6/30/77 - 21,547.42 FYE 6/30/78 - 18,741.94 FYE 6/30/79 - 11,308.79 This is a total of \$61,979.69. This is a rather substantial amount and given the financial predicament of the UAHC, we are concerned. I believe it might be well for you and me to discuss this and resolve the dilemma. The UAHC Executive Committee Meeting will take place in New York on Monday, September 17th. Might I suggest that you and I get together, perhaps have dinner after the Executive Committee Meeting on the afternoon of the 17th? If this date is not good for you, please suggest some alternate dates.

My very kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

C. J. Rothschild, Jr. Chairman, UAHC Budget Committee Treasurer, UAHC

CJR:ms

cc: A. Schindler

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

Please note the enclosed letter from Bernard Hirsh of NFTB. I would appreciate your preparing a memo in accordance with his request. Thank you.





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May 15, 1979

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I quite agree with your letter of May 7, 1979, that if there is a difference between the UAHC and the NFTB on charges for services that difference should be resolved.

As a starting point, in my judgement, it would be most helpful if I were apprised of the UAHC position, and by copy of this letter to Mr. Charles Rothschild, Jr., Chairman, UAHC Budget Committee, I am asking that he please advise me the amount of the Union's claim for deficiency by the NFTB and how it was computed.

Once the positions are clarified, optimistically, there should be no difficulty in clearing this matter up "for once and for all" as your letter suggested.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely,

Bernard Hirsh, Chairman NFTB Committee on Cooperation

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May 21, 1979

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick Suite 4044 875 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Phil:

I received copies of Larry Halperin's letter to you and your subsequent answer to him.

I just want you to know that I had no idea he was writing you, had completely forgotten about this problem. I immediately communicated my dismay to Larry for the tone and manner of his letter to you as well as for its wide distribution.

I regret this whole incident and just want you to know that I had no part in any of this. I am as dismayed as you have every right to be.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Mr. Lawrence M. Halperin, President 838 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Halperin:

Thank you for sending me a letter which you have adequately circulated among others. You may wish or not wish to do this with my response.

You apparently suffer from some sort of an inferiority complex. I have never said anywhere or to anyone that I do not appreciate your organization. It is quite possible that I have said to Rabbi Schindler or to others that there are important problems that we are engaged in solving today. Unfortunately, many of them do not solve themselves.

I do not consider the fact that I had conveyed to the Jewish Chautauqua Society the request that had been made by Omaha that I became obligated to guarantee the payments thereunder. This is not the way that Chautauqua operates. Nor is it the way that I operate. I get any number of requests from time to time from people that I forward to others. If I were to take to guaranteeing all of them, I would not be able to take care of my own indispensable expenses.

My secretary insists that she did not say that "he would appreciate" not being annoyed in the future."

I do not recall that you and I have met. For a variety of reasons, I receive many telephone calls. I wish I could say that I have been able to take care of all of them. I am away from my office a half of the time during the year traveling for causes that are altogether unrelated to any personal comfort of my own. I do not have a staff adequate to protect me against the possibility of losing all of my time and having no time to

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Mr. Lawrence M. Halperin May 11, 1979 Page Three

take care of my own personal matters. Therefore, if you happen to be one of those who did not get an answer, I am sorry. If you want to make a big deal out of it, you may do so. I think I have known about the work of the Jewish Chautauqua Society for as long as you have. I have been around a long time. I am certain it is doing good work. On the other hand, one must, from time to time, determine what he can do and what he cannot do.

I will not go back on any word or commitment that I made, nor will I take the trouble to go through my files to see if I said what you allege I said in a letter. I will accept that as being so. If I said, "if I have to, I will raise the money among others to take care of the present situation, " I am prepared to do so even though the present situation is long past due. If you will tell me what is involved and what it is that is needed by mail, you have a right to call on me to keep my word. You have no right to expect me to endorse and follow through on an obligation which the Society assumed. I am not accumulating funds for myself. I am perfectly willing to compare my contributory habits with anyone else's. If you have any doubt, I will refer you to my accountants. I do resent being harassed during a time when I have other things which I am obligated to do.

I do not appreciate the circulation of your letter among others. The only one who is getting a copy of this letter is Rabbi Schindler. You can do as you see fit. I have given you my proposal. If you want to call me on it, I will discharge it. I am leaving the country today, and I will not be back here until after the first of June.

Philip M. Klutznick

PMK:jm

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Av Bondarin

I am no little bothered by Larry Halperin's broadside letter to Phil Klutznick and this for several reasons. A/ He shared his letter with 7 or 8 others which makes it actionable leagally. He have had this experience before with Sandy Shapero and it is an unwise procedure. B? He has no right to draw me into the situation by quoting from a letter which Phil addressed to me, but as a private communication. I don't even know how Halperin got ahold of it but if he is going to send diatribes of this nature he has no right to injure my relationship with Mr. Klutznick. C/ In the past, Phil Klutznick was a generous contributor to the Reform Jewish Appeal. This kind of diatribe will not gain his support for the JCS but will undermine his support of the larger Reform Movement.

All in all, it seems to me that if Mr. Klutznick chose not to help, his "no" ought to be accepted for an answer. This kind of vicious personal attack by Larry Halperin may be satisfying to Larry personally but it risks legal action and injures a larger relationship.



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Mr. Philip M. Klutznick 875 North Michigan Avenue Suite 4044 Chicago, Illinois 60611

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Mr. Klutznick:

I find most regrettable the necessity for writing this letter. I do so, however, not as an individual but as the President of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods sponsors of the Jewish Chautauqua Society and an affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on whose Executive Board we both serve.

Starting on April 6, 1979 I phoned your office on six (6) different occasions. Each time I spoke with your secretary. Each time you were either in a meeting or engaged in a telephone conversation. On the first experience I was thoroughly and completely interrogated as to my mission. Your secretary is to be commended for the excellent performance of her duties. On this occasion and the following four (4) I was assured that you would return my calls. On the sixth try, however, the scene and the scenerio suddenly changed. I was advised in short, concise terms that Mr. Klutznick was not interested in speaking with me. He did not know me. He wasn't interested in my mission. He would appreciate not being annoyed in the future.

Now, if you have had the courtesy and/or the curiosity to read this letter up to this point, I will tell you what I told your secretary and what I wanted to tell you.

At your request and suggestion the Jewish Chautauqua Society endowed a Resident Lectureship at Creighton University with Rabbi Meyer Kripke as the lecturer. It was understood that you would in some manner assist us in funding this award. I quote from your letter of March 8, 1976.

"If I have to, I will raise the money among others to take care of the present situation." Also in your letter addressed to Rabbi Schindler you displayed the same indifference to our organization which I resent. "Between us we have much more important problems that we have to solve in the immediate days ahead."

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My dear Mr. Klutznick I do not apologize for our organization being unimportant in your eyes. We are doing excellent work in "Making Judaism Known" by "Understanding Through Education" and will, I am confident, continue to do so with or without Philip Klutznick.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Halperin

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Av Bondarin

I truly regret that NFTB was not consulted in regard to the forthcoming move of the warehouse and print shop. I assure you this will not occur in the future, we will consult with NFTB on all matters affecting its work.

Ben Dardig has given his blessing to the move of the print shop. He is working out exceedingly well and has proven himself to be most responsible. He assures me that far from interfering with the work of NFTB the move will be beneficial and will probably give added improvement to the work being done for us all.

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MEMORANDUM

From ___ Av Bondarin

To ___ Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Copy for information of _____

I am informed that within the next several weeks, the print shop will be moved to 49th Street & 11th Avenue and will occupy space where the Warehouse will be located.

The decision by the UAHC Management Committee, as I understand it, is firm; however, I am very pessimistic with regard to maintaining the high standards of operating the print shop if removed from "838." Procedures, I know, will be established and it remains to be seen if quality control can be maintained.

I would request that in the future, when such important decisions are being contemplated, that NFTB and the other UAHC affiliates which are directly affected, can be represented in the decision making process.

AB:dl

Print Shop



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January 23, 1979

Mr. Lawrence M. Halperin 2014 Heather Cove Memphis, TN 38138

Dear Larry:

Please know that my delay in responding to your letter of December 26 was caused by the fact that I have been traveling almost constantly during the past month. Even now I am back at my desk for but a few days before leaving for the West Coast where I will be attending two UAHC Regional Biennials. I do hope you understand and appreciate my situation and forgive the delayed response.

The MFTB and JCS are important and integral facets of the UAHC, indeed of the entire Reform movement. As President of NFTB you now hold a seat on the UAHC Board of Trustees and will be receiving all program notices and mailings. Av Bondarin, as NFTB Executive Director is also kept informed of the schedule of events by mailings. Av also attends meetings of the UAHC Staff Program Committee at which present and future programs (including Biennial) are discussed by staff.

Most of our Regions include NFTB representatives on their mailing lists and if by chance this is not the case in one or two regions, I am asking our Directors to make certain that their lists be updated to include Executive Board members of NFTB in their Regions.

The Biennial of the UAHC is, as you know, a joint UAHC-NFTS convention. The Program Committee for the Bienniel has a tremendous responsibility and a difficult one. It is not easy to provide a program which covers every aspect of Reform Jewish life, indeed every aspect of synagogue life. Your request that there be a place for NFTB/JCS on the Biennial Brogram has been noted and will be brought to the Committee. While some of the members may be actively involved in NFTB, we do not have a person on the committee specifically named by NFTB. I would be pleased to have you name an NFTB representative to the Committee. They will meet on Sunday afternoon, February 25 in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the UAHC Executive Committee.

Larry, I want to assure you of our desire to have NFTB/JCS work hand-in-hand with us on the programs of the UNion. Your interest and concern are shared and I am grateful to you for expressing them to me. We will do our utmost to make such changes as are required so that we may move forward in unity

Mr. Lawrence N. Halperin January 23, 1979 Page 2

during the days and years ahead. With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Avrum Bondarin Mr. Matthew H. Ross Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman

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December 26, 1978

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

Dear Alex:

For a number of years I have been aware of a situation which has been very bothersome to me. I now feel it incumbent upon me as the President of NFTB/JCS to express my thoughts and to seek through you a solution to my concern.

I am of the opinion that NFTB/JCS is an important, integral part of not only the UAHC but extends to each and every UAHC Region wherever they may exist. I further believe that all meetings at all levels, including Biennials, should have a spot on the agenda for NFTB/JCS.

I am aware that this opinion has been expressed before, as a matter of fact Av discussed this with you following the San Francisco Biennial a year ago. We have had moderate success in a few isolated instances but I am of the opinion NFTB/JCS should be included in all UAHC meetings. I further believe that the NFTB President, JCS Chancellor, our Executive Director and Executive Board members in the particular district involved be on the District Mailing list with advance notice of meetings etc., far enough in advance so that they are able to schedule such events into their personal calendars. Of course, this presumes invitations are given to these individuals inviting them to such activities.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm personal regards and best wishes for everything good in 1979.

Singerely,

Lawrence M. Halperin

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From

Rabbi Bernard M. Zlotowitz

Date

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To

Rabbi Alexander Schindler

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Subject

Dear Alex:

Thank you for sharing Lawrence Halpern's letter with me. I'm in agreement with his views. As far as my region is concerned, what he suggests is exactly what we have been doing. For example, last year when I had a leadership conference (program enclosed) I invited Av Bondarin to lead a workshop (which was very successful). When we wanted to include NFTB in our recent Regional Biennial, we again invited Av, but he was unable to accept because it conflicted with the NFTB Convention.

However the lay leadership, although they have been accorded a place on our regional Steering Committee and been notified of all meetings, has been conspicuous by its absence. In all of the time since I have been Regional Director no regional president has ever attended or even responded with the card we provide for the purpose.

We would welcome and love to have their participation because we recognize the importance of NFTB-JCS and the invaluable work it is doing.



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Date January 12, 1979

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I read over Larry Halperin's letter to you dated December 26, 1978. For the record, I wanted you to know that at each of our Regional Biennials, I believe it's the last two maybe three or four, we have had a special NFTB get-together at the Biennial. We have had the same thing for NFTS and NFTY. The NFTB get-togethers have not been too well attended, but I still think that they are very important in our overall program. I also want you to know that I have been working very closely not only with Bob Katz when he was President of NFTB, but also with the various NFTB leaders in our area that includes Aid Kushner in the Detroit area and Carl Burkons here in northern Ohio. In fact I met with the local planning group about a month ago when they were laying the ground work with Av Bondarin for the NFTB national meeting to be held here in Cleveland in 1980. I would love to carry this cooperative effort further, all we have to do is get. Av Bondarin or some of the local people and I'd be glad to work with them.

To para the word



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June 16, 1977

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

TO: UAHC Regional Presidents
UAHC Regional Directors
NFTB Regional Presidents

SUBJECT: THE NFTB CHICAGO PLAN - COLLEGE YOUTH

Werner Heymann, Chairman of the NFTB College Committee and of the Chicago Conference of Temple Brotherhoods, has worked tirelessly during the past few years to create programming of Jewish value and content for our college youngsters in the Chicago area. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his devotion and dedication to this program.

By now you have received from Werner a copy of the annual report of The Chicago Plan together with his June 1, 1977 letter of explanation. I write to endorse The Chicago Plan and to urge the leaders of our UAHC Regions to join together with NFTB leaders in your area for the purpose of creating similar Regional programs for Reform college youth. This is a most worthy undertaking to help our young people express their Judaism in a manner near and dear to their hearts.

Through the cooperation of our Regions, our Youth Division College Education Department and the NFTB College Committee I am confident each and every region of the UAHC can provide meaningful Reform Jewish experiences for our youngsters at colleges and universities throughout this land.

AMS: dk

June 7, 1977

Mr. Werner H. Heymann 5525 South Everett Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60637

Dear Werner:

Your wonderful letter of May 18 awaited me in my return from Israel just a few days ago. I trust you will understand and appreciate the delay in responding.

Needless to note your letter was a source of joy. I am delighted with the progress of the College Program and truly pleased that you have shared it with UAHC Regional Directors and Presidents as well as Regional Presidents of NFTB. I will be pleased to send a letter of endorsement and will do so just as soon as our UAHC Board of Trustees meeting this week-end is concluded.

With appreciation for all your efforts and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Av Bondarin

MEMORANDUM

From _____ Av Bondarin

To _____ Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of _____ Robert Katz, Lawrence Halperin

Subject ____ NFTB College Program

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of our St. Louis Board meeting, reporting on the activities of the College Committee, which is self-explanatory. Also enclosed is a letter from Werner Heymann, Chairman of the committee. Copies of Werner's letter to the UAHC and NFTB Regional Presidents and the "Chicago Plan" also are enclosed.

Please let us know if you will concur with Werner's suggestion to endorse the program through a personal letter which we would mail to the UAHC and NFTB Regional Presidents.

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be provided for conference calls for periodic committee meetings. (5) That Board members fulfill their responsibility of working with the brotherhoods under their jurisdiction on membership.

The report was filed.

X Dan Jonas, recorder, reporting for the College Committee, chaired by Werner Heymann, announced that eight Sambatyon weekends were conducted in 1976-77 and \$2700 in matching funds was received. The average attendance was 45 students.

The following recommendations were made: (1) That procedures be developed and approved to allow financial support made possible through Sambatyon to be extended not only to college weekends but also to ongoing selected campus groups consistent with Reform Jewish aims. (2) That regional college youth committees be established in each NFTB region and that they be budgeted through the respective regions undertaking such additional fund raising on their own as may be necessary. (3) That BROTHERHOOD Magazine be utilized to publicize college youth activities. (4) That the College Committee activities be broadened and intensified through the cooperative effort of the NFTB Council presidents and regions deemed feasible by the NFTB officers and the UAHC regional leaders in a manner similar to the Chicago Conference college youth program.

The Chicago program, it was explained, will be funded by the Chicago area brotherhoods and non-brotherhood congregations. Programmatic priorities will be determined after consultation with the liaison committee members from Hillel, the Chicago Association of Reform Rabbis and campus representatives.

Projected programs, on an area-wide basis, are: Sambatyon Weekends, Scholars-in-Residence, Rabbinical Speakers Bureau, and a Program Exchange Service. On individual campuses: Sabbath and High Holy Day Reform Worship services, gifts of Prayer Books, Oneg Shabbats, rabbinic visitations, lectures, discussion groups, social activities and a Job Listing Service (religious school teachers, Youth Group advisors, Camp counselors).

The report was filed for consideration.

X Mr. Heymann made a motion to accept the recommendations of the report. After being duly seconded, the motion was passed.

Albert L. Felsenheld, chairman, reported for the Achievement Awards Committee. The following recommendations were made: (1) That Kiddush cup awards to chairmen who increase membership by 20 percent over the previous year be eliminated. (2) That Kiddush cups be awarded to membership chairmen of the first and second place brotherhoods in the small, medium and large club classes. (3) That brotherhoods achieving a 20 percent increase or more in membership be awarded a plaque.

The report was filed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the recommendations were adopted.

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May 18, 1977

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am sure that by this time Av Bondarin has informed you about the newest development among our college activities.

Looking back to the time when we met here in Chicago with you and Sid Cole of blessed memory, I admit that success was far in the future and not easy to come by. I am proud to inform you that now, 5 years later, with the help of Rabbi Arian in the Sambatyon-Weekend field and Rabbi Bregman, we are achieving full cooperation in the Chicago area, as you can ascertain from the enclosed report to the Chicago Conference of Temple Brotherhoods.

Upon instruction of the NFTB Executive Board it is my duty as Chairman of the College Committee to deciminate this information to all UAHC regional presidents and directors as well as to all NFTB regional presidents. We hope that it will be the needed spark to start activities for our college youth on the individual campuses of our universities.

As your endorsement of the program would surely enhance its success, may I ask you to add to my letter and report a note of recommendation as President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Thanking you for your continued interest in our work with and for the college students, I am

cordially yours

Werner H. Heymann

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cc: Av Bondarin Lawrence Halperin Robert E. Katz

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June 1, 1977

UAHC Regional Presidents and Directors

NFTB Regional Presidents

FROM: Werner H. Heymann, Chairman, College Committee

As Chairman of the College Committees of the MFTB and the Chicago Conference of Temple Brotherhoods I have had the opportunity to observe the needs of our college students for quite a few years.

We are handicapped, as the funds available for use on the campuses of our universities have come only from NFTB sources.

In the Chicago area we have recognized this shortcoming and have formed a combined committee on College Youth, Chicago Federation UAHC - Chicago Conference of Temple Brotherloods. Up to this time the activities on the Illinois campuses were solely financed by the brotherhoods of the Chicago Conference, while the students of congregations that do not have brotherhoods also benefited from these programs without any support from their congregations. In order to be able to give more support to these programs for our Reform students, we have devised a working plan, which has been approved by the two organizations. At the NFTB Executive Board meeting, held in St. Louis in May, this plan was discussed by the College Committee, approved for publication and guidance throughout the country. The Executive Board of the MFTB accepted the concept unanimously.

In order to make this program a reality, I am asking you, in your various capacities to study the enclosed annual report of "The Chicago Plan". I realize that here in the Chicago Region, we have developed this activity over a number of years, but hope that it will serve as an example for cooperation throughout the country, in order to give our young people on the campuses of our universities the opportunity to find a way for the expression of a Judaism that they learned in their home congregations, but do not find at most campuses.

If you have any question, or need any help in organizing this activity, let me assure you that the members of the College Committee NFTB and I will do our best to be of service to any of you that want to take part in a program that is needed on just about all campuses in our land.

I would like to mention to you also that Rabbi Ramie Arian of the UAHC College Education Department has been of great help in the development of the programs, especially the Sambatyon Weekends. I am sure that he too stands ready Min H. Skyme to assist you in any way possible.

cc: Rabbi Arian, A. Bondarin, I. Halperin, R.E.Katz, R.G.Levy, Rabbi Shafer, Rabbi Schindler and members of the College Committee

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THE CHICAGO PLAN

ANNUAL REPORT ON COLLEGE YOUTH ACTIVITIES 1976-1977

It is my pleasure to render the report of the activities of the College Committee of our Conference.

The financial contributions of our brotherhoods, collected through a head tax of \$ 1 per member, amounted to \$ 1,877. If we add to this bank interest and two individual contributions, we arrive at a total income of \$ 2,065.76.

Let me mention with pride that all but five brotherhoods fulfilled their obligations. Actually, the totals should be larger than mentioned, as one of our brotherhoods paid for their college activities themselves without being reimbursed by the Conference.

As our total expenses for the year amounted to \$ 1,986.67, we increased our reserves to the point where we have funds to guarantee the same level of activities for the coming year.

Before detailing this years activities, I must mention to you the newest development. We realized that the activities on the campuses of our universities require more funding than we, the brotherhoods, can afford. We have therefore formed a "Combined Committee on College Youth, Chicago Federation UAHC - Chicago Conference of Temple Brotherhoods. The financial resources, currently provided solely by the brotherhoods of the Conference will be augmented by funds to be collected from congregations who do not have brotherhoods and thus are reaping the benefits of the existing programs for their young people without making any contributions. The drive for these additional funds will be handled by the Conference. We hope to be able to raise an additional \$ 1,000 annually, bringing our available funding to \$ 3,000 per annum.

Priorities as to the geographical designation for activities to be supported will be determined in consultation with the Hillel liaison member of the committee. Programmatic priorities will be worked out with the advise of the liaison members of Hillel and the Chicago Association of Reform Rabbis, and in cooperation with representatives of the respective campuses involved.

Programs to be considered are:

Area-wide: Sambatyon Weekends, Scholars in residence, Rabbinical

Speakers bureau, program exchange service.

On campus: Worship: Reform and creative services (Sabbath and holidays).

Study: Rabbinical visits, Lectures, discussion groups.

Social: Deli-Suppers, Get-to-gethers etc.

Others: Job Listing Service for Rel. School Teachers, Youth

Group Advisors, Camp Councalors.

The programmatic activities are not limited and can be augmented at any time.



Page 2 - Annual Report on College Youth Activities 1976-1977 I would like to say special thanks to Rabbi Bregman of our UAHC Staff and Rabbi Gellman of Northwestern University Hillel for helping us in working out . this program for the planned expansion of our activities. Now to the activities we supported during the year just ended.

Again we sponsored a Sambatyon Weekend. This year's dealt with Jewish Art and was held at Olin-Sang-Ruby Institute in Oconomowoc, Wisc. We had 53 students in attendance, making it the best attended weekend in the country. I would like to thank Rabbi Ramie Arian of the UAHC College Education Dept, Gerard Kaye of our UAHC Staff and Faye Tillis, his new assistant for a job well done.

At the University of Illinois in Champaign we experienced quite a change. Activities within the Hillel organization, as planned by the student members, did not bring forth any programs of interest to Reform students. We decided to underwrite the creation of a group of our own. The group, recognized by the University and Hillel, is directed by Eric Bram of Congregation Solel, a Junior. The group calls itself "Students for Progressive Judaism - Sambatyon". They have had several meetings and will get into full swing in the Fall.

At the University of Chicago, as in the last year, we sponsored the Creative Services. Here, all activities are worked out in full cooperation with the Hillel House. The services are under the direction of a graduate student. They are known as "Sambatyon" sponsored. We also provided 15 "Gates of Prayer". We also hosted a Purim party at the Hillel House.

Hillel at Northwestern University received 15 "Gates of Prayer" last year. The new prayerbooks generated such interest that we had to order an additional 10 books. We also provided a grant to cover part of the cost of their Ongei Shabbat. The services and Ongei Shabbat are known as supported by us.

Southern University in Carbondale has now a full fledged Hillel Foundation. As it has a large population of students of Reform background, we supplied them with 30 "Gates of Prayer". Just before Passover we received an urgent request for Haggadahs, and with the financial help of the Chicago Federation UAHC and thanks to Rabbi Bregman, we were able to get 100 of the new Haggadahs down there in time for Seder and use by 125 students.

As in previous years, the Brotherhood of B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim fulfilled their obligation by visiting the students at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. As Rabbi Shapiro was not available, Gerard Kaye pinchhitted successfully.

Well, we did all this on a budget of \$ 2,000. What do you think we can do with \$ 3,000 next year? I have great hopes that we will be able to say "Dayenu".

As for myself I would like to say THANKS to you all, as this Conference activity, even though I am Chairman of the College Committee NFTB, is dearest to my heart. It is the fulfillment of a dream that I have had ever since I first saw our Reform youth lost on the campuses of our universities.

I pray that in the years to come our children and children's children will find us helping them in building their foundation as Reform Jews on Campus.

Submitted:

Werner H. Heymann Chairman College Committee