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NFTB

December 18, 1995  
25 Kislev 5756

Kenneth Keenan, President  
NFTB  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ken:

Your invitation to be honored by the NFTB at its Spring Board meeting pleased me very much. Alas, I cannot be at the JCS banquet. I have a long standing engagement with our congregation in Plattsburgh, New York for the entire week-end and simply cannot be in Cleveland on May 18, 1996.

Please convey my regrets to all of your NFTB/JCS colleagues. The thought equals the deed and I am very grateful to one and all for your desire to honor me.,

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





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December 15, 1995

To: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

From: Kenneth Keenan, NFTB 

Our Spring board meeting is taking place in Cleveland, Ohio in May, at the Marriott Hotel in Beachwood.

We would be honored if you would be our guest speaker at the JCS Banquet on Saturday evening, May 18, 1996.

We would also like to take the opportunity to honor you at that time.

Please check your calendar and advise us if you will be able to join us.

Warmest personal regards.



NFTB

August 17, 1995  
21 Av 5755

Mr. Leo Cooper  
7083 Cedarhurst Drive, S.W.  
Fort Meyers, FL 33919

Dear Leo:

I'm glad you received the requested material on Brotherhood. As for the assistance you seek on promoting Christian support for Israel, I am asking the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) to contact you with suggestions in the specific area. They are Reform Judaism's Israel arm.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: ARZA

## DISCUSSION:

Rabbi Schindler, thank you for your letter of July 21, 1995. I received the Temple Brotherhood President's Resource Guide yesterday, August 10, 1995. I still would like your guidance on how to promote Christian support for Israel, as stated in my letter to the Interfaith Council, dated April 4th, of which you have a copy.

L.C.

The discussion will center around the fact that Jesus and his disciples were all Jews, lived and died as Jews, how and why did a NEW religion come about, rather a new sect of Judaism? Jesus was called a rabbi and preached and extolled the Old Testament - the TORAH of Judaism. How can the events be viewed in the context of Jesus' time period?

At the July 25th meeting the Mission Statement was changed to read as follows:

1. To foster, build, strengthen and maintain good relations among ALL faiths and cultures.
2. To work together toward greater knowledge, understanding and respect for ALL faiths and cultures without attempting to impose one's own on the other.
3. To work together to improve our community.

NFTB

# MEMORANDUM

COPY

July 21, 1995

**FROM:** Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
**TO:** Doug Barden - Brotherhood  
**COPY:**

The enclosed is self-explanatory. Would you please send Leo Cooper whatever help he requests. Note his second paragraph.



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COPY

July 21, 1995  
23 Tammuz 5755

Mr. Leo Cooper  
7083 Cedarhurst Drive, S.W.  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Dear Leo:

I have your note of July 10th and I am glad that you have assumed responsibility for resuscitating the Men's Club at your temple.

I am sending a copy of your letter to the Executive Director of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and I am sure that you will hear from him soon.

As for the matter of helping Israel establish itself, virtually every arm of our movement is involved in the task of doing so, particularly the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism, located in Washington, D.C., which works nationally with Congress and with the White House and also through its many contacts with Christian communities to secure Israel's safety. That is every Jew's obligation.

So, you keep on doing as you did with your letter enclosed in the Interfaith Council of Southwest Florida because the struggle for Israel's survival is fought not only in the nation's capital, but in every Jewish community in our land.

All the very best.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Brotherhood  
Doug BARN

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July 10, 1995

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler,  
President, UAHC  
838 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

SHALOM !

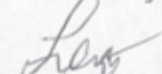
I come to you for help with two other matters: re-establishment of our Men's Club/Brotherhood, Temple Beth-El, Fort Myers, Florida. We have just organized an Amerlioration Committee to "heal wounds" within our Congregation. I have been honored with the Chaimanship of that Committee. Our hope is that this Committee will serve as a means of reconciliation of conflict within the Congregation. This will offer any Congregant with a complaint or dissatisfaction with anyone or anything in the Administration or with the Rabbi, will talk to our Committee first to attempt to resolve it. It is our hope that Amelioration Committee will be able to handle it to the mutual satisfaction of the parties concerned. Your suggestions would be most helpful.

First, can and would the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods send us material that will help us organize it? We would be grateful for all of the help it can provide us.

The second item is a matter of Interfaith (Jewish-Christian-Moslem) relations. How can the world and our Jewish community convince the Christian community to help Israel secure it status as the Jewish Homeland and NATION within its Commonwealth boundaries? And to secure the whole of Jerusalem as its nation's Capital? Enclosed is a copy of our Interfaith Council of Southwest Florida Newsletter. In it I appeal to the Christian Community to support Israel in its struggle for full recognition as a nation among nations and security against its destruction by the Islamic Fundamentalists and the nations that surround it.

I would appreciate and be grateful for your comments and suggestions as to how the world Jewish Community can get Christian help for Israel.

Sincerely yours,

  
Leo Cooper



April 4, 1995

Dear Friends:

My sincere thanks and appreciation to those who attended and participated in the March 28 Interfaith Council meeting at the Waterford Place. Sixteen people participated. However, only one retired rabbi and one minister were present.

The topic chosen for discussion was "What Is God?" The definitions and meaning of the term "GOD" ranged from "Nature" to "ALL BEING." In the end, it appeared that God is a personal being envisioned by each person according to his/her own insights. It appeared that each of us believes in some idea of a "Supreme Being." Jews and Christians believe in the same "GOD" Muslims also believe in the same "GOD," but they call Him Allah. Thus Jews, Christians and Muslims agree on one Deity.

The next meeting of the Interfaith Council will be Tuesday, April 25, 11:30 A.M. at the Waterford Place, 8351 College Pkwy (between Whiskey Dr. and Winkler Rd.). Refreshments will be available. Clergy and Lay persons are invited to come and participate in all aspects of the meeting. Please plan to attend. Call 481-7443 or the Waterford, 433-4445 to tell us you are coming. Hope to see you at this meeting.

During the March 28 meeting the content, value and distribution of the ITFC Newsletter was discussed. It appears that some of those attending felt that the publication was "slanted" and not "even-handed" between Israel and the "Palestinian" Arabs. It may be that some of those present were not fully aware of the intricacies of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the present ongoing "Peace Process." This appears to be the reason the Newsletter was not made available to the congregations.

Your editor has made every effort to be pragmatic on the issue of Arab/Israeli relations. But in view of the long history of the conflict and the pursuit of Islamic domination of the area and other parts of the world through terrorism, including in our own U.S., it is impossible to be "even-footed" on an "uneven playing field."

We cannot understand why the civilized world sympathizes with those who have made much of the world a living hell, by their bullets, bombs, axes, knives and clubs. It can only be the fear of losing a major source of our oil and commerce and endangering the Christians living and working in the Arab and Muslim countries. The Jews have committed many terrorist acts against the Arabs and their sympathizers. But they committed themselves to gain, hold and preserve the Nation-State of Israel re-established by the United Nations, but which the Arabs attempted to destroy.

The American people, usually sympathetic to the oppressed people of the world, now sympathize with the Arab terrorists. Why? What people has been more oppressed over the last 3,000 years, including the almost total destruction of the Jewish people by the Holocaust in Europe. A people that has given so much to our humanity and human civilization: in religion, moral code, culture, law, medicine, literature, music, science and other fields that have benefited ALL humanity? Why are they so dehumanized by those they have benefited?

Until 1947, when the United Nations voted to partition the British Mandate of "Palestine," into the truncated mini-state of Israel. The homeless Jewish people accepted. Six Arab governments attacked the new nation. They lost the war, but Israel accepted the armistice terms, but had not one day of peace since then.



For two millenia the Jewish people were wandering stateless. They were herded into walled and gated land areas and were only able to come and go under the dictates of the government guards. The areas were called "ghettos" in the "pale of settlements" in some European countries such as Russia and Poland.

The Jewish people are not demanding payment for their centuries of suffering, but they are asking the Christian world to give them an even chance to regain and hold their reclaimed Homeland and to live in peace with their neighbors who migrated into the old Land of Israel when they were forced out, which the Arabs claim it as their own. The world must realize that every nation existing today or in the past, established itself as a nation on land already occupied by someone else who took it from previous occupiers...and so on into the past. Why should Israel be denied the right to reposes its own land, which, according to the Bibles and the Koran, that the three faiths hold to be true, was given to them by the God all three Faiths accept. Must the right of "RETURN" be denied to them because they are Jews?

If Christianity wants to retain its rights and responsibilities in the Holy Land, they should join with Israel to resist the drive of the political/religious radical Islamics and their sympathizers to take over ALL the Land holy to the Jews and Christians, including Jerusalem, which is as holy to the Christians as it is to Jews. In this Land and cities Jesus walked, prayed and preached. Here he was crucified by the Romans as a rebel. This Land and its Capital, Jerusalem must be preserved as the Capital of Israel and Christianity. Islam's mosque of Omar, the one with the gilded dome, was built on the site of Israel's Holy Temple. All that remains of the Jews' Great Temple is the Western Wall.

The true Holy Arab religious capital and Holiest City is Mecca; the second Arab Holy city is Medina, both are in Saudi Arabia. In Mecca is the most holy Kaaba shrine - the Islamic Holy of Holies. It is to this shrine that Moslems turn towards when they pray to Allah, no matter where they are - not the Land of Israel or Jerusalem. The Arabs have no claim to the Jewish and Christian Land and its Capital.

The "dialogue" between Christians and Jews will remain meaningless and empty gestures as an effort to bring to us our joint patrimony of our Land and our Faiths, if we, Christians and Jews, permit the Islamic radicals and their supporters to keep us from what is rightfully ours - we Jews' and Christians'.

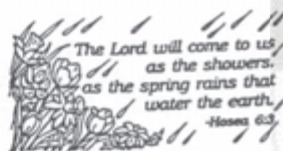
Let us not be fooled by the Arab blandishments of "peace." They are still determined to push the Jews into the sea and reduce the Christians in the Land to serfs. Here is what the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia said in January 1995, "Peace with the Jews does not dictate making the land under the Jews' control their property forever. It dictates making the land their property temporarily, until the...truce expires or the Moslems gain the strength to drive them out by force...so they must be fought...until they convert to Islam or pay tribute, having brought low." Rest assured the Christians are included, without saying so. We urge the Christians now in Arab lands to come to Israel to help it preserve the Land, the Capital and the religious freedom now enjoyed by ALL the people now living in the Israel Commonwealth.

WE IMPORE THE CHRISTIANS OF THE U.S. AND THE WORLD TO JOIN AND SUPPORT ISRAEL IN ITS DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE ITS STATE AND THE FREEDOMS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL - THE LAND GIVEN THEM BY GOD AND SANCTIFIED BY JESUS CHRIST WHO LIVED, PRAYED AND HEALED THE PEOPLE IN IT AND WHOSE DECIPLES FOUNDED THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THEREON. LET US WALK TOGETHER, ARM IN ARM AGAINST OUR COMMON ENEMY. (A reasoned response, pro/con, would be appreciated).

(Leo Cooper, 7083 Cedarhurst Dr. S.W., Fort Myers, FL 33919 481-7443)

*Leo Cooper*

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By Leo Cooper

"Know thine enemies...and...friends," is an old saying. It is still true today. We are talking about the Arabs, the Muslims and the Islamic Fundamentalists who are terrifying the world to gain domination - if we, the rest of the world permit ourselves to be sedated. Fortunately, the Islamic Radicals are a small minority in Islam - a billion souls strong. However we must be ever on our guard against them.

Islam is the second branch of the Judaic Tree; Christianity is the first Branch. The Qur'an is the Holy Book of Islam, as is the Pentateuch for the Jews and the New Testament is for the Christians. The Qur'an recognizes the validity of the latter two, but it does not supercede them. In fact, the Qur'an concurs in their teachings. For example, in the chapter (surah) of the Cow, verses (ayat) 136, "We believe in Allah (God) and that which has been revealed to us...and to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac and Jacob and the tribes and in that which was given to Moses and Jesus...and to the prophets from their Lord, we do not make any distinction from their Lord, we do not make any distinction between any of them and to Him do we submit."

Islam, like many other religions, grew from an embryonic vision by one man of a greater Power speaking to him and asking him to believe in Him and to follow Him. And so it was with Islam and its founder, Muhammad. In 610 A.D., when, at age 48, in a cave in Mount Hira, three miles from Mecca, occurred the fateful "Night of Power," when Muhammad had his vision of the angel Gabriel. In this vision Gabriel said to him, "Muhammad, recite: 'In the name of thy Lord who createth, createth man from a clot. Recite, Thy Lord is the Most Bounteous, who teacheth by the pen. He teacheth man that which he knew not.'" Thus to a man, Muhammad, was revealed the first portion of the Qur'an, Islam's Holy Book, said to be Allah's (God's) eternal and Infallible Word, and Muhammad, of the Tribe of Qurayyah, was His Messenger. So rose Islam which means "submission to Allah." A Muslim is one who "submits" to Allah. This expressed in the prayer phrase, "Allahu Akbar," "God is most great," is heard everywhere prayerfully and exclamatory.

Islam has five Tenets of the Faith, five Pillars of the Faith and ten Commandments. The five Tenets are: 1. Allah is the greatest and stands alone. 2. Belief in the Hereafter and reward and punishment in this and the other world. 3. Muhammad is the last of the Prophets. 4. The Qur'an is the Book revealed by Allah to Muhammad. 5. The Community of Faith includes all who believe in Allah and Islam, regardless of race, tongue or status.

The Five Pillars of Islam are: 1. Confession of the Faith. 2. Prayer - to pray at dawn, noon, late afternoon, sunset and after nightfall, facing Mecca and the Kaaba during all prayers. 3. Alms giving - to purify man's remaining wealth. 4. Fasting from dawn to dusk during Ramadan, the month during which Muhammad is said to have received the first revelation. 5. All Moslems should make at least one Hajj (pilgrimage) to Mecca in their lifetime.

Islam's Ten Commandments are: 1. Belief in Allah - the one and only God. 2. Honor your parents. 3. Respect the rights of others. 4. Be generous, but do not squander. 5. Don't kill without just cause. 6. Don't commit adultery. 7. Protect the orphans. 8. Deal justly and equitably. 9. Be of pure heart and mind. 10. Be humble and unpretentious..

*More about Islam and other Faiths in future issues if readers request it.*



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MEETS TUE., APR. 25, 11:30  
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# MEMORANDUM

February 15, 1994

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FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
TO: Melvin Merians  
COPY: Rabbi Eric Yoffie, Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

I had my meeting with Douglas Barden whom Brotherhood wants to elect to the Executive Directorship of NFTB. I was impressed with him. He is enthusiastic, has a fairly decent Jewish background and even stronger Jewish commitments. He also seems to have some conception of what the needs of the position are.

I asked Eric to double check the references with ORT and I checked with his most recent positions in that marketing firm. Both of these references were excellent. The respondents praised Douglas's administrative skills, his industry and his enthusiasm, his ability to relate well to others.

He did leave his last position "by mutual consent." It appears that when he was promoted to Associate Director, he was compelled to deal largely in the legal realm and to interact with the attorneys of the firm. This was a realm in which he was neither fully qualified nor comfortable.

All in all, I think this is as good a bet as any and I also approve the salary of \$65,000 which they are setting for him. It certainly is well in line with the rest of the staff salary structure.



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NFTB

February 9, 1994  
28 Shevat 5754

Roger B. Jacobs, President  
NFTB  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Roger:

Many thanks for your most gracious invitation to address the NFTB Spring Board meeting. I much appreciate the honor of speaking at the JCS banquet and thus truly regret that I am unable to be with you and my many friends of NFTB/JCS.

As you know, my schedule is often booked many months, indeed often years in advance. Alas, I have two out-of-town speaking engagements during the very week-end of your Spring meeting and thus it is not possible for me to join you and my many friends come May.

Please do convey my deepest regrets to one and all. I wish you every success during this critical meeting and hope it will mark the beginning of a new and exciting era in the life and work of NFTB/JCS.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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To: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

From: Roger B. Jacobs, President

Re.: Westchester Spring Board Meeting  
May 12-15, 1994

Our Spring Board meeting will be held May 12-15, 1994 at the Rye Hilton Hotel.

It would give us great honor if you would accept our invitation to be our keynote speaker on Saturday night, May 14, at our JCS Banquet which is scheduled for cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:15 pm.

We would be delighted if your wife would join you and be our guests for dinner.

If your schedule permits, we would be pleased if you would join us for all or part of the meeting as well as Friday night at the Sabbath Service.

Warmest regards.

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# National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

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To: Rabbis Alexander M. Schindler, Dan Syme  
Eric Yoffie and Mel Merians

From: Dora Lee, Acting Office Manager

Please let us know if the enclosed Job Description for the NFTB/JCS Executive Director meets with your approval before we send it out.

Roger Jacobs is most anxious to have the letter to the National Board out by the beginning of next week.

I would, therefore, appreciate your comments as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*done 12/14*

*Call her to tell her that I'm content with this description*

## JOB DESCRIPTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

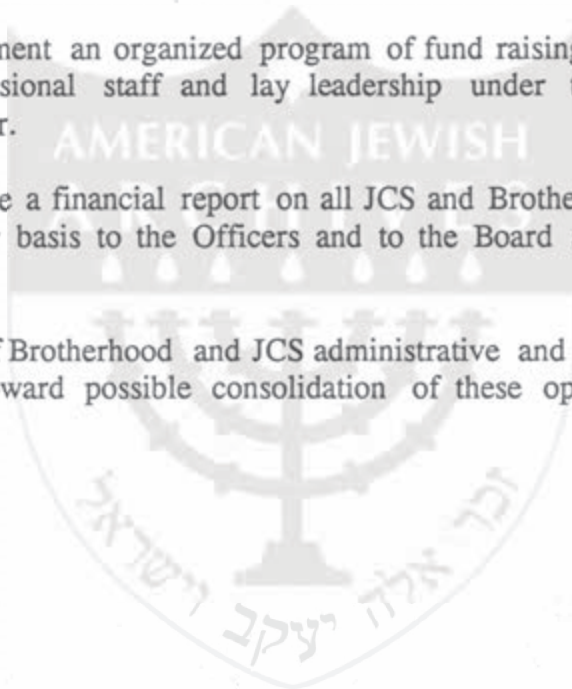
### FIVE MAJOR AREAS OF OPERATION

- 1) **WITHIN THE OFFICE:** Chief Administrator of office staff for NFTB and JCS, overseeing all financial operations, mailings, billings and other cyclical areas of operation. The Executive Director is ultimately responsible for staff productivity and moral. He does all hiring and firing except non-Union personnel requiring consulting and approval of the Chairman of the Personnel Committee.
- 2) **WITH THE BOARD AND OFFICERS:** The Executive Director is the primary contact for National Board members in their internal dealings with the organization. The Executive Director assists the President and Chancellor in all their duties and helps them define and implement their agenda. He works the same way with Committee Chairmen, Regional and Council Presidents.
- 3) **WITH BROTHERHOODS:** The Executive Director creates new programs and evaluates existing programs in coordination with appropriate committees. The Executive Director visits individual Brotherhoods and Regions to aid, inspire and assist local Brotherhoods in their programs and activities. He speaks at Shabbat Services, Board Meetings and other public functions as allowed by time and funding.
- 4) **WITH UAHC:** The Executive Director attends all UAHC meetings in order to represent the positions of Brotherhood. He attends monthly department head meetings at 838. He communicates with UAHC department heads on issues of common interest. The Executive Director regularly speaks to rabbinical student at HUC-JIR.
- 5) **OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY** for fundraising for NFTB and JCS.

The Executive Director has the following specific responsibilities:

- 1) Recognize the need for immediate attention to Brotherhood retention - Brotherhood acquisition and the need for coordination between National, Regional and local Brotherhoods, emphasizing the value of NFTB membership and JCS activities.
- 2) Write and design JCS brochures, informational newsletters and direct mail pieces.
- 3) Program and implement Board Meetings, Officer's Meetings and Biennial Conventions.
- 4) Write or rewrite all basic Brotherhood brochures and manuals as necessary.

- 5) Primary responsibility for fund raising activities. This includes:
  - a) Initiating development of new programs to accomplish fund raising objectives together with Lay fund raising committee, the President of NFTB and the Chancellor of JCS.
  - b) Follow up the executions of these programs.
  - c) Calling on the Board of Directors, Officers and others to assist, on a "as required" basis.
- 6) To implement the fund raising activities of NFTB by coordination of office and professional staff with that of the lay leadership.
- 7) To design and implement a public relations program calculated to create public awareness and to build confidence in the credibility of the work of NFTB and JCS.
- 8) To implement an organized program of fund raising, through coordination of all professional staff and lay leadership under the direction of the JCS Chancellor.
- 9) To provide a financial report on all JCS and Brotherhood financial affairs on a monthly basis to the Officers and to the Board as a whole on a quarterly basis.
- 10) Review of Brotherhood and JCS administrative and operating procedures with an eye toward possible consolidation of these operations with that of the Union.





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1/7-1993  
January 7, 1993

TO: Lewis Eisenberg  
From: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Dear Lewis:

Below is my commentary for your special CJS issue. Please feel free to add to it or to detract from it as you see fit. No need to fax it down to me for approval, I have infinite faith in you.

Here goes:

JCS is Brotherhoods' most praise worthy achievement. It is an institution in which our entire religious community can take just pride.

NFTB was the very first on the American Jewish scene to reach out to the Christian community, the very first to engage in an organized dialogue with them. And in the process its leaders created an altogether remarkable educational vehicle, CJS, the most extensive Jewish educational program of its kind in North America, if not in the world. Generations of Christian college students have gained a great appreciation of Jews and Judaism because of this endeavor. And countless generations of Jewish men and women on campus have deepened their knowledge of our spiritual legacy.

What should JCS be doing as it moves into the second century of its collective being?

For one, I would favor a special effort to introduce JCS programming to campuses serving particular and divergent groupings in our land; Black colleges, for instance, or schools which provide higher learning to Hispanic students, and the like. Further, I would like to see JCS extend its reach to embrace communities other than Christian. I speak particularly of the Moslem religion, a growing force throughout the world, certainly in the Middle East, even as it is here in America.

JCS can pioneer in these spheres as it did before and once it does the future of NFTB will be as glorious as was its past.

# MEMORANDUM

COPY

December 15, 1992

FROM: Edith J. Miller  
TO: Lewis Eisenberg  
COPY:

Thank you for sharing the letter which appeared in the Palm Beach Jewish World. It has already been brought to our attention and there will be a response from the UAHC to Manfred Lehmann. He is a long time critic of most of what we do.

*Edith J. Miller*



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**Lewis Eisenberg**  
*Executive Director*

12/9/72

Dear Alex —

Bernie Haged, an NFB  
vice-president with dual  
residences in Cedar Grove, NJ  
and Florida, wanted me  
to send you the enclosed  
article he read in his  
local paper.

Best,



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## Editorial

## Tracking the New Anti-Semitism

The recent eruption of anti-Semitism in Europe and here in America — like clouds of gas from some underground volcanic tract — should provoke Jewish soul-searching, and that of non-Jews too.

The point is not simply to beat one's breast and fret, but to try to understand what is happening, and how to respond. In each case, it seems, the issue is not merely how some people feel, but what in fact their governments do.

In Europe, there is good news and bad news. The bad news is that anti-Semitic outbursts continue in Italy, Spain, France, Sweden, much of Eastern Europe, and, of course, Germany. The good news is that the governments of those countries are taking measures to suppress the hatred and violence. What is more, the government measures are being supported by thousands of Europeans of good will, who respond when their leaders actually lead in opposing anti-Semitism.

It should be borne in mind that the European country that really matters for Jews is not Germany (where Jews number only 35,000 today), but France (with a Jewish population of 750,000). While there is serious anti-Semitism from both the right and the left in France, the government takes active measures against it. Moreover, grassroots organizations opposed to anti-Semitism are strong and active there.

## In My View

## Between Serious and Junk

BY JOSEPH R. RACKMAN

Admit it, you've got a winter vacation coming up and the choice is between reading a serious book on Judaism or a junk book.

The more compulsive among you will plod through the heavy prose of the serious work, the guiltless among you will read the junk book and some of you, torn by dilemma, will simply turn on a television. Well, this columnist has the perfect solution for you. What follows are descriptions of Jewish junk books from murder mysteries to a LeCarre-type thriller. This way you can read a junk book and still feel a little *frum*.

## Jewish murder mysteries

In the early 1960's a book editor was meeting with Harry Kemelman, a professor at a New England College. Apparently the professor's book proposal was of limited interest, but the editor noted that he was delighted with Kemelman's tales over lunch about the travails of the rabbi of the suburban synagogue to which kemelman belonged. The stories of the factions within the congregation and how the rabbi had to negotiate a course between them while remaining true to his beliefs fascinated him. The editor suggested a murder mystery with this as the backdrop and thus was born the Father Brown of Judaism, Rabbi David Small. *Friday the Rabbi Slept Late* was published in 1964 and was followed by *Saturday the Rabbi Went Hungry*, *Sunday the Rabbi ...*, etc. After exhausting the seven days of the week, Kemelman continued on, so that now there are ten books in the series. They are British murder mysteries, in that they are ten books in the series. They are British murder mysteries, in that characterization is very strong and violence is kept to a minimum. They are all highly recommended.

A worthy successor to the Kemelman series, with a rabbi hero, is being written by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. His three works thus far are *The Unorthodox Murder of Rabbi Wohl*, *The Final Analysis of Dr. Stark* and *An Eye for an Eye*. Given Rabbi Telushkin's popular (and important) works on Judaism (including the *Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism* and *Why the Jews?*, co-authored with Dennis Prager, and *Jewish Literacy*), it is not surprising that the series places a greater emphasis on Jewish substantive knowledge than does the Kemelman series. Nonetheless, the story lines are good and are very much worth reading.

The third popular writer of Jewish mysteries is Faye Kellerman, featuring Peter Decker, a Los Angeles police detective who becomes romantically

In America, there is also bad news, but here the good news is better. While a recent and shocking report of the Anti-Defamation League found hard-core anti-Semitic attitudes among 20 percent of Americans, that figure represents a decline by nearly one-half in hard-core anti-Semitism from a generation ago. In other words, anti-Semitism has by no means disappeared here, but it is significantly less.

The departure of the Bush Administration is also good news, given the lack of responsiveness on the President's part to denounce the likes of David Duke and Pat Buchanan within his own party. Bill Clinton picked up on this when he campaigned among Jewish voters, and there is reason to hope he will be equally appalled by anti-Semitism of the left. The tone he sets in this regard will be important because of the botched responses to ethnic violence by local governments in Los Angeles and New York.

American Jews have a difficult set of tasks ahead in responding to assimilation — "continuity" as it is now being called — and a declining influence in American life. While we should not ignore anti-Semitism, neither should we exaggerate it. As a community we must remain mobilized to combat it, and to insist that officials at all levels of our government do the same.

involved with the widow of a Yeshiva student, Rina Lazarus. It is an interesting combination, the hard-nose detective and the Orthodox female. The five books in the series, *The Ritual Bath*, *Sacred and Profane*, *Milk and Honey*, *Day of Atonement* and *False Prophet*, all have a certain warmth about them. They are best read in order.

## An Israeli murder mystery

*The Saturday Morning Murder* by Batya Gor may be the first mystery novel by an Israeli writer to reach American readers. Analyst at the Jerusalem Psychoanalytic Institute has been murdered and Ms. Gor spends much of her time describing the psychiatric profession. It has no Jewish substantive content, making it truly an Israeli murder mystery. It could easily have been set in Cairo or Bangkok. Nonetheless, it was set in Jerusalem and that gives you an excuse for reading it instead of something Jewish-serious.

## A Jewish LeCarre

Stephen Hartov made *aliyah* from America in the mid-1970s and served in the Israeli Defense Forces Parachute Corps. *The Heat of Ramadan* is his literary debut and he has produced a thriller that Eliane, my wife, loved. I did not particularly like it, but then again I am among the few who does not like LeCarre, either. In this particular case, I would prefer to read Spinoza, but suspect that most of you would prefer Hartov.

## Looking backwards

One of the more unusual books to appear recently, *Fatherland*, is set in the Berlin of 1964 and is based upon the premise that Nazi Germany won World War II. The American president is set to visit Berlin to initiate detente with the Third Reich. Kennedy is our president, not John, but his father, Joseph (who in the 1930s was a Nazi sympathizer). This book was a number one best seller in England and has enjoyed significant commercial success in the United States. It is a gripping book.

## Jewish romances

Finally, completing this survey of Jewish junk books, Naomi Ragen has written a pair of romantic novels set in the ultra-orthodox communities of Jerusalem and Brooklyn, *Jephthe's Daughter* and *Sotah*. If you want your Danielle Steel with a Jewish flavor, try either of these novels.

So you may ask, why did this article appear? Obviously, reading these books will not help you become a better Jew. The main reason was that it gave me an excuse to put aside all the serious Jewish reading I have, so that I could pick up a bunch of junk books and read them, just the way you should.

Joseph Rackman is a partner in the Manhattan law firm of Squadron, Eifenoff, Plesent & Lehrer.



## Letters to the Editor

Reform Judaism  
Enemy of Israel

To the Editor:

I have just returned from Israel, where our brethren have been suffering one tragedy and near-tragedy after the other, day by day.

The acceleration of violence against the Jewish population is the result of a two-prong strategy of Yasser Arafat, terrorist chief par excellence: through murderous attacks inside Israel, on one hand, and smiley-faced propaganda abroad on the other.

I was therefore saddened to see the letter by representatives of the Reform in Miami in your issue of November 13th. While our brethren are in mortal danger through the designs of the PLO to destroy the Jewish State, the Reform Temple cavalierly talks of inviting for discussion, representatives of the same PLO, to hear "disparate points of view" under the heading "All Viewpoints must be heard."

If the Reform does not feel any repulsion of having inside its halls representatives of an organization that has the blood of so many of our fellow Jews on its hands, perhaps this simile would help bring my message home: suppose during the Holocaust, a Reform Temple would invite the commander of Auschwitz or SS leader Himmler to discuss their "disparate points of view" of the Jewish people, would they then realize the absurdity of their act?

As to how this discussion has anything to do with Reform, here is my answer: since the beginning of Zionism, the Reform has been a sworn enemy of the return to a Jewish State. Their prayer books were purged of all references to a

return to Jerusalem, to the coming of the Messiah, or the rebuilding of the Temple. In fact, not so long ago, some Reform leaders would make a condition for membership a written statement never to support Zionism.

Furthermore, the Reform has demonstrated its alienation from authentic Judaism by declaring children of Christian mothers to be Jews, a step which has driven a dagger through the heart of Jewish unity, since no legitimate Jews would accept such children as Jews.

Recently, Reform leader Alexander Schindler called on Jews not to thank the Almighty for Israel's deliverance from Scuds during Operation Desert Storm, but instead to mourn the Iraqi victims of Saddam Hussein's War. Such alienation from loyalty to Jewish history and tradition, has marked Reform members as "terminal Jews", one step ahead of Unitarianism. No wonder they feel so little compassion with the fate of Jews in Israel.

I hope that the Jews of Miami have learned a lesson from this sad interlude in our midst.

Dr. Manfred R. Lehmann  
Miami Beach

## Who Needs AIPAC

To the Editor:

The most recent scandal involving AIPAC and its now resigned president, David Steiner, hit a raw nerve in the Jewish community.

The question emerges whether this lobby with its lavish 15 million dollar budget is really needed either by Israel or the American Jews. This organization's high pressure tactics in Washington, D.C. have, by too many accounts, antagonized more legislators than

gained genuine support for Israel among them. AIPAC claims to defend Israel's interests though, in fact, it has always promoted the policies of only one faction in Israeli politics, those of the extreme right-wing, ultra-nationalistic hard liners such as the former prime minister Shamir, Gen. Sharon, the Likud party and the religious zealots.

AIPAC has a history of defaming critics by calling them "self-hating Jews" for daring to suggest that Israel seek to end the occupation and reach an accommodation with the Palestinians. In this way AIPAC cheapened and helped stifle political discourse in the Jewish community.

One winces at the vulgar boasting of the former AIPAC president, Steiner, as revealed in the now public telephone taped discussion he had with a New York businessman and would be contributor just before the elections. Here is a braggart assuring someone of his great influence in high places, even with Gov. Clinton himself, on appointing the next Secretary of State.

Past Connecticut residents in Florida may recall that one of our state's most distinguished senators, Abraham Ribicoff, was the target of an AIPAC hatchet job in the form of a memorandum to its members fourteen years ago. At the time Sen. Ribicoff had publicly disagreed with the then Israeli prime minister, Menachem Begin, over Israeli settlements in the occupied territories. Sen. Ribicoff pointedly reminded Mr. Begin that he had a right to disagree with him and further charged that AIPAC does "a great disservice to the United States, to Israel and to the Jewish community" (*Connecticut Jewish Ledger*, March 23, 1978).

Sid Resnick  
New Haven, Conn.

## Off the Pulpit

## Reflections on Restoring Religion

BY RABBI NORMAN N. SHAPIRO  
Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center  
— Beth Jacob

Recently, a young, well-groomed young lady came to see me to enlist support in the restoration of her faith.

She had experienced a succession of tragedies in her family and now was seeking a working faith. Her cultivated mind, however, prevented her from yielding to the emotion generated by the word

"faith." I countered by pointing out that faith is not like instant coffee or tea. It cannot be turned on and off with the ease of a faucet.

Faith is a belief or means of accepting that belief through a life-long conditioning. Faith is not something that is induced by the whim of the moment and banished by the will of the mind.

According to Edward Hodnett in "The Cultivated Mind," there are three distinguishing characteristics of the cultivated mind. First of all, such a mind is not satisfied merely with being informed. It wants to know why. Secondly, the mind is discriminating. It is aware of and sensitive to values. Thirdly, the cultivated mind is primarily interested in man. Strength in one or two of these qualities or in others may make a mind able, talented or inviting. It was the great French logician, Rene Descartes, who coined the expression, *Cogito ergo sum* — "I think, therefore I am." He proved that man existed through the use and workings of his mind.

August Rodin has given us the statue "The Thinker," implying the importance of man's pondering over imponderables. That is all we are asking of our fellow human beings, regardless of race, religion or creed, to use their minds and hearts wherever reason and compassion are necessary.

I read somewhere that on a mantel in a village inn in England, three lines are inscribed: "Fear knocked at the Door, Faith answered, No one was there."

This inscription was carved at the time of Dunkirk, when England besieged and beleaguered on all sides by the Nazis by land, sea and air — "feared a great fear" — Faith answered, and "there was no fear." *Emanah* (the word for faith) in the Hebrew tradition, is the name given in the Talmud to the Seder, i.e., the Order of Zeraim, which treatise deals with seeds and plantings. We can't make a move — think a thought, without consciously or subconsciously reflecting this *Emanah* an act of faith. When a tree is planted or the soil is tilled, a child is conceived, a pledge is made, a vow redeemed, a potential realized — a tragedy unfolded — a crisis met — a sadness unexplained — all these are countless unmentioned situations, events or happenings are in essence "tests of faith." With faith, life's aimlessness becomes purposeful. With faith, tenacity of spirit and resoluteness of will can become one — With faith we can do the impossible — With a working faith, we can survive the worst and live up to the best. Faith — *Emanah*, when all is said and done, is a derivative of the word "Amen," which means "So be it."

A word about our editorial deadlines: All copy for calendar and synagogue listings must arrive at our office 10 days before the date of publication. We will try to publish as many press releases as possible. We will also welcome any personal news, such as wedding and engagement announcements, births, anniversaries, bar and bat mitzvahs, and obituaries. There is no charge for these items.

We welcome comments from our readers in the form of Letters to the Editor. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Please type all letters. Letters may be edited for length and grammar.





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November 13, 1992  
17 Heshvan 5753

Mr. Alvin R. Corwin  
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New York, NY 10019

Dear Al:

I much regret that your term of service on the UAHC Board of Trustees has come to an end. You have served with devotion and I write to convey personal as well as institutional appreciation for all your efforts in behalf of our sacred cause.

Your commitment to Reform Judaism will not be diminished by the fact that you are no longer on our Board. I am certain that you will always respond to our call when assistance of any kind is required. After all, the future of the Jewish people is and always will be of deep concern to you.

With gratitude for your years of service and with warm regards to you and Elaine, in which Rhea joins, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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November 10, 1992

Mr. Alvin R. Corwin  
Wertheim, Schroder & Co.  
787 Seventh Avenue  
New York, New York 10019

Dear Al:

First let me put into a letter what I told you in person when Elaine and I were privileged to be with you at the NFTB/JCS Convention in New Orleans. It was a wonderful experience and we were delighted to be there.

It is with regret that I write this letter on the termination of your membership on the UAHC Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee, and the termination, as well, of your post as President of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

We shall certainly miss your participation, and we hope that this technical change will in no way diminish your interest in, and support of, our many varied programs.

Many thanks for all that you do in behalf of our movement.

Warm personal good wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Melvin Merians

cc: ✓ Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie  
Mr. Lewis Eisenberg



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September 16, 1992  
18 Elul 5752

Mrs. Jane Ingenito  
73-29 198th Street  
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

Dear Mrs. Ingenito:

If I might not recall the face, the name is certainly familiar after your years of service to NFTB. It was most distressing to receive your letter and I am truly sorry that you have been so ill and that you feel NFTB and the Personnel Department have not treated you properly.

Even if I were to have both sides of the story, and I have not discussed this with others, there is nothing I can do in this instance but wish you a complete recovery and return to health and strength. I hope the New Year will be sweet and happy for you and those you love.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing this letter to tell you of the harsh treatment I had received after working 16 years for the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

On March 26, 1991 I became ill. I had to leave the office early that day due to excruciating pain. While I was not sick, I was discharged from the company. I feel I was mistreated by the company after 16 years of faithful and devoted service. While I was ill, I was never given any information about my employment status even though they knew I was under a doctor's care. I never received any help from Fern Glass in the Personnel Department. She never sent any of my correspondence after my termination to the Church's Insurance for my Disability Benefits. Weeks had passed before I received any information about my claim. This is when I needed it the most for the many doctor bills.



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I was fired out of work because I had to go to the hospital for a D+C and then I developed Vertigo and Meniere's Syndrome. This was all certified by the many doctors that had examined me. Fern Glass had all of this information.

I also received a disturbing letter from Paul Rockfield questioning my illness. It seems ludicrous to me that a non-certified doctor can make such a claim. He evidently neglected to check with Fern Glass, his most reliable assistant or she never called it to his attention that the bills were starting to come in. Evidently she never attempted to make this information known to anyone but herself. So much for the Personnel Department. I have another doctor's appointment next week for another battery of tests. Mr. Rockfield should have the pain I've suffered this past year with the expenses and waiting for results of the tests.

After seven long and three caseworkers later, the Cigna Insurance Company denied me benefits. After numerous negotiations with my union representative Mr. Peter Baldino, I received a settlement. This settlement was given to me so I

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couldn't or wouldn't bring up charges against the company and/or Cigna. Right now I am without any benefits. This is what happens when someone becomes ill.

I was a dedicated worker for so many years and it turns my stomach to see how a Jew can treat a fellow Jew. How easily we forget.

I know you do not know me, but to some extent I feel this letter I am writing to you can show that this company has no appreciation for the few dedicated workers they had over the years.

MRS. Jane Ingenito

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Mr. Roger Jacobs  
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Metairie, La. 70001

Dear Roger:

Thank you for your thoughtful note. I appreciate your eagerness to strengthen the bonds which bind NFTB and the UAHC. Needless to say, if there is anything that I can do to further this our common goal, be sure to tell me.

Of course, I would be glad to meet wit you when next you are in New York. My summer is not entirely free. Indeed, in another few days I will be off to Israel again. Still, we ought to be able to find some mutually agreeable date.

Edie Miller, my Assistant, is the master of my calendar. Please call her whenever your plans will bring you near.

Be well, and again my thanks...

Sincerely,

Alexander N. Schindler



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*Representative in New York  
will be glad to  
meet w/ him*

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
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New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex:

I was in New York last week, to work in the office of NFTB to prepare for my rapidly approaching investiture as the President. I had requested that our office arrange a meeting between us so that we could sit down and talk and get to know each other a little bit better. Unfortunately, you were out of town.

I did have the opportunity to meet with Mel Merians, Eric Yoffee and Arthur Grant. I believe that these meetings were very beneficial to the continuation of my predecessors' efforts to institute a closer cooperation between the strong right arm of the Union, NFTB. I wish to assure you of my continued support for these efforts.

I of course hope to be in New York again in the fairly near future, and hope that you will be available at that time so that we can then meet face to face.

In the interim, should anything arise that you feel the Brotherhood could be of assistance to you or the Union, please do not hesitate to call upon me at any time.

Very truly yours,

ROGER B. JACOBS  
CHANCELLOR  
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cc: Mr. Lewis Eisenberg  
National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021



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May 20, 1992  
17 Iyar 5752

Dear Richard:

Rhea joins me in expressing our fondest good wishes to you and Shirley. We are pleased to be a part of this book of tribute your colleagues of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods have planned in your honor.

You are exemplary in your service to Judaism and the Jewish people through Congregation Beth Emeth, the NFTB and the Jewish Chautauqua Society in particular and the national institutions of Reform Judaism in general. I much appreciate the many fine qualities of heart and mind you brought to your responsibilities as a member of the Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Most especially I am grateful for the drawing closer of NFTB and the Union as a result of your concerted efforts. You have good reason to be pleased and proud.

Rhea and I hold you in our hearts and prayers and we send our fond good wishes to you and Shirley.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Mr. Richard Karfunkle  
c/o National Federation  
of Temple Brotherhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
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# National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

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May 13, 1992

**\* MEMO \***

To: Current and former national board members

From: Alvin R. Corwin, president

Re: Richard Karfunkle, immediate past NFTB president

On May 8th, I advised you of the seriousness of Richard Karfunkle's illness.

Richard is one of those rare individuals who is loved and respected by all who've had the privilege of knowing him. On a personal basis, having worked closely with each other these past several years, together with our wives Shirley and Elaine, we've developed a true lasting friendship and mutual admiration.

As a tribute to Richard, I'm asking all members of our Brotherhood family to write a brief paragraph to Dick, on either a personal or organizational level, depicting some event, situation or happening that you shared together. Perhaps you also might share your personal feelings about Richard.

These messages will be bound and presented to Richard before the end of May. Please forward your thoughts by fax: 1-212-570-0960 to Harry Glazer, communications manager, or by mail to 838 Fifth Avenue by May 22nd.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Thank you also for your concern and your prayers on behalf of Richard, Shirley and their entire family.

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MEMORANDUM

February 26, 1992

FROM: Edith J. Miller  
TO: Lewis Eisenberg  
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Has a date been determined for taping the NFTB video? I am awaiting some indication as to when you want to tape Alex. His calendar is getting quite full and I really would like to tie this one down for you. Please advise.

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UNFORTUNATELY, FILM  
PLANS ARE DELAYED. CAN'T  
PIN DOWN A DATE FOR ALEX  
AS YET. WILL NOT KNOW  
MORE UNTIL AFTER May 4,  
THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST.....  
AND YOUR PATIENCE.

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MEMORANDUM

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February 4, 1992

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
TO: Lewis Eisenberg

I left a telephone message responding to your January 9th letter. Of course, I will be pleased to do a segment for the Brotherhood video. You indicated taping in late February or early March. Please note that I will be in Israel until the end of February and March 2nd and 3rd are already spoken for. As soon as you have possible dates, check with Edie so we can save the appropriate time for your needs.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Schindler', is written over the watermark. A long, horizontal line extends from the end of the signature across the lower right portion of the page.



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Dear Alex:

NFTB is currently putting together an ID film to introduce our organization and the program resources we provide to both affiliated and non-affiliated Brotherhoods and Men's clubs throughout the Reform movement. While the focus of this eight to 12 minute video will be on NFTB and its constituent clubs, we feel it's appropriate to set ourselves within the manifold mission of Reform Judaism. In this regard, we would like you to appear briefly in the tape to say a few words about our organization, and its role in the movement.

I realize, of course, that your time is extremely limited, and I assure you that the taping segment will not last more than an hour; we probably will take up much less of your time. I anticipate taping here at 838 sometime in late February or early March. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of our interest in having you appear in our tape and to see whether you are open to do this. We can work the dates out later, if you are comfortable in this role.

With all best wishes,

Lewis Eisenberg  
Executive Director

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September 24, 1991  
16 Tishri 5752

Lewis Eisenberg  
Executive Director  
Jewish Chautauqua Society  
UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Lew:

I have your invitation for JCS Advisory Board. Unfortunately, I cannot make it. I will be out of town. Maybe Danny can come, or Al Vorspan, or Gary Bretton-Granatoor. The latter as the Director of Interfaith Activities should be involved in this effort which furthers interfaith understanding.

Sorry, but I hope you understand that my schedule does get crowded well in advance. Most of the time I work a year to two years ahead in accepting engagements. Alas, I have no other choice.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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September 20, 1991

Alexander Schindler  
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838 Fifth Avenue  
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Dear Alex:

As you may know, JCS has formed an advisory board to help us in developing our programs. The names of the constituent members are attached for your review. The first meeting of this group will take place on November 9 of this year in New York City. If your busy schedule permits, we would greatly appreciate your speaking to this group about JCS and its importance in the Reform movement's efforts to further interfaith understanding. Ten to fifteen minutes should do it, starting at approximately 12:30. You would be, of course, most welcome to join us for discussion through the afternoon.

With warm wishes for health and happiness to you and Rhea in the coming year,

Sincerely,

*Lewis*  
Lewis Eisenberg  
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

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August 14, 1991

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

TO: Lewis Eisenberg - NFTB

Thanks so much for sending me a copy of the tape. I am looking forward to a suitable time to view it. I am sure I will enjoy it.





Lewis Eisenberg  
Executive Director

8/13/91

DEAR ALEX -

ENCLOSED OUR NEW  
JCS VIDEO FOR YOUR  
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BEST REGARDS,

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
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Dear Alex:

In thinking about NFTB's decision to increase our payment of shared services here at 838, I realized that in the rush of business as usual I had not properly given credit to Bob Koppel and Paul Rockfeld for their role in this sensitive process.

Bob and I have met on shared services for more than a year before the decision was made. Throughout the entire process he has been gracious and supportive both to me and NFTB. I value his honesty and his patience throughout this negotiation process. He is a mensch with a substantial reserves of quiet integrity. Bob is also a credit to the UAHC.

Similarly, Paul has consistently and graciously provided both me and NFTB with information about our financial responsibilities. His manner is respectful, authoritative and non-judgmental.


Business relationships most often succeed or fail based on the quality of the human relationships between the principals. In their dealings with NFTB, Bob and Paul have helped to build the strongest of foundations for what we all hope will be an amazing future of mutual growth and heartfelt admiration.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not mention Dan Syme's tremendously warm personal outreach program to NFTB over the years. At those difficult times when our relations with UAHC were uncertain or strained, Danny's firm commitment to Brotherhood was often the only tangible hope that we had. For his belief in us and the courage to act on his beliefs, we are deeply grateful.

Of course there have been many significant others in our relations with UAHC over the years. Howard Bogot and Al Vorspan are two names that come quickly to mind. Our thanks go out to them and others too numerous to name. Perhaps most importantly, as mentioned in my last letter, your own involvements with Brotherhood are most especially valued.

We look forward to sharing Friday with you at our biennial. If time permits, I hope you and Rhea will join us for Shabbat services at Washington Hebrew Congregation.

With all best wishes,



Lewis Eisenberg  
Executive Director

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PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100

September 17, 1990  
27 Elul 5750

Mr. Lewis Eisenberg  
Executive Director  
National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Lew:

While I am sharing with you my letter of appreciation to Al Corwin, I hope you know that it is also meant for you. You have been of inestimable help in seeking to bring Brotherhood ever closer to our Union. I am well aware of your role in this. I write to convey heartfelt gratitude for all of your efforts in our behalf.

With best wishes to you and all your dear ones for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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September 18, 1990  
28 Elul 5750

Mr. Alvin R. Corwin  
Chancellor - NFTB  
Plum Beach Point Road  
Sands Point, NY 11050

Dear Al:

Before I had an opportunity to convey my appreciation to you for attending our Executive Committee meeting, I received your letter of September 14. Needless to note, it was truly a delight to have you in our midst last week and I am grateful for the very fine report you gave in behalf of NFTB. All of us feel the eagerness of you, Lew and the members of Brotherhood to cement ever closer relations with the Union family. We are grateful for that.

Your letter of September 14, of course, is one which brought me great pleasure, even as I know leaders of our Union will react with delight. The news that NFTB will show its good faith by paying an additional \$24,000 per year in shared service charges bespeaks the commitment and concern you expressed at our meeting. We are deeply gratified to know that Brotherhood has taken this approach to its relationship with the Union. Personally, as well as in behalf of the Union, I convey heartfelt appreciation.

It also pleased me to know that there will be a change in the manner of payment of the annual contribution to College Youth. By making the annual \$30,000 contribution available on a monthly basis, you provide the wherewithall for the College Division to implement some of its most critical programs. This act also bespeaks the care and concern of Brotherhood for our sacred work. We are most grateful.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely, '

Alexander M. Schindler

CC: Lewis Eisenberg





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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
UAHC  
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Dear Alex:

It was really a pleasure seeing you at the Executive Committee meeting on Monday. We greatly appreciate your warm support of Brotherhood's efforts to become a more involved member of the UAHC family.

Our commitment to the goal of closer relations with UAHC also extends to our participation in the shared services plan at 838. As you may know, NFTB has not, for a number of years, been paying its full share of total services. Through a series of meetings with Bob Koppel and Paul Rockfeld, we have a more realistic appreciation of what we should be paying based on the number of people on our staff and the amount of square footage in our office.

Although our budget at this time is not large enough to permit us full parity with other affiliates and departments, we want to show good faith and pay an additional \$24,000 annually in shared service charges, above our current commitment. The payment will be assessed monthly, retroactive to July 1, 1990.

It is our intention to be at full parity before fiscal 1992.

Further, effective as of July 1, 1990, NFTB will make its \$30,000 annual College Youth contributions on a monthly basis. Previously we've paid in a lump sum at the end of the year. This arrangement will allow the department to manage its affairs on a more business-like basis.

Alex, please consider our remarks presented at the meeting, namely, our sincere intentions to be an important, integral part of the UAHC family. We have a great deal to contribute to strengthen UAHC and our member congregations. And in return, this will help us to grow to be even more effective and productive.

Tikkun Olam: Enhancing the World Through Brotherhood, our biennial theme, is also our hope for our newfound relationship with you personally and UAHC in particular.

We thank you for your patience, tolerance, and understanding and look for your continued support in the future.

See you at our biennial in Washington this November.

Wishing you and Rhea l'shana tova and good health,



Alvin R. Corwin  
Chancellor

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Lewis Eisenberg  
Executive Director





# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

To Allan B. Goldman, Esq.

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Faxphone Number-(213)553-0764

Subject NFTB- Avrum Bondarin

Date July 6, 1988  
21 Tammuz 5748

According to established procedures, our affiliates are not allowed to choose executive directors without confirmation by the President of the Union and the UAHC Board. Affiliates also have to receive approval for any raises they give.

As you may have heard as of January 1, 1989, Av Bondarin will retire as NFTB's Executive Director and I immediately contacted the NFTB President to make certain that he complies with these requirements.

Eisenberg has served as the Associate Director and apparently he is well qualified, so we will be able to complete this formality at the Board Meeting next November or even at the Executive Committee Meeting next September.

Be well.

Encl.



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June 17, 1988

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



Dear Alex:

Thank you for your recent letter.

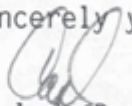
I want to confirm the appointment of Lewis Eisenberg as Associate Executive Director of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

As of January 1, 1989, when Av Bondarin retires as our Executive Director, he will officially be succeeded by Mr. Eisenberg.

In accordance with your letter, therefore, you will, as a formality, inform the UAHC Board of the appointment, and with its approval, Mr. Eisenberg will officially be recognized as a UAHC Senior Staff Member.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
Carl J. Burkons  
President

cc: Av Bondarin  
Lewis Eisenberg

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*P.S. I think you will find Lewis to be an exceptional addition to the staff; we are all looking forward to his involvement.*

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# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
To Mr. Arthur Grant, Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
Copies  
Subject

Date May 26, 1988  
10 Sivan 5748

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Av Bondarin just told me that he will be resigning from his post as the Director of NFTB as of January 1, 1989.

I write you at this time, primarily, to see to it that some appropriate plans are made for acknowledgement of his 33 years of truly loyal and productive service to our Union, on a staff and a Board and possibly even on a Biennial level. He deserves it. So, put this into your computer works, if you will.

His present associate will be named his successor, although I have insisted that before the announcement is made final the Board of the Brotherhood come to me to seek approval. Av agreed to engineer this.

Thank you.







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NFTB

November 4, 1988  
24 Heshvan 5749

NFTB 32nd Biennial  
Orlando, Florida

Dear NFTB-ites:

From afar, I extend warm good wishes, personally as well as institutionally, for a meaningful, inspirational and successful Brotherhood Biennial. I regret that there is a conflict with the UAHC Board of Trustees meetings to be held in Atlanta which precludes my presence in your midst.

This 32nd Biennial marks some very special milestones in the great history of NFTB-JCS. I simply could not permit the convention to take place without words of appreciation to Av Bondarin as he retires from the directorship of NFTB-JCS following thirty-three years of outstanding, dedicated and devoted service, twelve of them as your national executive director.

Av is a warm and gracious human-being, a mensch in every sense of the word. But he is well-known to all of you and I need not extol him to those with whom he has worked so closely over these many years. He has certainly brought NFTB-JCS into a new era of cooperation and sense of "family" with our Union of American Hebrew Congregations and I especially thank him for that. But I am grateful for all of his efforts over the years. We all owe Av a debt of gratitude for his outstanding years of service to our sacred cause. In his quiet, unassuming, efficient and caring manner, he has moved NFTB forward to new and exciting horizons. And I am confident that in the years ahead, as he assumes the role of a consultant, he will bring to fruition his hope to see the JCS grow and be strengthened as it works to create new and stronger bridges of understanding between our community and other faith groups.

And as we bid shalom' l'hitraot to Av and his lovely Mary, we also take this moment to say welcome and mazal tov to Lewis Eisenberg. He has already exhibited great ability and promise as the incoming NFTB-JCS executive director.

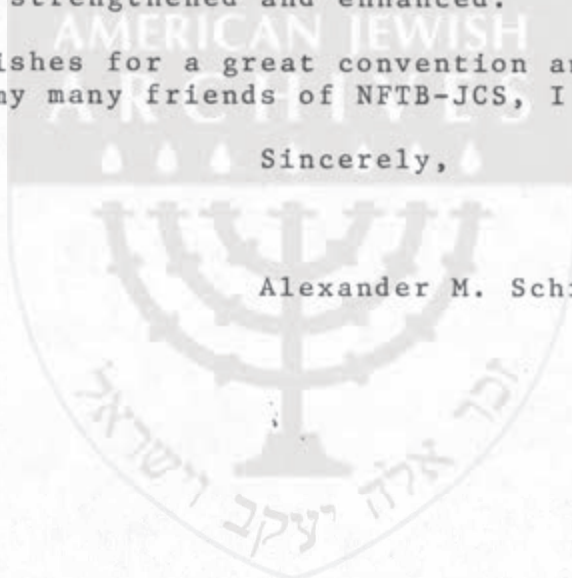
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It is my fond hope that the future will see NFTB-JCS continuing to grow and flourish, even as the bonds which bind us all one to another as the family of Reform Judaism are strengthened and enhanced.

With best wishes for a great convention and with warm regards to my many friends of NFTB-JCS, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





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Warm regards and every good wish

To Lewis Eisenberg  
NFTB

Dear Lewis,

Below my comments for your brochure.

I hope I come close to what you had in mind. Feel free to suggest changes, or even make them yourself as you see fit. Just let me see the final product before it goes to press.

NFTB



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NFTB is a critical component of our nation-wide family of congregations, even as local Brotherhoods are an essential ingredient of Temple life. The UAHC is enriched in countless ways by its work.

Its premier project, JCS, furthers our central purpose: to teach Torah, to transmit the heritage of our faith to future generations. The Chautauqua Society, after all, is the largest Jewish educational enterprise in our land. It reaches not only Jews but non-Jews as well and thereby nurtures that soil in which Jews and Judaism can flourish.

Brotherhood is a bounteous source for synagogue leadership. It provides an opportunity for service to numerous congregants who would otherwise be uninvolved. It refines their skills, preparing them to govern not only their own affairs but every other aspect of synagogue life. Indeed, the mettle of some of our religious community's foremost leaders was first tested in the arena of local Brotherhoods and NFTB.

Brotherhood is true to its name. It generates a feeling of fellowship which touches the larger Temple family. It fosters friendships that endure; its camaraderie is infectious and persists. It is the kind of congeniality which makes us be what we are meant to be: a caring community of Jews.

- Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler



Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Mr. Lewis Eisenberg

September 14, 1988  
3 Tishri 5749

NFTB Membership Brochure

I'll be happy to write some comments for Brotherhood's new brochure. I would be grateful if you would give me an idea as to particular emphasis you would wish me to touch upon so that I may be supportive of your goals.

Thank you.



# MEMORANDUM

Date September 9, 1988

From Lewis Eisenberg, Associate Executive Director NFTB/JCS

To UAHC Department Heads

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject NFTB Membership Brochure

Dear *Alex:*

I am in the early stages of formulating a new NFTB membership brochure. One of the most essential parts of telling our story is how other members of our UAHC family see us.

I would greatly appreciate your perspective on Brotherhood for possible inclusion in our new brochure. I will, of course, show you my copy edited from your comments well before printing.

My copy deadline is September 30.

Thank you.

*Lewis*

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September 16, 1988

Dear Alex:

Thanks for your interest in our new Brotherhood brochure.

My goal in this undertaking is to define a meaningful niche for Brotherhood within the UAHC family. Your perceptions of NFTB in this context will, of course, be most helpful in overcoming the identity and credibility problems that some of our Brotherhoods have.

Sincere best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Lewis Eisenberg, Associate Director

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August 5, 1988



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

Dear Alex:

Thanks for your kind endorsement. I too was very pleased with our meeting and am looking forward to contributing to the further growth and success of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Sincerely,

Lewis Eisenberg  
Associate Director

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June 13, 1988  
28 Sivan 5748

Mr. Carl J. Burkons  
President, NFTB  
1890 Aldersgate Drive  
Cleveland, OH 44124

Dear Carl:

Av Bondarin has shared with me his retirement plans. We shall miss him very much but can certainly appreciate the reasoning behind his decision to take early retirement. I was, of course, pleased that he will continue involvement in NFTB/JCS as a consultant.

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With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

*Missed you at the Bond meeting  
although I understand you were  
at the College Mtg. Your report was  
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Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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February 22, 1988  
4 Adar 5748

Mr. LewishEisenberg  
Associate Director  
NFTB  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Lew:

Mazal tov on your appointment as Associate Executive Director of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and welcome to the UAHC House of Living Judaism. I was delighted to learn of your presence in our midst and I look forward to meeting you personally

It is my fond hope you will derive a full measure of personal and professional happiness, satisfaction and fulfillment from your new responsibilities.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





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February 4, 1988



TO: NFTB EXECUTIVE BOARD  
FROM: Carl J. Burkons, President  
SUBJECT: NEW ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lewis Eisenberg as the Associate Executive Director of NFTB.

Lew's selection comes after a five month executive search process during which we reviewed the qualifications of many impressive individuals. Our new Associate Director has the right combination of background, know-how, and determination to fulfill the many demands of his position.

Before coming to NFTB, Lew was Communications Manager of the Women's Campaign for the UJA-Federation of New York. He also worked on various projects for the Major Gifts department, including Super Sunday. As Director of Communications for the Zionist Organization of America, he was involved with publications, membership, and promotion. He has also done public relations for the American Jewish Congress.

In his early career, Lew was Director of Marketing for an 80-store furniture chain and a 17-store dinette chain, both headquartered in Florida.

He and his wife, Yla, have two daughters, Latissa, 11, and Ania, 9.

I know you will join in welcoming him to the challenges and the rewards of the Brotherhood.

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# Leon Horowitz, M.D.

1727 SOUTH UTICA / TULSA, OK. 74104 / (918) 743-6175

November 17, 1987

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

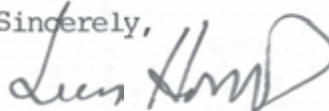
I appreciate your taking the time from your busy schedule to answer my letter of November 3 so promptly and in such detail.

You point out that many organizations, other than Brotherhood, were meeting at the same time as the Joint Biennial Assembly and were not specifically acknowledged. However, *they always meet with the Union*. This was the first time in a very long time that Brotherhood had its Board meeting co-incidentally with the Biennial and that set us apart and deserved special acknowledgement and recognition by you. That simple action would have engendered a warm and agreeable response from the Board instead of the expressions of hostility which were forthcoming. You stated: "Often I am blamed unjustly", unless you were reading a speech prepared by someone else, I don't know who else to blame for this omission.

You state, "There was a period in our recent history when these relations (Brotherhood/Union) were deliberately undermined by some of the leaders of NFTB". I can't dispute that and, from the response of the Board in Chicago, I know that there are those who still feel that way. Nevertheless, I can't help but feeling that an unemotional approach to the question can only lead to the conclusion that we "Are a Reformed family and we gain strength from one another". I know that the current leadership is very much in favor of close cooperation and I support that position personally.

I don't know what it will take to bring Brotherhood and the Union together but I do know that Chicago wasn't it.

Sincerely,



Leon Horowitz, M.D.

LH:rh

cc: Mr. Carl J. Burkons  
Mr. Av Bondarin





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PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100

NFTB

November 11, 1987  
19 Heshvan 5748

Leon Horowitz, M.D.  
1727 South Utica  
Tulsa, OK. 74104

Dear Dr. Horowitz:

Let me begin by expressing my appreciation for the tone of your letter of November 3 and its final note stressing that close cooperation between NFTB and the UAHC would only be mutually beneficial. Mistakes were made on our part undoubtedly and I do want to assure you that I am pledged to this cooperation between us and I will do everything in my power to further it.

Often I am blamed unjustly. Take the matter which makes up the substance of your plaint. The fact is that I did not acknowledge the presence of the NFTB during my presidential address. I mentioned one group and one group exclusively, and that is the NFTS. However, you must understand that our Assembly was not the Union's alone, it was a Joint Biennial Assembly of the UAHC and the NFTS. Some sessions are held apart and some are joint. My message was delivered at a joint session which compelled me to welcome the delegates of the NFTS and make some special acknowledgement of their leadership. Brotherhood was not acknowledged, but neither was the HUC-JIR, nor the WUPJ, nor NATA, not NATE nor the CCAR nor the ACC, not even ARZA for that matter. Here and there in my speech I made reference to one of these organizations or another when the subject required it but I certainly did not acknowledge their presence as you would have sought in the case of the NFTB.

All of the chairpersons of Reform Judaism were asked to sit on the bimah, those of our affiliates and associated organizations, and NFTB was among them and as a matter of fact, everyone on the bimah was introduced to the Assembly. As a matter of fact, by accident the WUPJ was omitted and I will make the correction at the next Biennial, but certainly NFTB was represented.



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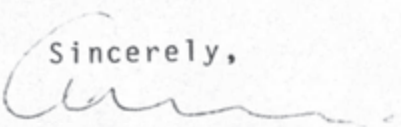
As for your comments on the phrase "Israeli right-wingers and their American supporters", I really do not understand why you are disturbed by this reference. It is merely a descriptive term, hardly a pejorative, and I would use the term "left-wingers" as readily. Moreover, I would not be offended were I to be described as such. There is a right and a left in the political spectrum of Israel and that is a fact. I suppose I could have used the terms "dove" and "hawk", but that would have really been less than fair, because opposition to the international conference was transpartisan in Israel. There is many a hawk in the Labor Party even as there are doves in Likkud so that the term I used is really the most descriptive for my theme.

I really don't know if you know about my involvement in the past decade and a half in the Israeli political scene on the highest levels, but it so happens that while I have close relations with the leaders of Labor, my relationship with the leaders of Likkud is really closer, principally because I swung the American Jewish community in support of Begin when he was elected to high office. During the last week, following the convention, I had telephone calls from Ambassador Netanyahu, from Minister Misha Arens, and tomorrow morning I will be meeting with Minister Gideon Patt. All of them have seen a copy of my Biennial speech, indeed they saw it before-hand and none of them were offended by the term "right-wingers". They wear their badges with pride. Please know that I used the words as descriptive, not in terms of any one party, and I certainly intended no offense and I do hope you will now understand why I used those particular words.

I must also say, in all fairness, and to return to the broader subject of Brotherhood/Union relations, that there was a period in our recent history when these relations were deliberately undermined by some of the leaders of NFTB. This despite the fact that the UAHC extended itself, even financially, beyond its capacity in an effort to help brotherhood. If there have been any misunderstandings of late, I am certain these can be overcome and I assure you they were inadvertent. After all, we share the same goals and anyone who knows me knows that I am dedicated to a policy of inclusion rather than exclusion. We are, after all, one Reform family and we gain strength from one another.

With kindest greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

  
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With kindest greetings, I am,

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*Will dictate answer*

November 3, 1987

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

It was with great interest and careful attention that I read your Presidential Address while on the airplane on the way home from Chicago where I attended the Executive Board meeting of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

I'm sure that at this point there is very little I can add to the uproar of dissatisfaction from the members and officers of the NFTB about how shabbily we were treated in Chicago. This is exemplified by your speech which, I am told, lasted 70 minutes. If the audience sat still that long I am sure that they could have sat still for 71 minutes while you acknowledged the presence of NFTB in Chicago and the contributions the NFTB makes to Temple Communal Life as well as the community at large. Perhaps a word of encouragement from you would get those Rabbi's who are "anti-Brotherhood" and who do not have Brotherhoods in their congregations to take a second look at the situation. Unfortunately, we weren't that fortunate.

Unfortunately, also is the fact that your omission is not, at least as perceived by the NFTB Executive Board, an isolated one or accidental. I have personally encountered this same problem in our region here in Tulsa and Oklahoma, particularly at the UAHC Regional meeting that was held here in Tulsa last year.

I am at a loss to understand why this has happened. I only know that NFTB makes great contributions both locally and nationally in many ways that no other organization does and for this we are treated like an outcast. I am not a Rabbinic scholar and cannot quote to you stories from our tradition that exemplified what is happening but I am sure they abound. I am particularly disturbed when so much of your address was devoted to "Reaching Out and Reaching Up" but that simply does not seem to include Brotherhood.

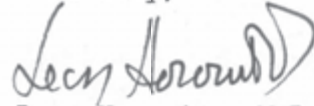
I was also disturbed by your referring to those in Israel and in the United States who oppose an international peace conference for the Mideast as "Israeli right-wingers and their American supporters". I did not see you refer to those who support that initiative as *Israeli left-wingers and their American supporters*. There are two major parties in Israel and if Likud is perceived by you as being "right-wing" then certainly Labor could be designated *left-wing*. I think it would have been more appropriate to refer to the parties by name rather than with a prejudicial designation.

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November 3, 1987

Contrary to my colleagues on the NFTB Board who said, "never again" with regard to future meetings with the Union, I can't help but think that close cooperation would only be mutually beneficial. However, cooperation cannot be one-sided and, as it has been perceived by our Board, it is.

Sincerely,



Leon Horowitz, M.D.

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cc: Mr. Carl J. Burkons, President  
NFTB/JCS

Mr. Av Bondarin, Executive Director  
NFTB/JCS





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cc: Ar Borden

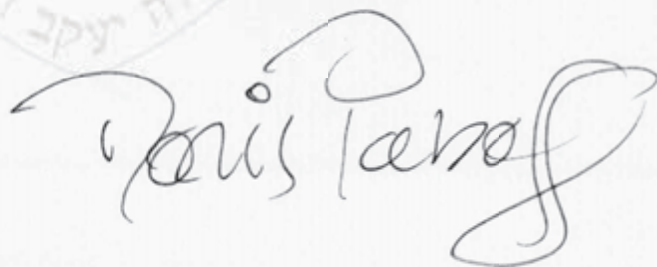
Dear Rabbi Schlinder,

Believe me, I have no wish to continue our correspondence (I know how busy you are), but I must write and thank you for your warmth and understanding.

It was news to me that Sig Warshaw had become active in UAHC. Had I known, it is not likely that I would have over-reacted.

Thank you for your patience. I wish you and yours a most Happy Thanksgiving.

Most sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Louis Tano".

NFTB

November 19, 1987  
27 Heshvan 5748

Mrs. Herbert Panoff  
37 Forbes Hill Road  
Wollaston, MA 02170

Dear Doris:

Thank you for sending me a follow-up letter. As you can imagine, your first note took me a while. In the meantime, I also heard from Herb and I have responded to him.

I really do not understand why you consider Sig's appointment to the Union Board such a rebuff of Herb and his proud leadership of the NFTB. The two are really not related.

When Sig was rejected by the NFTB he came to me and asked me to find him a place where he could contribute to the Reform movement. I suggested his name for several committees of the Union and he has served faithfully and therefore in the natural course of events he was rewarded by being nominated for a place on our Board.

Again, this is an independent action which should not cause you any hurt whatsoever. Everyone knows of Herb's effective leadership of the NFTB. Its present strength gives testimony to the many gifts of mind and heart he gave to his stewardship of NFTB and nothing else should really matter. You certainly can take comfort in that.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



November 16, 1987

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I'm sure I deserved your curt,  
"Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me."

Under ordinary circumstances, I would let it go at that, but we suffered for two long years at the hands of Sig Warshaw. The torment was unrelenting and there was no relief. We were advised to keep still, to ignore the fact that Herb was being undermined by the very man who was supposed to be his partner, his right hand man.

For ten years Herb was President of the New England Region, doggedly and persistently building it up. He never sought the Presidency of NFTB, nor did he expect it. He was persuaded to take it after all his hard work, since he had the knowledge and the capability and the confidence of his co-workers in NFTB. To him, it was inconceivable that a man would go to Machiavellian lengths to achieve some sort of power. Herb co-existed with such a man as his Chancellor.

I love my husband. It hurt to see him demeaned. It wasn't Sig Warshaw who was treated shabbily. Far from it. It is to Herb's credit that he was able to do a fine job as President under such circumstances.

When I heard of Sig's appointment to your Board, the pent up rage of two years exploded and I sent you my nasty letter.

As it turned out, the presidency came at just the right time for my husband, since he is now legally blind and, because of it, had to resign from Rabbi Howard Bogot's Education Committee, an appointment he thoroughly enjoyed. As a past president, the record of Herb Panoff's service to NFTB is solid. We take comfort in that.

Most sincerely,

*Herb Panoff*

NFTB

November 19, 1987  
27 Heshvan 5748

Mr. Herbert Panoff  
39 Forbes Hill Road  
Wollaston, Mass. 02170

Dear Herb:

Your letter of November 11 indicates that you believe I am involved in the Nominating Committee process of the UAHC. You ought to know that the Nominating Committee is made up of lay leaders. Only one or two members of staff are present before the substantive discussion in order to make certain members of the committee have all of the background information they require for study during their deliberations. I am not involved in the procedure, I do not attend any of the meetings; and I have no role in placing names in nomination for the Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

We do have a group of very dedicated lay leaders serving on the Nominating Committee. They obtain names from many sources. They seek to gain as much data as possible about the people being recommended. I feel that they do a superb job in making what is usually a very difficult decision, for we are blessed with many fine candidates and a limited number of Board seats to be filled.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



*Herbert Panoff*

39 FORBES HILL ROAD WOLLASTON, MASS. 02170

November 11, 1987

Dear Alex,

I was stunned by the appointment of Sig Warshaw to the Union's Executive Board. Four years ago, he was denied the presidency of NFTB after much soul searching and a vote of our Board.

This happened, not because of a tempest in a teapot or a clash of personalities, but because we were being split apart by distrust and deceit. In effect, we eliminated the bad apple from the barrel.

It's unfortunate that you have listened only to the friends and supporters of the man.

Now, you've made a mockery of our decision and exposed us to ridicule. He's O.K. We are all crazy.

Do you honestly think your decision can go unnoticed?

I am disappointed, to say the least, when someone who should set an example takes the easy way out.

Very truly yours,

*Herb Panoff*

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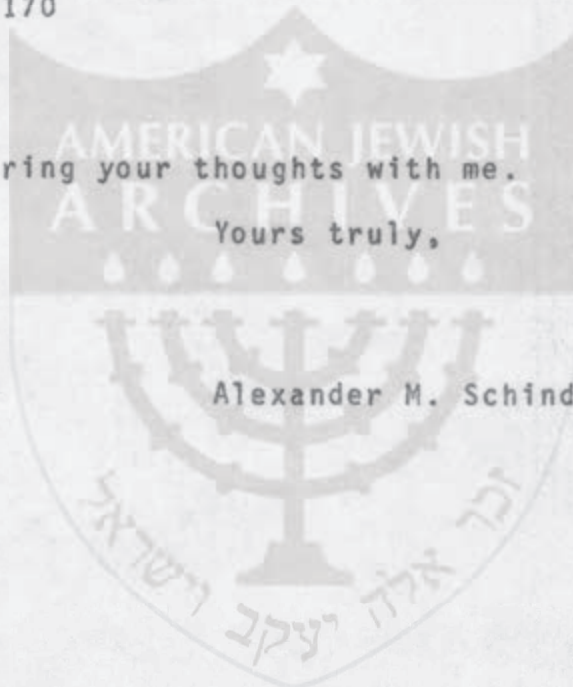
Mrs. Doris Panoff  
39 Forbes Hill Road  
Wollaston, MA 02170

Dear Mrs. Panoff:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Yours truly,

Alexander M. Schindler





November 6, 1987

*[Handwritten signature]*

*Ask Av  
how I should  
respond.  
To first call  
him to*

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Recently, I read in the New York Times about the Rat Problem in New York City. It seems rats survive no matter what happens to them--they have even survived Hiroshima!

Sig Warshaw, whom you know, is a rat. The fact that he was not fit to lead a religious organization such as the Nat'l Federation of Temple Beotherhoods but has made it to the Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations proves it. It also proves a few other interesting things that are beneath my dignity to mention.

*come up.  
Went to  
discuss  
the letter  
with  
him too*

Very sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature: Doris Panoff]*

Doris Panoff,

wife of the immediate  
past president of  
NFTB

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November 19, 1986  
17 Heshvan 5747

Mr. Carl J. Burkons  
1890 Aldersgate  
Cleveland, Ohio 44124

Dear Carl:

How pleased I was to learn of your election to the presidency of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. I write to express a very warm and hearty mazal tov. This development, as you know, places you on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the UAHC as an Ex-officio member. I know that you bring many fine qualities of heart and mind to all of your new responsibilities and that you will serve our sacred cause with great devotion and dedication.

I do hope that you and Midge will be able to attend the Board meeting of the Union a few weeks hence. It will be a pleasure to welcome you to our midst and to express my hearty mazal tov and good wishes on a face to face. Until then Rhea joins me in sending warm regards from house to house.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



November 17, 1986

Mr. Carl J. Burkons  
1890 Aldersgate  
Cleveland, Ohio 44124

Dear Carl:

Congratulations on your election to the presidency of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. As a consequence of that position, as you know, you automatically become a member of the UAHC Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee, and it is my pleasure to welcome you to this Board of leaders of the Reform movement.

As one of our members, you will be participating with us in our endeavors to strengthen and enlarge our movement. We look forward to your counsel and hope that you will be able to attend our meetings on a regular basis.

Av Bondarin informs me that you and Midge will be attending our upcoming Board meeting at Stouffers in December. I look forward to extending a personal welcome to you both at that time.

Cordially,

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

cc: / Rabbi Stuart A. Gertman  
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Mr. Av Bondarin  
Rabbi David S. Hachen



December 10, 1986  
8 Kislev 5747

Mr. Carl J. Burkons  
1890 Aldersgate Drive  
Cleveland, Ohio 44124

Dear Carl:

It was a delight to welcome you to the UAHC Board of Trustees meeting. I am so pleased that you were able to attend and I was also thrilled to have Av Bondarin accompany you. It has been a long time since Aveshared in one of our meetings. His presence and, of course, your own bode well for a much closer association between NFTB-JCS and the Union in the years ahead.

I want to thank you too for your very fine report in behalf of NFTB. It was most informative and I thank you for a very fine presentation.

With warm regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

bcc: Mr. Avrum Bondarin



February 12, 1985

Mr. Av Bondarin  
Executive Director, NFTB  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Av:

I am very happy that Kenneth Keenan has been chosen to be chairman of the NFTB Affiliation Committee. I certainly hope his effort to organize new Brotherhoods and to reactivate old Brotherhoods will be successful -- not only for the sake of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods but for the sake of the Union, too, and especially for those synagogues we seek to serve.

Brotherhoods are an essential aspect of the temple structure. To begin with, involvement is the magic ingredient of making temples succeed and Brotherhood provides a means for this involvement of a substantial segment of many temple constituencies. Moreover, historically, Brotherhood has provided a superb means for leadership development. Many of those who have played an active role in Temple Brotherhood have then gone on to serve the temple in various capacities and the Reform movement and the Jewish people as a whole.

Temple Brotherhoods, of course, have assumed weighty responsibilities for individual temple and have furthered temple projects which are essential to its being and which serve its ultimate goals.

Collectively, through the NFTB, Brotherhoods and its members are furthering programs which serve our movement splendidly, the Union's College Program is an excellent case in point. And, of course, there is Chautauqua, the largest institutions of Jewish education on the North American continent, which has brought the message of Judaism and the Jewish people in universities throughout the land.

I hope these essential comments will help Kenneth Keenan even as his endeavors serve to advance our movement's sacred cause.

Warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# MEMORANDUM

Date February 8, 1985

From Av Bondarin

To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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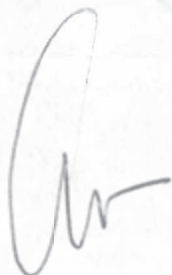
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*Joe Please draft -  
Sters: leadership development  
for congregation  
College work*

With the election of the new administration at our Boston Biennial in November, a great deal of enthusiasm has been generated on the part of our key committee chairmen who are determined to achieve their goals during the next two years.

Kenneth Keenan, of Temple Israel, New Rochelle, is the chairman of our Affiliation Committee which is responsible for organizing new brotherhoods and reactivating old ones. As an aid in his effort, he has requested me to ask if you would write a letter, addressed to me, in which you would express the importance of a temple brotherhood and the role it plays in the programmatic structure of the congregation. A brief statement in this regard, Mr. Keenan believes would be very helpful to him as he makes his contacts throughout the country.

I hope your response will be favorable. Thank you for your cooperation.



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December 11, 1984

Mr. Herbert Panoff  
39 Forbes Hill Road  
Wollaston, MA 02170

Dear Herb:

I much regret that your Ex-officio status on the UAHC Board of Trustees and Executive Committee ~~become~~ to an end now that your term as president of the NFTB is over. We are grateful for all of your efforts in behalf of our Union and regret that you will no longer be serving on our Board.

I know that your commitment to Reform Judaism is deep and abiding and I am certain that when we call upon you in the future you will, as always, respond affirmatively.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

December 7, 1984

Mr. Herbert Panoff  
39 Forbes Hill Road  
Wollaston, Massachusetts 02170

Dear Herb:

I am indeed sorry that your membership on the UAHC Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee has come to an end due to the fact that your term as President of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods has expired.

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 and mutual endeavor in the work of the Union and of the Reform movement.

With warm good wishes.

Cordially,

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

bcc: / Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Mr. Avrum Bondarin  
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# MEMORANDUM

Date 11/30/84

From Robert E. Swire

To Rabbi Schindler

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