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December 8, 1982

Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky  
HUC-JIR  
One West 4th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Orlinsky:

Rabbi Schindler asked me to write to you in his absence regarding the enclosed brochure.

We would like you to write the introductory illustrated brochure that will accompany the Codex.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Most Cordially,

Philip Hiat



# The Kalonymus Codex



*The Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
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TO: Dr. Maury Leibovitz, *Co-Chairman*, Polish Judaica Project  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021

Please reserve my numbered copy of the limited edition of the Kalonymus Codex dated 1238. My check for \$5,000 covering the pre-publication price, including shipping, is enclosed. I understand that a major portion of this cost may be deducted as a charitable contribution to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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December 28, 1982

Rabbi Richard F. Steinbrink  
Congregation Rodeph Shalom  
615 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Dear Rabbi Steinbrink:

Dr. Maury Leibovitz, co-chairman of the UAHC Polish Judaica Project, is currently in China, and a copy of your letter to him of November 29 concerning the Kalonymus Codex was forwarded to my office.

We are most thankful for your interest in acquiring a facsimile edition of the Codex for your Museum. I earnestly hope that the possibility will become a reality. This rare and beautiful manuscript will hold a treasured place in your collection, and in your community.

Most sincerely,

Mark Cohen  
Project Coordinator

cc: Dr. Maury Leibovitz  
Rabbi Philip Hiat  
Rabbi Daniel B. Syme



# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
To Rabbi Philip Hiat, Mark Cohen  
Copies Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Subject

Date Dec. 22, 1982

To review procedure for Baltimore effort:

- I. Phil (and possibly Syme) to go to Baltimore for two meetings-  
as soon as possible.
  - A. With head of Walters Gallery to offer film and Schindler for opening, plus videocassette for duration of show.
  - B. With Ms. Blaustein Hirschhorn to become chairperson of the "Baltimore Friends" "in the same way that Dr. Armand Hammer chaired the Los Angeles Friends....."
- II. If she agrees, the opening could serve as a catalyst for the committee. She will know who she wants. Perhaps a pre-opening cocktail party at her home that evening with no fundraising would be appropriate.
- III. Follow-up meeting with the "Friends" to organize an "evening" to benefit the project at some time during the exhibit's run.





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Mr. Mark Cohen  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Cohen,

Thank you for forwarding the brochures on the project of Polish Cemeteries.

We have distributed the material to our board members and as a group we have agreed to underwrite the project. There is, however, one more question in our minds. We are anxious to know if the project is still viable in view of the latest political developments in Poland. As far as we understand, all cultural exchanges have been halted for the time being between Poland and the West.

Could you kindly inform us as to the status of this project.

With many thanks for your assistance and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Gertrude Goetz*  
President

Dr. G. Goetz  
9337 Sawyer St.  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90035

CC: AMS, PH, DBS

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THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

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# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Date December 20, 1982

To David Kleiman

Copies Rabbis Philip Hiatt, Daniel B. Syme, Leonard A. Schoolman; Mark Cohen

Subject Joshua M. Dwork

I stopped in London en route home from Israel. Albert Friedlander agreed to make all the arrangements for our April tour. The following elements will be included in our stop over:

1. A visit to the Manor House -- Englands equivalent of 838 -- and some sort of program to expose the delegates to Reform Judaism in England.
2. A meeting with the Board of Deputies to acquaint them with the problems of British Jewry generally.
3. An address by Chief Rabbi Jakobowitz.
4. A luncheon at the Parliament -- meeting with MP's, etc.
5. A one day jaunt to Oxford. Possible lecture by Isaiah Berlin.
6. One or two plays. Lots of free time for shopping.

All this has to be tied down. David, in consultation with Phil, please send Albert Friedlander the precise days we plan to be in London.





# MEMORANDUM

From Mark Cohen  
To Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
Copies  
Subject Baltimore

Date 12/21/82

1. In a way we were talking about apples and oranges.
2. Murray Saltzman did not know we were looking to have a reception involving the raising of funds, or even, for that matter, anything beyond a minimal fee - about \$25/couple - to cover costs.
3. The committee he put together - consisting of, basically, two people - Ann Goodwin and Buzz Hellman - does not even think they could get any kind of decent turnout at that amount. This was their thinking.
4. Their belief was that this reception would be a "friendly get together" for the local congregations.

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1. In their terms, they had reservations in three areas:
    - a) time -- neither can do any work before early January;
    - b) money -- they didn't think many people would come out at even \$25 a couple;
    - c) they even felt they might be planning for something that might not take place: if the weather was bad no one would come. Such was their spirit.
  2. The estimated cost of a reception at Walters is \$2,000 - \$1,300 for Walters just to open their doors for a private function, the balance for catering.
  3. They felt if they could raise that to just cover the costs, why not have it at the temple and have that money go directly to the project.
  4. They're not really prepared to do a great deal of work.
  5. To save on fuel costs, the Baltimore congregations hold Shabbat services at one temple in the winter. Ffloyd Herman at Har Sinai, where services are scheduled for the 28th (January), wants to have an Oneg Shabbat at which the film could be shown and the project talked about.
  6. None of the congregational leaders want or expect this to interfere with their own efforts.



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1. Walters is planning their own opening function. They claim they must have theirs before we can do anything because the exhibit will not be ready until the last minute. They are planning an opening night event for their Board.

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Where we are:

1. We should plan two functions, one for the congregations and one as a fundraiser.
2. We can't depend on the local congregations or the committee to help. Whatever they can do will be peripheral.

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The best thing to have come out of yesterday's meeting was the presence of Barbara Blaustein Hirschhorn. She loved the film, and was very interested, after seeing it, in the project. You know about her foundation. Also, she gave \$1,000,000 to the Federation drive last year.

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What is apparent is that this is not Los Angeles or a Hammer dinner. The circumstances and the people are not the same. Instead of the help of the regional office we have three or four congregations that are concerned about their own resources. You mentioned last week that when you first came away from L.A. you had a list from Glazer, but Glazer's list was not a congregational list, and none of them were willing to share their list with us. To them we are a competing interest. The impression of this committee, based upon Saltzman's understanding, was that this was to be a pleasant "get together" for Baltimore's Reform congregations.

Mark



3422 Castlewood Place  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403  
5 December 1982

Dr. Henry Liebowitz  
Union American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Dr. Liebowitz,

After viewing the Kalonymus Coder  
or display of the Skirball Museum  
here in Los Angeles I called my  
peers in New York City and we  
have decided to purchase a copy.  
Our checks, totaling \$5,000, are en-  
closed, to cover the cost of printing  
shipping & whatever incidental  
costs (insurance, etc.) will be involved.  
Kindly send us a receipt and  
let us know how much of this  
cost may be deducted as a



Charitable contribution to U. A. H. C.

The are particularly inter-  
ested in this Codex because my  
sister and I bear the name  
Klonymus, but we fear we may be  
among the lost of our family in the U.S.  
Our father, Jacob Klonymus, was the  
oldest of four brothers. Of those who  
survived the Holocaust, all had  
daughters. We do have some cousins  
who carry the name Kalmonitz,  
shortened by some to Kalus, which may  
well be a derivative of "Klonymus".

Our family tree reaches back 6 genera-  
tions, but confirmation is not possible  
due to gaps, burning of records, etc.  
I have had to depend on word of  
mouth and memories of those in my  
parents' generation.

Should you receive any inquiries  
from or learn of other members  
of the Kalonymus family in relation  
to the publication of The Codex, I  
should appreciate it if you

(3)  
Would enable me to contact these individuals.

Sincerely Yours,

Rachael Klonymus Guth, MD

213-788-5447 (home)

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P.S.

Should you need to contact me yes  
and find it more convenient to  
phone locally, my sister's address  
and phone are:

Deborah Klonymus Rigai  
200 Haven Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10033  
927-1552

Her work address is:

Dept. of Anesthesiology  
Montefiore Hospital  
Princeton, N.Y.

She uses her maiden name  
professionally - (see check)

R.K.G.

BERNARD ROSENTHAL  
10037 Sunnybrae Ave.  
Chatsworth, Calif. 91311

Regarding: A Torah

Dr. Maury Leibovitz-Co. Chairman  
Polish Judaica Project  
Union of America Hebrew Congr.  
838 Fifth Ave.  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Dr. Leibovitz:

I am representing a client who has a torah available for sale and desires that it be placed where it would be most appropriate.

The Torah is originally from Poland and is approximately three hundred years old. It has been carbon-date tested at the Lab. of U.C.L.A. by Dr. Berger. The spindles are twenty-seven (27) inches long and the parchment is fourteen and one half (14½) inches deep. It was purchased in Jerusalem about two years ago and is available for sale now.

Rabbi Tusler, a scribe in Los Angeles, examined this Torah for its authenticity.

The Skirball Museum of Los Angeles appraised the value of this Torah to be "at least \$60,000.", although Allen Kane a professional appraiser, also from Los Angeles, received information from New York and Chicago museums indicating the market value, based on recent acquisitions, was in excess of \$220,000.

If you are interested in purchasing this Torah, or if you can recommend some other organization or individual who may be interested in purchasing this Torah, or for further information please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

*Bernard Rosenthal*  
Bernard Rosenthal

Telephone  
(213) 882-1072  
(213) 999-6091



December 14, 1982

Mr. R.K. Guth  
3422 Castlewoods Place  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Dear Mr. Guth:

In response to your letter to Dr. Leibovitz who is out of the country I hasten to reply in his behalf.

Let me thank you for your order of the Codex. When it is completed and you receive it you will possess one of the true rare Jewish treasures in the world.

I am fascinated by your middle name, Kalonymus. Your family may very well be descendance of that family.

The Codex which we are reproducing is the only volume left of five or six volumes that Kalonymus worked on. The other volumes have disappeared, either stolen or destroyed.

If I find any records of the family in Poland, I will be glad to share them with you but please be patient.

In the near future you will receive an official document informing you how much of the purchase price may be deducted for tax purposes.

It was a touching experience reading your letter and you will hear from me again. Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

Philip Hiat

December 14, 1982

Mr. Bernard Rosenthal  
10037 Sunnybrae Avenue  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Dear Mr. Rosenthal:

This is in response to your letter to Dr. Leibovitz.

I must inform you that we are not interested in purchasing this Torah. We have in our possession Torah Scrolls that predate your Torah by a few hundred years. While the parchment may be 300 years old it does not tell us when the scroll was actually written, which in most cases will not coincide with the date of the parchment.

I personally believe that the estimates are inflated unless the Torah has some historic background to it, such as a specific scribe, a previous owner or the city in which it was executed.

I am the one who is responsible for the Polish exhibition and the agreements with the institutions in Poland.

Thanking you for your interest, I remain  
Most Sincerely,

Philip Hiat



December 17, 1982

Dr. Adolf Stone  
3715 Olive Street  
Long Beach, CA 90807

Dear Dr. Stone:

Rabbi Brown was good enough to share your letter to him regarding the Polish Cemeteries Project.

While dissent is always in order, especially from within the family, I take the liberty of pointing out the following to you.

I am well aware of the picture you painted in your letter regarding the condition of Jewish cemeteries in areas outside Congress Poland. I made special trips into the interior of Poland as well as East Prussia to see the condition of these cemeteries. I concur with your observation. They have been vandalized. That however, is the past. An official document has been prepared listing all the cemeteries in Poland and they will be looked after in one fashion or another.

They will all be the responsibility of the Minister of Religious Affairs. His office and I will maintain close contacts and coordinate all our efforts in helping preserve where possible and restore if at all possible, these sacred shrines. The areas will be fenced, grass planted where possible, stones will be set erect. This is their pledge to me and my pledge to the Jewish people.

I do not take my task lightly. I have been to Poland ten times in the past two years and have secured the governments pledge in the matter. They have already allocated a large sum of money for this work in a special fund and I can attest to their sincere desires.

Thanking you for your interest and hope this will help clarify some of your questions and ease some of your fears.

Sincerely,

Philip Hiat

Nov. 14. 82

From the  
desk of... ADOLF STONE

Dear Rabbi Brown,  
Once more I have to be a dissenter,  
well, not quite.

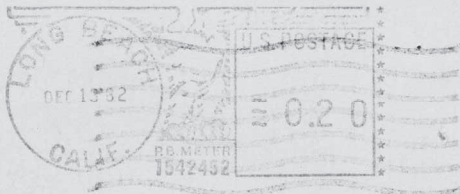
I consider the Polish cemetery project  
worthy of support. However I have the  
notion that it applies to the areas  
of former Congress Poland, Warsaw,  
Byalistok, Krakow etc. and not to the  
new areas.

Generations of my family lived and  
died in Eastprussia, a province, which  
became mostly Polish in 1945. Long  
after world war II I visited the Jewish  
cemetery in a town, which in my days  
was called Loetzen and now is Gizycko.  
I found my mother's grave as those of  
other members of my family not only  
vandalized by the Nazis but also  
desecrated by the present Polish  
inhabitants with human feces etc. There  
are several dozen such cemeteries in  
the new provinces of Poland.  
Please, pass this on to the proper  
agency.

Cordially

*Adolf Stone*





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Rabbi Philip Hiatt  
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838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021

FROM THE DESK OF  
RABBI JONATHAN M. BROWN

December 13

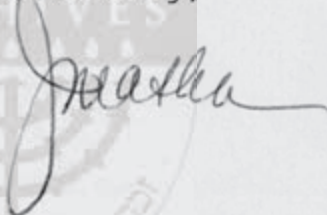
Phil--

I thought you ought to see the enclosed;  
if you want to communicate directly with  
Dr. Stone, his address is:

3715 Olive St.  
Long BEach, Ca. 90807

Hope the project is going well.

Cordially,

  
A large, faint watermark of the American Jewish Archives logo is visible in the background. The logo features a menorah and the text "AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES" and "המוזיאון היהודי האמריקני".



December 15, 1982

Mr. Philip J. Nathan, Esq.  
280 Park Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Nathan:

Enclosed is some of the material of the projects I have  
been working on in Poland.

I thought it would be of interest to you.

Don't think me imprudent for sending them to you.

A good Chanukah.

Sincerely,

Philip Hiat

December 17, 1982

Mr. Alex Edelman  
American Reality  
235 East 72 Street  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Edelman:

In response to your inquiries to us regarding property at 130 W. 79th St. which was at one time Mount Neboh Congregation, please be advised of the following: The Reform community does not intend to organize or build another Reform synagogue in the area. Rumors to the contrary are unfound.

I will also like to share with you our inquiry to Mr. George Klein, Chairman of the Mayor's Holocaust Memorial Committee, his letter speaks for itself.

We would like to thank you for your kindness in helping the Reform Congregation in Glencove, Long Island which burnt down this past year, refurbish itself with the interior of the old Mount Neboh building. This gesture of good will on your part is appreciated beyond words. We thank you for your interests and hope our response to your inquiry will be of some assistance.

Sincerely,

Philip Hiat



December 17, 1982

Rabbi Rifat Sonsino  
Temple Beth Shalom  
Highland Avenue at Webster Street  
Needham Heights, MA 02194

Dear Rifat:

Thank you for your check of \$300.00 for the Polish Cemeteries Project. All is going well. I don't think we have any concern regarding the Orthodox rabbi's reaction to our project. If they care to join with us, we will, of course, be glad to receive them with open arms. Anything that has to be done or should be done I will speak to you about it in the near future.

Thank you again.

Most Sincerely,

Phil Hiat

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM  
HIGHLAND AVENUE AT WEBSTER STREET  
NEEDHAM HEIGHTS, MASSACHUSETTS 02194

RABBI DR. RIFAT SONSINO

December 14, 1982

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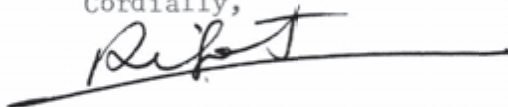
Dear Phil,

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$300.00 as a gift from various members of our Congregation towards the UAHC - Polish Cemeteries Project.

I would also like to thank you for your note regarding the Orthodox Rabbis' reaction to our Project.

If there is anything else that I can do, please let me know.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rifat', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rabbi Dr. Rifat Sonsino

RS/lk

Enc.

December 17, 1982

Ms. Grace Brodsky  
for the Littman Family Circle  
37 Village Road  
Florham Park, N.J. 07932

Dear Ms. Brodsky:

We thank you for your contribution of \$60.00 from the Littman Family Circle for the Polish Cemeteries Project.

I want to inform you that Czystoschowa Cemetery is part of our restoration program. All material regarding the cemetery and pictures that we will get, we will share with you. It is a holy task which have undertaken and thank you for your generous contribution.

Sincerely,

Phil Hiat



37 Village Road  
Florham Park, NJ  
07932

Dec. 14, 1982

Gentlemen:

In connection with the Polish Cemeteries Project, enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$60.00 from the Littman Family Circle.

We hope that this contribution will in some way aid in the restoration of the graves in Poland.

The Littman came to the United States from Czeszochowa, Poland in the early 1900's. If any restoration will be done in Czeszochowa, we would designate our donation be used there. If there is any information on the cemeteries in this town we would appreciate any information you can supply us with.

Thank you for your attention to this  
matter. We wish you much success  
on this project.

Sincerely,

Meace Brodsky  
for the Lillman Family Circle





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December 22, 1982

Dr. Rachael K. Guth  
Geriatric Division  
Veterans Administration Hospital  
Wilshire and Sawtell Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Dear Dr. Guth,

Thank you for your letter of December 5 and your order for a copy of the Kalonymus Codex. Dr. Maury Leibovitz has asked me to be in touch and to formally acknowledge receipt of your order.

A member of our national staff, Rabbi Philip Hiat, is investigating the family tie that you mentioned and hopes to be able to get back to you with some answer, though we cannot promise anything. He will also advise you of the tax deduction that you may claim for this calendar year.

Needless to say, should we receive any other communications from people with the Kalonymus name, I will be in touch at once.

Best wishes to you and yours for a happy Chanukah.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
National Director of Education

DBS:am  
[Dictated 12/10/82]

cc: Rabbi Philip Hiat





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December 17, 1982

Mr. Louis Pozez  
517 Danbury Lane  
Topeka, Kansas 66606

Dear Mr. Pozez:

Rabbi Fred Reiner thought you would be interested in hearing about a most historic enterprise upon which the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has embarked.

In April of 1981, an agreement was signed between the UAHC and Warsaw University, allowing for the reclamation of holy items, the exchange of scholars and scholarly materials, the republication of Jewish historical texts, and the recovery of paintings, manuscripts, books, and ceremonial objects documenting a thousand years of Jewish life in Poland.

This agreement is unprecedented. It is the first time an Eastern European nation, or one of its agencies, has signed such an agreement with an independent Jewish organization. As a result of this cooperative venture, which has received the approval of both the Polish government and the U.S. State Department, art and artifacts documenting a thousand years of Jewish life in Poland is being made available to the world community, many for the first time. Many of these objects were thought destroyed in the fires of the Holocaust.

Government, church and academic institutions in Poland have worked to further the spirit of the agreement. Since its signing, major progress has been made in many different areas.

1. Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, met with General Wojciech Jaruzelski and received expressions of support for this project.
2. I have met with Archbishop Josef Glemp, primate of Poland, and was given assurances of cooperation from the church of Poland.

3. A loan exhibition of objects documenting the the thousand year history of the Jewish community in Poland, "Fragments of Greatness Rediscovered," is now in the United States. Selected items were previewed at Harvard University's Widener Library and at the Knoedler Galleries in New York. The complete exhibit was shown at the Jewish Museum in New York, and is now at the HUC-JIR Skirball Museum in Los Angeles. It will be on display at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore from the end of January to early March.
4. The fortieth anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising will be marked by special ceremonies in Warsaw on April 18, 1983, with an international delegation headed by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler.
5. The exhibit, "Fragments of Greatness Rediscovered," will be returned to Warsaw and housed in a specially constructed area of the National Museum. The opening in Warsaw is to be timed to coincide with the arrival of Rabbi Schindler's delegation.
6. After its showing at the National Museum in Warsaw, "Fragments of Greatness Rediscovered" will be sent for a special showing at the Museum of the Diaspora, Bet Hatefutsot, in Tel Aviv. It will then travel to cities around the world.
7. On October 11, Dr. Armand Hammer, chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Dr. Maury Leibovitz, president of the Knoedler Galleries in New York, and Mr. Guilford Glazer co-hosted a dinner attended by over 500 persons at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Los Angeles to help raise funds in support of the UAHC Polish Judaica Project. Over \$200,000 was raised to help cover the costs of this work.
8. In conjunction with this dinner, a film about the Polish Judaica Project, generally, and the exhibit, specifically, was made by Armand Hammer Productions and members of the UAHC staff. Participating in this film, and contributing to the telling of the project's story and that of the heritage of Polish Jewry, is Mr. Isaac Bashevis Singer, Nobel laureate; Ms. Ruth Turkow Kaminska, whose family played a major role in the Yiddish theater of Poland; Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler; and myself.



9. The restoration of the Jewish cemeteries of Poland will take place under the auspices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Polish Ministry of Religious Affairs.
10. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations will assist Bishop Pylak of Lublin in building a Jewish chapel on the site of the Maidanek concentration camp as a living memorial to those who suffered and died there.
11. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations will reproduce a number of historic documents, beginning with the Kalonymus Codex, the fourth oldest Bible known to be in existence, and a magnificent work of religious beauty. There will also be reproductions of the Wroclow High Holy Day prayerbook, dating from 1193-1297; the Provencal Haggadah, a unique example of French-German influence on Polish Jewry, dating from 1300; and examples of four Megillot illuminated between the fourteenth and eighteenth centuries.
12. There will be High Holy Day broadcasts on Polish radio and television celebrating the Jewish New Year, with cantorial records supplied by the UAHC.
13. Seven students from the Department of Hebrew Studies at Warsaw University spent two weeks in the United States under the guidance and direction of the UAHC.
14. A Chair of Jewish History has been established at Warsaw University. Dr. Marek Urbanski was appointed he first faculty member of this chair, and is pursuing a course of post-doctoral studies at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.
15. In cooperation with Warsaw University, an international conference will be planned for some time in 1984. The theme will be "The Golden Age of Polish Jewry."



Mr. Louis Pozez  
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I am taking the liberty of enclosing various publications and brochures relating to the Polish Judaica Project of the UAHC, and look forward to speaking to you further about it. I invite your participation in this most historic of ventures, the rescue and retrieval of the remnants of the Jewish people of Poland.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Philip Hiat  
Assistant to the President

cc: Rabbi Fred N. Reiner  
Rabbi Eric Yoffie

# NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 14, 1982

Mr. Philip Hiat  
Assistant to the President  
Union of American Hebrew  
Congregations, 830 Fifth Ave.  
New York, NY 10021

REF: GM-20785-82  
Cissy Grossman

Dear Mr. Hiat:

Our records indicate that the following report(s) is/are overdue for the referenced grant:

Federal Cash Transaction Report due 10/31/82 - 1ST notice

If this information does not agree with your records, it would be most helpful if, rather than calling the Grants Office, you simply make a notation on this correspondence and return it to my attention. In the event that an overdue report has been submitted in the last 10 days, please disregard this notice.

All delinquent reports should be forwarded immediately to the NEH Grants Office/Mail Stop 200.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

David J. Wallace  
Grants Office/Mail Stop 200  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
Washington, DC 20506

PLEASE NOTE

As of October 1, 1982, all correspondence from the Endowment will reference the number shown above. The previous reference number was: PM-20785-82.

# IREX

International Research & Exchanges Board  
655 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017

December 23, 1982

Rabbi Philip Hiat  
Assistant to the President, Special Projects  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
938 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

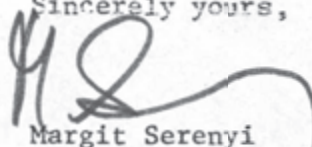
Dear Rabbi Hiat:

In checking our files, I find that we still do not have a final narrative report or financial accounting from you concerning your collaborative projects grant received during academic year 1981-1982.

The Program Committee and IREX staff are eager to learn of the results of your project, and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes for the Holiday Season and the New Year.

Sincerely yours,



Margit Serenyi

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MAILGRAM

December 17, 1982

Dr. Harry M. Orlinski  
HUC-JIR  
One West 4th Street  
New York, New York 10012

WE AT THE UAHF WISH YOU MAZAL TOV. THE FESTSCHRIFT PUBLISHED  
IN YOUR HONOR BY THE ISRAEL EXPLORATION SOCIETY SPEAKS TO YOU  
AND YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS, YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUR INDEPENDENT  
SPIRIT. MAY YOU CONTINUE GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

RABBI ALEXANDER SCHINDLER, PRESIDENT

Dr. Harry M. Orlinski  
HUC-JIR  
One West 4th Street  
New York, New York 10012

MAZAL TOV ON THE FESTSCHRIFT PUBLISHED IN YOUR NAME BY THE ISRAEL  
EXPLORATION SOCIETY. THE SOCIETY COULD HAVE SELECTED NO BETTER A  
PERSON TO HONOR. YOUR SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL,  
ITS PEOPLE AND K'LAL YISRAEL HAVE LEFT THEIR INDELIBLE IMPRESSION.  
CHAZAK V'EMATZ.

PHILIP HIAT, A STUDENT



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December 13, 1982

FROM: THEODORE K. BROIDO  
TO: MEMBERS OF THE POLISH PROJECT COMMITTEE

In accordance with the contents of my letter to the members of the Polish Project Committee of November 2, 1982, I am pleased to enclose the material from Rabbi Philip Hiat and Dr. Herbert Zafren referred to in Paragraph "B".

As a reminder, please note that the next meeting of our committee is set for December 21 at 9 a.m., through lunch, at the House of Living Judaism, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10021.

Happy Chanukah!

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*President*  
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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This document consists of two parts. The first is a commentary on the Agreement as well as an indication of which parts of the Agreement have already been implemented. The second is a detailed list of priorities.

The introductory paragraph of the Agreement with Warsaw University has given de facto access to other institutions in Poland, e.g., National Museum, National Library, Jewish Historical Institute, Jewish Museum (Cracow), Bierut University of Wroclaw, etc.

#### Article 1

The inclusion of Semitic linguistics, Hebrew language and culture, Jewish history, etc. in this article reflects the political reality under which Warsaw University operates.

The significance of this agreement is underscored by the active interest of other academic institutions, e.g., Harvard, Columbia, Michigan, Tel Aviv in their desire to participate in this program.

This first article is a call to action, not an action per se.

#### Article 9

To date, a letter has been written to the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences regarding exchange of publications. A letter from the Catholic University of Lublin has been received requesting exchange of publications with the College. No formal exchange of publications has been initiated with Warsaw University; Dr. Tyloch has been receiving HUCA and he in turn has donated copies of his articles and monographs to the Klau Library (in Cincinnati).

#### Article 10

To date, two students from Warsaw University have initiated application procedures to the College. Their papers have been referred to Dr. Paper, Dean of Graduate Study.

#### Articles 14-17

(Nothing to add)

#### Article 18

The Polish text and the English translation were reviewed by John Kordek, then the cultural attache at the American Embassy in Warsaw, who was pleased by the accuracy of the English translation.



PRIORITY 1 Reproduction of illuminated manuscripts and works of art.

(Article 6-7)

The publication of the Kalonymus Codex has already been announced.

Other works to be considered for reproduction are the Wroclaw Mahzor, the Wolff Haggadah, illuminated Megillot Esther, paintings of Mauricy Gottlieb, Bruno Schultz, and others.

While there is good reason to reason against giving this the highest priority as opposed to other projects, it must be recognized that through the sales of limited edition reproductions, cheaper popular editions, post-cards, greeting cards, funding can be obtained for the other projects.



## PRIORITY 2 Microfilming in libraries and archives

### (Article 8)

Of greatest value to researchers would be the filming of scarce, even rare, materials totally unavailable in the West. With this priority, there is an internal order.

1. Jewish newspapers (in Hebrew, Polish, and Yiddish) published between 1919 and 1939. For Yiddish alone there are over 1100 known periodical titles, while Hebrew and Polish would add many more. During that twenty-year period the Yiddish press experienced an explosive growth unparalleled in that language's history. Most papers did not last long, but 10% represent dailies, weeklies, and monthlies which ran for several years or longer. During his last visit in Warsaw, Philip Miller used the opportunity to gather data on Yiddish newspapers in the holdings of the National Library and Warsaw University Library (there was no time to examine the Jewish Historical Institute). In one working day, data for some 130 newspapers were gathered. Selecting twenty of the better runs of newspapers unavailable outside of Poland, Mr. Miller estimates at least 37,000 pages, which might run to approximately 25 reels of microfilm and whose negatives alone would cost \$6,000.

These newspapers are given the highest priority because they have the most to offer researchers and students. Printed on newsprint, they are fated for deterioration and loss in the very near future unless they are filmed.

2. Lublin Ghetto Archives. In the State Archives in Lublin there are 48 folio sized boxes containing the minutes of the Lublin Ghetto's Judenrat, copies of handbills, broadsides, transport registers. Housed in less than satisfactory physical surroundings, this material chronicles the end of the oldest Jewish community in Poland, documenting Jewish life under the Nazis to a degree that no other single collection can match.

The total number of pages exposures cannot be estimated, but a guess of 20 reels of microfilm (\$4,800 for the negatives) may be adequate.

3. Zegota Papers. Between 1942 and 1945 the Polish Government-in-Exile maintained a Council for Aid to the Jews whose activities involved rescue, housing, food, and sanctuary, and which were subsumed under the acronymic codeword, Zegota. The papers and records of the Council's various regional branches were gathered and housed at the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, where they remained until 1969 when they were transferred to the State Archives. There is no idea of how large this collection is; both Polish and Jewish contacts here in the West have indicated to Mr. Miller that this collection is of singular importance and of incalculable worth.

Priority 2 cont'd.

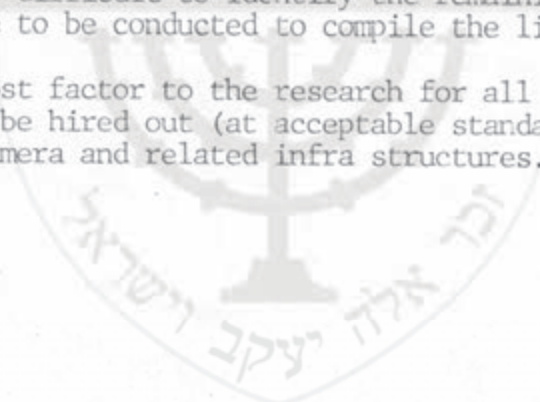
4. In the period between the wars, a number of theses were written under the direction of Dr. Majer Balaban, one of Poland's greatest Jewish historians. These theses are housed in the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw. Again, unfortunately, the size of the collection is not known.

5. Manuscripts in the Jewish Historical Institute. The library of the Jewish Historical Institute seems to be the only collection of Hebrew manuscripts in Poland of any note; their inventory presently numbers 600 manuscripts.

While some might put a higher priority on this, in effect, many if not most of their manuscripts have already been microfilmed. There are two known microfilm collections: one made by a Canadian firm copies of which are in the Hebrew University, Library of Congress, National Library of Canada, Hebrew Union College, and Jewish Theological Seminary; the second, manuscripts from the Breslau Seminary collection, is located at the Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique in Lyons, France.

It ought not to be difficult to identify the remaining unfiled handful, but research will have to be conducted to compile the list of desiderata.

6. There is also a cost factor to the research for all the above; and, if the filming cannot be hired out (at acceptable standards) there will be the investment of a camera and related infra structures.





PRIORITY 3. Identification of books.

(Article 4)

Presently in Poland there are an estimated 100,000 uncatalogued volumes of Hebraica and Yiddica scattered over the country, preserved largely in libraries, museums, and abandoned synagogues. For example, the remains of the Reform temple in Cracow, the Templum, had uncounted volumes filling the ark; in the top floor of the Isserles Synagogue in the same city are perhaps 10,000 volumes in Hebrew and Yiddish, both religious and secular; in the National Library of Poland there are 20,000 volumes which were gathered from the remains of the Lodz Ghetto.

As it is the stated policy of the National Library of Poland to possess one of everything printed on Polish soil, all books printed before 1944 are legally considered their purview. (Anyone wishing to remove a pre-1944 book from Poland must get written authorization from the National Library. Failure to do so results in confiscation and even arrest for smuggling.)

The Polish authorities have made it known to Rabbi Hiat that they do not want or need so many duplicate volumes of Hebraica or Yiddica, that they do wish one copy of each title for the National Library, and that they are willing to give the surplus in exchange for assistance in identification.

One solution suggested by the Poles is to send a qualified specialist to initiate the process and to train others. This may be impractical as well as expensive; one must seriously consider whether a Westerner would be willing to live an extended period in Poland, given political and economic circumstances.

A more practical solution might entail the photocopying of title-pages, which can then be arranged in order to identify duplicates.

Costs are difficult to estimate. One question which has to be raised is the state of the photocopying facilities at the National Library; will the American side be asked to supply another machine paper, chemicals, etc.

Moreover, the majority of books may wind up being prayerbooks and Bibles. Do we want them? Are they worth the price? What would we do with the leftovers?

We would also want to microfilm those rarities that exist in only one copy and are not in the Cincinnati Klau Library.

PRIORITY 4 Conference

(Article 12)

A title, the Golden Age of Polish Jewry (1400-1800) has been suggested by the Polish side. Among the things which need to be decided are:

1. Where will the conference be held?
2. When will the conference be held?
3. How long would such a conference last? (One day, two, a week?)
4. Will there be a public call for papers or will individuals be invited to speak?
5. Who will decide who will speak and who will structure the program?
6. Is there an intention or desire to publish proceedings?

The importance of such a conference is highlighted by the fact, that no conference on such a topic has ever been held which enjoyed joint Polish-Jewish sponsorship. As well as opening further channels of communication between what have in the past been two hostile communities, it will allow Polish scholars who work in this area to become known in the West as well as transmit Western scholarship in Polish Judaica to Poland, where such material is not always easy to obtain.

PRIORITY 5 Translation of Works into English

(Article 5)

There is Judaica scholarship, past and present, in the Polish language which is largely unavailable and inaccessible to scholars, researchers, and students in the West.

Included would be the political writings of Jan Nicieslaw Boduin de Courtney (d. 1927), Polish journalist would actively militated on behalf of the civil rights of Jews; the historical writings of Majer Balaban, the sociological, economic, and historical writings of Ignacy Schipper, Raphael Mahler, A. Eisenbach, Sz. Dätner, and others.





PRIORITY 6 Films on Hebrew Studies.

(Article 13)

The Polish side, in consultation with the American side, more specifically the Departments of Education within the College and the Union, will prepare materials (films, videotapes, etc.) in the Polish language for the teaching of the Hebrew and Yiddish languages and Jewish culture.

Films ought to be made of the E. R. Kaminska National Jewish Theater's repertoire of Yiddish plays. While much has been made of the fact that many of the actors are non-Jews who had to learn Yiddish and hence it is not natural to their tongue, still, such films would be of educational as well as entertainment value.



# MEMORANDUM

From Mark Cohen

Date 2/5/82

To Kitchen Cabinet

Copies

Subject Minutes: Meeting of 1/26 -- 1/28

Agenda: Review of Polish Project  
Board of Delegates: communications, next meeting  
Fund raising prospects: review roster  
TV / Houston

Polish Project: The project got a tremendous response at the Knoedler preview. A committee will be formed, for purposes of raising funds, and to set in motion the machinery that will generate similar recoveries from other countries and the Vatican. Dr. Maury Leibovitz, partner with Dr. Armand Hammer of Knoedler Galleries, has agreed to co-chair the committee. He has requested a female peer serve with him as co-chairperson. A list of possibilities is being compiled.

The committee will help in building up a reservoir, to pay for what was and for what will be. The next step for this project will be to convene a meeting of the group. Many of those who attended the Knoedler opening will be asked to join the committee.

Staffing: someone should be brought in on a retainer basis for a specific project and time period. Their responsibility will be to help Phil and to work on the project for the recovery, and, second, to assist Mark with the Board of Delegates. A three day week may suffice. A full time administrative assistant may be necessary.

The project is proceeding. The State Dept. is aware of all activities, and has said to proceed until stopped, either by the Polish or American government.

The proposed NEH budget is being revised by Cissy Grossman and Dan Sapone. NEH offered \$35,000 out of a requested \$269,000. An additional \$15,000 may be available out of the Chairman's emergency funds.

This project should be integrated with the Board of Delegates. The two bodies should be kept separate, but each group should know of the other. Dr. Leibovitz should be invited to the next Board of Delegates meeting to give a report.

Board of Delegates: The heart of the next meeting should be Outreach. The business meeting should focus on Outreach, with reports given on the other areas. The outcome of the Outreach conference will be reported on, as will program proposals.



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There should also be reports on the TV program, and on the Houston project. Sam Adler should be invited to speak. Lenny will contact him.

A date for the next meeting should be cleared with Tisch.

The decision to convene in Washington was scrapped. Alternative: meet in New York. Sherry Lansing (president of Twentieth Century Fox), Richard Dreyfus, and Aaron Copland will be invited to speak in addition to Maury Leibovitz and Sam Adler.

Upcoming communications with the Board of Delegates: covering letter from Tisch with card describing framed Torah fragment; alert re date of next meeting; background report of 1/25-26 meeting; Vorspan's Moral Majority piece; copy of Lydia's Choosing Judaism and program manual to non-attendees of Boston meeting.

In upcoming correspondence progress should also be noted in TV area, including mention of the Navon interview.

Action re Rapoport: Mark will draft a letter for AMS reporting on Outreach meeting; an appointment should be set up with him when he is next in New York; a solicitation campaign should be planned and plotted for Outreach prospects; Al Vorspan should send a letter to his son Ronnie, inviting him to become involved in Religious Action programming; though he didn't request it, he should be offered a name dedication for his pledge: the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Outreach Library (exact naming to be determined).

Funding possibilities for the TV Program were discussed. Corporate funding is possible, especially with VCR makers requesting our inclusion of their brochures in appropriate mailings. Some tie-in could be developed. We should begin seeking funds from individuals. Jay Stein has offered to head the fund raising drive for the TV Program. He will give himself, when he is able, and has accepted a seat on the TV committee. Danny should meet with him.

Priorities should be established for the next three to five projects. They should be presented at the next session of the TV committee.

Funding goals are twofold: to build up the Union's central fund; to build up funding for specific areas and projects.

Down the road, in addition to the establishment of a Department of Outreach: a TV Department (or Communications Department -- to be named).



Outreach Prospects:

Henry Bloch

Marvin Borman

Bill Breman

Edgar Bronfman

Lester Crown

Max Fisher

Irvin Frank

Chuck Hoffberger

Geri Joseph

George Katz

Joseph Katz

Gene Klein

Alfred Miller

Herb Miller

Emmett Heitler (TV)

Abe Pollen

Sy Raboy

Paul Uhlmann

Marvin Warner

Lawrence Yago

Ray Zimmerman



Postscript:

Because of a time delay between our meeting and the distribution of these minutes, the following updates these minutes:

The date of the next Board of Delegates meeting has been set: May 17 - 18.

Sam Adler and Sherry Lansing will be happy to participate.

Alex will meet with Rapoport in Florida next week (week of 2/14).



*Mark*

# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman  
To Rabbi Philip Hiat, Aron Hirt-Manheimer, Myron Schoen,  
Copies Rabbi Sanford Seltzer, Rabbi Daniel Syme, Judith Tischler  
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Subject 40th Anniversary of Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Date Dec. 28, 1982

The anniversary beginning the week of April 19 of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising gives us an opportunity to coalesce several diverse programs that we have sponsored in the past year or so.

I have spoken to most of you mentioned above about your "piece" of the action.

Time is of the essence. The kit must be available for the Rabbis packet in mid-January.

Here are the elements involved:

1. Worship Inserts (readings, etc.)..... SELTZER
2. Music Programs/Service..... TISCHLER
3. KP-Holocaust Art - order form..... HIRT-MANHEIMER
4. Polish Art film/video tape - order form..... SYME
5. Catalog of Polish Art - to be included or order form?
6. Photo Exhibits For Congregations - Holocaust Art/  
Polish Art..... SCHOEN
7. Study Materials on Warsaw Ghetto & Polish Jewry.SYME/SCHOOLMAN
8. Holocaust Torah Scroll - exhibiting/ordering
9. Codex order form..... HIAT
10. Order form for Spiritual Resistance (for presentation  
to libraries, survivors, etc.)..... SCHOOLMAN
11. CEMETERIES PROJECT- order form (redone - new  
date - April 30, 1983)..... HIAT
12. General program recommendations..... SCHOOLMAN

A cover packet will need to be prepared for mailing by January 15.

Please follow up on your assignments so that we may meet this very tight deadline.

Thanks.





December 27, 1982

Dr. Maury Leibovitz  
Knoedler Galleries  
19 E. 70 St.  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Maury,

I have done some research and have come up with a possible name of a photographer who can do the work on the Codex. I believe it important for you to speak with him personally, inasmuch as I have not the slightest idea of what to ask him or say to him.

The information is as follows:

Tony Golenski  
Home number - 213-286-5008  
Office number - 213-440-2871

When calling, you should indicate that you are calling at the suggestion of Selma Holo. Selma is the former curator of the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena and recommends him highly for this sort of work. The Norton Simon used him in some of their art books which required high level photography quality.

Golenski lives in Los Angeles and, I assume, could do the work there. This may be a plus or minus for us, depending on when we can actually initiate the photography. Since the show is in Los Angeles now, it may turn out to be a bonus for us.

Welcome home. I'll wait to hear from you. I hope you had a nice trip.

Fondly,

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
National Director of Education

DBS:am  
cc: Rabbi Philip Hiat

[Dictated 12/14/82]

# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
To Rabbi Philip Hiat and Mark Cohen  
Copies  
Subject

Date 12/29/82

We are almost ready to distribute the Polish TV show. I need one last piece from the two of you.

In distributing the piece, I would like to have a one-page summary of the Polish project for the average viewer who would probably know nothing about it. This means that it has to be simple, narrative and upbeat. No technical stuff, just neat things. Will you please have that in my hands no later than January 15. Many thanks. It can actually be two sides of one page.

DBS:am



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# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Date December 29, 1982

To Joshua M. Dwork

Copies Rabbi Philip Hiat

Subject

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Enclosed herewith is a check for \$158.00 from Rabbi Hillel Cohn's Philanthropic Fund. This is an additional contribution from Hillel for the Polish Cemeteries Project. Please credit accordingly.

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# SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Week of 01.03.83

Day	Date	Organization	No. Att.	Time	Other Information	Room
MONDAY	01.03					
TUESDAY	01.04	Reception for Karen Hirsch-Harari		4:30 PM		Lobby
		Exercise Class		5 PM		A
		NYFRS Executive Committee		5:30 PM		B
WEDNESDAY	01.05	NFTY Convention Committee		1:30 PM		A
THURSDAY	01.06	NYFRS Executive Board		6 PM		A - B



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Rabbi Philip Hiat,  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,  
838 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Phil,

I have your note of the 8th with regard to the introductory illustrated brochure for the Kalonymus Codex.

I'll be happy to undertake this project, but on one condition. There are aspects to this undertaking in which I'll need the close assistance of an expert; if I can get Prof. Joseph Gutmann of Wayne State to work with me and if you agree to this joint authorship, then my answer is Yes. The matter of content, length, and the like, will offer no difficulties.

Cordially,

  
Harry M. Orlinsky



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DEPARTMENT OF ART  
AND ART HISTORY

Dear Dan:

Your New Year wishes are heartily reciprocated.  
Thank you for your efforts on my behalf. I deeply  
appreciate it.  
In the future, please send all mail to my home  
address:

13151 Winchester  
Huntington Woods, Michigan 48070  
313-547-1067

Yours,

  
Joseph Gutmann  
Head, Art History





THUR APRIL 14, 1983 DEPARTURE

*Friday Briefing Session*

*Tuesday 10:00 AM*

Friday, April 15

Opening ceremonies of rededication of the Nezek Synagogue Warsaw; participants: Rabbi Salgo of Hungary and/or Rabbi Rosen of Romania. (Does Rabbi Schindler physically participate in this program). A gift of silver adornments for the torah in the ark from Mount Neboh Congregation and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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Second performance at the Yiddish Theater Warsaw ?

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Wednesday, April 20 (a.m.)

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A last performance at the Jewish theater. ✓

Thursday, April 21

Auschwitz - Program and speeches. ✓

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# MEMORANDUM

From Mark Cohen  
To Accounting  
Copies Rabbi Philip Hiat, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
Subject Attached check

Attached is a check from Central Synagogue for \$5,000.00 in payment of a Kalonymus Codex facsimile edition.

Please deposit the check to the Codex account.



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November 3, 1983

Mr. Barry E. Kugel  
Administrative Vice President  
Central Synagogue  
123 East 55th Street  
New York, NY 10022

→ NOT SENT

Dear Mr. Kugel:

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Mr. E. M. Rosenthal  
3129 Sweetbriar  
Fort Worth, TX 76109

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Mr. Eric Levine  
Walbrook Company  
50 Rockefeller Plaza  
Room 902  
New York, NY 10002

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1901 Avenue of the Stars  
Century City  
Los Angeles, CA 90067

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200 Haven Avenue  
New York, NY 10033

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3422 Castlewoods Place  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

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11240 Chalon Road  
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Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard  
Temple Beth Am  
5950 North Kendall Drive  
Miami, FL 33156

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Mr. Julius Kuhl  
Simplex Housing International, S. A.  
1301 Dade Boulevard  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

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Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Corob  
Squires Mount  
Hampstead, London, N. W. 3  
England

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Dean of Libraries  
Yeshiva University  
500 West 185th Street  
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76 Emerald Bay  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

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Dr. Armand Hammer  
Occidental Petroleum Corp.  
10889 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

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Mrs. Frances Lewis  
c/o The Sydney and Frances Lewis Foundation  
Best Products  
P. O. Box 26303  
Richmond, VA 23260

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45 East 89th Street  
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There have been several delays in production due to a number of factors. The reproductions are being made of papers, vellums, inks and other materials that must be specially prepared, with the highest standards of quality maintained. The Codex itself was included in the "Fragments of Greatness" exhibit mounted at the National Museum in Warsaw, and was therefore unavailable for a period of more than two months. These and other factors have put the production schedule back by several months.

The delays with which we have met have been unavoidable. It is my deepest belief that it will be worth waiting a few months to own the Kalonymus Codex edition in perpetuity. I would be most happy to speak with you about this. If you wish you may call me in New York at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at 212-249-0100.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Philip Hiat  
Assistant to the President  
for Special Projects



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# Memo

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MARK COHEN

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# MEMORANDUM

From Mark Cohen

Date 7/19/83

To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Rabbi Philip Hiat, Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

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Subject

Responding to our mailing to the Board of Delegates, Frances (Mrs. Sydney) Lewis has sent a check for \$5,000 reserving a Codex edition.

Check will be sent to accounting. Copies attached for your information.



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



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Direction des services au public

30 June, 1983

Dr. Maury Leibovitz  
Polish Judaica Project  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Leibovitz,

Would you be so kind as to forward to me several (three or four) descriptive brochures on the new limited edition of the Kalonymus Codex?

Thank you for your kind attention.

Very sincerely, -

Brad Sabin Hill  
Curator

The Lowy Collection  
Rare Books Division







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June 30, 1983

Mr. Brad Sabin Hill  
National Library of Canada  
395 Wellington  
Ottawa K1A 0N4 Canada

Dear Mr. Hill:

Dr. Leibovitz forwarded your request for  
descriptive brochures on the Kalonymus Codex  
which I am herewith enclosing.

If I can be of further assistance please feel  
free to call upon me.

Sincerely,

Mark Cohen  
Project Coordinator



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## INVOICE

For purchase by The New York Public Library of  
one (1) copy of The Kalonymus Codex facsimile edition,  
published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations,  
please make payable a check for the amount of \$4,500.00  
(\$5,000.00 minus 10% institutional discount of \$500.00  
totalling \$4,500.00).

Please make check payable to the order of  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

This invoice dated July 21, 1983.

Your purchase order # A163342 - M (JWS).

Please send remittance to: Dr. Maury Leibovitz, Co-Chairman  
Polish Judaica Project  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021.

Thank you.

Mark Cohen  
Project Coordinator  
for Union of American Hebrew Congregations



# MEMORANDUM

From Mark Cohen  
To Accounting

Date 7/19/83

Attached, one check for the amount of \$5,000.00 for deposit to the Account of the "Codex Account". This check is in full payment of a Codex edition for Mr. and Mrs. Sydney and Frances Lewis of Richmond, Virginia.

*Mark*



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E. I. LIEBER  
'Rani'  
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Nottingham NG15 8FH  
ENGLAND

Mark Cohen Esq.,  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,  
838 Fifth Avenue,  
New York,  
NY 10021  
USA

17th May 1983

Dear Mr Cohen,

Thank you for your letter of the 9th May.

Unfortunately you did not include the 'other pertinent materials' referred to in your penultimate paragraph. Would you be so kind as to send them?

Many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,



E. I. LIEBER





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Mr. E. I. Lieber  
May 9, 1983  
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Most sincerely,

Mark Cohen  
Project Coordinator



cc: Dr. Maury Leibovitz



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Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
UAHC Department of Education

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excellent suggestions.  
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All these are  
orders reported  
to me with no  
checks received.

Please keep  
me posted. D.

from the desk of:

DS

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
UAHC Department of Education

Mark — Until  
the Codex is  
covered in terms  
of cost, I would  
like to ask you  
to devote your  
full energy to  
marketing  
it. Please let  
me know your  
ideas for that.



from the desk of:

DS

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
UAHC Department of Education

It is absolutely  
crucial.

Thanks,  
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BS

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
UAHC Department of Education

Mark —

Mazel Tov on  
Mrs. Lewis. Please  
let me know  
how much  
cast has been  
received for  
Codex orders.

Thanks,  
D —



DS

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# MEMORANDUM

From Mark Cohen  
To Rabbi Paul Menitoff  
Copies Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Rabbi Philip Hiat, Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
Subject Kalonymus Codex.

Date 5/19/83

Thanks for getting back to me so promptly, Paul. Your suggestions were most helpful. I am sure that with such a promising list we will meet with success at at least some of these institutions. I will keep you posted. Of course, if additional ideas along these lines should strike you, I would most appreciate hearing about them.

Thanks, Paul.

*Mark*

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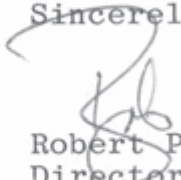
May 16, 1983

Mr. Mark Cohen  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Mark:

Thank you very much for your letter. I have passed the information about the Kalonymus Codex on to our librarian. I doubt that our budget will allow for purchase of facsimiles of this nature. I'm glad that you were pleased with the Walters' presentation of "Fragments of Greatness." It was indeed a pleasure to be involved with the exhibition. I do hope to see you before too long.

Sincerely,

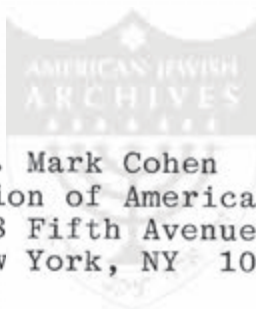
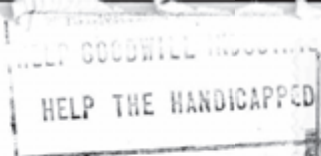
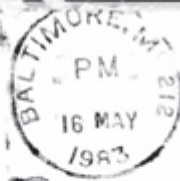
  
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Director

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Mark Cohen  
Project Coordinator





*To: Mark Cohen*

# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
To Mr. Josh Dwork

Date March 7, 1983

I enclose a draft of a Codex tax letter.  
If it's okay, we'll process.



*Mark - please send this letter from Dwork each to Codex with the minor changes whose check we have received*



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Dear Kalonymous Codex Purchaser:

*Certified Public Accountant* 270 Madison Ave  
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In response to a number of requests, we are writing to share with you the opinion of our accountants, Loeb and Troeper, with respect to the tax deductibility of your Codex check.

"Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code sets forth the rules applicable to the deduction of contributions to charitable organizations. Inherent in Section 170 and the regulations thereunder is the precept that a contribution is deductible only if there is no consideration or benefit to the donor. To the extent that a donor receives a benefit from a charitable organization, a deduction for a charitable contribution will be denied. Accordingly, it is only to the extent that the amount paid exceeds the fair market value of the benefit received by the donor, that a charitable deduction will be allowed. Regulation 1.170 A-1 (c) (2) reads as follows:

The fair market value is the price at which the property will change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of relevant facts.

The application of the law and regulations to the facts at hand results in a determination that the amount paid by a purchaser in excess of \$2,000, the fair market value of the Codex, would be eligible for a charitable deduction.

It is our opinion, therefore, that on the basis of the descriptive material provided by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations with regard to the determination of the retail price of limited edition works of art, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations can provide purchasers of the Codex with a letter to the effect that \$3,000. of their \$5,000. purchase price qualifies as a charitable deduction."

We hope that this information is helpful. Naturally, we urge that you consult your own accountant.

JOSUA DWORK  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



1/19/83

In Rabbi Hiat





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December 3, 1982

Dr. Paul Steinberg  
HUC-JIR  
1 West Fourth Street  
New York, NY 10012

Dear Dr. Steinberg:

We are happy to inform you that we have reserved two copies of the Kalonymous Codex for you at the special pre-publication price of \$5,000.00 each.

Would you please be good enough to remit a check for that amount, made out to "UAHC Codex" to:

Polish Judaica Project  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

We will look forward to hearing from you, and know that the Codex will be a magnificent addition to your collection.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maury Leibovitz  
President, Knoedler Galleries