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March 21, 1995
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From: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
TO: Rabbi Gary Bretton Granatoor
cc; Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie

I am pleased that your schedule permits you to attend the April 3 meeting with the National Council of Catholic Bishops. Please do attend in behalf of the Union and keep Eric and me posted on the discussion.

May I ask that you convey my regrets to Gene Fisher or Father Loughran when you call to let them know you are attending in behalf of the Union.

Many thanks.

*One chicken
with
Gary usually
covers*

March 1, 1995

*Ask him to be
seated so
let Gary
under*

CHURCH OFFICE
1011 FIRST AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing to you and the other heads of the six former constituent agencies of the now defunct Synagogue Council of America. I wish to let you know that my Catholic colleagues and I have kept the date of April 3rd on our calendar for the previously scheduled meeting which would take place from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the New York Catholic Center at 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

Through a variety of ways there has been expression of interest in maintaining ongoing relations with the National Council of Catholic Bishops on a formal level. If this be correct, it is certainly encouraging. However, while I can host the aforementioned meeting and could suggest some generally acceptable topics, there does not exist an established mechanism for determining an official agreed agenda or how the meeting itself would be conducted.

It seems to me that some of these decisions can only be settled among yourselves. For our part, we will strive to respond supportively and cooperatively to what may emerge from your own deliberations and decisions.

I will be grateful if you let Gene Fisher or Father Jim Loughran know as soon as convenient whether you will be sending representatives to a meeting on April 3rd. If more time is needed on your own part, and those who have been participating in the dialogue, to work out what you need to work out, this is certainly understandable. We will respect your needs and work to set another date, if this be mutually appropriate.

Faithfully,

J. Cardinal O'Connor

Archbishop of New York

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021-7064

SCA

MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 25, 1992
From: Rabbi Eric Yoffie *EY*
To: Mel Merians, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Rabbi Daniel Syme

I spoke to Jerry Davidson Today:

Neither the Conservative nor the Orthodox congregational body is prepared to make a substantial dues commitment to the Synagogue Council.

Therefore, none of the congregational bodies will be asked for money. Small groups of rabbis from each movement who have been active in the SCA have volunteered to raise the \$36,000. For our movement, Jerry Davidson, Mark Weiner, Leonard Poller, Larry Kotok and perhaps one or two others have volunteered.

I made it clear that the UAHC will not pay any dues to the SCA until our loan is repaid. Jerry understands that. His hope is that sufficient money will be raised this year to repay all outstanding loans.

I just do not know if they can raise the money they need this year. However, since we are not being asked for anything, I see no need for any action on our part at this time.



sent 9/3
CC: ERIC + Mel

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Office of the Executive Vice President

August 26, 1992

SCA
Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson
5 Old Mill Road
Great Neck, NY 11023

Dear Jerry:

The presidents and executive vice presidents of the CCAR, the RCA and the RA met at length on 25 August and, inter alia discussed what we have heard of plans to reconstitute the Synagogue Council, possibly eliminating the Orthodox if they do not match the others in financial responsibility, and thereby freeing the Reform and Conservative, to be then joined by the Reconstructionists, from the "veto" and other alleged obstructionism.

The six of us view such plans with disapproval and dismay. We have a very precious, unique relationship which is productive of much good, and there are more civil ways of resolving the problems.

We call upon you, as President of SCA, to convene a full meeting of the Executive Committee, including all committee chairs, for a full day discussion of the SCA, its goals and purposes, setting forth its limits, defining terms such as "religious" (in re interreligious activities) and discussing once again the procedures clearly laid out in the Constitution and the by-laws and related documents, with a commitment to observing them.

Please do all this with the assumption that the presently constituted SCA is here to stay. Statements that, "without the Orthodox, we represent 90% of American Jewry" are not in keeping with our commitment to klal Yisrael and could lead to the NCCC saying, "And 2% of the American population!" We don't need the numbers game.

We wish you well in your Herculean task.

Shalom

Joseph B. Glaser

JBG:sk

cc: Rabbis Binyamin Walfish, Moshe Gorelik, Gerald Zelizer, Joel Meyers, Walter Jacob, Alexander Schindler, Jerome Epstein, Pinchas Stolper

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New York, NY

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cc: Eric Goffe
H.M.
sent 8/25



SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

memorandum

to: Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson, Rabbi Henry D. Michelman, Rabbi David Lincoln, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Rabbi Alex Schindler, Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, Rabbi Joel H. Meyers, Rabbi Jerome Epstein, Rabbi Binyamin Walfish and Rabbi Bertram Leff

from:

subject: Myron Pomerantz

date: Gunther Lawrence

August 20, 1992

Since you received a copy of a letter from Gunther Lawrence dated August 17 and addressed to Rabbi Davidson, I think it would be helpful to add a few comments.

1. At no time in our conversation did I use the word "Supplier" nor did I compare his position to that of a supplier. In discussing the financial difficulties of the Synagogue Council and our inability to meet our severance payment schedule to him, I merely illustrated our predicament by mentioning that we had other unpaid obligations.
2. We are not ignoring Gunther's plight. We are trying to husband our meager resources until the early fall when our new fund raising campaign will start.
3. Our goal in this new fiscal year is to raise enough funds so that the Synagogue Council can meaningfully survive and still pay off its entire debt.
4. I feel impelled to add that a substantial part of our financial problem can be traced to a failure on Gunther's part to meet his responsibilities to the Synagogue Council of America in his position as our Director of Development. Despite his apparent conflict of interest in helping to promote a new organization that parallels much of our work, we decided to offer him a severance package.

I hope that this information will help clarify for you the SCA's position with reference to Gunther Lawrence.

SCA

MEMORANDUM

COPY ✓

May 11, 1992

FROM: Edith J. Miller
TO: Fred Cohen
COPY:

We agreed to take a table of ten at the recent Synagogue Council of America Dinner at the cost of \$100 per person. Enclosed herewith is a bill made out to Gary Bretton-Granatoor for this table in the sum of \$1000. Please draw a check and proceed to make payment of this invoice in the envelope enclosed.

Many thanks.

Union of American Hebrew Congregations

PATRON OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100 CABLES: UNIONUAHC

DEPARTMENT OF INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Rabbi Gary M. Bretton-Granatoor, Director

April 23, 1992

Mr. Edgar Bronfman
Chairman of IJCIC
World Jewish Congress
501 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022


Dear Edgar:


We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to you in your capacity as Chairman of IJCIC. We have heard of late, that there is considerable interest in raising the issue of the holdings of the Vatican Library, during the ILC meeting in Baltimore. We understand that copies of articles by Manfred Lehmann have been circulated to many of the participants as background for a possible discussion on this issue.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, as part of the Synagogue Council delegation to the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, strongly requests that this issue not be raised in any manner or form, until such time as an appropriate scholarly committee be appointed to investigate this issue. We believe that it would be to the detriment of Catholic/Jewish relations, and most importantly, to the Jewish community, if this issue be raised before there is unanimity of opinion among Jewish leaders.

We look forward to a successful meeting in Baltimore, under your able Chairmanship.

Sincerely,


Rabbi Gary M. Bretton-Granatoor


Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Copy: Rabbi Mark Winer
Rabbi Henry Michaelman
Dr. Leon Feldman
Rabbi Fabian Schoenfeld
Rabbi James Rudin
Rabbi Mordecai Waxman
Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum

Rabbi Stanley Davids
Rabbi Jack Bemporad

OPERATING BYLAWS
INTERNATIONAL JEWISH COMMITTEE ON INTERRELIGIOUS CONSULTATIONS

I. Functions

The International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC) shall serve as an instrument of its constituent agencies to maintain and develop relations with the World Council of Churches, the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church and other international central religious bodies.

II. Composition

IJCIC shall be composed of the American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, The Jewish Council on Interfaith of the Committee in Israel, the Synagogue Council of America and the World Jewish Congress.

III. The Chair

a) The chairperson of IJCIC shall be named in rotation by each of the constituent agencies and shall serve for a two year period. Any organization whose turn it is to name a chairperson and prefers not to do so will be placed at the head of the list for the next rotation.

b) The organization naming a chairperson shall consult with the other constituent agencies before an official designation is made.

c) The chairperson will preside at all meetings of the IJCIC board and will serve as Jewish co-chairperson at the joint consultations with other religious bodies.

IV. Structure

a) There shall be a Governing Board to which each constituent agency may name up to three members. However, each agency shall have only one vote on the Governing Board.

b) The Governing Board shall serve as the policy-making body of IJCIC and shall be responsible for all policy decisions made in the name of IJCIC.

c) There shall be an Executive Committee, to which each constituent agency will designate one person, which shall be authorized, in the event of special emergency situations when the Governing Board cannot be readily convened, to act on behalf of IJCIC. Actions of the Executive Committee shall be ratified at a subsequent meeting of the Governing Board.

d) There shall be two permanent Secretariats of IJCIC, one in the United States staffed by the Synagogue Council of America, and the other in Europe, staffed by the World Jewish Congress.

e) The Secretariat of IJCIC shall be responsible for implementing decisions both at the internal meetings of IJCIC and by the joint consultations with other international central religious bodies. It shall also communicate to the member organizations developments within the general field of Christian-Jewish relations on the international scene and of situations which might need speedy demarches.

V. Communications

Communications from IJCIC are to be sent on the letterhead of IJCIC and not on that of any constituent agency. Wherever possible communications should bear the signature of the IJCIC chairperson.

VI. International Consultations and Conferences

a) Attendance at conferences and consultations with central international religious bodies will be shared by the constituent organizations with each naming one or more representatives.

b) So long as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations conducts inter-religious programs with full time and permanent staff it shall name a delegate to conferences and consultations referred to above and shall be identified as UAHC part of the Synagogue Council delegation, in all public references made by IJCIC to such meetings.

c) The designation of attendees to international conferences and consultations other than organizational designees shall be made by the Governing Board.

VII. Budget

a) The annual budget will be prepared by the Secretariat and approved by the Executive Board.

b) Each constituent agency of IJCIC shall bear whatever expenses it incurs in connection with the normal administration of IJCIC and shall be responsible for the expenses of their own representatives to all meetings of IJCIC.

c) Constituent agencies shall share equally in all common expenses, such as travel costs and honorariums for speakers and specialists, translations and clerical services at international conferences.

d) The expenses of the chairperson of IJCIC will be assumed by the agency who designates that person.

VIII. Meeting Times

a) The Governing Board shall meet regularly but no less than four times per year.

b) From time to time, as determined by the Governing Board, special meetings shall be called for the purpose of assessing achievements and progress in the area of international relations with other religious bodies as well as to consider directions for the near future.

IX. Official Statements and Actions

a) Official statements on the part of IJCIC outlining positions on specific issues should be made only by the chairperson on behalf of the entire membership. The chairperson's statement should be first discussed and agreed upon by the Governing Board or the Executive Committee.

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b) In the event there is no agreement on a statement to be issued the Governing Board shall, if possible, refrain from issuing any statement at all. Should it be necessary to issue a statement, such a statement should indicate both the majority and minority opinion.

c) No statement shall be made, nor action taken, by IJCIC if any constituent agency expresses disagreement on the grounds of religious opinion.

X. Bylaw Changes

Changes in the bylaws of IJCIC may be initiated at the request of any of its constituent agencies, made in writing, at least 60 days before a meeting of the Governing Board of IJCIC and submitted by the initiating organization to the other constituent groups. Such requests shall then be considered by the Governing Board and will require a majority vote of IJCIC membership for passage.

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March 31, 1992

TO: TO UAHC TEMPLE PRESIDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS

In response to studies showing that as many as 1,000,000 eligible Jewish voters do not go to the polls, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, along with other constituent agencies of the Synagogue Council of America, is recommending that you lead your congregation in a serious and critical Voter Registration drive. Our goal is to insure that all congregational members and their children who are eligible to vote are registered in accordance with the regulations in your state.

We are enclosing for each of you, copies of a very carefully researched and informative "Get Out the Vote" Manual which will provide you and a Voter Registration committee, which we encourage you to recruit, with a step by step guide on conducting a successful campaign in your congregation. This manual is an update of the 1988 version prepared by our Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) and distributed by the Synagogue Council of America. We are also sharing a sample Membership enclosure which you can send to your members to motivate them to register and vote. Reading today's newspapers should convince you how important it is for every single Jew to vote in this watershed election year.

Generations of American Jews preceeding us were active participants in the voting process. Unfortunately, within recent years, many of our people have shirked their constitutional right and responsibility. The Jewish community has become as apathetic as the general American population where about 50% of eligible voters are registered and an even smaller percentage actually vote. Mobility, the migration of Jews to new locations, the departure of college students and young people from their home communities to college towns or temporary homes, apathy, and a loss of faith in the political system have taken their toll. We must change the picture now!

Our goal is to increase the number of Jews registered and voting to ensure that the Jewish voice will be heard in the halls of government. This is essential if we are to protect our interests here and abroad. Of course, our Manual is non-partisan in keeping with our tax exempt status. Your own efforts must also be non-partisan. An analysis of the impact of changing tax rules and church-state law on your activity in the 1992 elections and broader congregational concerns will be forwarded to you from the RAC.

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Together, we can and must make a difference.



MEMORANDUM

FAX-2 pages

March 30, 1992

From: Edie Miller

To: Irving Silverman

A copy of the Schindler memo to Presidents and Administrators of UAHC congregation follows. It will be sent to Mr. Holzer as soon as it is reproduced.

Best wishes.



RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER • UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021-7064 (212)249-0100

VIA FAX...2 PAGES

March 27, 1992

To: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

SCA drafted letter on voter registration, David S edited and I then re-edited...here's the final version for your approval.

SCA has someone doing mailing, we are sending labels and letters..easier to get on one page as memo and to send to Rabbis and Presidents...would need two different letters as the SCA drafted. Have told RAC to be sure Canadian labels are removed before they go to mailing house.

Please let me know if OK.

By the by, Bob Adler called... Debbie Kaplan will call to set appointment with you...shouldn't she call the president of ARZA? Do you want to meet and do you want anyone else at session?

Piano tuner called.
Quiet at apartment.

Shabbat Shalom.

Reg. Director
Advance

2400

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March 26, 1992

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
c/o Beverly Wilshire Hotel

Via Fax 310-274-2851 4 pages

In case you decide to go to the Social Action Commission meeting, attached herewith is the agenda.

You do have a meeting of the Memorial Foundation Allocations Committee on Tuesday, March 31 at 9:30.

Also on the 31st, there is a 12:30 IJCIC luncheon in Mr. Bronfman's office, WJC. Cardinal O'Connor will be attending. We told them you would probably be there.

I am also attaching the Israel Line of March 25th which will interest you.

Checked the apartment and the house - no messages in either place.

Love

SCHEDULE
COMMISSION ON SOCIAL ACTION
MARCH 29-31, 1992
RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER OF REFORM JUDAISM
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sunday, March 29

11:00-12:30 p.m. Orientation for New Commission Members
 (all members may attend)

COMMISSION ON SOCIAL ACTION SPRING MEETING

1:00 p.m. (Desert/Coffee)
PLENARY SESSION
D'var Torah
Randi Locke, Program Coordinator, CSA

Commission Business:
Bio-ethics Committee Report
Caring Community Committee Report
Rabbi Richard Address
UAHC Budget
Rabbi Eric Yoffie
RAC building report
Rabbi David Saperstein
Remarks
Rabbi Eric Yoffie
RAC Conferences update
Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum
Anti-Foreign Aid sentiment on Capitol Hill
Rabbi David Saperstein

2:30-4:00 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: "Then and Now: Overview of History
the Health Care Crisis"
Ron Pollock, Executive Director, Families U.S.A.

4:00-4:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION
Commission Business continued

4:30-5:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: Fortified Wines
Ed Geffner, Executive Director, Manhattan Bowry Project
Marvin Sands, President, Canandaigua Wine Company

5:30 p.m. Task Force Chairs meet with Rabbi Lynne Landsberg

7:00 p.m. Entire CSA Dinner at the RAC

8:00 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: Health Care Reform Panel
Walter Maher, Director of Federal Relations, Chrysler Corporation
Dorothy Moss, Director of Federal Affairs, American Medical Association
Joe Liu, Program Associate, Health Division, Children's Defense Fund

Monday, March 30

7:45 a.m. Breakfast at the RAC

8:15 a.m. Worship and D'var Torah
Cantor Nancy Hausman
Jordan Millstein, HUC-JIR '93

9:00-9:30 a.m. PLENARY SESSION: "The Jewish Perspective on Health Care"
Rabbi Jonathan Brown, Chair, CCAR Health Care Committee,
Congregation Rodef Sholom, Youngstown, OH,

9:30-10:15 a.m. PLENARY SESSION: "Legislative Proposals for Health
Care Reform"
Dr. Jay Himmelstein, Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy
Fellow, Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee

10:30-11:45 a.m. PLENARY DISCUSSION ON HEALTH CARE

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch at the RAC

1:00-2:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: "Middle East Arms Transfers"
Dr. Marvin Feuerwerker, Senior Strategic Fellow,
Washington Institute for Near East Policy
Brigadier General Ziv Kanor, Israeli Air Force Attache,
Embassy of Israel

2:45-3:45 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: "CSA: Some Considerations About The
Way We Work"
Evely Laser Shlensky, Chair, Commission on Social Action

4:00-6:00 p.m. Task Force meetings

6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

7:45-10:45 p.m. Task Force meetings

Tuesday, March 31

7:30 a.m. Worship service
Cantor Nancy Hausman
David Rosen, RAC Legislative Assistant

8:00 a.m. Plenum Breakfast
(or breakfast in task force meetings as needed)

9:00-12:00 p.m. PLENARY SESSION
Reflections
Al Vorspan
Task Force reports and action

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00-4:00 p.m. Task Force reports and action

4:00 p.m. Meeting ajourned

Israel Line



Attention Israel Line Recipients

Wednesday, March 25, 1992

U.S. Ambassador in Israel Vigorously Denies Reports on U.S. Attempt to Impose World "Guarantees Embargo" on Israel

Today's MA'ARIV reports that the Bush administration is acting toward imposing a world "guarantees embargo" on Israel, as long as it does not agree to a settlement freeze. In this framework, Washington has appealed to the German government and to the heads of the European Community with a request to "demonstrate solidarity" and to delay the granting of international credit guarantees which Israel is requesting. Senior sources in the Administration and in financial circles in Washington confirmed the existence of these contacts. An understanding over the delay of European guarantees to Israel was already reached in September 1991. At that time, President Bush requested that Germany withhold the granting of credit guarantees to Israel until the conclusion of the freeze period imposed on discussions regarding the matter of the guarantees in the United States. As a result, Germany -- which had promised to grant Israel guarantees for \$2.5 billion dollars in loans -- purposely procrastinated in its response to Israeli appeals. It has become known that Israeli Embassy personnel in Bonn, headed by Ambassador Benjamin Navon, have found it difficult to hold talks with officials of the German Foreign and Finance Ministries with regard to the approval of the Israeli request. MA'ARIV has learned that representatives of the U.S. government recently renewed their appeal to Germany. In addition, the representatives asked the heads of the European Community to delay the granting of credit guarantees to Israel -- until a solution is found to the dispute over settlements in the territories. MA'ARIV further reports that U.S. Ambassador to Israel, William Harrop, vigorously denied yesterday the reports that the U.S. is asking other countries to impose a world "guarantees embargo" on Israel. Harrop said that he goes over all the cables arriving at the Embassy in Israel and receives complete reports on contacts that are concerned with the Middle East. Therefore, he said, "I can certainly tell you that there were no such things." The U.S. Ambassador said that Israel is wrong for not making the absorption of new immigrants the top priority. In an interview with MA'ARIV, Harrop said that this difficult period in the relations between Israel and the U.S. will continue at least until after the elections in Israel. He added that there is a need to remove the failure in communication between the leaders of the two countries in order for relations to get back on track. The Ambassador emphasized that the U.S. will continue to preserve the Israel Defense Forces' quality edge and continue to give Israel financial assistance.

(Model letter for rabbinic organizations, to be signed by your President and Executive Director, on your letterhead. Please feel free to revise or modify as desired. Your letter should be as strong as possible to motivate your rabbinic members to encourage their congregations to undertake a serious Voter Registration drive. Encourage them to consider this a TOP PRIORITY PROJECT.)

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~~The generation of immigrants took the right to vote seriously. Even though they had difficulties with English, each November they voted. And they taught this responsibility to their children and their children's children. As a result, even though Jews were few in number and a small percentage of the population, they voted in overwhelming numbers. On primary day and election day, the Jewish vote had to be taken seriously.~~

Sadly, this is no longer the case. Mobility, the migration of Jews to new locations, the departure of college students and young people from their home communities to college towns or temporary homes, apathy, and a loss of faith in the political system have taken their toll. In a variety of studies of American Jewish voting patterns, it is estimated that close to 1,000,000 Jews are not registered to vote.

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Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

March 27, 1992

From: Edie Miller

To: Eric Putnoi

Here's the re-draft of the letter....done as a memo to fit on one page of AMS letterhead ... same memo to rabbis and presidents. Individual letters too complicated, especially since mailing is being done elsewhere.

Have you removed Canadian Council labels? No need to send to non U.S. congregations, especially when manual is enclosed.

Will fax Rabbi Schindler for his O.K. and expect to get back to you Monday.

Shabbat Shalom.

March 27, 1992

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April 23, 1992

Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor
UAHC
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Gary:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation this morning about the "ownership" of the Hebraica/Judaica by the Vatican Library, let me make the following points:

First: All european libraries own collections of Hebraica and Judaica, especially libraries in Italian cities. Should the Vatican return the collection to the Jewish people any more than the Ambrosian Library in Milan, or the Bodleian Library in Oxford, or the Oriental Institute Library in Leningrad?

Second: What constitutes "the Jewish people" as a collective owner of the holdings in any library? One need only look at the resolution to the Gutman manuscripts from the Hochschule fur die Wissenschaft des Judentums in Berlin to see that there was zealous institutional rivalry over who was the proper public guardian of the collection. Does WJC want to establish its own library in the name of the Jewish people? What about the Center for Hebrew Manuscripts at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem?

Third: The entire Vatican library collection has been microfilmed and is currently available to all qualified readers in the United States. One of the locations is Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. Another location is the Institute for Hebrew Manuscripts in Jerusalem mentioned above. In a sense, then, the entire collection is "in Jewish hands."

Four: All claims about the origins of the various manuscripts within the Vatican collection need to be seriously reviewed. From Cassuto's catalogue which covers only the Palatine manuscripts it would seem that the majority of the collection was bought by the Fugger family of Augsburg from the Jewish community of Crete. If Lehmann and the others want the return of the books, then one would have to negotiate their repurchase. One should also pay careful attention to what Leonard Boyle has written about the controversial Palatine collection. The so-called "defenders of Jewish honor" have claimed that the Palatine collection was built on books seized from the Jewish community when it was expelled from Heidelberg in 1391. Boyle writes, "This is unlikely, for it is on record that the University sold all the codices that it had acquired from Jewish sources. Rather, the Hebrew portion of the Palatine Library

can be shown ot have been put together almost wholly in the sixteenth century, and thus not to have had anything to do with the former Jewish community." ["A History of the Hebrew Collections of the Vatican Library" in A Visual Testimony: Judaica from the Vatican Library, 14-15].

Fifth: The Vatican Library is a papal library, and only by extension a library of the Catholic Church. Therefore, the basic motivation for the campaign to return the manuscripts can be understood as a vilification of the papacy and its injustices against the Jewish people. The history of Jewish-papal relations is much more complex than that. Any survey of the literature of Jewish-papal relations [E.A. Synan, The Popes and the Jews in the Middle Ages; S. Grayzel, The Church and the Jews in the Thirteenth Century; or the new multivolume collection of documents by S. Simonsohn] indicates that jews were often protected by the papacy. Even the sixteenth-century history which has been chronicled by Kenneth Stowe of Haifa University indicates that the popes were hostile and tyrannical but not genocidal. Sixteenth-century popes were also hostile and tyrannical toward those who weren't jewish.

Sixth: Instead of attacking one of the most progressive institutions in the Vatican state, the Jewish community ought to play a more constructive role. The library needs funds to catalogue its Hebrew collection. The manuscripts are housed in a fine facility where they are safe, and available to any legitimate reader--irrespective of religious conviction. Computer access to catalogues makes it possible to learn what may be read at the Vatican. Microfilm and fliche will make it possible to read the manuscripts anywhere in the world. What Jews can do is to help give everyone greater access to this material by providing for expert catalogers to help the Vatican library and its librarian.

Seventh: A letter from Alex to Leonard Boyle thanking him for past kindness and assuring him of the UAHC's support during this embarassing episode would be most appreciated.

Gary, I do hope this is helpful. I will be available at the College until the beginning of June. From July 1st onward you can reach me at my new position: Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556 (219) 239-7811. As of this summer, I'm in the heartland of catholic america.

Best wishes.


Michael A. Signer

TO: RON PUTNOI ..FINAL FORM -- HAVE FAXED REGIONAL OFFICES..BE SURE THEY
GET MANUAL AND OTHER ENCLOSURE AND
SEND A COPY OR TWO HERE....

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RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER • UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021-7064 (212)249-0100

March 31, 1992

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MEMORANDUM

FAX-2 pages

March 30, 1992

From: Edie Miller
To: Regional Directors
CC: RAC

The memo to UAHC temple presidents and administrators is self-explanatory. As soon as it comes from the printer, the manual and membership enclosure referred to in this communication will be sent to you from the RAC.

Our rabbis will receive a similar letter from the CCAR. I want to be sure you know of the Voter Registration drive as you may receive calls in your office.

Warm regards.

Edie

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May 9, 1991

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President
Mr. Albert Vorspan, Executive Vice President
UAHC
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Colleagues:

As you know the Synagogue Council's cash flow has virtually stopped. We are not able to meet the entire payroll on May 15.

The SCA must be able to borrow \$150,000 from a bank to sustain us from the middle of May through the middle of September (anticipated expenses are approximately \$35,000 per month.)

By mid-September we expect the cash flow to begin from our Fall Covenant of Peace Award Dinner. During the next four months we will be working on broadening the base of support for the coming year by setting up parlor meetings in different communities, increasing the number of congregational rabbis contributing through the Roll Call of synagogues and developing foundation gifts.

Before we can approach a bank we will have to know that all three movements are participating in the loan guarantee.

We feel we will need 24 months to repay the loan. The interest rate, payment schedule and when it begins will have to be worked out with the bank.

The urgency of this request is obvious and we will look forward to learning from you as quickly as possible. Thank you for your concern and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mr. Myron Pomerantz, Chairman
Administration & Budget

Rabbi Henry D. Michelman
Executive Vice President

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MEMORANDUM

COPY

May 13, 1991

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

TO: Albert Vorspan

I spoke to Mel Merians to prepare him for the call from Mike Pomerantz concerning SCA.

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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

From Albert Vorspan Date May 25, 1989

To Rabbis Alexander M. Schindler, Daniel, B. Syme,
Robert Koppel, Arthur Grant

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Subject

I just got a call from Henry Michaelman at the Synagogue Council of America advising that he had just received a confidential call from the Deputy Director of the IRS advising that a major audit is about to be launched on many synagogues of all denominations, because of questionable fund raising procedures claiming tax deductions where the person has received goods or services in kind.

There will be a confidential top level meeting of the Synagogue Council's Executive heads on June 1st. I'll go, unless one of you wants to go instead or to join with me.

If I hear from you I will share the preliminary materials - if I don't - goodbye Charlie.

CC: ABG, MM

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AL, Let me know what transpires at meeting. I don't think we have a problem but do keep me posted.

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Albert Vorspan
Vice-President

October 12, 1988

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Rabbi Henry Michelman
↖ Synagogue Council of America
327 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Henry,

Attached is the proclamation regarding Kristallnacht which we sent to our congregations. Many organizations are doing similarly.

Can the SCA do likewise so all congregations are reached?

Cordially,


Al Vorspan

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Date October 10, 1988

To Mr. Albert Vorspan

Please contact the Synagogue Council asking them to back the idea of synagogues being lighted on Kristallnacht. I spoke to Iz Miller, Kelman -- they are enthusiastic about the idea.

Thanks.



Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - JUNE 6, 1988

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\$ 36,722.63
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\$ 59,594.30

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PROJECTED EXPENSES

June Rent	\$ 3,208.34
Payroll & Payroll Expense	10,000.00
Medical Insurance	1,490.25
Tel. & Tel.	1,500.00
Equipment Rental & Service	440.00
Travel	2,000.00
Consultant Fees	<u>7,834.00</u>

\$ 26,472.59

Please Note:

* Excludes \$25,000 restricted funds.

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August 11, 1987
16 Av 5747

Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, President
Synagogue Council of America
327 Lexington Avenue
New York New York 10016

Dear Rabbi Klaperman:

Congratulations on your election. May your work for the SCA
be fruitful.

Yours truly,

Alexander M. Schindler

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October 15, 1986

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

It is a pleasure to extend to you this invitation to be seated on the Dais at the November 17, Covenant of Peace Award Dinner, at the New York Hilton Hotel.

Our honorees are **Isaac Bashevis Singer** who will be presented by Ambassador Meir Rosenne; and **Harold Bernstein** who will be presented by Senator Alfonse D'Amato.

This event constitutes an important and dramatic affirmation of the viability and unity of the Jewish religious community in America, as expressed in the activities of our guests of honor, in the work of the Synagogue Council and in your own personal commitment.

That is why we want you with us on this occasion. Your presence and participation will lend great meaning to the proceedings and will strengthen, immeasurably, the public impact of our message.

Please let us know your response as soon as possible. We hope we will have the privilege of greeting you.

Sincerely,


Henry D. Michelman
Executive Vice President

P.S. I know you would like to have your spouse seated with you. We will try to accommodate you. If it becomes too difficult, we will have a special table right in front of the Dais.

Dress ... Black Tie for Dais Guests
Monday, November 17
Reception 6:00 P.M.
New York Hilton

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May 9, 1986
30 Nisan 5746

Rabbi Richard Hirsh, Executive Director
Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
Church Road and Greenwood Avenue
Wyncote, Pennsylvania 19095

Dear Richard:

Thank you for sharing with me your letter to the Synagogue Council of America. As you know, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations supported your application vigorously. Unfortunately we really had no way of overriding the Orthodox veto.

Please know that we will press for reconsideration as requested by you. We will continue to be as supportive as possible.

With warm regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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May 2, 1986
23 Nisan 5746

Rabbi Herbert Baumgard, President
Synagogue Council of America
327 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Rabbi Baumgard:

We in the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association were disappointed and disturbed to hear that our application for membership in the Synagogue Council, alongside that of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, had been denied by a veto by the UOJCA.

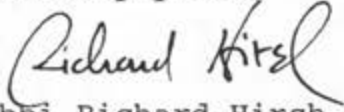
We find this disturbing on three counts. First, we feel that our established record (a rabbinical college now entering its eighteenth year, a rabbinical association numbering over 100, and a federation of synagogues with over fifty affiliates) speaks for itself and needs no defense. Secondly, we are disturbed--as we believe all Jewish organizations and Jews ought to be-- that the Synagogue Council ostensibly dedicated to unity in diversity, pretends to represent the religious denominations of American Judaism while deliberately excluding the Reconstructionist movement. Surely this calls into question the legitimacy of the Synagogue Council. Thirdly, the veto-vote on our membership was cast by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. One must question the commitment of the UOJCA to Jewish peoplehood and Jewish unity; by what standards do they deign to sit with our Conservative and Reform colleagues, and yet exclude us?

It is truly regretful that, under the present circumstances in Jewish life, the Synagogue Council was unable to act affirmatively in this situation. Surely nothing is gained by further dividing the Jewish community; surely the Synagogue Council's own legitimacy and self-respect must be called into question as well.

As you know we supported your application vigorously but had no way of veto. We plan for reconsideration as requested.

I urge you to use your position to allow for a reconsideration of this decision, and that you convey to the constituent members of the Synagogue Council the concerns expressed herein.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard Hirsh".

Rabbi Richard Hirsh
Executive Director

cc: Rabbi Jack Stern, CCAR
Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro, RA
Rabbi Louis Bernstein, RCA
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Sidney Kwestel, UOJCA
Marshall Wolke, USA
Rabbi Ira Schiffer, RRA
Rabbi David Teutsch, FRCH

RH:sp

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



memorandum

to: Executive Committee

from Henry D. Michelman

subject: Enclosures

date: July 3, 1986

Enclosed please find the following:

- July 1 Financial Statement
- Summary of pending Supreme Court Case (Philbrook)
- Proposed 1986-87 dates for Executive Committee and Board of Governors Meetings

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - JULY 1, 1986

National Westminster Bank	\$	6,347.31	
Naitonal Westminster Bank - CD		54,564.27	
UMB Bank - Savings		70,897.53	
Bank Leumi - Savings		<u>1,875.28</u>	
Cash on Hand			\$ 133,684.39

PROJECTED EXPENSES

July Rent	2,916.67	
Payroll & Payroll Expense	11,500.00	
Medical Insurance	500.00	
Tel. & Tel.	1,200.00	
Equipment Rental & Service	550.00	
Travel	1,000.00	
Consultants Fees	<u>6,000.00</u>	23,666.67
Memorial Foundation Dues (1985-86)	500.00	
Meetings & Conferences (estimated)	500.00	
Fund Raising Solicitation (Production & Postage)	500.00	
Hospice Task Force Activities	<u>1,500.00</u>	3,000.00

Pledges Due in July 1986:

\$21,767.83

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



memorandum

to: Rabbis Wolfe Kelman, Benjamin Kreitman, Binyamin Walfish, Pinchas Stolper, Joseph Glaser; Messrs. Albert Vorspan, Marcel Weber

from: Rabbi Arnold Goodman, Chairman Domestic Affairs Committee
Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn, Consultant

subject: Pending Supreme Court Case

date: June 2, 1986

Please find enclosed a summary of the case of Philbrook vs. Ansonia Bd. of Ed. 757 F.2d 476 (2nd Cir. 1985) currently on the docket of the U.S. Supreme Court. The Synagogue Council has been asked to join the American Jewish Congress in the amicus brief which they are filing on behalf of Philbrook. They expect to file their brief shortly.

Your prompt consideration and reply by June 17 would be appreciated.

To: Martin C. Barell, Esq.
Arthur Silverman, Esq.

From: Henry D. Michelman

Date: June 26, 1986

The six SCA agencies approved joining in the filing of this brief. Attached is a summary. If you would like to see the full brief I will get a copy to you.

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court has agreed, at the behest of the defendant, to review the Second Circuit's decision in Philbrook vs. Ansonia Bd. of Ed. Robert Philbrook is a business teacher, and a member of the World Wide Church of God, which observes as religious holidays, Rosh Hashona, Yom Kippur, Sukhot, Pesach and Shavuot. He is seeking to be allowed to accomodate his employer in exchange for payment on Religious holidays that exceed the three allowed in his union contract.

Since 1968, Philbrook has attempted to observe all the holidays of his faith and in so doing has always used up his holiday leave days. The School Board allowed him to take the remaining days off as leave, without pay, but has refused to let him use his three personal business days for this purpose. The resulting loss of pay, Philbrook claims, was intolerable, and as a result he felt compelled to work on some of his religious holidays. In order to minimize the impact on him, Philbrook proposed two alternative means of accomodating his religious holidays.

First, he offered to pay the cost of a substitute, but to receive his regular pay. Second (and alternatively) he suggested that he be allowed to use the paid, personal, business days on the excess religious holidays. The Ansonia School Board refused both suggestions.

POINTS OF LAW

The main point of argument in this case involves the provision in Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, requiring employers to reasonably accomodate the religious practices of employees, unless accomodation will cause it undue hardship. The Ansonia School Board argues that the requirement of Title VII to "reasonably accomodate" is solely a matter of employer prerogative. As long as an employer's proffered accomodation is reasonable, it argues, an employer discharges its duty to accomodate, notwithstanding the existence of other reasonable accomodationbs which might be less onerous to the employee.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



memorandum

to: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
from: Henry D. Michelman
subject: Calendar for meetings
date: July 3, 1986

We have done our best to clear the following dates for Executive Committee meetings and Board of Governors meetings for 1986-87. We must take into consideration major commitments on your organizational and personal calendars. Please let us know immediately if you or your organization have conflicts with the proposed calendar. Thank you.

All meetings to take place at SCA offices, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

1986

Sept. 17, Wed.	Executive Committee & Board of Governors
Nov. 17, Mon.	COVENANT OF PEACE AWARD DINNER
Nov. 24, Mon.	Executive Committee
Dec. 17, Wed.	Board of Governors

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Jan. 13, Tues.	Executive Committee
March 17, Tues.	Executive Committee
April 7, Tues.	Board of Governors
May 19, Tues.	Executive Committee
June 17, Wed.	Board of Governors

PLEASE RESERVE THE EVENING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1986
COVENANT OF PEACE AWARD DINNER NEW YORK HILTON HOTEL

Honorees: Isaac Bashevis Singer
Harold Bernstein - Northville Industries; Temple Israel,
Great Neck

SCA

November 20, 1985

Mr. Myron Pomerantz
975 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10028

Dear Mike:

I have just received your fine report of the November 12 Executive Committee meeting of the Synagogue Council. I am grateful to you for sharing with me details of the meeting with Max Green. Your comments will be helpful in dealing with him in the future and I beholden to you.

With fond regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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ליהדות
מתקדמות
באמריקה

*Thank wife for
helpful report*

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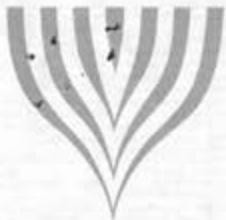
Memo

November 15, 1985

Dear Alex,

On Tuesday November 12 I attended a gathering of the Executive Committee of the Synagogue Council that was called to meet with Max Green who is President Reagan's New Liason with the Jewish community. The primary item of concern, beautifully presented by Joe Glazer, was the "Christianization of America" issue. There certainly was unanimity of purpose expressed among the Conservative and Orthodox representatives present (virtually all Rabbinical) that this was of primary concern to us all.

Green's answers were evasive. He is new to the job having been in place about one month. He talked about the fact that separation of Church and State has been breeched in many ways such as the matter of Chaplains in the Armed Forces. But when we pressed him, he noted our concern and also took note of the fact that we wished to meet with the President on this and on the matter of Prayers in School. He made no promises but said that he would try to arrange such a meeting. He also indicated that he will remain accessible to us at least by telephone.



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I spoke to Al Vorspan about this meeting and he suggested I send you this brief memo to keep you informed.

Cordially,

Mike Pourantz

P.S. Please excuse my typing.

SCA

October 21, 1985

Rabbi Joshua Stampfer
Congregation Neveh Shalom
2900 Southwest Peaceful Lane
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Rabbi Stampfer:

In response to your letter of October 16 and the statement of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, I am responding with a suggestion. This statement should be directed to a major group which represents the total Jewish Religious community, namely, The Synagogue Council of America. As you know, the six congregational and rabbinic bodies of Judaism comprise the membership of the SCA and it is through this organization that endorsement should come.

The UAHC is, of course, a member of the SCA but in order to have the true counterpart of the World Council of Churches and the Conference of Bishops you should seek out endorsement from the Synagogue Council of America.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

P.S. The SCA is located at 327 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10016



October 16, 1985

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Our local Ecumenical Ministries has inaugurated a national program that has great significance for the Jewish community. As of this writing, the program has been endorsed by the World Council of Churches, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Nuclear Freeze Coalition.

I have been asked to seek the endorsement of a national Jewish organization to give this call a broad interfaith support. Naturally I turned to you because of the humanitarian role that you have always played in such issues.

We would greatly appreciate an early response to this request, so that we can make the most effective use of this universal stand.

Sincerely,


Joshua Stampfer
Rabbi

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Joshua Stampfer
Rabbi

Marc Dinkin
Cantor

Sylvia Pearlman
Executive Director/
Membership

Sheri Cordova
Executive Director/
Programming

Allan Sherman
President

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work group is SCA
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Counterpart of UCCP
1/10/85 etc.



Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

0245 SW Bancroft Street, Suite B, Portland, Oregon 97201, (503) 221-1054
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October 3, 1985
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"LIGHTS ON FOR PEACE"

"Turn on lights for peace" is
the call of the Bishops and Executives of
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon to the people
of the world.

On November 19th and 20th, Ronald Reagan and
Mikael Gorbachev will meet in Geneva,
Switzerland to discuss nuclear arms
limitation. "For the future hope of
humankind, this could be one of the most
important meetings ever to take place," said
Episcopal Bishop of Eastern Oregon Rustin
Kimsey. Kimsey is President of Ecumenical
Ministries of Oregon. As each of the military
forces of the nations represented by Mr.
Gorbachev and Mr. Reagan continue to pose
weapons capable of destroying all of humankind
and the creation of the earth, the talks could
not be more critical to the human family.

Recognizing that importance and wishing Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev to carry the desires, hopes and aspirations for peace of people around the world to the table in Geneva, the Bishops and Executives of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon are calling on people to:

- 1) turn on their porch lights or place a light in their windows on November 19th and 20th so that the world might illuminate its deep desire for harmony with "lights on for peace";
- 2) begin special prayers and meditations for world peace and the success of the meetings at their beginning on November 19th;
- 3) light peace candles on the altars of their churches, synagogues and temples and offer prayers and hold vigils for hopeful outcomes of the talks;
- 4) display lights in as many ways as appropriate to situations and cultures; driving automobiles with lights on, carry flashlights, candlelight at meals, etc.

Churches and synagogues everywhere are invited to join in this world-wide effort for peace.

The National Council of Churches in New York has been invited to join in this call along with the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. Other organizations committed to world peace are also invited to support "lights on for peace."

Congressman Les AuCoin, U.S. Congressional Representative from Oregon, has been asked by the Bishops and Executives of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon to introduce a Resolution in Congress calling on U.S. citizens to participate in the "lights on for peace" during the Summit Talks.

SCA

October 8, 1985

Mr. Henry D. Michelman,
Executive Vice President
Synagogue Council of America
327 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for the gracious invitation to sit on the Dais at the November 11th Covenant of Peace Award Dinner.

Much to my regret, it will not be possible for me to attend this prestigious event. I will be on the West Coast for the Biennial convention of the UAHC and will remain in California after the close of the convention for a few speaking engagements. Alas, my travel schedule will not get me back to New York by the evening of November 11, and it is, therefore, impossible for me to join with you for the dinner.

Please convey my warm good wishes to all of the honorees.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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September 26, 1985

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in letter
10/10/85*

*Returning from LA
regrets*

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

It is a pleasure to extend to you this invitation to be seated on the Dais at the November 11, Covenant of Peace Award Dinner, at the New York Hilton Hotel.

The honorees -- Martin C. Barell, Elie Wiesel, Elaine Winik -- have distinguished themselves as leaders in their respective fields of endeavor and as valued servants of the community at large.

This event constitutes an important and dramatic affirmation of the continued viability and unity of the Jewish religious community in America, as expressed in the activities of our guests of honor, in the work of the Synagogue Council and in your own personal commitment.

That is why we want you with us on this occasion. Your presence and participation will lend great meaning to the proceedings and will strengthen, immeasurably, the public impact of our message.

Please let us know your response as soon as possible. We hope we will have the privilege of greeting you.

Sincerely,


Henry D. Michelman
Executive Vice President

P.S. I know you would like to have your spouse seated with you. We will try to accommodate you. If it becomes too difficult, we will have a special table right in front of the Dais.

Dress ... Black Tie for Dais Guests
Monday, November 11
Reception 6:00 P.M.
New York Hilton

SCA

July 5, 1985

Mr. Robert L. Adler
223 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Bob:

In further response to your letter of May 21, 1985 and June 17, 1985, we certainly will honor your request that you be replaced as a Union delegate to the Synagogue Council of America.

Insofar as your continuing officership with the UAHC is concerned, Chuck feels, and I fully agree with him, that neither he nor I can make this judgment. We will send your letter to the chairperson of the Special Nominating Committee and have them deal with it as they deem appropriate.

But Chuck and I hope, however, that they will renominate you for you deserve to be an officer of the Union.

I hope things are going well with the family and Rhea and I join in sending fond regards from house to house.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: AL Vorspan

SCA

June 13, 1985

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard
Temple Beth Am
5950 N. Kendall Drive
Miami, Florida 33156

Dear Herb:

Alas, my travels in behalf of the Union took me to Rochester yesterday to B'rith Kodesh Congregation. Therefore, as you can appreciate, I was unable to attend the Synagogue Council of American luncheon at which you were installed as the new president of this august organization. I hope you received word of the reason for my absence.

Be that as it may, I write to express a very warm and hearty mazal tov to you. It is my fond hope you will find your leadership in behalf of the SCA to be meaningful and fulfilling. We have a very good delegation from the UAHC, and, of course, the CCAR, and I know that all of our people will work in close cooperation with you.

With all good wishes and warmest regards from house to house,
I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

SCA

June 13, 1985

Mr. Myron Pomerantz
975 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10028

Dear Mike:

I hope you received the message that my travels out of the city made it impossible for me to attend the Synagogue Council of American Installation Luncheon yesterday. I am sorry I was unable to be present to express a hearty mazal tov to you personally as you undertook the office of vice-president of the SCA. I write now to express my best wishes and to share the hope that you find your responsibilities as a vice-president of the Synagogue Council to be meaningful and fulfilling.

As you know, the UAHC and the CCAR have very good delegations to the Synagogue Council and I know that each and every member of the delegation will work in close association with you and with the council.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

SCA

4/4/85

Al --- Sidney Leader called this a.m. -- delighted
to be part of UHHC delegation to SCA -- would like
formal letter of appointment...I trust you'll take
care of that and give him names of others, etc.

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April 3, 1985

Dr. Sidney Leader
101 Central Park West
New York, NY 10023

Dear Sidney:

You are obviously keeping very active and busy for I've not been able to reach you by phone at the office, home or synagogue - one day I just missed you there!

At any rate, I am eager to determine if you would be willing to become a part of the Union's delegation to the Synagogue Council of America. We are in the midst of reconstituting our delegation and I thought you would make a wonderful representative and that the SCA meetings would interest you. As you know, the SCA is the umbrella organization of the Jewish Religious community, the three congregational groups and three rabbinic groups of Orthodoxy, Reform and Conservatism meet together on matters of mutual concern, often in the realm of interreligious affairs with our Christian counterparts.

If you are willing to join our delegation please do telephone my office and let me know.

Rhea and I join in sending fondest regards from house to house and best wishes for a sweet and joyous Passover.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

*Called
4/4 OK*

SCA

April 4, 1985

Dr. Israel Singer
World Jewish Congress
One Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Israel:

Following our conversation I checked with Al Vorspan and it appears that Jerry Davidson is already a member of the CCAR delegation to the SCA. As a consequence, there is no need for me to appoint him. All you need do now is urge the chairman of the SCA to appoint Jerry as an SCA representative to IJCIC. In a sense, Jerry represents the Union, too, for he is a member of our National Board and serves as chairman of our National Committee on Interreligious Activities.

The ball is in your court now. I'll do everything I can to help.

All the best for a sweet and joyful Pesach.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Albert Vorspan

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SCA

January 14, 1985

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard
Temple Beth Am
5950 N. Kendall Drive
Miami, Florida 33156

Dear Herb:

Al Vorspan and I discussed the matter of UAHC appointees to the newly reconstituted Board of the Synagogue Council of America. Al, who as I told you, had the most experience with the Synagogue Council, suggests that we appoint the following: Robert Adler, who is the Vice-Chairman of our Board of Trustees; Balfour Brickner, you know him; Harris Gilbert, presently the Chairman of our Social Action Commission; Betty Golomb, whom you know; Alex Ross, Immediate Past Chairman of the Commission on Social Action; Joyce Rudnick of Port Washington; Al Vorspan; and Bernie Zlotowitz.

The latter two you know, Bernie is the Director of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues. All of these will be excellent people for the Synagogue Council. If you are agreeable to these names, let me know. Obviously we would consider some counter-suggestions from you and if you are agreeable, we will send out the appropriate letters over Chuck Rothschild's signature.

Warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
To Albert Vorspan
Copies Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.
Subject

Date January 10, 1985

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I just had a call from Herb Baumgard who, as you know, will be the next president of the Synagogue Council of America. He tells me that the Board of the Synagogue Council was being enlarged and he is eager, of course, to have a strong representation from the UAHC on the Board, especially during his tenure. He is looking for about six to eight appointees who must not of necessity be from the New York area but if from out of town, must agree to attend some two or three meetings annually.

Since you are the staff person most involved in the Synagogue Council, would you make some suggestions for appointees? I think the only ones we have so far are Norma Levitt and Gil Tilles.

I would appreciate it, therefore, if you were to put on your thinking cap, leaf through the Board list, and make some six or seven suggestions on which Chuck Rothschild can then act to satisfy our colleague.

Herb also wants to meet with you and me to discuss just what we would like the Synagogue Council of America to do, what directions he should assume under his stewardship. Herb is a very strong rabbi and perhaps he can make something out of this organization (I know I'm the eternal optimist).

*Yes, you are.
But that
is only because
you never go to
their meetings*

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
~~Albert~~ Vorspan

January 10, 1985

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

I just had a call from Herb Baumgard who, as you know, will be the next president of the Synagogue Council of America. He tells me that the Board of the Synagogue Council was being enlarged and he is eager, of course, to have a strong representation from the UAHC on the Board, especially during his tenure. He is looking for about six to eight appointees who must not of necessity be from the New York area but if from out of town, must agree to attend some two or three meetings annually.

Since you are the staff person most involved in the Synagogue Council, would you make some suggestions for appointees? I think the only ones we have so far are Norma Levitt and Gil Tilles.

I would appreciate it, therefore, if you were to put on your thinking cap, leaf through the Board list, and make some six or seven suggestions on which Chuck Rothschild can then act to satisfy our colleague.

Herb also wants to meet with you and me to discuss just what we would like the Synagogue Council of America to do, what directions he should assume under his stewardship. Herb is a very strong rabbi and perhaps he can make something out of this organization (I know I'm the eternal optimist).

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UNA - USA
Dear Board of Governors Member:

We would like to invite you to participate in a major Catholic-Jewish Forum to be sponsored jointly by the Synagogue Council of America and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops/U.S. Catholic Conference.

The interreligious meeting will be held on November 19, 1984 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The topic for discussion will be "The Morality of Nuclear Deterrence." Reverend J. Bryan Hehir, Secretary of Social Development and World Peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference will be the main speaker on the Catholic side. A Jewish view of the issue will be presented by Rabbi Walter Wurzburger, Chair, Interreligious Affairs Committee, Synagogue Council of America.

The consultation, which we hope will be the first of a series of such exchanges, will be hosted by and take place at the Synagogue Council of America, 327 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

Since a luncheon will be served, we would ask you to RSVP to the Synagogue Council either by phone (212) 686-8670 or by mailing in the sheet enclosed as soon as possible.

The program promises to be an unusually exciting one and the ensuing dialogue, we believe, will be greatly enriched by your insights. Looking forward to seeing you on November 19th.

Sincerely yours,

Mordecai Waxman
Rabbi Mordecai Waxman
President

Henry D. Michelman
Rabbi Henry D. Michelman
Executive Vice-President

"Forum on The Morality of Nuclear Deterrence"

_____ I will participate in the Nov. 19, 1984 SCA/NCCB Forum
on The Morality of Nuclear Deterrence.

Name _____

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December 20, 1983

Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser
CCAR
21 East 40th Street
New York, New York 10016

Dear Joe:

In re the Synagogue Council of America and our loan guarantee, I discussed this matter with Chuck Rothschild and he has no objection to our continuing the guarantee on the proviso that if a new loan is taken out we will receive prior notification and have a chance to approve or disapprove of it at that time.

This, in effect, is the substance of your recommendation to Henry Michelman. We accept your general approach and so you can say that you are speaking for us as well.

Please let us know what Henry's response is.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

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Office of the Executive Vice President

December 16, 1983

Rabbi Henry Michelman
Synagogue Council of America
327 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Henry:

Due to your illness, you were not able to participate in a discussion I raised at the plenary of the Synagogue Council on December 15 regarding the loan guarantees made some years ago by the six constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council of America. I appreciated your letter informing me that the loans have now all been paid off and want to congratulate you for your role in seeing to this.

At the meeting on the 15th, I asked for a determination of the status of the guarantees which I was concerned were not now nullified by the fact that there is no loan outstanding. Phil Green responded to the effect that indeed, the guarantees still were in place unless nullified by express action of each constituent organization.

I am writing this letter to you, not only to bring you up to date on this important discussion, but also to notify the executive heads of the other five constituents of what is felt to be the status of the guarantees.

I am also recording my statement at the meeting, which I felt was accepted, although there was no vote on it, that any further borrowing would have to have the specific and express approval of all six constituent organizations, or those organizations which do not expressly nullify their loan guarantee commitment.

I would hope that the six organizations will leave the guarantee commitments in place, but I cannot speak for any of them, including my own, as the future of our guarantee will have to wait for the next meeting of our Finance Committee and possibly our Executive Board which will meet in May. In the meantime, I would officially request that no loans be made unless the constituent organizations expressly and specifically approve them.

It was a good meeting. George Gallup was most informative and helpful. We missed you and all hoped for your early return to good health.

Shalom,

Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser
CC: Rabbis Mordecai Waxman, Alexander Schindler, Benjamin Kreitman, Wolfe Kelman, Binyamin Walfish, Pinchas Stolper, Mr. Philip Green, Mr. Herbert Berman

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*Photo to Alex S.
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December 7, 1983

*cc to R. J.
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Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser
Central Conference of American Rabbis
21 East 40th Street
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Glaser,

In response to Rabbi Schindler's inquiry directed to you regarding the status of the Bankers Trust loan to the SCA which was co-signed by our constituent agencies, it is my pleasure to inform you that the last payment for \$5,000 due on the loan was made on Dec. 1, 1983. In addition, the last payment on the Bank Leumi loan to the SCA was also made on Dec. 1st. Therefore, the Synagogue Council has no further indebtedness to banks or, may I add, to individuals, at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Henry D. Michelman
Henry D. Michelman

HDM:js

*Thanks, Joe!
Antanas*

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

December 8, 1983

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

I have not heard from Joe Glaser as yet in regard to the Synagogue Council but the enclosed crossed my desk this morning. It notes a Bankers Trust loan final payment so I do believe we are off the hook, ~~I now await~~ hearing this officially and will let you know when I hear from Joe.

Regards.

November 29, 1983

Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser
CCAR
21 East 40th Street
New York, NY 10016

Dear Joe:

Just what is the financial state of the Synagogue Council of America? I ask with special reference to that loan guarantee we made several years ago. Are there still loans out against that guarantee? If so, how long will they be in effect? Our new Chairman is anxious to know.

I told him that you were the guiding spirit of the SCA, at least as far as we are concerned.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

Edith J. Miller

October 28, 1983

Al Vorspan

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

1/ At the Counselling Center dinner last night I sat with Gil and Matt -- the name of the SCA came up and Matt asked about our guarantee -- Hil, too, would like to know the status....you recall this situation, I'm sure, when the SCA was so desperate for funds.

2/ Gil also spoke of possible ways we might pay tribute to Honorary Board members -- somewhere in the flood of papers I have a note for post-Biennial discussion on changing certificate of appreciation to encompass one being named Honorary....we should also find a way to make something gala of the occasion and to pay tribute --- put on your thinking cap.

3/ Matt and Gil asked where you were last night - I said you might well be out speaking as you do so often....at any rate, drop Reggie a note - she's not well - shingles - has cancelled Houston but was at dinner.....it was, as usual, elegant, not a bad attendance (3 honorees) an not as long as I'd hve thought. Note: George Lieberman very ill, did you know?

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December 1, 1983

Rabbi Henry Michaelman
Synagogue Council of America
10 East 40th Street
New York, New York 10016

Dear Henry:

This is to advise that Charles J. Rothschild, Jr. has been elected and installed as Chairman of the UAHC Board of Trustees. Mail for Mr. Rothschild should be addressed to him at:

Campus Sweater & Sportswear
Mack Center Drive
Paramus, New Jersey 07652

Donald S. Day our Immediate Past Chairman of the Board should be removed from your mailing roster.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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July 22, 1981

Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser
CCAR
790 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Joe:

This letter will await your return from overseas. I hope that you will be able to act on it soon after you get back to your desk and would appreciate hearing from you at that time.

Matt Ross asked the status of the guarantee which had been undertaken in behalf of the Synagogue Council of America. I don't recall having seen any reports on this matter and, as you know, I've not been able to get to meetings of the SCA because of conflicts. I made inquiry of Gil Tilles and he believes that the SCA is now in fairly good financial order and there is no longer a need for such a guarantee from constituent organizations.

If this is indeed the situation, I hope that you will make certain the guarantee is nullified. There's no reason to maintain this guarantee if it is no longer required by the SCA.

With appreciation for your attention to this request and with fond good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Matthew H. Ross, Esq.
Mr. Gilbert Tilles

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

AI Vorspan

April 14, 1981

SCA

No answer?
Ask Al personally
please

After reading your memo on the Synagogue Council, I wonder if we might not assign Jerry Davidson to a good Union committee or commission. Is there room on the Social Action Commission and if so do you think Jerry would be a good addition? Or, do you think we should ask Jerry if he has any particular area of interest. Please let me have your thinking.

Al taking Jerry off
SCA delegation +
on to NYCRA

MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIALDate April 3, 1981From Albert VorspanTo Rabbi Alex SchindlerCopy for information of Ted Broido; Alex Ross; Donald Day; Rabbi David SapersteinSubject SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2

You will never believe what happened at the Synagogue Council meeting last night. It has reaffirmed my belief that it is better not to show up there.

They named a nominating committee, with my name on the list. And then Rabbi Walter Wurzburg got up, representing the Rabbinical Council, to say that the policy of the RCA with respect to the nominating committee is that they will veto the selection of any person who is intermarried or any rabbi who officiates at an intermarriage. At this point, I said if that is the case, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will veto the imposition of any such policy upon the Council, that we would reject any such restriction and that if they persisted in such restriction and nonsense, I would withdraw from the nominating committee. (Brickner didn't help me very much by yelling out at this point, "Let's break up the club!")

Lelyveld then made a speech about the official position of the CCAR on mixed marriages and pleaded with the Reform group to lean over backwards to respect the sensibilities of the Orthodox, and all hell began to break loose until Wurzburg stood up and said he was sorry he brought up the whole thing and that he personally disagrees with it anyway, and that he would like the entire discussion expunged from the record.

I said "Okay" and left.

P.S. Jerry Davidson was there as a CCAR delegate and he was mystified and disgusted by the entire operation. I promised him we would get him onto some good Union committee which would take advantage of his talents. Have you any ideas? It's crazy for good people to be wasted on such mishigas.

CE-Zhu
SCA
November 19, 1981

Rabbi Henry Michaelman
Synagogue Council of America
10 East 40th Street
New York, N. Y. 10016

Dear Henry:

Please add the following people to the UAHC delegation and make sure they get all notices, because I want to involve them much more actively in the work of the Synagogue Council.

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460 Overhill Road
South Orange, N. J. 07079
/201/ 763-5803/5859

Rabbi Bernard Zlotowitz
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10021
249-0100

Theodore Broido
838 Fifth Avenue
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Cordially,

Albert Vorspan

AV:nh

MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Date November 10, 1981

To Albert Vorspan

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Subject

Write SCA to
Add: Remue
Brooks

ms.
I spoke to Rose Pearlmutter and she would like to represent us at the Synagogue Council of America. I am assured that she will carry out this responsibility for us with her usual determination.

Please arrange to contact her and have a briefing with you, Joe and Ted.

Ted will be the staff member. Rose will be our key lay representative.

If the SCA people have to be notified at any way, by all means do so.

460 Overhill Rd.
S Orange 07079



Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

November 10, 1981

Albert Vorspan

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Appointment
with Rose
Pearlmutter

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MEMORANDUM

From Theodore K. Broido
To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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Subject

Date 10/23/81

I am sure that by the time you get this you will have seen Joe Glaser's memo of October 14 concerning the Synagogue Council.

Joe has been talking to me about our need to beef up our representation and to have someone from "staff" take a hand in Synagogue Council matters. I get the impression that he would like me to become more involved. While I am not anxious to sign up as crew on a "drowning ship" I nonetheless agree with Joe that the problem is becoming very serious and we do have a stake either in the Synagogue Council's future or its eventual demise. Our representation to the Council has been weak, particularly since Balfour has left our staff.

We really ought to talk about it and see where we want to go.

TED

*See
Staple to Al. W. L. L. L.
you to hand*



Synagogue Council

September 24, 1981

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard
Temple Beth Am
5950 N. Kendall Drive
Miami, FL 33156

Dear Rabbi Baumgard:

Unfortunately, Rabbi Schindler didn't have an opportunity to return your telephone call in regard to the Synagogue Council prior to his departure for Australia and New Zealand. I do want you to know, however, that your request did not go unheeded. We have today sent a check in the amount of \$1500. to the SCA.

With every good wish for the New Year and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

#2379
SCA
9/24/81

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

September 18, 1981

Joshua Dwork

Handwritten: [unclear]
The Synagogue Council of America is in difficulty financially. I am told they are bankrupt and dues have not been coming in. They require funds to cover their payroll and are asking all member organizations to do there best to be of assistance.

I do not know where we stand in terms of our dues payments to the SCA but I'm fairly certain ~~that~~ we are in arrears. Please see what we can do to send a dues payment to the SCA. Do the best you can on this one.

SCA

cc Paul
LAS

May 29, 1981

Rabbi Bernard J. Mandelbaum
Synagogue Council of America
10 East 40th Street
New York, NY 10018

Dear Rabbi Mandelbaum:

Your memorandum of May 13 in regard to a Registration Program of Torah scrolls has been referred to me since I have been investigating a similar photo copy method of identification for possible use among UAHC congregations.

While I have a copy of Henry Weiss' letter of April 17 to Rabbi Teplitz, I did not receive the "Details on this Torah Registration project" which is described on the application forms. Since the letter to Rabbi Teplitz is vague, I would need much more information before I could consider informing our affiliated congregations.

With appreciation for your prompt response, I am

Sincerely,

Myron E. Schoen, FTA

cc: Rabbis Alexander Schindler & Joseph Glaser

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

March 25, 1981

Josh Dwork

SCA

We have received notification from the Synagogue Council of America that dues for 1979-80 are still due in the sum of \$1,000. They have also requested 1980-81 dues in the sum of \$6,000.

When you can, will you please arrange to make payment on the 1979-80 balance in the sum of \$1,000.

Thank you.

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March 23, 1981

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

Dear Alex:

I have but a brief period before I conclude my presidency of the Synagogue Council of America, and a number of matters require my attention.

I fully appreciate the circumstances and many responsibilities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. However, the dues picture of two of our constituent agencies should be corrected.

Whereas four of our organizations have already made payments for 1981, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations still owes us \$1,000. from 1980. I would personally be very grateful if this could be taken care of as soon as possible. Needless to say, even a partial payment for 1981 would be a tremendous help at this time.

My warm personal greetings.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Lelyveld

AJL:ilb
enc.

P.S. A full statement is enclosed.

cc: Mr. Albert Vorspan

*Relay to work
whenever they
can.*

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Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld
President

8 Tishri 5741
September 18, 1980

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

Dear Alex:

I received a call from Judith Mischel and then found your note when I got to my study. I too find it hard to believe that Rabbi Mandelbaum would tell one of the officers of the Synagogue Council that he would have to try to unseat her for, of course, he knows that both as the representative of the Union and as an elected officer of the Synagogue Council she could not be dismissed by simple fiat of the executive vice president.

I shared the same reaction with Judith and also told her that I look forward to seeing her at the plenary session on October 8. I feel confident that Rabbi Mandelbaum will have this matter resolved before that.

My very cordial greetings.

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Sincerely,

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld

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cc: Mrs. Judith Mischel
Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum

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September 17, 1980

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

Dear Alex:

I appreciate your note about the call you apparently received from Judith Mischel. Of course, it is always best to put such matters right on the table and get a full picture of the situation. Before giving you the picture of exactly what happened, may I point out that I did not raise some \$60,000,000 for the Seminary in my last seven years there and find myself pulling the Synagogue Council of America out of an accumulated deficit of \$300,000 by the end of this year by doing things as stupid as that attributed to me. Therefore, the following is what happened:

1) I called Judy Mischel and told her of the basic challenge which faces me in building up a devoted Plenum and especially an Executive Committee with a good group of officers. I pointed out that constituent organizations, subject to many pressures, do not always find it possible to give fullest consideration to designating representatives with special interest in the Synagogue Council of America. As an example, I described what happened in the many conversations with Julie Berman of the Orthodox Union. They appointed an Orthodox representative as corresponding secretary by the name of Howard Rhine of Brooklyn. It was clear to me that he was not really interested both in terms of taking on any special assignments or making any kind of contribution. I discussed this with Mr. Rhine and he himself said I was 100% justified and I should take it up with Mr. Berman. After two recommendations as possible replacements, Mr. Berman approved of the substitution of a Mr. Joselit, Vice President of the Lincoln Square Synagogue.

I have had similar discussions and exchanges with rabbis and lay people of other constituent groups and their executives.

2) With this same policy, I decided to call Judy Mischel before talking to you because I had taken up a related matter with her in June. At that time we were faced with an emergency to meet the costs necessary for severing and liquidation of the \$145,000 annual budget of the Institute for Jewish Policy Planning and Research in Washington, which I have now integrated in our regular budget. I told Judy that I was speaking to individual Plenum members and especially officers for a possible one time special contribution. She promised to get back to me after discussing it with her husband, but I never heard from her.

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To: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

September 17, 1980

As an officer, she received an invitation to be a member of our Covenant of Peace Awards dinner on October 30. The invitation made it perfectly clear that becoming a member of the committee does not involve any financial commitment whatsoever. When she did not respond to this (the other officers did one way or another, mostly affirmative), and we did not receive her answer to an invitation to our first committee meeting in the Plaza Hotel, I decided it was time to have the same conversation with her that I did with the former corresponding secretary, Mr. Rhine.

In the course of the conversation I did point out that we were very grateful for her \$1,000 contribution for the Cambodian Relief Fund which, of course, was not only not a gift to the Synagogue Council of America but involved a budgetary expenditure on our part to handle this project. In the light of this generous contribution and the conversation that I had with her in June, I repeated the request and hope that she could help by subscribing to the dinner. I want to be very clear that I put the entire thing in the context of her total participation and evidence of commitment to the Synagogue Council of America. Someone in this position should be an involved person - in terms of time, thought and financial support, if they are capable of doing so.

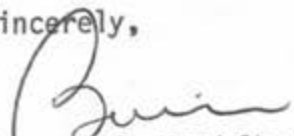
I am sure you will take my word, although you can check with any of the officers, that I never talk to any of them about financial contributions if I do not believe that they are in a position to do something of some kind and in some way.

After receiving your letter, I called Judy Mischel to tell her that she should not feel it necessary to come to the fund raising meeting today and would she please call you and tell you that I gave her such information. When I began to read your letter she hung up on me.

Clearly, we will be guided by your decision in this matter. However, as a colleague and as a person of fairness, you should give consideration to my urgent request now that a person of such rude, unfriendly attitude - who has made absolutely no constructive contribution to the programs of the SCA and has not contributed anything ever to SCA - should not occupy a major office as your representative. Be assured that I will not speak to her about this and no action will, of course, be taken until I hear word from you.

If we cannot be open, frank and forthright in this season of the year, when then?

Sincerely,



Bernard J. Mandelbaum

BJM:mr

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September 15, 1980

Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum
Synagogue Council of America
432 Park Avenue South
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Bernie:

It was surprising to learn that a member of the UAHC delegation to the SCA received a call from you seeking a contribution to the SCA and indicating if such a contribution and "involvement" with the SCA was not forthcoming you would have to get someone else to represent the Union. Needless to note, this was very distressing to me and I find it hard to believe that you would make such a statement. After all, our representatives are not named by you but rather by our leadership. They are selected to serve because they are caring Jews who want to be involved, in working toward the goals our community has set.

I am eager to hear from you in this connection.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

bcc: Mrs. Judith Mischel
Al Vorspan

Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld

A quick note from

RABBI BERNARD MANDELBAUM

to RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

OK
June 12, 1980
SCA

Dear Alex:

The enclosed is self-explanatory.
However, it did serve another purpose:
it reminds me of what I have thought
many, many times this year: I should
have the privilege of meeting with you
to discuss my plans, dreams, and
frustrations.

I await word from you for a date that
would meet with your convenience.

Cordially,

Set after 7/1/82
August

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



June 12, 1980

28 Sivan 5740

Mr. Dale W. Fields
ACE Syndicate
Terminal Box 2782
Spokane, Washington 99220

Dear Mr. Fields:

Rabbi Schindler's assistant sent me a copy of your letter to him and her response to you.

We all certainly share your deep concern for the welfare of the American hostages in Iran. Inasmuch as the Synagogue Council of America is the coordinating organization for all three groups of the American Jewish religious community on matters of this kind, I would be happy to follow through on your suggestion. However, there are a number of important considerations which I must bring to your attention:

1. As you know, the Sabbath is the day of prayer for the Jewish community. Thus, in all such announcements - i.e. when the American people expressed prayers on behalf of the Cambodian refugees - it was a call for prayer on Saturday and Sunday. Thus, if the period of August 3rd is appropriate, there should be a call for prayer on Saturday August 2nd, and Sunday, August 3rd.
2. In any such announcement, I suggest that the tone of the call to prayer be something like the following:
"We will pray for the welfare of the hostages and, hopefully by that time, we will be in a position to express thanks for their release."
3. To be effective, it should have the cooperation of the religious groups which you suggested in your letter. Incidentally, from the point of view of the Jewish religious community, the United Synagogue of America and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which you mention in your letter, as well as the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which you did not mention, are all constituent members of the Synagogue Council of America. It would also be important to have their reaction to the date which you suggest.

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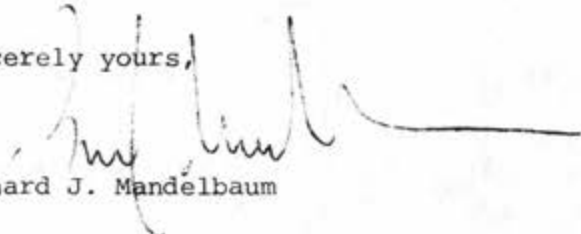
Mr. Dale W. Fields
June 12, 1980

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I know that we hope it will be a call for a Service of Thanksgiving.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,



Bernard J. Mandelbaum

BJM:hfe
cc/Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

June 10, 1980

Mr. Dale W. Fields
ACE Syndicate
Terminal Box 2782
Spokane, Washington 99220

Dear Mr. Fields:

As Rabbi Schindler is out-of-the-country and not due to return until the end of June, I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 5.

I am taking the liberty of sharing your letter with the Synagogue Council of America, the coordinating body for the three lay and rabbinic organizations of American Jewry. They should be apprised of this call for a special day of prayer for the safe releases of our hostages in Iran.

With kindest greetings and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

CC: Synagogue Council of America

bcc: Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum
Rabbi Balfour Brickner

I don't have the vaguest idea as to who Mr. Fields is or what he represents.

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June 5, 1980

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing for hundreds of persons who are asking that you ask all regional officials of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to make Sunday, August 3, the day to pray for the safe release of American hostages in Iran.

We are writing to the World Council of Churches, the Roman Catholic Churches of America, the United Synagogue of America, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Seventh Day Adventist church and to you as President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.


And we are also writing to President Jimmy Carter and a copy of this letter is going to him. We are asking that the President make this day one in which he asks all Americans to pray for the safe release of our hostages in Iran.

Please reply and please drop the President a letter. We chose August 3 because it gives enough time for all churches to announce in their magazines, newsletters and bulletins to their members that Sunday, August 3, is the day for concerted prayer.

cc: President Jimmy Carter
brm

Very sincerely,

Dale W. Fields
Dale W. Fields
Owner



December 23, 1969

Mr. Robert L. Adler
175 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Bob,

I have your letter concerning the Synagogue Council of America.

Needless to say, we will do what we possibly can for the Synagogue Council of America, although it is entirely too early for me to promise anything; so much depends upon the budget that will be available for us.

Warm good wishes.

Cordially,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

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ROBERT L. ADLER
VICE PRESIDENT



December 18, 1969

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

Dear Rabbi:

I just received a copy of Rabbi Brickner's letter to Josh Dwork relative to the Synagogue Council of America and I want to add my little two cents worth. As you know, I feel most keenly on this subject and think we really have to make the kind of commitment that will make the S.C.A. secure.

As you know, last time around we started late on the matter and we had to augment the budgeted figures with a "special" allotment from the "miscellaneous" area of the budget.

Now we should recognize that the S.C.A. has come of age and we must not treat it shabbily. I cannot understand how we cannot allocate an amount equal to that budgeted from the NCRAC.

I am not sure of the procedure but hope this will be given every consideration. If there is anything I should formalistically be doing, please give the courtesy of proper advice. Am I now going in the proper channels or should I also write to others about this?

As I mentioned to you, I have undertaken to do the same prodding to the other agencies and already have a commitment from the United Synagogue. I met with Henry Rappaport (then the president) and he agreed to obtain better financial support (equal to NCRAC support).

December 18, 1969

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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The CCAR is being contacted by Rabbi Blank and my next chore is the orthodox. I will keep at it but need your help with the U.A.H.C.

Thanks for your patience and understanding (I hope).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'RLA', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert L. Adler

RLA:bg

MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
To Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser
Copies
Subject *SCA*
CONFIDENTIAL

Date June 12, 1978

Gil's response to my note of May 25 is self-explanatory. It appears that your understanding and Gil's do not coincide. Does the Research Institute allow for a "cut-off in stages" if the money does not develop?

Incidentally, what Henry indicated to you is not so and according to my source his is an active candidate both for the Memorial Foundation and especially for the American Jewish Congress post.

Please let me have your judgment and let's not make any commitment. Try to delay matters as much as possible. If Henry does leave it will give us a good chance to look at the SCA and see how we want the organization to go.

cc:
Gil
6/14/78
Encl. *c*

Alex: you and I seem to have had a misunderstanding. I was not talking about staged cut-offs but only about one cut back in the Institute budget which was agreed upon, in the event there was a short-fall in income in the one income line questioned by Gil. Henry feels that line is very secure. The amount in question is \$30,000. The safety expense line involves a possible cut of \$15,000. It looks OK. I explained this to Gil but you'd better share this note with him. So we are all in complete agreement as to what we are talking about, if not in our conclusions.

Joe *6/14/78*
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
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PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100

May 25, 1978

Mr. Gilbert Tilles
7600 Jericho Turnpike
Woodbury, N.Y. 11797

Dear Gil:

This is to let you know that I had a long talk with Joe Glaser in regard to the SCA budget. I don't believe the matter has to be brought to the June Board meeting.

With fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Apparently, the commitments will be made only in stages, as the money comes in.

Alex — This part was not mentioned at the meeting — And even if it were, I wouldn't buy it. You know how difficult it is to cut off a program once you've engaged special personnel etc, etc — Love and thanks — Gil

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



WASHINGTON OFFICE: 1776 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 (202) 872-1337

October 25, 1978

Rabbi Daniel Polish
Associate Director

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

Dear Alex:

Now that I have assumed my responsibilities as Acting Executive Vice President of the Synagogue Council, I want to take this opportunity to assure you that I will expend all the energy and whatever resources I possess on behalf of this organization which can play such an important role in American Jewish life. I hope that, with your help, I can maintain the SCA during this time of transition, and help carry out its mandate of representing our shared values and concerns.

I will be in New York regularly to oversee the work of our office there. I would like to talk with you to learn how the SCA can be of service to the Union, and what you think we should be doing at this time. I will be calling you soon to find a time that is convenient for you to meet with me.

I will be needing your help in the period ahead; I hope I can count on it.

With my best wishes for the New Year.

Cordially,

Rabbi Daniel Polish
Acting Executive Vice President

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SCA

May 25, 1978

Mr. Gilbert Tilles
7600 Jericho Turnpike
Woodbury, N.Y. 11797

Dear Gil:

This is to let you know that I had a long talk with Joe Glaser in regard to the SCA budget. I don't believe the matter has to be brought to the June Board meeting.

With fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

May 22, 1978

Mr. Gilbert Tilles
7600 Jericho Turnpike
Woodbury, N.Y. 11797

Dear Gil:

Thank you for your letter of May 17. I am grateful for the detailed information on the 1978-79 Budget of the Synagogue Council of America. I will discuss the matter with Joe Glaser to determine his view and with that information at hand I will know how we are to handle this matter at the June Board meeting.

Many thanks and fondest regards from house to house -- and a special kiss for Rose.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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May 17, 1978

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

Dear Alex:

On May 10th, I attended a Synagogue Council Budget Committee Meeting with reference to the 1978-79 budget, and, quite frankly, I was quite unhappy with the presentation. In fact, I voted against the submitted document.

You ought to know that the expenses will increase by approximately \$130,000.00. It is anticipated that this will be somewhat offset by a projected increase in income by \$95,000.00.

The principal reason for the 30% increase in the expense portion of the budget results from reactivation of the Institute. Henry Siegman believes that this new life of the Institute will generate a great portion of the necessary income.

Needless to say, I am quite skeptical. I voted to turn this budget down on the basis of the fact that it is an unrealistic approach. However, I must inform you that I stood alone in this negative point of view.

For the past two years, Henry Siegman, with our prodding, has done a good job in keeping the financial structure on a sound basis, and the bottom line has indicated slight net results in the black.

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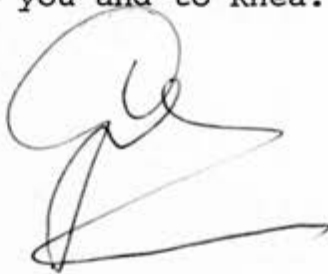
Rabbi Schindler

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May 17, 1978

It might be a good idea to talk to Joe Glaser and get his point of view. He was in the affirmative. I would like, after your discussion with him, to get your feeling as to whether or not this should be reported to the Board at the June meeting.

Always, love and kisses to you and to Rhea.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized capital 'R' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



memorandum

to: Members of the Administration & Budget Committee
from: Rabbi Henry Siegmán
subject: Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 10th
date: May 8, 1978

In connection with the forthcoming May 10th meeting of the Committee, enclosed please find a financial statement containing information about the current fiscal year's experience, and a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year of 1977/78.

Kindest regards.

HS:hfe
Enclosures

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>1977-78</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>9 MONTHS</u> <u>77-78</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u> <u>12 MONTHS</u> <u>77-78</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>1978-79</u>
<u>Income</u>					
Dues	\$ 12,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 20,500	\$ 28,000
Congregations	12,693	30,000	28,178	33,178	50,000
Federations	38,184	45,000	32,015	36,000	40,000
Foundations	52,500	30,000	4,000	9,000	30,000
Individuals	154,137	175,000	64,435	134,436	150,000
H.E.W. Grant	5,095				
Institute		30,000	21,000	31,000	60,000
Annual Dinner	107,146	100,000	154,300	154,300	155,000
Other Income	<u>17,803</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>2,155.48</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Total Income	<u>\$432,558</u>	<u>\$448,000</u>	<u>\$318,584.23</u>	<u>\$421,014</u>	<u>\$516,000</u>
<u>Expenses</u>					
Payroll	\$207,703	\$225,303	\$146,195.46	\$195,118.80	\$276,464
Other Expenses	<u>212,459</u>	<u>210,400</u>	<u>147,412.10</u>	<u>185,719.75</u>	<u>235,000</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$420,162</u>	<u>\$435,703</u>	<u>\$293,607.56</u>	<u>\$380,838.55</u>	<u>\$511,464</u>
Net	<u>\$ 12,396</u>	<u>\$ 12,297</u>	<u>\$ 24,976.67</u>	<u>\$ 40,175.45</u>	<u>\$ 4,536</u>

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

EXPENSES

	Budget 1977-78	Total Estimate 1977-78	Proposed Budget 1978-79
Telephone & Cables	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,678.77	\$ 13,000.00
Meetings & Conferences	11,000.00	9,174.92	11,000.00
Office Suppl & Stat.	7,000.00	8,013.39	8,000.00
Postage	7,000.00	7,295.71	9,000.00
Mailing Service	3,000.00	1,378.98	2,000.00
Mats, Photos, Plaques & Gifts	1,500.00	1,472.05	1,500.00
Ads & Obits	500.00	283.00	500.00
Messenger Service	500.00	588.08	500.00
Printing & Publications	24,000.00	11,223.19	26,000.00
Travel & Fares	22,000.00	21,582.65	22,000.00
Subscriptions & Journals	2,000.00	2,126.34	2,200.00
Clipping Service	1,000.00	1,144.53	1,100.00
Org. Dues & Subventions	1,500.00	1,005.00	1,500.00
Mem. Fnd. for Jew. Cult.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Public Information	12,500.00	6,754.00	10,000.00
Research Fees & Honoraria	25,000.00	1,984.00	15,000.00
Interns & Fellowships	9,000.00	6,000.00	9,000.00
Rent - New York	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Rent - Institute	8,100.00	8,377.00	8,400.00
Electricity	3,500.00	3,400.00	3,500.00
Equipment Service & Rental	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment Purchases	2,500.00	1,000.00	8,500.00
Auditing	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
Interest	15,000.00	11,553.33	15,000.00
Insurance	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Costs of Annual Dinner	25,000.00	50,384.81	50,000.00
Total	<u>\$210,400.00</u>	<u>\$185,719.35</u>	<u>\$235,000.00</u>



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

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It is the strength that comes from the unity of our Conservative, Orthodox and Reform constituents which enables us to serve the cause of American Jewry, of Israel, and of world peace.

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Office of the Executive Vice President

March 14, 1977

Mr. Harold Jacobs, President
UOJCA
116 East 27 Street
New York, New York 10016

Dear Harold:

I heard of a conversation between you and Alex Schindler about the SCA guarantee matter, and called Alex for clarification. He says that he said that the UAHC had not yet approved the guarantee because of a condition upon which their Treasurer is still insisting, i.e., fiscal control personnel yet to be provided. But he did not say UAHC wasn't going to.

That condition has now been satisfied, as Rabbi Siegman was authorized by the Administrative And Budget Committee to engage someone. Mr. Tilles, the UAHC Treasurer, to whom I talked this morning, is now satisfied, and will recommend the guarantee. You should also know that the UAHC Board of Trustees approved the loan guarantee in principle, and authorized the President, the Chairman and the Treasurer to execute it when satisfied.

I trust this clarifies the situation and that your organization's decision to approve will stand. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me. All good wishes.

Shalom,

Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, Chairman
SCA Administrative And Budget Committee

JBG/s

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler; Mr. Gilbert Tilles; Rabbi Henry Siegman

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Gil called, unhappy about this letter -- he wants you to be sure that it is understood he said he would recommend our signing if 5 out of 6 organizations agree to do so.

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

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CELEBRATING SCA'S 50th
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January 10, 1977

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

Dear Alexander:

At Wednesday's meeting of the Executive Committee, your agency's representative to the Administrative and Budget Committee expressed his satisfaction with our fiscal planning for the current budgetary year, and will recommend that your organization guarantee the loan to the Synagogue Council of America in the amount of \$25,000.

It is understood that the Synagogue Council of America will not process the loan unless at least five out of our six agencies join in securing the loan.

With this understanding in mind, and because we are so urgently in need of these funds, may I ask that your organization fill in the enclosed forms. I repeat that the Synagogue Council of America will not proceed with the processing of the loan unless five out of six agencies join in the guarantee.

We will also be sending you under separate cover a legal instrument to be signed by the agencies guaranteeing the loan. Since the bank - in the unlikely event of default by the SCA - can theoretically collect up to \$25,000 from any one of our agencies, this legal instrument provides that if the default is less than the full amount of the loan, our agencies undertake to repay the bank on a pro-rata basis. This will prevent the collection by the bank of a larger amount from any one of the signatory agencies, thus limiting your liability even beyond the \$25,000 that you are signing for.

With many thanks for the support that you and your organization have given us during this difficult period, and with warm good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
President

JHL:jk
cc: Gilbert Tilles

encl.

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CONTINGENT LIABILITIES: As endorser or co-maker _____
 On receivables discounted or sold _____ As guarantor _____
 On leases, mortgages or contracts _____ Unsettled claims _____
 Other (itemize) _____

Schedule A

CASH BALANCES AND BANK LOANS

Name of Bank	Statement Date						Method of Borrowing (Unsecured, Guaranty, Collateral)
	Cash Balance			Amount Owing			
Cash on Hand							
TOTALS AS PER STATEMENT							

Schedule B

STOCKS AND BONDS

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Schedule C

REAL ESTATE OWNED

Location, Type of Property and Date Acquired	Title in Name of	Cost	Recent Appraised Value	Mortgage	
				Amount	Due

Are there any other liens against any of the above property?

Are there any mortgage payments, interest or taxes in arrears?

Schedule D

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES OWNED

Type of Lien (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) Location and Type of Property	Mortgagee of Record	Original Amount	Present Amount	Maturity

Are there any principal payments, interest or taxes in arrears? Are there any unrecorded assignments?

Schedule E

LIFE INSURANCE

Face Amount	Name of Company	Beneficiary	Type of Policy	Cash Value	Loans Against Policy

Are any of the above policies assigned except for loans as shown?

TO BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

To induce you from time to time to extend, continue or renew financial accommodations upon the direct or indirect obligation of the undersigned, the undersigned represents and warrants that the foregoing financial statement sets forth all of the assets and liens thereon, and all of the liabilities, direct and contingent, of the undersigned, and agrees that:

1. You may rely upon the foregoing financial statement as continuing to be substantially correct in each and every particular unless and until the undersigned informs you in writing to the contrary.

2. All property of the undersigned of every description, including, but not limited to, the balance of every account of the undersigned now or hereafter in your possession or custody or maintained with you for any purpose, including safekeeping or pledge, shall be held by you subject to a lien and a security interest for any and all liabilities of the undersigned to you, direct or contingent, joint, several or independent, now or hereafter existing.

3. If it shall appear that the financial report referred to above or the representations and information set forth above are not true or are incomplete in any respect, or if an adverse change shall occur in the financial condition of the undersigned, or if it shall appear that any representation or statement as to the financial condition of the undersigned set forth in any other statement or communication of the undersigned to the Bank is not true or is incomplete in any respect, or upon the nonpayment when due of any of the liabilities of the undersigned or of any other person (hereinafter referred to as "such other person") who is liable as endorser, guarantor, maker, drawer or issuer of any of the liabilities of the undersigned or any commercial paper or other obligation in any form held or owned by the Bank and to which the undersigned is a party or with respect to which the undersigned has any liability, or upon the failure of the undersigned to deposit with the Bank such additional collateral as may from time to time be demanded by the Bank, or upon the failure of the undersigned to insure in favor of and to the satisfaction of the Bank any property of the undersigned, or upon the death or insolvency of, or any loss by fire, burglary or holdup of, the undersigned or any such other person, or upon suspension of business of the undersigned or any such other person, or upon the undersigned or any partner of the undersigned (if a partnership) being expelled from or suspended by any securities or commodity exchange, or upon the issuance of any warrant of attachment against any of the property of the undersigned or of any such other person, or upon the making by the undersigned or any such other person of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or upon a trustee or receiver being appointed for the undersigned or any such other person or for any of the property of the undersigned or of any such other person, or upon any proceeding being commenced by or against the undersigned or any such other person under any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement of debt, insolvency, readjustment of debt, receivership, liquidation or dissolution law or statute, or upon the commencement of foreclosure proceedings against any property of the undersigned or any such other person, or upon the commencement of any proceeding under, or the use of any of the provisions of Article 52 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules by any judgment creditor of the undersigned or any other party with relation to any property or money of the undersigned or any such other person, or upon the taking possession by any governmental authority or any court at the instance of any governmental authority of any substantial part of the property of undersigned or of any such other person, or if the undersigned or any accountant for the undersigned fails to permit the Bank to inspect any of the books of account of the undersigned when so requested either orally or in writing, or if the Bank is compelled to return any check or other order for the payment of money drawn by or on behalf of the undersigned against the account of the undersigned in the Bank or in any other bank because of the insufficiency of the balance in said account, or in the event of a transfer, assignment, mortgage or pledge of any property, merchandise, accounts or assets of the undersigned or of any such other person to any person other than the Bank, as security or otherwise, so as materially to affect the ability of the undersigned or of such other person to pay all claims or demands against it, him or them, — then and in any such event, and at any time thereafter, (a) the Bank may, without notice to the undersigned or to any other person, make all the liabilities of the undersigned immediately due and payable, without notice, presentment or demand of payment, all of which are hereby expressly waived, and whether or not said liabilities or any of them shall have become due and payable by the terms of the instrument or instrument creating or evidencing said liabilities, and (b) the Bank shall have the right from time to time to sell, resell, assign and deliver all or any part of the property of the undersigned at any brokers' board or exchange, or at public or private sale for cash, upon credit or for future delivery, and in connection therewith may grant options, all without advertisement or notice, except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived.

Dated: New York, N. Y.

the _____ day of _____, 19 _____

LIMITED GUARANTY

In consideration of financial accommodations given or to be given or continued to herein called "Borrower", by BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, N. Y., having branch offices in London, England, herein called "Bank", the undersigned irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee to the Bank, payment when due, whether by acceleration or otherwise, of any and all liabilities of the Borrower to the Bank, together with all interest thereon and all attorneys' fees, costs and expenses of collection incurred by the Bank in enforcing any of such liabilities and/or the terms hereof, to any principal amount, not exceeding..... Dollars (\$.....) in the aggregate at any one time outstanding.

The term "liabilities of the Borrower" shall include all liabilities, direct or contingent, joint, several or independent, of the Borrower now or hereafter existing, due or to become due to, or held or to be held by, the Bank for its own account or as agent for another or others, whether created directly or acquired by assignment or otherwise. In the event that the Borrower is a partnership, the term "liabilities of the Borrower" as used herein shall include all liabilities of any successor partnership or partnerships to the Bank, direct or contingent, joint, several or independent, now or hereafter existing, due or to become due to, or held or to be held by, the Bank, whether created directly or acquired by assignment or otherwise.

The undersigned waive notice of acceptance of this guaranty and notice of any liability to which it may apply, and waive presentment, demand of payment, protest, notice of dishonor or nonpayment of any such liabilities, suit or taking other action by the Bank against, and any other notice to, any party liable thereon (including the undersigned).

The Bank may at any time and from time to time (whether or not after revocation or termination of this guaranty) without the consent of, or notice (except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived) to, the undersigned, without incurring responsibility to the undersigned, without impairing or releasing the obligations of the undersigned hereunder, upon or without any terms or conditions and in whole or in part:

(1) change the manner, place or terms of payment, and/or change or extend the time of payment of, renew or alter, any liability of the Borrower, any security therefor, or any liability incurred directly or indirectly in respect thereof, and the guaranty herein made shall apply to the liabilities of the Borrower as so changed, extended, renewed or altered;

(2) sell, exchange, release, surrender, realize upon or otherwise deal with in any manner and in any order any property by whomsoever at any time pledged or mortgaged to secure, or howsoever securing, the liabilities hereby guaranteed or any liabilities (including any of those hereunder) incurred directly or indirectly in respect thereof or hereof, and/or any offset thereagainst;

(3) exercise or refrain from exercising any rights against the Borrower or others (including the undersigned) or otherwise act or refrain from acting;

(4) settle or compromise any liability hereby guaranteed, any security therefor or any liability (including any of those hereunder) incurred directly or indirectly in respect thereof or hereof, and may subordinate the payment of all or any part thereof to the payment of any liability (whether due or not) of the Borrower to creditors of the Borrower other than the Bank and the undersigned; and

(5) apply any sums by whomsoever paid or howsoever realized to any liability or liabilities of the Borrower to the Bank regardless of what liability or liabilities of the Borrower remain unpaid.

No invalidity, irregularity or unenforceability of all or any part of the liabilities hereby guaranteed or of any security therefor shall affect, impair or be a defense to this guaranty, and this guaranty is a primary obligation of the undersigned.

This guaranty is a continuing one and all liabilities to which it applies or may apply under the terms hereof shall be conclusively presumed to have been created in reliance hereon. As to each of the undersigned, this guaranty shall continue until written notice of revocation signed by such undersigned, or until written notice of the death of such undersigned shall in each case have been actually received by the Bank, notwithstanding a revocation by, or the death of, or complete or partial release for any cause of, any one or more of the remainder of the undersigned, or of the Borrower or of anyone liable in any manner for the liabilities hereby guaranteed or for the liabilities (including those hereunder) incurred directly

or indirectly in respect thereof or hereof, and notwithstanding the dissolution, termination or increase, decrease or change in personnel of any one or more of the undersigned which may be partnerships. No revocation or termination hereof shall affect in any manner rights arising under this guaranty with respect to (a) liabilities which shall have been created, contracted, assumed or incurred prior to receipt by the Bank of written notice of such revocation or termination or (b) liabilities which shall have been created, contracted, assumed or incurred after receipt of such written notice pursuant to any contract entered into by the Bank prior to receipt of such notice; and the sole effect of revocation or termination hereof shall be to exclude from this guaranty liabilities thereafter arising which are unconnected with liabilities theretofore arising or transactions theretofore entered into.

All notices provided to be given to the Bank herein shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

Any and all rights and claims of the undersigned against the Borrower or any of its property, arising by reason of any payment by the undersigned to the Bank pursuant to the provisions of this guaranty, shall be subordinate and subject in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all liabilities of the Borrower to the Bank.

The Bank at all times and from time to time shall have the right to require the undersigned to deliver to the Bank as security for the liabilities of the undersigned hereunder, collateral security, original or additional, satisfactory to the Bank.

All property of the undersigned shall be held by the Bank subject to a lien and a security interest in favor of the Bank, as security for any and all liabilities of the undersigned to the Bank. The term "property of the undersigned" shall include all property of every description, now or hereafter in the possession or custody of or in transit to the Bank for any purpose, including safekeeping, collection or pledge, for account of the undersigned, or as to which the undersigned may have any right or power. The balance of every account of the undersigned with, and each claim of the undersigned against, the Bank existing from time to time, shall be subject to a lien and subject to be set off against any and all liabilities of the undersigned to the Bank, and the Bank may at any time or from time to time at its option and without notice appropriate and apply toward the payment of any of such liabilities the balance of each such account of the undersigned with, and each such claim of the undersigned against, the Bank. The Bank may at any time and from time to time, without notice, transfer into its own name or that of its nominee any of the property of the undersigned.

Upon the happening of any of the following events: the death or insolvency (however evidenced) of the Borrower or any person (including the undersigned) who is liable directly or indirectly in respect of any of the liabilities of the Borrower, or an adverse change in the financial condition of the Borrower or any aforesaid person, or suspension of business of the Borrower or any aforesaid person, or the issuance of any warrant, process or order of attachment, garnishment or other lien and/or the filing of a lien as a result thereof against any of the property of the Borrower or any aforesaid person, or the making by the Borrower or any aforesaid person of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or a trustee or receiver being appointed for the Borrower or any aforesaid person or for any property of any of them, or any proceeding being commenced by or against the Borrower or any aforesaid person under any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement of debt, insolvency, readjustment of debt, receivership, liquidation or dissolution law or statute, or it appears that any representation in any financial or other statement of the Borrower or any aforesaid person, delivered to the Bank by or in behalf of the Borrower or such person, is untrue or incomplete, or if the Bank deems itself insecure—then and in any such event, and at any time thereafter, the Bank may, without notice to the Borrower or any aforesaid person, make the liabilities

of the Borrower to the Bank, whether or not then due, immediately due and payable hereunder as to the undersigned, and the Bank shall be entitled to enforce the obligations of the undersigned hereunder.

Upon nonpayment when due of any of the liabilities of the Borrower or the undersigned to the Bank, the Bank shall have the right from time to time, without advertisement or demand upon or notice to the Borrower or the undersigned or right of redemption except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived, to sell, re-sell, assign, transfer and deliver all or part of said property of the undersigned, at any brokers' board or exchange or at public or private sale, for cash or on credit or for future delivery, and in connection therewith may grant options and may impose reasonable conditions such as requiring any purchaser of any stock so sold to represent that such stock is purchased for investment purposes only. Upon each such sale the Bank, unless prohibited by provision of any applicable statute which cannot be waived, may purchase all or any part of said property being sold, free from and discharged of all trusts, claims, right of redemption and equities of the undersigned.

In the case of each such sale, or of any proceedings to collect any liabilities of the undersigned to the Bank, the undersigned shall pay all costs and expenses of every kind for collection, sale or delivery, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and after deducting such costs and expenses from the proceeds of sale or collection, the Bank may apply any residue to pay any of such liabilities of the undersigned, who shall continue liable for any deficiency, with interest.

If claim is ever made upon the Bank for repayment or recovery of any amount or amounts received by the Bank in payment or on account of any of the liabilities of the Borrower and the Bank repays all or part of said amount by reason of (a) any judgment, decree or order of any court or administrative body having jurisdiction over the Bank or any of its property, or (b) any settlement or compromise of any such claim effected by the Bank with any such claimant (including the Borrower), then and in such event the undersigned agree that any such judgment, decree, order, settlement or compromise shall be binding upon the undersigned, notwithstanding any revocation hereof or the cancellation of any note or other instrument evidencing any liability of the Borrower, and the undersigned shall be and remain liable to the Bank hereunder for the amount so repaid or recovered to the same extent as if such amount had never originally been received by the Bank.

Any acknowledgment or new promise, whether by payment of principal or interest or otherwise and whether by the Borrower or others (including the undersigned), with respect to any of the liabilities of the Borrower shall, if the statute of limitations in favor of the undersigned against the Bank shall have commenced to run, toll the running of such statute of limitations and, if the period of such statute of limitations shall have expired, prevent the operation of such statute of limitations.

The Bank shall not be bound to take any steps necessary to preserve any rights in any of the property of the undersigned against prior parties who may be liable in connection therewith, and the undersigned hereby agrees to take such

steps. The Bank may nevertheless at any time (a) take any action it may deem appropriate for the care or preservation of such property or of any rights of the undersigned or the Bank therein, (b) demand, sue for, collect or receive any money or property at any time due, payable or receivable on account of or in exchange for any property of the undersigned, (c) compromise and settle with any person liable on such property, or (d) extend the time of payment or otherwise change the terms thereof as to any party liable thereon, all without notice to, without incurring responsibility to, and without affecting any of the liabilities hereunder of, the undersigned. The undersigned shall pay to the Bank all costs and expenses, including filing fees and attorneys' fees, incurred by the Bank in connection with the custody, care, preservation or collection of any of the property of the undersigned or in seeking to enforce any of the liabilities or obligations of the undersigned hereunder.

The Bank shall have the right, at any time and from time to time, without notice, to (i) transfer into its own name or that of its nominee any of the property of the undersigned; (ii) notify any obligor on any of such property to make payment to the Bank of any amounts due thereon; and/or (iii) take control of any proceeds of any of such property.

No delay on the part of the Bank in exercising any of its options, powers or rights, or partial or single exercise thereof, shall constitute a waiver thereof. No waiver of any of its rights hereunder, and no modification or amendment of this guaranty, shall be deemed to be made by the Bank unless the same shall be in writing, duly signed on behalf of the Bank, and each such waiver, if any, shall apply only with respect to the specific instance involved, and shall in no way impair the rights of the Bank or the obligations of the undersigned to the Bank in any other respect at any other time.

The undersigned waive the right of trial by jury in the event of any litigation between the parties hereto in respect of any matter arising under this guaranty and agree that, should the Bank bring any judicial proceedings in relation to any such matter, the undersigned will not interpose any counterclaim or setoff of any nature.

This guaranty and the rights and obligations of the Bank and of the undersigned hereunder shall be governed and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York; and this guaranty is binding upon the undersigned, his, their or its executors, administrators, successors or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the Bank, its successors or assigns. In the event that the Bank brings any action or suit in any court of record of New York State or the Federal Government to enforce any or all liabilities of the undersigned hereunder, service of process may be made upon the undersigned by mailing a copy of the summons to the undersigned at the address below set forth.

The undersigned, if more than one, shall be jointly and severally liable hereunder and the term "undersigned" wherever used herein shall mean the undersigned or any one or more of them. Anyone signing this guaranty shall be bound hereby, whether or not anyone else signs this guaranty at any time. The term "Bank" includes any agent of the Bank acting for it.

Dated: _____, 19_____

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

432 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016

Rabbi Henry Siegman
Synagogue Council of America
432 Park Avenue South
New York, N.Y. 10016

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memorandum

to: SCA Executive Committee

from: Samuel Brochstein, Treasurer

subject: Financial Report

date: January 4, 1977



Handwritten notes:
 OKed
 Did you see
 Dms. 2/2/77
 Gil Tully

The following figures constitute a summary financial statement for the six-month period of July 1 to December 31, 1976:

	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	168,515	224,500
Expenses	<u>194,212</u>	186,424
Deficit	25,697	

While expenses are within our budgetary projections (we overspent by approximately \$7,800, an amount that should be made up in the second half of the year, since we will not be paying the salary of Institute Director), income fell short of our budgetary projections by \$60,000. The actual deficit incurred was \$25,700.

Because all of our planned fund-raising activities are scheduled for the second half of the fiscal year (we had virtually no fund-raising of any kind the first six months because we were without a Director of Development), we should have little difficulty in balancing the current year's budget.

In addition to the \$63,000 in new pledges that are due during this period, fund-raising activities for the second half of the year include a parlor meeting (National Society of Patrons) to be hosted by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein in New York on January 13; a luncheon (National Society of Patrons) to be co-hosted by Jacob Arvey, Moses Hornstein, Matthew Rosenhaus in Miami Beach on February 3; and a major Interreligious Award Dinner honoring Vice President Rockefeller on May 9. We will also set dates for parlor meetings in Palm Beach, Great Neck, Tenaflly, Chicago and Detroit before the end of the fiscal year.

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TO: SCA Executive Committee

January 4, 1977

During these coming months, we also expect to launch a new campaign for congregational support, for which Temple Emanu-El of Great Neck and Fairmount Temple in Cleveland should serve as models. Two of our rabbinical agencies have designated committees to work with us on this long-range project, and we expect other agencies to follow suit.

In long-range terms, the development of congregational support may turn out to be the single most important element in the Council's fiscal stability. It will undoubtedly take some time to mobilize a significant number of congregations that will contribute regularly to the Council, and it is a task that will require the attention of a full-time staff person. That is one of the major reasons that our Planning Committee, headed by Peter Feinberg, urged that our agencies and individuals underwrite a 2-3 year loan of \$300,000 to the Council. The whole point of this loan is to give the Council the necessary breathing space, as well as the resources, to build a sound financial structure.

In light of the above - and considering the fact that as of January 1977 our agencies have not as yet taken the necessary actions to secure the loan - I consider the expectation of the Administrative and Budget Committee that the Council repay part of the loan by July of 1977 to be unrealistic and contrary to the objectives the Planning Committee had in mind.

At their last meeting on December 8th, our Officers recommended that a separate development budget, specifically related to fund-raising needs and anticipated new income, be submitted to the Administrative and Budget Committee and to the Executive Committee for their approval once the loan has been secured.

In the meantime, I can report to you that despite the delay in obtaining the loan that we so desperately need, and the delay in launching a comprehensive development program, we expect to operate in the black during the current fiscal year, and, hopefully, will be able to show a modest surplus. This is so because the staff and program of the Council have been cut to the bone, a situation that is good neither for the Council nor for American Jewish life. It is my hope that next year's budget will permit the Council to reinstate vital services and programs.

December 17, 1976

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, President
Synagogue Council of America
432 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of December 14 and the revised SCA budget for the current fiscal year. It is gratifying to note the progress which has been made in reducing the budget.

Regretfully, at this time it is not possible to have the guarantee forms signed by the UAHC. As you know, our Executive Committee had some questions in regard to this matter and approval of our signature will not be forthcoming until clarification has been provided. Once they are assured that all is in good order, we will, of course, be in touch with you. Our Treasurer, Mr. Gilbert Tilles, who also serves as the UAHC representative on the SCA Administrative and Budget Committee will be in contact with you. I do regret the delay in responding to your need but I am certain you can appreciate the position of our Officers and Executive Committee.

As to the request for a dues increase from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per annum, there is nothing I can do about this until we begin to plan our budget for the next fiscal year. We are on a July 1 to June 30 schedule and no additional funds are available for the current fiscal year. I do want to assure you that your request will be discussed with the Budget Committee and we will do our utmost to increase our SCA allocation for the fiscal year July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a Happy Chanukah, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Gilbert Tilles
Mr. Matthew H. Ross

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December 14, 1976

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

Dear Alex:

Enclosed is a copy of a revised budget for the current fiscal year. The budget is the result of revisions made by the newly appointed Administrative and Budget Committee, and also approved by the Plenum at its December 8th meeting.

Since our member agencies had decided that their guarantee of a bank loan to the Synagogue Council of America is conditioned by a review of the Council's budget by the Administrative and Budget Committee, I now write to you once again to request that you execute the forms that we sent you.

The budget review process has taken longer than was anticipated, and our need for the loan is more urgent than ever. I hope, therefore, that your agency will act on this matter without delay.

May I also bring to your attention the recommendation that our agencies increase their dues to the Synagogue Council of America from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per year. This is an essential aspect of our return to responsible fiscal planning, and I trust that your agency will approve the increase, if it has not already done so.

Your support and assistance during this difficult period for the Synagogue Council of America is deeply appreciated.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
President

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>Budget 1976-77</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Dues Income	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 28,000.00
Congregation Donations	9,466.69	9,696.56	50,000.00
Federations and Welfare Funds	33,575.00	43,760.20	40,000.00
Foundations and Corporations	27,250.00	24,750.00	80,000.00
Individual Donations	240,595.50	167,565.60	175,000.00
Donations to Institute			50,000.00
H. E. W. Grant	68,780.00	50,161.87	16,000.00
Annual Dinner Income	28,195.00	32,595.00	50,000.00
Bicentennial Celebration Receipts		6,990.00	
Expense Reimbursements	6,930.72	10,361.30	
Other Income	5,035.72	5,198.96	10,000.00
Other Dinners	16,877.16		
Jerusalem Peace Foundation	<u>70,010.26</u>		
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	519,216.05	361,329.49	499,000.00
<u>LESS: EXPENSES</u>			
Payroll and Payroll Expenses	177,264.36	235,759.63	202,000.00
Program Expenses (Per Schedule)	228,305.88	212,305.94	170,850.00
International Peace Colloquium	<u>70,863.46</u>		
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	476,433.70	448,065.57	372,850.00

December 6, 1976

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

PROGRAM EXPENSES

	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>Budget 1976-77</u>
Telephone and Cables	\$ 13,121.17	\$ 12,000.00
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December 6, 1976

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



memorandum

to: SCA Executive Committee
from: Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, President
subject: May 4th Meeting
date: April 19, 1977

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The next meeting of our Executive Committee will be held:

DATE: Wednesday, May 4, 1977

TIME: 12:00 Noon (Luncheon will be served)

PLACE: SCA Conference Room

Our agenda will include a report by our Search Committee, which has been interviewing candidates for the directorship of the Institute for Jewish Policy Planning and Research, and consideration of a proposed association by Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum with the Synagogue Council of America.

Please return the enclosed card to indicate that you will attend.

Kindest regards.

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Signed _____

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March 2, 1976

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With heartfelt thanks for your cooperation in this, and the many other areas of our work in which I seek your help.

Cordial greetings.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

March 2, 1976

Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin
National Co-Chairman
OPERATION RECOGNITION
1 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Rabbi Dobin:

I will be pleased to serve on the National Committee of OPERATION RECOGNITION. The manifold humanitarian efforts of Magen David Adom richly merit and deserve world-wide recognition and they have earned membership in the International Red Cross.

The Red Star of David, symbol of the Israeli sector of the Red Cross, has become the symbol of relief and humanitarian efforts and should be recognized as a symbol of record for the international organization. I whole heartedly support the work of OPERATION RECOGNITION.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

P.S. I enclose herewith a letter for use in the kit being prepared by the Synagogue Council of America.

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Committee in Formation

February 20, 1976

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

OPERATION RECOGNITION has been given the responsibility to marshal the effort of all fair-minded Americans on behalf of the recognition of the Magen David Adom Society in Israel by the International Red Cross and its admission into the League of Red Cross Societies. Senators Javits and Ribicoff join me in extending an invitation to you to become a member of our National Committee. I know that you agree with us that this humanitarian recognition is long overdue.

There is every reason to believe that the Diplomatic Conferences on this matter now going on in Geneva look with favor upon this recognition. We know that your joining with us will mean a great deal to the equitable resolution of this critical issue.

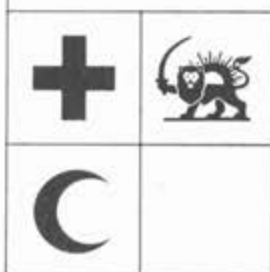
Thousands of our supporters look forward to your assistance. We would very much like to have your acceptance, as well as a message of encouragement for our work. It will mean so much to millions of people throughout the world.

May we hear from you soon. With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin
National Co-Chairman
OPERATION RECOGNITION

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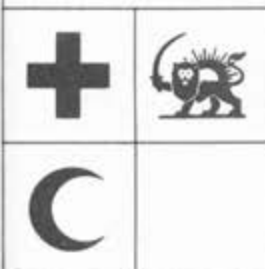
THE MAGEN DAVID ADOM SOCIETY OF ISRAEL AND ITS
NON-ADMISSION INTO THE LEAGUE OF THE RED CROSS SOCIETIES

Committee in Formation

Tel Aviv, November 1975

1. The Magen David Adom (Red Shield of David) Society of Israel was founded as the voluntary medical aid society of the Jewish population as far back as 1930. In 1950 it was accorded formal recognition by the Government of Israel as the exclusive national aid society of the country, in accordance with the Geneva Conventions. This was endorsed by the Knesset and is the main feature of the Red Shield of David Law of 1950. The Society furnishes first aid services in over 60 branches and stations all over Israel through thousands of active volunteers, including youth, and paid workers. In addition, dozens of permanent sub-stations and seasonal stations (for instance, on the beaches during the summer) are operated. Six hundred ambulances are available around the country, not only in the First Aid Stations but also in industrial areas and in small villages. They are equipped with modern communications apparatus. In time of war, Magen David Adom is an auxiliary medical aid service for the Army Medical Corps and the Civil Defence; and it is preparing for this mission in time of peace. Magen David Adom maintains the central blood bank in Israel and twelve local blood banks and these are available for all the hospitals in the country. Old blood is used for the manufacture of medicaments in the Fractionation Institute. In 1974 it rendered first aid assistance to more than half a million persons in Israel. This included first aid assistance in the stations, transportation by ambulance, and blood for transfusions. Magen David Adom also concerns itself with relief for victims of natural disasters and of war throughout the world. In 1974-75 relief medical supplies were sent to Bolivia, Cyprus, Brazil, India, Nepal, Paraguay and Turkey. The Society's emblem is the Red Shield of David (Magen David).

2. The formally recognized distinctive and protective emblems of the International Red Cross are the red cross itself, and the emblems of Islam, namely the red crescent (which exists in more than one official shape) and the red lion and sun (used only in Iran). There is no doubt about the religious origin of each of these emblems, whatever be their precise significance in the modern Red Cross context. This origin of the symbols has to be kept in mind, and placed in the psychological context of the historical inter-relationship of the three related monotheistic faiths of the Middle East (in strict chronological order): Judaism, Christianity and Islam. That explains why the use by the adherents of one of these faiths of the symbol of another of these faiths is wounding to the individual's susceptibilities - a factor which was recognized in the case of the emblems of Islam shortly after the International Red Cross became established. That is why Israel itself is unable to use any of the existing symbols, and has always used the red shield of David as the distinctive protective emblem of all its civilian and military aid services, while scrupulously respecting the other emblems and according to them the full protection of the law as required by the Geneva Conventions. This policy, expressed in Israel's reservations to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, is embodied in the Red Shield of David Law of 1950.



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3. The red shield of David itself is widely used in Jewish life and is generally familiar for its Jewish association. The 1949 Red Cross Diplomatic Conference at Geneva recognized that the emblem is well known and respected in those parts of the world where it is in use. Throughout the long and bitter hostilities over the last twenty-seven years, it is a fact that the belligerents in the Middle East have consistently acknowledged the mutual respect due to each of the emblems in use in their different armed forces -- the red cross, the red crescent, and in the case of Israel the red shield of David. This de facto situation, and the psychological impulses which have led to it, counterbalance contentions stressing the desirability of having one single emblem. There is no objection in principle to a single emblem, but no unity is possible on the basis of an emblem having a religious character, which is the case of the red cross emblem. In the meantime, the de facto equilibrium between the emblems of the three monotheistic faiths of the Middle East in practice provides a perfectly satisfactory answer to all the problems which are encountered in this part of the world. It should be matched by formal equality between each one of them.

4. In every country in the world such national voluntary medical aid societies exist, and they co-operate through the League of Red Cross Societies, an independent federation which forms part of the International Red Cross. Every four years the International Red Cross Conference is held. This is the supreme deliberative body of the International Red Cross, and participation is open to representatives of Governments parties to the Geneva Conventions, and to delegations of the national societies. Full representation of a country in the International Red Cross Conference is assured on two levels, that of the Government in its official capacity, and that of the independent national society. In the Conference, each has one vote. In addition, members of the League meet every two years.

5. Admission of a national society into the League of Red Cross Societies is governed by a complicated set of provisions, and these call, amongst other things, for recognition of the national society by the International Committee of the Red Cross. Ten conditions for this recognition have been drawn up, and one of these is that the national society in question uses the title and emblem of the Red Cross (Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun), in conformity with the Geneva Conventions.

6. There is no question that the Red Shield of David Society meets nine of these ten conditions -- a fact which is not disputed by any responsible organ of the International Red Cross. However, on account of their religious connotation, the Society is unable to use any of the emblems mentioned in the Geneva Conventions (which otherwise it scrupulously respects), and therefore can only use the title and emblem of the Red Shield of David. Because of this, it has been publicly stated on behalf of the International Committee of the Red Cross that so long as this situation persists, the Society's request for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross would not be admissible. Similar advice has been received from other Red Cross authorities in response to official approaches that have been made from time to time, the last occasion being as recently as in April of 1975.

7. Throughout this century (in fact even earlier), the Red Cross movement as a whole, and its different organs, have demonstrated a well-marked responsiveness to the susceptibilities of the adherents of Islam, who for similar reasons are unable to use the sign of the cross as their distinctive emblem. Thus, Ottoman and Egyptian Red Crescent Societies and the Iranian Red Lion and Sun Society were recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross long before the Geneva Conventions were adjusted (in 1929) to formally include the emblems of Islam.

8. A resolution of the United Nations General Assembly adopted in 1946 calls upon all members to encourage the establishment and co-operation of duly authorized voluntary national societies, which should carry on their work in independence of the Governments according to the principles of the Geneva Conventions and in the humanitarian spirit of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent. The basic principles of the Red Cross include impartiality, the political, religious and economic independence, the universality of the Red Cross and the equality of the National Red Cross Societies. The withholding of recognition of the Red Shield of David Society by the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the consequent veto on the Society's admission into the League of Red Cross Societies, are incompatible with the appeal of the General Assembly and with the basic principles of the Red Cross. The insistence that religious symbols of other faiths should be used in Israel as a prerequisite to admission of the Society in the League is a cause of religious offence and rancour.

9. The Magen David Adom Society of Israel is convinced that given good will, alleged obstacles to its admission into the League could be overcome.

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December 10, 1975

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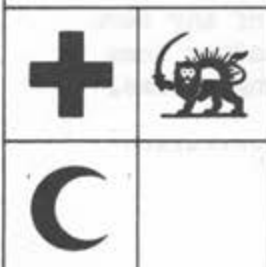
Committee in Formation

TO: Jewish Community Leadership
FROM: Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin
RE: OPERATION RECOGNITION Newsletter # 3

PLEASE NOTE: In answer to several queries that have come to our office we wish to state categorically that OPERATION RECOGNITION has no connection at all with Magen David Adom fund-raising. Our only responsibility is to marshal public opinion and efforts on behalf of International Red Cross recognition of the Magen David Adom Society in Israel as an official member of the League of Red Cross Societies.

1. Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne is now back in Israel after achieving a remarkable breakthrough in our efforts to have official Washington take a forthright stand on working for MDA recognition in Geneva.
2. We also met with Dr. Frank Stanton, Chairman and Mr. George Elsey, President of the American National Red Cross. We were assured by these gentlemen that they will cooperate in every way possible, both here and in Geneva to have the Magen David Adom recognized as the official symbol.
3. Senators Javits and Ribicoff accorded Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne their gracious hospitality while we visited in Washington. Representatives Elizabeth Holtzman, Edward Koch, and Stephen Solarz received special visits from us and they pledged their cooperation in our efforts.
4. Plans are being made to sponsor a nation-wide MDA Recognition Sabbath in cooperation with the Synagogue Council of America.
5. The Board of Jewish Education has officially approved a special project to prepare a curriculum-aid kit explaining the importance of the Magen David Adom Society in Israel and why it must be recognized by the IRC.
6. Dr. Paul S. Riebenfeld, noted Political Scientist and Internationally known historian has consented to join our efforts, and will give us the benefit of his many talents.
7. Ambassador Rosenne attended the recent General Assembly of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds in Miami Beach recently where he acquainted hundreds of leaders with OPERATION RECOGNITION.
8. We are starting a Speakers Bureau. Please send us your requests.
9. Rabbi Dobin's home phone in Lawrence, N. Y. is 516-239-1033.
10. See other side for listing of OPERATION RECOGNITION material available.

Thank you.



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The following OPERATION RECOGNITION material is now available for free distribution. Please send your requests to Rabbi Dobin at our office.

1. J T A story reprint on the start of OPERATION RECOGNITION. *
2. A 45-page research paper by Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne entitled "The Red Cross, Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun, and the Red Shield of David". This is the latest and most up-to-date information on the entire background and emblem recognition by the International Red Cross.
3. Memorandum - "The Magen David Adom Society of Israel and its non-admittance into the League of Red Cross Societies." *
4. Official statement of Israel to the VI (Legal) Committee of the 30th United Nations General Assembly on "Respect for Human Rights in Armed Conflicts". Presented by the Hon. Robbie Sabel a member of the Israeli U.N. Mission.
5. J T A story reprint on progress report by Ambassador Rosenne after his visits in Washington at the State Department and at the American National Red Cross.*
6. Background material on the Magen David as a symbol of the Jewish People.
7. Suggested text of a resolution to be approved by organizations on International Red Cross recognition of the Magen David Adom.
8. A history of the Magen David Adom Society in Israel. *
9. U. N. Interview by Richard Yaifee with Ambassador Rosenne for the London Jewish Chronicle as printed in the Jewish Week. *
10. A montage presentation of recent news stories on OPERATION RECOGNITION from publications all over the United States.
11. Listing of notable quotations on the Magen David Adom issue by Jewish leaders in Israel, Europe and the United States.
12. Transcript of Colloquium at Columbia University Center for Israel and Jewish Studies containing presentation by Ambassador Rosenne and full text of the question/answer period.

* Material marked with an asterisk is available in quantity for public distribution.

CAN YOU HELP US ?????

It has come to our attention that a number of historians, professors, students, and others have recently prepared and published original research papers on the International Red Cross and the Magen David Adom. If you know of any such material please let us know about it. They may be important in shedding some new light on an issue that has been nefariously obscured for too long a time. Thank you for your help. R&D

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colleagues
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February 20, 1976

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

As you probably know, the Synagogue Council of America has approved sponsorship of a Magen David Adom Recognition Shabbat and Week. We plan to arrange this for the week beginning Shabbat, April 3, through Friday, April 9. I am working with Rabbi Lookstein and Rabbi Seigman in preparing a special mailing kit to all the rabbis on the Synagogue Council of America mailing list.

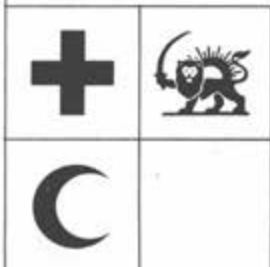
I would like to include in this kit a special letter of support from you for the work of OPERATION RECOGNITION and its efforts to bring about the acceptance of the Magen David Adom by the International Red Cross community.

I am enclosing a memorandum, prepared by Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne, which gives most of the background of this critical issue. Because of time limitations I would appreciate it very much if we could have your letter as quickly as possible. With every best wish, I am

Sincerely,

Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin
National Co-Chairman
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Red Magen David fight for recognition to be Geneva issue in April

By RICHARD YAFFE

Shabtai Rosenne, the long-time Israeli diplomat and a leading expert on international law, believes he can finally see a glimmer of light ahead in his country's long battle to have its Red Magen David Society admitted to the League of Red Cross Societies, and the Red Magen David recognized officially as the emblem of Israel's medical services, military and civilian.

Rosenne, who has been in America for several weeks on behalf of this project, talked to this correspondent about it in the North Delegates' Lounge of the United Nations where the Israeli official is no stranger, having been a member of his country's delegation during twenty of the thirty General Assembly sessions, and No. 2 man in the permanent mission for four years.

He is working towards the Conference on Reaffirmation of Humanitarian Law in Geneva in April when the matter will come up again. He found "a great deal of sympathy" in Washington, he said, both in official circles and among officials of the American Red Cross on Israel's request that the shield of David be recognized as its distinctive emblem for its medical services.

Willingness to cooperate

He also found, he said, "the willingness to cooperate in the attainment of full recognition of the Magen David emblem in the context of the Geneva Conventions" which have recognized until now only the Red Cross, two versions of the Red Crescent — oriented to the left in Pakistan, Tunisia, Turkey and the Moslem areas of the Soviet Union, and to the right in other countries using this emblem — and Red Lion and Sun used by Iran.

Rosenne was also pleased with the activities of the American section of Operation Recognition, headed by Senators Jacob K. Javits of New York and Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, and Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin of New York.

The London-born diplomat who has just completed a tour of duty as head of the Israeli mission to the U.N. in Geneva, said that the Red Cross in Geneva was "falsifying history" by denying that the Red Cross was not a religious symbol. The emblem, he pointed out, was adopted in 1863 when "the world consisted of European Christian countries." He said he wondered what Henri Dunant, the father of the Red Cross idea, close

friend of Herzl and an early Christian Protestant Zionist, would think of the banning of the Shield of David as a humanitarian symbol.

Rosenne pointed out — and he has written about it in the "Israel Yearbook on Human Rights" which has issued a reprint on the Red Cross matter — that the Moslem states did not think of the cross as a "neutral" emblem and insisted on their own symbols. He pointed out that Israel respected the Red Crescent and that the Arab states recognized the Shield of David as having the same status as the Red Cross in the wars between them.

"At most," Rosenne said, "the Red Cross emblem has no religious significance only for those who subscribe to that doctrine, and in such a matter of conscience there is no certainty that the people will feel themselves obliged by the actions of their governments."

Far East disinterested

"The non-Christian powers have not all been able to follow that line of thought. Some, adherents of religious creeds of the Far East, have indicated disinterest in the matter, and a willingness themselves to acquiesce in the use of the Red Cross emblem. But it is otherwise for the adherents of the two remaining monotheistic faiths of the Middle East and Asia — Islam and Judaism."

Not one of these states, after reaching "an adequate level of political maturity enabling them to deal with European diplomacy," was prepared to accept the assurance of the Red Cross organization that it was not indeed a religious emblem.

"These Governments knew that they would not be able to carry their people with them should they try to do otherwise," he went on. He said he wondered how anyone could envision a rabbi in the field with a cross on his armband.

The truth that the Red Cross is unacceptable to a great number of people has finally begun to trickle into Geneva, Rosenne said. In 1949, he pointed out, the sponsors of the Red Cross emblem recognized that the emblem does not, because of its allusion to the symbol of Christianity, afford all states a sufficient guarantee of impartiality.

Not only were the non-Christian states not prepared to accept the Red Cross for their own use, he said, but the Moslem Conference of 1949 made it clear that it would not give up its symbols in favor of a new, more neutral universal emblem.

"That being so," Rosenne said, "it is hard to understand the obstinacy with which all attempts to bring the *de jure* situation of the Red Shield of David into line with the *de facto* situation have been met."

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A double standard

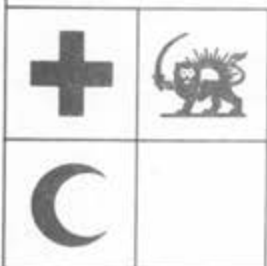
"Comparing the history of that emblem with the history of the emblems of Islam, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that, in the eyes of those who have assumed responsibility in the matter, what has been accepted with resignation in the case of the emblems of Islam is being rejected with indignation in the case of the emblem of Judaism."

"It is this double standard that is causing resentment. It is this insistence to force on Israel an emblem which offends Jewish religious convictions and provokes indignation."

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November 3, 1975

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
Synagogue Council of America
432 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016

Dear Rabbi Lookstein:

In response to your letter of October 31, please know that a check for \$750. will be forthcoming from the UAHC towards the cost of the recent SCA ad.

While we are making payment, I do want to advise that I would have much preferred a simple telephone call prior to the placement of the ad to indicate that it would be printed and what the cost would be to each constituent of the SCA. During these critical times for our people almost every organization is placing ads in the press and it would help us to know in advance that additional funds will be required of us. I don't have to tell you that financially these are not easy times for Jewish organizations and with some advance notice it might be possible to coordinate and cooperate so that the institutions involved are not overburdened with surprise sums due to the various umbrella organizations. I would hope that in the future there will be advance clearance in this regard.

With every good wish and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Belfour Brickner



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October 31, 1975

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

Dear Alex:

As you know, the statement adopted by all of our agencies on the religious dimensions of Zionism appeared as an ad in The New York Times.

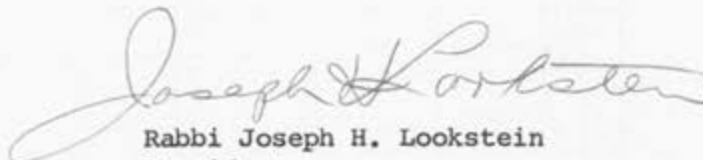
It is an important statement, and I believe it is of the utmost urgency that it receive the widest public attention. We have in the past, all too often, left it to our enemies to define Zionism.

The ad cost us exactly \$5,000.00, and I am asking each of our agencies to contribute \$750.00 towards its cost. We cannot bill you for this amount since we did not obtain advance commitments; but the matter was far too urgent to permit its delay on such grounds.

I hope you will agree that we did the right thing, and that you will honor my request.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,


Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
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cc: Rabbi Balfour Brickner

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January 27, 1975

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

Dear Alex:

A high-level delegation of representatives of Christian churches in the USSR will visit the United States in February and March. The delegation will be led by Nikodim, Metropolitan of Leningrad and Novgorod; Filaret, Metropolitan of Kiev and Galich; and Yuvenaly, Metropolitan of Tula and Belev.

The delegation has accepted an invitation from the Synagogue Council of America to attend a luncheon reception on Thursday, March 6, at 12:30 p.m.

I am writing to invite you to this important reception and to meet the members of the Soviet delegation.

A list of the Soviet delegation is enclosed.

Please indicate your attendance by returning the enclosed post card.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Henry
Rabbi Henry Siegman
Executive Vice President

HS:R

Members of Delegation of Representatives of Christian Churches in
the USSR to the USA - Feb. - March, 1975

1. Nikodim (Rotov) Metropolitan of Leningrad and Novgorod; Permanent Member of the Holy Synod, Patriarchal Exarch for Western Europe, President of the Commission of the Holy Synod on Questions of Christian Unity and Interchurch Relations.
2. Filaret (Denisenko) Metropolitan of Kiev and Galich; Permanent Member of the Holy Synod, Patriarchal Exarch of All Ukraine.
3. Yuvenaly (Poyarkov) Metropolitan of Tula and Belev; Permanent Member of the Holy Synod, President of the Department of External Church Affairs of the Moscow Patriarchate.
4. Vladimir (Sabodan) Archbishop of Dmitrovsk; Rector of the Moscow Theological Academy and Seminary.
5. Makary (Svistun) Bishop of Uman; Representative of the Moscow Patriarchate at the WCC in Geneva.
6. Job (Tyvoniuk) Bishop of Zarsk; Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in Canada and temporarily in the USA.
7. Borovoy, Vitaly, Protopresbyter; Rector of the Patriarchal Cathedral of The Epiphany in Moscow; Professor of the Moscow Theological Academy; Consultant at the Department of External Church Relations.
8. Cyrill (Gundyaev) Archamandrite; Rector of the Leningrad Theological Academy and Seminary.
9. Gundyaev, Nikolai, Archbpriest; Vice-president of the Department of External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate; Docent of the Leningrad Theological Academy; Secretary of the Commission of the Holy Synod on Questions of Christian Unity and Interchurch Relations.
10. Stadniuk, Mathew, Archpriest; Secretary of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Vice-President of the Business Administration of the Moscow Patriarchate, Rector of the Church of Apostles Peter and Paul in Moscow.
11. Soiko, Bogdan, Protodeacon; Instructor at Leningrad Theological Seminary, Curate of the Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Leningrad.
12. Flavian (Oskolkov) Archdeacon; Fourth-year student, Moscow Theological Academy.
13. Osipov, Alexei Ilyitch; Associate Professor, Moscow Theological Academy

Nos. 1-13 are of the Russian Orthodox Church

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14. Elias (Shioloshvili) Metropolitan of Suma and Abkhazia - of the Georgian Autocephalous Orthodox Church
15. Krivaitis, Cheslav, Msgr.; Administrator of the Wilno Archepiscopacy of the Roman Catholic Church of Lithuania
16. Arseny (Berberian) Bishop; President of the Department of Interchurch Relations - of the Armenian Apostolic Church
17. Matulis, Yanis, Archbishop; Head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.
18. Bychkov, A. M.; General Secretary of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians Baptists
19. Hark, Edward, Probst; Deputy Archbishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia
20. Krylov, Igor Anatolyevich; Delegate of the Leningrad Metropolia for the Representatives of Foreign Delegations.

Interpreters:

1. Voskresenski, Mystislav Lvovich
2. Bobrova, Nina Sergeyevna
3. Gorina, Nathaly Ivanovna
4. Nosova, Zinaida Ivanovna

1/10/75



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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing to invite UAHC to designate two representatives to a special joint consultation of the Synagogue Council of America and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to be held Tuesday, January 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the O'Hare International Towers Hotel in Chicago. (The hotel is at the airport.) There will be a special meeting of the Synagogue Council's representatives at O'Hare at noon, at which lunch will be served.

It is the purpose of this consultation to examine leadership training programs sponsored by federations and synagogues, areas of overlap and conflict, and possibilities of cooperation and joint sponsorship by federations and synagogues.

The consultation is being held under the auspices of the Committee on Synagogue-Federation Relations, of which I serve as Chairman.

Would you kindly let me know at your earliest convenience the names of your agency's representatives. They will receive program details and hotel reservation forms.

Sincerely,

Rabbi David Polish, Chairman
SCA Committee on Synagogue-
Federation Relations

DP:R
cc: Rabbi Balfour Brickner

Synagogue Council of America

MEMORANDUM

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Date February 3, 1975

From Myron E. Schoen

To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Copy for information of Rabbi Balfour Brickner

Subject SCA-CJWF Consultation, Chicago 1/28/75

As you know I became involved when Henry Seigman asked me to provide Ira Silverman of SCA's Institute for Jewish Planning & Research with material on "training of leadership" utilized in our synagogues. I sent him about a dozen outlines of congregational leadership training institutes and/or retreats plus one I developed and utilize (with variations) when called upon to conduct same for our congregations. I pointed out that in synagogue leadership training we have a two-fold goal. One is to heighten commitment and consciousness and the second is to better equip the individual to carry out his responsibilities as a Trustee or Committee Chairman. I had to admit that few synagogues have ongoing programs. They are sporadic.

The SCA representatives met for approximately an hour and a half before joining the CJWF group. From the discussion it was obvious to me that there was little advance consultation about the objectives or goals of the SCA between Rabbis Polish and Seigman. Further, that Rabbi Arnold Wolf who was chosen to make the major statement for the SCA was going to do his "own thing" and that proved to be a critique of Jewish organizational life today. However, the group did enter the joint session resolved not to be negative but to offer a positive program for the integration of the synagogue's resources (rabbinical and lay) into that of the CJWF's program. At the same time, when and if the appropriate opportunity arose, to point out the insufficiencies of Federation's program viz-a-viz the synagogue, particularly in the area of education.

At the joint session we heard from Bob Adler, the Chairman of their Young Leadership and from two people who described local programs that were supposed to be examples of "success" in leadership development. Each stressed the need and yearning among their constituency for more "inspiration" and for more "religious" content. It reminded me of our efforts more than a decade ago to get congregations to have some D'var Torah at each Board meeting. It was simplistic. Their major approach to instilling Jewish content is still the one-shot sessions with the Greenbergs, Feins, et al

and the short, intensive trips to Israel which turns their people on and oft-times off in relation to the synagogue.

The rabbis pounded away at directly involving the local synagogues and their rabbis in an ongoing, joint program of leadership development which would encompass the totality of Jewish concerns in the local community, the nation and abroad. Brickner was eloquent and persuasive in urging that such joint efforts be tried in several communities as pilot projects. This seemed to strike a responsive chord but Zwibbel, waffled, by urging that the requests come from the community.

My contribution was a suggestion that a small group of rabbis, CJWF professionals and the Young Leadership be formed to devise one or more model or suggested Leadership Development Retreat~~x~~ outlines. With these available we could seek out communities where synagogues and Federations were interested in having weekend retreats for their leaders and potential leaders. The programs would be devised to mainly utilize local resources with possibly one or two personalities from the national or international (Israel) organizations, so that the full scope of Jewish concerns would be covered. This, in my judgment, would accomplish what we were advised is the major goal of the CJWF's program - "to assure the creative continuity of the Jewish community...to cultivate leadership by preparing them for all aspects of Jewish life including the religious, through the synagogue". That's an actual quote from their opening statement. If they really mean it, we ought to press them to implement it with a specific program, through the synagogue.

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January 7, 1975

Rabbi David Polish, Chairman
Committee on Synagogue-Federation Relations
Synagogue Council of America
432 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016

Dear David:

In response to your letter of December 31, I am delighted to advise that Rabbi Balfour Brickner and Myron E. Schoen will represent the UAHC at the January 28 meeting in Chicago. Please send all information in regard to the meeting directly to them.

With every good wish for a stimulating and meaningful session with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Balfour Brickner
Myron E. Schoen

P.S. Brick & Myron: I will be eager to have a complete report on the meeting. Please keep me posted.



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is deeply appreciated. We hope our programs will continue to merit your support thus enabling the Synagogue Council of America to fulfill its role as the united voice of Jewish religious life in the United States.

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York


Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Thank you very much for the check of \$1,000 representing final payment of the 1972-73 dues of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

We are most appreciative.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,


Moses Hornstein
Treasurer

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and the Jewish Chautauqua Society

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

Director: RABBI BALFOUR BRICKNER

June 20, 1972

Dear Henry:

This is to inform you that the UAHC cannot and does not approve the resolution on busing as currently proposed by the Union of Orthodox Congregations.

It is our position that we would rather have no statement at all than the proposed statement that in our judgement fails to definitively enunciate a clear position.

If there is any attempt to rewrite the statement, we will be glad to reconsider the resolution.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Rabbi Balfour Brickner

cc: Rabbis Eisendrath, Schindler, Hirsch,
Glaser, Marvin Braiterman

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JEWISH RABBIS



MEMORANDUM

Date January 17, 1969From Rabbi Alexander M. SchindlerTo Al VorspanCopy for information of Earl Morse

Subject _____

In reference to Earl Morse's January 3d memorandum to you concerning the Henry Siegman-Synagogue Council statement on the pope, I mentioned this matter to Henry while enroute to Israel and he told me that this was a "presidential statement" not subject to the consent and not necessarily implying the consent of the constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council.

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In this given instance, we more or less shared his views, but we may not always do so, especially when an Orthodox or a Conservative rabbi is in the leadership. This kind of loop-hole in the law ought to be eliminated. Don't you agree?

AKH
We wrote
SCK & complained.
I agree with
you completely

January 17, 1969

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Al Vorspan

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Date January 3, 1969

From Earl Morse

To Al Vorspan

Copy for information of Rabbi A. M. Schindler

Subject _____

Confirming our conversation of this morning will you please arrange to either send a letter yourself, or have Balfour send one, to Rabbi Siegman expressing our concern over the administrative machinery involved in the issuance of the recent statement by the Synagogue Council.

As a coordinating agency, it is the responsibility of the Council and its staff to communicate with its constituents before issuing such statements. Certainly there is no excuse whatever that the staff people at the Union were not consulted.

It is important for me to have a copy of such a letter as this question may be raised on my visits to congregational boards.

In reference to future statements of this kind during the troublesome period which we are getting into I think this whole question should be subject to staff review and discussed with me on my return from Israel.

MEMORANDUM

Date February 3, 1965

From Rabbi Balfour Brickner

To All members of the Synagogue Council of America Plenum

Copy for information of Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath and Jay Kaufman ✓

Subject _____

As per your request and my promise, I am enclosing a copy of the Constitution of the Synagogue Council of America. As you can see, it is 24 years old. While many suggestions have been made to update it and while there is supposed to be a committee working on its revision, to my knowledge, whatever changes have been proposed, have not been formally adopted. Hopefully, these changes will be made in the not too distant future.

The Synagogue Council office is preparing copies of the budget and as soon as it is available, I will send them on to you.

Regards.

CONSTITUTION

of the

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

As Adopted May 8, 1940

PREAMBLE

Whereas the synagogue is a basic and essential unit of our Jewish life, and whereas, it is desirable that the representative of the synagogues in America meet from time to time in order to take council together for the sacred purpose of preserving and fostering Judaism.

Be it resolved that a Council composed of representatives of national congregational and rabbinical organizations of America be formed for the purpose of speaking and acting unitedly in furthering such religious interests as the constituent organizations in the Council have in common; it being clearly provided that the Council interfere in no way with the religious and administrative autonomy of any of the constituent organization.

NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be "The Synagogue Council of America".

MEMBERSHIP

Section 2: The organizations constituting this Council shall be the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the United Synagogue of America, and such other similar national organizations as may be admitted from time to time.

Each constituent organization shall be entitled to fourteen members in the Council.

Delegates to the Synagogue Council shall be appointed or elected, in accordance with the procedure of each constituent organization, for a period of three years. At the first meeting of each constituent organization, following the adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws, six members shall be elected for a three year period, four for a two year period and four for a one year period. Thereafter all delegates shall be elected for a three year period. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing bodies to comply with the above schedule.

The Secretary of the Synagogue Council shall notify each constituent body of vacancies and expirations in their quota of delegates.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 3: The officers of this Council shall be a Chairman, two Vice Chairmen, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in May and hold office for one year, beginning with the first meeting of the Council nearest to Rosh Hashanah.

Constitution of the Synagogue Council of America - Continued

An Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman at the first meeting of the Council in the fall. It shall be the duty of this committee to meet at least once each month, except during July and August, or at the call of the Chairman, to transact the business of the Council in the interim between the regular meetings of the Council.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to execute matters initiated and approved by the Council and to consider plans for any new activity which may be developed after the Council has given them due consideration and approval.

The Executive Committee shall consist of twelve members of the Synagogue Council, of whom six shall be the current officers of the Council. The remaining six members are to be appointed so that each constituent organization shall be represented by two members of this committee, and also so that neither rabbis nor laymen shall constitute more than six members of the committee. A quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be not less than one representative of each of the constituent organizations.

PROCEDURE

Section 4: Every decision of the Council shall require the unanimous approval of the constituent organizations as expressed through a majority vote of the representatives present from each constituent organization.

A quorum for transacting the business of the Synagogue Council shall consist of not less than ten delegates among whom each constituent organization shall be represented by at least one.

AMENDMENTS

Section 5: Proposals for the amendment of the Constitution must be proposed by a constituent member of the Synagogue Council. These shall be considered at a meeting of the Council and thereafter forwarded to all the constituent members 45 days in advance of the meeting of the Council, when final action may be taken. Amendments to the Constitution shall require unanimous approval of the constituent organizations as expressed through a majority vote of the representatives present from each constituent organization.

BY-LAWS

Section 1: Regular meetings of the Synagogue Council shall take place five times during the year. The first meeting shall be before Rosh Hashanah, or as soon thereafter as feasible. The subsequent meetings shall be held during November, January, March and May. Meetings shall be called for the second Wednesday evening of the months designated, except when this occurs on a Jewish, state or national holiday, in which case meetings shall be called on the nearest feasible date thereafter.

The meeting of the Council in May shall be designated the annual meeting, and shall be especially marked by the election of officers and the presentation of an annual financial report by the treasurer.

DUES

Section 2: Each constituent organization shall be required to remit annual dues to the Synagogue Council.

The Synagogue Council shall have the right to raise special funds necessary to enable the Council to carry on any activity under its direction.

The Treasurer shall be required to submit an annual budget for the approval of the Council at its first meeting in the fall.

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AMENDMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

All presidents of the Synagogue Council who have completed their terms of office shall automatically become honorary members of the Council and as each president of the Council shall complete his term of office he shall automatically become an honorary member of the Council. He shall have the right to take part in discussions of all matters before a stated meeting of the delegates but shall not have the right to vote unless he shall also be a duly accredited delegate of a constituent organization of the Council.

Section 3: The officers of this Council shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and two secretaries. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in June and hold office for one year beginning with the first meeting of the Council nearest to Rosh Hashanah. After the date of adoption of this section, no officer shall hold the same office for more than two successive terms.

The following amendments to the present Constitution were adopted at the Synagogue Council plenum in February, 1958.

Amendment to Section 2 (P.2&3)

Each constituent organization shall be entitled to fifteen delegates, to serve for a period of three years, arranged in time classes so that five delegates shall be appointed each year, beginning on January 1st of each year.

President constitution

14 delegates
for three years
6,4,4 cycle
no date specified

Amendment to Section 1 (P.3)

The officers shall take office immediately upon election. Formal ceremonies of installation may take place at such later time as the SCA may direct.

Elections in May,
installation in September

Annual meeting in June

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Constitution of the Synagogue Council of America - Continued

Amendment on Nomination

The Nomination Committee shall consist of six members, one from among the delegates of each of the constituent organizations. It shall send notification of its first meeting to all delegates and to the SCA, inviting recommendations, and shall report at the April meeting of the SCA, at which time nominations shall then be presented at the annual meeting in June, at which time elections shall be held. No further nominations shall be in order at the annual meeting.

Nominating
Committee and/or
procedure not
mentioned.

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Amendment on Committees

All other committees shall be composed of at least six members, one from among the members, though not necessarily from among the delegates, of each of the constituent organizations; non-delegates, however, may be appointed only with the consent of the chairman of the delegation of the constituent organization involved.

Committees (ex-
cept Executive
Committee) not
mentioned.

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December 2, 1963

Dr. Robert Leipsic, President
Reform Jewish Congregation
Merrick and Kirkwood Avenues
Merrick, L.I., New York

Dear Dr. Leipsic:

Many thanks for your letter of November 30th and the copy of the communication from the Joint Committee for a Fair Sabbath Law. This matter was brought to our attention on October 30th and we had no previous knowledge of this action prior to that time. We would, of course, never lend our name to such a statement had we been consulted.

I am enclosing a copy of the telegram which was immediately sent to Mr. Carlino as well as the other candidates who were seeking the office of Assemblyman from his district. Mr. Koenigsberg was also the recipient of a telegram indicating our complete and unalterable disapproval of his action. The Synagogue Council of America also sent communications in the name of its six constituents decrying this type of partisan politics without any authorization.

I am grateful for your interest and trust that our handling of this matter meets with your approval.

With kindest greetings and best wishes for a happy Hanukah, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Jay Kaufman

JK/ejm
encl.

RABBI:
SANFORD E. SAPERSTEIN

Reform Jewish Congregation
of Merrick

MERRICK AND KIRKWOOD AVENUES
MERRICK, NEW YORK

AFFILIATED WITH THE
UNION OF AMERICAN
HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

November 20, 1964

Dear Rabbi Kaufman,

The letter which I am enclosing, was brought to the attention of the board of trustees of our congregation by a member of the board to whom it was mailed.

After it was read to us, it was the feeling of the board that I write a letter to you condemning this obvious attempt to imply that Reform Judaism through its agencies was urging the election of Joe Carlino.

I am more than inclined to believe that Mr. Koenigsberg, in the heat of the campaign, resorted to using this tactic on his own volition - thus compromising the Union and other organizations listed directly and the congregations in the areas where Mr. Carlino was on the ballot.

We feel that the least you can do for us is to rebuke this offender and issue some kind of public disclaimer as a deterrent to future shenanigans with the stationery of organizations to which our parent organizations have lent their good names.

Cordially,

Robert O. Leipsic
Dr. Robert Leipsic-President

Joint Committee For A Fair Sabbath Law

15 PARK ROW (ROOM 435) NEW YORK, NEW YORK

TEL. CORTLAND 7-2070

BENJAMIN KOENIGSBERG
CHAIRMAN

October 26, 1964

Dear Friend:

We have some unfinished business to attend to. I refer to extending the Fair Sabbath Law to all sections of New York State.

This law guarantees to those of the Jewish Faith, and others who conduct their sabbath worship on a day other than Sunday, the same rights now afforded businessmen of other faiths.

The breakthrough on this issue came last year in the Legislature. A bill was introduced by Assembly Speaker Joseph F. Carlino providing Fair Sabbath coverage for the entire state. It was passed in the Assembly then amended in the State Senate to cover only New York City. The amended bill was then passed by the Assembly to put the Fair Sabbath concept on our State statute books for the first time. Mr. Carlino pledged he would again introduce a State-wide bill in 1964.

Speaker Carlino's role in this matter is perhaps best described by another of those who championed this cause in the Legislature, Assemblyman Joseph Kottler, a Democrat of Brooklyn. Here is what Mr. Kottler said during the debate in the Assembly:

"...I want to say here and now that those of us who have been carrying on this fight for decency and fairness to persons of every religious faith feel greatly thankful at this moment to one gentleman who has been the moving force in this step forward. I refer to our Speaker, Mr. Carlino.

"Mr. Carlino's devotion to the basic human rights of every citizen in this State was never more apparent than in his espousal of this great cause. At a moment when I would have been heartened by support from other sources, which I did not receive, I am especially grateful to the Speaker; and I want to say here and now, Mr. Carlino, thank you for your devoted work for all the people of the State in this basic human question."

Again at this year's legislative session, true to his pledge, Speaker Carlino introduced and won Assembly passage of a State-wide Fair Sabbath Bill. It did not emerge from Committee in the Senate. The Speaker has again pledged to continue his campaign for coverage throughout the State at the 1965 Session.

This legislation is not just of parochial interest to those of the Jewish faith. It is, as Mr. Carlino himself has said, "A matter of simple fairness. If it is good for the City of New York, there is no reason it should not extend to my home community of Long Beach and every other section of the State."

Without Carlino's leadership of this campaign in the Legislature, it stands little chance of getting anywhere. I urge that you help in any way you can to assure Speaker Carlino's re-election. He has earned our support.

Cordially,


Chairman

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MEMORANDUM

November 25, 1964

DATE

TO: MISS EDITH MILLER

FROM

RABBI PHILIP HIAT

Enclósures as requested.



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November 25, 1964

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JOSEPH CARLINO

52 EAST PARK AVENUE

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REASON WE DISASSOCIATE OURSELVES FROM THE LETTER AND
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MUR6 8672
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RABBI PHILIP HIAT
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November 2, 1964

Dear Mr. Koenigsberg:

Two of our Synagogue Council Agencies have protested to me concerning your letter, on a letterhead including the listing of the Synagogue Council as a sponsoring organization, endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Joseph F. Carlino.

The Synagogue Council of America cannot and does not involve itself in direct political action of this sort and I am writing you to disassociate our council from the action involved in your letter. I am sure you understand our point of view in this respect.

Sincerely yours,

URI MILLER
PRESIDENT

UM:lrm

Mr. Benjamin Koenigsberg, Chairman
Joint Committee For A Fair Sabbath Law
15 Park Row (Room 435)
New York, New York

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BENJAMIN KOENIGSBERG

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF
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I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU CEASE CIRCULATING ANY
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1 Union of American Hebrew Congrs.

Mr. Benjamin Kensington
15 Park Row
New York, New York

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has today sent the following telegram to Assemblyman Joseph Carlino: "It has come to our attention that the Committee for a Fair Sabbath Law has issued under the signature of its chairman a letter endorsing your candidacy and urging your re-election. As one of the members of this committee whose name appears on its letterhead we wish to inform you that this letter was written without consultation with us and without our approval. It is the stated policy of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations not to endorse candidates for political office and we wish to inform you that we disassociate ourselves completely from this letter and request that you immediately cease distributing it."

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In view of the above, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations withdraws from the Committee for a Fair Sabbath Law, effective immediately, and requests that no stationery or other documents bearing our name be used by your Committee.

**RABBI JAY KAUFMAN, VICE PRESIDENT
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS**

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Assemblyman Joseph Surifco 52 East Park Avenue Long Beach, L.I., N.Y.		CC: Mr. B. Kenningsburg, Chairman Com. For a Fair Sabbath Law Syn. Council of America Mr. Jerome McDougal, Haddon Heights Mrs. Roberts Calender	
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1309—(2-4-55)

October 7th, 1964

Rabbi Uri Miller, President
Synagogue Council of America
5713 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore 15, Maryland

Dear Rabbi Miller:

From previous discussions and correspondence you are aware that the work of the S.C.A. Committee on Funeral and Burial Practices appointed by you has come to a practical stand-still as a result of our inability to get concurrence and cooperation from the representative of the U.O.J.C. While all the other Committee members have agreed in principle to a set of guide rules, in the absence of reasonable likelihood that we can act in unanimity there would seem to be no point in again assembling this group of busy and dedicated men.

Under the circumstances, unless you advise me otherwise, it is my present intention to disclose this situation at the Planary meeting on October 14th, ask to be relieved of the chairmanship of the Committee, suggest that the Committee be dissolved, and recommend that it be reported to the A.F.L.-C.I.O., which asked our assistance, that as a combined group we are not in a position to help them. Naturally then there would be no report to the U.S. Senate Sub-Committee investigating funeral industry practices; and each group would be free to pursue its own course, as indeed they are already doing.

My schedule does not permit me to attend every S.C.A. meeting. For this one I have given up my opera subscription. So I hope you will allow time on the agenda for the presentation of this report.

Sincerely yours,

HNR:js

cc: Rabbi Sidney Applbaum
Rabbi Norman Bernhard
Rabbi Samuel H. Dresner
Mr. Myron Schoen
Rabbi Herman E. Snyder

(Signed) Henry M. Rapaport



STATEMENT

October 5, 1964

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