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From: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

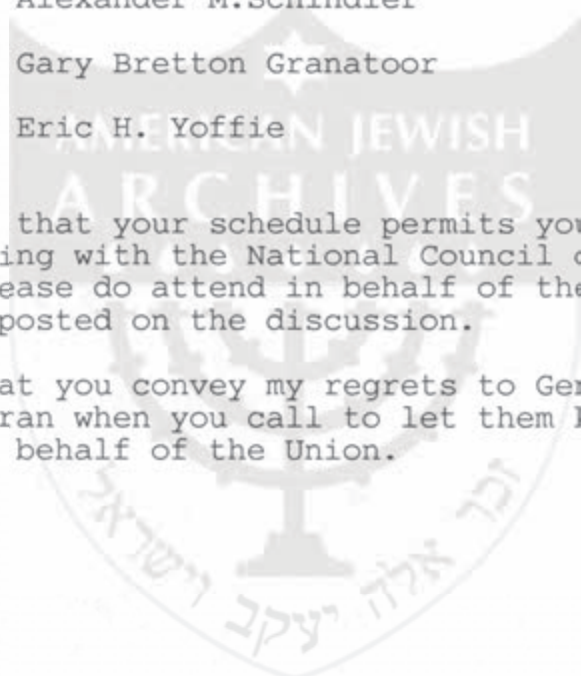
TO: Rabbi Gary Bretton Granatoor

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 that*
*Gum usually
covers*
*Ask him who
scored so*
Let gum
CARDINAL'S OFFICE
1011 FIRST AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

March 1, 1995

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

Rabbi Jacob R. Marcus, Honorary President
Cincinnati, OH

cc: Eric Goffe
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

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

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

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.)

Dear Rabbi,

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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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(213) 749 -3424

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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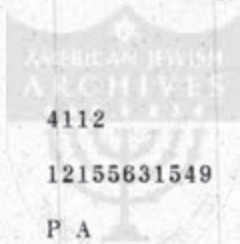
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May 9, 1991

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
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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.



MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

From Albert Vorspan Date May 25, 1989
To Rabbis Alexander M. Schindler, Daniel, B. Syme,
Copies Robert Koppel, Arthur Grant
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

AV:da

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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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - JUNE 6, 1988

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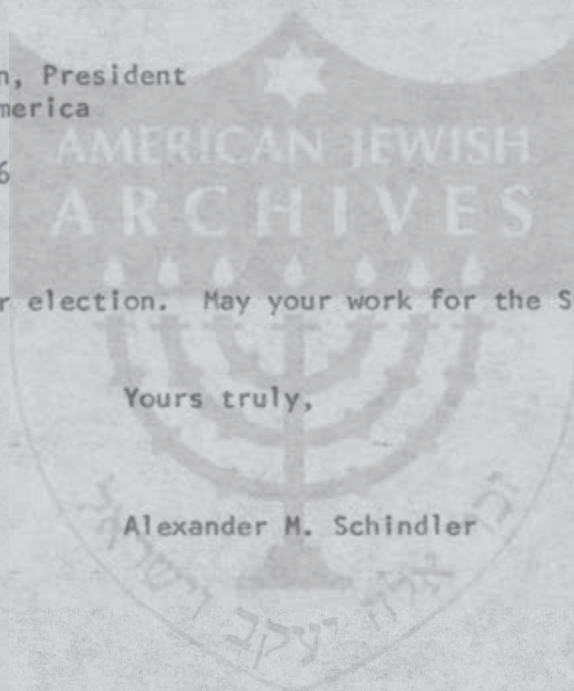
Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, President
Synagogue Council of America
327 Lexington Avenue
New York New York 10016

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

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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 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.

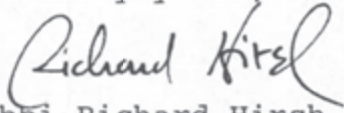
We find this disturbing on three counts. First, we feel that our established record (a rabbinical college now entering its eighteenth year, a rabbinical association numbering over 100, and a federation of synagogues with over fifty affiliates) speaks for itself and needs no defense. Secondly, we are 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,



Rabbi Richard Hirsh
Executive Director

cc: Rabbi Jack Stern, CCAR
Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro, RA
Rabbi Louis Bernstein, RCA
✓ Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, UAHC
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 accommodation 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

1987

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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מתקדמת
באמריקה

*Thank Mike for
helpful report*

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

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 Pomrantz

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: AMERICAN JEWISH

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

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Marc Dinkin
Cantor

Sylvia Pearlman
Executive Director/
Membership

Sheri Cordova
Executive Director/
Programming

Edie

Allan Sherman
President

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for all World rel's
Counterpart of UCCF
1/10/85 etc.*



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October 3, 1985
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of Portland in Oregon

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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
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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

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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 UJHC 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*

Albert



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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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October 31, 1984

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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,

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"Forum on The Morality of Nuclear Deterrence"

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

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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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December 16, 1983

Gen re Tmeltop

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,

Joe Glaser
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.
15*

December 7, 1983

*cc to R. J.
see
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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!
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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

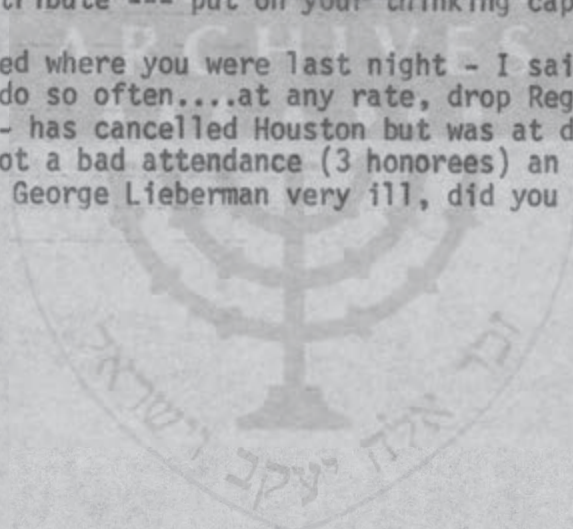
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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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?



SCP

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.

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Al taking Jerry off
SCA delegation +
on to NJCRA

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.

cc - Zol
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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Cordially,

Albert Vorspan

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