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March 18, 1987

Rabbi Philip Hiat Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10021

Dear Rabbi Hiat, AMERICAN ENGSE

In a recent conversation with Bob Frankl, I learned that the Center for Fine Arts in Miami has taken over the organization of the Vatican manuscript exhibition. While we understand that this decision was based on a number of practical necessities, I am afraid it has put the Art Institute in a rather awkward position as it was our mutual understanding we would open the exhibition.

Since the beginning of our negotiations, it has been our position that we could take the exhibition only if outside funding were found. We now understand that this funding has not been secured, and that we would be responsible for insurance, transportation, and catalogue costs in addition to our own in-house costs. I regret that, given these new circumstances, the Art Institute will have to consider withdrawing as a venue for the exhibition.

Needless to say, we are very disappointed by this development, especially as we looked forward to having the show in Chicago for the convention in the Fall. Nevertheless, we wish the exhibition success.

Sincerely yours,

Suzamne Folds McCullagh

Associate Curator

Department of Prints and Drawings

cc:Dorothy Schroeder, Assistant to the Director

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Dear Rabbi Hiat:

The invitation letters were mailed today. We will be keeping a tally of the responses and will keep you informed on the results.

Enclosed is the list of addresses of recipients of the letter. In addition, I have enclosed a copy of the letter for your files.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Reber

Assistant to Mr. Stone

Enc: Addresses

Invitation Letter

MEMORANDUM

From

Rabbi Lennard R. Thal

Date March 11, 1987 10 Adar, 5747

To

Rabbi Philip Hiat

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Subject

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Mr. Albert Vorspan, Rabbi Daniel B. Syme,

Mr. Arthur Grant, Mr. Richard Cohen

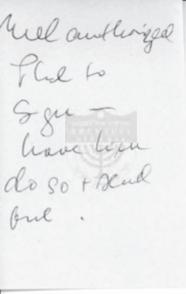
Phil, a further development to the memo I sent you on February 3 regarding the visit of Pope John Paul II this September.

In short, some of our Orthodox friends are at it again. With reference to the two enclosed articles, the Los Angeles Daily News broke the story on March 6 and then the Los Angeles Times did a follow-up story on March 7.

The background piece is that Rabbi Kalinsky, my Orthodox counterpart in Los Angeles, wrote his letter to the Board of Rabbis. His letter was given to Alfred Wolf, who responded some weeks ago and invited further discussion. It is not clear who shared the letters with the reporter. Indeed, I did not even know of the exchange when Russ Chandler called me from the Los Angeles Times to get my reaction.

I will keep you posted.





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Dear Philip,

Here is the contract, with my changes

as explained in the phone call yesterday.

All good wishes,

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Rabbi threatens to boycott pope in L.A.

By IRA RIFKIN

Daily News Religion Writer

The West Coast director of Orthodox Judaism's major congregational organization said Thursday that his group will boycott an interfaith meeting with Pope John Paul II in Los Angeles unless the largely ceremonial event includes meaningful discussion of issues import- director of the Union of Orthoant to the Jewish community.

"We are prepared to attend only if the pope is prepared to tion of Israel and the Vatican's es exist within Los Angeles Orand if the Jewish community is willing to show some backbone

dox Jewish Congregations.

Kalinsky's group does not, however, speak for all Orthodox talk about diplomatic recogni- Jews and considerable differencrecord during the Holocaust, thodox circles over the value of meeting with the pope.

Orthodox Judaism is the most on issues of Jewish pride," said traditional of the faith's major Rabbi Alan Kalinsky, regional branches and its members gener-

wings. Spokesmen for the other Canada. branches of Judaism said Thursday that they disagreed with also are debating what role, if Kalinsky's stance.

flect the position of the national Union of Orthodox Jewish

ally have been less open to inter- Congregations, which claims the faith contacts than the religion's membership of about 1,200 more liberal Reform, Recon- mainstream Orthodox congregastructionist and Conservative tions in the United States and

Union officials in New York any, they should play in a Mi-Kalinksy said his remarks re- ami meeting the pope is sched-

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uled to hold with national representatives of American Jewry. The pope is scheduled visit the United States in September.

Kalinsky first made his thoughts known last month in a letter sent to the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, which is coordinating Jewish involvement in a meeting between the Roman Catholic a board vice president. leader and Los Angeles Jewish, Moslem, Buddhist and Hindu representatives scheduled for Sept. 16 lo," Cohen said. at the downtown Japanese Cultural Center.

can's refusal to recognize Israel or to acknowledge Jerusalem as its capital. Kalinsky's comment about a very myopic view of things." the Holocaust referred to Jewish claims that the Vatican failed to opportunity to further your own aid European Jews during World War II and helped Nazi war criminals escape after the conflict.

pressed his abhorrence of the sentiments probably are shared by

any form. Other Vatican officials have urged Jews to understand the church's political difficulties in the Middle East, where Catholic minorities live under Arab rule.

"Basically, (Kalinsky) expressed the feeling of many Orthodox Jews that we don't feel there is any reason for the meeting," said Rabbi Jack Simcha Cohen, the spiritual leader of Orthodox Congregation Shaarei Tefila in Los Angeles and

"From our point of view, there is no value in this just to say hel-

board's recording secretary and The letter centered on the Vati- the Orthodox Jewish chaplain at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, said boycotting the meeting "represents

> "You don't have to use every ends," Meier said.

Rabbi Paul Dubin, a Conservative rabbi and the board's execu-John Paul has repeatedly ex- tive vice president, said Kalinsky's Holocaust and anti-Semitism in a sizable portion of the Jewish

"We are prepared to attend only if the pope is prepared to talk about diplomatic recognition of Israel and the Vatican's record during the Holocaust, and if the Jewish community is willing to show some backbone on issues of Jewish pride."

- Rabbi Alan Kalinsky

Regional director of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations

But Rabbi Levi Meier, the community, including many non-Orthodox Jews.

> "I agree with the general principle of what he says," Dubin said. "I'm also unhappy with some aspects of the Catholic Church, including its past anti-Semitism.

> "But the church has changed and the nature of this meeting doesn't allow for full dialogue.

"You deal with what you can get and just keep talking," he said. "But you don't insult and say you're not going to attend."

One hundred Jewish community leaders are scheduled to take part in the 45-minute meeting with the pope.

Equal numbers of Los Angeles Moslem, Buddhist and Hindu representatives also will participate.

The four faiths are referred to in Nostra Aetate, the Second Vatican Council document that set out new guidelines for Catholic interfaith dialogue 20 years ago.

Monsignor Royale Vadakin, who chairs the Los Angeles

Roman Catholic Archdiocese's Interfaith Affairs Commission, said the meeting schedule tentatively calls for a representative of each of the four non-Christian faiths to read a short, pre-submitted written statement of greetings to the pope, followed by similar remarks from John Paul.

There is little likelihood, he said, of the format changing much.

The Miami meeting also will last 45 minutes. But Gene Fisher, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Catholic-Jewish relations chief, said that meeting should allow for substantive dialogue because it will be restricted to the pope and representatives of just one other faith.

"You can say a lot in a 15-minute statement, if you carefully craft it," Fisher said from Wash-

Fisher also said the pope often has met with Orthodox Jews in the past. He noted that the Rome synagogue John Paul visited last year was an Orthodox congregation.

Each of the four faiths attending don't attend."

the Los Angeles event will determine the makeup of its delegation.

In the Jewish community, tickets will be allocated to officials of the board of rabbis, representatives of congregational organizations representing Judaism's Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist branches, and the leadership of such secular organizations as the Jewish Federation Council's Community Relations Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Rabbi Alfred Wolf, the retired chief rabbi at the Reform Wilshire Boulevard Temple and a leader of past Catholic-Jewish dialogue in Los Angeles, will write the Jewish statement to be read at the meet-

Wolf said whether Kalinsky and other Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations leaders go to the meeting "is their business and it wouldn't upset us terribly if they

Orthodox Jewish Group Threatens to Boycott Interfaith Meeting With Pope

By RUSSELL CHANDLER, Times Religion Writer

The leader of a major organization of Orthodox Jewish congregations in Southern California has said that his group will boycott an interfaith meeting in Los Angeles with Pope John Paul II this September unless the pontiff agrees to discuss the Vatican's record during the Holocaust and diplomatic recognition of Israel.

In a letter to the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, Rabbi Alan Kalinsky wrote that unless there were "substantive issues" on the agenda, it would be "meaningless and demeaning" for the assigned representatives of the Orthodox Jewish community to attend.

But area leaders of the Reform and Conservative wings of Judaism said Friday that they disagreed with Kalinsky's boycott tactic.

Msgr. Royale Vadakin, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles official in charge of planning the meeting with the Pope, said the format of the 45-minute exchange with 400 Southern California representatives of the Jewish, Hindu, Muslim and Buddhist faiths will not allow time to discuss such topics.

Regional Director

Kalinsky is regional director of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which has about 1,200 congregations in the United States and Canada, including 12 in Southern California.

However, the union does not speak for all congregations or rabbis in the Orthodox wing of Judaism. The most traditional of the four branches of Judaism, the Orthodox wing is less inclined toward interfaith dialogues and tends to be more loosely structured.

"I fail to see what that kind of boycott is likely to accomplish," said Rabbi Lennard Thal, regional director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, an umbrella group representing 65 Southland Reform congregations.

Paul Dubin, a Conservative rabbi who is executive vice president of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, said: "We are responding as one of four groups in a ceremonial meeting. . . . This is not where we have the audience. Hopefully, it will happen in Miami."

Structured Conversation

The Pope will engage in a structured conversation with 200 national Jewish leaders on Sept. 11 in Miami, the first stop in his ninecity U.S. visit. Leaders planning the meeting have said that they do not know whether the Vatican's refusal to recognize Israel will be raised there. The Pope has repeatedly condemned anti-Semitism and the Holocaust.

"The hesitancy on the part of the Orthodox community [to attend the Los Angeles meeting] is understandable," said Alfred Wolf, retired chief rabbi of the Reform Wilshire Boulevard Temple and a leader in local Catholic-Jewish dialogue.

"But their absence would be regrettable, and I sincerely hope . . . there can be a clear understanding and that the Jewish community will be represented in all of its facets."

Thal said 50 of the 100 seats allocated to the Jewish community at the Sept. 16 meeting in the Japanese Cultural Center have been assigned to "religious entities," including 10 each representing the Reform and Conservative wings, eight representing the Orthodox and three the Reconstructionist. The Board of Rabbis of Southern California has been assigned 19 seats.

The other 50 seats have been allocated to representatives of lay Jewish organizations, including the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Thal said.



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Stanley M. Davids

MEMO

FROM: Stanley M. Davids

TO: Tom Weiner, Dick Botton, Phil Hiat, David Seligson, Malcolm Stern, Barry Kugel

Gentlemen:

As hard as it is to believe, it is truly appropriate for us to begin our planning for the Fall High Holy Day season. I had originally requested that we set aside April 6th and April 7th for the days of High Holiday preparation. However, the congregation has convened a meeting of the "Seating Review Committee" on Thursday, April 9th. It will be the purpose of that meeting to explore all the alternatives with regard to the where and the when of our High Holy Day services.

Therefore, we would be spinning our wheels somewhat to have our particular meeting prematurely. Therefore, I would like to invite you to a meeting on Wednesday, April 29, from 10 AM to 2 PM here at the Temple. During that time, we will review the recommendations of the Seating Review Committee, and we will also attempt to begin structuring services for the High Holy Days here at Central. I need your input, and I hope that you will be able to clear your calendars so as to be with us on the 29th.

Thank you so very much. From my point of view, it is a wonderful luxury to begin planning for the Holidays with all of my colleagues, and to do so reasonably far in advance of the actual dates. Please call Laura in my office and let her know that you will be able to attend. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

STAFF MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1987

IN ATTENDANCE WERE STANLEY DAVIDS, TOM WEINER, BARRY KUGEL, LUCY ASHENBERG.

- 1. A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD IN MEMORY OF RICHARD BOTTON'S SUFFERING TEETH.
- 2. BARRY AND LUCY GAVE A BRIEF REPORT ON THE BUDGET PROCESS TO DATE. THE SYNAGOGUE IS CONFRONTING A MAJOR DEFICIT IN THE 1987-88 PROGRAM YEAR, A DEFICIT WHICH INITIALLY IS PROJECTED TO BE IN EXCESS OF \$235,000. BY ASKING FOR A 7% DUES INCREASE, AND BY MAKING SIGNIFICANT CUTS IN THE BUDGET REQUESTS, THE PROJECTED DEFICIT WOULD STILL BE AT APPROXIMATELY \$100,000. THIS IS ONLY AN "IN PROCESS" PROJECTION, AND MUCH WORK YET NEEDS TO BE DONE.
- 3. WE REVIEWED THE SCHEDULE FOR JACK SPARKS' VISIT ON APRIL 1ST.
- 4. IT WAS AGREED THAT CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE WOULD CO-SPONSOR A HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENT WITH ST. PETER'S ON TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 28TH. THE TIME WILL BE 6 PM. SMD WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH DR. DAMM.
- 5. It was suggested that our High Holiday Preparations meetings be shifted away from April 6 and 7 because of a newly scheduled Seating Review Committee Meeting -- a meeting which will analyze the full structure of our High Holiday services. The new meeting time for High Holiday preparations will be on Wednesday, April 29, 10 AM 2 PM. SMD will contact all involved.
- 6. BERURIAH BARISH, CHAIRPERSON OF THE MOVEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM IN ISRAEL, WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT SHE BE INVITED TO ADDRESS OUR CONGREGATION DURING SERVICES ON SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 9TH.
- 7. A LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION WILL BE SENT OUR WITH REGARD TO THE PASSOVER APPEAL.
- 8. THE FEDERATION SPONSORED MEETING ON THE HOMELESS, MARCH 24TH, WAS DISCUSSED. BARRY WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR FEEDING COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS WITH JUDY HERTZ, ASKING THEM TO ATTEND. SMD WILL ALSO BE PRESENT. SMD WILL CONTACT AUDREY EDELSTEIN AND SEEK TO SHIFT THE RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME TIME.
- 9. A VERY WONDERFUL GIFT FOR THE BRETTON-GRANATOORS HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY THE CONGREGATION.
- 10. WE DISCUSSED A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SEVERAL PROGRAMS: THE ETHICS OF REPRODUCTION, THE ETHICS OF JEWS IN THE WORLD OF BUSINESS, AND THE ETHICS OF JEWS IN THE WORLD OF POLITICS. BARRY WILL SET UP A MEETING WITH LEW RUDIN TO SEE IF SUPPORT CAN BE FOUND FOR SUCH PROGRAMS.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11 AM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, RABBI STANLEY M. DAVIDS

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(Title of the exhibition)
Article 2. The title of the exhibition will be the following:
Judaica of The Vatican Library

(Expenses)

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(Indemnity)

Article 6. The Borrower will give to the Lender satisfactory proof that a commercial insurance company accepted by the Lender will cover all risks "wall to wall", i.e.: from the time the objects of this loan agreement leave their ordinary place of exhibition or deposit to the time they are returned to it, for the amount that the Lender has assessed to each object under Annex "A".

(Due care and security measures)

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(Photography)

Article 10. The Borrower is authorized to photograph the objects of the loan for reproduction in the catalogue and for publicity, education installation purposes only.

(Sales)

Article 11. Royalties of 8% will be paid by the Borrower to the Lender on the retail (cover) price of all sold catalogues, reproductions and similar material based on the loaned objects, total royalty payments to be completed within three months of the closure of the exhibition.

(TV and film rights)

Article 12. TV and film rights will be the subject of a separate agreement.

(Contribution to the Lender)

Article 13. To enable the Lender the better to preserve the cultural and artistic patrimony of the Vatican Library, of which the objects of the loan are part, the Borrower shall pay to the Lender a token fee of US \$15,000. per year of absence of prost from the said library— Legs said objects 3 LEG

Article 14. The payments of the amount due as per Article 14 shall be made as follows:

One third (1/3) of the token fee three (3) months after the loan objects have left Vatican City; one third (1/3) three months after the first payment; the balance within three months of the return of the loan to Vatican City.

(Immunity from seizure)

Article 15. The Borrower will set forth proper procedures to render the objects of the loan immune from seizure at any time during their presence in The United States, and shall give the Lender satisfactory proof of such immunity.

(Time of return)

Article 16. The loan shall be returned to Vatican City State no later than __June, 1989 _____.

(Previous agreements)

Article 17. This loan agreement shall supersede any and all previous commitments and agreements, oral or written, by and between the two parties to the extent they are conflicting with it.

(Sponsors)

Article 18. Should the Borrower decide to seek funds from outside sponsors to mount the exhibition, all such sponsors shall be subject to the approval by the Lender. In addition, the Lender's approval shall have to be secured for all texts to be used in introducing and advertising the exhibition.

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For and on behalf of the Borrower:

(Signature)	(Signature)

For and on behalf of the Lender:

Leonard E. Boyle
Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticama
10 March 1987.

including all changes bearing initials LEB = L.E. Boyle

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March 6, 1987 5 Adar 5747

Father Leonard Boyle, Prefect Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana Citta Del Vaticano Vatican City, Rome Italy

Dear Leonard:

Forgive the delay in returning the draft of the agreement to you - unfortunately, lawyers will be lawyers.

The enclosed was sent on the date of this letter, overnight mail. You should have it at your desk the following Monday morning.

I will call you on Tuesday, March 10, 1987 at the usual time a.m. New York, p.m. Rome. If the enclosed is satisfactory, I will discuss with you how to return it to us quickly. I will hopefully see you when you meet with Mr. Frankel in the United States towards the end of this month.

With deepest appreciation for all of your consideration, time and patience.

I remain fraternally and cordially,

Philip Hiat

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Annex A

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3. Other Manuscripts (Latin and Greek)

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February 25, 1987

Rabbi Philip Hiat Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10021

Dear Phil:

Finally I have produced my very own document. And this is the first time it has travelled from my office; and it required special permission.

I would be extremely grateful for your reactions and corrections. Whilst I do have pride of authorship, I am not thin skinned.

I am concerned about the areas pin-pointed for further action, especially budget, scheduling, curatorial services and security.

I am looking forward to seeing you March 5th at 838 5th Avenue.

Sincerely yours,

Edward L. Stone

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MEMORANDUM

To: Father Joseph Fenton, Rabbi Philip Hiat

From: Edward L. Stone

Date: February 25, 1987

Re: Summary of the Major points of our meeting of February 17, 1987

1. Question:

What is the concept and mission of the Vatican Judaica Exhibition? Answer:

The mission of the project is to promote the centrality of the word of God and to create a historical occasion through the travelling exhibition for Christians and Jews to reflect on their common heritage. It is hoped that this is a first step in what will be a continuing closeness and dialogue between the Christian and Jewish world.

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2. Question:

How significant is the loan exhibition? Answer

It is extremely significant on many levels.

This exhibition required the personal action and approval of the Holy Father, who is personally entrusted with these documents. Many have been stored in the Vatican since the creation of the library in the mid 15th century, and none have ever before left the Holy See.

The Vatican has agreed to lend the most important documents of their Judaica Collection. In cooperation with Father Boyle- the librarian of the Judaica collection- three leading Judaica scholars, Dr. Michael Signer, Philip Miller, and Rabbi Philip Hiat- chose documents which were key to the history of Christian/Jewish relations- historically, theologically and aesthetically.

Question:

Could you describe the exhibition in terms of the actual materials which will be on display?

Answer:

The collection represents about 50 manuscripts, approximately 25 of which are illuminated (illustrated) and 25 of which are non-illuminated (calligraphy).

They range in age from the 6th century A.D. to the 16th century A.D. The majority of them are between the 6th and the 13th century. The earliest document in the collection dates from the 6th century and is the earliest known Hebrew Codex. It represents a Rabbinical commentary on the book of Leviticus. Another document of great importance is one of the earliest illuminated copies of the works of Maimonides, which was created in the 12th century less than 100 years after his death. There is also one of the earliest known Vulgate translations of the Old Testament. The Vatican will also lend a number of wonderful objects.

4. Question:

Where will the exhibition be on tour and what is the schedule? Answer:

Proposed Schedule

Miami: 3rd week of July - September 12

Chicago: 1st week of Oct .- 2nd week of Nov.

Detroit: Nov .- January

Memphis or Houston: January - March 1988

Los Angeles: March - May

San Fransisco: (dates not determined)

Philadelphia: May- July

New York City: August - October Washington: October - Christmas

Boston: Christmas- February/March 1989.

There are still a number of questions which remain to be decided on the exhibition. The certainties are at this time Miami, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. The question is only of scheduling, not of desirability and demand.

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5. Question:

How will you market the exhibition on a national and local basis? Answer:

We are exploring a relationship on a pro bono basis with the public relations and advertising firm of Saatchi & Saatchi.

6. Question:

What is the image which you wish to create for this exhibition? Is this an opportunity to recite 2000 years of Jewish history in the Christian era? Is it an opportunity to talk about the holocaust and the inquisition? Answer:

First and foremost this exhibition is a religious and sacred experience. We will not be drawn, either intentionally or unintentionally, into non-theological discussions. This is not an opportunity in any way shape or form to discuss the holocaust or the inquisition. We hope that a quiet, scholarly exhibition will grow in magnitude as it is perceived as an enormously special statement in theological terms.

7. Question:

Describe how you will handle the curatorial issues of handling documents.

Answer: (Rabbi Hiat responds to this question)

We have not made all the formal arrangements for the exhibition at this time. We know that the Vatican will pack the documents in specially created cases and will probably send a courier with them to Miami. In Miami the registrar will accept the documents and do a condition report. Each museum will follow a similar pattern. Perhaps we will hire a Curator to accompany the exhibit from one Museum to the next. We do not have any special arrangements at this time with a transportation carrier.

8. Question:

Since you (Rabbi Hiat) do not have museum training per se and will have to develop these skills as you move along, have you considered the possibility of hiring a museum such as the Smithsonian as advisor and/or subcontractor?

Answer:

I think that is a very good idea and we have had some preliminary discussions with Mrs. Cohen at the Smithsonian. Perhaps you (Mr. Stone) and I (Rabbi Hiat) could continue with these discussions in the near future.

9. Question:

Although the documents are priceless, I gather they are valued at \$2,000,000. Can you insure that value and risk?

Answer:

Yes, we plan to have private insurance and government indemnification against seizure.

10. Ouestion:

Another risk other than seizure, theft, fire or damage is the political risk of terrorism or demonstration. How do you propose to safeguard the collection against this threat?

Answer:

This appears to be a weak link in the planning process at the moment. All that we have done to date is to follow the usual museum standards of protection in terms of specially constructed exhibition cases and posting museum guards. We are not certain what we would do or how we would handle bomb threats or what might be called extraordinary terrorist demands.

11. Question:

How are you planning to staff up this project and organize its overall supervision?

Answer: (see exhibit 1)

As the diagram shows we have constructed a three layered organization. At the top, we have three organizations, two of which are religious. The third represents lay leadership from both faiths.

12. Question:

Is there really time to do all that you wish to do, given an opening schedule at the end of July in Miami?

Answer: (Rabbi Hiat)

To be honest we are under enormous pressure, but that has been the history of this exhibition. It has moved in sudden fits and starts that have not been easily subject to the planning process. We will meet our deadlines and be ready with a dignified beautiful installation together with accompanying posters and catalogue.

13: Question:

What will the exhibition cost? Answer: (Mr. Stone) (see exhibit 2) The number appears to be just under \$1,000,000 at this point, and we can use that as a working assumption. However, in my judgement, the itemized breakdown does not hold up under scrutiny. I hope we can agree it needs a great deal more work and justification.

14. Question:

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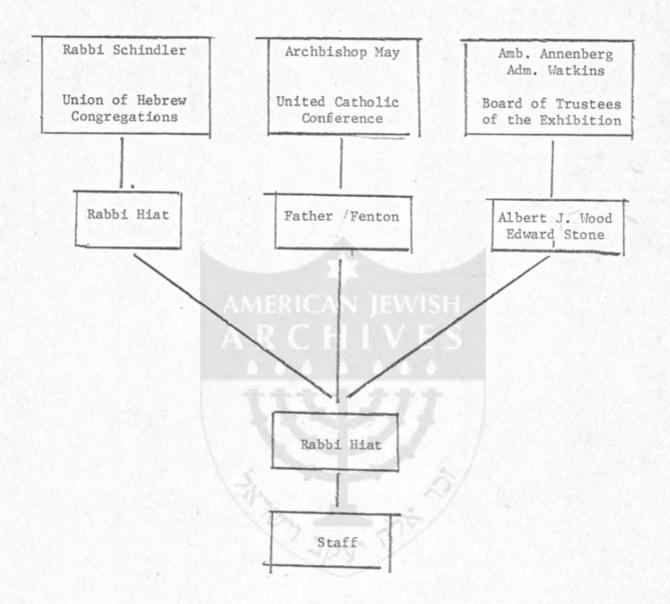
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The Union of American Hebrew Congregations is the sponsoring this exhibition, and the United States Catholic Conference, which has endorsed the project, is collaborating closely with the Union. The Judaica collection will travel for two years and will open in Miami during the Papal visit on September 11, 1987. It will then move to Houston, Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington, Boston, New York and several other cities.

I ask that you join me in shepherding this wonderful project. In a way, I feel as if we are being asked to plant a young tree in a new garden. Although we will not live to see the tree grow to its full shape and beauty, I think we can share in the joy and certain knowledge that we will greatly enhance a future landscape.

(or alternative ending:)

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MEMORANDUM

To: Father Joseph Fenton, Rabbi Philip Hiat

From: Edward L. Stone

Date: February 25, 1987

Re: Summary of the Major points of our meeting of February 17, 1987

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What is the concept and mission of the Vatican Judaica Exhibition?

The mission of the project is to promote the centrality of the word of God and to create a historical occasion through the travelling exhibition for Christians and Jews to reflect on their common heritage. It is hoped that this is a first step in what will be a continuing closeness and dialogue between the Christian and Jewish world.

2. Question:

How significant is the loan exhibition? Answer

It is extremely significant on many levels.

This exhibition required the personal action and approval of the Holy Father, who is personally entrusted with these documents. Many have been stored in the Vatican since the creation of the library in the mid 15th century, and none have ever before left the Holy See.

The Vatican has agreed to lend the most important documents of their Judaica Collection. In cooperation with Father Boyle- the librarian of the Judaica collection- three leading Judaica scholars, Dr. Michael Signer, Philip Miller, and Rabbi Philip Hiat- chose documents which were key to the history of Christian/Jewish relations- historically, theologically and

Question:

Could you describe the exhibition in terms of the actual materials which will be on display? Answer:

The collection represents about 50 manuscripts, approximately 25 of which are illuminated (illustrated) and 25 of which are non-illuminated (calligraphy).

They range in age from the 6th century A.D. to the 16th century A.D. The majority of them are between the 6th and the 13th century. The earliest document in the collection dates from the 6th century and is the earliest known Hebrew Codex. It represents a Rabbinical commentary on the book of Leviticus. Another document of great importance is one of the earliest illuminated copies of the works of Maimonides, which was created in the 12th century less than 100 years after his death . There is also one of the earliest known Vulgate translations of the Old Testament. The Vatican will also lend a number of wonderful objects.

4. Question:

Where will the exhibition be on tour and what is the schedule? Answer:

Proposed Schedule

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Detroit: Nov. - January

Memphis or Houston: January - March 1988

Los Angeles: March - May

San Fransisco: (dates not determined)

Philadelphia: May- July

New York City: August - October Washington: October - Christmas

Boston: Christmas- February/March 1989.

There are still a number of questions which remain to be decided on the exhibition. The certainties are at this time Miami, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. The question is only of scheduling, not of desirability and demand.

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5. Question:

How will you market the exhibition on a national and local basis? Answer:

We are exploring a relationship on a pro bono basis with the public relations and advertising firm of Saatchi & Saatchi.

6. Question:

What is the image which you wish to create for this exhibition? Is this an opportunity to recite 2000 years of Jewish history in the Christian era? Is it an opportunity to talk about the holocaust and the inquisition? Answer:

First and foremost this exhibition is a religious and sacred experience. We will not be drawn, either intentionally or unintentionally, into non-theological discussions. This is not an opportunity in any way shape or form to discuss the holocaust or the inquisition. We hope that a quiet, scholarly exhibition will grow in magnitude as it is perceived as an enormously special statement in theological terms.

7. Question:

Describe how you will handle the curatorial issues of handling documents.

Answer: (Rabbi Hiat responds to this question)

We have not made all the formal arrangements for the exhibition at this time. We know that the Vatican will pack the documents in specially created cases and will probably send a courier with them to Miami. In Miami the registrar will accept the documents and do a condition report. Each museum will follow a similar pattern. Perhaps we will hire a Curator to accompany the exhibit from one Museum to the next. We do not have any special arrangements at this time with a transportation carrier.

8. Question:

Since you (Rabbi Hiat) do not have museum training per se and will have to develop these skills as you move along, have you considered the possibility of hiring a museum such as the Smithsonian as advisor and/or subcontractor?

Answer:

I think that is a very good idea and we have had some preliminary discussions with Mrs. Cohen at the Smithsonian. Perhaps you (Mr. Stone) and I (Rabbi Hiat) could continue with these discussions in the near future.

9. Question:

Although the documents are priceless, I gather they are valued at \$2,000,000. Can you insure that value and risk?

Answer:

Yes, we plan to have private insurance and government indemnification against seizure.

10. Ouestion:

Another risk other than seizure, theft, fire or damage is the political risk of terrorism or demonstration. How do you propose to safeguard the collection against this threat?

Answer:

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11. Ouestion:

How are you planning to staff up this project and organize its overall supervision?

Answer: (see exhibit 1)

As the diagram shows we have constructed a three layered organization. At the top, we have three organizations, two of which are religious. The third represents lay leadership from both faiths.

12. Question:

Is there really time to do all that you wish to do, given an opening schedule at the end of July in Miami?

Answer: (Rabbi Hiat)

To be honest we are under enormous pressure, but that has been the history of this exhibition. It has moved in sudden fits and starts that have not been easily subject to the planning process. We will meet our deadlines and be ready with a dignified beautiful installation together with accompanying posters and catalogue.

13. Question:

What will the exhibition cost? Answer: (Mr. Stone) (see exhibit 2) The number appears to be just under \$1,000,000 at this point, and we can use that as a working assumption. However, in my judgement, the itemized breakdown does not hold up under scrutiny. I hope we can agree it needs a great deal more work and justification.

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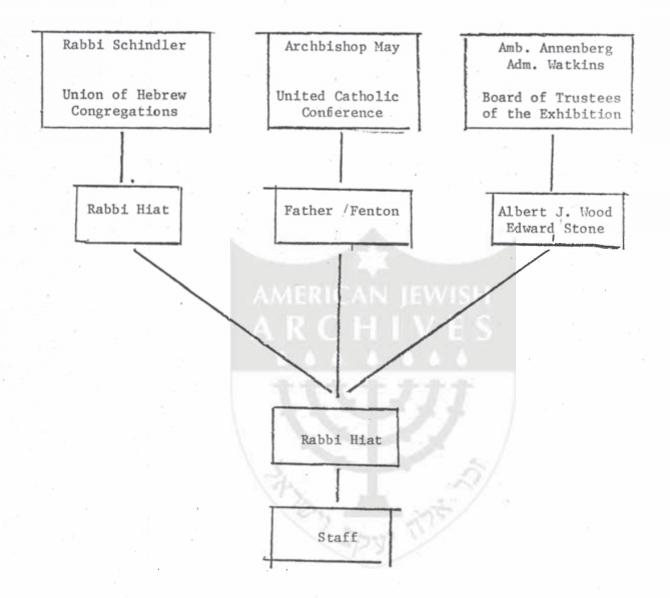
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- H. Audiovisual software design & production

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- E. Subcontractors' markups

\$19,000.00

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Expenses:

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Fees/General Contract:

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- C. Assembly of AV hardware
- D. Delivery of preceding to sites
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\$325,000.00

IV. SPECIAL CONSULTANTS

Fees:

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- B. Lighting designer
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RABBI PHILIP HIAT
ASSIST TO THE PRESIDENT

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January 15, 1985

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

Dear Dr. Schindler:

Thank you for your letter of December 19th which was forwarded to me through the good services of the Apostolic Nuncio in Washington D.C. .

Attached to the letter there was the catalogue of "A Long Exhibition from Poland", a formal invitation to the same exhibition and a folder on The Kalonymus Codex but no material related to your proposal of mounting an exhibition of Judaica of the Vatican.

Your request of a loan can be considered by our Superiors only after you have listed our objects of your interest. As Rabbi Philip Hiat knows, we have about one hundred Jewish tomb inscriptions which are presently being transferred to a new location open to the public. We also have a few objects in our ethnological museum. We need to know which inscriptions you need. As to the ethnological pieces I believe you want to ask for three of them: the Torah of beginning 15th century, a wooden Torah shield of 17th century, an eight-branched metal candelabrum. Of course you may decide to let us make a choice of the inscriptions; in this case we need know the number of inscriptions you have in mind.

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Finally we need the assurance that all expenses related to the exhibition will be met by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In due course, should our Superiors agree to the loan, we would propose to you the text of an agreement and some conditions that should be accepted by the borrowers.

Best wishes and kind regards.

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