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WUPJ

August 9, 1984

Mr. Irvin Cohen
P. O. Box 5855
Baltimore, MD 21208

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I am responding to your August 2nd letter to Mr. Baruch Selah which you shared with me. I regret that you had difficulty in planning for the simcha of Thomas and Mitchell being called to the Torah at the Western Wall.

Rabbi Ben-Chorin and his congregation are part of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. I do not have any supervisory responsibilities in regard to Rabbi Ben-Chorin. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of sharing your letter with the president and executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism so that they will be apprised of your concern.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: WUPJ

bcc: Mr. Gerard Daniel
Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

WUPJ

July 5, 1984

Rabbi Harold Salzmann
Temple Anshe Amunim
26 Broad Street
Pittsfield, MA 01202

Dear Harold:

I read your proposal for the World Union for Progressive Judaism in Tel Aviv. It makes a great deal of sense to me. Certainly I will support it once this matter is raised within the councils of the WUPJ. I hope it will gain its approval!

Warm regards and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

PROPOSAL FOR A WUPJ CENTER IN TEL AVIV'S
HOTEL NEIGHBORHOOD

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT:

Tel Aviv is the largest Jewish metropolitan area in the world. It is composed of a population of some two and a half million people, ninety-five percent of whom are Jewish. In all this area there is hardly any visible evidence that such a movement as Liberal Judaism exists. Thousands upon thousands of Jews stay at the local hotels, one of the most heavily concentrated Hotel regions of the world, and see no evidence whatsoever that liberal progressive Judaism exists in the Tel Aviv area. A goodly percentage, certainly 75% of the visitors are from non-orthodox backgrounds. By concentrating all our Reform Jewish efforts in Jerusalem, we are failing to meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities which are represented by the Tel Aviv area. Our presence in Jerusalem is vital but Tel Aviv is also a unique Jewish symbol --- the largest Jewish urban community in the history of our people and faith and our proposal is designed to set into motion a way to increase the strength and effectiveness of our movement not only in Tel Aviv but throughout the length and breadth of the Land of Israel itself.

PROPOSAL:

We propose that we establish a WUPJ center in the immediate area of the major hotels of Tel Aviv. We suggest the rental of a groundfloorapartment, hall, or store which would serve several purposes:

- 1) To "show the flag" of the Liberal-Reform-Progressive Jewish movement where hundreds of thousands of visitors can take note of our presence in Israel.
- 2) To serve as an office which will be manned (staffed) by volunteers from Kedem Synagogue as well as retired or 'sabbatical visiting' rabbinical colleagues. The staff will make contact with visitors (especially those who are leaders and strong supporters of our congregational movement 'chutz lo-oretz') whose rabbis will inform the Jerusalem office about their coming as well as their itineraries. The staff will try through personal contact with visitors to encourage them to attend services at Kedem on the Sabbath, to urge them to visit the Hebrew Union College when in Jerusalem (as well as Har El Synagogue), to suggest seeing our Kibbutzim in the Arava, to see the Leo Baeck School in Haifa, and to worship in Haifa's Or Chodosh Synagogue as well as wherever else our movement has established congregations. The staff (especially the Kedem volunteers) will, in general, try to be helpful in personal matters also, encouraging visitors to feel that here in the Tel Aviv area the Center and Kedem Synagogue is their 'religious' home away from home.
- 3) The center will serve as an Information agency to disseminate literature, periodicals and reference material pertaining to our Liberal Jewish cause in Israel and elsewhere. A small library, too, might be established as part of the Center, stocked with books and literature about Liberal Judaism for tourists and resident Israelis.

- 4) The Center will particularly encourage tourists and others to attend either the regular 5:30 p.m. Sabbath eve service at Kedem and certainly the Sabbath morning one at 9:30 a.m. The Kedem service will incorporate sufficient English (whenever the congregational make-up so warrants) to accomodate the spiritual needs of tourist guests who may have only a limited knowledge of Hebrew.
For tourists who so request, special Yahrzeit services will be arranged either at Kedem or the Center to accomodate this need at 5:30 p.m.
- 5) The Center might also sponsor Oneg Shabats (as an extension of Kedem's outreach program) Friday and other festival evenings which would feature speakers and discussions about current Jewish issues, Israeli problems and happenings, etc. etc. Refreshments, of course, would be part of the social evening.
From what we have been able to determine, there is a very large English speaking segment of the Israeli population, too, which would welcome such English-Hebrew programs. Tourists and visitors especially would prefer such late Friday evening 'religious' gatherings to sitting in the lobby or finding some other kind of Friday night activity or amusement.
- 6) The Center, if it is situated in an apartment set up, may provide housing in a limited way for the volunteer rabbi who may be visiting Israel or on Sabbatical (he may be living in Jerusalem or elsewhere other than T.A. and will need a place to stay if he is covering the Center for the Sabbath program.) We would suggest that only rabbi-volunteers, who will give at least one month's service, would be permitted to 'live' at the Center.
- 7) Another possible use for an apartment arrangement would be for HUC students who would spend Sabbaths in T.A., serving, of course, under the supervision of Kedem's Rabbi.
- 8) The WUPJ Center, it must be understood, is not to conflict in any way with Kedem. It is to be basically an Information-Social Center which will be supervised and staffed by Kedem as an extension of its sacred mission to serve the cause of Liberal Judaism in the central Tel Aviv area.

RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR CONCRETIZING THESE PROPOSALS:

Costs:

- 1) After researching rental and other costs, we have come up with a cost estimate of between \$5200 to \$8200 for providing for such a center. This figure does not include initial start up costs for furnishings.

A breakdown of the aforementioned estimated totals of \$5200 to \$8200 follows:

- a. 2 & 1/2 to 3 room apartments in the hotel area can be rented with telephones (according to Yehudit Noam of the Tur Va'aleh Department) from \$250 to \$500 per month.
- b. Telephone estimated cost is \$50 per month.
- c. Gas estimated cost is \$20 per month.

- d. Electricity estimated cost of \$30 per month.
- e. Cleaning and upkeep cost is \$1000 per year.

TOTAL COSTS FOR CENTER: Approximately \$5200 to \$8200 per year.

2) Staffing:

- a. Our CCAR now has a large number of retired rabbis who can be volunteer to spend anywhere from one to six months serving in this voluntary capacity. Salary would not be a consideration and perhaps the limited housing available at the Center would be sufficient to attract them (as well as the income tax deductions).
- b. Another source of rabbinical staffing would be those men who are presently living in Israel.
- c. A third source, as mentioned earlier, might be HUC students on week-end assignments.
- d. Non-rabbinic help would come from members of Kedem and other lay people who might want to serve the cause of non-orthodox Judaism in Israel. Given the large numbers of idealistic people in Israel, we might be pleasantly surprised by the quantity and quality of such lay volunteers.

3) Financing:

- a. Our CCAR has no on-going project in Israel and this may well attract it, especially if it can be tied into the retirement program which Paul Gorin has been so active in establishing. A modest out-lay of between \$10,000. to \$15,000. a year only would be required.
- b. An even more important source of funding, as we envision it, would come through voluntary gifts from people visiting the Center and from monies raised 'back home' through the efforts of our retired rabbinic volunteers who would enthusiastically push their 'new' cause as a consequence of their experience and service here in Israel.
- c. ARZA [REDACTED] certainly, too, might be encouraged to play a funding role.

CONCLUSION:

Our proposal for establishing a WUPJ Center, as an extension of Kedem Synagogue is essential to our cause not only in Tel Aviv but for our movement as a whole in Israel. Tel Aviv, with all due respect to Jerusalem, is the largest Jewish metropolis in the world, and it is critical to our movement as a whole that we expand and strengthen our effort here.

Bonnet
Hilgerson
Adler

Dr. Armand
Feigenbaum

and
Donald Feigenbaum





WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

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Office of the President

May 21, 1984
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Please reply to:
Box F
New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801

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

Dear Alex,

I am rushing this letter to you so that you have it in hand prior to your meeting with Dick this Tuesday. Firstly, let me respond to your letter of April 30, following our very good meeting in your office. Thank you for making the President of the World Union an ex-officio Member of the UAHC Board. This is certainly a good symbolic gesture in the direction of true partnership.

You, as President of the UAHC, are a Vice President of the World Union, and at the next Governing Body meeting in November in London, we will I am sure, pass a resolution without any difficulty to make the Chairman of the Board of the UAHC a permanent Member of the Governing Board. Would, that you or the Chairman of the UAHC Board give us a report at our Governing Body meeting. I have invited in the past both you and Don Day to no avail. Let us start a new chapter and let me invite you and Chuck, not only to attend the Governing Body meeting in London, November 8 through 12, but also give us a major address on the directions of our North American Movement, the Motherlode of us all. It would indeed be a good beginning.

Here are some comments on monetary matters discussed during our meeting:

1. Concerning the portion of Dick Hirsch's salary paid by the Union, I hope that your meeting on Tuesday with Dick will result in a clear understanding so that future Leadership generations find a clear record and arrangement in our books. Not being involved in the World Union at the time of Dick's Aliyah, I cannot contribute anything to this matter.

*Handled for my
July 1st
Aliyah
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2. Regarding Shared Services, I presume that the percentage that is charged to us of all the Services, includes quite a few Services which the World Union does not make use of. You told me that the total Services supplied to us amount to \$29,500 and that we are only charged one third. The financial statement of the UAHC lists the two thirds already as a support item for the World Union, as it does for the UAHC portion of Dick's salary.

In what way did you and Chuck want to change this item which already is listed as a support item? Would it be possible to establish the real amount of Services that the World Union is receiving?

3. UAHC Israel Youth Activities

Our agreement of April 28, 1980 stipulates that \$35,000 are to be taken from the first funds received by the World Union from the \$5.00 Campaign. (Originally, this was an ARZA commitment.) The collections from the \$5.00 Campaign have dwindled down to their present level of about \$13,000, and we are crediting the UAHC with the amounts collected, less 12%. (In the light of ARZA's indebtedness to the Union, even the diminishing revenue still turns out to be a better deal for the UAHC if one adds up the sums of money paid since July 1, 1980 till July 1, 1983.)

ARZA's penetration into so many Congregations has made the \$5.00 Family Campaign largely redundant. We should, however, come to a definite conclusion as to the future fate of this Campaign with effect of July 1, 1983, since the present arrangement terminated at that date.

4. Re Mitzpe-Har Chalutz. I strongly reiterate my statement on the occasion of our meeting, that at no time did the World Union undertake any financial commitment. This I confirmed in my letter of August 17, to which you responded August 25.

5. I enclose an Audited Statement for the New York office of the World Union by our auditors, Loeb and Troper. Our auditor in Israel is preparing the Jerusalem financial statements and he cabled me a few days ago that we should have such a statement within the next few weeks. A copy will go to you and Chuck just as soon as received.

Just a few words concerning the financial situation of the World Union. We are carrying financially, both from here and Jerusalem, all of the salaries of our Rabbis, all the support to our Congregations, the total expenditure for our rapidly growing Israel Youth Movement, the Camps and so much more. Between Israel and New York, with a sprinkling of support from South Africa, Australia and England, the World Union invests about \$400,000 every year into our Movement in Israel.

You know how painfully difficult it is to raise here \$275,000 from individuals with a small organization like ours for operations. The fact that we have some restricted funds, doesn't help us one bit in coming up month after month with the support money for Israel. The extremely slow growth of our Congregational Movement in Israel, even though not just caused by financial shortages, certainly could be helped greatly if we had more money to spend on Congregational Developments. It pains me, therefore, if the impression seems to exist that the World Union has plenty of money. Just three days ago, we voted to authorize taking some loans for salaries only because we ran completely, but completely, out of money and without the loans would not be able to pay next month's salary to our Rabbis in Israel.

In this light, I really feel that our repayment of the substantial debts that I found when I took office to the Union, should be counted heavily to our "zechuth".

As far as the Rest of the World is concerned, our problems are not monetary, but manpower. A few of us have sweated out our "kishkes" to get more Rabbis on board for almost everywhere, but especially South America and France. For South America, it paid off handsomely and now, year after year, we have new Candidates coming on board to study at HUC and going back to serve in their homelands.

I hope that we can put to bed at another meeting in the near future all outstanding problems (if any) and see a much greater involvement of the UAHC in the world of the World Union. Our North American Board is working on an ambitious program to bring the International Reform World into the North American Reform Communities and only good will come from this for both sides.

My best regards,

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM



Gerard Daniel

GD:MAB

CC: Mr. Charles Rothschild
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AJF's B&P Women plans fall programs for careerists

The Business and Professional Women of the Atlanta Jewish Federation will initiate a series of events with "Wardrobe Options for Career Women", on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Standard Club.

The program will feature Harriet Coen, one of Atlanta's first innovators in wardrobe coordination and a fashion consultant for more than 13 years. Ms. Coen will present a selection of current furs and fashions and advise on maintaining an updated professional appearance.

The evening will include a networking hour, beginning at 5:45 p.m., with the fashion presentation at 7 p.m. Cost for the event is \$5.00. Reservations can be made by mailing a check to the Atlanta Jewish Federation, 1753 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Attention: Nancy Jacobson.

The programming committee for this event includes Shelley Gaynes, chairwoman; Edythe Scherer Hecht, Miriam Strickman Levitas, Lisa Rinzler, Lynne Sadler and Susan Wolff.

Plans in progress for additional programming for the Business and Professional Women of the Atlanta Jewish Federation include a series of networking dinners addressing issues of interest and concern to Jewish career women. Wendy Ludwig and Ronnie Jaffe as co-chairwomen have planned dinners on the following dates: Oct. 15, Dec. 3, Feb. 18, and April 8. The October dinner will include a panel of travel agents who will discuss "The Traveling Woman: Where and How to Go On Your Own."

Morene Seldes is vice president of the Federation Women's Coun-



Planning for the Business and Professional Women's event are (left to right) Lisa Rinzler, Shelley Gaynes, Edythe Scherer Hecht and Miriam Strickman Levitas.

cil/Business and Professional Women. The steering committee includes: Irene Aronin, Frances Bunzl, Shelley Gaynes, Eve Goldstein, Nancy Isenberg, Ronnie Jaffe, Barbara Klineman, Judy Kogon, Fritzi Lainoff, Jane Lefco, Dr. Elaine Levin, Miriam Levitas, Linda Lincoln, Sandy London, Wendy

Ludwig, Barbara Mays, Rachel Miller, Lisa Rinzler, Edythe Scherer-Hecht, Morene Seldes and Edith Steindler.

For more information about upcoming B and P events, or to make reservations for "Wardrobe Options for Career Women," contact Nancy Jacobson at 873-1661.

Polish TV, theaters to air nine-hour film on Holocaust

by Edwin Eytan

PARIS (JTA)—Poland will show both on television and in cinemas the nine-hour film "Shoah," which describes in painful detail the horrors of the Holocaust and recalls some of the worst incidents of local collaboration with the Nazi authorities.

The screening of the film, first decried by the Warsaw government

as "anti-Polish propaganda," was announced by the Polish government spokesman, Jerzy Urban. The film's director and producer, Claude Lanzmann, confirmed in Paris that he has reached an agreement with the Polish government.

Lanzmann said that the Polish authorities wanted to show only parts of the film on television, arguing that nine hours is too long even for a serialization. When Lanzmann refused this offer, apparently fearing that some of the scenes decrying Polish collaborators might be cut, Warsaw suggested showing a shortened version on television and the entire film in one or more cinemas. He said he has agreed to this formula.

When the film was first screened in France, the Polish press charged it with carrying anti-Polish propaganda.

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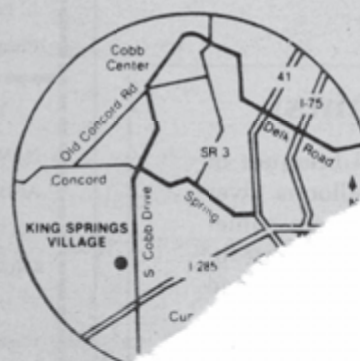
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Rabbi Kogen was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America where he also received his B.H.L. and M.A. degrees in Talmud and rabbinics. He also holds an M.A. degree from Columbia University in ancient Semitic languages and is currently a candidate for a Ph.D. at Columbia.

As a rabbinical student and after his ordination, Rabbi Kogen taught synagogue skills which included cantorial, Torah reading and High Holiday Liturgy at the Theological Seminary of America. He was also a lecturer at Hebrew College in Brookline, Mass. for three years. He has served congregations in Linden, N.J., Philadelphia and Swampscott, Mass.



Judah Kogen

Rabbi Kogen and his wife Lisa have three children, Shira, Ilana and Abigail.

Torah thoughts

The powers of wealth

Adapted from the works of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, by Rabbi Yossi New, Chabad of Georgia



Rabbi Schneerson

There is a comment in the Talmud that Rabbi Judah The Prince used to honor all wealthy persons. It seems rather strange and unbecoming for a Torah sage and leader to honor a person for his mere material accumulations. First of all, wealth may be obtained without any particular effort, as through inheritance, etc. Secondly, as we see all too often, wealth can bring one to arrogance and haughtiness. Surely, there are more virtuous qualities in a person to honor?!

Rabbi Judah The Prince was the codifier of the Mishnah, the basis of the entire Oral Torah, and was fabulously wealthy. It cannot therefore be suspected that he honored the wealthy to curry favor among them, nor that his actions did not mirror his true inner feelings.

What then did Rabbi Judah see in the possession of wealth that he deemed it worthy of honor? It was merely the good accomplished through his wealth, for the mitzvot therewith made him deserving of honor—not the wealth of the pauper doing mitzvot or.

As well aware of the result of

"my power and the strength of my hand" (Deut. 8:17-18); the Torah specifically forbids one to entertain such a notion. He recognized that one who is the possessor of wealth was singled out by the Almighty to be rich.

There is a well-known dictum, "He (G-d) does not demand more than they (each individual Jew) are capable of doing." Rabbi Judah knew that wealth can cause one to be lax or even forsake his obligations to G-d and man. However, he was sure that if G-d had bestowed upon a person this wealth—with the strong temptation inherent in it—he also granted him enormous powers to withstand this inclination. From his own experience as a rich man, Rabbi Judah realized that tremendous strength is needed to prevent a person from being misled by his affluence. He knew the extent of his own struggle to reach the level where he was able to testify, "I have not enjoyed of this world even to the smallest degree."

Therefore, Rabbi Judah honored the rich person—not for his wealth but only for the great spiritual powers which were deposited within him by G-d.

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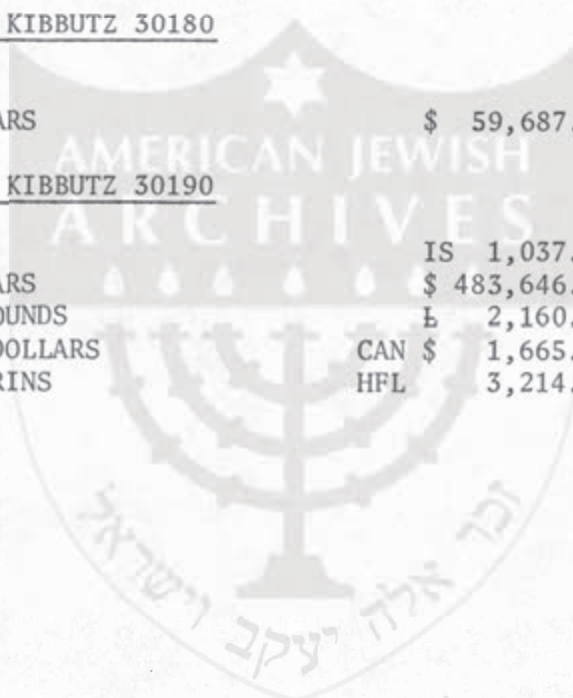
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Ben Kamin, travel	696.48	494.83	100	1510.01
Memorial Fdn. dues				1500.00
Tovia Ben Chorin, salary	1894.75	1894.75	1894.75	1894.75
Robt. Samuels salary	1532.41	1532.41	1705.34	1532.41
Richard Hirsch, salary	2713.75	2713.75	2713.75	2713.75
Moshe Zemer, salary	2404.88	2404.88	2678.68	2404.88
Travel expense Rabbi Hirsch	561.89	1305.67	1619.52	--
Ben Kamin, expenses for month		260.00	149.50	
Shipping expenses	12.50		88.85	38.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield		85.20		
Mildred Hurwitz, salary	1280.00	560.00	640.00	480.00
Ben Kamin, salary	1583.33	1583.33	1583.33	1583.33
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Rabbis health plan	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Rent, Jerusalem office	465.00	465.00	465.00	465.00
Mad Artzi	3317.00	3317.00	3317.00	3317.00
Rabbinical pension plan	6828.45			
Bank charges	1.10		59.55	
UAHC shared services	4071.95	9783.00	3675.22	
Office supplies & Staty	531.00	103.67	805.50	20.88
Secretarial expense			194.53	
Tel & Tel	98.91			
Misc. exp.	250.00			
Advertising	500.00			
FICA exp.		89.60	39.20	44.80
TOTAL	\$30,093.40	27,943.09	23,078.72	18,854.81

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Executive Committee
The World Union for Progressive Judaism, Ltd.

We have examined the balance sheet of the New York office of The World Union for Progressive Judaism, Ltd. as of December 31, 1983 and the related statements of support, revenue, expenses, grants and changes in fund balances and of changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of the New York office of The World Union for Progressive Judaism, Ltd. as of December 31, 1983, and the results of its operations and changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Information presented for the year ended December 31, 1982 is presented for comparative purposes only and were extracted from the financial statements for that year, on which an unqualified opinion dated March 7, 1983 was expressed.

Our examination was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information included in Schedules 1 through 3 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such

information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1983
(With Comparative Totals for 1982)

	1 9 8 3			T o t a l s	
	General Operating Fund	Restricted Funds Leo Baeck School	Others	Leo Baeck School Endowment Funds	1983 1982
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 86,919	\$33,144			\$ 120,063 \$ 80,359
Investments in marketable securities (Note 1)					
Certificates of deposit and other short-					
term investments	76,595		\$458,385	\$287,470	822,450 467,848
State of Israel bonds	39,050		28,500		67,550 33,800
Other bonds and notes	10,000			55,000	65,000
Prepaid expenses	3,500				3,500 3,050
Loans receivable	48,701				48,701 16,498
Interfund receivables (payables)	(48,381)	4,379	51,375	(7,373)	
Total assets	\$216,384	\$37,523	\$538,260	\$335,097	\$1,127,264 \$601,555
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities					
Bank loan payable on demand (Note 4)	\$ 5,000				\$ 5,000 \$ 5,000
Accounts payable	8,197				8,197 1,008
Due to Union of American Hebrew Congregations	51,721				51,721 73,029
Total liabilities	64,918				64,918 84,037
Fund balances (Exhibit B)	151,466	\$37,523	\$538,260	\$335,097	1,062,346 517,518
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$216,384	\$37,523	\$538,260	\$335,097	\$1,127,264 \$601,555

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983

	Balances December 31, 1982	Contributions	Transfers from Leo Baeck School Endowment Fund	Investment Income	Expenses and Distributions	Balances December 31, 1983
Leo Baeck School Fund	\$ 2,540	\$210,942			\$193,031	\$ 20,451
Caroline Greenfield Scholarship Fund		26,468	\$ 9,220		21,569	14,119
Ben Paul Brasely Foundation Scholarship Fund			2,953			2,953
Total Leo Baeck School Funds	2,540	237,410	12,173		214,600	37,523
Kedem Synagogue and Community Center Building Funds	177,592	46,025		\$ 9,256		232,873
Beth Shlomo-Windmiller Fund	32,705	100		3,981	4,900	31,886
Rabbi David Wise Fund		21,025		83		21,108
Kivie Kaplan Fund	128,779			\$10,704		139,483
Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman Fund	53,261	4,089		4,153		61,503
Youth Hostel Fund		58,907			7,500	51,407
	<u>\$394,877</u>	<u>\$367,556</u>	<u>\$12,173</u>	<u>\$28,177</u>	<u>\$227,000</u>	<u>\$575,783</u>

	1 9 8 3				T o t a l s	
	General Operating Fund	Restricted Funds Leo Baeck School	Others	Leo Baeck School Endowment Funds	1983	1982
Funds provided						
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses and grants (Exhibit B)	\$ 28,825	34,983	\$145,923	\$335,097	\$ 544,828	\$(36,384)
Change in interfund balances	<u>60,963</u>	<u>(11,991)</u>	<u>(56,345)</u>	<u>7,373</u>		
Total funds provided	<u>89,788</u>	<u>22,992</u>	<u>89,578</u>	<u>342,470</u>	<u>544,828</u>	<u>(36,384)</u>
Funds used						
Increase in receivables and prepaid expenses	32,653				32,653	1,904
Decrease in accounts payable	<u>19,119</u>				<u>19,119</u>	<u>29,693</u>
Total funds used	<u>51,772</u>				<u>51,772</u>	<u>31,597</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and marketable securities	38,016	22,992	89,578	342,470	493,056	(67,981)
Cash and marketable securities - December 31, 1982	<u>174,548</u>	<u>10,152</u>	<u>397,307</u>		<u>582,007</u>	<u>649,988</u>
Cash and marketable securities - December 31, 1983	<u>\$212,564</u>	<u>\$ 33,144</u>	<u>\$486,885</u>	<u>\$342,470</u>	<u>\$1,075,063</u>	<u>\$582,007</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

May 10, 1984

Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman
Temple Israel
1000 Pinebrook Boulevard
New Rochelle, NY 10804

Bar Jake:

Thank you for your letter of May 8. Your explanation certainly casts a different light on the dark comment which was included in the summary of the Executive Committee meeting.

I think that your comments give further substance to the desirability of what I was trying to achieve at our most recent meeting with Jerry Daniel: to establish some definite sum which will constitute the Union's contribution to the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The present arrangement, which calls for a partial waiving of shared services and for the payment of a substantial portion of Dick's salary, and all of the other additional payments to which I allude in my letter, and all of this on top of the direct subvention, leads to the impression that we are doing precious little when, in fact, the Union has more than met its obligation to the WUPJ and it is just not fair. So let everything be above the table and not below the table ~~goiaghaofasberé~~ pocketpockets.

With warm regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Gerard Daniel
Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.



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May 8, 1984

ALS-2280

Dr. Alexander Schindler

838 Fifth Avenue

New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Alex:

It is with a sense of no little chagrin that I have your letter of May 2, referring to remarks attributed to me and contained in the "Summary of Notes Taken at the Executive Committee Meeting of the W.U.P.J. on April 25", and I am happy to have the opportunity to respond to your request for clarification.

May I say at the outset that I am sure you must have been struck by the childish and amateurish nature of these "Notes", even as I was, and my outrage was probably even greater than yours because of the imprecision and inaccuracies contained therein.

I knew that others besides me have complained of misquotation, and I feel sure that these notes will be recalled and nullified and that they will be replaced by a corrected version.

As for my remarks, I did not say that we should "reinstate an Executive Committee in Israel". What I said was that some years ago (probably 25) and for some time we used to have a Committee on Israel (as we had for Latin America) and a Chairman for that committee from our Executive. The late Jay Kaufman (Zal) served in that capacity. I did, too. But after the transfer of our headquarters to Israel, the major responsibility was delegated to Dick Hirsch. It was, therefore, my feeling that it was desirable to reconstitute this Committee for purposes of communication and information. I did not say that "maybe Rabbi Hirsch should have an assistant", nor could I even for a second have entertained such a thought.

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Now, to come to what I consider the most inaccurate record of my words, as found on page 3 of this "Summary"; my question to Mr. Daniel was a response question seeking a report concerning discussions between Gerry Daniel, as President of the W.U.P.J. and you, as President of the U.A.H.C., concerning our financial relations, our indebtedness, and the procedures involved in liquidating our indebtedness. Any reference attributed to me about the U.A.H.C. "not living up to its obligation regarding funds to the W.U." is completely in error, out of context, and distorted. I was referring to the U.A.H.C.'s assumption of an original obligation of \$25,000 annually as a constituent member of the N.A. Board (this goes back to 1958 or 1959, I believe). This was a financial commitment made at that time and observed initially in good faith. In that period, when I served as Chairman of the W.U. Executive and subsequently as President, I made repeated public acknowledgments of the W.U.'s indebtedness and gratitude to the U.A.H.C. for granting us not only this indispensable sum of money but also rent-free facilities at 838, and the incalculable advantages of using the staff and resources of the U.A.H.C. without any cost to us. I have never minimized the degree of my appreciation and you will find my grateful statements in all the official records of the W.U. and in all my reports, without exception. The text of the summary is thus in grave error.

Where the U.A.H.C. failed - and it did fail - was when it unilaterally reduced that initial commitment of \$25,000 to \$18,000 without discussion of consultation with the W.U. and that \$18,000 grant remained constant for some time, until it was later revised upward, as you wrote to \$22,000. It was in this sense only that I said the U.A.H.C. had not lived up to its original obligation to the W.U.

Let me say, parenthetically, that I don't know the figures of the W.U.'s indebtedness to the U.A.H.C. All I know is that the debt escalated alarmingly under Youdovin and that we were concerned to reduce it as fully and as quickly as possible, and I believe that this has been achieved. But I must add that there is quite a gap between the \$100,000 and \$200,000 you mention, and that these figures are both subject to interpretation and discussion.

May 8, 1984

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On this score then, and with the above exception I have never stopped being grateful to the U.A.H.C. for its manifold financial and other contributions to the welfare and growth of our organization.

Let me conclude by reaffirming my own thoughts and position. I have always felt that I am part of our great Reform Movement. It embraces a Seminary, a Rabbinical Conference, a Union of Congregations, and the World Union. I am unwaveringly loyal to all these separate agencies and organizations, of our Movement and support them (and shall continue to do so) to the best of my power and ability in thought, deed, and substance. This commitment will never be diminished.

I trust that this is the "clarification" you request, and I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

With my best personal wishes and cordial greetings

Ever sincerely,


Jacob R. Shankman
JKS:als

cc: Gerard Daniel
Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.
Rabbi Richard Hirsch

May 2, 1984

Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman
Temple Israel
1000 Pinebrook Blvd.
New Rochelle, NY 10804

Dear Jack:

In reviewing the summary of what took place at the recent Executive meeting of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, I noted that you made some comments to the effect "that the UAHC had not lived up to its obligation regarding funds to the World Union." I really would appreciate your clarifying that statement for it seems to me that we have been overly generous.

When Maurice, olav ha'shalom, served as president of the WUPJ we had just increased our subsidy from \$18,000 to \$22,000. Moreover, we have added to this sum by paying at least 50% of Dick's salary, deducting two-thirds of the fair shared services charges from the World Union bill, paid for programs in Israel for which the World Union initially assumed responsibility and then dropped them into our laps, and assumed responsibility for programs through the Youth movement which more properly should be the responsibility of the World Union. Our total annual expenditure for these things well exceed \$100,000 a year and is probably closer to the \$200,000 mark.

In the light of all this and much more, you can imagine how pained I am with your recorded statement, that the UAHC had not lived up to its obligation regarding funds to the World Union. I would much appreciate either a clarification or some sort of correction.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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SUMMARY OF NOTES TAKEN AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1984

In attendance: Rabbi Benjamin A. Kamin, Rabbi David Wice, Mr. Morton Kemper, Judge Emil Baar, Rabbi Jacob Shankman, Mr. Matthew Ross, Mrs. Ruth Daniel, Mr. Gerard Daniel, Ms. Eleanor Schwartz, Dr. Jane Evans, Mrs. Norma Levitt, Mr. David Belin, Fritz Bamberger, Mr. Charles Petschek, Mr. Ted Broido, Staff: Jamie Michal Perkins

The meeting came to order at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Matthew Ross, Chairman, started the meeting by calling on Rabbi Wice to deliver the Invocation.

Rabbi Ben Kamin briefed the committee by introducing our newly elected Chairman of the North American Board, Mr. David Belin. He also discussed briefly the North American Board weekend that took place in Florida.

David Belin thanked everyone at the meeting, and spoke about how excited he was to have the position and would work very hard to get the programs and activities of the World Union more recognized.

Matthew Ross then spoke about meetings he had had that morning at the Essex House with Rabbi Kamin, David Belin and the Daniels. He then asked Mr. Daniel to give his report.

Mr. Daniel spoke about the Kedem Synagogue and how the District Committee had approved the building to be used as a Synagogue. Also discussed technical problems with the structure. Explained that the building was not considered a normal building because it is a Synagogue. There is going to be a meeting on April 30th, problem should be resolved.

Rabbi Wice then asked Mr. Daniel what if further problems arise? Mr. Daniel explained that he would then contact the Mayor and if he had to he would go to the courts. At this point Rabbi Wice read notes from a meeting that took place on April 20th. (Jewish Tele. Report)

Dr. Jane Evans then asked Mr. Daniel what if the architects are not willing to modify on the building? Mr. Daniel said they would not go more than 20%. He also explained that we have a lawyer in Israel who attends all the meetings (Meltzer).



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Mr. Daniel spoke about our Movement and where it has gone so far in his 2/3 of his term. He expressed that our Movement is not stronger in Tel Aviv. That the Youth Hostel is important and the college is important for Israel, but that not enough people even know about the World Union and our programs and activities. We need more leadership in Israel. More lay people to help us in our fund raising and programs. That Dick & Motti are very involved with their own projects at this point. That the Orthodox are running Israel, and that the Orthodox Movement has grown but not our Movement.

At this point a discussion arose regarding the Kedem Synagogue and various other projects, and how to better strengthen our Movement.

Rabbi Shankman spoke about reinstating an Executive Committee in Israel. He felt it had worked well 20 years ago and that it would help achieve some power, and that maybe Rabbi Hirsch should have an assistant.

Matthew Ross suggested that Dick and the Executive Committee meet again when Rabbi Hirsch is in the states on his next visit and really find out what is going on in Israel.

Norma Levitt suggested that we need help other than Rabbis.

Rabbi Wice stated that for our movement to succeed and get stronger we must have a two way working system and at this point we do not.

Fritz Bamberger noted that the Orthodox are hurting the Reform Movement in Israel.

At this point the Fund Raisers (P.F.M.S.) were brought up. A discussion followed, for and against it. Rabbi Wice wanted to know where the money to pay them was coming from. Eli Schwartz was against it. Too much money and not enough results. Dr. Evans wanted to know what they were raising money for, what projects?

It was explained by Gerry Daniel that we had a month to month trial with them at \$3,700 a month. They were working with Rabbi Kamin to get the files in order and to help Rabbi Kamin with newsletters, press releases and also get more lay people involved. It would help get the World Union more recognized.



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Matthew Ross suggested that members at the meeting could send their suggestions to Rabbi Kamin regarding the fund raisers.

At this point Judge Baar had to leave the meeting at 3:45 and could not give his report. It was decided to table his report until the next time the Executive Committee met.

Rabbi Shankman asked Gerry Daniel about his meeting with Rabbi Schindler. What the World Unions obligations were to the UAHC? That the UAHC had not lived up to its obligation regarding funds to the World Union.

Mr. Daniel replied that the UAHC was giving money to the World Union every year on the basis that it would stop as soon as we had gotten on our feet. He explained that they were going to meet as soon as we got our financial statements together and it would then be worked out.

Matthew Ross expressed his surprise at the fact that we had 72% of the funds for construction for the Youth Hostel.

Rabbi Kamin was asked again at this point to further explain the role of the fund raisers. He started by saying that we officially started with them on April 1. That he had spoken with and seen the four individuals that have their headquarters here in New York.

2 people specialize in getting contacts.

1 person is in charge of Public Relations, through Newsletters, Press Releases, etc.

1 person helps with getting gifts to the World Union for now and in the future.

Gerry Daniel explained they were on a trial basis for nine months.

Matthew Ross said that the lay people are the key people for raising funds.

Rabbi Wice expressed that he was very upset about this whole situation regarding the fund raisers.

At this point Rabbi Shankman asked for a resolution and a motion be taken to ratify arrangements with fund raisers.

Item #7 on agenda moved to next meeting, (ARZA & WUPJ).

Ruth Daniel gave her report. Said that up to 10% of restricted accounts would go to World Union operating accounts. Said figures from accountants not correct.



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Rabbi Shankman brought up subject of rabbis' salaries. He also suggested changing the fiscal year to the calendar year.

Charles Petschek expressed his feelings that if this was done all financial reports would always be a year behind.

Ross suggested Shankman write to all Rabbis regarding salary and tell them financial reports coming shortly.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Michal Perkins

Jamie Michal Perkins
Secretary

April 26, 1984
ALS-2272

Mrs. Meir Elk
Beit Avot Bnai Brith
22 Horev Street
Haifa, Israel

My dear Mrs. Elk:

On behalf of our President, Gerard Daniel, the offices of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and its Executive Committee, I want to express to you our sincere sympathy over the death of your dear husband and our cherished colleague and associate, Rabbi Dr. Meir Elk. We grieve, as King David grieved over Abner, and we join in his lament, "Know ye not that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel".

Dr. Elk was one of the most devoted members of our Movement. He was not only a clear-eyed visionary but also an undiscourageable pragmatist. The great and enduring Leo Baeck School in Haifa is a monument to his dedication, creativity and perseverance. In the spirit of our faith, he established many disciples. "The righteous", say our sages, "need no memorials, their good deeds are their memorials". Dr. Elk's good deeds were countless, and chief among them was the School, the work of his hands.

We remember with gratitude his passionate appeals before the assemblies of the World Union; his temporary acceptance of limited and inadequate facilities with the hope that eventually they would be replaced by a model building; his molding of an outstanding faculty and curriculum; his ecumenical outreach to all segments of the community in the blessed labors of the education of children and of achieving inter-group understanding. For him there were no barriers. He knew that the world is sustained by the breath of little school children,

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Mrs. Hair Elk

and his ideal and dream of educating these children,
was watched by his love of and devotion to his
children.

He was one of the most esteemed members of our World
Union, serving as Vice-President, and sharing with
us his wisdom and counsel. We shall miss him from
our ranks - and I, personally, shall miss him as a
true friend.

To you and all his loved ones we offer the sympathy
of our hearts and the consolation of our spirits.
As he, together with you, sustained many others, so
we may that the Lord will comfort you with the
mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

With great sincerity,

Jacob K. Shankman
Hon. Life Vice-President W.U.P.J.
(for its President and Board)
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WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

האיגוד העולמי ליהדות מתקדמת

Office of the President

May 3, 1984

TO: Mr. Matthew Ross
CC - Members of the Executive

FROM: Gerard Daniel

I would like to amplify on my remarks concerning my frustration with the unsatisfactory growth of our Israel Movement.

1. Composition of Membership

From my many contacts with the Leadership and the Membership of our Israel movement, I find that a distinct majority belongs to two groups:

German immigrants who came to Israel in the 30's and the Anglo-Saxon immigrants who came to Israel mostly in the post war years.

The first group is mostly composed of Members in their late 60's and 70's. Their children, by and large, seem not to have joined the Congregations in which their parents are active. The American, British and South African Olim who make up a good portion of our Membership are of course younger and I do not know to what extent their children are taking part in congregational activities.

Israeli born or Israeli educated individuals who are part of the Leadership of our Movement or Membership of our Movement are, by and large, individual exceptions, such as Nissam Eliyad as President and Rabbi Rotem as Director of our Israel Movement.

A logical source for younger Members of our Movement in Israel, namely graduates of the Leo Baeck School in Haifa has not materialized, at least not anywhere near our expectations. The Leo Baeck School, a splendid educational facility, hardly paralleled by anything in Israel, has given us some Leaders but no "masses".

A penetration into the Non-Orthodox segment of the Israeli population has not taken place in any encouraging manner.

It is natural that the Membership pattern in Israel is not uniform and depends very much on the ability of the spiritual leader of the community to attract wider circles, and also on the background and origin of the community in question, especially in smaller localities.

2. Our Israeli Youth Movement - Telem Noar

Our rather active Youth Movement in Israel into which we have invested, and are continuing to invest, annual support funds of not less than \$100,000, has continued a very satisfactory forward thrust. The professional leadership for our Youth Movement has traditionally come from the Kibbutz Movement which has assured us of a dynamic and youthful approach to progressive Jewish education. The accent on "progressive" however, is more social and political, with an insufficient religious dimension. The contacts between this Youth Movement which has not come out of the Congregations, and the Congregations are only very sporadic and not organized.

The Congregations feel that the Youth Movement is not really interested in religious expression, such as services, etc. The Youth Movement feels that the Congregations are not progressive enough in their thinking and form no proper basis for social activities. That these two streams do not really meet, obviously requires serious rethinking and reorganization.

3. Lack of Professional Leadership

As pointed out often in the past, we have an acute shortage of Rabbis to head our Congregations in Israel.

I have often been told by the lay leadership of our Movement in Israel, that some of the Rabbis do not involve themselves enough in the "growth efforts" of our Movement in Israel and here again changes seem urgently needed. It was our original hope that our Spiritual Leaders in Israel will become Community Leaders, in other words, attract Israelis from all walks of life, not just to participate in Religious Services, but also in Community Activities. These Community Activities have developed in some of our Congregations, others have fallen woefully behind.

4. Public Appeal

As I pointed out in Paragraph 1, an "outreach" into the Israeli public, was by and large not achieved so far. One of the reasons is that the Congregation did not on the whole become community centers, and that we have not been able to reach the public explaining our philosophy and approach to religion.

Instead of being able to reach the public in the arena of religion and way of life, our public appeal shifted to the political arena. Our so very justified fight for rights of our Rabbis, our protests against government actions, promoted by the Orthodox and various legislative acts taken and contemplated, changing the law of return, have kept the International Reform Movement in the

public eye. Most Israelis also know that there is a Progressive Movement in Israel but the vast majority has never identified a given group of people or a given Synagogue with our Movement.

Plans that we had developed to "go public" through the press, radio and, wherever possible television, has been put on the back burner in favor of the political fights we had to wage.

I consider that it is high time that we "go public" with a variety of approaches, some of them in the realm of professional public relation, among those we should consider: Press coverage, including advertising, radio and television debates.

Our professional and lay leadership should speak about the Israeli Movement goals to organizations such as Lodges, non religious youth organizations, Universities, professional organizations and other forums susceptible to be interested in progress.

The Israel Movement's involvement in social action should be deepened (some good beginnings have been made with the Youth Camps for underprivileged) and vast coverage should be given to these efforts. Our Rabbis should organize community affairs debates engaging well known Israeli speakers or foreign Hebrew speaking professionals for such occasions.

Of course, it will be necessary to offer attractive facilities for these gatherings. This is why the building of the Kedem Synagogue in Tel Aviv and shortly afterwards the Or Chadash Synagogue in Haifa are so vitally necessary.

We should also be able to document the vitality of our Progressive Movement outside of Israel, especially in the United States, and I can see that an organized trip to Reform institutions in the United States and Canada could be an attractive study theme for selected organizations or individuals from Israel.

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I do not believe that political pressure, even if exercised by the mighty North American Reform Movement will help our Movement secure the same rights that are granted to other religions and religious streams in Israel, - even if the government should change in July of this year, - unless we are finally realizing that our job as "missionaries" has not yet started in earnest and that time is running out.

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from the desk of

GERARD DANIEL

TO The Executive 5/4/84

I regret to inform you that I
just had word that Rabbi
W. Van Der Zyl died on April 10th.

There will be a Memorial Service
for him at the West London
Synagogue on May 14th at 6:30 PM

G.D.

WUPJ

April 30, 1984

Mr. Gerard Daniel
Polly Park Road
Rye, New York 10580

Dear Jerry:

By way of further follow-up on last Wednesday's meeting - which was a good beginning - I just want to let you know that I've instructed Terry Bobrow to list the president of the World Union as an Ex-officio member of our Board and to make certain that all notifications of our Board meetings are sent to you. You will recall that Chuck Rothschild suggested this and I am implementing his suggestion. This is a much simpler and cleaner way to proceed. To change the Constitution is really too cumbersome a process. It would require several Biennials and prior notification to our congregations and whatnot and would open up several other issues regarding Board size which we would rather avoid. What the World Union needs is effected in this manner and that is the central issue.

I am glad that you were understanding of our inability to give you time for a report at every one of our meetings. We try to cut these reports to a minimum. Our Trustees resent being talked at and would prefer to be involved in the discussion of issues and directions which they can help to resolve. Obviously, from time to time we will call on you to give a report and, of course, there is absolutely no reason why we cannot include a written report in our packets, even this time round if you would care to prepare it.

While we are on this point, it occurs to me that a reciprocal gesture would also be in order. Why not invite the chairman of the Union's Board to meetings of the Governing Council on an Ex-officio basis? And why not also invite him or the President of the Union to make a report of a Governing Council meeting or at a MUPJ convention for that matter.

Incidentally, I just heard from Jerry Hochbaum that you informed him that the Memorial Foundation should pay Hugo Gryn's travel expenses and the per diem for the forthcoming meetings in Israel. You didn't send me a copy of that letter but Jerry Hochbaum was compelled to tell me in order to fore-

Mr. Gerard Daniel
April 30, 1984
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Warn me that I would have to pay these expenditures myself and the Memorial Foundation could not reimburse me. If this is so, then why should the Union pay one-third of the WUPJ dues to the Memorial Foundation and where is yosher?

As I wrote to you earlier, the Union will become a member of the Memorial Foundation in its own right and this problem will be obviated in the future. I just thought I would tell you once again how things look from our end. It reinforces the perception -- which I articulated to you -- that the World Union sees the UAHC as a means to its own ends, and not as a true partner where just sometimes there is a two way and not just a one way relationship.

Be well.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.



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Office of the President

4/24

April 2, 1984
MAB-1106

Please reply to:
Box F,
New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801

Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

Att: Mr. Joshua Dwork

Dear Josh,

We received your note of March 19 and you are correct. We still owe you \$25,914.69. The reason that we could not maintain the promised schedule as per Ted Broido's letter of June 17, is because we ran into an acute cash shortage which unfortunately still prevails. However, we will pay you the second third, namely \$12,957.35 this week.

The remaining one third, we would like to pay if at all possible, only in September (not later) and in view of our generally good record in coming down from a substantial debt, I'm sure this should be agreeable.

As far as the Israel Commission collections for the period July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983 is concerned, we have a tentative figure but I'm told that one or two amounts have crept into the Israel Commission account which do not belong there. Ruth is going over the account within the next few weeks and will confirm the correct figure to you. At present, the receipts read \$13,592.47. We will give you a payment date when we have the final figure for you. At present our operating fund is down to an unhealthy low level and we had difficulty to meet our Israeli Rabbinical monthly payroll. I'm trying to find out why this is so.

Sincerely yours,

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Gerard Daniel
GD:MAB

CC: Rabbi Richard Hirsch
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Rabbi Ben Kamin

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לשכת המזכיר הכללי

MEMORANDUM

March 23, 1984

From: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

To: Mr. Gerard Daniel
Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn
Rabbi Benjamin Kamin
Mr. Irv Konigsberg
✓ Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Rabbi Eric Yoffie

Our office has just recieved the enclosed letter (note that the date of receipt is March 22 on a letter written February 20). Enclosed is my response to Shimon Ravid.

I am sending it on to you immediately. I think we should have a formal response to this letter. I will draft such a response next week. But I think that before it is sent out we should all agree on its formulation so I will send a draft to you. This is an extremely delicate matter and requires an effective and responsible rejoinder.

Bivracha.

Dick

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March 23, 1984

Mr. Shimon Ravid
Director General, Finance Department
Jewish Agency for Israel
Jerusalem

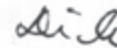
Dear Shimon,

I received your letter of February 20 yesterday (Please note that it is March 23) and I intend to reply to you in due time.

I note that in your letter you make a reference to letters received by the United Israel Appeal to which you are responding. Those letters were not included in the letter you sent to me. Would you please forward them to me immediately so that we can relate to the issue in a responsible manner.

In the meantime I am sending your letter to some of our leadership so that they can know about the correspondence.

Bivracha,



Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

cc: Mr. Gerard Daniel
Mr. Ray Epstein
Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn
Mr. Stanley Horowitz
Rabbi Benjamin Kamin
Mr. Neil Katz
Mr. Irving Kessler
Mr. Akiva Levinsky
Mr. Harry Rosen
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Rabbi Eric Yoffie

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL

Dr. S. RAVID – Director General



February 21, 1984

Rabbi A. Hirsch,

Re: Allocations to Reform groups

I am enclosing a set of letters, to which I have been asked to reply by the United Jewish Appeal.

As I told you, I am truly amazed by the accusations of discrimination, deliberate cover-up of facts, and other such charges, with regard to the budget of the Jewish Agency (i.e. related to the use of campaign funds from the U.S.A.).

You are sufficiently conversant with the operation of the Jewish Agency to know that the fact that 50% of Youth Aliyah students are in religious institutions, can mean only one thing: that 50% of the disadvantaged children nationwide are from Orthodox homes.

Does the fact that there are no Youth Aliyah allocations for Reform children, show discrimination? Or, simply that to our good fortune, there are no disadvantaged Reform children?

Does our treatment of Kibbutz Yahel and Kibbutz Lotan (both Reform) differ in any way from our treatment of other kibbutzim in the Arava? (If it does, it is only in terms of especially favorable treatment, certainly not discrimination).

If it should happen that in the coming year three religious settlements are established and no Reform settlements, does this mean the Rural Settlement Department favors Orthodox settlements over Reform? Does the fact that only now are we establishing one Conservative kibbutz, as against 20 Orthodox kibbutzim already existing, prove discrimination in favor of the Orthodox, or simply demonstrate that until now there were no candidates for a Conservative kibbutz?

If the Student Authority gives scholarships to student Olim, do we ask which stream of Judaism the student is a member of? Obviously if he is in a Yeshiva he is Orthodox. But for a student at the Hebrew University, who knows, and who cares, what stream of Judaism he is a member of.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Dr. S. RAVID – Director General

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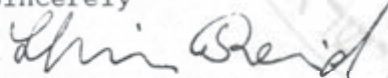
I assure you that the allocation is given by virtue of the fact that he is an Oleh, and on no other basis than that.

You know as well as I, that in the past year the Agency has favored your group, participating in the building of a Youth Hostel and in the building of the Youth Center at Kibbutz Tzoraa, aid that I can truly say was not given to any other stream.

My answer to the U.J.A. will be similar to what I have stated above, and I'd appreciate it if you also would explain to them the facts, which are precisely as I have told you.

If the Reform movement is engaged in ideological struggle it is not for me, as a civil servant, to get involved. As an Israeli citizen I have my own opinion, but I certainly do not feel that the Jewish Agency should be unjustly accused of discrimination, not only because such accusations are damaging, but more importantly because they are totally untrue.

Sincerely



Dr. Shimon Ravid
Director-General

CC:

Mr. A. Lewinsky
Mr. S. Horowitz (translation) - President U.J.A.
Mr. I. Kessler (translation) - Executive Vice-President, U.I.A.
Mr. R.A. Shindler
Mr. H. Rosen = Secretary General, JAFI
Mr. N. Katz - U.I.A. Office, Jerusalem
Mr. C. Schwartz (translation)
Mr. R. Epstein (translation)

The 1983/84 Jewish Agency Budget

(Orthodox, Conservative, Reform)

1. Activities Through Other Organizations (This category includes kindergartens, Day-Care Centers, and other social welfare institutions not directly operated by Jewish Agency departments.)

Orthodox.....	\$ 1,335,374
Non-Orthodox.....	2,009,105

2. Immigration and Absorption - Student Authority

Orthodox Students.....	1,285,554
Non-orthodox students.....	5,933,090

3. Rural Settlement


Orthodox settlements (13).....	3,366,254
Reform settlements (2)	867,000
Conservative settlement(1).....	774,545

4. Education in various programs

Orthodox.....	1,263,000
Reform and Conservative (This figure includes general programs - \$325,000; Reform Youth Hostel - \$166,000 per year for three years; Seminar Center at Kibbutz Tzora - \$175,000.)	900,000

5. Youth Aliyah Students

In Orthodox Institutions.....	18,286,743
In Non-Orthodox Institutions.....	26,267,976

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MESSAGE

REPLY

TO

GERARD DANIEL

c. RABBI R. HIRSCH

RABBI A.M. SCHWARTZ

DATE

3/19/84

ATTACHED IS A LETTER FROM
TOD BRIDDO TO YOU DATED
7/17/83

PLEASE NOTE #1 ON PAGE 2

I ASSUME YOUR BOOKS HAVE BEEN
CLOSED FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD
OF TIME. THEREFORE WE EXPECT
YOUR CHECK AT ONCE

ON PAGE ONE ITEM ONE, WE
AGREED THAT ON THE \$38,872.00 WUP
BY WOULD PAY 1/3 ON RECEIPT OF THIS

DATE

LETTER OF 7/17/83 - which
we did receive.

WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED
PAYMENT DUE NO LATER THAN
8/3/83 & FINAL PAYMENT
NO LATER THAN 11/30/83.

COULD YOU ADVISE WHY
THIS DELAY IN YOUR
AGREEMENT

SIGNED

INSTRUCTIONS TO RECEIVER

1. WRITE REPLY. 2. DETACH STUB, KEEP PINK COPY, RETURN WHITE COPY TO SENDER.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SENDER

1. KEEP YELLOW COPY. 2. SEND WHITE AND PINK COPIES INTACT.

WUP!

Held for reply 5/7

Olivette

J. Daniels

July 17, 1983

Mr. Gerard Daniel
Box "F"
New Rochelle, New York 10801

Dear Gerry:

This will confirm our conversation at which hopefully we reached an agreement concerning the various debts owned by the World Union to the UAHC as described in your memo to Josh Dwork of May 18 and in all of the various correspondence you and I have had previous to this date, and as outlined in conversations with Rabbi Schindler, Rabbi Hersch and me on April 25.

You and I agreed to the following:

1. With respect to the old debt of the World Union to the Union, the outstanding amount agreed to by Josh Dwork, Dick Hirsch, you and me was \$38,872.04. We agreed that this amount would be paid by the World Union in three equal payments - the first immediately upon receipt of this letter, the second no later than August 31, 1983 and the third no later than November 30, 1983. In short, by the end of 1983 the entire \$38,872.04 would be paid. 7/12/83
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2. With regard to the \$5 per family campaign, we agreed that the outstanding amount due through June 30, 1982 was \$49,093.40, less 12% for expenses of \$5,891.21, making a total due of \$43,202.19, of which the World Union has already paid us \$23,500.61, leaving an outstanding amount due the UAHC of \$19,701.58. You agreed that this amount would be paid to us immediately upon receipt of this letter.

This means, as I understand it, Gerry, that upon receipt of this letter you will send us checks totaling \$32,658.92.

We agreed with the Har-El rent credit per agreement off of the various operating statements that I showed you and that if indeed there were, as Rabbi Hirsch seems to feel, one or two missing months, that we would straighten that out once Dick supplied us with the actual figures.

We also agreed that with respect to whatever outstanding small amounts there may be due the World Union for telephone calls, etc., that once Dick Hirsch gave us that figure, the UAHC would reimburse the World Union immediately.

M Gerard Daniel
Page No. 2

June 17, 1983

With regard to the \$5 per family campaign for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983, the World Union would reimburse the UAHC the amount collected less 12% for expenses. That amount will be determined just as soon as you close your books for the year.

With regard to the status of the \$5 per family campaign for fiscal 1983-84 and future years, we agreed that this was a subject that had to be discussed both philosophically and economically, not only in terms of the effectiveness of the campaign but as to its rightful place in the spectrum of Reform Jewish activity i.e. ARZA, World Union, etc. and we even contemplated the possibility that you, Dick, Roland, Alex and me would begin the discussion while we are all together in Jerusalem.

I want to thank you, Gerry, for a most enjoyable and productive visit together yesterday. May I add to this financial letter that I think some of the philosophical discussions we had concerning the future of Israel and our respective organizations was, in many ways, more productive and certainly much more interesting than a mere discussion of dollars.

I look forward to receiving the checks mentioned above as quickly as you can get them out. I look forward to visiting with you and Ruth in Israel.

Cordially,

Theodore K. Broido

TKB:tb

cc: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
✓ Mr. Joshua Dwork



MEMORANDUM



From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme
To Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Copies
Subject

Date 3/1/84

I understand that you are as shocked as I to learn that David Belin was appointed the Chairman of the North American Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

I really have mixed feelings. On the one hand, I honestly believe that this was a serious breach of professional ethics on the part of those who invited David without consulting us. On the other hand, it may give us an opportunity to bring the essence of the Outreach program, namely the welcome extended to those who come to Judaism through conversion, to countries throughout the world.

I believe that one thing is essential. I believe that both Dick and Jerry Daniel - or only Dick - must receive a straight forward letter from you instructing them that David is not to be solicited for funds, nor is he to be asked to solicit funds on behalf of the World Union. I know that David's heart is with Outreach, but sometimes we can overload our best people with expectations in a manner that can make them resentful. I don't want that to happen with David. We need him too badly. Thanks.



Dan



DBS/dfr



Union of American Hebrew Congregations
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WUPJ

February 22, 1984

Mr. Raymond Wells, President
Temple Israel
5419 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43213

Dear Mr. Wells:

No, we were not aware of Rabbi Rotem's appeal nor was his visit cleared with the Union. Still, there was no reason for anyone to clear with us since the congregation is not affiliated with the UAHC but rather with the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

We as a Union do support quite a few Israeli programs but most of them are on a youth level: the NIFTY Tours to Israel, Kibbutzim which we have built in Israel, the Youth Movement (Kedem) for Progressive young people in Israel. We also give some subsidies to the World Union for Progressive Judaism but these are insufficient for the work of the WUPJ. Nor does the World Union itself have enough income to support all of the institutions of Progressive Judaism in Israel such as the Leo Baeck School and the individual congregations.

Unable to provide these congregations with what they need to survive, we obviously have no way of preventing them from seeking help wherever they can find it and therein lies the real problem.

The cause is worthy, obviously. It is closer to our interests as Reform Jews than are many other causes which summon our support. On a national level we do what we can to help them and you will have to make a similar judgment in the light of your own congregational priorities.

With kindest greetings and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Ben K was aware
of Mote's
forthcoming visit
but had no
knowledge of letter.

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TEMPLE ISRAEL

Raymond Wells
President

February 15, 1984

Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10021

Attention: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Gentlemen:

Please refer to the enclosed copy of a letter we received from Rabbi Mordecai Rotem.

Is the Union aware of this appeal? Has it been cleared by the Union? Does the Union support these appeals financially or otherwise?

Please fill us in with any information or policy positions which you have.

Sincerely yours,

Ray Wells

Raymond Wells
President
Board of Trustees

RW:mw



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THE ISRAEL MOVEMENT
FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM



24th January, 1984

Rabbi Harvey Goldman,
Temple Israel,
5419 E. Broad St.,
Columbus, Ohio 43213

Dear Rabbi Goldman,

*Mr. Rotem
FYI
HSG*

Or Hadash Congregation in Haifa, which I serve, is the largest congregation within the Israel Movement for Progressive (Reform) Judaism -- 280 families. After 18 years of negotiations, we have finally received land from the municipality of Haifa to build our own synagogue and community center.

Since, unlike Orthodox institutions and "lehavdil" Christian churches and Moslem mosques, we as Reform Jews are not supported by the State of Israel, we have to turn to our friends all over the world for their assistance, I am turning to you, as I am sure that you understand the importance of building a strong Israeli Movement for Progressive Judaism in order to make Israel a state of all Jews, and not just of Orthodox or secular people.

I am sure that there are many items on your agenda. You may even have been approached by colleagues of mine from Israel to help their projects. Yet, due to the fact that the needs are so great and the only ones we can turn to are friends like yourself, please do not consider it a "chutzpah" in my turning to you also. Or Hadash's project is an urgent one, since we may lose the land due to Orthodox political intrigues, if we do not start building soon.

I plan to be in North America between March 20 and April 10. I would like to meet with as many rabbis, congregants and potential donors as possible. Would you be so kind as to give me a hand in setting up a meeting for me with people among your congregants who may be interested and able to join us in this sacred endeavour? They must know that we have raised, within our own membership, a most significant sum in Israeli terms, but of course this does not suffice.

I do hope to receive your affirmative response as soon as possible. If I do so, I will contact you personally again (probably by phone) to coordinate a timetable.

Again, please see this as "an emergency appeal." I am very grateful for any assistance you can give me in that.

Sincerely yours,

M. Rotem

Rabbi Mordecai Rotem

Executive Director, Israel Movement
for Progressive Judaism

WUPJ

11/31/84

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Feb 28, 1984

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PLEASE DETACH AND FORWARD WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

Balance of statement dated 1-31-84		9,323.04
2-23 Har El Rent		(450.00)
		8,873.04
January 1984 Expenses		
Salary	1,200.00	
S.S.	80.40	
Dis Ins	19.00	
Health Ins	42.14	
Postage	290.15	
Printing & Lettershop	76.89	
Telephone & Telegraph	394.63	
Subvention Credit	(1,833.33)	
SHARED SERVICES		
Accting	70.00	
Central Clerical	213.33	
Bldg & Off Maint	211.66	
Staff Services	145.20	910.07
Balance Due		9,783.11

Make checks payable to U.A.H.C. Administration Account

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Dec 2, 1980

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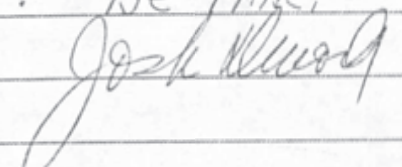
PLEASE DETACH AND FORWARD WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

Balance as of June 30, 1980	114,172.04
less UAHC share legal fee	(2,000.00)
Rent Aug. 1979 thru June 30, 1980	(3,300.00)
Balance Due	108,872.04
Less payment April 27, 1981	(10,000.00)
Less payment May 11, 1981	(10,000.00)
Less payment Dec. 15, 1981	(15,000.00)
	73,872.04
Less payment Apr 15, 1982	(20,000.00)
	53,872.04
Less payment Jan 29, 1983	(15,000.00)
	38,872.04
Less payment June 30, 1983 (7-12-83)	(12,957.35)
	25,914.69

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 CABLE ADDRESS: UNIONUAHC

MESSAGE	REPLY
<p>TO <u>RABBI DAVID H. WISSE</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">cc JERRY DANIEL</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">JUDGE EMIL BAAR</p> <p>DATE <u>1/18/84</u></p> <p>— We ARE IN RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF JAN 9, 1984 & WISH TO CORRECT A MISCONCEPTION.</p> <p>THE DEAL COVERED ONLY DIRECT INDEBTNESS THAT THE WUPJ INCURRED.</p> <p>MOREOVER IT WAS NOT A "GENEROUS" SETTLEMENT - AT LEAST NOT FROM THE UNAC POINT OF VIEW.</p> <p>WE HAVE MADE HOUSING LOANS TO VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE WUPJ STAFF</p> <p>BY <u>RABBIS ZAGER, ZAOUK, ASABI,</u></p>	<p>DATE <u>KARNECKI & HIRSCH. ALL ARE PAID, OR BEING PAID ON A CURRENT BASIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KLENECK. THE UNAC ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE WHICH TOOK FUNDS FROM ITS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO FOR WUPJ HOUSING LOANS ONLY AFTER WUPJ AGREED TO STAND BEHIND ITS EMPLOYEES. WITHOUT THIS ASSURANCE WOULD THE UNAC LEND MONEY TO KLENECKI? BE FAIR!</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">  SIGNED _____ </p>

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MESSAGE

TO [AMS]
cc Ted Brundo
Re KLENNICK;
DATE 1/12/84

Review ENCLOSED - How
do you WANT me to
PROCEED.

Admiral
Josh

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None of the settlements
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up, we should go on
further ^{current} loans to UVPJ.

SIGNED

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January 9, 1984

Mr. Joshua Dwork
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Re: Rabbi Leon Klenicki Loan

Dear Friend:

I write to you as a Past-President of the World Union during whose term in office this matter was, to my knowledge, settled as far as the World Union was concerned.

I shall be pleased to meet with you for clarification at some mutually agreeable time, but for now let me state that when Klenicki left the employ of the World Union and went to the B'nai Brith, he sold his apartment in Buenos Aires at a profit, and I demanded repayment of his loan from the World Union while forgiving him the "gifts" which we had previously made in the same connection.

It is true that he also had a loan from the UAHC and I was in close touch with Judge Emil Baar who handled the matter for the UAHC. I begged him to take the same action I had taken to clear up the matter, but out of rachmanuth he made a more lenient extended schedule of repayments of that loan, and I said that as far as the World Union was concerned, the matter was closed.

Whatever repayments were made to the World Union were supposed to be used for further work in Latin America. To my knowledge, these funds were comingled and became part of the assets out of which the UAHC was given a very large and generous settlement of all claims by the UAHC against the World Union. This was an arrangement between Gerard Daniel and the UAHC.

I am amazed that periodically the matter is reopened, and I hope that it can be settled once and for all while all the principals involved are still alive.

As you can see, I am sending copies of this letter to Emil Baar and Gerard Daniel on the assumption that you will share this information with Rabbi Schindler and Ted Broido.

Faithfully,

David H. Wice

Rabbi David H. Wice

cc: Gerard Daniel; Judge Emil Baar
RODEPH SHALOM SUBURBAN

8201 High School Road • Elkins Park, PA 19117



J. DWORK

6/20/83

TO JERRY DANIELS
cc Ted BREID

SUBJECT HOUSING LOAN OF LEON KLENICKI - GUARANTEED
BY WUPJ TO UAHF.

See EMIL BAAR LETTER OF 12/10/74 TO RABBI DAVID WICO

BALANCE DUE	11/30/74	8788.29
Dec 1974		4369
PAID JAN 1975		7500
1975 INTEREST @ 6%		1281.98
1976 "		7692
1977 "		8153
1978 "		8643
1979 "		9161
1980 "		9741
1981 "		10293
1982 "		10911
to 6/30/83		11566
		6130
		<u>210158</u>

SINCE WE HAD NO DIRECT CONTROL OF RABBI KLENICKI
WE WOULD APPRECIATE WUPJ SENDING US A CHECK CLEARING
UP THIS OLD MATTER.

Josh Muddick

8/29/83 COPY TO JERRY DANIELS
1/4/84 COPY TO: Mildred Ben Kamia
Account

I would appreciate a response
Josh

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December 10, 1974

CABLE ADDRESS
PALMERSERIA NEWYORK
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Rabbi David H. Wice
615 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19123

Dear David:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 29th, with reference to the Klenicki matter. Forgive me if I say I am somewhat astounded by what appears to me paternalism in extenso.

I will make no comment as to the circumstances which brought about Rabbi Klenicki's termination of employment as Rabbi of the Temple in Buenos Aires and the World Union, which are in no way involved. The situation briefly seems to be as follows:

Here is an individual who owes \$8,738.29 as of November 30, 1974, inclusive of interest at 6% per annum to that date. Interest continues to accrue. The debt is due the UAHC and for whatever it is worth WUPJ has guaranteed the payment. The Rabbi most earnestly desires to pay his debt as quickly as possible. He is employed at a salary of \$25,000 a year by ADL and, in addition, among his fringe benefits, is in its Pension Plan and is provided with life insurance coverage of \$75,000. To this end he wishes to use all his available liquid assets which, among other things, includes the cash surrender value of approximately \$1,150 in a personal life insurance policy, plus whatever is available from the Rabbinical Pension Board. The balance remaining including accruing interest he can liquidate over a period of three (3) years without undue hardship to his family responsibilities. I have an informal understanding with the ADL with the consent of Rabbi Klenicki that payments will be made through a salary deduction plan.

I know of no alternatives which can accomplish this with dignity except perhaps payment over a ten (10) year period during which time he must continue to pay a 6% interest charge on the amount due as it accrues from time to time. What the risks are personal and business-wise to the UAHC and WUPJ no one can foretell but they most definitely exist.

Rabbi David H. Wice

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December 10, 1974

I am reasonably familiar with the provisions of the Rabbinical Pension Plan Agreement which in my opinion is permissive when circumstances justify it. I agree as a matter of policy that rabbis should not be permitted to withdraw from the Plan on whim but relief should be given in the sound discretion of the Rabbinical Pension Board only under extraordinary circumstances. I believe that in the instant case such action is warranted. To suggest that consent of the Rabbinical Pension Board be withheld because at some time Rabbi Klenicki may come back into the active rabbinate seems to me to be a bridge that should be crossed when the event arises. It is a problem personal to him and should not be related to his desire to pay this debt or the dire need of the UAHC and WUPJ to collect the amount due as quickly as possible.

If this determination is final, I shall await further instructions as to what is to be done.

Sincerely,



cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Rabbi Ira Youdovin
Mr. Robert Adler
Mr. Ted Broido
✓ Mr. Joshua Dwork





WUPJ
RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER
PRESIDENT

• UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100

October 18, 1983

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
WUPJ
13 King David Street
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Dick:

By now you undoubtedly know that Steve Schafer is ill and when we are together in Israel, before you receive this letter, I will bring you up-to-date on what has transpired in regard to his health. As I write these words his situation is rather grave.

In response to your letter of September 20 to Haim Sharett, I have checked into the matter and have learned that in addition to Gerry, Haim and Steve, you and Allan Smith were also present. I am told, however, that you did not participate to any great extent and the meeting was truly between Gerry, Haim and Steve. Our youth people tried to move Gerry to agree to support the Mizpeh project and the budget. It was clear that the sum required was \$90,000. At first, Gerry agreed to spend the marketing funds. Haim then provided a list of potential members and Gerry's response was that if the list was real, including very good, committed people, then the World Union should be behind the project and the monies will be found. I am told that when Gerry left the meeting, about 45 minutes into the discussion, our youth people were convinced that he was prepared to back the project all the way as long as it looked real, which it subsequently proved to be.

This project is really one which is ideal for the World Union. It is one your people should be willing to undertake and to commit time and budget. This is not a youth program, it is in fact an adult program. It is pure aliyah for families. If our Youth Division, through the International Education Department, is willing to go all the way because of its commitment to such programs, where is the World Union?

Dick, we must all look beyond the small type on credits. This program represents something very important. It is a program which has a deep meaning for American Reform aliyah. It is one which should be supported by the proper institutions. I firmly believe that the World Union should indeed support this very critical and important program.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Allan L. Smith
To Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Copies
Subject Dick Hirsch's Memo

Date October 12, 1983

I must say that I found Dick's letter a little insulting. I can tell you from having been at the meeting that what Dick writes just isn't so. The meeting regarding the Mizpeh took place between Haim Sharett, Gerry Daniel, Dick Hirsch, Steve Schafer and myself in "my office." I was there. Dick hardly spoke. I am sure he was preoccupied. The meeting was really between Gerry Daniels, Haim and Steve. We tried to push Gerry to agree to support the project and the budget. It was clear that we were looking at \$90,000. First, he immediately agreed to expend the marketing money. Haim passed out a list of potential members. Gerry Daniel's response to this list was that if it is real and they are good people who are committed, then the World Union should be behind the project and the monies will be found. When Gerry Daniels left (after about 45 minutes), I was convinced that he was prepared to back the project all the way so long as it looked real.

What really troubles me about Dick's letter is that the World Union, under his leadership, is supposed to deal in projects just like this one. Yet, I see no energy on their part. I see no willingness to commit time or budget. The fact is this is an adult program not a youth program. It is pure aliyah for families. If the Youth Department, through IED, is willing to jump in all the way because of its commitment to such programs, where is the World Union? All Dick can refer to is the small type on the credits. Yes, a lot of support from Agency or Government sources comes because Dick gives it tacit approval. But all of Dick's credibility and what we get comes because of the UAHF and your name and clout. It's what we represent here that makes the difference. Dick ought to get into sync. I feel that the Mizpeh is perhaps the one project with a lot of meaning for American Reform Aliyah. It should be supported by the proper institutions, that means the World Union.

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*Allan
These Draft letter to
Dick in line with
what Alan said*



Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

September 28, 1983

Rabbi Stephen Schafer

You received a copy of Dick Hirsch's letter of September 20 to Haim.

Please counsel me as to how I should respond. I must do so quickly.

Thank you.



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*Cash Steve how
I should respond.
I must do so*
רח"ה במלך דוד
ירושלים
לשכת המזכיר הכללי

20th September, 1983

Haim Sharett,
UAHC,
838 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Haim,

Thank you so much for sending the material in advance of the Labour Day weekend.

I am very very anxious to receive from you a report as to how the program went. I assume that you will be writing one up anyhow -- how many people attended, what is the calibre of the people, have families set dates for aliya, etc.? I have been in contact with both Raanan Weitz and Matti Drobles on the project. Both spoke to me in both an official and confidential manner and wanted to know what I as a person and the movement thought about the program, were we really behind it, etc.? Of course I gave them full endorsement of the budget to extend your shlichut and said that whatever funds the department expended were worthwhile. I indicated that this program reaches an element of the American Jewish population which would otherwise never be tapped, and therefore the WZO should do everything it can do to encourage this program.

Which leads me to the nature of the relationship between the World Union and Mitzpe Halutz. There seems to be some confusion. I have heard from Gerry Daniel by phone that there has been an exchange of correspondence. I have not yet received it. All I have before me is the letter sent on August 17 by Gerry Daniel to Alex Schindler, and Alex's response to Gerry of August 22. First of all, for the record, we have always considered the Mitzpe and now do as a project integrally related to the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, and therefore to the World Union. We, together with others, had and do have some questions as to the viability of the project. However, we are behind the project 100%. We will help wherever we can in the mobilization of people, in Israel and elsewhere, outside of the United States, and when the settlement is established we will do everything possible to be supportive and to encourage its development and its integral relationship to the rest of the movement. You probably heard that we gave the Mitzpe a prominent spot in the plenary business session of the World Union Conference, where slides were shown and a presentation was made by Steve Schafer.

When we met in New York in June, we were asked to give an amount of \$4,500 for the publication of the brochures. After only a brief consideration, we agreed to do so, with the understanding that it would be a joint project of the UAHC and the World Union (parenthetically, we were somewhat distressed to see that the World Union was listed in very small print as one among many affiliates of the Union, but that is a minor objection and not related to the next issue of funds).

When Steve Schafer was here, he indicated to me that he had shown us a budget of \$90,000, and that we had agreed to be full partners, namely that we were going to come up with \$45,000. I said to him that we had not and could not have made such a promise at the time. It would have been highly irresponsible for us to do so, because we don't have the funds for our existing programs, which take priority. It would be foolhardy for us to agree to expend an amount of \$45,000 and in so doing not be able to assume responsibility for the salaries, of rabbis, youth workers and others who are in our employ.

It is our considered judgment, and Gerry Daniel is in complete agreement with me on this, that the recruitment of persons from the United States for the project should be under the sole responsibility of the Youth Department. After all, Steve Schafer would not want you and the other shlichim to be working for the World Union, nor would he expect the World Union to pay for the shaliach budget for the United States. We have done everything possible in the past to help mobilize Shlichut funds from the WZO, and we shall continue to do so on this and on all other projects. But just as the UAHC does not provide funds from its operating budget for the shlichim, whether for you or the others, so the World Union cannot undertake such a responsibility. And frankly, we are resentful of the implication that when agreeing to give full cooperation, somehow or other we also agreed to come up with half of the funds. There never was any such commitment. That should be clear to one and all.

I was also told by Steve, and he has probably related this to you, that Motti Rotem was not as cooperative as he should have been in whatever discussions he had with Steve. I have discussed the matter with Motti, and he is totally unaware of anything which would have given Steve reason to make these remarks. He as well as other leaders will do everything possible to recruit Israelis and the Israel Movement will give full cooperation.

I hope that the above clarifies our position on the matter. Please rest assured that we want to be kept informed of all developments and we invite you to use our good offices whenever the need arises.

Your many friends here join in extending to you best wishes for Gmar Hatima Tova and a Chag Sameach.

Bivracha,



Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

cc. Rabbi Stephen Schafer
Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Mr. Gerard Daniel
Rabbi Benjamin Kamin
Rabbi Mordecai Rotem
Rabbi Allan Levine

WOLF

October 10, 1983

Mr. Wolf A. Wolf
Caixa Postal 3980
Sao Paulo, Brasil

Dear Mr. Wolf:

This is to notify you that a generous contribution to the World Union for Progressive Judaism has been made by Aunt Esther and Uncle Joe. They take great pride in your accomplishments and are making this gift in your honor.

As I wrote to the Grossmans - and it has been some time since last we saw each other - I plan to be in Sao Paulo this Spring. Our mutual friends, Judith and Ellis Mischel of Summit, New Jersey, have told me of your activities within the World Union. It is my fond hope that we will have an opportunity to meet while I am in your community.

Until then, my warm good wishes and my gratitude for your efforts in behalf of Progressive Judaism.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

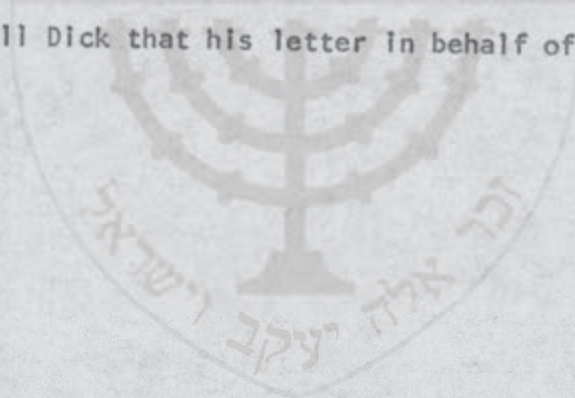
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

October 10, 1983

Rabbi Benjamin Kamin

Enclosed herewith is a check for \$100.00 for the World Union for Progressive Judaism. It was sent by Esther Starr Grossman in honor of her nephew Wolf A. Wolf of Sao Paulo. She has asked me to write to Mr. Wolf and I will, of course, do so. Wolf is married to the neice of Esther and Joseph Grossman of Quincy, Mass.

Please be sure to tell Dick that his letter in behalf of RJA brought forth this gift.



October 10, 1983

Mrs. Joseph B. Grossman
86 Monroe Road
Quincy, Mass 02169

Dear Esther:

Yes, it has really been quite some time since last we saw each other. I write to express my heartfelt thanks for the gracious gift you have made in honor of Wolf A. Wolff of Sao Paulo. We will, of course, let him know of this contribution in his honor.

You should know that I am planning a trip to Sao Paulo this Spring. I have heard about Wolf and Barbara and I look forward to meeting them during my visit to their community. It is lovely to know that yet another generation of your mishpacha has become involved in Reform Judaism.

With thanks and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

RESIDENCE
86 MONROE ROAD
QUINCY, MASS. 02169

JOSEPH B. GROSSMAN

OFFICE
142 UNION ST. (P. O. BOX 250)
BRAINTREE, MASS. 02184

October 3, 1983

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Some time has passed since we last met. In the meanwhile another generation of our family has identified itself actively with Reform Judaism and the World Union. Wolf A. Wolf, who is married to our niece, Barbara Starr Wolf, was honored recently in Jerusalem for his outstanding contribution to the cause of Reform Judaism in South America.

Please notify Mr. Wolf that Aunt Esther and Uncle Joe take great pride in his accomplishments and are making this gift in his honor.

Our best wishes to you for a good New Year.

Sincerely,

Esther Starr Grossman

Honoree:

Mrs. Wolf A. Wolf
Caixa Postal 3980
São Paulo, Brasil

MEMORANDUM

From Annie Thompson (RJA)

Date October 7, 1983

To Rabbi Schindler


Rabbi Schindler,

The enclosed came in response to our last solicitation.

Please forward the check to WUPJ.

If there are any questions please call.

Thank you.



Annie Thompson



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

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WUPJ

August 22, 1983

Mr. Gerard Daniel, President
World Union for Progressive Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Jerry:

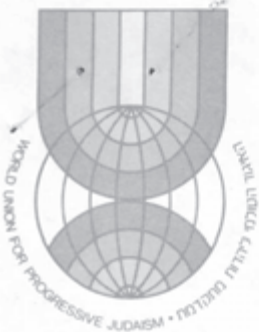
Thank you for your letter of August 17. It was wonderful to learn that you had an opportunity to meet with some of the couples who are interested in the Mtizpeh Har Chalutz program of the Reform Movement. I was very pleased with your reaction to these couples but I must admit my surprise at your surprise in meeting such solid, serious family people. I would have been distressed had you reacted otherwise. After all, our experience with our young single people in the garinim has been quite good, why should we expect less from couples?

Be that as it may, Gerry, I must note that I did react to your comment that the WUPJ is "too weak to undertake North American projects of this kind." If the WUPJ is too weak, what shall I say about the UAHC? In terms of finances we simply cannot extend ourselves at this time. How I wish we could! And how I wish the WUPJ could see its way clear to assist in this important program which, in the long run, is really not North American in scope but is truly a way to help build Reform Judaism in Israel!

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

האיגוד העולמי ליהדות מתקדמת

Office of the President

August 17, 1983
MAB-116

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

Dear Alex,

I just would like to share briefly with you an experience with a group of couples who have shown interest to make Aliyah under the auspices of the UAHC Mitzpeh program organized by Haim Sharett.

I did not expect to meet such serious people, almost all of them very "balebatish", with orderly lives and solid family backgrounds. Their ages range from the early twenties to the high fifties and in talking to them they appear to me as really good material.

Their motives, why they want to go to Israel, mostly have to do with family ties already existing in Israel, to which in all cases true "chibath zion" must be added.

Some had reformed backgrounds, some not, and the net benefit to our movement obviously will depend on how well our people in Israel can help them identify.

This whole project came to the World Union only a couple of weeks before our International Conference and more out of enthusiasm than rationalization we agreed to share the publicity expense. We made no other commitment at the time and upon sober reflection, have come to the conclusion that this project is really beyond the scope of the World Union, both from the viewpoint of finances as well as programs. We are much too weak to undertake North American projects of this kind and I am only sorry if my initial enthusiasm misled Haim and Steve Schaefer to believe that the World Union could stay with it.

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The purpose of my writing to you is just to share with you the experience I had with these dozen or so couples Ruth and I met and it really was a very good experience from every point of view.

I hope that this program can be salvaged, after all, with the help of the UAHC for those portions that the Jewish Agency will not cover.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM


Gerard Daniel

GD:MAB



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July 28, 1983

Rabbi George W. Ruben
41A Rayleigh Avenue
Westcliff-on-Sea
Essex, England

Dear George:

Thank you so much for your letter. I had no idea you are in England. I was in London for a few days. As a matter of fact, I preached at John Rayner's synagogue.

In re Operation Outreach, our programs are developing very nicely and the acceptance of the ideas ever greater, spilling far beyond our own own religious community.

I'm deeply grateful for your contribution which I acknowledge herewith.

I am sending a copy of your letter to the Publications Department with the instructions that they send you Olam Gadol Alef. Hopefully they will also be able to send you some samples of Ketubot which we have, although they do not confirm in any way to the traditional pattern.

With all good wishes and kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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18th July, 1983

Sfu - Please note order

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

My Dear Alexander,

Here I am in sunny England. The Australian sun seems to follow me. May I respectfully ask you to put my name on the mailing list for the above address. Apparently a great deal of your worthy literature still goes to Australia.

How is Operation Outreach getting on? Permit me to send you a small contribution (£5).

Would you be gracious enough to give instructions to the Educational Department of our movement to send six copies of OLAM GADOL ALEF by Abraham and Adaia Shumsky, illustration by Leo Glueckselig to the above address. They will be refunded by our Treasurer. May I claim a discount for Rabbis?

With many thanks in advance for your courtesy and never-failing kindness, I remain,

Yours as ever,

George

RABBI GEORGE W. RUBEN

P.S. Could you kindly send me some samples of KETUBOT - non sexist, truly reform, in Hebrew, vocalised, that the bride and groom can at least read it, and above all in English, their mother-language. If I like them I shall order some for my congregation.

WUPJ

July 25, 1983

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
World Union for Progressive Judaism
13 King David Street
Jerusalem, Israel

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

Dear Dick:

While I was in England, I heard that Hugo Gryn is terribly upset with the World Union. I did not speak to him myself, but others told me. As I understand it, in a recent revision of the WUPJ Constitution, some such office as the vice-chairmanship was eliminated. In any event, it was an office which he held. While he was notified of the proposed changes, no one spoke to him about his own role or rather non-role in advance. Now apparently he has no place on the Executive.

I hope, I got the story straight. In any event, something should be done to straighten this out. There is no reason why Hugo should feel offended or over-looked.

Be well.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Gerard Daniel

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ירושלים

Office of Executive Director

לשכת המזכיר הכללי



22nd May, 1983

Rabbi Stephen Schafer,
UAHC - Youth Division,
838 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Steve,

I just received word that you are definitely coming for the World Union Conference. I am delighted. We have already had our meeting on the kibbutz dedication. This time both Yahel and Lotan are playing a formative role in determining the program -- a far cry from what it was in 1976. They will ask you directly to take some role in the ceremonies. Knowing them, they may not get around to it til you leave for Israel, but know that you will have a role of honor.

Allan told me about the problem in regard to the allocation from the American Zionist Youth Federation for "kinusim" and the fact that the \$75 allocation per trip to members of garinim, which was given to every other movement, was not given to our garinim. I discussed the matter with Avraham Katz, who told me that he knew nothing about it. If there was a refusal, it was not in his hands and had nothing to do with him or his policies. He assumed that perhaps the problem was that the other Hityashvut movements did not consider our movement as a kibbutz movement. He recommended that I get in writing a specific memo from you. I recommend therefore that you bring something with you in writing both corroborating what the policy and practice has been in regard to the other movements and some kind of statement indicating as to why we were not automatically included in that policy.

✓ We also discussed the "relations" which pertain between him and our youth *department* concerning his department and our youth programs, and agreed that when you and Alex are here we would sit down together with Allan and representatives of his department and "try to smoke the peace pipe." I suggest that you come prepared with whatever written materials would be helpful as background.

Bivracha,

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

cc. Rabbi Allan Levine
Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Mr. Theodore Broido

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

May 13, 1983

Rabbi Benjamin A. Kamin

WAF

no further

Thank you for your note and the copy of the tentative program for the World Union meeting. We can discuss this further and I can tell you at this time that I will be pleased to be put on the program as you suggested. However, you must know that this can only be tentative for there is a possibility that I will have to make a trip to London. There is a critical meeting which may require me to be in London on June 29th.

Warm regards:





WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Rabbi Benjamin A. Kamin

North American Director

May 11, 1983

TO: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Alex, I am glad to know that you plan to attend the International Conference. I would like to suggest an appropriate slot in the program for you.

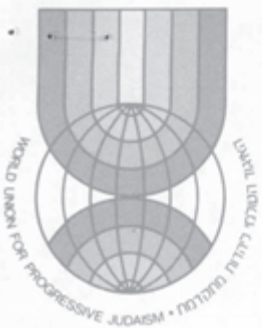
On Wednesday evening, June 29 we are planning a plenum entitled: "Israeli Political Policy and the Use of Power." We would like you to chair this session, which will feature addresses by Moshe Arens and Shimon Peres.

I should like to talk to you further about this in person. Meanwhile, please consider this. I enclose the Program of the Conference for you to look at.

Ben

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*OK but only
if it can be
done to be in
London.*



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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

June 27-July 5, 1983

Jerusalem, Israel

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MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1983

ALL DAY Conference of ARZEINU

(Program to be submitted by ARZEINU organization)

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1983

9:00 a.m. WUPJ Governing Body Meetings

1:00 p.m. Luncheon Break

2:30 p.m. WUPJ Governing Body Meetings

5:00 p.m. Governing Body Adjourned

8:30 p.m. OPENING SESSION, Jerusalem Theater

Chairperson: Gerard Daniel (USA)
President, WUPJ

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Chairperson, Council of Prog.
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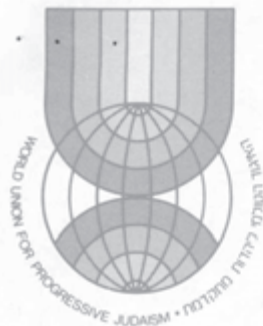
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TUESDAY, JUNE 28 (cont.)

Israeli Folk Music - Dance Presentation
(or other similar presentation)

Benediction

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1983

8:30 a.m. TEFILAT SHAHARIT
(morning services)

9:00 a.m. PLENUM: DIVERSITY WITHIN UNITY
WORLD PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Program Highlights: Mrs. Ruth Daniel
Mrs. Betty Golomb
Co-Chairpersons

Keynote: Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman

Discussants: Rabbi Albert Friedlander
Rabbi Mordechai Rotem

10:30 a.m. SEMINARS
(Introductions to seminars to be time
restricted to allow full dialogue)

Group A: Impact of New Life Styles on
Jewish Continuity (Singles, Aged,
Single Parent Families)

Group B: Halacha and Progressive Judaism
(Should Diaspora Jewry be influ-
enced by struggles with Israel.
Examples: Who is a Jew?, Patrilineal)

Group C: Youth: Is Progressive Judaism
responsive to today's needs.
(Influence of Progressive Judaism
vs. New Cults)

Group D: Nuclear Disarmament - A Jewish
Dilemma?

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12:30 p.m. "LUNCH and LEARN"

Listing of Workshops

1. Youth
2. Religious Education
3. Day Schools
4. Program Outreach
5. Oppressed Jews
6. Womens' Organizations

2:45 p.m. **PLENUM: THE WORLD OF THE WORLD UNION**

A panel discussion of representative Progressive Jewish Leaders

Panelists: One participant each from:

Australia
Latin America
South Africa
Great Britain
The Continent

Sample questions:

- A. Relationship of the Progressive movement to:
 1. the larger non-Jewish community
 2. the larger Jewish community
 3. an established rabbinate
 4. Church-State issues
 5. Social justice concerns
- B. Efforts to combat intermarriage and assimilation.
- C. Ideological conflicts within each movement.

8:30 p.m. **EVENING PLENUM: A DEBATE ON DIVERGENT VIEWS
OF ISRAELI POLITICAL POLICY
AND THE USE OF POWER**

(One spokesman for each of two divergent views)

The Government Position:	The Opposition:
Eliahu Ben Elissar	Simcha Dinitz
Yuval Neeman	Mordechai Gur



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8:30 a.m. TEFILAT SHAHARIT
(morning services)

9:00 a.m. PLENUM: TOWARD GUIDELINES FOR ISRAEL -
DIASPORA RELATIONS

A high level WUPJ Committee under the chairmanship of Professor Michael Meyer has been appointed to prepare a position paper. Each constituent has been asked to submit its own paper. Meetings will be held during the spring and the position papers distributed in advance. At the plenum Professor Meyer will be asked to present the committee consensus (if there is a consensus). Someone with a critical view will be asked to comment.

The workgroups will be asked to discuss the statement and recommend changes. The chairman and recorders of each workgroup will meet together with the Drafting Committee to present a final statement for approval on the floor of the business session, Monday a.m., July 4, 1983.

10:30 a.m. WORKGROUPS

12:30 p.m. Luncheon Break

2:30 p.m. OPEN BUSINESS SESSION

8:30 p.m. Knesset

ADDRESS BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE STATE
OF ISRAEL



WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

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All plans tentative

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8 a.m. Buses depart for Haifa (Background material
on Israel Progressive Movement to be pro-
vided on bus)

Visit to site of Or Chadash Synagogue and
Ground Consecration

Visit to Leo Baeck School

12 noon Lunch: Leo Baeck School

1:00 p.m. Buses Depart for Tel Aviv

Visit to site of Kedem Synagogue

3:30 p.m. Buses depart for Jerusalem

6:30 p.m. KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

7:30 p.m. SHABBAT DINNER

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1983

10:00 a.m. SHAHARIT LESHABBAT
(morning services)

8:30 p.m. ACADEMIC CONVOCATION (In conjunction with
Hebrew Union College)

Processional

Havdalah

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SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1983

CONFERENCE TRAVEL DAY
All plans tentative

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TRIP TO KIBBUTZ YAHIEL AND KIBBUTZ YAHIEL BET

Dedication of Kibbutz Yahiel Bet

MONDAY, JULY 4, 1983

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVE
DIVERSITY WITHIN UNITY: JEWISH TRADITION AND
RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS

8:30 a.m. TEFILAT SHAHARIT

9:00 a.m. PLENUM - RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN THE LIGHT
OF TRADITION

From the perspective of tradition (one of the
following) :

Ephraim Urbach
David Hartman
Emanuel Rackman

From the perspective of Progressive Judaism
(one of the following) :

Dow Marmur
Samuel Karff
Gunther Plaut
John Rayner

10:30 a.m. OPEN BUSINESS SESSION

12:30 p.m. LUNCHEON IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD UNION FOR
PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

4:30 p.m. Buses depart Hilton for Hebrew Union College

5:00 p.m. GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE WORLD
EDUCATION CENTER FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM



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MONDAY, JULY 4 (cont.)

6:00 p.m. CLOSING RECEPTION AT THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

CLOSING BENEDICTION

(Visit to Wall?)

NOTE: Tuesday, July 5:
Assembly of all Rabbis (Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, Chairman)



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February 15, 1983

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

Dear Alex:

I certainly understand that you do not have the time to do a new statement for the WUPJ Commission. Your Denver speech, with which I am already familiar, represents an excellent contribution in itself, and the subcommittee will indeed reflect on it carefully.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Michael A. Meyer

MAM:npb

cc: Rabbi Benjamin Kamin

February 9, 1983

Professor Michael A. Meyer
Chairman of the Commission
HUC-JIR
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Dear Mike:

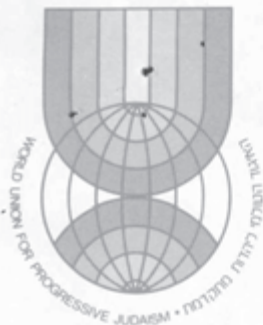
I am sorry that I won't have time to send you a draft of a statement. I hope you understand. On the other hand, I am sending you a copy of my Denver speech in which I addressed most of the areas you will want to cover. Feel free to draw on this speech. And, of course, if you have any questions concerning a particular issue and wish me to expand on it, by all means ask me to do so.

Be well. Fond regards from house to house.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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February 2, 1983

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Thank you very much for accepting Gerard Daniel's invitation and agreeing to be a member of our Commission to develop a statement on the World Union for Progressive Judaism, in relation to the state of Israel and Jewish existence in the Diaspora.

We are eagerly looking forward to receiving your reflections so that they may assist the Sub-Committee in developing a proposal for presentation at the WUPJ International Conference in June.

It will be most helpful if your statement would reach me at the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, OH 45220, within the next two weeks.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Meyer

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January 24, 1983

Gerard Daniel, President, WUPJ

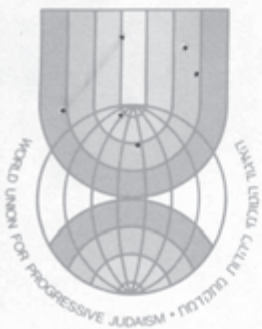
Prof. Michael Meyer; Rabbi Benjamin Kamin

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

Please pardon the delayed response to your invitation to serve on the Blue Ribbon Commission of the WUPJ. I will be happy to be a part of this study process and to aid in the development of a position paper. I will try to get it to Michael by February 15, 1983.

But, I must caution you that it may not be possible for me to attend the Israel Conference of the WUPJ this June/July and if this presents any problem please don't hesitate to advise me. If I can get to the meeting I will but I can't make a definite commitment at this time.





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January 12, 1983

Handwritten initials and signature.

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

As of this date, we have yet to hear from you on whether you will be willing to serve on the special Blue Ribbon Commission of the World Union regarding Israel and the Diaspora.

Gerard Daniel, President, and Professor Michael Meyer, who heads this Commission, are anxious to have your participation. Please refer to our letter of November 29, 1982 regarding details. We would deeply appreciate hearing from you directly as to your intention. Please call or write to us.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Benjamin A. Kamin

Benjamin A. Kamin, Rabbi
North American Director

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Handwritten note: Called 1/13/83

Handwritten note: Await your return 1/24

Handwritten note: OK - will also but cannot com. To self To msg.

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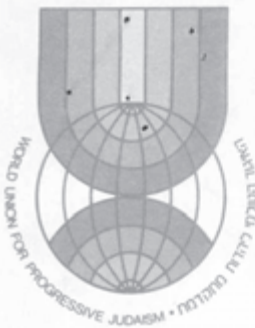
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A highly important weekend meeting of the North American Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism took place from October 29 through October 31 in New York. On October 31, the North American Board had a business session followed by a meeting of the Governing Body of the World Union.

As a result of various discussions that took place during that weekend and an address by our Executive Director, Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, on Israel-Diaspora relations following the events in Lebanon, the North American Board, under the Chairmanship of Matthew Ross, adopted a resolution recommending that I appoint a Blue Ribbon Committee of Reform Jewish leaders all over the world "to study events and conditions in Israel and the Diaspora and issue position papers as soon as possible.

The committee will have the following two mandates:

1. To explore and try to define the position of Progressive Jewish communities in the various countries toward the State of Israel in the light of recent events and trends.
2. To evaluate and report on the conditions of Jewish security in their respective lands in the light of intensified anti-Semitic attacks against Jewish institutions.

I am herewith asking you to serve on this committee, and in view of the heavy responsibility put upon us by the North American Board's recommendation, would look forward to your affirmative response.

Individual members of this committee in each given land will be expected to formulate a position paper which should reach the Chairman of the Committee, Professor Michael A. Meyer, c/o Hebrew Union College, 3101 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45220, not later than February 15, 1983.

Shortly after the papers have been received by the Chairman of the Committee, a working subcommittee will formulate a single text drawing upon the various papers submitted. The subcommittee will send a collective draft to all members of the full committee for their comments and suggestions. The Chairman will then call a meeting in the United States of the full committee to discuss and decide upon the draft proposal. After the text has the approval of the majority of the committee, it will be presented as an important piece of business to the 22nd International Conference of the World Union in Jerusalem, June 27, 1983, for final discussion and eventual adoption.

I consider this mandate of the greatest importance because it will force us to define our various positions and formulate a fresh approach to Diaspora-Israel and Jewish-Gentile relations. This endeavor to define our Jewish thinking on an international basis can easily become one of the most important actions undertaken by our Movement.

Please respond by December 15th indicating whether you will be willing to serve on the committee and to write a position paper more or less according to the enclosed guidelines which the Chairman has prepared. You should not be deterred because you may be unable to attend the committee meeting in New York in the spring. Please address your response to my invitation directly to Professor Meyer at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati with a copy to me.

With my best wishes and regards.

Cordially,

Gerard Daniel
President WUPJ

Guidelines for the Preparation of Position Papers

Please feel free to write as short or long a paper as you choose and in whatever form seems most appropriate to you. The working subcommittee will welcome input of various kinds. You may write in whatever language you feel most comfortable. The following suggestions are for those of you who would like more specific guidance.

You might consider writing a paper of about four to six pages in length, typed and double spaced, divided into two parts.

The first part might deal with the situation of Jewry in your country with specific reference to relations with non-Jews. Here it would be appropriate to discuss recent antisemitism within the historical framework of Jewish existence in the land of your residence. Has the relationship of non-Jew to Jew, of government to Jewish community, changed in recent years or months? What should be the specific position of Progressive Judaism in regard to the major issues of Jewish status and security where you live? From a liberal Jewish point of view, how do you conceive the role of the Jewish community and the Jewish religion in your country?

The second part might deal with the relationship of Progressive Judaism to the State of Israel and its Jewry. You may want to deal with the need both for the defense of Israel against hostile and unfair judgments and also for concerned moral reflection within Israel and the Diaspora. Specifically, what should be the attitude of adherents of Progressive Judaism throughout the world to such issues as democracy, religious freedom, and tolerance of minorities in the State of Israel? And more generally, what kind of a society would we, as Progressive Jews deeply committed to Israel, want to see develop within the Land?

No doubt other questions and issues will occur to you as well within the general framework of World Progressive Judaism vis-a-vis non-Jewish society and institutions on the one hand and vis-a-vis our brothers and sisters in the State of Israel on the other.

If you choose to do so, please consult with friends and associates regarding your draft. You may also involve others in the actual preparation at your discretion in any manner that you wish. Only try to avoid any procedure which will prevent its being complete and in the mail by the first week of February.



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October 18, 1982

cc: DSO

Mr. Gerard Daniel
Box F
New Rochelle, New York 10801

Dear Gerry:

I have been informed by Josh Dwork that Rabbi Jacob Shankman called requesting a housing loan from the UAHC for Rabbi Ben Kamin. While it is true that in the past the UAHC has made arrangements for housing loans for World Union staff people, this was in the days when the UAHC had some modest cash reserves and the World Union had none.

I have discussed this matter with Alex and we both feel that given the World Union's present capital situation and the reserves which it has, it would be inappropriate for the UAHC to further deplete this modest endowment fund by making cash available to Rabbi Kamin. This should be the responsibility of the World Union, and, as a matter of fact, Gerry, I have grave doubt as to whether I could get such a loan approved by our Endowment and Trust Fund Committee, which would have to pass on any loan.

Should the World Union determine that it will provide the cash for the loan, we, the UAHC, would be more than delighted to handle the mechanics for you, utilizing the same forms and processes which we have used for UAHC staff people. In other words, the money we don't have, but we do have the mechanism and we would be glad to be of help.

Please discuss this with me and let me know how you wish to proceed.

Cordially,

Theodore K. Broido

TKB:tb

cc: ✓ Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
Mr. Joshua Dwork

P.S. I am writing this letter to you because I understand Jack Shankman is hospitalized at this time.

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August 30, 1982

Albert Vorspan and Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman

Rabbi Ben Kamin

Ben Kamin is anxious to become better acquainted about and integrated with the Union. It would be well, therefore, if you were to invite him to our Program Committee and staff meetings.

Thank you.

