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December 10, 1988

Mr. Gerard Daniel
5 Plain Avenue
New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801

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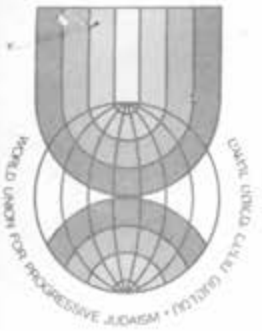
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Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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

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WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

האיגוד העולמי ליהדות מתקדמת

Office of the President

November 16, 1984
ALS-2601

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

Dear Alex:

I received your letter of October 25 only now after my return from India and England.

On March 9, 1982 both you and Fred Gottschalk for HUC-JIR agreed to share with the World Union in the dues for the Memorial Foundation. You, Fred, and Hugo Gryn, participated in the 1982 Paris meeting and the travel allowance that year was given to you.

In 1983 there was no assembly and that year the dues were raised to \$1,500.00. In 1984 we designated Hugo Gryn as the beneficiary for the travel allowance, which meant that nobody, neither the UAHC nor we, had to pay any expenses to him for that conference in Jerusalem.

In none of these years did Fred Gottschalk receive the travel allowance, yet HUC-JIR paid us both for the 1982/83 and 1983/84 periods \$500.00 each. I thought that the dues are for participating and being a member of the Memorial Foundation in which you play a prominent role.

I therefore find it just that UAHC should pay us these two sums as per our 1982 agreement. You are aware that until that time the World Union paid the dues to the Memorial Foundation entirely alone, even though the travel allowance was, as far as I know, always credited to you, and you reimbursed Hugo for his expenses which for 1984 was not necessary. I can see a merit in crediting the Union for Hugo Gryn's travel expenses in 1982 because in that year you already had participated with 1/3 of the dues. If you could let me know this amount, I will be glad to arrange such a credit.

November 16, 1984

ALS-2601

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As far as the Klenicki matter is concerned you may have misunderstood the last paragraph of my letter of October 15th. I am collecting information and we will certainly stand by any commitments made by the World Union. Rabbi Wice has promised to send me all documentation for this matter. I am glad that we ~~are~~ are able to pay off our debt to the Union and your assistance was certainly most appreciated.

With best regards

Sincerely,



G. Daniel

GD:als

cc: Joshua M. Dwork
Rabbi Hugo Gryn

October 25, 1984

Mr. Gerard Daniel
President, WUPJ
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Jerry:

I have a copy of your recent letter (10/15/84) to Josh Dwork. The \$1,000. deducted for the "Who Is A Jew" publicity campaign is approved.

I see absolutely no reason why we should pay two times \$500. for our participation in the Memorial Foundations dues for 1982-83 and 1983-84. These dues were levelled by the Memorial Foundation in order to make up the sums which have to be disbursed to member delegates who attend the Biennial Foundation Board meetings. Since you unilaterally excluded the Union from benefitting from this arrangement, I see absolutely no reason why we should make this payment to the WUPJ. Accordingly, you owe us an additional \$1,000.

Insofar as the final paragraph about Klenicki is concerned, this is an obligation which the WUPJ assumed when it asked the Union to make the loan and the fact that you were not there at the time does not remove the institutional obligation. A rotation of office simply does not wipe the books clean and I trust that you will see it that way. Believe me, Jerry, since 1973 I have been paying off obligations which were incurred by others long before I became president of the UAHC.

With warm regards and best wishes for the London meeting, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Joshua M. Dwork



WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

האיגוד העולמי ליהדות מתקדמת

Office of the President

October 15, 1984
PAH-477

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

Attn: Mr. Josh Dwork, Controller

Dear Josh:

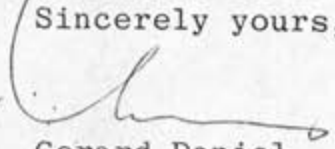
I enclose our check for the amount of \$10,957.34, as a final payment on the old World Union account.

We had two credits coming, which we deducted:

1. Two times \$500.00, which represents 1/3 participation in the Memorial Foundation dues for 1982-1983 and 1983-1984. (As of now you are a member in the Foundation of your own. The past two years have been paid by us to the Foundation, but your credits have not been received).
2. \$1,000.00 the UAHC participation in the joint publicity campaign in Israel on the "Who Is A Jew" issue.

As far as the Klenicki matter is concerned, I am really not informed about the history of this matter and have turned it over to Rabbi David Wice, who is thoroughly familiar with it, and promised that he would clarify this matter with you.

Sincerely yours,


Gerard Daniel

enclosure

cc: Rabbi Richard Hirsch
Rabbi David Wice
Rabbi Ben Kamin
Ruth Daniel



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MESSAGE

TO JERRY DANIELS

cc BEN HAMIN
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Re Leon KLENICKI

DATE 8/22/84

LAST YEAR I WROTE YOU
ON THIS HOUSING LOAN. TO THE
BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE IT
HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED.
ENCLOSED IS MY ORIGINAL MEMO
TO YOU. BELOW ARE THE
UPDATED FIGURES

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DATE

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
CHECK SO WE CAN CLOSE
OUT THIS MATTER THAT
HAS BEEN HANGING SINCE 1974

IN ADDITION WHEN ARE WE
TO RECEIVE YOUR CHECK FOR
\$12,957.34 ON THE OLD WUPJ
ACCOUNT. - THIS OF COURSE SHOULD
OF BEEN PAID A LONG TIME
AGO.

ADVISE

SIGNED

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TO JERRY DANIELS
cc Ted Broido

FILE

SUBJECT HOUSING LOAN OF LEON KLENICKI - GUARANTEED
BY WUPJ TO UAHK

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

BALANCE DUE	11/30/74	8788.29
Dec 1974		4369
PAID JAN 1975		7500
1975 INTEREST @ 6%		1281.98
"		7692
1976		8153
1977		8643
1978		9161
1979		9711
1980		10293
1981		10911
1982		11566
to 6/30/83		6180
		<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. THANK YOU

Josh Klenicki

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120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10005
(212) 962-5600

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December 10, 1974

CABLE ADDRESS
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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

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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	88,872.04
	13,000.00
	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
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	25,914.69
Less payment April 9, 1984	(12,957.35)
	12,957.34

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Edie...the above letter is in answer to Gerald Daniels letter. Type it, put it into a unsealed envelope and send it to CJR with the following covering note.

Dear Chuck, I got it off my chest. Should I send it? If so, put the letter into the mail, Alex

Let me know if you need it. I'll then send cc to Rich.

John see note p. 2 *cc: CJP*
with Hersh
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CJH
Calvin
12/18/84
Mari

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 14, 1990
FROM: Edith J. Miller
TO: Martin Strelzer
COPY:

We thanked the people in India for this little handwritten India Hebrew Congregation "Holy Book". I am sharing it with the World Union for Progressive Judaism for your archives.

Fondly.

WUPJ

November 28, 1990
11 Kislev 5751

Rabbi Albert S. Axelrad
Chaplain & Hillel Director
Brandeis Hillel
Brandeis University
Waltham, MA 02254-9110

Dear Al:

The Minsk Mission sounds exciting and wonderful. I do hope you will find the means to bring the project to fulfillment.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism has received substantial grants for its Soviet Jewry projects. I myself was instrumental in helping to gain a grant of \$100,000 from the Joint Distribution Committee. I do believe the WUPJ ought to aid you. They have the sums for this project.

Therefore, I am sharing your letter with the WUPJ to urge that they do their best to assist you in gaining the funds required for the project.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: WUPJ



Brandeis University

Office of the
Chaplaincy

Rabbi Albert S. Axelrad
Chaplain and
B'nai B'rith Hillel Director

Waltham, Massachusetts 02254-9110
617-736-3570
FAX 617-736-3577

November 24, 1990

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

Dear Alexander:

I hope all is well with you these days.

I'm writing to enlist your supportive help for a project I'm about to undertake.

Having been asked by Action for Soviet Jewry to recruit rabbis, seminarians, Jewish educators and scholars to teach Hebraica and Judaica as volunteers in Minsk, the capital of the Soviet Republic of Byelorussia (White Russia), I decided that as a recruiter, I should also be a volunteer myself. With that in mind, I have volunteered to travel to Minsk in the coldest of seasons, the month of January, 1991 (intersession on campus, making it possible for me to get away) to teach Judaica there. Naturally, I am not looking to make a cent on such a mission. On the other hand, I do need to cover my costs. On my Hillel Director's salary, with four children of my own, I just can't afford the expense. It is with that in mind that I ask for a helping hand.

I'm hoping that you, along with some other hand-picked colleagues, will see fit to support this important, shlichut shel mitzva. If you could see your way clear to sparing me a grant of \$136,00, or whatever (whether more or less), it would enable me to carry out this sacred mission. My first USSR mission was back in 1978. It was so important to me that it became the subject of my third book. The Minsk mission is no less significant. I hope I can count on your assistance.

Please make your tax-deductible grant payable to "Brandeis Hillel" and earmark it, on the check or in an accompanying note, to "Minsk Mission". For your convenience, I'm enclosing a self-addressed envelope.

In the unlikely event that I wind up raising more than I need, I hope you will allow me to recycle the remainder, specifically for Brandeis Hillel's Social Action and Social Service projects, most notably the Student Coalition for Soviet Jewry (which focuses mainly on Soviet Jewry resettlement these days), Student Action for Ethiopian Jewry and our network of Gemillut Hasadim projects.

I look forward to hearing from you at your early convenience.

Warmly,

Rabbi Albert S. Axelrad

*Dear Alexander, Shalom!
I hope you'll find it possible to
respond generously to this S.O.S.
Yours,
Al*

WUPJ

October 15, 1990
26 Tishri 5751

Mr. Gerard Daniel
Polly Park Road
Rye, NY 10580

Dear Jerry:

Your Overnight Letter of October 10 reached the office following my departure for a speaking engagement in Chicago. Thus, I trust you will understand and forgive the delayed response.

You should know that for some months now I have been after the WUPJ to seek to obtain funds from the JDC for programs in East Europe. Indeed, just last week I sent another reminder to them.

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With fond regards to you and Ruth and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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October 15, 1990
26 Tishri 5751

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Polly Park Road
Rye, NY 10580

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Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

GERARD DANIEL

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RYE, NY 10580
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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Pres. Union of Am. Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Ave
New York, N.Y. 10021

October 10, 1990

Dear Alex:

You will be pleased to hear that Beth Daniel-Kedem was opened for the Holidays and that an overflow crowd participated in the Services. Uri Regev conducted the Services. These are the good news.

The bad news are, that the cost of the remaining building functions, such as the finishing of the Sanctuary, Air Conditioning Units (ducts are in) and a few more, has increased substantially and the goal to complete the Building remains elusive, even though Ruth and I have upped the additional sums, we are ready to contribute, quite a bit.

We had planned to go to Israel on October 14, but decided to postpone our trip. -- The remaining gap at this time to totally complete the inside and outside of the Building amounts to about \$ 150,000 over and above our additional contributions.

When I met this week with Aryeh Cooperstock of JDC in conjunction with our Corps of Service to the Jewish People, he mentioned that JDC in Israel has a few hundred thousand Dollars set aside for Reform and Conservative activities in Israel, evidently an appeasement, because of the large allotments they had given to Orthodox institutions.

Dear Alex, you have stressed to me that Tel-Aviv is the place where we should be with a strong presence. The opening of a Nursery School, Ulpanim and other activities for Russian Immigrants and last not least a first Synagogue with open doors to the people of Tel-Aviv, - all this awaits the completion of Beth Daniel. Based on the short experience of the High Holidays we can be sure that ^{we} can count on an unprecedented impact on the Israelis by our Movement.

GERARD DANIEL

POLLY PARK ROAD

RYE, NY 10580

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I understand that the Executive of JDC is meeting next week. In your leadership role any request you would make to obtain support from the JDC for our Tel-Aviv Building will certainly receive priority consideration.

I have not mentioned this ray of hope to ANYONE at the WUPJ, and pray that you will agree with my plea and submit this application to the Executive next week. This would after all attain my previously expressed wish to see the UAHC in a sponsorship capacity for Beth Daniel.

I look forward to your good news on this matter. Ruth joins me in wishing you, Rhea and your family a Healthy Good New Year ,

as ever

Gerry 

We enjoyed the Rosenkavalier last night, the Marshallin was a bit "schwach" , but the Straus music soared.



COPY

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

October 10, 1990
21 Tishri 5751

Mr. Aryeh Cooperstock
Director
JDC International Development Program
711 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Aryeh:

You have been prodding me to submit requests for JDC Funding in behalf of Reform institutions, and I have been prodding our people to do so.

In this connection, I received the enclosed FAX from Barbara Epstein who is our coordinator for the Israel movement. It is self explanatory. How do you think I should proceed.

With warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Encl.

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ליהדות מתקדמת
בישראל
THE ISRAEL MOVEMENT
FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM



October 7, 1990
18 Tishrei, 5751

To: Eric Yoffie
From: Barbara Epstein

Subject: JDC Grants.

We have been in contact with the JDC in Israel this entire year about grants. They suggested we present programs for klita and the specific subjects were determined by them. David Kurtz is our contact person for this subject.

The programs are as follows:

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| a. The Chavurah as a model for social integration of new immigrants from the Soviet Union | \$ 41,000 |
| b. Consumer and personal status advocacy for immigrants from the Soviet Union | \$ 32,500 |
| c. Pisgat Ze'evi, a pilot project in neighborhood based citizenship education for new immigrants | \$ 64,000 |
| d. In addition, Leo Baeck presented a klita program for | \$ 50,000. |

We were then (July 90) told that the JDC had trouble funding the Reform Movement directly, and that is when I wrote to Alex Schindler.

At present we have been promised \$ 10,000 (big deal) for Havurot Klita. A contract was to have arrived before the holidays; so far nothing.

We have never been given any reasons for not funding the programs, except that Alberto (director of Joint Israel) is afraid to directly fund the movement because of orthodox pressure. We have applied properly and followed through. At one point they suggested funding us through the Matnasim by way of Leo Baeck - the requirement being no direct funding.

Two years ago another series of proposals were presented for community work: - Trigger Films (Jewish identity awareness).
- Curriculum development and training for informal Jewish Education.

We were told to present them without budget, with \$ 20,000 in mind. They were given to the then assistant to the director, who also had responsibility for religious organizations. He disappeared. Then too we were given no reason for not funding the programs.

Additional facts:

1. The college receives scholarship monies from the Joint.
2. Beit Shmuel received funding for for a program to develop Jewish programming for the handicapped. I am not informed as to what happend.

If money is available, I beleive we have done all that is possible from our end. Certainly for the Israel Movement, none of the charges are true.



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FROM: RABBI ERIC H. YOFFIE
TO: RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER
DATE: October 9, 1990
20 Tishri 5751
RE: JDC Grants to Reform Movement

I spoke to Aryeh Cooperstock, who was very helpful and cooperative. However, he could not give me specifics about problems that the Joint has had with the Reform Movement. He said that this is not his area and that his information has come from the grapevine.

I then contacted Barbara Epstein of the Israel Movement who sent me the attached FAX. As you can see, the Israel Movement has submitted a number of proposals, but has been promised only \$10,000, which as yet, has not been received.

I was particularly disturbed by Barbara's statement that the JDC Director in Israel has indicated that he is afraid to fund the Reform Movement directly because of Orthodox pressure, and that he has tried to devise various schemes to fund the Movement indirectly. The Joint has allocated millions of dollars directly to Yeshivot for years. I can see no reason why direct funding of Reform programs should be a problem.

Barbara mentions that Beit Shmuel did get money for a program. I know nothing about this, and it is possible that they did not follow through. Still, I don't think this should be sufficient reason to deny money to the Israel Movement.

I would like to suggest that you talk to somebody in the JDC hierarchy, indicating that we have reason to believe that the Reform Movement is not being fairly treated in the Joint's allocations' process in Israel. I don't know the Joint's structure, so I can't be sure who this person

should be. I could then follow up from here, and have Barbara follow up from Jerusalem. If you would prefer to make the contact by letter, let me know, and I will be happy to draft something.

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Attachment

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 1990
FROM: Edith J. Miller
TO: Martin Strelzer
COPY:

Marty, perhaps you can have someone review this publication. Alex is away and will return to a very heavy schedule. If he really wants to look at this material, I can always get it back from you. So, if you want to check it through, please do so. If not, keep it on file or return it to me.

Many thanks.



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August 28, 1990
7 Elul 5750

Franz J. Katz, CTC
358-A Heritage Hills West
Somers, NY 10589

Dear Mr. Katz:

Thank you for your recent letter and the mini-guide on Germany, Germany for the Jewish Traveler. As Rabbi Schindler is out of the city, I am taking the liberty of responding to your letter.

I am sharing the brochure and your letter with the office of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. That is the office which is deeply involved with our congregations overseas and when there are tours to Germany and other countries in Europe, they usually come under the auspices of the WUPJ. I trust that they will take an opportunity to review this publication and advise you of any corrections they feel are necessary.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

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cc: World Union for Progressive Judaism

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July 17, 1990
24 Tammuz 5750

Rabbi Jonathan Magonet
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Dear Jonathan:

It was good to hear that you plan to include the unpublished papers from a previous WUPJ Conference in the special issue of EUROPEAN JUDAISM which you will edit. I am delighted that you will use the papers from the Toronto Conference.

Needless to note, you certainly have my permission to use my talk. I have made a few emendations and enclose the corrected copy herewith. If you have any questions or unable to read some of my comments, you can FAX the pages in question for me to review. Our FAX # is 212-570-0895.

With warm personal regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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10 July 1990
17 Tammuz 5750

Rabbi Alexander M Schindler
UAHC
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Dear Rabbi Schindler

Having been invited to edit an issue of 'European Judaism' based upon the recent conference in London of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, I discovered that the papers delivered at the Toronto conference four years ago have not yet been published. Since the talk given by you and Walter Wurzbarger, as well as the keynote address by Richard Hirsch and the paper by Eugene Borowitz, form a valuable and coherent whole, and make an important contribution to the "ecumenical" discussion within Judaism I would very much like to publish an edited version of them in the magazine.

If space allows, they would be included in the conference edition to appear next spring; if not, then they will be featured in the following edition in autumn 1991.

You will find enclosed an edited version of your talk and I would be grateful if you could let me know if you would be prepared to allow this to be published together with the other pieces. We need to have the issue prepared before Rosh Hashanah so as to have it available if the spring publication is possible so I would be grateful to hear from you as soon as possible. Please correct or amend it as you wish.

I look forward very much to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Magonet

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March 15, 1990
18 Adar 5750

Mr. Donald S. Day
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One Fountain Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14203

Dear Don:

Edie will be in touch with you concerning a possible meeting here in New York. I think we ought to have a chat about the UAHC-WUPJ relations. No need to go into it now, but I am convinced that the Congregational Dues Plan represents a serious threat to the Union (especially in Canada) as well as to ARZA. At the very least, whatever they give to the World Union will be taken out of MUM, and the ARZA tack on plan will be devastated.

Be this as it may, I hate to have a confrontation, especially because it involves you, and because we do have a mutual obligation to Reform Judaism the world over. Perhaps we can find a mutually agreeable solution so that there will be no need for a fight on the floor of the World Union.

You will recall that on several occasions in the past, I asked you and through you, the World Union staff to prepare some proposals which I could submit to the JDC Board. I am referring to their educational activities in Eastern Europe, and in particular the Soviet Union, the bulk of which presently goes to Orthodox institutions. So far I have had no proposal that I can push. As I told you, I am on the Executive of the JDC and close to many of its lay leaders who have, in fact, been urging me to make such proposals. But without ammunition there is precious little I can do.

Nonetheless, even without specific programmatic proposals, I was able to get them to set aside \$60,000 for unspecified non-orthodox activities in Eastern Europe. Some of this, I suppose, has to go to the Conservative movement too, but I see no reason why formal proposals should not be forthcoming and pushed.

Mr. Donald Day

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Similarly, at the recent Jewish Agency meetings, a new department for activities in Eastern Europe was opened and as I recall it - I don't have the budget before me - some 8 million dollars were assigned for these purposes. Once again, I see no reason why we cannot exercise pressure to have at least some of these funds fund some of our present and perhaps even new programs of the World Union for Progressive Judaism in the Soviet Union. We even have the advantage of having this particular division chaired by Trevor Chinn, who as you know is a leader of Reform Judaism in Israel and who, perchance, also attended one of our Reform services in Moscow not too long ago.

In any event, I look forward to meeting with you. Hopefully you will come to New York in the not too distant future. I am asking Edie to set up a mutually acceptable date.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 1990
FROM: Rabbi Alexander Schindler
TO: Regional Directors

The World Union for Progressive Judaism has proposed a Congregational Membership Plan. Allan Goldman has responded to Donald Day, and our official position is stated in the enclosed letter from Allan to Don. I share this so you are apprised of the situation and we will keep you posted as the negotiations proceed.

Warm regards

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We have also received comments from the Department of Maintenance of Union Membership and the lay and professional leaders of ARZA.

Having provided substantial and constant financial and service support to the World Union since its founding, the UAHC knows very well the financial needs which have led the Committee to make this recommendation. Even as this letter is being written, the UAHC is seeking to obtain sufficient financial information about the World Union and the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, so that the UAHC will be in a position to commit additional contributions of money and

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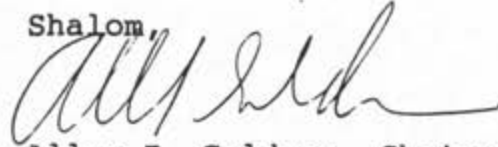
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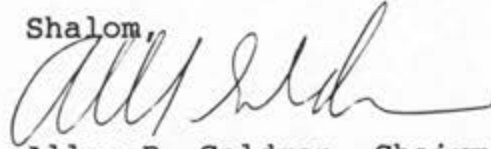
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June 19, 1990
26 Sivan 5750

W. Scharf
c/o Igal Roodenko
217 Mott Street
New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr. Scharf:

This is to advise that your inquiry concerning your research is being sent to the office of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

I will ask them to be in touch with you with the information you seek.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

CC: Mr. Martin Strelzer

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 25, 1990
FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
TO: Melvin Merians
COPY: Martin Strelzer

Marty and I had a nice chat about the proposed arrangements with the World Union and UAHC. When I told him that in your judgment the financial condition of the World Union is on firm foundations for this budgetary year, and if projected incomes are met for the next budgetary year, he was nonplussed. He said "We have a \$300,000. shortfall." I wonder where the discrepancy is.

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Again, thanks for all your helpfulness during our Budget Committee Meetings and above all, for your prior journey to Israel. I think you are the first one who has a grasp of what is going on over there and that, of course, will serve everyone exceedingly well.

I do hope that you will take a speedy opportunity to talk to Don and to speak to him not only of the current state as you see it, but of the steps he has to take to secure the future in the likely event that the Jewish Agency Grants will take a dramatic downward turn in the foreseeable future.

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April 24, 1990
29 Nisan 5750

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c/o Cumberland Hotel
London, England

Via Fax

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April 24, 1990
29 Nisan 5750

Dear Allan:

Thanks for your presence and helpfulness at our budget committee meetings.

Suspecting that Don Day might be off soon, in advance of the WUPJ Conference, I called him yesterday evening. Alas, he is off and gone already - - in Russia - - and Edie (who stayed behind because she has the flu) hasn't the vaguest idea where he is staying. Apparently, the Russian tourist agency didn't tell him in advance. In any event, I would have had trouble reaching him there.

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Please, Alan, let me have your suggestions for changes by return fax, so that I can process it properly from this end.

Ought you to get in touch with all those, (or at least with Dolores Wilkenfeld,) to whom you sent a copy of your earlier letter to Don notifying him formally of our objection to the proposed WUPJ Constitutional amendment? Time is running short. In fact, it may well have run out. Or can we leave it all to Dan Syme - - as I suggest in my draft letter to Don?

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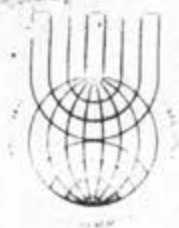
One other matter: Have you had a chance to review the draft letter intended for those giving reports to our Board and do you approve?

I append another copy in case you misplaced the one I gave you.

Have a wonderful time on your journey - - and return in good health.

Fondly,

Alexander M. Schindler



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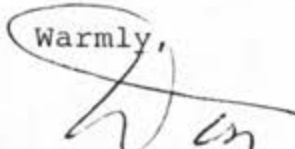
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 1990
FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
TO: Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin

Dear Cliff:

Your April 4th Memorandum concerning Rabbi Friedman's visit to Czechoslovakia reached me only this morning, a full day after we discussed it yesterday. No wonder I was so vague concerning it.

Even re-reading it, I am convinced that JDC might go for the support of educational materials but not for the trip itself.

But you remember my second thoughts. I really do not know enough about the JDC budget - what it does, and what it cannot do by established procedure. Therefore I reiterate the suggestion I gave you yesterday, to wit, that you get in touch with Aryeh Cooperstock as soon as possible and find out what the perimeters are and what, in his judgment, can be pushed through and on that basis work out a detailed budget.

MEMORANDUM

From *future* Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin *CK*
To Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Copies
Subject

Date April 4, 1990

Attached is a proposal submitted by Rabbi Joan Friedman for an explanatory trip to Czechoslovakia. Our leadership has enthusiastically endorsed the idea. A number of knowledgeable individuals, familiar with Rabbi Friedman and with the Prague community, have emphatically agreed that she is the person to undertake such a task. Her statement in the proposal, that she has "more current and more thorough knowledge of the Czech Jewish community than almost any other foreigner," is no doubt true.

Below is a budget I prepared for Rabbi Friedman's six week visit. Based upon lengthy consultation with her, I have done my best to see that she will be able to do an effective and thorough job while at the same time keeping costs as low as reasonably possible. Assuming that her visit gives us a liberal "beachhead" in Czechoslovakia, and clearly points in the specific direction future activities should take, the price is certainly a bargain.

I look forward to discussin this with you in detail, along with the Russian proposal,, when we meet to discuss JDC allocations.

BUDGET

Round trip transportation.....	\$ 2,000
Daily living expenses (42 days at \$75 per day).....	3,150
Lodging	
Food	
Transportation	
Internal Transportation (to other Czech cities).....	1,000
Books.....	1,000
Video Cassettes.....	500
Educational materials.....	500
Preliminary New York meeting.....	500
Final report preparation and distribution.....	500
Miscellaneous.....	1,000

TOTAL: \$10,150



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PROPOSAL: A ROLE FOR LIBERAL JUDAISM IN THE REVIVAL OF JEWISH
LIFE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA
by Rabbi Joan S. Friedman

Background

Under the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia, Judaism was granted legal status as a religion. Individuals who wished to affiliate with the religious body were free to do so, by registering as members of the Zidovska nabozenska obec, the Jewish religious community. The Council of Czechoslovak Jews was the national body responsible for maintaining organized Jewish life, which meant maintaining several functioning synagogues, providing kosher meat for the three communal dining rooms (Prague, Bratislava, Kosice), overseeing cemeteries, and arranging for provision of other ritual needs. The government supervised Jewish religious life strictly, in order to ensure that it did not become too vibrant; Jewish cultural expression was kept to a minimum; and expressions of attachment to Israel were strictly prohibited for most of the last 41 years, especially since 1948. This close supervision, combined with the internal dynamics of postwar Czechoslovak Jewry and its isolation from the rest of the Jewish world, resulted in the fact that Orthodoxy became the sole form of accepted Jewish religious life. The last rabbi to remain in the country from prewar times passed away in 1970; in 1983 a native Czech Jew, Daniel Mayer, was ordained in Budapest and remains the country's only rabbi.

At present there are a little over 5000 Jews voluntarily registered as members of the Zidovska nabozenska obec. Estimates are that there are probably double that number of individuals in the country who identify themselves as Jews, but who are not members of the community. The reason for non-affiliation under the Communist regime was chiefly fear: the show trials of the early 1950's and the aftermath of the 1968 invasion were evidence that it was not good to be visibly Jewish. That reason no longer exists, but others do. Some persons would like to be Jews, but are not halakhically Jewish (i.e., born of a Jewish mother) and so are not accepted as members of the community without formal conversion -- which is not readily performed. Others find the orientation of the community objectionable: it is quite traditional, and because of its long isolation from the West, it is a

particularly narrow traditionalism. Others are not interested at this point in any religious expression, but would like to have a chance for cultural expression. There are, for example, many Jewish intellectuals in Prague who are very aware of their Jewish heritage, but who see no place for themselves in the community as it has been constituted until now.

Current situation

Following the revolution in Czechoslovakia and the reestablishment of democracy there, the Czechoslovak Jewish community is reconstituting itself without government supervision or harassment. For the first time in half a century, Jews there are free to organize and conduct their own internal affairs as they wish. Czechoslovak Jews, however, are largely unaware of the ways in which Western Jewry has struggled to make a life for itself in the postwar world. It is not too much of an exaggeration to say that as Jews, they are still living in 1938, with the added traumas of Hitler and Communism.

The most immediate problem facing them is their lack of resources and information. Prague has the largest Jewish community in the country, and probably the best educated and informed; yet their knowledge of Jewish life abroad is pitifully limited. In the year since my own extended stay there, I have attempted -- as have other Western Jews -- to smuggle books to the Jews there, but these have been very small efforts.

Rabbi Mayer and his wife Hana conduct a small religious school, which since the revolution has acquired several new students; the dozen or so children range from 7-16 years of age and are all together in one class, which has virtually no educational materials. (Prior to December, they were limited to four hours of instruction per month.) Mrs. Mayer, anticipating growth in the number of children, is now working on developing a systematic curriculum. She will be in Israel this summer; Rabbi Mayer, who was ordained at the seminary in Budapest, will be attending courses at Yeshiva University.

The new president of the Council of Czechoslovak Jews is Dr. Desider Galsky, who previously served in that position in the early 1980's. Dr. Galsky is a cultured and educated man, an historian, who speaks fluent English and was instrumental in arranging for the "Precious Legacy" exhibit to be brought to North America. Due to his efforts he became a bit too prominent for the government's liking; he and his assistant were removed and replaced with two shady characters thoroughly unqualified for such leadership roles. In December 1989 the community forced them to step down, and recalled Galsky and Radvansky. Dr. Galsky is himself not observant; his own inclinations tend toward a revival of Jewish cultural life.

In the last two or three years of the old regime there had been some loosening of restrictions in the country as a whole, including on Jewish life. Thus, in July 1989 the late head of the Prague Jewish community, Mr. Josef Slansky, was willing and able to inaugurate a twice-weekly lecture series on topics of Jewish interest at the community building in Prague. This is continuing. The new situation will allow for a broader range of subjects, and for a broader range of acceptable speakers, but as yet the series remains rather limited in scope and attendance.

There are several younger men in Prague who are quite knowledgeable Judaically, and who in the past were active in the Jewish "underground," as teachers and translators of Jewish material. Three, in particular, are wonderfully dedicated individuals whose achievements in learning are all the more remarkable for having been attained under such adverse conditions. All three have seats on the new community council. But as it happens, all three are fairly traditional in their orientation; essentially, they are as orthodox as circumstances permit, and will now probably become more so. If they set the tone for the community's religious life, which is likely, it will not attract many of the currently interested but unaffiliated Jews.

In January 1990 during my return to Prague I witnessed the first free elections for seats on the Prague Jewish community council to be held in 41 years. It was tremendously encouraging to see the majority of seats on the 24-member council go to younger people (i.e., under 45), all of whom have persevered in their Judaism despite the difficulties. It is clear, however, that the council's membership does not represent the full range of potential involvement in Jewish life. It is clearly dominated by people whose outlook is a traditionalist religious one.

During my January visit I also attended the first meeting of a new Jewish cultural and Zionist group calling itself "Hakoach." Its leadership is openly and rather militantly anti-religious. In addition I spoke with individuals who remain unaffiliated with the community but have a strong sense of Jewish identity, as well as with individuals who are interested in exploring alternatives to Orthodox Judaism.

Needs of the Czechoslovak Jewish Community

Both during my research stay in Prague and my brief visit in January 1990 I spoke to community leaders about what a Western Jew such as myself could do to help the community. Of course, under the old regime, very little was possible, except what could be done unofficially. During my residence in Prague I tutored two adults in Hebrew, participated in an informal study group weekly with some others, and taught some Hebrew songs to both children and adults. On my second visit I was able to raise the question of coming back to help officially. Dr. Galsky indicated

he would be pleased; Rabbi and Mrs. Mayer, with whom I became very close friends, were most enthusiastic. They are only too aware of the limits of what they have available to them. I believe, in fact, that the help and encouragement we could provide goes far beyond anything they imagine at this point.

Helping Czechoslovak Jewry, it must be emphasized, is not just a matter of sending money or materials. Like any good outreach program, it means sending a person or persons who not only have knowledge and resources, but who also know the community, are familiar with its values and concerns, and know how to communicate with the people.

The needs I see are as follows:

1. Books and other resources. Jewish libraries in the country are woefully out of date. They need up-to-date Judaica for the average to well-educated layperson who is not at all Jewishly knowledgeable. They also need children's books, music, maps, and all the other resources which a well-equipped synagogue library would have now. Almost everyone there can function in some Western European language, usually English or German, sometimes French. Until materials are available in Czech, these will have to do.
2. Basic Jewish education. They need to be exposed to a lot of the music, films, and idioms which are the common coin of popular Jewish culture in Israel and the Western Diaspora. They need to learn songs, to see films, to learn Israeli dances, and so forth.
3. Connections to contemporary Jewish life. Jews in Czechoslovakia are not a part of the world Jewish community. They need to be drawn in. It is crucial that the European branch of the WUPJ establish some ongoing links there. I think it is important to emphasize that American-style Reform would not be appropriate here; the culture is simply too different.
4. A "shaliach" to unaffiliated Jews. Someone needs to go there prepared to show people that there are alternatives to narrow traditionalism, secularism, and alienation.

In my opinion, it would be counterproductive at this point for the WUPJ to send anyone to Prague with the intent of establishing a separate liberal congregation. This would definitely split a small and still struggling community, and would certainly alienate Rabbi Mayer, whose good will is essential. I believe that someone could go there, with the advance consent and support of Rabbi Mayer and Dr. Galsky, to be a shaliach for Jewish life in general -- while emphasizing the approach of liberal Judaism.

Proposal

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 29, 1990
FROM: Rabbi Alexander Schindler
TO: Allan B. Goldman
COPY: Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

RE: World Union North American Board Appointments
For the UAHC

Danny Syme drew up what I think to be a very good list for possible additions - - to our still needed - - to our UAHC-North American Board representation. Choose whom you will, I have no particular preference.

Norma Levitt
Horace Stern ✓
Dick Sugarman

Dick Imershein
✓ Thelma Green

Obviously, if you have counter suggestions, that's fine as far as I am concerned. We can discuss that when next we talk.

I assume
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*DBS folder
for two issues*

March 19, 1990

Ms. Dolores Wilkenfeld, Chairman
North American Board
World Union for Progressive Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York City, NY 10021

Re: Request for Appointments from UAHC

Dear Dolores:

First and foremost, I just heard about Buddy's surgery. All of your family and friends at the Union, Ellie and I pray that his recovery will be swift and that he will be as active with his by-passes as Don Day has been with his. You and Buddy have the love and affection of all of us! I have also dictated a more formal letter that is being mailed to you from New York, but I think that the more that we pray for a speedy recovery, the quicker it will be.

I have discussed with Alex your letters to us dated February 27, 1990. I am happy to appoint (or reappoint) Rabbi Schindler, Al Vorspan, Rabbi Syme and myself to the North American Board of the WUPJ. However, you must understand that none of us will be able to attend Board meetings if they continue to occur at the same time as the Board and Committee meetings of the UAHC. We know how difficult it is for you to schedule meetings that are convenient for all, but this is just advance warning that in the event of conflict we have prior obligations elsewhere.

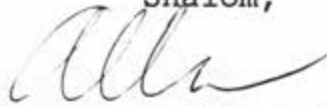
Terry Bobrow will be sending a "request to serve" letter over my signature to the following people that are already on the North American Board: Edward C. Greene (Dallas), William Hess (New Orleans), Jane Oppenheim (Scranton), Myra Ostroff, Louise Paillet (Nashville), and Flora Winton. That leaves two

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Ms. Dolores Wilkenfeld, Chairman
March 19, 1990
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additional appointments which Alex and I shall discuss
and appoint at a future date.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allan", written in dark ink.

Allan B. Goldman, Chairman
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

ABG:imo

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Mrs. Terry Bobrow

WUPJ still under \$100,000

\$73,500. owing at end of March plus uncharged interest at
9% - \$16,000 so total \$89,500.

~~WUPJ~~

WUPJ

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 19, 1988
8 Tishri 5749

TO: Fred Cohen

FROM: Robert M. Koppel *BOG*

RE: WUPJ

As part of the agreement to allow WUPJ to carry a \$100,000 balance on account, they will pay interest equal to the average earnings from the endowment fund.

Please add an interest charge to their account for the next bill back to July 1, 1988.

I would like to see their invoice before mailing. Thanks.

4/5/90

Alex -

Following your call, I found this memo which I sent to Fred. He can't explain why this provision did not go into effect.

I will be in Boston tomorrow with Jerry Somers. Paul is calculating the interest charge back to July 1, '88, and I will let you know the status when I return, or I'll leave it with Edie.

BOG

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

April 5, 1990

I spoke to Jerry and he has no problem with your receiving
a copy of the enclosed.

Regards.

Henry

GERARD AND RUTH DANIEL

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February 16, 1990

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

Dear Alex:

The problems and challenges of Beth Daniel are with us day and night.

The building is totally complete except for the inside finish of the sanctuary on the second floor. The large basement and main floor are now fully useable. We gave in addition to our previous contribution another \$100,000.00 "loan" to pay for the contractors and workers.

Now this exquisite building stands empty and unused. Dick Hirsch has been unable to find any money whatsoever. To complete the upstairs a sum of \$350-\$450,000.00 is needed dependent on the mason contractor we will employ.

Much more disheartening is the fact that the Israel Movement has been unable to transfer any programs to the building. I enclose a Fax from Dick Hirsch which describes the disappointing situation.

We would like to ask for the help of the UAHC and Arza and propose their clear cut official participation in the completion and utilization of Beth Daniel.

1. Beth Daniel becomes a participating project of Arza (UAHC) in which the World Union (Israel Movement) is the other partner.
2. The programs for the building should roughly comprise the following:
 - a. Kedem Synagogue Services for all occasions starting with High Holiday Services this year.
 - b. Nursery school and after school children program.
 - c. Library (much needed in the Zafon of Tel-Aviv).
 - d. Ulpan for Russian Jews living nearby.
 - e. Evening programs such as speakers on social and religious subjects, youth meetings and senior club activities.

We would, in the case of your acceptance of the partnership, consider additional contributions to help advance the completion of the Sanctuary. These funds would be channeled through the UAHC.

A financial plan however is definitely needed. I think you will agree that the impact of Beth Daniel-Kedem on Tel-Aviv can be momentous.

When we talked last with Dick Hirsch he stated he would welcome such a partnership.

As money sources for programs the following should be considered:

1. Jewish Agency
2. A special budget by Arza for agreed programs
3. Promotion of the Center and Synagogue for tourists, especially from Reform circles. (Not to be underestimated)
4. Leasing of premises for various purposes

Since the World Union has not scheduled an official inauguration, we propose that the UAHC would combine a leadership tour to Israel with the dedication under the auspices of the Union as the backer and partner.

Dear Alex, Beth Daniel is a Center, not only for the people of Tel-Aviv, but also of great concern to Reform Jews all over the world. It is for this reason that we, as principal contributors, come to you as the head of our movement worldwide, to decide on active assistance by the North American Union.

The major expenditures are behind us and it would be a tragedy if this mighty project would get stuck. Such failure would be publicized both in Israel as well as in our Movement with clearly negative effects.

We hope that you will bring the above plea to the UAHC leadership with your endorsement.

We will be glad to meet with you at your convenience and then submit a draft proposal to the World Union Conference in London in May.

With warmest regards, also to Rhea.

Sincerely,


Gerry and Ruth Daniel

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VIA FAX

Fax No.: 001-813-383-4267

February 5, 1990

To: Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Daniel

From: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

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Hope you are both well and enjoying your stay in Florida.

Bivracha,

Rich

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

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MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
To Allan B. Goldman, Esq.
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Subject FRJ

Date February 7, 1990

Following our conversation, Edie received financial data from the WUPJ in regard to Houston. They have received \$13,000. from the Houston community. This does not include monies which Dolores raises for the WUPJ through NFTS, sums which go directly to NFTS. I am told she is quite successful but do not have any figures. Also, with the presence of Bob Samuels' brother in the community, fund raising is undertaken for the Leo Baeck Education Center.

To repeat the FRJ figures I shared, we had 12 gifts which represent \$5,835. Board members have responsibility for \$4,925. and the remaining \$1,100. comes from small gifts.

In regard to my phrase of being "deferent" to Chuck, I meant that we ought not press him if he is really opposed. Obviously, we should raise more money if we unite.

If Chuck agrees, you might broach the subject with Fred at the Board meetings.

Regards.





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From the desk of
EDITH J. MILLER

March 16, 1990

To: Jerry & Ruth Daniel

Haven't been able to reach you by phone--
and assume you are still in Florida. When
will you be back in New York? Alex and Rhea
asked me to set a dinner date with you so I'd
like to have an idea of your plans before too
long.

Hope you're well and enjoying the Sunny South..
we're in the midst of a heat wave here in NY
but it's Shabbat tomorrow and it will probably
rain and get cold!

Shabbat Shalom.

Peace
Edie
april 4 - good
Ed.



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

March 19, 1990
22 Adar 5750

TO: Jerry Daniel

Great - April 4 is O.K. with Rhea and Alex.....so save
the date, Rhea will find a nice place for dinner and
we'll confirm time and place just before the 4th.
Take care. Regards.

Eddie



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April 1990
Nisan 5750

FROM: Donald S. Day, President
TO: Members of the Governing Body and Delegates
to 25th International Conference.

Last year I appointed a Committee on Constitutional Revisions to examine the World Union constitution and recommend changes to be brought to the 25th International Conference in London in May. The committee's report has already been distributed to you. However, I want to review, briefly, the changes the committee suggests:

1. The committee recommends that a new category of membership be created. A new section of the constitution would read:
"Supporting congregation shall consist of individual congregations which adhere to the principles of the World Union and desire direct membership in it." This change is recommended in order to encourage further identification with and financial support of the World Union.
2. A number of minor changes are suggested which clarify the wording of the constitution and streamline the processes it lays out. For example, tenures of offices are clarified and specified, the list of officers is altered, more in keeping with the current reality of World Union constituencies, and details are provided for a nominating process for officers.

I would like to thank the members of the committee, and especially its chairman, Dolores Wilkenfeld, now also chairman of the North American Board, for their work in preparing these recommendations.

Should you wish more information on them before the conference, please contact the New York office of the World Union.

MEMORANDUM

Dolores Wilkenfeld

Date October 30, 1989
1 Cheshvan 5750

Members of WUPJ Governing Body

Dear Governor:

We are herewith enclosing the recommendations from the WUPJ Committee on Constitutional Revisions for changes in the current World Union constitution.

This is basically the first draft to be considered between now and our 25th International Conference in London May 1 - 6, 1990.

We would hope that this will be thoroughly discussed within your constituency and your delegates will be prepared to make any pertinent recommendations at the Conference. This current draft is a result of several meetings of the committee, together with significant input from those who were not in attendance at those meetings.

Following is a list of the World Union Committee on Constitutional Revisions:

Mr. Leslie Bergman
SOUTH AFRICA

Mr. Abraham S. Braude
U.S.A.

Mr. Carl Burkons
U.S.A.

Ms. Henrietta Chesnie
CANADA

Mr. Donald Day, Ex Officio
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Dr. Jane Evans
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BRAZIL

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Mr. Werner Loyal
ISRAEL

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Mr. B.J. Tannenbaum, Jr.
U.S.A.

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, Ex Officio
ISRAEL

Mrs. Dolores Wilkenfeld,
Chairperson
U.S.A.

Mrs. E.B. Hirsh
U.S.A.

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Revisions

The Chairman and current Committee are deeply grateful to previous Chairmen and Committees on the Constitution and By-laws. While this report in no way reflects all of their previous work, it may be possible over the years to incorporate more of their suggestions for presentation to the Governing Body and an International Conference for action. To completely change the Constitution and By-laws with too many suggestions simultaneously would involve so much time on an agenda that other essential Convention work might not be accomplished. Therefore, this Committee is offering only a few proposed revisions which it considers essential for the advancement of the World Union. However, the Committee would appreciate the permission of the Governing Body and Conference to allow not substantive but editorial changes to be made without submitting them for formal action. Furthermore, the Committee would appreciate permission, both for clarification and simplification, again without substantive change, to be allowed to eliminate, if necessary, combine or rearrange sections.

For the 1990 International Conference we propose the following revisions:

1. Article III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 -- a new Section B: Supporting congregations shall consist of individual congregations which adhere to the principles of the World Union and desire direct membership in it.

Reason:

To encourage further identification with and financial support of the World Union.

Note: If adopted, appropriate changes in following letters will be made.

2. Article III MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.

Now reads as follows:

A congregation or organization or other body referred to in Section 1 of this Article shall not be admitted to membership except upon written application stating that it adheres to the principles, objects and purposes of the World Union and agrees to give it financial support.

Change to read:

A congregation or organization or other body referred to in Section 1 of this Article shall be admitted to membership only upon written application stating that it adheres to the principles, objects and purposes of the World Union and agrees to give it financial support.

Reason: To state current process in a more affirmative manner.

3. Article III MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.

Now reads as follows:

Any congregation, organization or other body referred to in Section 1 of this Article applying for membership in the World Union shall be admitted to such membership by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body voting either in person, in writing or by cable.

Change as follows:

Any congregation, organization or other body referred to in Section 1 of this Article applying for membership in the World Union shall be admitted to such membership by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the Governing Body votes cast, either in person or in writing.

Reason:

To clarify process and expedite action, while retaining protection of participation.

4. Article V INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Section 1.

The Committee suggests that the title "International Conferences" be changed to "International Conventions" when it refers to what is generally considered the International Biennial Conference. If this is done, the title "Conference" whenever used in this sense would consistently be called "International Convention."

Reason:

There are, from time to time, conferences of the World Union that are not the major international conferences. Also, reference to same being held biennially may not be correct, as sometimes for valid reasons, the International Body meets in a period longer than a biennium.

5. Article V INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Section 3.

a) Now Reads:

The Officers of the World Union shall be elected at such Conferences and hold office until the next Conference.

Officers shall be eligible to be reelected to the same office for a period not exceeding three consecutive terms of office.

Change to:

Officers of the World Union shall be elected at the International Convention and hold office until the next International Convention. No officer shall be elected to the same office for more than three consecutive terms.

Reason:

To clarify and specify tenure of office.

6. Article VIII OFFICERS

Section 1.

Now reads:

The Officers of the World Union shall consist of a President; no less than six Vice Presidents; one or two Chairmen, one or two Vice Chairmen of the Executive Committee; a Treasurer or Treasurers and a Secretary or Secretaries.

Change to read:

The Officers of the World Union shall consist of a President; no less than six Vice Presidents; one Chairman; and two or more Vice Chairmen of the Executive Committee; a Treasurer or Treasurers; a Secretary or Secretaries; and such Honorary Life Officers as have been appointed with the approval of the Governing Body.

Reason:

To conform to realities of the present World Union. There have been a number of Honorary Officers for a number of years not mentioned in the Constitution, although these persons, having been carefully chosen and honored for their services, have long been Officers and Members of the Governing Body and, on occasion, of the Executive Committee.

Note: If the above is adopted, Article V, Section 3B listing Officers shall be confirmed to this wording.

BY-LAWS**Article IV*****NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS*****Section 1.**

It shall be the duty of the Governing Body to submit to the next Conference nominations of the respective Officers for election at such Conference, but notice of such nominations shall be sent out two months before Conferences, and the Conference shall have the right to make and vote upon alternative nominees other than these made by the Governing Body, provided that the names of such alternative nominees shall have been submitted to the Governing Body not less than fourteen days prior to such Conference.

Section 2.

All such nominations for election shall be duly proposed and seconded and shall be carried if passed by a majority of those entitled to vote at the Conference.

Section 3.

All nominations shall be approved in advance by the Constituents to which candidates belong and by their competent regional organization.

CHANGES FOR BY-LAWS:

Article IV NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

New Section 1.

a) At least six months before each Biennial Conference (or International Convention, if changed) is scheduled to take place, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of not less than seven or more than eleven members of the Governing Body with due regard for geographic representation.

b) Such Nominating Committee shall nominate a slate of proposed officers for the ensuing term by a written report to the President not less than three months before the Biennial International Conference. In making the determination of nominees on the slate which is proposed for election at the Biennial Conference, to the extent practicable, the Nominating Committee shall consult with representatives of all geographic areas with regard for representation from such areas of the World Union.

New Section 2.

All nominations shall be approved in advance by the Constituents to which candidates belong and by their duly recognized regional organizations, if same exists.

New Section 3.

The report of the Nominating Committee shall be distributed to all members of the World Union at least two months before each Biennial Conference is scheduled to take place.

New Section 4.

Any Constituent Member as defined in Article III, Section 1A of the Constitution, or any regional organization as defined in Article XIV of the Constitution, shall have the right to submit an alternate nominee for any office, provided such alternate nomination is submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee no less than fourteen days before the Biennial Conference.

Reason:

To establish an appropriate Nominating process heretofore not provided for in Constitution or By-laws.

The current Chairman and Committee greatly hope that these proposed revisions to the Constitution and By-laws will be accepted by the Governing Body and Convention for the advancement of the World Union.

Note: Obviously, if previous proposed changes have been adopted, the word Conference becomes Convention. Furthermore, all necessary adjustments would be made throughout the Constitution and By-laws.

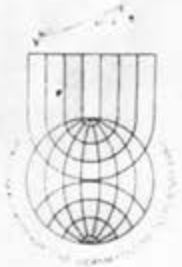
With additional gratitude to all who have worked on these proposals and with the hope that continued improvement can be made, this report is submitted.

Dolores Wilkenfeld, Chairman

October 1989

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<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Up to 180	\$ 180
180 to 360	360
360 to 540	540
540 to 720	720
720 to 1,080	1,080
1,080 to 1,440	1,440
1,440 to 1,800	1,800
1,800 to 2,340	2,400
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Mr. Allan B. Goldman
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RE: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS

Dear Allan:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 2 regarding the proposed revision of the Constitution of the World Union for Progressive Judaism which will be reported out by the Constitution Revision Committee at our Conference in London in early May.

Needless to say, I am extremely disappointed that the leadership of the UAHC has taken the position which it has on this proposal. The leadership of the World Union, and most particularly all of the North American leaders, are more than cognizant and grateful for the support that the UAHC has provided for the World Union over many years. It reflects our mutual commitment to the growth and perpetuation of the Movement throughout the years and without the commitment of the Reform Movement in America to this overriding mission, the World Union could not exist. After all, at least 90 percent of the worldwide membership of Progressive Congregations reside in the United States and Canada.

As I have indicated in my various discussions with you, the decision to consider a Constitutional amendment to the World Union Constitution that would permit the World Union to encourage Congregational memberships was made only after we had fully explored all other sources of revenue. Our financial situation is no secret to anyone. We have made it very clear for over two years now that the World Union has no

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reserves, lives from hand to mouth on a day-to-day basis, and has been able to meet its worldwide commitments only through a series of moves that cannot be repeated and which offer no hope at all for a strong continuing basis of financial support.

We desperately need a continuing source of support so that we can rely on some repetitive revenue at a level which will permit us to operate and raise the balance of the funds that will be required to carry out the World Union's mission. Many people have suggested that we have individual World Union members. We have rejected that proposal because we felt that it would be competitive with ARZA. As we viewed the situation, the only alternative available to us, and the only basis upon which we can build a sound financial structure, is to provide for voluntary Congregational memberships. We have no power to mandate any Congregation to join the World Union, only the power of persuasion. We have no regional boards to which we can look for financial support. The North American Board has no funds, no budget, and it would be an exercise in futility to attempt to assess the North American Movement for its share of our budgetary obligations. The decision to authorize Congregational memberships was reached only after a long period of deliberation and consideration and with all due respect, Allan, we do not believe that it will have any significant impact whatsoever on the MUM dues process.

From a personal point of view, I would be extremely hesitant to entertain any proposal that would endanger MUM. Over many years, I have tried to protect the MUM program and as you well know, I still serve as Chairman of the Dues Review Committee. Change alone in itself does not necessarily mean diminution of funds. We have introduced many changes in the MUM program over the years despite objections that they would destroy the MUM program, and MUM revenues continue to increase and provide the funds that we all need to finance the Movement. Furthermore, in deference to ARZA, I had personal conversations with ARZA leadership and informed them of our consideration of a voluntary Congregational membership program before the Constitution Revision Committee adopted it. I am surprised, therefore, that your letter seems to incorporate ARZA opposition to the proposal.

For better or for worse, the leadership of the World Union is charged with the responsibility of

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appropriately funding it. We have longstanding obligations to people who have given their professional lives to the establishment of the Movement in Israel and we simply must find a way to meet those obligations on a continual and continuing basis. If there is another practical source of funding available to the World Union, its leadership would welcome it. We are not enthralled with the time and energy-consuming process of soliciting Congregational memberships but until and unless a viable alternative is presented to us, we feel we have no alternative other than to proceed along the course that we have recommended and submit it to the international membership in London for their consideration.

As I told you on the telephone when we spoke last month, we have until early in May to find an alternative. I would welcome one but to withdraw the proposal which would only authorize us to promote Congregational memberships--without having significantly solved the problem otherwise--would, in my judgment, be irresponsible and place us in a position where we had effectively cut off all opportunities Constitutionally for another two or three years until the next International Conference.

If the International Conference in London deems it appropriate to reject the Constitutional Amendment, so be it. We will at least have met our responsibilities and they will do so with full awareness of the consequences.

Allan, that is the problem as we see it. Hopefully, we can find a solution before May 5 because the last thing that I personally would like to see would be a confrontation or open debate between the World Union and the UAHC. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations is too much a part of me to make that a happy experience. At the same time, however, I am absolutely convinced that the course on which we have embarked will ultimately strengthen the entire Movement of which American Reform is only a part. Nothing in our program was intended to or will result in the weakening of the Movement in North America or the UAHC itself. We would not have it otherwise!

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Let's continue to try to work out this
program together.

Cordially

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. Day', written over the word 'Cordially'.

Donald S. Day

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cc: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
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MEMORANDUM

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From Allan B. Goldman
To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Mr. Melvin Merians
Copies
Subject WUPJ Change in By-Laws

Date 2/18/90

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I spoke for a half hour with Don Day this afternoon.

I said that Mel had found the accountants and WUPJ personnel in the U.S. to be very helpful and cooperative. The 1989 Jerusalem audit and IMPJ figures are supposed to be ready when Mel goes to Israel in April 11-18 to work on this. We are doing the Program Audit that Paul Steinberg requested, but HUC is not involved anyway and I hope that Don has a fall back, expense cutting position if the JA significantly cuts its grants next week (he said they did, though there were still some fixed expenses they could not cut).

I said that if all goes well in Israel, I anticipated that Mel might be recommending to Alex and me that the UAHC commit up to another \$100,000 per year in cash and services for a three-year period. I did not know yet if there would be any conditions; I did not know yet if we would suggest a role for ARZA; and I envisioned at least one condition being putting the WUPJ books on our computer and our running the financial operations out of our New York office (something I said Dick Hirsch said he could support).

In light of this, I said that I hoped Don would abandon his proposed dues program for the next two years (at least until the next WUPJ convention). I stated that the old and new leadership of the Union, lay and professional, were adamantly and strenuously opposed to the dues plan. Written analyses from MUM (especially) and ARZA presented the drawbacks if the plan were to become effective. If Joe Glaser came through with his commitment to raise \$100,000 a year for WUPJ, and we did what we did, it would provide funds far in excess of what he could expect to raise from his dues program during the next three years (his goal is \$250,000 per year, but it will take a long time to get off the ground).

Finally, I said that I did not want two arms of our Movement to fight in public with each other, and that is what is bound to happen if the dues program goes forward. Many counsel that we must tell our congregations that they should not contribute such dues, or that such dues should have a much lower priority; others say that the WUPJ will then also be on its own, with no subsidy whatsoever. He could envision the College, materially dependent on the MUM dues program, doing what it could



to undermine his efforts. I said we should give the process that has been started a chance; if it does not work, then in two years Don can try to go the dues route, and we have at least put off for two years what may end up as open conflict.

Don responded that he did not come up with the dues plan to tweak the nose of the Union. He needs a source of continuing income. He needs increased support from congregations outside of North America. He has only one meeting every two years in which to act constitutionally. In response to my statement that I saw that things could happen that I did not want to happen (open conflict at the congregational level), Don said that he has been loyal to the UAHC. I said that Mel and I had worked hard to develop a draft of a joint fund raising proposal that we sold to the UAHC side -- a proposal that had benefiting the WUPJ in mind; I said that I had approved the joint fund raising effort in Canada, which had benefiting the WUPJ in mind; I said that I was going to pursue with Chuck Rothschild the suggestion by Dolores Wilkenfeld of joint fund raising in Houston, which had benefiting the WUPJ in mind. Thus, though I had not been an active participant in the World Union, I was doing things to help it financially. And I said that this goes in spades for Alex, who had approved all of these things and had been the "star" at the first Canadian fund-raising effort.

Don next said the he can't be put in a position where nothing is done. His figure per year is \$250,000, and if he got \$100,000 or so from the UAHC and \$100,000 through Joe Glaser, he still needed another \$50,000. Would the UAHC object to his instituting a dues program for congregations outside North America, using the argument that the UAHC had increased its contribution and the CCAR had also chipped in more funds? I said that I thought that should be agreeable to the UAHC, especially since we have argued for years that there should be more support for World Union activities from the other countries. Don said that he believes that London has committed to his proposed dues program (sure it has, because most of the funds would come from the United States). I also said that I could not vouch for Joe Glaser and whether he could keep the commitment he made at our December meeting. Don wanted me to call Joe to discuss it, and I said that I did not want to be an intermediary between the World Union and Joe Glaser and that this was something that Don should do -- he said okay, that he would do that.

Don said we have two and one-half months to work things out. I said that was not so, because the 1989 Jerusalem audit and Mel's review in Israel did not occur until mid-April. Don said he did not want to end up with nothing as he has for the past two years. I said that we had no choice but to send a letter objecting to the dues plan. Don said he understood and had no objection to that. I also said that I had to alert Alex that he would have to join Danny in London, because it appeared that Don was not willing at the present time to take the dues off the agenda. I ended by saying that I did not want to play the old car game of

"chicken" because no one would benefit from that; Don said he was not doing this but until the UAHC and the CCAR actually committed certain funds he had no choice.

Our discussion was at all times warm and civil. I think he can be persuaded to exclude North American congregations from the dues plan if the UAHC commits a certain amount of monies (let's say \$100,000 in cash and services) and even if the CCAR reneges on Joe Glaser's commitment. The argument would be that we are paying it rather than having the congregations do so. I did not raise this concept with him because I wanted to save it for a later time; it will be a difficult sale but I think one that he will accept down the road. Of course a lot depends on Mel's findings and the conditions that we seek to impose. I did not know when I spoke with Don that WUPJ had fired the accountants in Israel who did the 1987 and 1988 financial statements.

Attached is my draft letter for your review and comments.

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Re: Report of the Committee
on Constitutional Revisions

Dear World Union President and Executive Director:

The lay and professional leadership of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations have given careful consideration to the amendment to Section 1 of Article III proposed by the Report of the Committee on Constitutional Revisions. That amendment would add a new Section B, which would provide as follows:

"Supporting congregations shall consist of individual congregations which adhere to the principles of the World Union and desire direct membership in it."

We have also received comments from the Department of Maintenance of Union Membership and the lay and professional leaders of ARZA.

Having provided substantial and constant financial and service support to the World Union since its founding, the UAHC knows very well the financial needs which have led the Committee to make this recommendation. Even as this letter is being

written, the UAHC is seeking to obtain sufficient financial information about the World Union and the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, so that the UAHC will be in a position to commit additional contributions of money and services to those activities of the World Union that foster the development of Reform, Progressive, Liberal Judaism throughout the Jewish world.

However, we very firmly and strongly believe that the proposal to solicit voluntary, dues-paying membership in the World Union by Reform congregations in North America is antithetical to and not in the best interests of our congregations or of any of the institutions in our Movement. It will substantially interfere with the MUM process, which raises over 85% of the operating income of the UAHC and over 40% of the operating income of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. It will undermine the dues check-off program of ARZA, 90% of whose members come from check-off congregations. It will set the World Union, the Union, the College-Institute and ARZA against each other in a competition to raise monies from our congregations, a competition psychologically destructive of the unity which our Reform Movement has enjoyed in North America for so many years. It could well mean the raising of less, not more funds, not only by the World Union but also by the other institutions of our Movement.

We hereby submit the opposition of the UAHC to this proposal; we urge the World Union and its leadership to withdraw it at least insofar as it relates to the membership of North American

Reform congregations in the World Union; and we invite the World Union to work with the UAHC, the College-Institute and the CCAR during the next two years on programs (such as the UAHC-WUPJ joint fund raising program in Canada) that will strengthen the World Union financially without impacting negatively on others.

The Chairman of the UAHC has already conveyed the UAHC's position at some length to the President of the World Union in a series of discussions. We hope that this dialogue of mutual interest will continue and that before the International Conference in London commences the proposal will be withdrawn; otherwise, representatives of the UAHC will have no choice but to speak in opposition to the proposal if and when it reaches the floor of the Conference.

Shalom,

Allan B. Goldman, Chairman
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler

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Rabbi Eric Yoffie

Dear Eric:

Thank you very much for your excellent reaction to the World Union
for Progressive Judaism Congregational Membership Plan.

I think it will provide a good basis for a formal objection on the
Union's part. I much appreciate it.



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FROM: RABBI ERIC H. YOFFIE

TO: ALLAN B. GOLDMAN

DATE: December 27, 1989
29 Kislev 5750

Alex suggested that I share with you the thoughts of the ARZA leadership on the proposed WUPJ Congregational Membership plan. The matter was discussed at some length at a meeting between WUPJ and ARZA leaders in October.

ARZA leaders noted that 90% of ARZA members now come from "check-off congregations" -- those congregations that add ARZA membership as a voluntary item on the congregational bill. They expressed concern that the WUPJ plan would undermine the check-off system and destroy ARZA's membership base.

In response, WUPJ leaders stated that they had considered an appeal for individual members from our congregations, but had rejected such an approach precisely because it would be competitive with ARZA. They stated their belief that a congregational dues plan would not conflict with check-off. They noted further that in view of the WUPJ's financial problems, the World Union had no choice but to proceed with the congregational membership plan.

ARZA leaders responded that, in theory, there should be no conflict between check-off and the WUPJ plan. The first costs the congregations nothing, and involves individual Temple members signing up for ARZA membership through the congregation; the second is a commitment voted by a congregational board to support WUPJ from the congregation's budget. Nonetheless, there was a feeling that this distinction might be lost

on our congregational leadership, and both plans might be seen as a congregational tax. Furthermore, some congregations might choose to pay the World Union dues by assessing each of their members a certain sum; this would, in essence, simply be another form of check-off. Under these circumstances, congregations might be inclined to support one plan or the other, but not both. The result could be a disastrous decline in the number of ARZA check-off congregations.

Obviously, ARZA would prefer that another way be found to secure funds for the World Union. However, there is no question that the WUPJ congregational plan is preferable to an individual membership plan that would compete with ARZA directly.

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✓ cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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MEMORANDUM

From: Morton Kemper, Chairman, Executive Committee
To: Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Date: October 11, 1988
30 Tishri 5749

Dear Alex:

Thank you for your suggestions to invite Mel Merians and Eric Yoffie to our Executive Committee meeting on October 31st. We have sent them invitations to the meeting and will expect them.

I want to personally thank you for your participation in our meetings and deliberations. It is always good to know we can count on your counsel and participation.

cc: Rabbi Richard Hirsch, Donald Day, Rabbi Clifford Kulwin

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The Families of
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c/o Felipe Motta
Panama City, Panama

Dear Friends:

All of us of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations were heartened to learn that the Jewish community of Panama has come through a most difficult time with no major difficulties. Of course, the looting which has disrupted all businesses is distressing but we are most grateful that our people have not sustained major loss of life and limb. You have been and continue to be in our hearts and thoughts.

You should know that Rabbi Schindler sought to make direct contact with Kol Shearith Israel but to no avail. He was in touch with the U.S. Defense Department as well as the Israeli Consulate and was assured by both that our brothers and sisters in Panama were safe. Hopefully, the message he requested be conveyed did reach you.

For all of the families of our UAHC we extend our best wishes to all of you. We pray that life in Panama will very quickly return to peace and normalcy, that our U.S. troops will be withdrawn before too long, and that the people of Panama will face the future with strength and dignity, giving support to the new leaders so that the Panamanian community may face the future with vision and unity.

With our warm good wishes to one and all, and the prayer for peace for all humankind, we are

Sincerely,

Allan B. Goldman
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December 27, 1989

FROM: Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin

TO: Rabbi Alexander Schindler

The attachments are a letter I FAXed to your New York apartment yesterday and a letter that was sent via FAX directly to Panama early yesterday evening.

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If there are any other specific phone numbers or addresses you want, please let me know.

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A MESSAGE FROM DONALD S. DAY, PRESIDENT, WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Geoffrey Osorio, President
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Panama City, Panama

Dear Friends:

I offer my heartfelt thanks, on behalf of the entire 25 nation World Union family, that your community and, indeed, your entire country, has passed with relative ease into an exciting new era.

We were pleased to hear the Jewish community, both its institutions and its members, emerged basically unscathed from the tumult. We sympathize with those whose livelihood has been damaged by violence; we pray the community will work together to repair all damage within the community and, in the best of Jewish principles, in all Panamanian society as well.

We wish your new leaders strength and courage. We wish them wisdom and determination. We hope they prove worthy of the people they now lead; we hope that people aspires to the highest ideals our civilization recognizes.

Know that your international family of 1.5 million Reform, Progressive and Liberal Jews is concerned, and stands ready to be of help. May all your present and future efforts be blessed. And may the day not be distant when they Lord shall bless his people, and all peoples in all lands, with liberty, justice, and most especially, peace.

May we all celebrate a joyous and very, very bright Hanukkah.

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December 26, 1989
28 Kislev 5750

FROM: Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin

TO: Donald S. Day
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

I had a long conversation this afternoon with Mrs. Eleanor Perkins, a leader of Congregation Kol Shearith in Panama City and a long time correspondent of mine.

She sounded quite upbeat. She says the U.S. troops are doing a marvelous job of protecting the public and, as far as she is concerned, the vast majority of the Panamanian public is delighted with the change and, assuming that U.S. troops do not stay for "too long," this will turn out to have been a very positive action.

The Jewish community per se suffered not at all. There were no casualties within the community and none of its buildings (mostly close to government buildings so in the first area secured by U.S. troops) were damaged. A number of Jews will have suffered seriously in a financial way, due to the looting, but it is as yet too early to assess their losses in other than general terms.

If you want information on getting in touch with members of the Jewish community, please let me know. I hope to have a working FAX number within a day.

Regards,

cc: Martin Strelzer
Morton Kemper
Al Vorspan
Rabbi David Saperstein

November 27, 1989

Mr. David W. Belin
Belin, Harris, Helmick, Tesdell et al
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Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear David:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your resolution. Pity that it was defeated. I would have supported it.

As a matter of fact, United States Law is on your side for it prohibits the use of charitable funds via the UJA on the West Bank. If the UJA were to acquiesce in that, it might risk its tax deductible status.

To be sure, indirectly, what the government doesn't have to spend within the green line will enable it to build housing beyond it. But I think this is a mistake on both political grounds and on moral grounds.

With warm good Wishes.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

P.S.: Having completed the above, I saw your other several letters for which I thank you and to which I will respond just as soon as I have had an opportunity to study them carefully.

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November 8, 1989

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President
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Dear Alex:

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of my correspondence to Marty Strelzer which sets for the language of the Resolution I introduced at the meeting of the Governing Body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Unfortunately, the Resolution was defeated--in part because Dick Hirsch spoke against it. (However, he did state his personal position that he did not desire any new housing constructed in the occupied territories.)

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,


David W. Belin

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November 8, 1989

Mr. Martin Strelzer
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COPY

Dear Marty:

This is a Resolution that was introduced at the Governing Body meeting on November 3:

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of Soviet Jews are emigrating to Israel; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Agency has announced a campaign to raise \$2 billion to help attract and help absorb Soviet Jews into society, \$1 billion of which is to be spent to build 25,000 new housing units and refurbish 5,000 existing housing units for Soviet Jews in the next three years; and

WHEREAS, a question has arisen whether any of these housing units would be built on the occupied West Bank;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism urges that no new housing units for Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union be built on the occupied West Bank.

Unfortunately (from my perspective), the Resolution was defeated.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

David W. Belin

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

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PREAMBLE

I

The World Union For Progressive Judaism, inspired by the belief of the Prophets in the mission of Israel to spread the knowledge of God, declares that that belief lays upon Israel the duty to work for a further recognition, by Jews and by all mankind, of the religious and ethical demands of righteousness, brotherly love and universal peace.

II

The World Union, convinced of the capacity for development inherent in the Jewish religion, declares that it is the duty of each generation of Jews to bring the religious teachings and practices of their fathers into harmony with developments in thought, advances in knowledge, and changes in the circumstances of life.

III

The World Union is deeply conscious of the great religious tasks, opportunities and challenges that the State of Israel presents before World Jewry, and feels a deep sense of responsibility to do all within its power to aid in helping to realize there, as in all lands where Jewish people live, the best and highest ideals of our faith.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

NAME

Section 1.

The Name of this organization shall be "The World Union For Progressive Judaism" (hereinafter referred to as "The World Union").

Section 2.

The term "Progressive" shall include all forms of Judaism which are in harmony with the principles of the Preamble whether designated "Liberal," "Reform," "Progressive," or by any other name.

Article II

PURPOSE

Section 1.

The objects of the World Union are:

To further the development of Progressive Judaism; to encourage the formation of Progressive Jewish Religious Communities or Congregations in the different countries of the world and to promote their cooperation; to stimulate and encourage the study of Judaism and its adaptation and application to modern life without changing the fundamental principles of Judaism, and to awaken an active interest in Progressive Judaism among those Jews who, for one reason or another, do not participate in Jewish religious life.

Section 2.

In furtherance of these objects the World Union will as far as possible keep its members informed of the developments of thought, and the progress in Judaism throughout the world, and in those countries in which there are no progressive congregations, the World Union may, through such representatives and organizers as the Governing Body may from time to time appoint, cooperate with and assist residents of the said countries in organizing such congregations.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Membership of the World Union shall be divided into the following categories:

a) **Constituent Members**, which shall consist of unions of congregations, individual congregations, where no union of congregations exists in that individual congregation's country, associations of Rabbis, and such other Jewish organizations established to maintain and advance the practice and principles of Progressive Judaism, and having objects and purposes similar to those of the World Union.

b) **Associate Members**, which shall consist of individuals residing in a country where no Progressive Jewish organization and/or congregation exists.

c) **Honorary Life Members**, who shall be those persons whose names have been submitted by the Executive and/or Governing Body to and have been accepted by Conferences as deemed deserving of signal honor for work done on behalf of Progressive Judaism. Such Honorary Life Members shall have the right to attend with voice and vote both the international conferences of the World Union and meetings of the Governing Body. Upon the completion of his term of office, the President of the World Union shall become an Honorary Life Member of the World Union, and during the period that he is the immediate past President he shall also be a member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2.

A congregation or organization or other body referred to in Section 1 of this Article shall not be admitted to membership except upon written application stating that it adheres to the principles, objects and purposes of the World Union, and agrees to give it financial support.

Section 3.

Any congregation, organization or other body referred to in Section 1 of this Article applying for membership in the World Union shall be admitted to such membership by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body voting either in person, in writing, or by cable.

Section 4.

Organizations though not members of the World Union may be affiliated thereto on a resolution passed by a majority of the Governing Body. The obligations of such affiliated organizations shall be to supply

the Secretary of the Governing Body with a quarterly report dealing especially with new developments in their work, the appointing of a special correspondent with whom such Secretary may keep in touch and to pay such affiliation fees as may be settled from time to time by the Governing Body.

Section 5.

Where any member of the World Union shall at any time adopt such conceptions and declarations of religion and such practices as are in conflict with the Constitution of the World Union, including the Preamble, its membership in the World Union may be declared terminated by a resolution passed by a majority of three-quarters of the members of the Governing Body voting either in person, in writing, or by cable.

Section 6.

a) The Governing Body shall be empowered to elect as associate members of the World Union individuals residing in countries where no Progressive Jewish congregation or organization exists. Such members shall have the right to attend the Conference of the World Union but without the right to vote.

b) When in such countries a Progressive Jewish congregation or organization is established, then the membership of such individuals shall automatically lapse.

Article IV

INDEPENDENCE OF CONSTITUENTS

Section 1.

Subject to Article VI, Sec. 2, members of the World Union (hereinafter referred to as "Constituents") shall be autonomous and have unlimited control over their own affairs.

Article V

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Section 1.

The World Union shall hold a Conference of the representatives of its Constituents every two years; but the Governing Body, by a three-quarter vote of its members, shall have the right to postpone any such Conference for such period as it may think fit.

Section 2.

The purpose of such a Conference shall be to consider the work of the various Constituents, to discuss the ideas and practices of Progressive Judaism, and any or all other matters germane to the objects of the World Union and the conduct of its affairs.

Section 3.

a) The Officers of the World Union shall be elected at such Conferences, and hold office until the next Conference. Officers shall be eligible to be reelected to the same office for a period not exceeding three consecutive terms of office.

b) On the recommendation of the Governing Body such Confer-

ences can elect: 1. An Hon. Life President provided there be not more than one person holding this position at any time. 2. Hon. Life Vice-Presidents provided there shall be not more than six persons holding this position at any time.

Section 4.

Special Conferences may be called from time to time by a three-quarter vote by the members of the Governing Body. The business to be transacted at these special Conferences shall be stated in the call.

Section 5.

The time and place for Conferences, both regular and special, shall be determined by the Governing Body.

Section 6.

The members of the Governing Body shall have the right to attend such Conferences ex-officio with the full rights of delegates. The persons elected under Sec. 3 (b) are entitled to attend meetings of the Governing Body and international Conferences with the right to vote. The Hon. Life President is entitled in addition to attend meetings of the Executive Committee with the right to vote.

Article VI

REPRESENTATION AT CONFERENCES

Section 1.

a) The Governing Body shall fix the total number of representatives for each Conference and determine the number to be allotted to each country represented by a Constituent of the World Union for the said Conference and notify the proper authorities of such allotment.

b) Representation at Conferences of the World Union shall, as far as possible, be based upon the number of individuals comprised in the organizations which are Constituents of the World Union.

c) The Governing Body in fixing the representation at any Conference shall consider the proportion of the said individuals in each country represented by a Constituent of the World Union to the total number of such individuals in all such countries except where affected by the minimum and maximum representation provided for in the following subsection.

d) Each such country shall have at least two representatives, and no such country more than one-third of the total representatives of all such countries regardless of the number of Constituents from such country.

Section 2.

Each such country shall determine for itself the manner and method of distributing such representation among the Constituents of the World Union in that country and how respective representatives shall be elected or appointed.

Article VII
GOVERNING BODY

Section 1.

The Governing Body of the World Union shall consist of the Officers of the World Union and not less than 36 nor more than 99 additional members elected on the basis indicated in Secs. 2 and 3 of this Article. The number of additional members within the limits aforesaid shall be fixed by and at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 2.

The allotment of seats on the Governing Body shall be made by the Executive and be based upon the number of individuals comprised in the Constituent or Constituents of the World Union in each country to the total number of individuals in all countries, except where affected by the following subsections:

a) Each country represented by a Constituent or Constituents of the World Union shall be entitled to a representation of at least one member on the Governing Body.

b) No country shall be entitled to a representation of more than one-third of the members of the Governing Body. In calculating such one-third no regard shall be had to the Officers of the World Union who are members of the Governing Body.

Section 3.

Each country or regional organization shall, within the limits of Sec. 2 above, have the right to recommend to the Governing Body the apportionment among the Constituents of the World Union in that country, the members of the Governing Body to which it is entitled, and the manner of their apportionment or election.

Section 4.

After each Conference, the Constituents shall appoint representatives to the Governing Body, and such representatives shall serve until the appointment of their successors.

Section 5.

Between each Conference, the Governing Body shall have and exercise all the powers vested in the World Union except power to amend the Constitution.

Section 6.

The Governing Body may by a majority of two-thirds of its members voting coopt individual members beyond the numbers specified in Secs. 1-3 of this Article. The number of such additional members shall, however, at no time exceed five. Such members shall retire from the Governing Body at the same time as the other members, but shall be eligible for reelection.

Section 7.

The Governing Body shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring in any office until the next Conference (at which such vacancy shall be filled) or in the Governing Body until the respective country in

which such vacancy occurred shall have filled such vacancy and, in case of countries having no members on the Governing Body, may elect members from such country until such country shall have elected or appointed its members.

Section 8.

Before any Conference, the Governing Body shall arrange for and determine the agenda of such Conference and the program to be followed.

Section 9.

Members of the Governing Body may vote at any meeting of the Governing Body by letter or cable when they are absent from the country in which and at the time when the meeting is held.

Article VIII
OFFICERS

Section 1.

The Officers of the World Union shall consist of a President, no less than six Vice-Presidents, one or two Chairmen, one or two Vice-Chairmen of the Executive, a Treasurer or Treasurers, and a Secretary or Secretaries.

Section 2.

The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries shall be those usually appertaining to the respective officers.

Section 3.

The duties of the Chairman of the Executive shall be to preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee, and over the meetings of the Governing Body in the absence of the President, or at the President's request.

Section 4.

The Officers of the World Union shall be ipso facto members of the Governing Body.

Article IX
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The Governing Body shall elect from its own members not less than six, nor more than eighteen (including the immediate past President), who in addition to the President, the Secretary or Secretaries, the Treasurer or Treasurers, and the Chairman(men) and/or Vice-Chairman(men) of the Executive shall constitute the Executive Committee, which shall have the same power as the Governing Body between meetings of the Governing Body, except in the expenditure of money outside the ordinary purposes of the World Union. The proceedings of such Committee shall be submitted in extenso to the next meeting of the Governing Body, which shall have the power to confirm or reject all actions taken or resolutions passed by the same Committee, and notify the parties interested accordingly.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee is empowered to elect by a two-thirds majority members at large to the Governing Body. The members at large, like coopted members, shall not be included in the limitation of Section 2 (b) of Article VII above.

Article X

FINANCES

The necessary funds for the conduct of activities of the World Union shall be raised from time to time in such manner as the Governing Body shall determine.

Article XI

BODY TO RECEIVE ENDOWMENTS

There shall if necessary in the opinion of the Governing Body be appointed or organized a Board or Corporation or Trustees legally qualified to receive bequests and endowments for and to administer the same on behalf of the World Union.

Article XII

GENERAL OFFICE

The General Office of the World Union shall be located in such place as the Governing Body shall from time to time decide.

Article XIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any Constituent of the World Union or by any member of the Governing Body. Any such amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Governing Body not less than six months prior to the Conference at which it is to be proposed. Amendments proposed by a member of the Governing Body shall require to be seconded. The Governing Body may make at the Conference such recommendations with regard to or variations of the said amendment at the Conference as it may think fit.

Section 2.

Any amendment adopted by a Conference of the World Union shall become effective three months after its adoption unless objection is made by one of the Constituents in a letter to the Secretary. If such an objection is made, then the said amendment with the reasons for and against it shall be submitted to the Constituents, and it shall become effective if ratified by a majority of the Constituents. A Constituent not reporting its vote six months after the amendment is submitted to it shall be considered to have voted in its favor.

Article XIV

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1.

To further the objects of the World Union, Constituents may enter

into regional arrangements or set up regional organizations, such areas to be determined by the World Union.

Section 2.

Such regional organizations shall be consulted by the Executive and/or the Governing Body of the World Union before any plans concerning activities in the said region are made and shall be entrusted with the implementation of World Union decisions where appropriate for regional action.

Section 3.

The Executive of the World Union shall at all times be kept fully informed of activities undertaken or in contemplation under regional arrangements or by regional organizations, subject to it being made clear that the consultation requested is in reference to matters concerning the work of the World Union as a whole.

Section 4.

The individual votes of Constituents, members of the Governing Body or of the Executive of the World Union shall not be controlled by regional arrangements.

Section 5.

All activities of regional organizations outside their regional borders shall be carried out by the World Union unless the Executive or the Governing Body of the World Union decides otherwise.

Section 6.

If any disagreement arises between the World Union and a regional organization, the Governing Body of the World Union shall have the final decision.

BY-LAWS

Article I

MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Section 1.

The Governing Body shall meet at least twice a year and may be convened at other times whenever called by the President. One such meeting shall invariably take place immediately after a Conference of the World Union.

Section 2.

As far as possible the business to be transacted at such meeting shall be set forth in the call for said meeting.

Section 3.

Those unable to attend any such meeting may vote by letter or cable on any matter to be submitted at such meeting. The letter or cable shall be addressed to the Secretary and if the vote is by cable shall be subsequently confirmed by letter, but the Governing Body shall be at liberty to count and act upon such vote prior to such confirmation by letter. Where any motion is carried or lost as a result of the vote of

those not in attendance against the vote of each case of those present, then and in such case those motions shall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Governing Body, and in the meanwhile a full statement of the case and the reason for the vote of those present shall be made to the absentee(s). At the second meeting a majority vote of those present or voting by letter or cable shall be final. No decision shall be considered final unless one quarter of the members of the Governing Body have voted.

Section 4.

In the case of an equality of votes, the President or in his absence the Chairman of the Executive shall have a second or casting vote.

Article II

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Notices of the meetings of the Executive, together with the agenda of the business to be dealt with at such meetings, shall be sent two weeks beforehand.

Article III

REPORTS AND REVIEWS

Section 1.

The Governing Body shall publish reports of conferences and shall have power to issue a regular Review of the work of the World Union and its constituent organizations.

Section 2.

The Governing Body shall require an annual report from each country in which the World Union has Constituents detailing the development and progress of that country in relation to the objects and principles of the World Union and may require special reports at any time on the same or kindred subjects.

Section 3.

The Governing Body shall have the power to send to or appoint a representative or representatives in any country in which the World Union has no Constituent, to investigate and to report on the desirability of organizing Constituents in such country, or on any subject germane to the objects and principles of the World Union.

Article IV

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Section 1.

It shall be the duty of the Governing Body to submit to the next Conference nominations of the respective Officers for election at such Conference, but notice of such nominations shall be sent out two months before Conferences, and the Conference shall have the right to make and vote upon alternative nominees other than these made by the Governing Body, provided that the names of such alternative nominees shall have been submitted to the Governing Body not less than fourteen days prior to such Conference.

Section 2.

All such nominations for election shall be duly proposed and seconded and shall be carried if passed by a majority of those entitled to vote at the Conference.

Section 3.

All nominations shall be approved in advance by the Constituents to which candidates belong and by their competent regional organization.

Article V

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES IN CONSTITUENT COUNTRIES

Section 1.

The Governing Body may appoint from time to time as many corresponding Secretaries in countries represented by a Constituent of the World Union as it may deem necessary, the duties of such Secretaries to be to keep the Officers and especially the Secretary informed of all matters germane to the objects of the World Union in the said respective countries to which they may have been appointed.

Section 2.

The Governing Body may organize in such constituent country, requiring the same, Bureaus of communication and advice, to advise upon matters germane to the objects of the World Union, and to make recommendations upon the same.

Article VI

ACCREDITING OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Governing Body shall prescribe how representatives to the Conferences shall be accredited, and supply all necessary forms for this purpose.

Article VII

FINANCES

Section 1.

The Governing Body shall have power from time to time to make assessments upon Constituents of the World Union for payments to the World Union, such assessments when made being proportionate to the membership of such Constituents, and such payments to be for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the World Union.

Section 2.

Such assessment shall be deemed to have been accepted by any Constituent unless such Constituent apply at least six months before the beginning of the fiscal year of the World Union for the reduction of the amount specified.

Section 3.

The decision of the Governing Body in such applications shall be final.

Section 4.

The financial year of the World Union shall be the calendar year.

Article VIII

AUDITORS

Section 1.

The Conference shall elect an Hon. Auditor or Auditors who shall be responsible for the auditing of the finances of the World Union. Any person(s) so elected shall hold office until the next election.

Section 2.

In the event of an Auditor(s) being appointed the Governing Body shall at the first meeting possible fix the remuneration for such Auditor(s).

Section 3.

The Hon. Auditor(s) shall submit audited figures to the Governing Body from time to time.

Article IX

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds vote of the Governing Body, but all amendments must be submitted to the next Conference and be subject to its ratification, but meanwhile until such Conference such amendment shall be carried into effect and acted upon.

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October 30, 1989
1 Heshvan 5750

Mr. Gerard Daniel
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Dear Gerry:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your remarks intended for the meeting of the Governing Body of the World Union in New Orleans.

None of your recommendations comes as a surprise, in the light of our conversation, and I agree with you in its substance fully, certainly when it comes to the imbalance between work done in Israel and work done elsewhere in the Jewish world, and above all about the need of transferring some of the functions to America, such as Central Accounting. I would not be willing to involve the Union more fully in this work until this kind of process of accountability is established.

You and I differ just a little bit on the subject of Russian Jewry. I think this to be important work. It is after all, the largest Jewish population in the world following those of Israel and the United States. It may even be larger than Israel for all we know.

In any event, we are not just talking about bringing Reform Judaism to Russia, but also about attracting Soviet Jews who may be residing in Israel and in the United States to our Reform Movement, and through them, perhaps a network of liberal Jews in the Soviet Union will be spawned.

Be that as it may, I admire your work very much. It is concise and to the point. It is well conceived and well executed.

Do you mind if I share your speech with Allan Goldman and Mel Merians? I would like to do so before the meeting of our group on December 4th.

Again, my best to you and Ruth. I look forward to seeing you in just a few days now.

Sincerely,

Sincerely, M. Schindler

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Free remarks

Yes

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Oct. 26, 1989
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Dear Alex:

As promised I enclose copy of the remarks I plan to deliver at the meeting of the Governing Body of the World Union in New Orleans.

Any comments and recommendations for change you would care to make would be greatly appreciated.

I very much look forward to contributing to the advancement of the Corps of Service after the Biennial, and enjoyed our candid talk a couple of weeks ago.

With warmest regards from House to House,

Sincerely yours,

Gerard Daniel

Gerard Daniel

REMARKS TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF WUPJ
NEW ORLEANS, NOVEMBER 3, 1989

Dear Friends:

The last years under my and my Successor's Presidency have shown quite clearly, that the World Union cannot cope with the financial demands of its present programs and directions.

Since the history and very nature of this umbrella organization preclude a wide individual membership structure, the time has urgently arrived to study and adopt a restructuring of our World body that will bring us closer to the original Concepts of our founders, which carry the same validity to-day.

I speak of Proliferation of the Liberal Jewish Religious Philosophy among Jewish Communities all over the World, Energetic Assistance in building new Congregations wherever promising, Close Communications among existing Liberal Member Groups and the Creation of lasting ties of all our Affiliates to the the State of Israel and our own Reform presence there.

We are in danger of being unable to meet even these basing mandates as a result of our financial deficiency. I believe that this lingering crisis with its ever-hectic search for funds to tie us over from one short period to the next, makes it mandatory for our Leadership to face alternatives, some of which I shall outline now.

1. REVIVAL OF CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN REFORM FAMILY.

Our attempt over so many years to reach the vast numbers of North American Reform Jews through the tool of our North American Board has failed. Far too often do we hear our Organization described as the "best kept secret of the Reform Movement in North America"

The only way to the well over a Million American Reform Jews is through its own assembly, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a World Union affiliate. The UAHC and the UAHC only can guarantee a successful process of familiarizing its members with our vital programs and achievements. To achieve this goal I propose that we start the process of transferring certain parts of our Administration to North America, to ensure a close proximity to the main source of our funding.

The leadership of the UAHC and the CCAR have often expressed their frustration with their inability to secure a clear accountable picture of our organizational and financial process, a quest well justified but very difficult in its implementation. Accounting from Israel has proven to be complex for almost all organizations active there. We deal with two currencies and a range of different programs, so that despite good will on all sides, even the World Union leadership in the U.S. could never get a clear picture of our finances in Israel, a frustrating state of affairs to say the least.

Make no mistake: I am convinced that to the the Jewish World the step to move our Head Quarters to Jerusalem was a bold and affirmative move. It was strongly accentuated through the continued toil of our Executive Director, Rabbi Dick Hirsch, whose voice has for so long now represented the aspirations of Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora to gain equal rights for all Jews. We cannot afford to let up in this struggle .

Yet we cannot jeopardize our survival as a World Organization, a survival which depends on a Renaissance of our ties with the UAHC and its vast membership. -- The time has come to start the restructuring whereby many parts of our organization and financial actions be controlled from here. It is quite logical that a World Body, which raises the bulk of its support in North America, should locate here some of its more important management functions.

A first step in this direction would be the urgent consideration to bring our Central Accounting to the U.S. The state of the Computer Arts permits such a step in the same manner as Multi National Companies maintain central control over the finances of numerous branches in only one office.

Let us also bear in mind that our Executive Director, as a result of the wish of our Executive spends close to half a year now in the United States, which gives him exposure and control over activities in both offices of the World Union.

Most of our International activities in the Diaspora are initiated and maintained here, and as I will point out later should even be intensified and consolidated from here.

2. BALANCING OF WUPJ PROGRAMS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE DIASPORA.

If we were to use figures, as Dollars or Members, we will find that the growth of our Movement in Israel, while representing the vast portion of our "Investments", stayed behind our other constituents in a most disappointing contrast. We did not succeed to create a peoples' movement during the decades of our endeavors. We did, however, better in the political arena, like the "Who is a Jew" Issue.

Political objectives in Israel should be shared between all arms of the Reform Movement and not burden the World Union and its Israel Movement alone. A start in this direction has been made through the creation of the Religious Action Center of Arza and Arzeinu, who work closely with the World Union- more cooperation would help lighten the World Union's financial burden.

One of the main objectives of the World Union in Israel, the creation of an independent local movement, has been achieved, though small in dimension. The Israel Movement of the World Union has been launched as an independently functioning unit of the World Union. With centers like Beth Shmuel in Jerusalem and Beth Daniel-Kedem in Tel-Aviv its basis has been greatly strengthened. It should focus on the establishment of Congregations and Community Centers. In this process, renewed screening of our Rabbis in Israel should result in the retention of only those Rabbis who have a "track record" as builders of Communities. Consolidation of existing small communities in addition would certainly help further to diminish our financial load.

I often have wondered, whether we do not follow too many pursuits at a time when our numerical growth did not follow. A constructive approach to consolidation will, I believe, lead to a stronger Israel Movement.

Despite the excitement our new Russian Program has generated in our midst, I find upon sober reflection that the World Union may have bitten off more than it can chew. The proper creation of a Reform group among the masses of Jews in Russia, will of necessity be a long and costly undertaking. We simply would act irresponsibly in our financial crisis, if we were to take this exhausting venture on by ourselves.

This type of project should only be undertaken by the combined strength of our entire Movement, to assure that it will not falter for lack of resources.

In contrast to this new concept, we should at long last determine that we have in France a large Jewish presence of noncommitted Jews, who deserve our attention no less than Jews in Israel or elsewhere. Neither our European Board nor our existing Paris Congregations have proven to be the right pioneers for this important undertaking. A new program involving leading French Jewish figures will have to be designed by our Leadership. This time we will have to muster a determination not to fail; money will be needed for such a large challenge. This should be a good case to submit to our North American affiliate as deserving their help.

Take as an example our ability to drastically enhance our role on a whole continent, South America, through the untiring efforts of ONE dedicated and innovative individual, our own Rabbi Cliff Kulwin. Some years ago I started an energetic search for Rabbinical Candidates for South America, which Cliff later took over. The results speak for themselves: Four new Rabbis and Congregations during the last three years. At present there are five students enrolled at the Hebrew Union College, a fact that should translate into five new Congregations in South America in years to come. These accomplishments are made of the very stuff our Founders had in mind when they started our international movement over 60 years ago.

Other countries form fertile grounds for our mission, such as Italy, Hungary, Germany and Scandinavia to name just a few.

3. SUMMARY.

It appears that the majority of our active leaders feel that the World Union has reached a most critical stage in its history and that drastic shifts in our present directions are called for. Something is terribly wrong with an organization, that spends most of its energies to keep alive, frantically looking for funds to keep it going from month to month.

A. Only the return of the UAHC and its North American affiliates as active constituents of the World Union can secure our financial stability and survival. This is best accomplished by bringing the financial administration of the World Union to the United States. It is quite normal that we thus recognize where the strength of our Movement is centered. Before we moved our Headquarters to Israel, the World Union's Head Office was located in New York for many years and before that in London.

The New York office should concentrate its efforts in two main directions: Financial Control over all World Union activities and intensified international efforts to proliferate our Movement in the Diaspora under the Direction of Rabbi Cliff Kulwin. On the assumption that our new arrangements with our North American affiliates would help in setting up a different effective approach to fill our needs for funds, we should be able to reduce the cost of our New York office, with its present stress on fundraising.

B. A consolidation of our Israel programs, as described by me earlier will certainly reduce the costs of our support for the Israel Movement. While the Israel Movement manages its own budget, which includes large funds from the Jewish Agency, its World Union's contributions should shrink and with Finances largely handled in New York, the World Union Jerusalem office will also be able to manage on a thriftier budget.

These recommendations are the results of my own first hand experience and it is upon the Governing Body of the World Union to direct changes as outlined. I hope that a discussion of these proposals to-day will help

us to emerge as a slimmer but stronger organization from our present crisis. A strong accent on re-gaining our North American constituent and a re-orientation of some of our priorities outside Israel , will lead us , I am convinced, into an era of renewed strength.

Thank you.



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July 26, 1989
23 Tammuz 5749

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Dear Don:

As I wrote you a few days ago, I asked Al Vorspan to check with Betty Golomb to see what her experience with Littman was. She dealt with him on the issue of Soviet Jewry and he was okay on that, but she shares Lack's overall evaluation of his conduct, at least from her perspective.

All is for what it's worth. I have no axes to grind one way or another, I am just the switchboard here.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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From the desk of
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*For release
to Wm Day*

To:

Mr. Albert Vorspan

Alex

Please take this up with Betty Golomb.

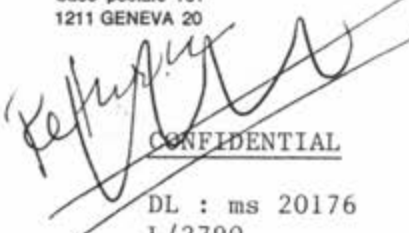
Thank you.

*Betty says Sidney
Lisovsky of the
A9 Committee favored
him & thus Betty
went to bat then.
But, while he was off
on Soviet purge, Betty
does not disagree with
this evaluation across
the board. He is not involved
beyond Soviet purge.*

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David
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Geneva,
21st June 1989

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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Dear Alex,

I appreciated receiving your letter of 16th June and the enclosed letter addressed to you, dated 9th June, by the President of the World Union.

I certainly do not wish to put in writing criticism of someone who has good intentions as a volunteer for a cause with which we all identify. I have remained silent for long, perhaps over-long, particularly since the person concerned suffered a great personal tragedy shortly after the time that his public utterances had caused several of us considerable dismay.

Frankly, I do not consider his writings to be of a high standard; on the contrary, they are jingoistic, politically inept, and all share the doubtful merit of having everything thrown in, including the kitchen sink, on all issues. Insult is added to injury when the doubtful prose is delivered in a grandiloquent, pseudo-Churchillian style which is rather painful. To this must be added the somewhat flamboyant and tactless style of lobbying, including divulging private conversations in public, sometimes to the publicly expressed annoyance of the delegate concerned. Above all, my criticism and that of other observers is that his statements have the questionable merit of purporting to transform, on the Arab-Israeli issue, what is unfortunately a military and political conflict into a religious and ideological one.

His critics in the Israeli delegation call him the "unguided missile". What is particularly painful is that many friendly NGOs have approached me and others, expressing concern about the harm this does to the Jewish/Israeli cause, and this thought has also been conveyed to me by several friendly Western delegations whose support on critical issues is necessary.


It is not as if I and others have not tried friendly and constructive criticism which, to his merit, he has on one or two occasions even solicited. Unfortunately, however, he is quite unrepentant and seems in the past to have applied his own criteria of what is right, proper, or appropriate on any given theme, so far as one can note, without any outside control.

I am sorry to sound so critical, but I do sincerely believe that our friend has a personal problem which should not be worked out at the expense of the cause we all represent. I am troubled by the thought that these comments may be interpreted as 87.5/100 but I am comforted by the fact that I believe you understand my motivations.

I hope, but am not convinced, that future monitoring of his performance will bring about some improvement. In any event, thanks for having taken this up.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


Daniel Lack

P.S. I think it is relevant to add that with all due respect to your informant, one should be aware that the U.N. is a very special kind of place, and it is quite understandable that he might not be aware of the particular atmosphere and the procedural complexities which apply there, with which we have become painfully familiar through over 40 years of accumulated experience. One has to realize that in a climate which is already indifferent or hostile for the most part, certain expertise, tact, and even plain commonsense are necessary, which together over time provide some kind of feeling of what can or cannot be achieved. Unfortunately both the understanding and the sensitivities seem to be lacking on the part of the representative in question.



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July 17, 1989
14 Tammuz 5749

Mr. Daniel Lack
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Dear Daniel:

Thank you for your note of the 21st of June which reached me on my return from Israel and Europe. I am going to resume my dialogue with the president of the World Union. Perhaps I can persuade him to take a more assertive stance.

With warm good wishes, I am .

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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Dear Donald:

You may recall our conversations concerning Lipman. I relayed your judgments to Mr. Lack, at whose suggestion I wrote you in the first instance. The enclosed response from him of June 21, 1989 might be of further interest to you.

I also shared Lack's letter with Al Vorspan. He will discuss it with Betty Golomb, who has some knowledge concerning this matter, just to see where she stands.

I really have no personal judgments, as I told you, but I do know Daniel Lack and he is not a critical person. That is to say, he usually is kind in his judgment of others and most forgiving. Thus, if he is so perturbed perhaps one ought to take his cautions more seriously.

With fond good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

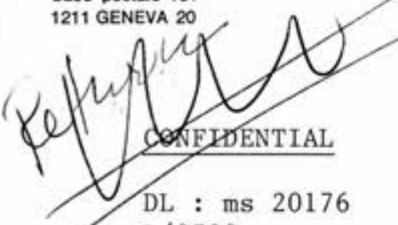
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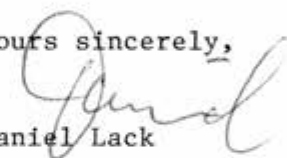
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June 16, 1989
12 Sivan 5749

Mr. Daniel Lack
World Jewish Congress
1211 Geneva 20
1 rue Varembe
Switzerland

Dear Daniel:

Following our conversation in Montreal, I checked into your plaint concerning David Lipman. I have just received the enclosed letter from the president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. I have the utmost faith in Don Day and am satisfied with his evaluation of the situation. I hope you will also accept this report, bearing in mind that our people will continue to keep a close eye on David.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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June 15, 1989
12 Sivan 5749

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Dear Don:

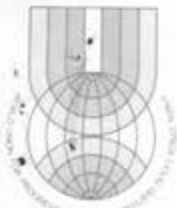
With the frenetic travel and meeting schedule you carry, as well as your personal responsibilities, there's no need to apologize for a delayed response to my letter concerning David Lipman.

I am grateful for your thoughtful and thorough response. Your evaluation satisfies me and I shall share it with the WJC people in Geneva who had originally complained to me.

With thanks and fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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Dear Alex:

Please excuse my belated response to your letter of May 16 about David Lipman. I am just now getting caught up on some of the correspondence that was deferred while I was away.

I am very familiar with the Lipman situation. He was the subject of considerable debate last year while Jerry was still President of the Union. Jerry had received some disturbing evaluations of Lipman and presented to the Executive Committee the issue as to whether Lipman should be continued as the World Union's representative in Geneva. Frankly, there was a strong difference of opinion about him. While there were certainly a number of people who shared the same view of Lipman as were communicated to you, on the other hand, he also had very strong support from many of the Europeans and knowledgeable, experienced Americans. Both Norma Levitt and Betty Golomb were consulted. Betty made her own independent investigation. As a result of the process, David was asked to appear before the Executive Committee at a meeting in New York, and he did so. It was decided at that time to reappoint him for a period of one year, and he is currently operating under that appointment.

Lipman is extremely articulate, knowledgeable and aggressive. He is a prodigious writer, and one of his problems, I think, Alex, is that he really takes the job seriously! He has no need to work for a living, and this has become his full time job.

① Thank you for evaluation
I am satisfied

② send copy of this
to L.P.C. & W.S.C.
(in Geneva)

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June 9, 1989
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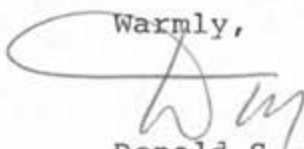
On a performance level, he really is an excellent spokesman, and I strongly suspect that part of his problem is that he does manage to rub the wool of some people the wrong way because he is exceedingly proactive. As for his written presentations, they are really excellent.

So he is a mixed bag, Alex. Certainly there is no one in Europe who would be in a position to replace him. He has the confidence of people like Martin Gilbert and a number of others who are knowledgeable and experienced.

Obviously, if he stubs his toe, we will probably cut it off; but as yet, he hasn't. He made a commitment to us last year to clear all of his presentations through us before submission, and while it requires a great deal of reading, I have always found them instructive, well-grounded, and persuasive. Dick Hirsch also plays the censor role!

In any event, thanks for bringing the matter to my attention. I am not at all unaware of Lipman's critics and will continue to watch him quite carefully.

Warmly,



Donald S. Day

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May 16, 1989
11 Iyar 5749

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Dear Don:

I recently attended a meeting of the World Jewish Congress Executive in Montreal. While there, a number of people from Geneva spoke to me concerning the problem which they are having with a David Lipman. He represents the WUPJ at the United Nations there, presumably as a member of an NGO.

As they put it, he is an unguided missile and often makes statements which are exceedingly harmful. Occasionally he does some good things, almost by happenstance, or so they say, but more often than not he puts the community in an embarrassing situation and generally with his vitriolic anti-Arab stances.

Of course, I have no first hand knowledge concerning this matter but the people who brought me the reports are fairly reliable - Lack, Riegner - and I trust their general judgment.

Some years ago the matter was called to the attention of Jerry Daniel, I don't know by whom, but at that time David Lipman suffered some kind of personal tragedy in his life and Jerry did not want to react then but promised to do so in the future. Why don't you check with him to see what the facts are. As indicated, I am merely a neutral messenger.

With fondest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Albert Vorspan

P.S. We'll miss you at the Board meeting - and Edie too!



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April 3, 1989
27 Adar II 5749

Rabbi Richard Hirsch
Executive Director
World Union for Progressive
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13 King David Street
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Dick:

I just reviewed a draft document which emanated from your office presumably to be presented to the Executive of the Governing Body and relating to a World Union policy on "Constituent Conflict."

I have no difficulty with the first operative clauses of the proposed resolution. I think that it is the obligation of constituency to engage in prior consultation with each other and matters about which they may be in conflict.

I also have no problem about having the World Union recognize and acknowledge conflict among constituents when it occurs.

But, I am categorically opposed to the third resolution which suggest that the World Union from time to time "adopt formal positions of the international movement on conflicts of a regional or national nature." I take this clause to entitle the World Union to censure individual constituents for the stance which they have taken. If this is the intent of the resolution, I certainly don't think that this is the World Union's proper role. If this is not the intent of that resolution, then the language ought to be revised and the intent clarified.

Rabbi Richard Hirsch
WUPJ

April 3, 1989

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I appreciate your letting me have your reaction to my
reaction as it were.

All the very best.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

P.S. I'm eager to know how your meeting with Peres went.

cc: Donald S. Day, Esq.
Mr. Albert Vorspan

cc Monday 4/3/89

March 2, 1989

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Republic of South Africa

Dear Mr. Conyer:

As one who was born and raised in South Africa, I have been asked to respond to your letter of November 2, 1988. I am doing so on behalf of the Social Action Committee of Temple Isaiah, a Reform Congregation in Los Angeles, California.

Let me begin by saying that the tragedy of South Africa is of constant concern to me personally, since nearly all of my immediate family still live in Cape Town and Johannesburg. It is with great sadness that I continually follow the events unfolding in my homeland. Many have been the opportunities for dialogue and compromise, but the white power structure hasn't had the courage or the foresight to lead the way toward peaceful change.

Unfortunately, the last 40 years of institutional racism are now beginning to destroy the fabric of South African society. As it is written, "As you sow, so shall you reap!"

You raise the issue of South African government policy versus the beliefs of the South African people, as if these were somehow different. It's my understanding that only 18 percent of white South Africa voted for the Progressive Party in the last election. That leaves 82 percent of the electorate supporting the current or even more extreme Apartheid measures. Since Blacks have no vote in South Africa, we must believe that the majority of South Africans are supportive of Segregation.

As to the measures taken by some Reform Jewish leaders and congregations to improve the quality of life for Black Africans, I quote from the most recent Carnegie Corporation report of South

Africa. This report, eight-years in the preparation, written by two Cape Town University professors and based on research done by over 400 other South Africans, says in part: "Apartheid cannot be reformed. Renewal of South African society is not possible without the defeat of the racist ideology which sustains the current elite."

Unfortunately, the Jewish population of South Africa is seen by Blacks as part of that elite. Jews in general have flourished mightily since World War II under the rule of the National Party. That's not to say that all South African Jews are racists, but many have been co-opted by the system. It is probable that the Progressive movement believes it was struggling against Apartheid with programs like the school in Alexandria. However, like many actions taken by Southern whited in the U.S. in the days before Martin Luther King, these programs were basically paternalistic in nature and did not really address the basic moral and ethical issues raised by the Apartheid system.

It seems slightly hypocritical to accuse the world of imposing sanctions without considering the views of those "who would be most effected by them," when the South African government has been imposing its will on over 27 million Blacks for over 40 years without ever giving them an opportunity to vote! The facts are that less than 10 percent of all the foreign investment dollars in South African benefit your Black population in any direct way. Most of the remainder goes to shore up the South African economy and to protect and finance the reprehensible Apartheid system.

The Carnegie Report supports this contention with many graphic examples - I will cite just a few: "Black families in rural areas are literally starving to death, reduced to misery by the still rampant rule of Apartheid; More than 60 percent of all Black households and more than 80 percent of all Black rural households have incomes below the poverty level; Infant mortality among Blacks is eight-times that of whites; Two-thirds of Black households have no electricity, even though South Africa generates over half of all the power on the African continent..." The litany goes on!

No one is suggesting that sanctions alone will force the South African government into a more flexible posture, but the pressure on the business enterprises of the country will create economic discomfort and could provide a major impetus in a revitalization of the pragmatic value of Apartheid. Other methods have tried

and failed, including the Reagan Administration's so-called "Constructive Engagement" policy. Nothing has worked. The Apartheid system is alive and well, and entrenched in the white South African psyche.

Minimal changes have taken place which have no real impact on the lives and futures of most Black South Africans. As I understand it, only three of more than 37 separate laws making up the Apartheid system have been either revised or discarded. Under the circumstances, it cannot be expected that the world community, and specifically the American Jewish community, can stand idly by.

I also want to take issue with your contention that the South African Union for Progressive Judaism wasn't consulted before the Union of American Hebrew Congregations took its action in support of sanctions. While I have no specific knowledge of formal contacts between the two Unions, as a member of the Commission on World Jewry of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation Council, I know that at least two delegations from this area, and probably others, were in South Africa on fact-finding missions in the last three years. Former California Senator, Alan Sieroty, chairman of our commission, insists that it was made clear during those sessions that there would be overwhelming American/Jewish support for sanctions.

No Jew can rest easy knowing that actions which he/she supports may have a negative impact on other Jews. But as Jews, our paramount responsibility, as we see it, is to act firmly and unequivocally when issues of morality and ethics are involved. The injustice and the inequality of the Apartheid system demands this type of response at this time. That our actions in this regard will have an economic impact on Jews in South Africa, is unfortunate but not unavoidable. We pray the opportunities still exist for South African Jews to build bridges to the Black freedom movement so that together they can work for the creation of a productive and progressive multi-racial state.

Shalom.

Clive Hoffman



March 17, 1989
10 Adar II 5749

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Dear Don:

I serve on the Executive Committee of the JDC, as you may or may not know, and they are beginning to enter the field of Soviet Jewry placing a particular emphasis on the Jewish education of those who remain behind. In the course of the Board discussion concerning this item, I mentioned our activities in that realm and they were much surprised and very much interested.

I alert you to this now, because I think that the World Union for Progressive Judaism ought to get in on the ground floor.

In any event, I'll continue to serve on the Executive. I will read the notes carefully, and if there is anything that develops, I'll be in touch with you.

With fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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November 20, 1989

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Re: December 4 Meeting Concerning World Union for Progressive Judaism

Dear Alex:

As background for the December 4 meeting, you have asked that I give a very candid and objective appraisal of the World Union for Progressive Judaism based upon my experiences over the past five or six years that I have served as Chairman of the North American Board of the World Union. I will try to do this in relatively brief form and will include comments and observations that I have gleaned in discussions with Gerry Daniel, Ruth Daniel and Matt Ross while we served together as an informal Steering Committee.

At the outset, I will not try and cover in this letter the practical problems that any organization would face where its constituency is one part of the world and its headquarters and Executive Director is in another part of the world. Gerry Daniel recently touched upon some facets of this problem in a speech before the Governing Body of the World Union, and I think it is an issue that should be reviewed at the December 4 meeting. I will also not discuss in this letter matters relating to personnel, except to say that the compensation and fringe benefit packages of the two top professionals of the World Union aggregate around \$200,000 and you can make your own judgment on the effectiveness of the World Union professional staff and the relative levels of compensation as compared with professionals on the Union staff at that compensation level.

What I do want to emphasize is a fundamental doctrine of good business management: Any organization in order to maximize its effectiveness has to adapt itself to changing times, conditions and circumstances. This is true in the business world, and it is also true in the world of non-profit charitable institutions.

In the case of the World Union, the starting point is to recognize that there exists today an entirely different set of factual standards than that which existed more than ten years ago when the decision was made to move the headquarters of the World Union from New York to Jerusalem. These new circumstances include:

1. The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism has launched itself as an independent Movement, away from the WUPJ.

2. The Reform Movement has been able to use its influence to have the Jewish Agency allocate substantial funds for the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. (Unfortunately, we have not had any satisfactory accounting reports to inform us how these funds are being spent.)
3. ARZA has established a Religious Action Center in Israel that is representing Reform interests and is also taking an active part in issues in Israel affecting Progressive Jewry.
4. The construction of the Youth Hostel--a building which cost nearly \$8 million--has now been completed, and there is a full-time staff running the Youth Hostel, which should thereby provide more time for our Executive Director to work here in North America on fund raising for World Union programs outside of Israel. Unfortunately, that has not been done.
5. Our Executive Director, Dick Hirsch, who played such an important role in helping the Israel Movement in its earlier stages, is no longer devoting much time in this area. As a matter of fact, he is devoting increasing amounts of time in his work with the Zionist Movement--some sources say a majority of his time--and this naturally has a negative impact on the work of the World Union because so little time is spent in working with the main constituency here in the United States.

If you really seek a candid appraisal of the World Union's activities over the past ten years, there are four other matters that have to be raised:

1. Over the past ten years, we have poured between \$1 million and \$2 million of funds into Israel to help dramatically increase the number of Israeli Jews who belong to the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. If we want to be honest, we have to admit that our efforts have not proved very fruitful, to say the least. According to Dick Hirsch's remarks before the most recent meeting of the North American Board, the numbers that belong to the IMPJ have remained substantially static--about 2,000 people. I think it is fair to question whether or not part of the reason for this is that our money may not have been spent as effectively as it might have been. Gerry Daniel alluded to a part of this problem in his November 3 address before the World Union Governing Body, and I think it is a matter that has to be discussed.
2. Another major problem of the World Union is that there is a vast difference between how the constituency wants our human and financial resources spent and how they are actually spent. Our constituency time and time again has stated its preference that at least one-half of our funds and efforts should be devoted to building Progressive Movements in countries outside of Israel. The World Union leadership certainly is aware of this belief because when reports are made by World Union leaders about activities of the World Union and when fund-raising solicitations are made, the dominant theme involves activities of the World Union outside of Israel. The most recent examples of this are the 30 minute oral report given by Don Day to the Trustees at the November 2 meeting at the 1989 Biennial, where Israel was

barely mentioned, the recent August 10, 1989, fund-raising letter sent out by the World Union where the dominant theme involved activities outside of Israel, and the new World Union film which has the majority of its commentary devoted to World Union efforts outside of Israel. Yet, more than 90% of our funds have gone to Israel.

3. Another major problem faced by the World Union is that its financial support from other countries in the Diaspora outside of North America is relatively minimal. This has a number of ramifications, one of which is that if the rest of the world is going to look to North America to try and bail out the World Union, then North America has to really take whatever steps it feels appropriate to try and improve the situation.
4. There is a major philosophical difference between a large segment of our lay constituency and our Executive Director. This was evident in an address Dick Hirsch gave at the November 3 meeting of the World Union Governing Body and in some of his remarks at the November 5 World Union fund-raising luncheon. One central part of the difference involves the relationship between Diaspora Jewry and Israel. If you were to read a transcription of the remarks of Dick Hirsch before the November 3 meeting of the Governing Body (and a tape exists of his address), I think you would find a perspective that asserts that if Israel does not have a strong Progressive Movement, the Progressive Movement in America will be nothing more than a sect which will disappear. This fundamental difference in philosophy does have an impact on the course and direction of the World Union, and I think it is a matter that must be addressed.

It may be helpful at the December 4 meeting to have copies of the November 3 talks by Gerry Daniel and Dick Hirsch before the Governing Body. Either before or after the meeting, I think it would be important for you to get the perspective of the current key officers of the World Union, including Don Day and Mort Kemper, and it would also be very helpful to get the perspective of Gerry Daniel, Ruth Daniel and Matt Ross because of their long-term involvement in World Union matters. I would also suggest that you talk to Bob Samuels on an "off the record" basis because he has a unique perspective which includes his involvement in Israel, and I think he would have some very constructive observations.

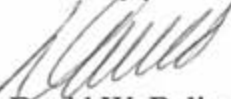
In closing, I want you to know that although over the last several years Dick Hirsch and I have had a number of differences in philosophy and perspective concerning the World Union, I have always admired his tremendous dedication and commitment. As a matter of fact, one could very well say that but for Dick Hirsch, there might not be any Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism today. Certainly, without Dick Hirsch there would be no Youth Hostel in Israel. I think that the service that Dick has performed in the past is something that we cannot ignore. However, at the same time, we cannot ignore the facts as they exist today, nor can we ignore our failures. We have a fiduciary responsibility to our constituency to address these issues with candor and objectivity before we yield to the temptation of just trying to raise more money to continue doing in the future the same thing and under the same circumstances that we have done in the past.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
November 20, 1989
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One goal we all share in common is to make the World Union for Progressive Judaism an effective organization to help build Progressive Jewish constituencies throughout the world. I have always believed that there is a great opportunity for the World Union, and this is one of the reasons that over the years I have devoted so much time and effort. Even though I am stepping down as Chairman of the North American Board, I still care very much for the future of the World Union, and I look forward to our December 4 meeting as an opportunity to address the problems of the World Union in a most constructive manner.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



David W. Belin

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March 16, 1989
9 Adar II 5749

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Dear Cy:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 1989. You will be interested to know that I raised the matter of Jews in the Soviet Union at a UAHC Biennial. The World Union asked us to seed this endeavor to them and, of course, it does make sense since the World Union is our overseas Reform Jewish arm. On the other, you might share your suggestion with the President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, Donald S. Day, and we certainly would be willing to be supportive of the program you have suggested.

With kindest greetings and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

B'nai Israel Congregation

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March 7, 1989

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I recently read in a mailing of the World Union of Progressive Judaism that a group of Jews in Moscow are beginning to express interest in Reform Judaism in the Soviet Union. Of course, there is, at present, no organized equivalent of the UAHC in that country nor, I suspect, will there be for a good many years despite Glasnost. Therefore, may I suggest that the UAHC make some kind of gesture expressing its support for this relatively new movement in the Soviet Union and award some kind of honorary membership to any Reform organizations that exist in that country.

I realize that, strictly speaking, this is the domain of the WUPJ but it might be a "shot in the arm" for those Soviet Jews to know that the main body of Progressive Judaism in the West is fully aware and fully supportive of their goals and aspirations.

This is, of course, a preliminary idea and may be developed in a way that the UAHC deems fit. However, I think that it is a positive way for us Reform Jews to affirm and encourage our Progressive achim v'achot in a unique and supportive way.

B'shalom

Cy Stanway ...

Cy Stanway, Rabbi
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WUPJ

February 28, 1989
23 Adar 1 5749

TO: Donald.S. Day, Esq., President
World Union for Progressive Judaism

The enclosed letter from Bob Orkand is self-explanatory. I've told Bob this matter falls within the purview of the WUPJ and that I would share his letter with you along with my strong recommendation that the WUPJ get involved as quickly as possible.

Love to you and Edie, from Rhea, too.

Encl.

DFebruary 28, 1989
23 Adar 1 5749

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Dsar Bob:

Thank you for your letter of the 24th. You are absolutely right but this is the World Union for Progressive Judaism's domain. The last time I raised the subject I had my toes stepped on because I was treading on other people's turf. I am sneding a copy of your letter to Don Day with a very urgent request that it be followed-up.

I, too, look forward to seeing you soon, although from the looks of my schedule it won't be much before Peseach!

Bondest regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

RABBI ROBERT J. ORKAND

February 24, 1989

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
UAHC
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Dear Alex:

I just returned from an absolutely wonderful mission of the UJA Rabbinic Cabinet which I had the privilege of chairing. This trip--to Rome, Romania and Israel--was truly a look at the world Jewish community in microcosm.

I look forward to sharing some of my experiences with you. For the moment, I want to comment on our visit to Ladispoli, the community outside of Rome where approximately 9000 Soviet Jews are waiting to travel to the United States, Canada and Australia.

This visit was a painful one. The Soviet Jews there feel betrayed, confused and angry. Their refugee status is, as you know, in question. However one may feel about their refusal to go to Israel, we must do all we can to help these people. That, however, is not the point of my letter.

When we were at Ladispoli we found that the only contact with Judaism the Soviet Jews have is with the Lubavicher Hasidim who have received permission from the JDC to run the educational program there (the Jews for Jesus also have "set up shop"). It seems to me that the Reform Movement is ignoring the possibility of showing the Soviet Jews of Ladispoli another way. We should be sending someone there. We asked the JDC people whether such a person would be welcome and we were told "absolutely."

When we were in Israel, Mark Staitman, Norman Patz and I discussed this issue with Dich Hirsch and some of his staff. We suggested sending an Israeli or Russian Jew to Ladispoli rather than an American. This would allow us representation there without reenforcing the notion that the only place to be is the United States. Such a person would, of course, need to be familiar with Reform Judaism in both Israel and the United States. Dick was very interested in such a possibility, though finding the right person and funding are problems. I think we can take care of the funding. Finding the appropriate person will be somewhat difficult, but not impossible. •

Alex, we need to be in both the Soviet Union and in Ladispoli. We are losing Jews because the Soviet Jews are turned off to the Lubavich style and message. Once the Soviet Jews arrive in the United States they are lost Jewishly. And, when they go to Israel they encounter only one kind of Judaism. We must find ways to reach these people earlier.

I have a sense that Dick needs encouragement from you. I see this as a project worth doing.

I look forward to sharing my experiences with you in the very near future. Until then, every best wish from house to house.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. Orkand', written in a cursive style.

Rabbi Robert Orkand

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

August 25, 1988

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| 1. | Report on Mailings | - | Martin Strelzer |
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| 3. | WUPJ Obligations &
Objectives | - | Mort Kemper |
| 4. | Israel Movement,
Current Responsibility | - | Mort Kemper |
| 5. | Report on Donald Day Financial -
Support Committee,
Past and Present | - | Donald S. Day |
| 6. | Future Financial Planning | - | |

WORLD UNION MISSION TO ISRAEL

October, 1988

Objective: To undertake a survey of all institutions and programs of the World Union and the Israel Movement in Israel for the purpose of:

- 1) Gaining perspective on what is being achieved.
- 2) Analyzing the financial dimensions.
- 3) Formulating a perspective on long-range program needs and financial requirements.
- 4) Recommending a structure for providing a solid, continuing framework for raising the required funds for the institutions of the Israel Movement and the World Union in Israel.

Composition of the Committee:

Donald S Day, Chairman, President WUPJ,
Mel Merians, Co-Chairman, Treasurer, UAHC
Martin Strelzer, North American Director, WUPJ
Rabbi Eric Yoffie, Director, ARZA
Raymond Goldman, Executive Director, RSGB

Time Table: First week in September, Committee members meet in New York to formulate agreed upon objectives and procedures.

Departure: Thursday, October 13, 1988

Arrival: Friday, October 14, 1988

Saturday Evening, October 15, 1988, meet with leaders of Progressive Movement in Israel to explain the purpose and the format of the Mission.

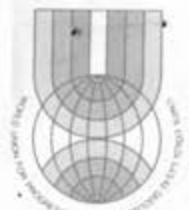
October 16 & 17 - Jerusalem. Meetings with representatives of individual programs.

October 18 - visits to sites of Progressive Institutions outside Jerusalem.

October 19 & 20 - Committee prepares its report.

October 21st (Friday AM.) Departure.

November - Meetings with leadership to formulate final recommendations.



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TO: WUPJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: MORTON KEMPER, CHAIRMAN

We are enclosing the minutes of the last Executive Committee of the Governing Body on August 25th, 1988.

We are also enclosing a response card for the next meeting on October 31st, 1988 here at 838 Fifth Avenue at 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Please respond immediately so that we can know the attendance expectation.

There will be an important report and discussion on the fact finding trip to Israel concerning finances and structure by Donald Day, Marvin Novick and Marty Strelzer.

We do hope you can be there for that significant report.

Enclosures

MK:da

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

MEETING: WUPJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DATE: Thursday, August 25, 1988
TIME: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
PLACE 838 Fifth Avenue, NYC, 10th Floor

ATTENDEES: Gerard Daniel, Ruth Daniel, Donald S. Day,
Dr. Jane Evans, Betty Golomb, Rabbi Richard G.
Hirsch, Zelda Kahn, Morton Kemper, Rabbi Clifford
M. Kulwin, Charles Lehmann, Norma Levitt, Rabbi
Jerome Malino, Harry Minkoff, Marvin Novick,
Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Eleanor Schwartz,
Dean Paul Steinberg, Rabbi Jack Stern, Martin
Strelzer, Rabbi Daniel Syme, Alayne Zatulove

GUESTS: Menachem Leibovich, Richard Scheuer

Morton Kemper, Chairman of the Executive Committee opened the meeting at 11:15 AM. Introduced new members, Harry Minkoff and Alayne Zatulove and guest Menachem Leibovich, Director of Beit Shmuel, the World Education Center in Jerusalem.

He mentioned that the purpose of this meeting was the critical financial situation of the New York office of the World Union.

Martin Strelzer - began his report on the first item on the Agenda (see attached): Report on Mailings. He first mentioned that lunch would be served about 12:30 and also that all present should be made aware that the minutes were being taped so they could be mailed along with the typed copy to our foreign members of the Executive. The first attempt of the recording of the last meeting was met with great pleasure by many of the overseas members, so this will be continued.

On the subject of the mailings, he mentioned that at a prior meeting it was agreed by UAHC that we would be given access to the Reform mailing list and we selected 25,000 names to receive our appeal. The first letter went out signed by the seven presidents of the Reform organizations. About 116 came back, monies about \$6,600, the cost about \$5,500. On the second mailing, 25,000 different names, we got back to date about 32, and maybe \$1,100, a probable loss.

Also, going into the mail this week an ambitious and sophisticated new level called the Maimonides Leadership Circle, a range of \$10,000 over 5 years, or \$2,000 per year. Just before the holidays our regular solicitation goes out followed by a 2nd follow up around November.

The Maimonides mailing was going to a smaller list: WUPJ contributors and other interested names, numbering 4,500 with a cost of \$5,500.

Rabbi Daniel Syme - wanted to know what the median range of the gifts were and if we store the information on the names and addresses.

Marty Strelzer - said yes, Joan Greenberg had them in a special list on her computer. The range was from \$2.00 to one of \$2,000, the median about \$15 to \$18.

Jane Evans - said that she would have mailed the second letter to the original 25,000, minus the donors. Said she had found that the second letter to the same group usually does better (referring to the Jewish Braille Institute). It's now familiar territory, they have seen your name before, it touches a bell.

Eleanor Schwartz - asked what the profile of the group was.

Marty Strelzer - said it went out based on alphabet, starting with A.

Morton Kemper - reminded group that this wasn't a meeting to discuss mailings, this was just to provide some background to the financial condition of the NY office. Helping to paint a picture.

Charles Lehmann - then picked up on item two on the agenda. Distributed to those present financial material from January through July 31st. The numbers speak for themselves. WUPJ is in a weak and precarious position.

The past few months there have been efforts in fund raising to accelerate income in cash. Money has come in thru this effort, but this money has only come in earlier and will not be available again at the end of the year when normal contributions come in.

We have not made any payments to Israel for the month of August. We are in debt to UAHC to the tune of about \$71,000, that does not include the debt building up this current month of August.

We cannot continue the expenses of WUPJ indefinitely. Funds must be found to liquidate the debt to UAHC. The shortfall is for seven months.

Income we expect for the next 5 months will be less due to the earlier arrival of funds, unless we can get more by new means. We have a serious obligation to Israel and to the rabbis there. The seriousness of the situation is the reason for the meeting today. We are not even going to present the 1989 budget as we need to be able to get to the end of '88. Factually we are insolvent. If we were corporate we would be in "Chapter 11".

Mort Kemper - we'll try to get questions on this a bit later. Right now we are trying to paint a picture so that the problem as it exists now can be clear. Must stop for a moment and welcome Rabbi Schindler. Would like to talk for a few minutes to round out the picture. In terms of obligations and objectives. Historically WUPJ didn't just find ourselves in this embarrassing financial position. We worked into it by accepting certain financial responsibilities where we didn't have a definite source to back that up. We have in our Constitution the right asses our members, but if we did that we would find that 93% of the money would be coming from the U.S. We did have reserve funds at one time. Each year for the last 5 or 6 years we have spent more than we received. You can't keep doing that. The Executive Board did nothing about it. We now find ourselves in a position where our obligations that we assumed far surpass our resources. We have a hefty amount that we send to Israel. We send \$32,500 a month for the salaries, well needed. We aren't throwing money away, What we have done is pay out without preparing the methodology of replacing the funds we use. We have tried to create a constituency in Israel and it has been expensive. It is growing. We have accomplished some real goals. We come here today to clean house. The Israel Movement financially has been our responsibility and most of the funds we raise have been spent there, ignoring other areas of concern. In an effort to put our feet on the ground so that we can go forward together, I am now going to ask our President, Don Day to give his report.

Donald Day - said the situation must be looked at on two levels. First, that Charlie's statement strictly financial on the comment of bankruptcy. Second, the balance sheet of assets and liabilities indicates what we have to address here is dollars and cents.

Let's put this in perspective. What are we? Put financials aside. What has been accomplished? We have spent some time recently studying this institution that has far transcended its original intent and expectations.

It was founded as an umbrella organization to bring together organizations from around the world. It has become more than that. Assumed responsibilities well beyond intent or purpose of original founders.

In 1973 they moved their headquarters to Jerusalem. The perception being that there was the center of Jewish life, of Jewish spiritual life. We had to have a presence in Jerusalem.

Because of commitments of people who long preceded me, there was the creation of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism in Israel. This must be measured beyond the terms of dollars and cents.

Two thirds of our budget goes there, not by accident but by design. That we had to create an indigenous movement as a main player in Israel was without question. We are blessed and burdened with its success. It's more viable than it ever was. There is still

room for improvement. But it exists and WUPJ has played a major part in its birth.

Concurrently, over the past very few years, WUPJ has assumed a greater role in areas of the world outside of Israel. Cliff arrived this AM from South America and South Africa. WUPJ led a mission to South Africa with four congregational rabbis who went at their own expense to review the situation there. The Youth Exchange Program with its expansion of exchange of young people between continents is thriving.

Beit Shmuel. Many here at the table, myself included wrote it off as a folly. The truth is we were wrong. It is a very important presence in Jerusalem, a real asset. It has a regular cash flow. We own a building that cost \$8 million, still owe \$1 million to Tourist Industries and \$45,000 balance to HUC-JIR of the \$750,000 they guaranteed as a Cincinnati bank loan.

We can not put a mortgage on Beit Shmuel. The day of reckoning is here. We have to face it on two levels. We don't have the money to continue. We have to face that reality. Something very drastic could be that we would be putting people out of work. Before we would cut them off, thought and consideration must be given. Some have been laboring 19-20 years. What they have gotten from us has been meager. If we do that, we must face the drastic action and the message we would be sending out to the world.

The financial situation itself is, our budget is \$775,000, about \$60,000 per month. We live from day to day. Worse than that we have been borrowing money from UAHC. We have no right to continue to borrow. That's what we face. We scrapped up the money to pay salaries in Israel for July. Did not send money in August. If you look at the budget, they don't have the money either.

We have been talking about this for at least 18 months. This is not the first meeting on this subject. There have been several meetings including meetings with leadership of the Reform arms.

I know their hearts go out as does ours. I have never questioned their good faith and understanding of WUPJ's obligations of rabbinical salaries in Israel. We have received some help, some response.

Received \$20,000 from the CCAR, \$10,000 from ARZA, \$10,000 from NFTB, and continuous sums from NFTS. Also money from UAHC, because we haven't paid our bills to them.

Somehow we must find a formula, a mechanism to find a continual source of funds to support the Israel rabbinic salaries that we as a movement have assumed responsibility for. Not a stop gap measure, but a continual flow until IMPJ and the congregations in Israel can support themselves. That day is not here yet.

At the last meeting there was the suggestion by UAHC that we use a portion of their mailing list. That was reported to us

earlier today by Marty Strelzer. There was no big money there. It wouldn't have solved the problem even if we had had a bigger response. It's a permanent solution that we must find.

Up until now we have not been able to collectively find the mechanism. We recognized the reality of the situation. The reality has to come from and with their partial assistance of the other arms and the full commitment of UAHC.

There are discussions with UAHC and Rabbi Schindler going on. We desperately need their leadership. Out of those discussions has come a WUPJ Mission that will go to Israel within the next 60 days or so. That mission will include Marty Strelzer, Don Day, Mel Merians, Eric Yoffie and Raymond Goldman of the U.K. Their purpose is to make an intensive study of programs and institutions in Israel and how viable they are. What we hope to achieve is to get a handle on the hows and whys. To analyze the current situation.

We are not yet prepared to say, no more Israeli salaries until we have exhausted all sources of revenues over here. We owe them that and a lot more.

I would like to defer a final resolution until we have completed the mission. Then brainstorm that information with the UAHC and the leadership of the entire movement. We succeeded in building it, but we can't continue to support it alone. Maybe it's putting off the inevitable but let's hope it never comes to be. We have responsibilities ourselves. We must be prepared to make our commitment.

Dick is here, will be here for some time. He's here to raise funds. This is a strange organization. Other than our constituent groups we have no membership, no dues. If we were to assess our constituencies for our budget, with a budget of \$725,000 or so, and 93% of membership being American, the NAB would be assessed in the range of \$680,000. Not realistic.

It is easier to raise money for Beit Shmuel than for rabbis salaries. The same goes for the Soviet Program, yet rabbis salaries are 2/3 of our budget.

Our constitutional structure may require revision so that our constituency becomes supportive by instituting a membership category.

As presently structured, we will lose this battle. We go to the movement not as poor cousins but an integral part. Our success in Israel far transcends our ability to support that movement. There is a whole world out there, for example 2,000,000 Russian Jews. There is great opportunity for Progressive development there. We as a world wide movement and institution have an opportunity. The International Soviet Jewry Committee will be meeting in London in December. I have high hopes for that. We have a real future. Exciting things are happening in South America. I see that in the letters we receive every week. In France there are 700,000 Jews.

We have a mission to fulfill. We have the commitment among our professionals and leadership to do the job but we can't do it with one hand tied behind our back. We have to solve that problem and move forward.

Mort Kemper - thanked Don Day for his clear and concise background report. We'll have lunch and get to questions later.

LUNCH BREAK: 12:35 PM

RESUMED AT: 1:10 PM

Mort Kemper - re-opened the meeting with greetings to a guest, Dick Scheuer.

Rabbi Jack Stern - said that previous discussions on this matter that he recalls leads to two questions. Have we gone outside the U.S. for support?

Mort Kemper - said letters went out to leaders, they are in favor of whatever action we take, but there is nothing for us in the way of money.

Marty Strelzer - stated it wasn't a formal effort, just letters asking for support.

Rabbi Hirsch - said that some money from England and Australia still comes in. Most of the overseas constituencies can't contribute.

Rabbi Jack Stern - said that everybody is aware that congregations in Israel don't pay dues. Has that been changed in Israel?

Menachem Leibovich - replied that most pay dues, not enough, however, to pay the rabbis.

Rabbi Jack Stern - then asked if the assumption then is the amounts collected cannot cover salaries.

Rabbi Hirsch - No. They have agreed to grow and pay, but it isn't happening yet.

Rabbi Jack Stern - there must be something established on an ongoing basis. Is there anything in the constitution of the UAHC that would preclude a \$5.00 per family through the whole movement? There are something like 280,000 families. Is it unconstitutional? Can the Biennial take that up? It may not be in the original accord of the WUPJ Constitution, but WUPJ has done the movement's job in Israel.

Mort Kemper - recalled a voluntary assessment of \$5 per member that went to WUPJ. Changing conditions change circumstances. But if it was done once I would think it could be done again.

Don Day - said that a lawyers answer to that would be that it would require a constitutional amendment at the Biennial requiring a 2/3 vote.

The next Biennial is in '89. Many congregations have financial burdens. He chairs the Dues Commission which is currently reviewing MUM dues. He doubts that the present climate would allow additional financial burdens.

Rabbi Alex Schindler - said he thought it a bit premature. It's dangerous. Once you open it up, they could demand a reduction in dues. It's a risky game and premature. There is nothing I can commit as an individual. I want to be of help. It's not a one man decision. We are an organization with a board, we have treasurers and budget committees. There are some dangers inherent in what you propose. There is a danger in making either of these institutions WUPJ or IMPJ a subsidiary of the UAHC. To make the Israel Movement a subsidiary of the UAHC would not be good for the Israel Movement. No one will write a blank check. There must be prior review, approval and full accountability of budget. The Israel Movement has grown like topsy. Very little cohesion. Looking at financial pages is not enough. We must look at it first hand.

What's the mission of IMPJ? Is it furthering growth? Who serves and their cost? Is there income other than WUPJ, the Jewish Agency and institutional fund raising?

We have to know what we're about. No pig in a poke.

What is the function of WUPJ? Should they revert to what they were originally seen as?

Crisis approach for fund raising drive right now. You need to initiate that.

In this period of emergency we must ask others in Israel not to go out on their own, but to raise crisis funds. The Northwest Region told me that so far they have had Bruria Barish, Hal Applebaum, Haim Cherut, Moshe Zemer, Bob Samuels. All came unsolicited.

Need an emergency drive spearheaded by the IMPJ to get over the crunch.

Mort Kemper - said we have tried to get a plan in operation so that fund raising would be cleared through Dick.

Rabbi Schindler - suggested we bring the good ones over but use them for WUPJ. WUPJ pays Samuels salary, he has an obligation to WUPJ.

Norma Levitt - said she supported what Alex had said. Let's look for a parallel. UJA went out on such campaigns. This is saving lives of the congregations in Israel. Magnify the emergency so that all must feel it. Its got to be a heartbreak story.

Eleanor Schwartz - said we must review and evaluate the Israel Movement and what it does. There must be an orderly process. What prestige is going to be behind the emergency drive? Are we only talking to ourselves? NFTS doesn't feel a constituency responsibility but a corporate responsibility. The sense of urgency is now. Which powerful voice will speak?

Dean Steinberg - suggested a different approach. Emergency is a state of mind. We need something like the Novick Report. An outside appraisal agency to look at this operation or we'll be back here in 3 years. So many vested interests in Israel that it's ludicrous. We need the outside to bring order out of chaos. Should look at WUPJ in Israel. We, the HUC need capital support in Israel also.

Mort Kemper - We spent time earlier evaluating these problems. We are sending a committee over in a few months to look at Israel.

But our problem is not what we do days and years from now. What about today? We are no longer paying our rabbis.

Jane Evans - said she wanted to comment on the superb presentation by Don Day. Should WUPJ consider going back to its original concept? It was founded in 1926, much different from today's 1988. Volunteerism was the basis of the original concept. The professionalism is the strength of today. That wasn't the concept of the originators. Lily Montagu was a volunteer. Her contacts were volunteers.

Rabbi Hirsch - said that the great success of UAHC is that it went from a service to an operating function. Similarly WUPJ, our growth is because we have recognized the need. It's not just for the present need. If you take Israel seriously, we're not only talking, we're looking for a long haul solution. Not only responsibility for the present but responsibility for the future. We must provide a basis for continuing. I've been on emergency fund raising for the past 15 years. Where are we suppose to go?

Rabbi Jack Stern - asked about the 1987-88 budget, the anticipated income of 495,000.

Marty Strelzer - replied that we raise most of our money in the last 3 months of the year.

Rabbi Stern - wondered if we anticipated money to pay the rabbis salaries somewhere down the line.

Marty Strelzer - answered that we anticipated 180,000 deficit at the very beginning of 1988. We've just been able to sustain ourselves. The end of the year deficit will be more like 240,000 if we receive all of the anticipated income of 495,000. Up until this year we had reserves. They are gone.

Don Day - Individual contributors before the end of the year should help, but we just don't know.

Rabbi Stern - thought we must separate the two problems. The immediate problem we must resolve first, later the long range one. This is a replay. What are all the possibilities, the dimensions?

Mort Kemper - we do not anticipate being able to make payments to IMPJ without substantial increase in collections. This is the 8th month of the year. We aren't paying the UAHC either. It's not just the rabbis. We can no longer do that. We don't have the money to pay anybody.

Don Day - if the rabbinical salaries weren't ours alone to pay, we would have a balanced budget.

Marvin Novick - said we need a minimum of \$65,000 a month for the next four months. It's not coming in. Don's statement focused in from the beginning to where we are today. 1) The current cash crisis. 2) We have to define the study and the group as to what we are looking for. 3) We must evaluate and identify our mission. Maybe a partnership. 4) We have to develop a long-term, ongoing development program with our identified needs. It has to be done like yesterday.

Mort Kemper - said let's listen to the report of the investigative committee when they return. If there is agreement of what's happened here today to do things that can best be done.

Rabbi Malino - asked for a thumb-nail review of the commission.

Marty Strelzer - said he would pass out a draft outline (see attached).

Mort Kemper - read the outline, referring only to the objectives.

Rabbi Malino - said he thought the makeup of the commission was odd. HUC, CCAR not included. Isn't this to be a consensus?

Don Day - replied that we could expand, but his own sense was to keep it as functional as we can. We have included Raymond Goldman so that there would be European input.

Dean Steinberg - asked why not the others?

Rabbi Schindler - said that the leaner the better. The long range structure involved everyone. We need a clear picture. The growth over there is like topsy. Do the programs serve the cause of the growth of the movement? The leaner the better. Eliminate number 4 of the outline.

Rabbi Malino - thought that if number 4 were eliminated it would be an exercise in futility.

Jane Evans - suggested that Raymond Goldman be listed as European Board not just RSGB. Disagreed about eliminating number 4 or why else have the mission.

Eleanor Schwartz - said it's a sequential step, number 4. Include HUC also.

Rabbi Syme - endorsed the motion to eliminate 4. Reason. The project as a shared sense of mission. Don Day for WUPJ and Mel Merians for UAHC present it to the larger group who are responsible to take facts and bring them before the constituencies.

Don Day - thought that 4 must flow out of 1,2 and 3. It's probably much better.

Gerry Daniel - suggested that we have been going through this for a number of years now. Don went to Alex. Said we need UAHC help. Alex's reaction is understandable. First I want to know more about it. In part due to Alex's success with Jewish Agency. He said, let me know what is going on there and rightly so. I am surprised at your removing # 4. It doesn't mean that something else will resolve out of what you find. This lean mission will be successful. But recommendations don't oblige anyone, even the UAHC.

Rabbi Schindler - everyone should be represented at the 2nd stage. We are not just looking, we are going to evaluate programs, etc. Everyone should be involved then. This is a fact finding mission. We eliminated when we did our own survey within our own organization. We need everyone. Not a quick fix.

Rabbi Malino - said he felt the importance of the long range financial planning. If you are going to look to us later, then we should be included now.

Charlie Lehmann - said that the intent of what we are doing doesn't match the wording of # 4, whether it remains or not.

Mort Kemper - said let's see what they are doing now. Should it be reshaped?

Don Day - replied that as he sees it 1,2 and 3 without 4 just won't work.

Rabbi Schindler - said then it needs to be a broader group.

Mort Kemper - said, we aren't enlarging the group.

Dean Steinberg - said that he disagreed. It's a mistake.

Rabbi Schindler - felt that the question was one of time.

Mort Kemper - said that we want to listen. If it's a problem, please communicate that to us.

Rabbi Stern - felt that it wasn't that complicated. Rabbi Yoffie can represent CCAR. Someone from HUC in Israel could be their representative.

Don Day - said we need the support of all of our groups.

Dean Steinberg - asked that the invitation be extended to someone from HUC and CCAR. If no one can attend, then okay.

Richard Scheuer - said that HUC has spent 23 million, raised 16 million. There is Uri Regev in HUC- outreach. No reason why you can't ask him to sit in.

Rabbi Schindler - wanted it understood that this is not a fund raising mission, it's a fact finding mission.

Don Day - said all is not bad. Some good news on Kedem. There is sweet news too. The Daniels, Gerry and Ruth indicated some time ago their desire to run a match fund raising campaign for Kedem in Tel Aviv. The funding so far hasn't raised the matching amount. Consistent with their desire to complete the structure at least to Phase I, a usable structure, they propose to add \$500,000 to the construction which should permit completion of Phase I. This should close it in and begin operation. We will not go beyond Phase I until all the money for Phase II is in hand.

Mort Kemper - then said that the purpose of this meeting was to serve one purpose, the financial crunch. It would not be right to let the moment go by without mentioning and acknowledging Rabbi Kulwin who had only just returned this morning from South America and before that on a mission to South Africa.

Rabbi Cliff Kulwin - said that with him on the mission to South Africa were four American rabbis, Glickstein, Halpern, Bennett and Zedek. They paid their own way. The SAUPJ is off the beaten track. Important for us to maintain contact with all points of their Jewish culture. He said the Jews can be proud of their Reform Jewish sisters and brothers in South Africa. No so with the general Jewish community.

The most actively liberal forces are within the Reform members. A young man from Netzer Megahanim was just sent to do six years in jail for refusing to serve in the army.

There are more rabbis there than ever before. Rabbi Seltzer newly arrived, a bit controversial but good for the movement. We are always recruiting for students for rabbinic placement.

Then from South Africa, Rabbi Kulwin indicated that he went to South America to attend the first formal meeting of the newly formed South American Federation of Progressive Judaism. Also to present an award in the name of WUPJ to Rabbi Roberto Graetz. Good feelings about the future of Progressive Judaism in that area of the world.

In Sao Paulo, during the summer Professor Michael Meyer and his wife Rabbi Margaret Meyer visited the congregations there. Rabbi Meyer was the first woman rabbi ever to preach in South America and the news was in all the papers. Professor Meyer gave a 8 day, 3 hours a day cram course, an abbreviated version of the course he teaches

at HUC in Cincinnati at the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano. He taught the entire course in Hebrew.

This visit broadened their own conceptions of what Reform Judaism is, by the exchange of information. The limiting factor there is rabbis. New rabbis will add to growth. Buenos Aires will be difficult as they are very independent. There is however, an enormous potential for growth. Next year, 3 more students will attend HUC.

Mort Kemper - then reminded everyone the next meeting of the Executive would be on Monday, October 31st, 1988, and there would be another Executive during the meetings in Boca Raton in Florida in January of '89.

Zelda Kahn - reminded everyone interested in attending that meeting in Boca that travel arrangements and hotel reservations were to be made by the individuals.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.



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Delegates to the Annual Meeting
of the Australia and New Zealand
Progressive Movement

From afar I extend warm regards and good wishes to the Progressive Jewish community of Australia and New Zealand, for myself personally, and institutionally in behalf of the families of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Though many miles separate us, we are, indeed, one and at this difficult time for our people it is essential that the voice of reason be heard.

May your deliberations be meaningful and successful. We will be eager to learn of your discussions and decisions.

Best regards to one and all.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin
To Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Copies
Subject ANZUPJ

Date October 17, 1988

The Australia and New Zealand Union for Progressive Judaism (ANZUPJ) will be gathering for their annual meeting on November 17. I know they would be touched if you could send them a brief message wishing them well in their deliberations.

If you can send something out in regular mail in the next couple of days it should be sent to:

ANZUPJ Annual Meeting
c/o Margot Joseph
Temple Beth Israel
P.O. Box 128
St. Kilda, Victoria 3182
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Otherwise, please let me know and I will advise you of a FAX number to which such a message can be sent. We will, if you wish, of course be happy to send such a message from the New York World Union office.

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MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme
To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Mr. Al Vorspan
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Date Nov. 3, 1988

The World Union Executive Board adopted a five point program in principle on Monday, based on Don's factfinding mission to Israel:

1. Decrease WUPJ level of salary support for Rabbis to a maximum of 75%, sliding down to 25% after a number of years of service. This would place a greater burden on the congregations for sustaining their own programs.
2. Make salary support conditional upon system of performance review. This would effectively eliminate automatic re-tention of Rabbis regardless of competence.
3. Engage an Administrator/Comptroller to handle accounting and assist Dick Hirsch, compensating for his managerial shortcomings.
4. Adopted a balanced budget provision.
5. Consider the sale or development of the Harel property, relocating Harel, and using the balance of the equity as the beginning of a WUPJ endowment.

The short term funding problems remain. A follow up meeting will be held shortly to discuss implementation of the five policy provisos and fundraising.





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October 19, 1988
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TO: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

From: Edith J. Miller

Ami came by a few weeks ago, looking elegant and very handsome. Haven't seen him for a bit but hear all's well and I hope the same goes for the entire Hirsch mishpacha.

In case you don't see the enclosed I thought I share these items with you and hope you'll see that Alex gets them too. He'll be at the King David late p.m. Thursday and after the Friday morning meetings heads to Tiberias with the group going out for the J.A. meetings. Better too many copies than none. It's nasty business.

Love to one and all.

Leaders of 3 U.S. Jewish Groups Take Issue With Pro-Israel Lobby

By ROBERT PEAR

Special to The New York Times

N.Y. Times
10/14/88

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 — Leaders of three of the nation's most important Jewish organizations have asserted that the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the chief lobby for Israel on Capitol Hill, is out of step with "the consensus of the organized Jewish community" on some key Middle East issues.

They set forth their concerns in a privately circulated letter to the president of the committee, which is known as Aipac and is regarded as one of the most effective lobbies in Washington. A copy of the letter was obtained by The New York Times.

The letter is politically significant because it suggests that American Jewish opinion is more diverse and, on some issues, less hard-line than the picture presented by Aipac, which is viewed by Congress and the Administration as an authoritative spokesman for American Jews.

The Groups Involved

The six signers of the letter are top officials of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The three organizations have their headquarters in New York, but all maintain offices in Washington.

The letter discloses that the three organizations have established "a joint political committee for Israel in Washington" to arrange for the presentation of their testimony before Congressional committees and Government agencies. Aipac members and some

diplomats see the new political committee as a potential rival or alternative to Aipac, competing for influence on Capitol Hill.

Aipac denies that it is out of step with American Jews, but acknowledges that there could be better communication with the three groups. The groups are already represented on Aipac's executive committee, a policy-making body of about 150 people that meets four times a year.

Views Not Universally Held

Members of the three Jewish organizations said they were uncomfortable with the perception that Aipac wielded great political power in Washington. They asserted that the lobbying group could not pretend to speak for American Jews unless it took account of their groups' views.

In the letter, the six officials of major Jewish organizations said they had disagreed with Aipac's opposition to a big Kuwaiti arms deal and its efforts to shut down the mission of the Palestine

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Liberation Organization at the United Nations. In addition, they said they disagreed with Aipac's pre-emptive effort to insure that Yasir Arafat, the chairman of the P.L.O., would not get a visa if he tried to come to this country to address the United Nations.

Officers of the Anti-Defamation League said they had not wanted to wage an all-out fight against the arms sale to Kuwait because they were not sure it posed a substantial threat to Israel's security. The three groups favored closing the P.L.O. information office in Washington, but did not make a major effort to shut the mission in New York because they were concerned about the United States' legal obligations to the United Nations.

In addition, they felt they had not been fully consulted on efforts by Aipac to prevent the issuance of a visa to Mr. Arafat.

A senior officer of Aipac, who asked not to be identified, said today, "More consultation is always desirable, but the establishment of a second lobbying

nurtured strategic cooperation between Israel and the United States.

Oded Eran, the No. 2 official at the Israeli Embassy here, said today, "How the Jewish community wants to represent itself in Washington is a matter for the Jewish community." But he added, "From Israel's point of view, a united community is a strong community, and it's better from this point of view to have a united voice."

Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said in an interview: "Our working relationship with Aipac is a good one, but we want it to be better. As in a healthy marriage, there are problems and strong disagreements from time to time. Through open communication, we hope to resolve the problems and make the marriage stronger."

Theodore Ellenoff, president of the American Jewish Committee, said his organization had decided it was "not prudent" to push for closing the P.L.O. mission in New York, given the United States' obligations under a 1947 agreement with the United Nations. The agreement says the United States shall not impede access to the United Nations by foreign diplomats and others invited there on official business.

'Taken Aback by Aipac's Position'

"While we were presenting our position to the State Department," Mr. Ellenoff said, "we were taken aback by Aipac's position," supporting legislation to close the mission.

The incident shows that "the Jewish community is not monolithic or homogeneous," Mr. Ellenoff said. But he added, "I would not suggest that any of the three organizations is less aggressive than Aipac." Rather, he said, "Our goals are basically the same, our strategy is similar, but our tactics differ."

The letter was addressed to Edward C. Levy Jr., the president of Aipac. It was signed by Mr. Ellenoff and Ira Sil-

berman, the executive vice president of the American Jewish Committee; Mr. Lifton; Henry Siegman, executive director of the congress; Mr. Foxman, and Burton S. Levinson, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League.

The American Jewish Committee, established in 1906, says it has 50,000 members and a budget of \$20 million this year. The American Jewish Congress, founded in 1918, says it has 50,000 members and a budget of \$8 million. The Anti-Defamation League, formed in 1913, is not a membership organization; its budget this year is more than \$29 million. It is an offshoot of B'nai B'rith, which, with more than 400,000 members, is one of the largest Jewish groups in the country.

Aipac has 55,000 members and a budget of \$6.6 million this year.

One leader says the dispute is over tactics, not goals.

entity would undermine the effectiveness of the pro-Israel community in presenting its case to public officials in Washington and elsewhere."

Robert K. Lifton, president of the American Jewish Congress, said tonight that the writers of the letter had not precisely defined the role of the new "joint political committee" and had not decided if it would formally register as a lobby. He said he hoped the new group would work with, but not compete with, Aipac.

The authors of the letter called on Aipac to coordinate its work more closely with other Jewish groups.

"We believe such consultation and coordination will help avoid situations in which Aipac pursues policies that are at variance with the consensus of the organized Jewish community, as occurred most recently with respect to the Kuwaiti arms deal and the P.L.O. mission to the United Nations, and threatens to occur again with respect to Arafat's possible forthcoming visit to the United Nations," the letter said.

A Champion of U.S. Aid Program

Aipac, founded in 1954, has successfully lobbied Congress to continue providing military and economic aid to Israel, even in times of fiscal austerity. In the process, it has become a champion of the United States foreign aid program in general. Aipac has also

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AIPAC

American Israel Public Affairs Committee

Contact: Toby Dershowitz
(202) 638-2256
October 7, 1988
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STATEMENT OF THOMAS A. DINE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A year-old internal memorandum written by a former junior staff member has recently become the subject of media attention. Press reports allege, based on this memo, AIPAC sought to plant stories about Reverend Jesse Jackson's personal life. AIPAC is vehemently --and officially-- opposed to using such tactics. AIPAC has not, does not, and will not engage in attacks on the personal lives of political candidates or anyone else.

No one in a position of policy responsibility approved the memorandum in question. The existence of the ideas in it was not even known to AIPAC management until told to us by a member of the press. It was never a policy document. Its use to represent AIPAC is false and misleading. Unfortunately, certain widely read news publications have seen fit to publish and highlight an item of that memo. We are outraged by the misleading press treatment of the issue, using false inference about AIPAC's policies or opinions.

We sincerely regret any embarrassment caused to the Rev. Jesse Jackson and his family. His personal life is not and never has been the subject of discussion or action at any decision making level of our organization.

AIPAC vigorously works to enhance the relationship between the United States and Israel. We reject unconditionally, personal character assassinations and press sensationalism.

Mr. Mike Wallace
60 Minutes
524 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Wallace:

We have been told that you intend to use a memorandum from Brenda Pearson to Barbara Amouyal, dated November 3, 1987, as a significant element of your forthcoming broadcast concerning AIPAC. If this report is correct, we are writing to ask you to reconsider this decision, on the grounds that the memorandum in question is not and was not a policy document; that the sections in which you are apparently interested did not and do not reflect our policies or any authorized document; and that its use to represent AIPAC will be misleading to your viewers and put this organization in a false light.

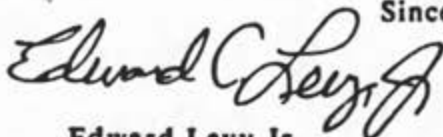
The existence of this memorandum, and the controversial ideas about John Chafee and Jesse Jackson in it, was not even known to AIPAC's top management until it was called to our attention by Mike Wallace's questioning of our spokesman on camera. No one in a position of policy responsibility ever approved of the memorandum or its controversial ideas. The memo was an exchange between two junior members of staff, one of whom had already been notified that her employment would be terminated at the time the memo was written, and the other of whom worked in this position for a few brief months before resigning to go back to being a student. Neither of these employees had any policy authority; the author of the memorandum was primarily responsible for logistic arrangements for conferences.

AIPAC particularly deplores the concept of denigrating any person for alleged aspects of his or her personal life. No such idea was ever discussed or embraced by anyone in any position of policy responsibility at AIPAC. It was not, is not, and never will be, AIPAC's policy to engage in this kind of activity.

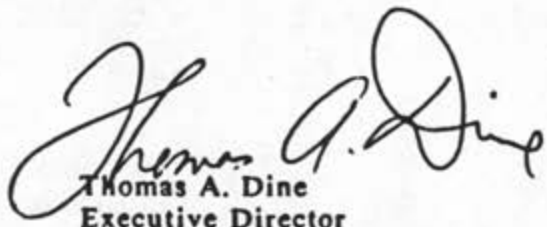
Now that we know of the memo's existence, we very much regret that such an idea was even included in an exchange between two junior members of staff. But it is unfair to use the regrettable fact that it occurred, without the knowledge of AIPAC's responsible authorities, to characterize this organization and depict it to your vast audience in a false light.

If, in spite of this letter, you decide to go ahead with this memo on the broadcast, we ask that you also include in the broadcast the following statement: "AIPAC states emphatically that this memo, written by a junior employee, was never a policy document; that it does not reflect correctly our views on the Rhode Island Senate race and other matters; and that its use to represent AIPAC puts this organization in a false light." If, in addition, you decide to include in the broadcast the portion of the memo dealing with Jesse Jackson, we also ask that you include the following additional sentence: "AIPAC's management was never aware of the existence of this idea, and we deplore the concept, in this case or any other, of denigrating any person for alleged aspects of his personal life."

Sincerely yours,



Edward Levy Jr.,
President



Thomas A. Dine
Executive Director

Pro-Israel Unit Disavows Political Links Memo Urged Focus On Jackson's Sex Life

By Charles R. Babcock
Washington Post Staff Writer

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the nation's chief pro-Israel lobby, has become a subject of attention twice in the past week because of reports of partisan involvement or personal attacks in the 1988 political campaign.

One case centers on a year-old internal AIPAC staff memo urging that Jewish reporters raise questions about Jesse L. Jackson's sex life and finances and generate support for a Jewish candidate challenging Sen. John H. Chafee (R-I.) in this fall's Senate race.

The other was an advertisement, sponsored by the New York State Republican Party, that appeared last week in several New York City-area Jewish newspapers. It quoted AIPAC executive director Thomas A. Dine as saying the GOP platform is "the best ever—by either party" on pro-Israel issues.

AIPAC does not make political contributions and its officials say it has a policy of not endorsing specific candidates or parties. It issued statements yesterday saying neither incident represented the group's views.

The Nov. 3, 1987, internal memo mentioning Jackson and Chafee was written by Brenda Pearson, a junior staffer in the political department, to the group's spokeswoman, Barbara Amouyal. A copy went to political director Elizabeth Schryer. It was cited in a story in this week's Washington Jewish Week and is expected to be mentioned in an upcoming CBS "60 Minutes" piece on AIPAC.



JESSE L. JACKSON
... was assailed as anti-Israel

In response to the New York Republican Party advertisement, Dine fired off a letter to the editor denouncing the ad as distorting his statement about the GOP platform. "Those who placed the ad also do their candidate a disservice," Dine wrote, "because sincere and deserved praise twisted into such an ad strikes me as amateurish and stupid politics."

The memo, entitled "News Suggestions for Reporters," lists six Democratic and six Republican likely presidential candidates, plus the Chafee Senate race against Richard Licht, the lieutenant governor of Rhode Island. Written shortly before a convention of Jewish newspapers, it summarizes what news accounts have written on the candidates' Middle East positions and adds "suggested seeds to plant."

The memo said, "We have more than enough articles on Jackson unless you can find someone willing to spill the beans on Jackson's extramarital affairs and finances of his PUSH operations (This is something you shouldn't solicit)."

It described Michael S. Dukakis as "a very viable candidate," but noted that most news accounts focused on his wife, Kitty. On George Bush, the memo said, "It is difficult to get a handle on Bush" and added "we desperately need an article for

On the Senate race, the memo said "Licht, who is Jewish, has a very good chance. Our problem is that the pro-Israel community is not excited and as forthcoming as they should be. We need to put the word out on this race—emphasizing Chafee's poor record. The focus should be to generate interest for a terrific candidate to replace a poor supporter of our issue..."

Pearson, the memo's author, left AIPAC earlier this year. She could not be reached for comment. Amouyal, who also has left AIPAC, said she never received another memo like Pearson's and didn't act on its suggestions. She added that she felt it did "represent the views of some senior AIPAC officials at the time and I'd like to believe this is an aberration."

In a statement issued yesterday by spokeswoman Toby Dershowitz, AIPAC said that "no one in a position of policy responsibility approved this memo... it was never a policy document and... its use to represent AIPAC is false and misleading."

The AIPAC statement said: "The memo also contains a deplorable idea, invented by its young author... and known to no one in higher position at AIPAC... of going after a prominent public figure—Rev. Jesse Jackson—for alleged aspects of his personal life. No such idea was ever discussed or embraced by anyone in any position of policy responsibility at AIPAC. It was not, is not, and will never be AIPAC's policy to engage in this kind of activity."

Relations between the black and Jewish communities have been strained for some time. During the primary season in New York, for instance, Mayor Edward I. Koch attacked Jackson as being anti-Israel.

The statement also denied that the group has targeted Chafee in the Rhode Island Senate race. "Positive support for [Licht] may be motivated by Licht's still stronger positions on these [pro-Israel] issues, but it is a case of appeal of the challenger, not antipathy to the incumbent." The Providence Journal reported last month that Licht had collected about \$170,000 from pro-Israel political action committees all around the country.

**AIPAC DENIES ROLE IN PARTISAN ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL**

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (JTA) -- The American Israel Public Affairs Committee has been vigorously asserting this week that it does not participate in partisan political activities as part of its lobbying on behalf of Israel.

AIPAC is seeking to counter a report on CBS-TV's "60 Minutes," due to be aired in coming weeks, which charges that it directs pro-Israel political action committees in their contributions to candidates running for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Despite the fact that "PAC" forms part of AIPAC's name, the organization is not a political action committee. PACs donate money to political candidates. AIPAC is a non-partisan, registered foreign lobby for Israel in Washington.

The "60 Minutes" report, by Mike Wallace, is expected to focus on the Senate race in Rhode Island, where Richard Licht, the Democratic lieutenant governor, is running against the incumbent, Sen. John Chafee, a Republican. Money from pro-Israel PACs has gone almost exclusively to Licht.

Wallace apparently has an internal memo from AIPAC that he says proves the organization has been urging financial support for Licht. The memo, which has been made public by the Washington Jewish Week and The Washington Post, also reportedly urges reporters to ask the Rev. Jesse Jackson if he has had extramarital affairs.

In addition, Wallace also reportedly has been drawing attention to attacks on Chafee led by Morris Amitay, a former executive director of AIPAC and a member of its executive committee.

'We Do Not Endorse Candidates'

Amitay, a pro-Israel lobbyist and treasurer of the Washington Political Action Committee, has criticized Chafee's record on Israel and arms sales to Arab countries, both in interviews and in a column he writes for Jewish weekly newspapers.

Asked in a telephone interview whether AIPAC has urged him to make such attacks, Amitay responded: "Do you think I have to get guidance from anyone?"

Noting that he has been involved in pro-Israel causes on Capitol Hill for 20 years, Amitay said, "I know the people intimately," as well as their voting records.

Rabbi Israel Miller, an AIPAC vice president interviewed by Wallace, said in a telephone interview that he told the CBS journalist AIPAC does "not coordinate PACs, we do not rate candidates, we do not endorse candidates."

What AIPAC does is to provide information on incumbents' voting records on issues of concern to the Jewish community, Miller said.

"We are not anti-Chafee," Miller maintained. He said AIPAC has merely put Chafee's votes on the record. He noted that while the senator from Rhode Island has voted for Arab arms sales, he also has voted for aid to Israel.

When Wallace asked Miller about the \$170,000 in pro-Israel PAC funds that have gone to Licht, Miller said he replied that "Licht has many friends in the Jewish community."

"We deal with a very politically aware and sophisticated audience," Miller said he told Wallace. "Our people make up their own minds." He said the Jewish community is not monolithic. Everyone does not think alike, nor do they vote alike.

Miller conceded that AIPAC was concerned about the upcoming "60 Minutes" program, as would be any individual or organization targeted by the hard-hitting investigative program.

No Hard Evidence

Toby Dershowitz, AIPAC director of media relations, said "60 Minutes" has no evidence that AIPAC coordinates or directs pro-Israel PACs. Instead, she charged that all it has is previously published allegations.

The memo that "60 Minutes" obtained was dated Nov. 3, 1987, and was written by Brenda Pearson, a junior member of AIPAC's political department, to Barbara Amouyal, who was media relations director at the time. Both Amouyal and Pearson have since left AIPAC.

The memo urges that reporters for Jewish papers generate stories to get the Jewish community interested in Licht's race and to raise questions about Jackson's fidelity.

According to AIPAC officials, Amouyal asked Pearson for a memo in order to suggest news stories to journalists she accompanied on an American Jewish Press Association trip to Israel.

The memo listed Licht and the Republican and Democratic candidates for president who were running at the time. It suggested that they be asked about their positions on the Middle East.

'Spill The Beans On Jackson'

The part on Jackson reportedly says AIPAC has enough information to "spill the beans on Jackson's extramarital affairs and finances of his PUSH operations." But it also cautions journalists not to solicit this information.

Amouyal reportedly did not use the memo on the trip. Now a reporter for Defense News, she was on assignment in Texas this week and could not be reached for comment.

Thomas Dine, AIPAC's executive director, issued a statement saying that "no one in a position of responsibility approved the memorandum in question." Other AIPAC officials said no top leader of AIPAC knew of its existence until it became public.

This was confirmed by Rabbi David Saperstein, Washington representative of the Union of America Hebrew Congregations, who was in the AIPAC office when its leading officials learned of the memo and began searching for it.

He said that "unless they were putting on a charade for my benefit," they had no idea the memo existed. He said they spent a hectic two hours searching for it during a time when the office was very busy.

In his statement, Dine declared that "AIPAC has not, does not and will not engage in attacks on the personal lives of political candidates or anyone else."

He added that Jackson's "personal life is not and never has been the subject of discussion or action at any decision-making level of our organization."

WUPJ
[Handwritten signature/initials]

October 7, 1988
26 Tishri 5749

Mr. Morton Kempae
#1 Slade Avenue #306
Baltimore, MD 21208

Dear Morton:

My schedule is rather frenetic at this time, what with our Regional Biennials and three trips out of the country during the next month. However, I have noted the WUPJ Executive Committee on my calendar and fully expect to be with you.

In this connection, I write to ask your cooperation. It would be much appreciated if you would invite Mel Merians, UAHC Treasurer, and Rabbi Eric Yoffie, executive director of ARZA, to the October 31 meeting. I feel it is important for them to become acquainted with the work of your Executive Committee and your cooperation in this connection will mean much to me. You can reach Mel at 10 Bonnie Briar Lane, Larchmont, NY 10538 and Eric here at 838.

Thanks in advance! I look forward to seeing you at the end of the month, til then warm regards from house to house.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: WUPJ

MEMORANDUM

From Martin Strelzer
To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Date August 17, 1988
4 Elul 5748

WUP
Thanks for the material from Bubis and the note from Reichenbach. Don, Dick and I will be meeting next week and we surely will look into both of them.

All the best.

Marty

no further

MS:da



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WUPJ
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

September 15, 1988

Martin Strelzer

I was a bit surprised to learn that instead of making contact with Hugo Gryn from the WUPJ, Al Riesenburger's request to attend Yom Kippur Services at the West London Synagogue was turned over to the Office of Synagogue Management.

I understand there is an international courtesy card form but for a member of the UAHC Board I would expect an extra measure of care and a personal touch in contacting overseas congregations. You were most gracious in contacting Paris for Gil and Rose Tilles and I hope that any future requests such as these will be handled directly by the WUPJ.

Many thanks.



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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) TO:

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LONDON Synagogues
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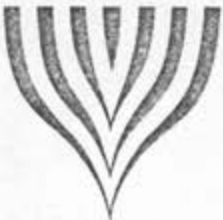
Dear Hugo:

The Commission on Synagogue Management office here at 838 wrote to you in regard to Al and Eileen Riesenburger of Columbus, Georgia, who will be in London for Yom Kippur. Since they have not had any confirmation from you regarding their visit, they asked me to make certain arrangements are in order, per the request.

Al is a long-standing and very active member of the Union Board, deeply involved in the work of the Rabbinical Pension Board. Eileen is on the national Board of NFTS and they are a delightful couple. Alex and I hope all is in order for the Riesenburger's to attend Yom Kippur eve and day services at West London Synagogue.

This message gives me an opportunity to wish you well over the Fast, as you say in Britain, and also all the best for the entire family for 5749-----Alex and Rhea also send their best wishes and their love, along with mine.

Erie



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DATE: August 26, 1988
13 Elul 5748

TO: Marty Strelzer

FROM: Robert M. Koppel *Bob*

CC: Don Day, Rabbi Schindler, Allan Goldman,
Mel Merians

RE: World Union Progressive Judaism -
Outstanding Balances

I want to keep you up to date regarding the World Union's outstanding balance. Through July 31, 1988 the WUPJ owes approximately \$66,000. At your historical monthly growth rate, and including your recent mailings, you will be at the \$100,000 agreed upon limit by approximately September 30, 1988.

As I understand the agreement, no further salaries or other costs will be paid by the UAHC on behalf of the WUPJ once the limit is reached unless the amount owed is paid down below the \$100,000 limit.

I know that you are working extremely hard to raise funds to meet your operating needs and I wish you well in those efforts.

MEMORANDUM

Add to rest of memo
Date 7/22/88

From Fred Cohen
To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Copies Robert M. Koppel
Subject Your memo of July 20, 1988 - WUPJ

- WUPJ*
1. The UAHC pays salaries to Martin Strelzer, Dorothy Albelo, Ira Solomon of World Union and charges the WUPJ monthly. Salary and fringe benefits amount to \$11,693.54 monthly.
 2. The following payments were received from WUPJ recently:

May 26	\$ 20,000.00
June 15	<u>19,577.49</u>
Total	\$ 39,577.49

This represent payment of expenses through Feb, 1988. Checks are drawn in New York and signed by Martin Strelzer.

3. WUPJ owes the UAHC the following for expenses:

March, April and May	\$ 39,738.44
* Estimated June Expenses	13,246.15
* Estimated July Expenses	<u>13,246.15</u>
Total	\$ 66,230.74

* Actual expenses not yet available.

*Alan -
To answer your questions.
Will get in touch with you
After I talk to Don.
Alan*





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10:05 AM

*Remind me
to give
you
cover
Fred's
memo.*

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

July 20, 1988

Robert M. Koppel

Fred Cohen

I need some information concerning the WUPJ and want to have it in hand before July 25th. Since I'm not certain just when Bob is due back, I am sharing this with Fred so if necessary he can provide the answers to my questions.

1/ What WUPJ payroll do we cover? What amount of money is involved?

2/ Are we receiving any WUPJ remittances? If so, do they come from New York or Israel? Who signs the checks?

3/ How much is now due us from the WUPJ

Let me also note that I am eager to receive bi-monthly reports on the WUPJ indebtedness to the UAHC and ask that you institute a procedure which will automatically provide information for me. Please start by letting me know where we stand as of this date.

MEMORANDUM

From RABBI CLIFFORD M. KULWIN
To WUPJ North American Board
Copies *10.5 Today*
Subject South African Mission

Date July 12, 1988
27 Tamuz 5748

Monday evening, July 25th, four other rabbis and I will leave for South Africa where we will spend 2½ weeks on a World Union Rabbinic Mission. We hope through this trip to understand the status of the Reform Synagogues in South Africa better and seek out ways in which we can help them be ever stronger bulwarks of Jewish values and principles. *oe*

As part of our preparation for this mission, we will be holding a briefing at the UAHC building in New York during the day on that Monday. Beginning at 10:00 AM, as the enclosed sheet indicates, we will be listening to speakers from a variety of different orientations on South Africa and South African Jewry. We will have the opportunity to question them and probe deeply in our attempt to see more clearly the role of Reform Judaism within the general Jewish community as well as in South African society. *↓*

We would like to invite you to join us for this briefing. As part of international Reform Jewry's leadership, we are sure you are vitally interested in the issues which will be presented and discussed. Perhaps more importantly, you may have contributions of your own, based upon experiences or other knowledge, which you would like to share. For both reasons, or either, we want to have you with us.

If you do think you will be able to join us, please try and do so for the entire day. Our final discussions will focus on a summation of the day's proceedings. For everyone to have been present since the morning will greatly enhance the ultimate quality of the conclusions we reach.

Please return the enclosed card as soon as possible so we can know if you will be able to be present.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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Encl:



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WUPJ Rabbinic Mission to South Africa

B R I E F I N G

July 25, 1988

Tentative Schedule

10:00 - 10:30	Introductory Remarks: Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin Director for Int'l Affairs & Development World Union for Progressive Judaism Cantor Bruce Halev Congregation Habonim New York, NY
10:30 - 11:30	Presentation and Discussion Somerset Morkel South African Consul General New York, NY
11:30 - 12:30	Presentation and Discussion Kenneth Bandler National Jewish Community Relations Council New York, NY
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	Representative of the African National Congress
2:30 - 3:30	Presentation and Discussion Rabbi Norman Mendel Temple Emanuel Worcester, MA
3:30 - 5:00	Concluding Remarks and Open Discussion



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August 15, 1988
2 Elul 5748

Donald S. Day, Esq.
Saperston & Day, P.C.
Goldome Building
One Foundation Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14203

Dear Don:

Just to confirm our conversation and pending final approval by our Chairman and Treasurer, the UAHC will continue to carry the WUPJ as an "accounts receivable" on its books, adding as interest a percentage equal to that by our Endowment Fund, and setting a cap of \$100,00.-- on this indebtedness. I told our officers of your eagerness to repay this sum just as quickly as is humanly possible and also that you were willing to assign capital gifts due on unpaid pledges and in excess of your current needs toward that end. You mentioned a sum of \$250,000. -- still due on such pledges which could be used for the retirement of the debt to the Union.

As I told you, I discussed the substance of our conversation with Mel and Allan. It would be well if the four of us were to have a chat attendant upon the Executive Meeting, just to discuss this and kindred matters.

As I told you, also, in our more recent phone conversation, Mel is prepared to go to Israel for the evaluative mission we discussed. Eric and Marty will accompany him. Mel wisely suggest that a lay leader of the World Union be asked to come along so that this mission's report will be seen as internal rather than external. Have you any ideas as to who should represent the World Union? A good week if not longer will be required of this purpose.

Donald S. Day, Esq.
August 15, 1988
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Prior to the group's departure we will need an overview -- a kind of map on paper. We must know (1) what the mission of each project is, (2) the personnel involved, (3) total costs, and (4) the sources of the income that cover these costs (WUPJ, ARZA, JAFI, fund raising by individuals for specific project, etc). Only in this manner will we gain a comprehensive picture of what we are about and how we can best serve the need.

I'll be at the next Executive Board of the WUPJ -- risking Rhea's wrath -- but I agree with you that my presence will have some symbolic worth, if nothing else. Would you object if Mel were to come along? If not, please invite him. It will be good orientation for him, and indeed he has already had a preliminary conversation with Marty Strelzer.

Rhea joins me in sending you and Edie all our love.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Allan B. Goldman, Esq.
Mr. Melvin Merians

bcc: Mr. Robert Koppel
Rabbi Daniel B. Syme
Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie

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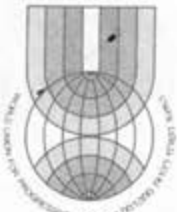
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

July 20, 1988

Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin

The UAHC Mission to East Germany for the commemoration of Krystallnacht will not be touring in Europe. Special one-day visits have been arranged and each night the group returns to East Berlin.

Of course, for those members of the Mission who wish to extend their journey and visit other communities or countries, arrangements can be made. Bob Koppel's office is handling the details with a travel agent and he will know if there are any persons to be contacted who might be interested in visiting WUPJ congregations while overseas.



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July 18, 1988
4 Av 5748

FROM: Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin

TO: Rabbi Alexander Schindler

As I mentioned to you in Tarrytown, I wish you luck on your November trip to Germany. I am sure your commemoration of Kristallnacht will be a memorable event and moving for all involved.

Once you have a more solid idea of the number of people who are going, and the composition of the group, I would appreciate it if you would let me know. To have a strong and impressive American Reform presence in Europe at one time, and not have any formal visits to any of the World Union congregations, would truly be a shame.

I look forward to trying to enable at least a few of the members of your group to be honored guests at some of our European synagogues.

With regards,

cc: Donald Day
Rabbi Richard Hirsch
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RE: WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Dear Alex:

Thanks so much for your warm letter of congratulations. As you know, I am fully aware of the responsibility and the attendant problems, but I am reasonably optimistic that we can work our way through them and hopefully make some contribution to restructuring the World Union with some young, aggressive leadership.

I was very encouraged by what I saw in Israel, and the trip to Russia was particularly illuminating.

Alex, looking forward to seeing you in Buffalo in a couple of weeks.

I'll certainly talk to you before then!

Edie joins me in sending our love to both you and Rhea. Have a Happy Holiday!

Warmly

Donald S. Day

DSD:csa

WUPJ

March 7, 1988
18 Adar 5748

Dear Jerry:

By means of this letter I want to express my appreciation for your years of devoted service as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Since I was unable to be in Israel for the CCAR and WUPJ sessions, I shall have to await our next meeting to wish you well panim-el-panim as you step down from the presidency. But I need not wait until that time to say thank you!

You have given so very much of your time and energies and substance to the World Union and have earned the admiration and esteem of the entire Reform movement. In many ways, under your leadership, the WUPJ has become strengthened in its work in areas of the world which, in the past, were not as close to our movement as would have been desired. Signs of a coming together are now apparent and we do have you to thank for that.

Your devotion to Reform-Liberal-Progressive Judaism is deep and abiding and I am confident that you will continue to give of yourself with full heart to the strengthening and sustenance of Reform Judaism the world over.

We are all indebted to you for exemplary service and wish you and Ruth all the best in the days and years ahead.

Rhea joins me in sending fondest regards from house to house.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Mr. Gerard Daniel
Polly Park Road
Rye, NY 10580



February 22, 1988
4 Adar 5748

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

Dear Dick:

It was good to see you and Bella.

Confidentially, Moshe Weiler, in the course of our conversations, voiced his disappointment that the WUPJ, during its upcoming meetings, is not taking notice of his 80th birthday. Methinks he has a case. Jane Evans' contribution is towering to be sure, but on a different level, Weiler's efforts also merit recognition.

Sorry I won't be able to attend your meetings, but somebody has to mind the store.

Cordially,

Alexander M. Schindler

AMS:jc

cc: G. Daniels
Marty Strelzer



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MEMORANDUM

VIA FAX

DATE: 29.12.87

TO: Rabbi Alexander Schindler ✓

FROM: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

cc: Rabbi Eric Yoffie
Mr. Martin Strelzer

RE:

I unwittingly gave Edie, Moshe Aren's old office number. His new office number is: 03-290211 and his home number is 03-356666.

I was disappointed to learn from Arens that you never got in touch with him during the almost two weeks he was in the United States.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, December 30, 1987 the Presidium of the Vaad Hapoel is meeting. The first item on the agenda is the election of the chairman. Yesterday I met with Yosef Burg, Yitzhak Meir and other Mizrahi leaders. They demanded a commitment that I would not permit Religion-State issues to come before the Vaad Hapoel. I of course refused. They responded that they have no recourse but to vote against me.

The Likud all claim to be for me, but they want to postpone the vote in order to tie their support to the other negotiations over the portfolios. The way it looks now that may take at least until February and perhaps even later.

Your point to Arens should be that in order for me to be the chairman of all factions, including Likud, it is important to separate out the Vaad Hapoel position from the other negotiations. Besides, within the Labor led coalition we supported them for the treasurer and they promised to support us for chairman of the Vaad Hapoel.

Your take it from there.

I would appreciate your calling me after your conversation with Arens and before the meeting of the Vaad Hapoel Wednesday afternoon.

VIA FAX

December 29, 1987
8 Tevet 5748

TO: Rabbi David Forman

Please make certain the enclosed message gets to Moshe Arens before Wednesday afternoon. If you have any problem with delivery call his office 815-567 or 815-490 to determine where he can be located to receive the message.

Please also make certain Dick Hirsch gets a copy of the note.

Thanks and warm regards to all.

VIA FAX

December 29, 1987
8 Tevet 5748

Moshe Arens, M.K.
Knesset
Jerusalem, Israel

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I am certain that you have many more weighty things on your mind than this matter and I regret to have to trouble you considering the after-damp of the WZO explosion which was dangerous to breathe but doubtless-ly will dissipate soon.,,

Happy times. Love from Rhea too.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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WJH
Shalom Alex,

A great Shennel - a feeling of family, some brilliant addresses, good business, much more. I especially applaud you for gathering around you people like Al, Jerry, David, etc. I believe the real mark of great leadership is to fulfill the dictum: *האדם הראוי*

I shall always be grateful to you for your honesty & your caring in this despicable slander. Dick's "revelation" of Dr Elk's desire that I not succeed him is a lie and a *תבונה* to Dr Elk who was such an honorable and straightforward man. We had only the highest regard for each other. I think that I resent it as much for Dr Elk's memory as I do for the assumption behind the statement that there is something wrong with me. Could Dick not see that at the same moment that he was denying recent statements, he was making a new one with the same *תבונה*?

I am now on the horns of a dilemma. You suggest that I drop it. Believe me, this is my desire. But I shall not fade away into the sunset in Israel. I shall continue to give leadership to developing our Israel movement and to insure that it be strong & independent of the World Union. Dick correctly perceives me as a protagonist as he continues to connive & plot to hold things close to himself & stifle independent initiatives which he can't control.

That being the case, we shall no doubt clash in the future. One can only assume that he sees a victory in this sordid affair both in blocking me being seen in the JA and in the method used to do so. Why shouldn't he assume that it will work again?

So I believe that a quiet W.U.P. committee of inquiry should be established by Daniel. I have nothing to hide. Four rabbis heard him slander me by implication & others heard it from them. Why shouldn't we have that?



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out & thereby prevent a recurrence? I believe there are times when one must stand and fight against dirty political methods used to achieve goals.

Believe me when I reiterate that the issue is not the chairmanship of the IA Dept of Ed. I know that the committee erred, but that is legitimate & I shall work with Hank in any way that my experience & skills are needed.

Also believe me that I am not overly affected by this matter. I am functioning at full power & with much satisfaction in my professional & personal life.

I believe that Dick has lost control. ARZA & the UOJA have eclipsed him in North America as the spokesman for Israel in the movement. The new executive bd of the Jewish movement is becoming increasingly independent of him. I think he is afraid of losing his preeminence as "the" movement leader vis-a-vis Israel. His lonely non-sharing is coming home to roost. Quite a pity, in sum.

You can also know that this is not our grapes. I have never bad-mouthed Dick. For years I have done my fund raising for Baeck without running to you with each successive indignity or problem Dick's lack of sound management or secret manipulations have made.

This time I cannot abide his slanders. I shall face a mediation.

Thank you again for your friendships and for your time while under the press of the biennial.

Yours - 13'3'2

Bob.



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P.S. Just for the record:

In 1964 Dr Elk was 65. That is mandatory retirement age in Israeli educational institutions. Dr Daniel, who was one of his assistants (I was the other), was responsible for the daily running of the school. He was an orthodox rabbi, a graduate of the Breslau Seminary (as was Elk), but vociferously anti-Zionism. Dr Elk promised ~~that~~ ^{me} that ~~he~~ ^{she} would succeed ~~him~~ Elk. Elk asked the Board to allow him to continue as long as he was capable, and we agreed. In 1967 Shettle & I decided to stay in Israel and in 1970 I decided to succeed Elk and therefore resigned as rabbi of Dr Hadash in order to work full time at Les Baux.

The Board decided that Elk would retire at age 75 in 1974. Elk asked me in 1973 to wait 2 years in order that he could fulfill his promise to Dr Daniel. I refused. By then the School's founding shares had been taken by the World Union, and all the board members knew that a man antithetical to the form could not be the Headmaster. Dr Elk told Dick that I was causing him to not be able to fulfill his promise to Daniel. Dick correctly told him that this was the proper path for the institution! The Board recommended me and I was chosen by representatives of 1) LBS Board, 2) Ministry of Education 3) Suissa Himmipeliity 4) The 2 teachers unions.

Dr Elk & I remained close friends. He told me often how pleased he was with the progress of the institution. I am still close with his widow and children. We established a fund in his memory and on his yahrzeit we have a major lecture. We translate, edit & print his addresses and plan to publish a collection of his works on our jubilee in 1989.

which reminds me - will you honor the Leo Beech Education Center at the 1989 Biennial? We'll be 50 years old -

Bob.



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from the desk of

GERARD DANIEL

TO

Wally

5/7

To get
Held for
my
Alex

Dear Alex -

I'll call you re this
matter early next week

At my best

Gerard



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Dear Dick:

It was a real pleasure to see you again at the Consultation on Conscience in Washington recently. I appreciate the opportunity we had to chat a bit and update each other on recent developments.

With this letter, I would like to reinforce our continued interest in exploring the possibility of affiliating with the World Union for Progressive Judaism. In view of our common struggle for religious pluralism in Israel, it would seem judicious for us to work together to achieve this goal. It might be useful to think about what levels other than full partnership might be feasible. Can we schedule a joint meeting of our leadership to work through existing problems when you are in the States again?

Thank you for the invitation to attend the WUPJ Convention in Jerusalem in 1988. I will make every effort to be there and perhaps others from the Reconstructionist movement will be able to join also.

With all good wishes to you.

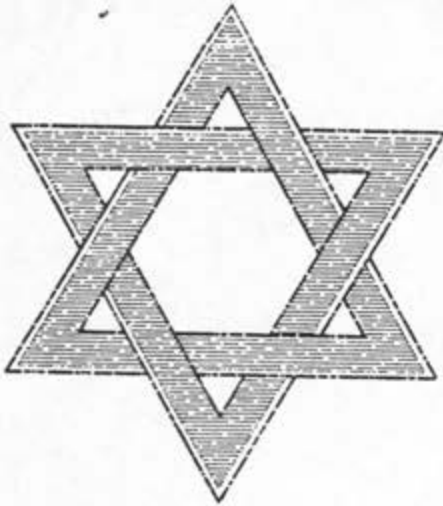
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CC: Gerard Daniel, President
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Robert P. Tabak, Rabbi

April 8, 1987

Mr. Richard G. Hirsch
World Union for Progressive Judaism
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New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Hirsch,

Since I was raised in the Reform Movement, I am aware of the many positive activities of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Thus, I am pleased to learn that the Reconstructionist Movement has applied for membership.

I am disappointed, however, to learn that no action has been taken on this and that the application is apparently stalled. I would appreciate your comments on this situation.

All best wishes for a happy Pesach.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Robert P. Tabak

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WUPJ

October 20, 1987

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World Union for Progressive Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Attn: Mr. Gerard Daniel, President
and Mr. Donald Day, Chairman WUPJ-Israel Funding Committee

Dear Jerry and Don:

I received your October 14th letter today. Assuredly, at our last meeting, all of the organizations attending recognized a responsibility. We talked about ways and means of enabling the World Union to pay its bills and we also talked about fund-raising for the future. It was my understanding that another meeting was to be called for the purpose of finalizing ways and means of providing funds and to review updated cash flow projections.

According to the brief statement of cash position that accompanied the October 14th letter, it would appear as though the available cash is sufficient to at least cover obligations for the next month. Since we are about ready to attend a Biennial Assembly and all of our people are busily engaged in preparing for the convention, I would suggest that you call a meeting of the Israel Funding Committee to take place immediately after the Biennial. Hopefully, the matter will then be able to be addressed in a proper way.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.
Chairman

CJR:ms

cc: Rabbi A. Schindler ←



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October 14, 1987
21 Tishri 5748

Mr. Charles Rothschild, Jr.
550 Sunderland Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Dear Chuck:

We refer to the various meetings of a committee chaired by Donald Day created for the purpose of reorganizing and implementing joint responsibility of the various arms of the entire Reform Movement to maintain the World Union Israel programs.

During these meetings this collective responsibility was affirmed. It had become apparent that the burden on WUPJ to maintain in large part, the funding of the Israel Movement and its programs and institutions had far surpassed its ability to fund them.

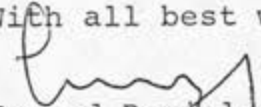
The timely acceptance by the Jewish Agency of the Reform Movement Grant request, did in fact, help the World Union reduce in part its projected deficit which was presented to the Committee. However, the restrictions on the utilization of these funds to primarily new programs left little for existing programs and it was obvious that there was to be careful scrutiny of the accountability of the funds.

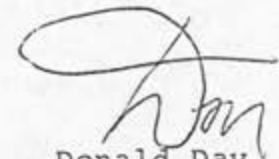
The enclosed statement of cash positions is self-explanatory. At the moment, our liabilities exceed our funds by \$40,000 and surely will be even more within the next few weeks.

We therefore ask the organizations who participated in the meetings to respond to this financial crisis by implementing the acknowledged collective responsibility and transmit to the World Union the sum of \$100,000 as quickly as possible. This will allow us to meet our obligations in Israel.

Since time is so important, we urge that you contact Marty Strelzer in the NY office in connection with this matter.

With all best wishes.


Gerard Daniel,
President


Donald Day,
Chairman
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Available Cash - Operating	<u>\$51,680</u>
Unpaid & Overdue Invoices	28,377
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September 16, 1987
22 Elul 5747

Ernest H. de Souza, J.P.
2A King's Drive
Kingston 6, Jamaica
West Indies

Dear Mr. deSouza:

Many thanks for sharing a copy of the wonderful "PICTORIAL" which commemorates your 40th Anniversary as lay reader and leader of Shaare Shalom, the United Congregation of Israelites of Kingston. It is a wonderful volume and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sharing a copy. It will be added to our archives here at the UAHC and we are delighted to have this fine record of the Jewish community as well as your own outstanding service.

Josh Dwork is retired and living in Miami and Norman Swerling is now service a Florida congregation as cantor. I hear from them from time to time and will send you regards.

With all good wishes to you and your dear ones for a healthy, happy and fulfilling New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

ERNEST H. de SOUZA, J.P.
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Re Union of American Hebrew Cong
838 5th Ave. N.Y. 10021
U.S.A.

~~July 20th~~, 1987
September 10th

Dear Sir,

I have very great pleasure in sending you a copy of my recent publication " PICTORIAL " which features many aspects of the history of Jamaica's Jewish Community, and other related activities.

This publication is to commemorate my 40th Anniversary as a Lay Reader of Synagogue " Shaare Shalom " United Congregation of Israelites in Kingston Jamaica 1946 - 1986.

I hope that it will find a useful place in your Library .

With all best wishes ,

Yours sincerely,

Ernest H. de Souza

Ernest H. de Souza, J.P.
Acting Spiritual Leader
of the Jewish Community
in Jamaica.

P.S. of Interest to U.A.H.C. is Pages 238.

*To Norman Swerling still with you } Please give my
Joel D'Work } kindest regards.*

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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838 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Alex:

I read with great interest your Fund for Reform Judaism appeal letter dated May 15, 1987. It effectively and graphically points out the critical need for the North American Reform Movement's financial support for the struggle in Israel to insure our rights as authentic Jews. Your message is one that if widely heard and heeded throughout North America could help our membership to finally understand the seriousness of the struggle, and then with their cooperation, all together we all could "do something about it"!!

To quote you, "we will be able to sustain this vital work if people like you, who are outraged at the debasing of the Zionist dream and commitment to justice will move to strengthen the Reform Jewish Movement in its efforts... Our struggle is a struggle on behalf of all Jews. Our struggle is a struggle for the soul of the Jewish State... We need one another, or else the dream of two thousand years may crumble to dust in our hands, and the vision of the prophets may become a nightmare in our time."

Alex, it appears to me that based on your words, and the prevalent condition of fund raising for the U.A.H.C, the World Union and ARZA, this is an ideal time for us to sit down and discuss the possibility of constructing an over all Reform Movement consolidated fund raising program.

Your letter clearly points out that Israel can be a strong focal point to help raise money for U.A.H.C. At the same time, the World Union and ARZA also need to raise significant money to be used for Israel. All together, under one banner and program, we could effect a fund raising success never before achieved. Once our people are relieved of the constant bombardment of the multitude of good causes and tearful speakers, I am convinced they will open up their hearts and pockets as never before. The confusion and antagonism will be gone and they will be able to have a clear view of what their dollar is doing.

See my reply
7/23

Rabbi Alexander Schindler

7/10/87

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Admittedly there are many hair pin turns in the road to that achievement. It will take a lot of discussion and straightening out. I know your feeling, as you have previously expressed it, that it won't work as well as separate campaigns, but I feel we should not miss this opportunity to at least talk about it together. The U.A.H.C., the World Union and ARZA are on the verge of a new fund raising era. Let's talk now before we move up the ladder too high to come back down.

One of the most significant benefits of this combined Reform Movement fund raising program will be that our membership will be able to have a real sense of involvement and accomplishment in the strengthening of a movement much broader than they knew before. From this will develop a real sense of excitement to achieve a greater goal. The Fund for Reform Judaism, in all its scope will be that common goal.

How even more appropriate it is when we read from the U.A.H.C. Constitution the following words from Article II (d):

"To strengthen, as an integral part of K'lal Yisrael, the solidarity of the Jewish people in all lands; to foster the development of Liberal Judaism throughout the world under the auspices of the World Union for Progressive Judaism; to enrich and strengthen the State of Israel as a vibrant exemplar of external Jewish values."

As the U.A.H.C. prepares to go into a whole new FRJ fund raising program, as do WUPJ and ARZA, isn't it worth the few minutes to sit down together and see if this type of program can even get to the point of agreement in principle.

Please let me hear from you on this as soon as possible.

I trust your travel over the last few weeks has been fruitful and gratifying, but not too taxing on your strength.

With all good wishes,



Martin Strelzer
North American Director

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July 7, 1987
10 Tammuz 5747

Rabbi David Polish
Beth Emet ~~Tab~~ Free Synagogue
1200 Lee Street
Evanston, Illinois 60202

Dear David:

I received your letter of June 29 and you find a responsive cord within me. I am absolutely certain that the image of Reform Judaism through out Europe can be altered and indeed that we could have an emerging movement of some consequence one which would stem assimilation there as it did here in the United States.

I respond particularly to your last paragraph refering to the Soviet Union. I went there recently as you know. I met many of the Refuseniks. I brought with me articles on Reform Judaism translated into Russian, the Russian translations of some of our prayer ~~books~~ ^{services} etc and once I was able to overcome the initial reluctance a great deal of interest was manifested. (Most of the Russian Jews will not leave the Soviet Union, and the preponderant majority are not going to be attracted by Orthodoxy. Those few kosher restaurants which the American rabbinate was able to arrange are not going to solve the problem).

But from an institutional point of view this is really the task of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Unhappily its focus has been almost entirely on Israel than its attention yet work in Central European countries and other parts of the world is equally important for the future of the Jewish people.

Everytime I try to enter spheres not unlike the ones which you proposed I am told not to transgress on other peoples tuff and yet the job remains undone.

Rabbi David Polish
Page Two
July 7, 1987

Why don't you write to Gerry Daniels? I think you will find a listening ear at least in him. Dick Hirsch will be responsive also to efforts to establish a liberal Judaism in the Soviet Union because his experience on a recent journey there was not unlike mine and because he also sees this as a potential for increasing Aliyah.

Needless to say if there is anything at all that I can do to help you please let me know.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

for Hy to Shalom

RABBI DAVID POLISH
BETH EMET THE FREE SYNAGOGUE

1200 LEE STREET
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June 29, 1987
2 Tammuz 5747

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

Shalom, Alex,

I hope all is well with you and that you are having a good summer.

The enclosed, a statement read at a leave-taking occasion marking my departure from Stockholm, and the summary of the Conference of European communities which I attended in Stockholm during my three month stay there, are self-explanatory. The latter raises issues that I have wanted to discuss with you both while in Sweden and after my return. These issues have a very strong bearing on the relationship of our movement to threatened Jewish communities all over Europe, who either have no conception of Reform or else reject it. I believe that creative and even exciting things can be done by us and I say it on the basis of my own experiences as well as those of my colleague and friend, Hy Perelmutter, who spent six months in Switzerland during the past winter.

Let me explain briefly. Both Hy and I encountered enormous antipathy to Reform Judaism, not so much as a reality but as a stereotype. Yet by the time I was ready to return home, there was an enormous sense of warmth toward liberal Judaism as embodied by me. The expression from more than one person was, "If this is Reform, I want to belong to such a movement." At no time during my stay did I publicly advocate Reform Judaism, because I was temporarily taking the place of the Conservative chief rabbi, but evidently, judging from the things that I stood for and my articulation of moral issues, a great deal of sympathy was generated. In addition, from the very beginning, I met large numbers of people who wanted to know about Reform, and in one case in the university town of Upsala, I was invited to come to meet with young adults about leading a Jewish life in the midst of a small Orthodox community that would rather have no services than include women in a Minyan. Perelmutter's observations are similar to mine.

The opportunity for having some of our younger rabbis go as pioneers into a decimated and (in my judgment) a declining European Jewry is inviting. Whatever opinions we may have about the future of the European Diaspora, we owe it an obligation today, and even if our purpose is ultimately Aliyah for them and particularly for their children, the best way we can preserve them for Aliyah is by serving them in a liberal capacity now. I feel that our senior rabbinical students should be expected to spend a few months working

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June 29, 1987

in far flung Jewish communities as a preparation for their ordination. If we do nothing else but modify the image of Reform Judaism, dayenu, but I believe we can do far more than that.

European Jews sense that they need an alternative to Orthodoxy, but they don't know where to seek it. On the other hand, the militancy of Orthodoxy needs to be actively resisted.

There is room for an "in reach" program which we are qualified to carry out. I recommend the creation of a strategically placed chavurot, and the distribution of literature, as well as visits by some of our people.

Incidentally, you must know that American Orthodox rabbis already have the ear of the Ministry of Cults in the Soviet Union and there too, we should have something important to say and to request. We have all kinds of resources and we ought to put them to work. I urge you to give serious attention to this troubling but promising problem.

I wish you the best in good health and a restful summer.

Shalom,



RABBI DAVID POLISH

DP:by

P.S. I hear again and again about your address in the Soviet Union.

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News of the Council

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"I personally feel assimilation as a betrayal, as an extremely serious crime against culture..."

These are the terms in which Claude Lanzman, guest of honour of the 43rd Statutory Meeting of the European Council of Jewish Community Services, concluded his remarks in front of a large audience of representatives from European communities - among whom a number of delegates from Eastern Europe (RDA; Bulgaria; Hungary; Romania) - gathered in Stockholm on May 8, 9 and 10.

Working sessions and debates, aimed at defining priorities for the future in Europe, put into focus the major problems facing communities in today's Europe: the demographic drop, an aging Jewish population, the reduction of financial means, the increasing number of people requiring services (namely in the social sector), the difficulties in recruiting and training new audiences (young adults, families), the difficulty in stimulating the emergence of a new generation of community leaders, the increasing gap between Rabbis, lay and professional community leaders.

Participants singled out a number of primary goals: defining the specificity of the role of a Jewish educator, building a network of high level training leaders in order to improve the quality of Jewish teaching, initiating a new and open dialogue, based on a set of values both common to young Israelis and young European Jews.

Throughout the debates, the impact of the ECJCS, active each year in more than 15 different European communities, appeared as a determining factor towards the achievement of a common strategy. The ECJCS will thus take into account these recommendations in the elaboration of its program designed to serve European communities.

Contact: Yolande Amzallag - ECJCS

Paris, May 22, 1967



The Jewish Community of Stockholm

May the 22nd 1987

Dear Rabbi and Mrs David Polish

When I took office this past January, I was also given the task of arranging for guest speakers in the synagogue while Morton Narrowe was on sabbatical leave.

We are very grateful that you Rabbi and Mrs Polish were able to come to Stockholm to fill in for him.

We marvel at how you both have been able to find your respective places within our midst. It didn't take long before you became involved in various capacities, wherever things were taking place. But you have shined forth above all else with your wonderful sermons at services.

Your simple, straight forward, but wise words found their way to our ^eharts. With great ability you were able to expound upon the weekly Torah portion in a clear sighted and profound way.

All who listened to your words left the synagogue deeply moved, satisfied and inspired. We only regret that your time with us has been all too short, because we would like to hear even more of what you have to tell us.

All those who have had the honor and pleasure of having been together with you and especially those who have been around you in the synagogue during your stay here, would like to express their warmest thanks for your being here and for enriching our services and our community in general.

Shalom and l'hitraot

Klaus Haendler

Chairman of religious affairs



The Jewish Community of Stockholm

Rabbi and Mrs. David Polish
1200 Lee Street
Evenston, IU. 60202
U.S.A.

June 12, 1987

Dear Aviva and David,

It has been extremely difficult to reorganize myself and my work since my return from Israel. My present stay at the community summer camp (where I am substituting for our son Joshua who should arrive about the 18th) will also complicate my administrative duties and the local and international correspondence that is already piling up.

But I do want to take a brief moment from everything else and express my thanks to the "Polish team" for what you have been able to achieve. The critical voices against a "reform rabbi" have long been silenced and quite a few who opposed you "in principal" have had the character to come to me and express the fact that they were wrong and that you have taught them much. Your months here will long be remembered and will add a dimension to the tolerance and understanding that I have preached about and fought for.

I thank you for coming and for your help. I want to congratulate you, as well, on your success which will prepare the way for future growth.

With fondest regards, best wishes and deep respect, I am,

Cordially,

Morton H. Narrowe



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Morton H. Narrowe

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July 2, 1987
5 Tammuz 5747

Rabbi Richard M. Leviton
Temple David
Durban Progressive Jewish Congregation
P.O. Box 37020
Overport 4067
Durban, South Africa

Dear Richard:

Your letter reached me on the very day of my return from meetings of the Jewish Agency in Israel, followed by a brief visit to France. I was, of course, faced with a veritable mountain of mail. In addition, to getting caught up with the work which awaited my return, this is what we refer to as "Biennial Summer" here at the UAHC. Our General Assembly convenes in Chicago, October 29-November 3, 1987 and a great deal of detail work must go into the mounting of the program and the selection of participants. To say the least, it's a busy time.

This all leads me to ask your understanding. I simply am not in a position to prepare an article for your 1987 Rosh Hashonah Review. However, I am sharing with you my last Report to the Union's Board (December, 1986) and a paper which I delivered at a CLAL Conference in March, 1986. May I suggest that you excerpt sections from either one for publication in your Review. I truly regret that I cannot be more forthcoming and I hope you will be able to find the kind of data you wish to include in the pamphlet.

With every good wish and warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Encl.

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24 June 1987.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Alex,

We are once again compiling information for our Rosh Hashanah Review.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could let us have an article of interest for our publication not later than 10th of August.

We trust that you are keeping well and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Richard M. Leviton
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RICHARD M. LEVITON

*Tell him too busy - too many commitments
Send him copy of my
lost S of Union message
as well as of our
Klal talk &
suggest he use
any part further
for his publication*

MEMORANDUM

From Martin Strelzer
To Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Copies
Subject

Date June 9, 1987
12 Sivan 5747

Thank you for sharing with me the letter from Mr. Braunstein of Wellington, New Zealand. As it happened, Cliff Kulwin had received an almost identical letter to which he had already responded. He explained to Mr. Braunstein that previous commitments on the part of the World Union, as well as pressing but unmet needs elsewhere, made the sort of help he was requesting not possible at this time.

Cliff pointed out, however, that with Rabbi Edward Rosenthal, who was just ordained in Cincinnati, coming to Auckland, there certainly exists the avenue of having him visit Wellington regularly. This would be both cheaper, and provide better service, than the situation which exists now. Currently, retired rabbis, or rabbis on sabbatical, have been spending a couple of months in Wellington around the time of the High Holidays. More regular visits by a rabbi, like Rabbi Rosenthal coming once a month, would probably help attract new members to the synagogue as well.

I should point out as well, that the visits by American rabbis (Murray Blackman will be going there in August) and the placement of Rabbi Rosenthal in Auckland are arranged through the offices of the World Union. So we are providing our affiliates there with most of what they need.

Thank you for your concern. Let me know if there is anything more I can provide you with.



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WUPJ

May 5, 1987
6 Iyar 5747

Rabbi Merle E. Singer
Temple Beth El
333 S. W. Fourth Avenue
Boca Raton, FL 33432

Dear Merle:

The check you forwarded for Or Hadash from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brenner has been transmitted to the World Union office with a note indicating it is for the Or Hadash building campaign. I am certain the Brenner's will hear directly from the congregation and/or the WUPJ.

As you can appreciate, the Union cannot give direct financial support to any congregational building campaigns in Israel or North America. When called upon, we have given support in the area of political contacts, usually on a local level where zoning is involved. We have certainly made such contacts in behalf of many WUPJ congregations in Israel.

We do, of course, give direct support to the World Union for Progressive Judaism and through them to the Israel Progressive Movement, of which Or Hadash is a constituent.

ARZA receives support from the UAHC and, in turn, has given financial support to Reform settlements and the other activities of the Israel Progressive Movement. They have been supportive of the gan at Or Hadash and many other aspects of Israeli Progressive programming within the movement. Our considerable financial support to ARZA enables more direct aid on the scene in Israel.

ARZA and the UAHC have spearheaded the endless and painful grant negotiations with The Jewish Agency. We have been heard and our efforts will bear fruit. The support we receive from The Jewish Agency for Israel will flow to our Progressive Movement and institutions in Israel.

As you also know, the UAHC maintains a large staff and apparatus of our own in Israel. I refer to our Youth Office in Jerusalem. They provide service not only to the young people we send to Israel each year by the hundreds, but also to our Progressive Movement in Israel. Our staff works with the settlers at our kibbutzim and at Har Halutz, indeed without NFTY these might never have come to be. Indeed, these realities give our Israel

Rabbi Merle E. Singer
May 5, 1987
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Progressive Movement its most substantial credibility among the Israelis -- more by far than any building can. This Israel-NFTY apparatus costs the UAHC some \$350,000 to \$400,000 each year.

So, Merle, while we do not give any direct support financially to any individual congregations, we are supportive in many seen and unseen ways. I can tell you that I have never personally received a request from Rabbi Moti Rotem of Or Hadash for financial or political assistance. Were he to ask me to intercede with the authorities in Haifa I would certainly be more than willing to do so. To date, we have not had any such request so I can only assume it is not required. I see Moti here and in Israel, we have a fine relationship, he has been helpful to me on a personal matter and were he to call upon me he knows I would stand ready to be of assistance. I believe he also understands that he cannot expect any direct financial support from the UAHC. As the previous director of the Israel Progressive Movement, he is well aware of all that the UAHC does quietly and unbeknownst to the general community.

With warm regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brenner

Edith J. Miller

May 4, 1987

Martin Strelzer

CONTRIBUTION

The enclosed check for \$5,000. from Henry and Anne Brenner of 666 Lakewood Circle East, Delray Beach, FL 33445, was sent to us by Rabbi Merle Singer as he had some questions from Brenner to pose to Alex. In his letter he noted this is a gift for the Building Fund of Or Hadash Congregation of Haifa. Will you please credit accordingly.

Thanks.

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Add to list
of your
staff in
Jerusalem
the Israel
who
during winter
months
for work
for those
movement.
Kibbutz
would not be
without them.

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MERLE E. SINGER, D.H.L.
RABBI

April 30, 1987

Dear Alex:

Henry Brenner, a member of Temple Beth El, has sent me a check for the OR HADASH Building Fund (enclosed). He is quite provoked that the UAHC has not supported the Building Fund of OR HADASH. I assured him that I would look into this matter.

He feels this is a timely matter that requires immediate attention. It is our understanding that, if OR HADASH does not start building plans by this May, they will lose their land to the Orthodox Rabbinate.

I would like to be able to give him the proper answer. As I have stated, his major concern with regard to OR HADASH is why the UAHC has not supported their building fund.

I look forward to your response. With best regards.

Cordially,



Merle E. Singer
Rabbi

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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cc: Mr. Henry Brenner

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MEMORANDUM

From Gerard Daniel

Date April 24, 1987

To Rabbi Jack Stern

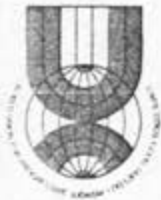
Since our letter of April 22, 1987 was dictated by telephone, a number of errors crept in.

Enclosed corrected copy of this letter.

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Office of the President

April 22, 1986
TH-1675

BY HAND

Rabbi Jack Stern
43 Cohawney Road
Scarsdale, N.Y.

Dear Jack:

First of all, I would like to wish you a very speedy and complete recovery. Since we did not have an opportunity to talk on the telephone I am putting our special, rather urgent situation concerning the Kedem Synagogue on paper.

To refresh your memory: The total cost for the construction of the Kedem Synagogue is now realistically established at 1.6 million dollars. Per resolution of the World Union Executive, no building can be started unless 75 percent of the money is available in either cash or with pledges.

At present, between Israel and New York we have about \$700,000 available. Additional pledges, including the matching funds by Ruth and me, will bring this figure up to about \$840,000.

As you know, by the end of this year the municipality of Tel Aviv will cancel our building permit and withdraw the lot from our conditional ownership unless a substantial, definitive beginning of construction has been effected.

Based on the 75 percent rule and the above figures, we would need, most urgently, at least \$180,000 in pledges cash or other types of undertaking so that we come up to the 1.2 million dollars by doubling the \$180,000-through our dollar for dollar matching pledge.

The very slow progress and the lack of determination on behalf of our organizations to help us to give the signal for the building start has been a source of great disappointment to both of us. We both feel that despite the multifaceted activities and efforts of our Movement in Israel the Litmus Test of going to the people with our alternative to Orthodoxy has never in earnest been undertaken. Without wishing to diminish the great importance of the College, our Kibbutzim, the Hostel, the camps and other Israel Movement activities, we are thoroughly convinced that without a community center/synagogue visible to the million plus population of Tel Aviv, our efforts to finally begin the creation of a "People's Movement", will be doomed to failure.

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It is therefore, in a sort of despair that I am turning to you as the head of the CCAR to submit to your Conference in early May a resolution whereby, the CCAR will guarantee the \$180,000 which are missing at this moment. Of course, you may find that a number of Rabbis will give individual pledges which may reduce this "guarantee money" substantially, a solution that would be most welcome from every point of view.

I am aware of the organizational strictures under which you labor. Unusual situations demand unusual actions and this is the gist of this letter.

We are convinced that once we can overcome this hurdle, monies will be coming in from various sources, hopefully also from Congregations so that the speedy completion of the total building can be envisaged.

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Sincerely yours,

Gerard and Ruth Daniel

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Office of Executive Director

לשכת המזכיר הכללי

April 21, 1987

From: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

To: Jewish Agency Grant Committee
via Rabbi Eric Yoffie

FAX WUPJ-NY 212-517-3940

CC: Meir Azari
Menachem Leibovich
Bruria Barish
Shai Eitan

This morning I talked to both Howard Weissband, Secretary General of the Agency and Tsvi Barak, newly installed Director General of the Treasury Department. They were both cordial and supportive.

It has been decided to establish the following procedure in regard to the funding of our programs:

- 1) Howard Weissband has appointed a new staff person, Mark Silverberg, to be the liaison representing his office, which in turn will be the contact with Hoffberger's office. However, Howard believes that if all runs smoothly as anticipated, the focus will be on implementation here in Jerusalem.
- 2) Tsvi Barak has appointed Mr. Hanania Sharoni, who works in the Treasury Department and with whom I have had positive relations in the past to be his representative.
- 3) I informed them that we in our movement have appointed Menachem Leibovich to be our liaison representative.
- 4) They (Weissband, Barak, Silverberg, and Sharoni) are going to meet within a week to establish their procedures. We shall then convene a meeting to establish a consensus concerning the procedures of implementation. I said that representing us at that meeting would be Azari and Leibovich together with me. Thereafter, the staff will take over (Silverberg, Sharoni, and Leibovich).
- 5) I asked for an advance of funds, indicating that we are already engaging staff and incurring expenses. Weissband agreed and talked about 20%. Barak said perhaps even more. This is to be decided at our meeting.

In sum, on the basis of these preliminary discussions, I am very encouraged. There appears to be good will on their part, and I assured them that as for us we would be responsible and accountable.

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March 9, 1987
8 Adar 5747

Rabbi Scott B. Saulson
Southern Africa Union for
Progressive Judaism
P.O. Box 18630
Hillbrow
2038 Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Scott:

From afar I write to extend every good wish to the leaders of The Southern Africa Union for Progressive Judaism on their forthcoming Biennial Conference. It would have been wonderful to have been able to accept your gracious invitation to join with you for the deliberation in Durban at the end of May. Unfortunately, my very heavy travel schedule precludes my being with you.

It is my hope your meetings will be meaningful in every way and that your plans will serve to strengthen all of the SAUPJ's efforts. May Jewish life in Southern Africa continue to be enriched and enhanced in the months and years ahead.

With warm good wishes to one and all, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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Rabbi A.M. Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
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New York N.Y. 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

The Southern African Union for Progressive Judaism is holding its 1987 Biennial Conference in Durban, 28 - 30 May.

Our Executive Committee and conferrees would be delighted should you be able to join them in their deliberations. We understand that this might not be possible in which case we very much would appreciate receiving a message from you on behalf of our fraternal body which you represent.

Thank you for your kind interest in and continued support of our efforts to promote Progressive Judaism under particularly difficult circumstances.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Scott B. Saulson
(Dictated by Rabbi Saulson
and signed in his absence)

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February 5, 1987

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Rabbi Charles Kroloff
Rabbi Eric Yoffie
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
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Dear friends,

The attached letter to Ami Duik, the head of the Tel Aviv Tsofim brings to an end Tsofei Telem's battle for recognition from the City of Tel Aviv. The final results were far from ideal, with the City demanding we move the group to another more populated location in the city. There in Ramat Aviv they would "grant us use of the Reform Synagogue." This is a small two room building that had been a nursery and that the city had already given to the synagogue for use. In addition, they indicated that if we could raise funds for a pre-fab building, they would most likely be able to allow us to put it up behind the synagogue. After much discussion and debate we decided that this was the best we were going to get and that it was in everyone's best interest that we would start to work with the youth of Tel Aviv and not just be engaged in battle with the City. Most of the older kids have indicated an interest in continuing to be with us, even if it means travelling to Ramat Aviv.

I would like on behalf of Tsofei Telem to thank you, and all the members of ARZA and the UAHC. I can assure you that what we did receive from the City was as a direct result of your pressure and that of others around the world. This, together with the pressure of the governing body of the Israeli Scout Movement forced the City to find an acceptable solution to all concerned. I must say that it was heartwarming to feel the continual stream of support and concern from all over the world and to feel that we are truly part of a movement..

I hope in the future that our correspondence will be mostly reports of growth and success. Thanks.

B'vracha,

Matthew Sperber
Matthew Sperber
Tsofei Telem

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February 2, 1987
3 Shevart 5747

Rabbi Tovia Ben-Chorin
Har-El Synagogue
16 Shmuel Hanagid Street
Jerusalem, 94592, Israel

Dear Tovia:

Mazal tov on your election to the chairmanship of MARAM. This is a development which pleases me very much. I am confident you will do a superb job in leading this important organization. Please also give my warm good wishes to your fellow officers.

It was good to receive your full report on the most recent attempt to amend the Law of Return. You made some important comments and I am taking the liberty of sharing your report with Eric Yoffie. He, too, should be apprised of all developments in this connection. The need to coordinate public statements is one that will be of interest to ARZA as well as MARAM.

ARZA's leadership should also be aware of the second item in your report, the need for a counterattack. Israel-oriented matters are of critical importance to all of the institutions of Reform Judaism here in the U.S. and much of the communication and initiation of special campaigns comes through ARZA.

Tovia, please do thank you father for his warm regards. They are fully reciprocated. He's a very special human being and I hold him in high esteem.

We will undoubtedly be seeing each other when I am in Israel a few weeks hence for the meetings of the WZO. That will be a pleasure! Until then, all good wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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MEMORANDUM

*Hold for
Wed. day*

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme
To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

Date Jan. 5, 1987

I did not see your names on this. You should have it and read it.
I believe it fairly represents the meeting.



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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE TO DEFINE RELATIONSHIPS
WITH OTHER ARMS OF REFORM MOVEMENT

MONDAY: DECEMBER 1, 1986
TEMPLE EMANUEL, NYC
1:30 - 4:00

PRESENT: Gerard Daniel, Ruth Daniel, Rabbi Stanley Davids, Rabbi A. Stanley Dreyfus, Bettijane Eisenpreis, Rabbi Joseph Glaser, Maurice Hahn, Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, Rabbi Charles Kroloff, Charles Lehmann, Rabbi Eugene Lippman, Marvin Novick, Matthew Ross, Rabbi Harold Saperstein, Richard Scheuer, Eleanor Schwartz, Rabbi Paul Steinberg, Rabbi Jack Stern, Martin Strelzer, Rabbi Daniel Syme, Dolores Wilkenfeld, Donald Day, Billie Gold.

Meeting opened by Donald Day at 1:45 PM.

Donald Day opened the meeting by thanking each one for coming. He then reviewed the history of the committee and its purpose. He noted that some months ago at the original meeting, it was recognized that there was deep concern by the World Union in respect to its finances, its structure, its programs and its relationship to other arms of the Reform Movement.

There is recognition that the Progressive Movement in Israel really hasn't matured and grown as it was hoped it would. For example, in Toronto it was dramatically noted that there was an acute need for prompt attention to the rabbinic salaries in Israel to be brought up to a proper level after many years of being what was considered sub-standard. The main problem seems to be a financial one. As of 30 days ago it appeared from the figures available that we would be out of operating funds by the end of 1986. The committee saw the problem as not only one of the World Union but truly a problem of the Reform Movement as a whole. A failure of the organization of the World Union would reflect on the entire movement. If there is to be a viable Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism then we all must support it and contribute to it.

An invitation was extended to all Reform leadership to join in as a group to address these issues. Included were the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, ARZA, NFTS, NFTB, CCAR and the World Union.

Donald then said that he would ask Gerry Daniel to update the conditions as they were today, and then ask Rabbi Richard Hirsch to give his perspective and then Charles Lehmann to discuss the financial situation. He then called on Gerry Daniel, who said the World Union is really a "roof" organization whose principle job is to see that its world-wide constituencies grow and survive and to service them to achieve that goal. Some years ago, when the Union of American Hebrew Congregations began to subvent the World Union after it moved to Jerusalem, it decided to give \$22,000 towards the budget. In those days the budget was somewhere around \$85,000 and that \$22,000 was a significant portion. Today we get the same \$22,000 approximately and our budget has grown to \$1 million. In the last few years we have started to go towards individuals to try to achieve sufficient funding for our needs. Very little money comes in from our overseas constituent organizations. It is the individuals who are the major source of funding.

Much attention over the last few years has been devoted to the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, and the need to fund it so that it could grow into a healthy, viable Reform presence or as it is called Progressive in Israel. The movement has developed beyond our financial capabilities where we can no longer handle the financial burden. The obvious path for us was to go to our partners in the Reform Movement and ask them to participate in helping the Israel Movement grow to where it should.

Rabbi Richard Hirsch was then asked to contribute his perspective and went on to say the theme of our International Conference in 1988 will be - 40 years of the State of Israel, where are we today and where are we going. It was most appropriate that that theme reflects the focus of what World Union is trying to achieve in its request for its' partners to share the burden of the Israel Movement.

Israel today is the battleground for the soul of the Jewish people and it is there that World Union must devote much of its efforts so that we can establish our rightful presence amongst our brothers and sisters in the State. There is much difficulty under the best of circumstances to begin a movement but under the conditions in Israel it is even moreso. In particular, we have to face political extremism or as what is commonly called, "the unholy alliance of the radical right." We are dealing with the development of a new Jewish society. It is imperative that we succeed for it will impact on all Jews all over the world. We are faced with the problem, can we really build a meaningful movement. The truth is we are being put to the test under the most difficult circumstances. There is much to be done. Our request for funds is purely for the operating budget. We are not asking our proposed partners for any monies for capital.

Our major purpose will be focused towards coordination amongst each other, amongst each arm of the world wide Reform Movement, and in particular in North America because that is where most of our efforts and funding will eventually come from. We must reconcile our differences and come forth with an agreed program, even our fund raising should be coordinated. It is already being done in the Israel Movement where we have recently passed a resolution pledging a federated fund raising campaign to be implemented immediately and refined within the next 12 months.

As far as the Jewish Agency grant request is concerned, even if we get the money the funds will not be able to be used for the purposes that we need them for, the building of the Israel Movement. It is a tedious long drawn out path to even get the money once it is allocated, based upon our past experiences. Even now, we find it difficult to get what has been promised to us. The money will probably be directed towards specific programs and agencies and it is very unlikely that any cash will be given to us at any time. So those monies would have to be used for the specific purposes allocated and without question it would not be towards rabbinic salaries or congregational growth.

Just as American Jewry in general has taken the leadership to lead the Jewish world and support it, so should American Reform Jewry do the same with the Reform World Movement. Our movement spends close to \$100 million in its combined budgets. Our priorities need to be changed in relation to what we spend in Israel.

Charles Lehmann then gave a report on the financial condition. He distributed figures for the 1986 budget for the year and the 9 month actual and projected figures for 1987. He went on to explain the individual categories as they were listed. A copy of that financial statement is attached to these minutes for the file. The significant aspect of the statement was that at the present time there was close to a \$200,000 deficit for the 9 month period, although that had to take into consideration that the last 3 months of the year would be the largest fund raising months. So it was difficult at this point to tell precisely what the deficit would be. The projected figures for 1987 based upon the increases in Israel in particular and the New York office, would show a deficit of \$375,000. There were no questions on the presentation.

Rabbi Richard Hirsch then commented that in truth if we are to consider the entire Israel Movement for funding we must include the Leo Baeck School and the Youth Movement which probably would add another million dollars to the projected figures. These of course, would be considered if there would be a federated fund raising campaign for all Reform programs and activities which would avoid the shot-gun fund raising that the Israel Movement does at the present time here in North America.

Eleanor Schwartz - We must address the issues of how do we deal with the crisis not only now, but in the future. The Reform Movement belongs to all of us through the World Union. Israel can never be self-sufficient to the point of supporting its own movement and that clearly has to be recognized and addressed and we, the entire world Reform Movement, have the obligation to support and see that growth is achieved of the Israel Movement through the World Union.

Every American Jew should participate in the cause of supporting the Israel Movement. The UAHC would be the most likely place for that to be implemented. This would be a manifestation of each Reform Jew's individual commitment to world Reform Jewry. There also must be continued the personal kind of fund raising. All affiliates must play their roles. This must be a truly institutional program.

Rabbi Joe Glaser - Gave us a check at this point for \$32,000 that was raised by the rabbis at their conference in Snowmass this year. This was over and above the \$29,000 that was raised in Toronto for the rabbinic salaries in Israel, bringing the total raised to \$61,000. These monies are to be used solely for the salaries of the Israel rabbinic group. He hoped that they could continue to raise this kind of money, but didn't think they could do as well in the future and that this type of campaign could be sustained. A much more sound basis of fund raising needs to be investigated. Supports the concept that it is a movement failure that has brought World Union to its present financial condition. One approach might be individual congregational support or some sort of combination of that and what Eleanor Schwartz has suggested.

Donald Day - The partnership would represent all the major institutions cooperatively funding the needs. We should avoid the UAHC going to its congregations for yet another cause to raise their contributions. That would be detrimental. It needs to be a much broader kind of funding program.

Rabbi Jack Stern - It also must be recognized that there still will be capital funding needed other than the Youth Hostel, such as Kedem Synagogue and Or Hadash Synagogue.

Rabbi Paul Steinberg - It also ought to be recognized that Hebrew Union College will continue to need to raise its funds for the maintenance of the World Education Center and that they at the same time as we, need to go out and raise as much as they can.

Ruth Daniel - She agrees with the concept of using the congregations. It was done before in the old Israel Commissions and can be and should be used again.

Matt Ross - Realistically speaking, congregational individual support is very difficult. Meaning going to individuals in congregations. We would do much better to seek congregational support through their rabbis and lay leaders. This would help us eliminate the shot-gun Israel Movement fund raising.

Rabbi Daniel Syme - Not convinced over the long run that American Jews as individuals would like to support this. Would feel much more positive if we could somehow get each of the 800 congregations to contribute as a congregation through its own projects \$500 or \$1,000. Thought the idea of congregations here in this country adopting congregations overseas would lead to much more successful funding.

Rabbi Jack Stern - We must keep in mind that whatever formula we come up with, after a year or two will certainly lead to increased numbers and we should not forget that whatever figures we arrive at will be changed eventually.

Donald Day - We also have to keep in mind the possibility of getting funding through the Jewish Agency money collected from UJA. He said that Rabbi Schindler agrees that probably 90% of that money from the Jewish Agency would be going towards use for the Israel Movement for Progressive Judasim.

Rabbi Stanley Davids - Asked who would go out and talk to these congregations. What guarantees are there that the shot-gun appeal approach would disappear? What about accountability? How will the money collected be accounted for? We ought to also be talking about re-structuring the entire system so that we can get more clear reporting.

Donald Day - We perceive a separate mechanism that will do the accounting.

Dolores Wilkenfeld - Was very confused on the term coalition. Isn't the World Union already a coalition? It's obvious that the World Union and the rest of the movement have not kept up with the needs of Israel. What we really have is a corporate responsibility of all the affiliates of the Reform Movement to support the World Union and its programs. If we don't continue to stress the corporate approach of each individual institution participating in this support of World Union that important sense of ownership and participation will be lost.

Rabbi Charles Kroloff - Agrees with the concept of corporate responsibility. It is entirely too simplistic to go to the Union and say it's only your responsibility. Some of the suggestions made give him concern about the effect on ARZA's ability to continue its check-off program. It's been difficult enough for them to get as far as they have gotten and even though they think they have made good progress, there is a lot more to go.

It needs to be clear that the Jewish Agency funds would not help the budget specifically. Those funds in all probability will be earmarked for specific

needs and may or may not effect our programming. He agrees that in all our thinking, we must remember that if we add the Leo Baeck School and the kibbutz and the youth movement we are talking about much more significant funds.

Gerry Daniel - In reply to the question of accountability. We intend to put into place a full time highly competent comptroller whose job it would be to keep the records and report on all the financial aspects of the Israel Movement. He did not perceive that the new structure would in any way eliminate the World Union from its leadership role. It must be recognized that the World Union has given birth to the Israel Movement and around the world the rest of the Reform Movement would be most upset if the World Union was not considered as the major organ for the Israel Movement. They look to World Union for leadership not to North America. In their eyes there can be no separation of World Union from the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Bettijane Eisenpreis - Is most concerned with the relationship of the World Union to the rest of the world. Not only in their concepts about Israel but that once the burden is relieved from Israel much more attention needs to be paid to the rest of the world and its Reform communities.

Billie Gold - Very cloudy on the relationship of the World Union to its communities. This is her first meeting of this sort and she's not clear on how the organization relates to its constituencies.

Matt Ross - Then explained the organization of the World Union and its responsibilities.

Marvin Novick - The last 18 months we have addressed these financial issues and we are now delivering a package that we are able to study and it is clear enough for us to sit and discuss how we can now act to alleviate the problem. We must face the immediate task of the \$250,000 approximate deficit and then turn to the long term. Aside from the financial aspects, if in the future we are going to be more successful in fund raising we must make a stronger effort to go out and tell the story of the World Union and package it and sell it the best way we can.

Rabbi Harold Saperstein - We have faced and discussed many issues this afternoon and from the way he sees it this is what has come out of our discussions. 1) Obviously we have to face the monetary needs. 2) Institutional fund raising is without question the way to go. Each and every institution of the Reform Movement must be responsible for their fair share. 3) Other World Union constituencies throughout the world should also be educated as to their responsibility. There are some very affluent communities around the world such as the United Kingdom and South Africa that should be looked into for financial support. 4) It would be destructive to have any other body than the World Union responsible for the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Eleanor Schwartz - The leadership of the American Reform Movement must go out and tell the story of how precious World Union is to the Reform Movement, for it is through the World Union that each and every North American Reform Jew becomes part of the world wide family of Reform Jews. Even the Israel Movement needs to be educated as to its role in the family.

Donald Day - Suggests that we form a small committee consisting of all the top leadership, professional and lay of each of the arms, UAHC, CCAR, HUC, World Union, ARZA, NFTS and NFTB.

Eleanor Schwartz - Suggested that we drop the name coalition and possibly use the term Steering Committee for that body.

Rabbi Richard Hirsch - Seconded the name. Said that it was more appropriate to call it a Steering Committee and suggested that Donald Day Chair that Steering Committee. Dick felt that Donald was the most logical one because of all the work he had done up to this point and that he was respected and admired by all organizations within the Reform Movement. The committee should as quickly as possible do four things. First, determine their overall objectives. Second, study and produce budgets for operating and for capital. Third, devise a method of coordination here and in Israel. Coordination between all the arms so that all needs would be protected, including the Leo Baeck School, the kibbutzim and the youth movement. Coordination is the key. We can and should be working as one unit for the same purposes. Fourth, a plan for deliniating the corporate responsibility of each of the arms of the entire Reform Movement.

Matt Ross - There is little time. We must act as quickly as possible.

Richard Scheuer - Felt that the UAHC must take the leadership role in this action immediately.

Rabbi Daniel Syme - Said that it must be a movement decision not only the UAHC although the UAHC might be one of the strongest contributors. All of this should be done as quickly as possible.

Rabbi Charles Kroloff - Stated that after all the discussion he really doesn't see any significant change now compared to where we were before the meeting started. What really needs to happen is a complete structural change of the World Union and how it handles the Israel Movement. A way must be found to share responsibility equally. The issue of the problem of what went wrong and how do we straighten it out really hasn't been addressed yet.

Matt Ross - Stated that in his opinion, America should not be making a colony of Israel. The route for us to go is to try to change the structure of the World Union so that leadership throughout the world and affiliates would all participate in the overall problem.

Rabbi Stanley Dreyfus - Stated that there already is on the Governing Body and Executive Committee representation of the rest of the world. Realistically it's not easy to get them together at these kinds of meetings. He also wanted to remind us that we are all not equals when it comes to raising funds and that some affiliates could raise less than others.

There was more general discussion on the work of the new Steering Committee and it was agreed that it should be formed as quickly as possible so that it will be able to come back with its findings. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

FINANCIAL DATA

SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

Charles H. Lehmann
Financial Secretary
December 1, 1986

WUPJ

	New York Operation			Jerusalem Operation			Combined		
	1986 Budget	Actual Sep 30 1986	1987 Antici- pated	1986 Budget	Actual Sep 30 1986	1987 Antici- pated	1986 Budget	Actual Sep 30 1986	1987 Antici- pated
Income	\$551,000	302,398	387,000	286,000	222,332	270,000	837,000	524,730	657,000
Expenses									
Operating costs	229,000	215,367	246,000	347,700	225,917	350,000	576,700	441,284	596,000
Latin American Operations	26,000	19,961	26,000				26,000	19,961	26,000
Support for Israel Movement	150,000	131,840	270,000	14,900	4,500	0	164,900	136,340	270,000
Direct Support to Israel Programs	130,000	100,854	140,000				130,000	100,854	140,000
	<u>535,000</u>	<u>468,022</u>	<u>682,000</u>	<u>362,000</u>	<u>230,417</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>897,600</u>	<u>698,439</u>	<u>1,032,000</u>
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 16,000	(165,624)	(295,000)	(76,600)	(8,085)	(80,000)	(60,600)	(173,709)	(375,000)

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**GENERAL AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET**

	<u>September 30, 1986</u>	<u>December 31, 1985</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash in banks and on hand	\$ 5,838	92,444
Short-term investments	109,056	205,783
State of Israel Bond	500	39,100
Other bonds and notes	10,000	10,000
Loans receivable	3,289	2,661
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>20,721</u>	<u>--</u>
	\$ 149,404	349,988
	=====	=====
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 30,998	32,384
Due Restricted Funds	<u>15,183</u>	<u>25,719</u>
	46,181	58,103
Fund balances	<u>103,223</u>	<u>291,885</u>
	\$ 149,404	349,988
	=====	=====
<u>Restricted Dedicated Fund Balances</u>		
Youth Hostel	\$ --	431,341
Leo Baeck School	1,235,568	1,211,651
Kedem Synagogue	366,845	302,807
Bet Shlomo Nahariya	42,359	39,948
Jacob Shankman	<u>106,490</u>	<u>78,907</u>
	\$1,751,262	2,064,654
	=====	=====

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SUMMARY OF GENERAL AND UNRESTRUCTED FUND OPERATIONS
JANUARY 1, 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

New York Operation		<u>1986 Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>1987</u>
	<u>Year</u>	<u>75% of</u> <u>Annual Amt</u>	<u>Sep 30,</u> <u>1986 (9 mos)</u>	<u>ANTICI-</u> <u>PATED</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Contributions from individuals and congregations	<u>\$430,000</u>	322,500	<u>182,149</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Other				
NFTS	26,000		25,000	25,000
CCAR	4,500		3,000	4,500
UAHC Subvention	22,000	16,500	16,500	22,000
Interest income	13,000	9,750	10,130	11,500
Administrative fee reimbursement	15,000	11,250	4,741	7,000
Reimbursement from dedicated fund for Latin American operations	26,000	19,500	3,910	5,000
Miscellaneous	14,500	10,875	8,854	12,000
Conference Fees	--		18,692	--
Israel Rabbinic Emergency Fund	--		29,422(1)	--
	<u>121,000</u>		<u>120,249</u>	<u>87,000</u>
	<u>551,000</u>		<u>302,398</u>	<u>387,000</u>
<u>Expenses</u>				
Operating Costs:				
Salaries and benefits	123,000	92,250	85,133	140,000
Travel and meetings	24,000	18,000	16,632	24,000
Supplies, printing, postage	39,500	29,625	33,398	44,000
Telephone	10,000	7,500	7,280	10,000
Dues and advertising	5,000	3,750	3,557	5,000
Professional fees	12,000	9,000	26,543	12,000
Occupancy	8,000	6,000	4,296	6,000
Miscellaneous	7,500	5,625	1,751	5,000
Conference expenses	--		36,777	--
	<u>229,000</u>		<u>215,367</u>	<u>246,000</u>
Latin American Operations	26,000	19,500	19,961	26,000
Support for Israel Movement	150,000	112,500	131,840(1)	270,000
Direct Support to Israel Programs	<u>130,000</u>	97,500	<u>100,854</u>	<u>140,000</u>
	<u>535,000</u>		<u>468,022</u>	<u>682,000</u>
Excess (Shortfall)	<u>\$ 16,000</u> =====		<u>(165,624)</u> =====	<u>(295,000)</u> =====

(1) Israel Rabbinic Emergency Fund receipts included with support payments.

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Jerusalem Operation	1986 <u>Budget</u>	Actual Sep 30, <u>1986</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Public Support:		
Organizational Grants:		
World Zionist Organization - Grant	\$ 75,000	56,250
- Publications	5,000	5,000
- Netzer Olami	10,000	0
United Kibbutz Movement - Netzer Olami	10,000	4,028
Tzofei Telem	<u>0</u>	<u>2,818</u>
Total Organizational Grants	100,000	68,096
Fees and Support from Constituents and Affiliates:		
Kibbutz Fund (Telem Noar - Garin Recruitment)	25,000	25,000
Australian Union for Progressive Judaism	5,000	0
Friends of Progressive Judaism (England)	10,000	0
Canadian Friends of WUPJ	5,000	0
A.R.Z.A.:		
- Netzer Olami	10,000	10,000
- Public Relations	5,000	0
Aviv Camps	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Constituents and Affiliates	<u>66,000</u>	<u>41,000</u>
Total Public Support	166,000	109,096
Contributions for Programs:		
Miscellaneous Sources	40,000	32,310
Individual Contributions	60,000	64,302
Rentals	20,000	12,774
Interest	<u>0</u>	<u>3,850</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$286,000</u>	<u>222,332</u>

	1986 Budget	Actual Sep 30, 1986	
<u>Expenses</u>			
<u>Participation in Israel Movement</u>			
Grant	\$ 14,900	4,500	
WU Management Allocation	14,100	9,400	
	<u>29,000</u>	<u>13,900</u>	
<u>Youth Programs</u>			
<u>Tzofei Telem:</u>			
Youth Camps and Related Activities	14,400	18,963	
Seminar, Leader's Studies and Activities	5,100	2,038	
Council Meetings	3,100	159	
Youth Leaders Salaries and Expenses	58,500	44,123	
Vehicle Expenses	5,700	5,654	
Subscriptions, Books, Advertising	500	1,180	
Administrative Expenses	15,200	13,873	
	<u>102,500</u>	<u>85,990</u>	
WU Management Allocation	7,500	5,000	
	<u>110,000</u>	<u>90,990</u>	
<u>Netzer Olami:</u>			
Salaries and Related Expenses	16,500	9,295	
Programs	10,000	14,002	
	<u>26,500</u>	<u>23,297</u>	
WU Managment Allocation	3,500	2,330	
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>25,627</u>	
<u>Heart to Heart Programs and Camps:</u>			
Arab-Jewish	Salaries	10,000	7,744
	Programs	14,500	3,561
Disadvantaged Children	Salaries	3,000	5,608
	Programs	5,000	634
		<u>32,500</u>	<u>17,547</u>
WU Management Allocation	2,500	1,670	
	<u>35,000</u>	<u>19,217</u>	
Total Youth Programs	175,000	135,834	

	<u>1986 Budget</u>	<u>Actual Sep 30, 1986</u>
<u>Expenses (cont'd)</u>		
<u>Public Relations and Publications</u>	\$ 45,000	5,294
<u>Struggle for Rights:</u>		
HEMDAT - Public Committee for the Freedom of Science, Religion, and Culture in Israel and Other Organizations	5,000	350
Legal Fees	15,000	2,340
Special Programs	<u>7,600</u>	<u>2,257</u>
	27,600	4,947
WU Management Allocation	<u>2,400</u>	<u>0</u>
	30,000	4,947
<u>Har-El Youth Center-Maintenance & Planning</u>	15,000	2,714
<u>Jerusalem Circle - Maintenance</u>	3,600	5,068
<u>Management and General Expenses</u>		
Salaries, Social Benefits, Payroll Taxes, etc.	14,900	14,797
Accounting and Computer Service	23,000	20,684
Interest and Bank Charges	4,600	824
Audit Fees	10,000	8,888
Rental	6,500	2,899
Office Expenses	25,000	21,053
Travel and Car Expenses	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,915</u>
	95,000	81,060
WU Management Allocation Credit	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(18,400)</u>
	65,000	62,660
 Total Expenses	 <u>362,600</u>	 <u>230,417</u>
 Excess (Shortfall)	 \$(76,600) =====	 (8,085) =====

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ISRAEL MOVEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

	<u>Budget</u> <u>1986</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Sep 30</u> <u>1986</u>	<u>ANTICI-</u> <u>PATED</u> <u>1987</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Contribution from Jerusalem Office of WUPJ	\$ 14,900	4,500	--
Income from New York	150,000	117,804	270,000
Other Income	<u>6,500</u>	<u>4,841</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Income	171,400 =====	127,145 =====	275,000 =====
<u>Expenses</u>			
Salaries, Social Benefits, Payroll Taxes, etc.	134,000	95,112	226,000
Prayer Books	1,000	--	1,000
Allocations to Congregations	9,100	6,739	8,000
Publications - Telem & Shalhevet	5,500	--	7,500
Travel, food, etc.	7,400	4,230	6,800
Car Maintenance	7,000	3,400	7,500
Conferences, Conventions, Seminars, Meetings	1,500	4,980	4,800
Stationery, Printing, etc.	1,500	881	2,800
Public Relations	2,200	3,318	8,000
Insurance & Miscellaneous	2,200	1,599	2,600
Banking	<u>0</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenses	\$171,400 =====	120,353 =====	275,000 =====
Income over Expenses		6,792	