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December 10, 1988

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

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And having said so, the matter is forgotten. Let's begin again. A happy Chanukah to you and yours!

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 miss-understood the last paragraph of my letter of October 15th. I am collecting information and we will certainly stand by any committments 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

TOTAL DUE UAHNC to	12/31/82	2043.28
INTEREST 1983		1260
INTEREST to 8/31/84		8747
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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 Josh Daniel

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TO JERRY DANIELS
cc Ted Broido

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

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

BALANCE DUE	11/30/74	8788.29
Dec 1974		4369
PAID JAN 1975		7500
1975 INTEREST @ 6%		1281.98
"		7692
1976		8153
1977		8643
1978		9161
1979		9711
1980		10293
1981		10911
1982		11566
to 6/30/83		6130
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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 Muddick

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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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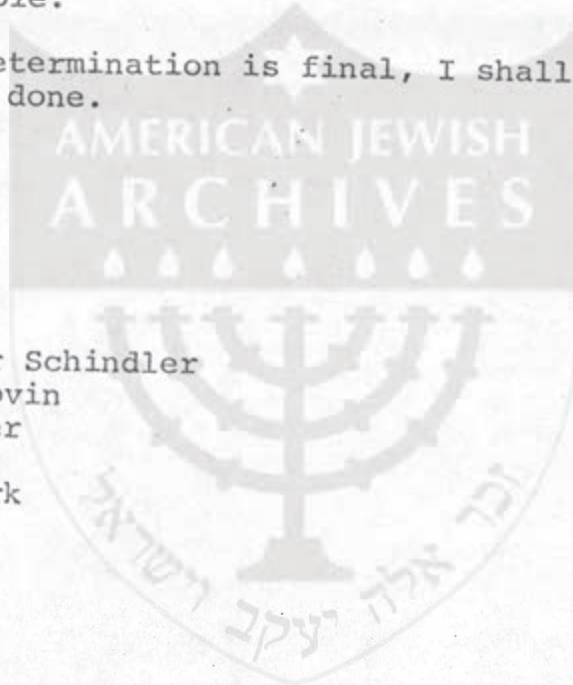
December 10, 1974

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



Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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Dec 2, 1980

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

PLEASE DETACH AND FORWARD WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

Balance as of June 30, 1980	114,172.04
less UAHC share legal fee	(2,000.00)
Rent Aug 1979 thru June 30, 1980	(3,300.00)
Balance Due	108,872.04
Less payment April 27, 1981	(10,000.00)
Less payment May 11, 1981	(10,000.00)
Less payment Dec. 15, 1981	(10,000.00)
	78,872.04
Less payment Apr 15, 1982	(20,000.00)
	58,872.04
Less payment Jan 29, 1983	(15,000.00)
	43,872.04
Less payment June 30, 1983 (7-12-83)	(12,957.35)
	30,914.69
Less payment April 9, 1984	(12,957.35)
	17,957.34

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

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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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December 10, 1984

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11/18/84
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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:

AMERICAN JEWISH

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
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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

Mr. Gerard Daniel
Polly Park Road
Rye, NY 10580

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Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

GERARD DANIEL

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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

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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.

התנועה
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:

- 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



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March 15, 1990
18 Adar 5750

Mr. Donald S. Day
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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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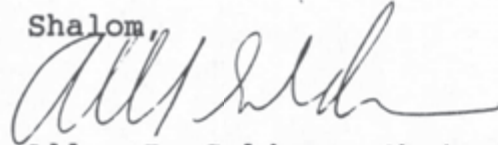
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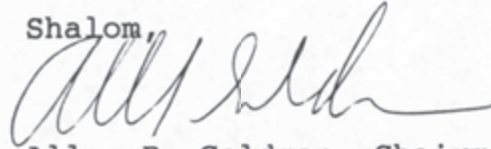
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June 19, 1990
26 Sivan 5750

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

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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

Mr. Donald Day
c/o Cumberland Hotel
London, England

Via Fax

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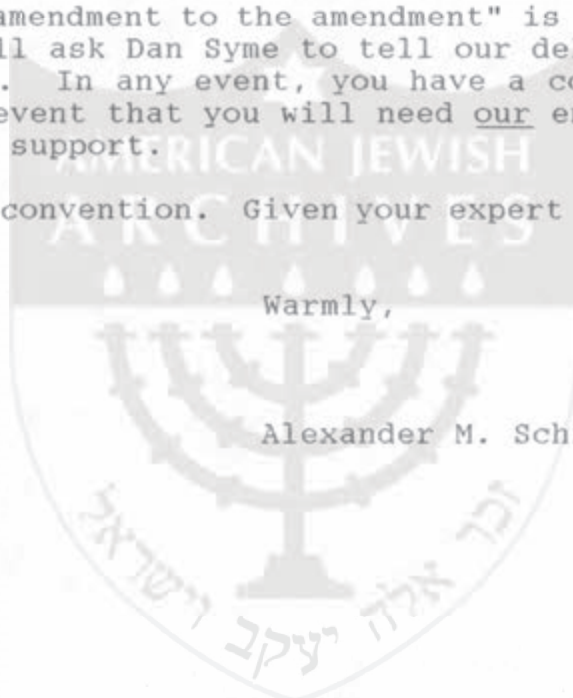
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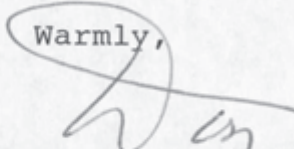
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April 24, 1990
29 Nisan 5750

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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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 Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin *CK*
To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Date April 4, 1990

Copies

Subject

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.

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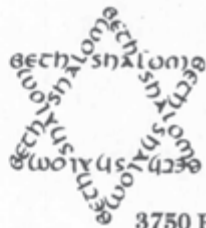
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Daily living expenses (42 days at \$75 per day).....	3,150
Lodging	
Food	
Transportation	
Internal Transportation (to other Czech cities).....	1,000
Books.....	1,000
Video Cassettes.....	500
Educational materials.....	500
Preliminary New York meeting.....	500
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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

WVP

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
we'll
hear from
DBB
if not soon
Danny has a
line

Not via
me -
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of this
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*DBS folder
for two names*

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.

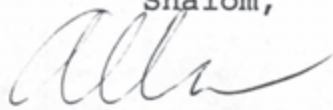
Terry Bobrow will be sending a "request to serve" letter over my signature to the following people that are already on the North American Board: Edward C. Greene (Dallas), William Hess (New Orleans), Jane Oppenheim (Scranton), Myra Ostroff, Louise Paillet (Nashville), and Flora Winton. That leaves two

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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,



Allan B. Goldman, Chairman
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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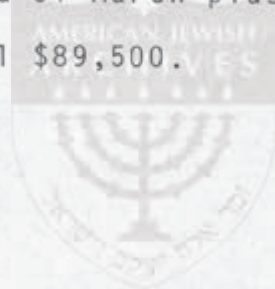
cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Mrs. Terry Bobrow



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

4/13/90
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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

Fax received

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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.

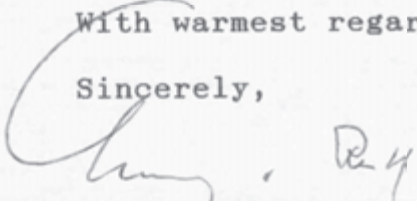
The major expenditures are behind us and it would be a tragedy if this mighty project would get stuck. Such failure would be publicized both in Israel as well as in our Movement with clearly negative effects.

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

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From: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

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

Bivvacha,



Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

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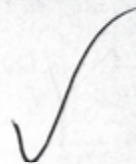
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Via Mail

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

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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.

Proach
Edie
april 4 - good
Ed.



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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.





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Blvracha,

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Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

RGH/lb



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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
U.S.A.

Dr. Jane Evans
U.S.A.

Ms. Sylvia Gandelman
BRAZIL

Mr. Martin Hertz
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Mr. Morton Kemper, Ex Officio
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Rabbi Richard Lampert
AUSTRALIA

Mr. Werner Loyal
ISRAEL

Mr. Jeffrey Rose
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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.

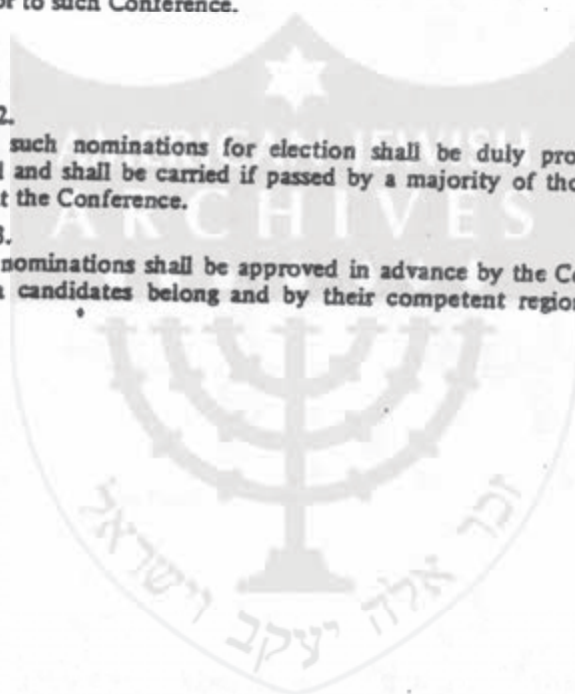
It shall be the duty of the Governing Body to submit to the next Conference nominations of the respective Officers for election at such Conference, but notice of such nominations shall be sent out two months before Conferences, and the Conference shall have the right to make and vote upon alternative 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

SUGGESTED CONGREGATIONAL
MEMBERSHIP DUES LEVELS

<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
2,340 and over	3,600





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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


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
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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 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

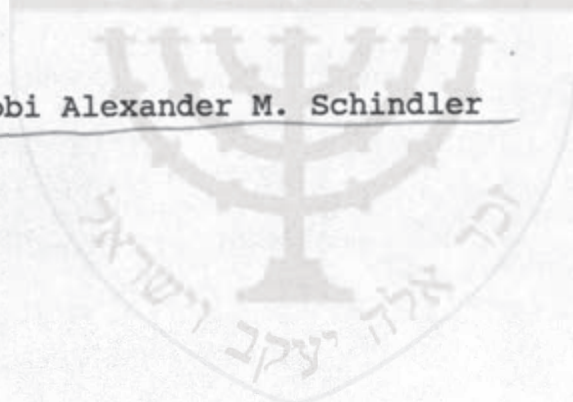
on our congregational leadership, and both plans might be seen as a congregational tax. Furthermore, some congregations might choose to pay the World Union dues by assessing each of their members a certain sum; this would, in essence, simply be another form of check-off. Under these circumstances, congregations 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.

If you wish, the FAX number to Panama is, c/o Felipe Motta, 011-507-691-536.

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

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December 26, 1989
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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

WJG

November 27, 1989

Mr. David W. Belin
Belin, Harris, Helmick, Tesdell et al
2000 Financial Center
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:

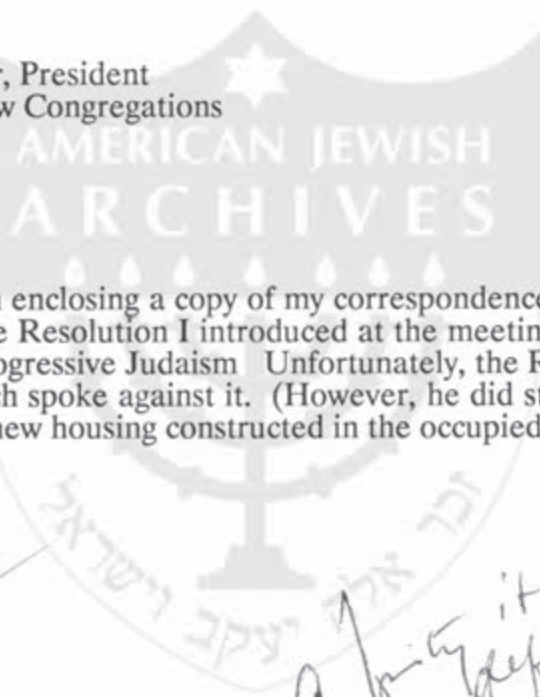
For your information, I am enclosing a copy of my correspondence to Marty Strelzer which sets for the language of the Resolution I introduced at the meeting of the Governing Body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Unfortunately, the Resolution was defeated--in part because Dick Hirsch spoke 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,

[Signature]
David W. Belin

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November 8, 1989

Mr. Martin Strelzer
World Union for Progressive Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York NY 10021

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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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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Oct. 26, 1989

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.

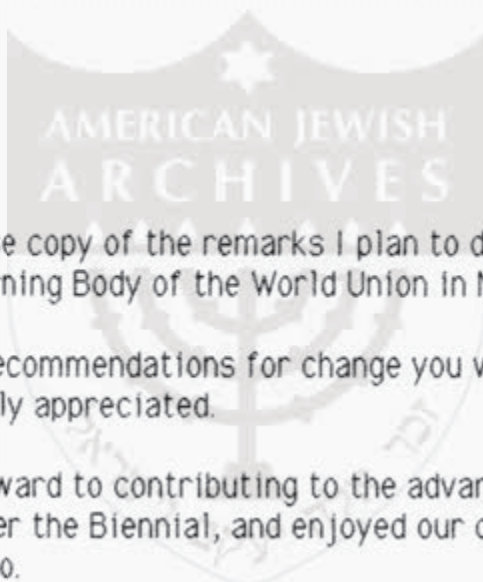
I very much look forward to contributing to the advancement of the Corps of Service after the Biennial, and enjoyed our candid talk a couple of weeks ago.

With warmest regards from House to House,

Sincerely yours,

Gerard Daniel

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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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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
RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

*In relation
to WMD*

To:

Mr. Albert Vorspan

Alex

Please take this up with Betty Golomb.

Thank you.



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

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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 870/101 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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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