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March 31, 1978

Ms. Tommie Lehman-Wilzig
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Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Ms. Lehman-Wilzig:

I am taking the liberty of sharing your letter of March 20 with our Israel Department. They handle all programming for matters dealing with Israel and utilization of the Israel Report would have to be discussed with the Director.

When your representative calls I will put them in contact with Rabbi Ira Youdovin.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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Tevet, 5734

January, 1974

FROM: Nathaniel E. Hess, chairman
Rabbi Leon Kronish, co-chairman
TO: UAHC Rabbis and Congregational Presidents
SUBJECT: Crisis in Financing Israel Programs

WE HAVE A CRISIS OF OUR OWN. POST-WAR INFLATION HAS DRIVEN OUR EXPENSES SKY-HIGH. WE NEED IMMEDIATE FUNDS JUST TO MAINTAIN WHAT WE HAVE BUILT OVER THE YEARS.

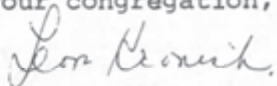
AND NOW, THERE IS A NEED TO DO EVEN MORE. WE MUST MEET THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF OUR ISRAELI BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS THEY PASS THROUGH THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME IN THEIR HISTORY. PHYSICAL SURVIVAL IS MEANINGLESS UNLESS SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL CAN BE ASSURED.

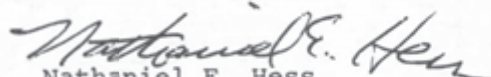
In response to the current situation, the 1973 UAHC Biennial unanimously adopted a resolution urging each congregation to contribute a sum equal to \$5.00 for each member family to support Progressive Judaism in Israel. A copy of the resolution is attached.

In order to implement the Biennial resolution and to help us through the current emergency we urge that you:

1. Include the sum of \$5.00 per each member family as part of your congregation's annual budget.
- or
2. Add the sum of \$5.00 to each member's dues bill.

If neither of these procedures is acceptable, or if it is too late to implement them this year, we urge that you send a letter to each member of your congregation, explaining the need and calling upon them to respond.


Rabbi Leon Kronish


Nathaniel E. Hess

P.S. To provide a clearer picture of our situation in Israel, I am enclosing this newsletter written by Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, Director of the Israel Commission.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE 1973 UAHC BIENNIAL

FINANCING ISRAEL PROGRAMMING

In November, 1967, responding to the impact of the Six Day War, the UAHC finalized its institutional commitment to building a reciprocal and mutually beneficial relationship with the State of Israel.

By and large, the procedures originally established have proven inadequate, to the task. The development of Progressive Judaism in Israel and the development of intensive Israel programming for American Reform Jews have been severely retarded by insufficient funds.

The Yom Kippur War, with its heavy financial cost, has created a critical situation for our fledgling Movement in Israel. This, in turn, places an even greater responsibility on the American Reform Movement to intensify its funding efforts.

We therefore reaffirm the previous resolution urging every region and every member congregation to establish on-going Israel Committees charged with the responsibility of developing and implementing Israel programming.

We further reaffirm the Los Angeles resolution urging "all congregations to develop a regularized frame-work for the solicitation of funds either through special drives or by congregational billings, or other effective means" and urge that the standard be set at \$5.00 per member family.

January, 1974
Tevet 5734

LETTER FROM JERUSALEM
By Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

Ever since the cease-fire, I have been reading and hearing analyses of the mood of Israel. The one word most often used is "depression." The foreign press, the Jewish press, visitors from abroad, even some Israeli commentators, describe Israel as being in a state of depression. I adamantly reject this diagnosis of the current Israeli temper. The term depression is used in a psychological context to define a mental state wherein a person is dejected, inactive, and unable to function with vitality. This definition certainly does not fit Israel today.

Israel is a land of many moods. How to describe them?

Great anguish---the poignant shock of the sudden death of so many sons and fathers has seared the heart of every Jew.

Great disillusionment---the perfidy and lack of integrity of nations, large and small, have diminished the confidence that the Jewish state can attain the understanding and support essential to full and equitable participation in the family of nations.

Great self-criticism---over and above errors of commission and omission by individuals in positions of responsibility (a commission is now investigating these), there is a pervasive recognition that Israeli society as a whole is guilty of pre-war overconfidence, excess consumption, failure to comprehend the Arabs, loss of idealism and sense of purpose.

Great concern---will the political struggle at Geneva be so exasperating that the United States, impatient to achieve its world-wide policy objectives, will join with the Soviet Union to force a settlement detrimental to Israel and conducive to a renewal of hostilities?

Great frustration---the election campaign waged so openly and bitterly, as only Jews can verbally pummel each other, has not really clarified the issues nor brought to the fore leaders with well-defined policies and programs.

Let no individual or nation misinterpret these moods. For underlying all, is a conviction in the justness of the cause. I know no one who believes that if Israel were to gain another military victory over the Arabs, the diplomatic struggle would be eased or simplified. But I also know no one who is not prepared to fight again, if need be, to sustain the state and to preserve its Jewish character.

There is one mood particularly relevant to those who adhere to a Progressive Jewish orientation: great soul-searching. The Yom Kippur war has stimulated many questions. Just as many Diaspora Jews articulated the trauma of the war in statements such as, "Our life is not worth living without Israel," so many Israelis are saying, "What is our life struggle without the Jewish people and the perspective of Jewish history?"

Most of them are incapable of offering intellectual and spiritual inspiration or pastoral counsel.

Here is where Progressive Judaism in Israel is fulfilling a vital need. To those who are alienated by or indifferent to Orthodoxy, to those who are groping for Jewish significance, Progressive Judaism affords a relevant, contemporary means for helping to bridge the gap between "Israeliness" and Jewishness. Here are some examples:

**Rabbi Toviah ben Chorin is an articulate, capable Israeli-born rabbi. Being a Progressive rabbi, he cannot serve as a chaplain. Instead, ever since Yom Kippur, he has been serving in a tank unit, and is now somewhere in Africa. Living, working, fighting alongside his comrades, he has become their inspiration. By quietly observing the Sabbath and daily prayer, he has led many of his fellow soldiers by example into sharing with him the sacred rituals of tradition. Under the desert stars, he has initiated vibrant discussions on subjects of Jewish concern, and is looked up to as the "safra v'sayafa--the fighting teacher" of his men. Whenever he has a day off, he dashes back to his congregation in Ramat Gan to conduct services or make pastoral calls among the sick and bereaved.

**During the Chanukah recess, Rabbis Alan Levine and Henry Skirball, dedicated and spirited youth leaders for our Movement, are conducting a conclave with Israeli Progressive youth on the theme, "War and Peace in the Light of Jewish Tradition." They and guest lecturers will spend three days with some 80-100 high school students seeking to apply the insights of Jewish sources to the situation confronting Israel today.

**All our rabbis and congregations have enlisted in the war effort in some way. Mrs. Bruria Barish is one of our devoted leaders in Tel Aviv. An ardent worker, she volunteered to visit families who had been notified that a dear one had been killed. The following are excerpts of a letter describing her activities:

This is a religious job if I ever knew one, because our presence does help. I have not felt anywhere that I was not wanted. I felt that my presence gave them some strength...Now I am on my second and third follow-up visits to most of the families, and I have become somehow a part of their family.

They call me, they ask my advice, they consult with me and they cry on my shoulders. Widows, mothers--the fathers are back to work by now--but the mothers and widows, they need help. Moral help. And I am able to give that moral support...Some widows call at odd hours. One calls at midnight. She had just received her husband's belongings, a letter she had written to him soaked with blood, his shirt with some shrapnel still lodged in it, his wristwatch. I ask shall I come over. She says no, I have to get over it alone. I have to get used to it somehow...young, beautiful widows.

"To tell you the truth every Friday evening I bring up in my imagination the Sabbath Eve Service at Kedem Synagogue and attempt, more or less, to adjust the time that I pray here in Egypt with an Orthodox friend or by myself with the time of the Service at Kedem. I usually finish a quarter of an hour before you do at Kedem because here I do not have your sermon in order to have a complete parallel with your Service. I do not know why I do this. Perhaps it is simply because I find in this way a feeling of closeness and attachment to my Synagogue. I do not know when I shall be able to return home, but I am hopeful that it will not be too long and that my first leave will be such that I will be in Tel Aviv on Friday, so that I can come to participate in the worship Service."

When Ziv came home on a brief leave from the Land of Goshen, he took off from the precious time that he had and came with his girl friend to his Synagogue in order to say Birket Ha-Gomel (the Prayer of Redemption and Thanks Giving for having been saved). This prayer has frequently been repeated by our young men who come from the battle-front to Kedem Synagogue.

With my work with the Defense Ministry, I have had the opportunity of visiting wounded soldiers in hospitals throughout the country from North to South. I received a letter from Eli, a First Lieutenant in the Golani Division of the Army, who was badly wounded while participating in the Conquest of Mount Hermon. Eli, who received a package from our Synagogue, wrote to me from the Afula Hospital after one of my visits:

"I was never close to religious faith. There are those who say that the reason for this is that the religious establishment does not know how to attract Israeli Youth to their own religion. If there is a way, it would seem to me that yours is the way. Please deliver my thanks to the members of your Congregation for their thoughtfulness to those soldiers who have done their duty..."

To Eli and many others like him in the hospitals, the war will not be over for a long time, but perhaps our Congregation can help to lighten their burden.

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New forces of faith and meaning are gathering strength in Israel. If properly nurtured, these forces can help to inspire and sustain our people in the tortuous days and years which lie before us. What is required is a new synthesis of classic Zionism and Jewish religious values which will renew both Judaism and the State. In this task of renewal Progressive Judaism can and should take a leadership role.

Shalom u'vracha,

-5- *Richard J. Hirsh*

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November 23, 1973

From: Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin

To: North American Board of the World Union
for Progressive Judaism

Subject: Biennial Wrap-up

The World Union for Progressive Judaism was very much in evidence during the recent conventions of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the National Association of Temple Administrators. A total of fourteen individuals came from five overseas countries; almost all played prominent roles in various convention programs.

Overseas Visitors

Rabbi Albert Friedlander (Great Britain) wrote and participated in the installation service for Rabbi Schindler. Rabbis John Rayner and Hugo Gryn (Great Britain) delivered prayers at the convention banquet. Rabbi Gryn, an old and cherished friend, also participated in the funeral service for Dr. Eisendrath. Eva Mitchell (Great Britain) and Frieda Menco (Holland) addressed the Sisterhood Convention while Raymond Goldman (Great Britain) and Monte Kirkwood (Australia) spoke to the Temple administrators.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WUPJ Executive Director, Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, was one of the most sought-after individuals at the conventions. Having been in Jerusalem during the Yom Kippur War, Rabbi Hirsch was called upon many times to tell of life in Israel during those critical weeks---not just the kind of stories one reads in newspapers, but personal accounts. On several occasions, parents of children currently in Israel on NFTY and HUC-JIR programs stopped by to say hello and to ask that their thanks be conveyed back to the staff there. In addition, Rabbi Hirsch was often asked to speculate on what was next for Israel---particularly in the religious and social aspects of Israeli life. More than ever, we understand how important it is for us to have our International Headquarters in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Hirsch also participated in a UAHC-NFTS mini-plenary, delivering one of the two "witness" papers in response to Rabbi David Polish's challenging address, on the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora. This was the best attended of the five mini-plenaries, and also the most controversial. Copies of Rabbi Polish's address and the two replies (the other by Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf) will be published by the UAHC.

The traditional WUPJ report was shared by Rabbi Hirsch and Rabbi David Wice, Chairman of the WUPJ Executive Committee. Items covered in the report have been noted in previous minutes of the North American Board.

RABBI MOSES CYRUS WEILER

One of the moving moments of the UAHC convention came when Rabbi Moses Cyrus Weiler rose to speak. Rabbi Weiler, who built the Progressive Movement in South Africa before making Aliyah, has lost two sons, one in the War of Attrition and a second in the Yom Kippur War. Rabbi Weiler is a man whose very Being conveys the anguish and heroism of the Jewish people. In his remarks, Rabbi Weiler repeated words he spoke to friends who came to comfort him in Jerusalem: that a war to defend Israel is a war fought for the survival of the Jewish people---a milchemet mitzvah---an obligatory war that must not be avoided by any Jew, whatever the price.

FUND-RAISING

The Biennial saw what may be a significant break-through in WUPJ fund-raising activities. For years, we have been considering ways of expanding our fund-raising program---both in terms of the number of contributors and also the size of the contributions. Through the efforts of Rabbi Hirsch we have established a group of Patrons, each of whom has contributed \$1000 or more during the past year.

On the last day of the Biennial, we held a Patrons' Luncheon at which we raised slightly more than \$20,000 in cash and pledges. Several individuals pledged \$1000 a year in perpetuity. Of particular significance was the fact that many people at the luncheon had never before contributed to the WUPJ.

It should be added that these results, however encouraging, are only a first step. Our programs in Israel and throughout the world still suffer from an acute lack of funds.

The situation in Israel warrants special mention. The recent war has created a two-pronged problem for the WUPJ. On the one hand, the monumental response of the American-Jewish community in the weeks following October 6 has made additional fund-raising difficult. At the same time, however, inflation in Israel has made it necessary for the WUPJ to raise additional funds just to maintain existing programs.

A third point should be added. The Israelis have been shaken by what has happened; and their resolve will be severely tested in the weeks and months of tension that lie ahead. Now, more than ever, our brothers and sisters need modern Progressive religious institutions to meet spiritual needs---just as synagogues have done throughout Jewish history.

RABBI EISENDRATH

It is impossible to complete this report without pausing for a moment of reflection on the tragic loss of Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath. We of the World Union feel his passing with particular poignancy. Although he was retiring as President of the UAHC, he was looking forward to continuing his service to the world-wide Jewish community as President of our organization and we were looking forward to working with him, benefiting from his unique inspiration.

Several days before he died, Rabbi Eisendrath outlined a blueprint for the World Union International Conference this coming summer. His proposed theme has been unanimously accepted by the Conference Program Committee and will be part of the legacy he leaves with us.

At its meeting on the day following the Biennial, The World Union Governing Body unanimously elected Rabbi David H. Wice of Philadelphia as Acting President. The election of Rabbi Eisendrath's successor as President will take place this July, following nominating procedures detailed in the WUPJ constitution.



February 5, 1974


Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

Zalman had written to let me know that we will be in New York for a few days. His visit coincides with our Executive Committee meeting on February 7th so I immediately cabled to invite him to address the Committee. We had an affirmative response and expect him for luncheon on Thursday. I had thought it might be possible for him to come to the officers dinner the night before but don't know that he will be in the city in time for such a get together.

We also have Si Kenen coming to speak to the Executive Committee so will have the benefit of hearing from an American and an Israeli. It should make for a good session.

Much love from house to house.



Memo

From : R G H

To : Rabbi Alex Schindler

c.c. : Mr. S Z Abromov

b.c. : Rabbis Ira Youdovin, Albert Vorspan

Our good friend Zalman Abramov will be coming to the States February 6-9 at the invitation of the American Jewish Committee.

Within the limitations of his time, Zalman will be willing to meet with you and other leaders to discuss the implications of the Law of Return controversy and any other matters we desire.

Bert Gold has his schedule. My suggestion is that you set up a meeting with Reform and Conservative leaders. Zalman not only is the most knowledgeable person around on this issue, but he continues to play a crucial leading role in support of our case. I wouldn't know what we would do without him.

(Rabbi Schindler Tel. No. 203-227-1383

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World Union for Progressive Judaism

January 25, 1974

Dear Friend of the World Union:

We are happy to announce that the 18th International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism will take place this summer,

in London, England, July 3rd through 8th

In view of your support for our organization, we are pleased to invite your participation as a member of the North American delegation.

A World Union International Conference brings together delegates from at least a dozen countries. In this most difficult year, our gathering will provide an excellent forum for sharing ideas and experiences. It will also serve as a demonstration of world-wide Jewish solidarity.

As you will see from the enclosures, attractive travel and hotel arrangements are available. You are also invited to participate in either of the post-Conference fact-finding missions: one to the Soviet Union, the other to France and Amsterdam.

Please be advised that each person planning to attend the Conference must complete an application form (two are enclosed) and submit the registration fee which is refundable in full upon withdrawal of the application prior to the Conference. Additional application blanks are available upon request.

It should be noted that all arrangements for special flights, hotel accommodations and post-Conference tours are being handled directly by the appointed travel agents, Religious Tours, Inc. 48 West 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10036. Tel: (212) 575-9270.

Shalom,

Rabbi David H. Wice
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Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
Executive Director

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Signature & Date _____

January 11, 1974

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Rabbi Ira Youdovin

Mid-Atlantic Council

Please send information on the Israel Commission to:

Mr. William High
1426 Park Drive
Raleigh, M.C. 27605

He is the new chairman of Temple Beth Or's Israel Committee and his name should be added to your roster. He is replacing Mr. Arnold Aronson.

Many thanks.



January 11, 1974

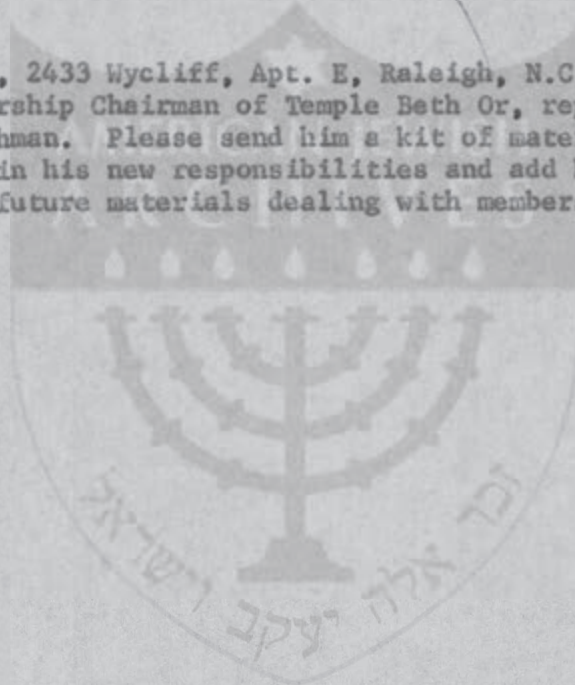
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Mid-Atlantic Council

Mr. Fred Levi, 2433 Wycliff, Apt. E, Raleigh, N.C. 27607 is the new Membership Chairman of Temple Beth Or, replacing Mrs. Stephen Hirschman. Please send him a kit of material which will aid him in his new responsibilities and add his name to any list for future materials dealing with membership.

Many thanks.



MEMORANDUM

Date January 8, 1974

From RABBI RICHARD S. STERNBERGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MID-ATLANTIC COUNCIL

To Ms. Edith Miller, UAHC

Copy for information of Mr. Al Emma, President, Temple Beth Or, Raleigh, N.C.

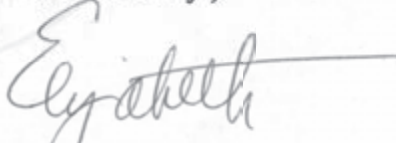
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Dear Edie:

Rabbi Sternberger is out of the office until next week, and we have received the attached letter from Mr. Emma, regarding his recent appointments of new Chairmen of both Israel and Membership Committees. Knowing that you have every bit of information at hand, I am turning to you for guidance...If there are special kits for these chairmen, would you pass this memo on to the proper departments, and have them placed on the mailing lists from UAHC?

Thanks, and fondest regards, and I hope 1974 will be a happy and healthy year, and, please God, a peaceful one for Israel and all of us.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Mensh

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January 2, 1974

Rabbi Richard S. Sternberger
Regional Director, U. A. H. C.
2027 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C. , 20036

Dear Rabbi Sternberger,

On October 23, 1973, a letter was sent to you advising you of two new appointments to Temple Beth Or. However, since the appointees have received no mail or literature from your office as of this date, I am concerned as to your receipt of my earlier correspondence. Therefore, I am repeating the information in the event that it did not reach your office.

I am pleased to advise you that I have appointed Mr. William High, 1426 Park Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27605, as Chairman of the Israel Committee, replacing Mr. Arnold Aronson, and I have appointed Mr. Fred Levi, 2433 Wycliff, Apt. E. , Raleigh, North Carolina, 27607, replacing Mrs. Stephen Hirschman as Chairman of Membership of Congregation Beth Or, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Please forward future correspondence to the above mentioned.

Cordially yours,


Al Emma, President

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December 25, 1973

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Dear Jo,

Thank you for your letter of December 6, concerning the Chairmanship of the Israel Commission and Tracy Ferguson.

I want to reiterate what I said. I find Tracy Ferguson to be a very fine person and I like him as an individual. From the positive perspective, he is a member of the Board and I think fairly well respected. He appears to be a person who knows how to write a letter and will follow through on letter writing. However, there are also several drawbacks. He has never been to Israel. I don't know if he would throw himself into the work and devote a great deal of time to it. He is good on his feet and I imagine would chair a meeting well, but I do not see the intense commitment or leadership which would be desirable. However, if we cannot think of anybody else, Tracy certainly would be an acceptable person. If you fellows there cannot come up with any other brilliant ideas, I would certainly be willing to settle for him.

Shalom U'vracha

Shalom

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

p.s. Jan 2

I communicated the above information to Ira by phone. I assume that he has spoken to you.

Alex, you and Harry should be gentle with Nat - you might indicate that in addition to the turnover which is healthy for all institutions, he will be spending great portions of his time in Israel.

c.c. Rabbi A. Schindler
Rabbi I. Youdovin

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December 25, 1973

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Rabbi J. B. Glaser
C C A R
790 Madison Avenue
New York, N Y 10021
U S A

*Ask Ira -
has written?
made?*

Dear Jo,

Thank you for your letter of December 6, concerning the Chairmanship of the Israel Commission and Tracy Ferguson.

I want to reiterate what I said, I find Tracy Ferguson to be a very fine person and I like him as an individual. From the positive perspective, he is a member of the Board and I think fairly well respected. He appears to be a person who knows how to write a letter and will follow through on letter writing. However, there are also several drawbacks. He has never been to Israel. I don't know if he would throw himself into the work and devote a great deal of time to it. He is good on his feet and I imagine would chair a meeting well, but I do not see the intense commitment or leadership which would be desirable. However, if we cannot think of anybody else, Tracy certainly would be an acceptable person. If you fellows there cannot come up with any other brilliant ideas, I would certainly be willing to settle for him.

Shalom U'vracha

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

p.s. Jan 2

I communicated the above information to Ira by phone. I assume that he has spoken to you.

Alex, you and Harry should be gentle with Nat - you might indicate that in addition to the turnover which is healthy for all institutions, he will be spending great portions of his time in Israel.

c.c. Rabbi A. Schindler ✓
Rabbi I. Youdovin

December 24, 1973


Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

We're running out of funds for the Israel Commission and I am getting worried!



Haifa, December 9, 1973.


Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
c/o Hebrew Union College
13, King David St.
Jerusalem

Dear Dick,

I have your letter of November 28. I have signed the letters from Fred Cohen regarding the

- 1(\$10,000 loan of the National Committee on Israel to the Leo Baeck School
- 2) \$ 5,000 loan of the National Committee to the World Union for Progressive Judaism for the Leo Baeck School.

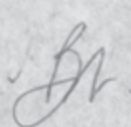
They have been sent to Loeb and Troper.

In view of the increasing costs of education and the needs of the School to raise \$50,000 - \$75,000 a year for scholarships and current budget, we would ask the Israel Commission, the heir to the National Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to cancel these two loans and see them as its share in the 1971-72 and 1972-73 fund raising efforts of the School.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Robert L. Samuels

cc. Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Rabbi David Wice
Mr. Nathaniel Hess
Rabbi Ira Youdovin



Dec. 5, 1973

Alex,
Enclosed is the article from 12/3 -
the Outlook paper. Wow, some article
and a real tribute to your potential role
and what you can symbolize.

The article in the Jerusalem Post
should appear this week. I saw both
Ted Lurie (the Editor) and David Landau.
Asked Edie to send a picture. If it doesn't
arrive in time, then suggested they use the TIME
magazine article picture. Both Lurie & Landau
told me how impressed they were with you.

Re. the President's Conference. - Had
a talk with Abraham Avidan - he says he was
impressed with you but doesn't believe they
(the Israelis) should interfere. Wolfe told me
that Rivlin never said anything to him.
I will be with Rivlin on Monday - will see if I
can bring him around to discussing the topic.
I still think that the key person is Charlotte,
and would be interested in hearing what she
says.

It was good having you here. You'll
have to come more often.
Regards to Rhea from Bella.
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Hi, Edie - Love from all the Girsches.

August 16, 1973

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

Dear Dick:

Communication between us is made difficult by telephone since your office is not fully covered and the difference in time makes for problems. Perhaps you should obtain the services of an answering service so that messages will get to you as quickly as is possible.

I'd suggest a mechanical type but in view of the situation which transpired here when the youth hostel people in France tried to reach Brick we're changing over to a service rather than the taped response we have been utilizing in the past. God forbid we should ever have to face such a tragedy but nevertheless we must think of every emergency. We do, after all, send hundreds of kids to Israel and there must be a way to have immediate contact at each end.

With warmest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

P.S. Your wire arrived. We await your letter.

October 12, 1973

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

Dear Dick:

This letter is intended not just for you but for all of our colleagues in Israel and I hope that you will share it with them. Moreover, I don't even know when this letter will reach you with the turmoil but I do want you to know that all Israel is in our hearts and minds constantly and particularly those of you who are bound to us in closer union. We think of you, we pray for your well-being, we yearn for peace to return.

Naturally, we are doing everything we can here to be of help but still that leaves us with an empty feeling because we know that what we do is too little and not at all commensurate with the sacrifice of those who stand in the line of battle. And yet that is really all that we can do.

Hopefully, by the time these lines reach you our prayers will have been answered, our prayers for a ceasing of the battle at least. The losses are there already and they can never be replaced.

With all our hearts and all our love,

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

September 5, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

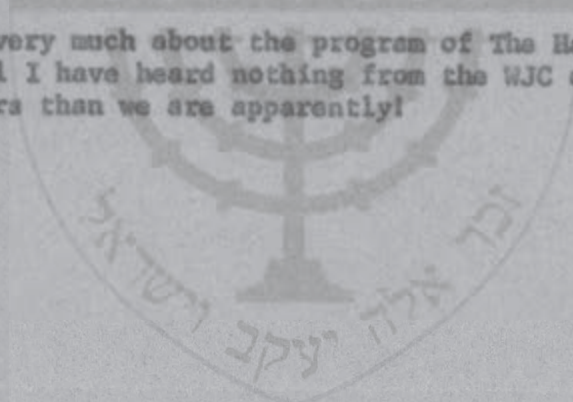
Rabbis Maurice N. Eisendrath, David Wice, Ira Youdovin

I am glad to see that you are pursuing with active interest the European problem. I think this is important for us from every point of view.

In regard to the World Jewish Congress I am encountering some difficulty. The Union is a member of the American Board and the American delegation is legally limited to residents of the United States. This, at least, was the rule which obtained in the past and I would prefer to have it changed and will make some inquiry in this regard.

I still don't know very much about the program of The Hague Conference; since leaving Israel I have heard nothing from the WJC office. They are worse procrastinators than we are apparently!

Warmest regards.



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World Union for Progressive Judaism

August 22, 1973

Dear Friend:

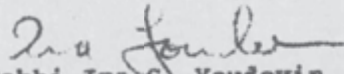
As you may already know, many rabbis are planning to lead congregational tours to Israel at the time of the CCAR Convention there next March. This comes as wonderful news to us. We are proud of our growing involvement in Israeli life and want to share it with the American Reform Jewish community.

Most of these tours will be arranged through Tower Travel which is under contract to the CCAR. I am enclosing the Tower brochure and refer you especially to the section labeled "Special Highlights." As you can see, we have arranged to have all tours visit our facilities. In addition, plans are being made by Rabbi Hirsch and his colleagues in Israel to welcome these groups and offer them special, personalized tours through the Leo Baeck School, the Ben Shemen Youth Village, HUC-JIR and the various Progressive Synagogues throughout the country.

I am also delighted to tell you that three sessions of the CCAR will be open to the laity. These will feature leaders of our Movement in Israel. We are also working on the possibility of having a grand assembly in Jerusalem just for laymen. This will be designed to tell our story as graphically and dramatically as possible.

Incidentally, we are also taking steps to offer the same program to rabbis and congregations working through their local travel agents. If you have any suggestions on how we can maximize the impact of this project, I will be grateful to receive them.

Sincerely,


Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin,
Director, North American Board

ISY:MH



August 28, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

DISA & DATA

1/ Glad to note we're on the same wave-length in re French Jewry! I'm glad I won't have to nudge you on this one, you've already started the process.

2/ Ted Fiske of the N.Y. Times will be in Jerusalem soon, per my letter of August 9th. I do hope you'll do all you can to help him make the right contacts. It will be good -- for us, too.

3/ I had to laugh at one of your recent notes indicating you'd be o.k. once you had a phone -- I hope you mean at home! What's the number we've been calling in Jerusalem --- 02-227455? And if you don't have a phone, how can you have an answering service? Oy! I hope things are going well enough so that you can still laugh -- I hear the move was rough. Knowing Israel I can believe that but I certainly hope all is calm and settled by now.

Love from house to house.

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reminder
to ROH

August 9, 1973

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

Dear Dick:

Ted Fiske, Religion Editor of the New York Times, will be in Israel for our or five weeks from August 30th on. He will be staying at the home of Terence Smith, the present Times correspondent in Jerusalem. His telephone number can be obtained through the directory or from Beit Agron.

AMERICAN JEWISH

I told Ted, with whom I just had a most pleasant lunch, that you could be and would be most eager to be of help to him in Israel by telling him where to go, whom to see, arrange interviews and the like. Obviously, Ted's primary focus of interest is religion and he wants to focus on matters which have not been covered yet.

In our conversation Ted indicated that he might be interested in having an interview with Zev Harari and Mordechai Roten, the first Israeli students for the Reform Rabbinate at the Israel school.

I told Ted that there isn't a thing that you can't do, so please don't make me a liar!

With fondest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

cc: Mr. Edward B. Fiske

DICK: THIS IS IMPORTANT!

August 9, 1973

Mr. Edward B. Fiske
Religion Editor
The New York Times
229 West 43rd Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Ted:

It was good seeing you again and I truly appreciated the opportunity to chat. It was a perfectly delightful lunch and I want to express my sincere thanks to you.

I'm enclosing a copy of my letter to Rabbi Hirsch and want to assure you that he will do everything possible to be of help to you during your stay in Israel. His telephone number at the office is (02) 227455 and if there's no answer keep trying, he has part-time help and the office is not always covered. He has no home phone as yet but I am sure you'll be able to contact him without too much difficulty.

With repeated thanks and best wishes for a very enriching and exciting visit to Israel, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

August 31, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

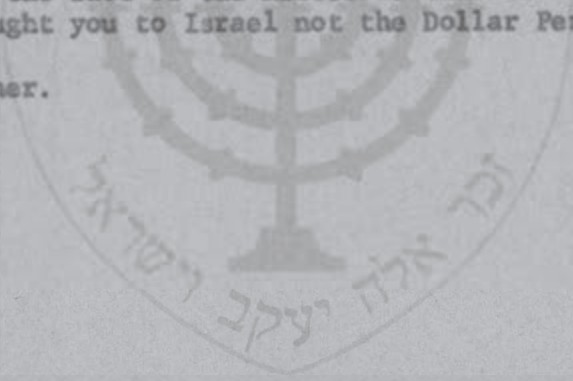
Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

bcc: Josh Dwork

Your memo of August 3rd in regard to the move to Israel surprised me. The fact that it was included in an overall budget does not mean that the matter was discussed with me. Both you and I know that this budget was really prepared for political purposes in order to have everything in hand; it was merely a vague guide and it was never meant to constitute definitive authorization for a specific purpose. Had the matter of the move being charged to the Dollar Per Person Campaign been discussed with me I would have insisted that it be borne by the World Union because the fact of the matter is that it was the World Union move that brought you to Israel not the Dollar Per Person effort.

Yosher iz yosher.



CONFIDENTIAL

World Union For Progressive Judaism
13, King David Street
Jerusalem, Israel

August 3rd, 1973

From: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

to: Rabbi Alex Schindler

c.c. Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, Mr. Joshua Dwork

I am surprised at your memo of July 25th. When we made up the budget for the World Union-Israel Commission I purposely allocated equal shares for the moving expenses. After all, to the U.A.H.C. and the World Union this was only a bookkeeping item, since all the funds of both the World Union and Israel come from sources outside the U.A.H.C. operating budget and are raised, in fact, by my office, whether from the W.U. or the Dollar Per Person. All copies of the World Union budget so indicated, and you must have seen it at least a dozen times (whether or not you noticed this particular item, I don't know). I could very easily have charged the expenses for the move over to the World Movement budget and then charged the Israel Commission for a greater amount than originally planned, but as we have discussed on many occasions, we are trying to project both the Union and the World Union needs. Alex, we can't have it both ways. We can't talk about the U.A.H.C. program in Israel and a U.A.H.C. visibility and a joint project with the College and then have no U.A.H.C. expenditures. The College budget for Jerusalem is now well over \$300,000 and Fred is talking about pushing it to \$500,000 within a year or two (all integrated with the overall College budget). Incidentally, I have had several talks with Balfour on this matter and when he gets back at the end of August, I would like you to talk to him.

The philosophy of our work in Israel and the institutional relationships will have to be gone over again, I guess, but it is better to do so in person at the U.A.H.C. Conference rather than by correspondence.

P.S. This was dictated before the tragedy occurring to Balfour

April 2, 1973

Mr. Tracy Ferguson
One Lincoln Center
Syracuse, N.Y. 13202

Dear Tracy:

Many thanks for sharing with me your letter of March 21st to Nat Hess. He's back from Israel and I am certain has found your letter to be of interest.

All of us are grateful to you for your most sincere efforts in regard to the Dollar Per Person Campaign and I am certain the Israel Committee will be very interested in the results of your letter campaign.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

May 24, 1973

Eddie Miller

Victor Feinberg

Please order for Rabbi Schindler:

The Will to be Human by Silvano Areti - Quadrangle Books \$8.95

Thanks.



May 23, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

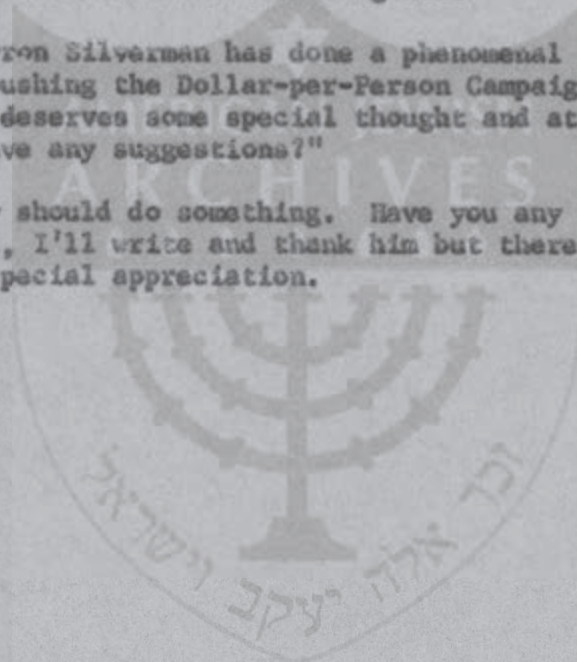
Nathaniel E. Hess; Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

Rabbi Ira Youdovin

Dave Hachen sent me the following note"

"Rabbi Myron Silverman has done a phenomenal job this year in pushing the Dollar-per-Person Campaign. I think he deserves some special thought and attention. Do you have any suggestions?"

We really should do something. Have you any ideas? Of course, I'll write and thank him but there should be some special appreciation.



May 23, 1973

Rabbi Myron Silverman
Suburban Temple
22401 Chagrin Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Myron:

The fantastic endeavor you have made in regard to the Dollar-per-Person campaign and your excellent results are a source of much nachas for us all. I want you to know how deeply grateful the Union and the WUPJ are for your devotion to this important facet of our programming.

With deepfelt appreciation and warmest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

BCC: Rabbi David S. Hachen

Bave, I've shared your note with Nat Hess, Dick etc. and have asked for ideas for a special way of thanking Myron. Will keep you posted.

MEMORANDUM

Date May 21, 1973.From Rabbi David HachenTo Rabbi Schindler

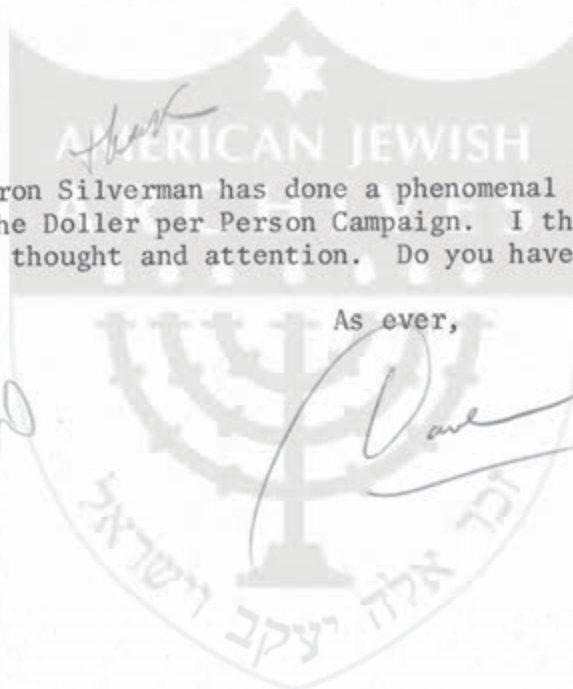
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Dear Alex:

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As ever,

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Tracy H. Ferguson, Esq.
One Lincoln Center
Syracuse, New York 13202

March 21, 1973

Mr. Nathaniel E. Hess
Chairman of Israel Commission
c/o Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Nat:

Let me give you an updated report on the efforts to contact congregations on our Dollar-Per-Person campaign.

On February 15, 1973 I wrote original letters to each of the Rabbis of the congregations in the Northeast Council, a total of 53.

I received replies from the following Rabbis:

Sher, Bridgeport, Conn.; Goldburg, Hamden, Conn.; Miller, Waterbury, Conn.; Rudavsky, Brookline, Mass.; Roth, Lawrence, Mass.; Yales, Lexington, Mass.; Miller, Malden, Mass.; Rothman, Newton, Mass.; Salzmman, Pittsfield, Mass.; Klein, Worcester, Mass.; Bamberger, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Szenes, Schenectady, N.Y. and Knobel, Groton, Conn.

I then followed up with original letters to each of the Presidents of the same 53 congregations sending them a copy of my letter to their rabbi and urging their cooperation with the rabbis. I received replies from the following Presidents:

P. Hillman, Bridgeport, Conn.; H. Press, Hamden, Conn.; D. Sawyer, Brookline, Mass.; and R. Winneg, Bedford, New Hampshire.

The replies are very discouraging. Let me summarize them for you:

- (a) a few indicated that they realized that their prior contributions were inadequate and would try to do something about it.

- (b) a few indicated that they were having their own problems in terms of temple budgets and other campaigns and, therefore, suggested that some other method be used other than our current technique of a Dollar-Per-Person.
- (c) a very few indicated they were approaching their goal.
- (d) lastly a few indicated that their checks had been sent recently to the office in varying amounts.

As you can see, the letter writing technique is not productive. The absence of any response from many of the rabbis and even their presidents may be par for the course in expected returns in an ordinary sales campaign, but I certainly thought we would have more courtesy replies with some of the congregations taking up our offer of sending manpower help into them.

I believe that this is a pretty fair sampling of the kind of reaction we can expect around the country if we are to follow our current techniques. Certainly the result of this letter writing campaign in the Northeast Council reflects the reason for our total dollars raised last year. I believe we can expect no more and perhaps even less this year.

I am sorry to give you this kind of a report but we must be realistic and, unless we alter our stance, any recital of the general purpose of the Union to support the cause in Israel, without more positive implementation, is a mere mouthing of words.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

THF/mm

P.S. I omitted to write to Rabbi Gittlesohn and my own congregation because of their complete cooperation. Furthermore, I enclose for your ease of reference a sample copy of my letter to the rabbis and my letter to the presidents.

Tracy H. Ferguson, Esq.
One Lincoln Center
Syracuse, New York 13202

February 15, 1973

Rabbi Arnold I. Sher
B'nai Israel
2710 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Dear Rabbi Sher:

As you know, for some time the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) and its constituent groups established an Israel Committee (now Commission) for the purpose of implementing programs of reform and liberal Judaism in the State of Israel.

The Commission, of which I have the honor to be a member, has sought for the last few years to obtain from each congregation their contribution measured by a "Dollar - Per Person" campaign within the various congregations.

The whole program is being financed on the fundamental basis that congregants be asked to contribute through their congregation on this formula or that the congregation make the contribution computed on the same basis, and by whatever techniques each congregation may choose to obtain those funds.

If the reform movement is to maintain its support of the program in Israel (and there can be no question of our moral obligation to continue) we must obtain the funds from the 710 reform congregations in this country and the million of congregants affiliated.

Certainly the literature from the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) has indicated the vital concern of the Rabbinate with our ties to those in Israel, and the literature from the Union and its other constituents has pleaded

Rabbi Arnold I. Sher
Page two
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for support from our American congregations. I do not here repeat the story since all has been told before--except the need is greater each year--and the budget proposed requires a dollar from each affiliated member of our congregations!

As a Commission member, I have been asked to contact all the congregations in the Northeast Council Region. Our congregation at Syracuse, New York is within that area. I have no compunctions about asking for your support since as President of my own congregation for the last five years, I saw to it that in a congregation of 700 we furnished annually to the Commission \$1,400.00.

The records of the Commission indicate the following concerning your congregation:

8-7-69	-	\$165.00
9-11-69	-	6.00
		<u>171.00</u>
8-7-70	-	\$279.50

I urge, therefore, that you accept the responsibility for your fair share contribution to this program. I know it is not a simple task to obtain funds but I stand ready to be of assistance to you with suggestions as to methods, and even to the point of where either I or others well informed on the subject would be glad to come to the congregation to assist you in making the appeal.

Most importantly, may I have your personal acknowledgment of the letter and some expression of the extent of your cooperation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Tracy H. Ferguson, Esq.
One Lincoln Center
Syracuse, New York 13202

March 12, 1973

President Philip Hillman
Bnai Israel
2710 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Dear President Philip Hillman:

I recently addressed a letter to the Rabbi of your Congregation with an appeal for funds for the "Dollar-per-Person" campaign to support the cause of liberal and reform Judaism in Israel.

This support is so vital to fulfill our promises that I urge, and seek to enlist, your support for an appropriate amount from your Congregation.

For your information, enclosed is a copy of my letter to your Rabbi and I plead to you for combined efforts in the "Dollar-per-Person" campaign.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

THF/mt

Enc.

BOND, SCHOENECK & KING

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ALBANY, N. Y. 12210

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March 22, 1973

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

Dear Rabbi Alex:

I sent the enclosure to Nat Hess yesterday, but it occurred to me that he was in Israel.

I now send you a copy because it may play a part in your thinking concerning the drafting of modifications to the Constitution.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Tracy

THF/b

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Edie, please photocopy & send to GINCE & YODOVIN

MEMORANDUM

if you agree to this, please let me know what the official dates of the meetings are. If there is any way that I can be helpful on the programming aspects, let me hear from you.

Date August 26th, 1973

From Rabbi R.G. Hirsch

To Rabbi Alex Schindler

Copy for information of Rabbi M.N. Eisendrath, Rabbi David Wice, Rabbi I. Youdovin

Subject Your comments concerning the importance of European Jewry

I already made reference in another letter dictated before receipt of yours concerning the importance of European Jewry. I agree with you that there is bound to be some kind of a renaissance on the continent, both because the ascendant economic and political power of the continent will attract Jews and because there will be a considerable 'Yerida' from Israel to Europe and also an influx of Jews from Eastern Europe who will for one reason or another not go to Israel and will find their home in Western Europe.

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I have written the European Board that we should discuss this matter seriously and am now tentatively planning on going to Europe some time in the Spring to talk about activating our program there. We did have a full discussion of this at the last meeting of the Executive in London, in March when you were not present.

In this connection, incidentally, you should know that quite often at the meetings of the WZO Executive, there is reference to the World Jewish Congress, its various meetings programs, etc. and the nature of its relationship to the WZO. In the light of this, I think it would be important for me to be present at the meeting in the The Hague and to participate in the discussions there. So I will try to kill two birds with one stone, attending the meeting of the World Jewish Congress and meeting with our people in Europe at the same time.

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If you agree with me, how about appointing me as a representative officially to the World Jewish Congress and let me know what the exact dates of the meetings are. If there is any way that I can be helpful on the programming aspects, let me hear from you.

12th August 1953

From Rabbi E.G. Hirsch

To Rabbi Alex Schneider

Copy for information of Rabbi M.V. Eisenblatt, Rabbi David Wise, Rabbi L. Yonovitch

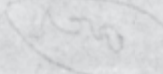
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In this connection, incidentally, you should know that quite often at the meetings of the WJO Executive, there is reference to the World Jewish Congress, its various meetings, programs, etc. and the nature of its relationship to the WJO. In the light of this, I think it would be important for me to be present at the meeting in The Hague and to participate in the discussions there. So I will try to kill two birds with one stone, attending the meeting of the World Jewish Congress and meeting with our people in Europe at the same time.

P.T.O. 

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Dear Friends:

Israel is the land of the old and the new, Ashkenazim and Sephardim, a country which changes from day to day. Whether you were in Israel in 1948, 1956 or 1967, or have only dreamed about going, the Israel you will see today is an Israel different than you remember or have imagined — this is the Israel of today!

March 1974 is the month of the Second International Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to take place in the holy city of Jerusalem. Because of the historic nature of this event many of us affiliated with the Central Conference of American Rabbis are leading tours to Israel composed of members of our congregations.

Because of the significance of the event, the tour I will be leading will have a number of special features. We will not only be visiting Tel Aviv, Haifa, Tiberias, the Galilee, Jerusalem—but will be visiting new villages and institutions (see Special Highlights) where some of the leading figures in their own fields will introduce us to an exuberant "new Israel".

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This Pilgrimage is primarily for members of our congregations, however, it is not restricted, as such. Your friends and relations outside our congregation are welcome to join us.

Faithfully yours,

Your Rabbi

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REHOVOTH

Drive from Tel Aviv to Rishon le Zion for a visit to the famous wine-cellar where well-known Carmel Wines can be sampled. Continue to Rehovoth for a tour of the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Memorial to Dr. Weizmann, Israel's first President.

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GOLAN HEIGHTS & UPPER GALILEE

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JERUSALEM – OLD CITY

See the Tower and Citadel of David at Jaffa Gate. Enter the Old City and proceed on foot through Nablus Road to the Holy Sepulchre. Pass through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall. Temple area -- proceed to the Dome of the Rock (Mosque of Omar), site of the First and Second Temples. Through the picturesque bazaars to Via Dolorosa, back to Damascus Gate.

JERUSALEM – NEW CITY

Drive through the Rehavia Quarter to the Hebrew University campus; visit Mt. Herzl and the Military Cemetery, Herzl's Memorial and Museum. Proceed to the new Hadassah Medical Center and see the Synagogue with Marc Chagall's famous stained-glass windows; Kennedy Memorial; Yad Vashem Memorial to the Holocaust; continue on to the Knesset and Israel Museum.

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I understand that the number of participants on this tour is limited and that reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

DATE.....

Signature

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January 30, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

I'm in a bind and there's only one way I can get out of it -- but that means missing the meeting of the WUPJ Governing Body in London. Much as I regret the necessity, I really must and I trust you will be understanding.

I have to be in Israel for the HUC-JIR Board of Governors meeting as well as some additional sessions following their meeting - namely, meeting with Herb Friedman. I'm scheduled for a wedding of old and dear friends in Danbury, Connecticut for March 10th and haven't got it in my heart to cancel out or to ask them to change the date - you'd react the same way in a similar situation. Even if I were to leave N.Y. late Saturday night for London I'd be so exhausted I'd not add one iota to the discussions of the Governing Body! So please accept my apology and my regret at not being able to be with you on March 10-11.

Att: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

I will be attending the ~~meeting of the~~ governing
body of the World Union on March 10 and 11 in
London.

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World Union for Progressive Judaism

January 11, 1973

From: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

To: Governing Body Members

As you have already been informed, the Governing Body meeting will take place on March 10 and 11 in London.

Mr. Bertram Jacobs, Secretary of the World Union has made a limited number of reservations at the Whites Hotel. If you wish to avail yourselves of these rooms, please communicate directly with Mr. Jacobs, Leo Baeck College, 33 Seymour Place, London W.1, indicating the dates and kinds of accommodations you would care to have him make. Otherwise please take care of your own reservations independently.

The first meeting will be held beginning with dinner at Whites Hotel on Saturday, March 10. The session will be in conjunction with the European Board meeting, and special emphasis will be given to the problems and challenges confronting Progressive Judaism in France. On Sunday, the Governing Body meeting will begin in the morning and will conclude in the late afternoon.

We shall have many important items to discuss. Among other items on the agenda, will be the following:

- 1) European Youth program
- 2) Forthcoming transfer of headquarters
- 3) The World Educational Center for Progressive Judaism
- 4) Progress reports from constituencies around the world.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed card what dates you will be in London and where you will be staying.

With best wishes to you and yours.

enclosure



MEMORANDUM

Date January 16, 1973

From RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH, Director

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of Joshua M. Dwork, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

Subject _____

I received your note of January 11th along with the note from Josh and do not understand why it is necessary to have this written communication. I think the four of us should talk about it in person.

For the record, what I said to Josh and what I have repeated to you is that I do not think the World Union at this stage of its development should be expected to pay back the money which is owed the UAHC. I also said that it was unforgiveable that the World Union kept raising its debt to the UAHC and said that as of July 1, 1972 when I formally entered the office, I would not permit the debt to rise.

John and Fred informed me that the Union had initiated a practice of reducing the World Union debt by \$4,000 each year. I hope that it will be possible, therefore, within six years to erase the debt.

As far as the loan of the Union to the World Union concerning the Har-El purchase is concerned, that is something which Jay Kaufman arranged and I assume should be kept on the books until such time as the property is sold or the World Union has funds to repay the Union.

I still think we should discuss it, but for the record, this is what I said.

RGH:n1

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January 11, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath; Joshua M. Dwork

Please note the enclosed memorandum from Josh Dwork. I'm a little bit puzzled by it and I refer to your saying that you "can't be held responsible for debts which were incurred before your time and that you will not recognize them." This is an institutional obligation not a personal obligation and has to remain on the books as due until the WUPJ - if necessary either through the \$1.00 per person campaign or some other means - is able to pay it off. Obviously the Union is not in a position to absorb over \$40,000. this year.

That would be a wonderful way for ~~me~~ to proceed, Dick; I'll just say that the accumulated deficit and the inventory which amount to about 1.7 million dollars in toto were incurred before I assumed the Vice Presidency and I therefore do not recognize them. Do you think our auditors, never mind our banks, would buy that?

I'm sure that Maurice will agree.

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TO [RABBI A. M. SCHINDLER]

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RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH, *Director*
MARVIN BRAITERMAN, *Counsel*
and *Director of Education and Research*

December 20, 1967

Rabbi William Rosenthal
World Union for Progressive Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Bill:

I thought the meeting yesterday was a good one, and I hope we are well on the road to some meaningful activity.

This is being dictated prior to my departure for a speaking engagement and family gathering, and I will not return until after the new year. However, I did want to get started immediately on stimulating attendance at the World Union Conference by members of the Israel Committee, and also on the study mission which we would like to hold for Israel Committee members from June 30 to July 8.

Since you are already making arrangements for travel in connection with the World Union conference, I suggest that you assume responsibility for the travel arrangements of those who will be going to the study mission as well as the World Union conference. This means that we would channel hotel and travel arrangements to and from Israel through the same machinery you have set up for the overall conference. I do not anticipate that we will have more than 20-25 people on the study mission.

Your handling of these matters would enable the World Union to earn whatever modest proceeds would be forthcoming in connection with the travel -- and also would assure coordination.

I will assume responsibility for the program of the study mission, but do not want to formulate the program until I see what you are developing for the World Union conference. Therefore, please send me a copy of the program even though it may be tentative.

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After my return, I will send letters to the congregations who have special rabbi appeals for the World Union, as per our discussion.

Best wishes, to you and yours for a happy Chanuka.

Sincerely,

rgb/es

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

cc: Rabbi Jacob Shankman
Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
Mr. Nathaniel Hess
Rabbi Alexander Schindler ✓
Miss Jane Evans

November 30, 1967

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Al Vorspan

Bill Rosenthal came to see me to discuss various matters pertaining to the Union-World Union relationships, especially as we approach our Israel project.

During the discussions he justly pointed out that mention of the World Union was completely neglected in the Israel brochure prepared under your aegis.

All sorts of Jewish organizations are mentioned in Dick Hirsch's article on Reform Judaism in Israel -- NFTY and shmFTY, and HUC, and everybody else, but not a word about the World Union. Similarly, on page 117 in listing resources of organizations which can supply material for the study on Israel you have nine agencies, and the World Union is not one of them.

Bill's plaint is justified in this regard, so it seems to me, and if and when you publish a second edition of this work, correction must be made.

*All used
make correction
around Rabbi
Rosenthal
accordingly*

September 1, 1967

Rabbi A.M. Schindler

Al Vorspan

Dick Hirsch will be in on September 26th at 2:30 P.M.
to discuss the Israel Committee with us.
Please put this date on your calendar so you will be
sure to attend.



April 4, 1967

Rabbi A. M. Schindler

Dr. M. N. Eisendrath

Al Vorspan

I represented you yesterday (April 3) at a meeting held in Ambassador Harman's suite at the Essex House, summoned by Israeli officials in order to discuss a proposal for the convening of a World Conference of the Jewish People to be held during July 1968 and attendant upon the 20th Anniversary celebration of the State of Israel.

In attendance besides the hosting Israelis (Harman, Arnon and Jack Herzog) were representatives of B'nai B'rith (Corey), the A-J Congress (Maslow), the American Zionists (Miller), the CCAR (Irv Blank), the R-A (Kellman) and the Presidents Council (Prinz and Hellman).

The World Conference of the Jewish People, as its name suggests, is intended to serve as a dramatic demonstration of our world-wide unity and our combined concern for such problems as Jewish education, Jewish culture, Jewish unity, and the relation between Israel and the Diaspora. It is hoped that representation of world Jewry (Europe, United States, South America, etc.) will attend the conference -- not just institutional leaders, but leaders of thought. The American effort, so it is proposed, will be conducted by the Presidents Council which will broaden its compass to include such non-Council organizations as the A-J Committee and the National Council of Jewish Women.

The potential value of such a Conference was affirmed by all and it was suggested that these present constitute a program committee to work out the details of the gathering both in format and in content.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE
WORLD COUNCIL ON JEWISH EDUCATION

April, 1967

May I respectfully call your attention to the memorandum submitted in March the items of which are in progress. I am pleased to report the following additional activities:

1. World Sephardi Federation: (A) By arrangement with, and approval of Dr. Solomon Gaon, a survey is being conducted of the educational programs of the synagogue schools affiliated with the Federation. Already several have reported and additional reports are coming in frequently. A questionnaire is being prepared to probe further. (B) An editorial committee has been set up to prepare quarterly bulletin for publication in English, French and Spanish for distribution to the schools. I have asked Mrs. Tamar de Sola Pool to raise some funds for this purpose. (C) There are some 30 Sephardi students at the Yeshivah University who are preparing to minister to the needs of their brethren. I am meeting with Rabbi Herbert Dobrinsky, who leads this group under Dr. Gaon's supervision, to lay out a program of activity with them.

2. Jewish Theological Seminary Group: I have been meeting individually with the five Rabbis who will be graduating in June 1967 and will go to Latin America to assume positions of Rabbis and Ministers of religious education in Caracas, Rio de Janeiro, Cordoba, Lima and Buenos Aires.

3. Jerusalem Office: Work is progressing as indicated in my report of March 1967. See memorandum from Dr. Avidor. A World Council on Jewish Education Bulletin is now in preparation.

4. Jewish Education The World Over: We have begun a conscientious compilation of articles depicting the state of Jewish education the world over. It is our hope to complete this in a year and publish it in the most economical manner possible.

5. Yeshivah University: We are concluding arrangements with Professor Alvin I. Schiff, Chairman, Graduate Division, Education Department of Yeshivah University to inaugurate a graduate course on Comparative International Jewish Education to begin in the Fall of 1967. A friend of W.C.J.E., will provide the funds for the

course as well as for research papers to be prepared under our auspices.

6 Tunisia: Contacts have been established and negotiations^{are} in progress, at the behest of the J.D.C., to send a qualified American Jewish educator to conduct a Seminar for school personnel in Tunisia in the summer of 1968.

7. Meetings with Dr. Chanoch Rinot: I have been meeting with Dr. Rinot, erstwhile Director of the Misrad Hahinuch (Jewish Schools in Israel) on matters relating to phases of Jewish education in the United States and Israel. Same with Mr. Yaacov Morris of the Jewish Agency.

8. Miscellaneous: (A) Some 5000 copies of Hebrew books published by the Gesher Junior Hebrew Library, Jerusalem, have been sold as a result of a letter over my signature on the W.C.J.E. letterhead to Jewish schools in the United States. (Gesher books cost 40¢ per copy when bought in quantities.) (B) At the request of the Jewish Agency office in Jerusalem a letter is now going out over my signature to obtain 500 subscribers to Beth Mikra, the Hebrew quarterly magazine for Bible Research. (A subscription is \$5.00 per annum.)

Azriel Ewenberg
Submitted by

P.S. I made preparations to leave on May 4th for a series of visits to observe schools, meet with principals, teachers, lay school boards, parents, and communal leaders in 13 cities of Latin America, but for various reasons the trip has been postponed.

WORLD COUNCIL ON JEWISH EDUCATION

ISRAEL OFFICE - JERUSALEM

3/15/67

MEETING - March 15, 1967

PRESENT - Mr. R. Amir, Dr. M. Avidor, Professor A. M. Dushkin, Dr. H. Hamiel,
Mr. M. Manor and Mr. J. Rubel

SUMMARIES AND DECISIONS

1. Mr. Rubel reviewed briefly the preparations he has made during the last few weeks for the establishment of a Pedagogic Center and for the publishing of an information bulletin "Yediot".

2. Office and Location of Pedagogic Center

It was decided to authorize Mr. R. Amir to rent 2 or 3 rooms from the Jewish Agency, 14 Ben Yehudah Street, Jerusalem, where the office of the W.C.J.E. Israel Center as well as the Pedagogic Center will be located. There will also be a reference room, especially for teachers and educators from the Diaspora who will visit in Israel. The office will be furnished modestly. Mr. J. Rubel should arrange appropriate technical aid for his office.

3. "Yediot"

Mr. J. Rubel brought up suggestions as to the content of the "Yediot". After deliberations in which all present participated the following was summarized:

a) The first issue of "Yediot" will appear in the month of May or at the beginning of June. An effort will be made to publish the "Yediot" at least 3 times a year.

b) The "Yediot" should consist mainly of informative and bibliographical material. The informative part will consist of what is happening in World Jewish Education and will be based on information from the Departments of Education of the Jewish Agency; from the New York Center of the World Council; as well as from Jewish sources all over the world, etc. Special space will be set aside for the activities of the W.C.J.E. and Dr. A. Eisenberg will be asked to prepare material for this section.

c) The bibliographical material will include announcements of books, monographs, and articles which have appeared with a short description of the contents, the age group for which the material was meant, by whom it was published, price, etc.

d) The "Yediot" will not contain any didactic articles.

e) The first issue of the "Yediot" will contain an editorial stating that this issue is experimental and that the readers are asked to express their reactions to its contents and format.

f) The "Yediot" will be published in Hebrew and will contain a short summary in English, French, Yiddish and Spanish.

g) The first issue will be printed in 1000 copies: 250 copies will be sent to Dr. A. Eisenberg for distribution in the U. S., the other copies will be sent to the Education Committees in various countries for distribution.

h) The Editors of the "Yediot" are: Mr. R. Amir, Dr. M. Avidor, Professor A. M. Dushkin, Dr. H. Hamiel (in the absence of Mr. M. Manor) Mr. J. Rubel will be the Coordinator of the Editorial Board.

4. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 4th of Nisan, April 14, 1967, in Dr. M. Avidor's room at the Israel National Academy of Arts, to discuss Mr. J. Rubel's suggestions in re "organization of a Pedagogic Center for the Diaspora and a Center for documentation of Jewish Education in the Diaspora".

Submitted by
Dr. Moshe Avidor

December 14, 1972

Rabbi William Sajowitz
Temple Emanuel
1250 Bower Hill Road
Pittsburgh, Penna. 15243

Dear Bill:

Thanks for sharing with me your letter of December 5th to Dick and Steve in regard to raising funds for our projects in Israel. "The Light of Liberal Judaism in Israel" bank is a fascinating concept and one which might well provide a source of income for our projects.

We have just completed a UAHC staff meeting and in the discussion of ways and means to raise funds for our Israel projects this idea was shared with the staff. It has much merit and they liked the concept. Naturally, there would be many details involved in establishing such a program, i.e. the manufacture of the banks, educating the congregations of the manner of usage, etc. Dick will, I am sure, be in contact with you. I just wanted you to know the fact that there was a positive reaction from the staff to your concept.

With warmest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

cc: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
Rabbi Stephen Schafer

RABBI WILLIAM SAJOWITZ

TEMPLE EMANUEL

1250 BOWER HILL ROAD

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15243

December 5, 1972

Rabbi Richard Hirsch
Rabbi Stephen A. Schafer
2027 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Dick and Steve:

I have what I think may be a great idea for fund raising for the Reform Movement in Israel. Before next Chanukah, if we could create a Menorah Savings Bank that could be used for Chanukah in the following manner, it could be a tremendous source of revenue. For example, the Menorah could look something like this:



The first night one dime placed in the 1st candle, the second night - 2 in the next, etc. Thus, children could learn to observe a holiday by doing a Mitzvah and our movement in Israel could go forward. These could be made of plastic, disposable and turned in at the end of Chanukah. At a cost of \$.40 a Menorah you would end up with \$4.00. Multiply that by thousands of homes and you can see the possibilities.

Think of it quickly, because if you don't handle it I'll take it to some other organization, but I'd like to see it of benefit to ourselves. Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Rabbi William Sajowitz

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take such steps as will promptly restore to all Jews the prerogative to worship at the Western Wall in accordance with their own custom without molestation.

We further demand that:

1. Progressive Rabbis in Israel shall be allowed to marry those Jews who are registered in the Rabbinate as eligible for marriage.
2. All persons who have been converted to Judaism by Reform or Liberal rabbis throughout the world shall be recognized by the State of Israel as Jews and admitted to Israel as Jews and granted citizenship as Jews under the Law of Return.
3. The Progressive congregations of Israel shall receive full support and aid from the Ministry for Religious Affairs and the local Religious Councils, in full equality with Orthodox congregations.

IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

The World Union for Progressive Judaism recognizes the obligation to intensify the participation of Progressive Jews in the upbuilding of Zion, also through their increased physical presence in the State of Israel.

It maintains, however, that freedom of religion and official recognition of Progressive Rabbis and congregations is a matter of equity, and should not depend upon numbers.

This Conference hereby authorizes the President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism to designate a special committee to review various proposals, including the possibility of establishment of a Progressive Jewish settlement, to recommend a program, and to assume responsibility for its implementation.

February 14, 1972

Rabbi A. M. Schindler

Rabbi R. Hirsch

Alan Iselin

Alan Iselin came up with an excellent suggestion, one which merits urgent exploration: Is there any way as a movement we can tie into the UJA study missions in Israel? The UJA may not be adverse, even beyond Herb Friedman's personal interest, in order to demonstrate that Reform is not so subjected that it does not have life and hope. (At least once a month I get calls from UJA field people, asking me to contact a Reform Jew who refuses to give to UJA because of "discrimination against Reform"). From our point of view the gains are obvious - note the swimming pool at Ben Shimon and Zemer's encounter with the Columbus man.

Maybe this tie-in could be by way of a service in our chapel in Jerusalem, or perhaps a special Reform service conducted by one of our men at the military cemetery to which all of the missions are taken.

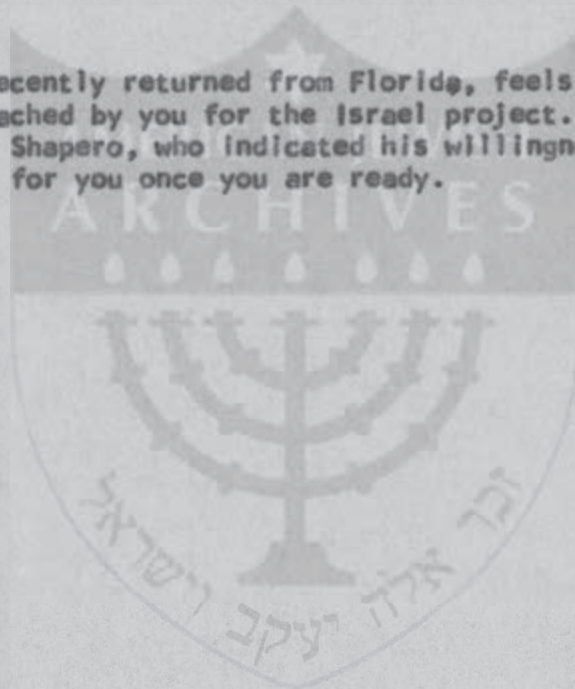
January 24, 1972

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard Hirsch

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

Maurice, who recently returned from Florida, feels that Light could be approached by you for the Israel project. I also spoke to Sandy Shapero, who indicated his willingness to arrange an appointment for you once you are ready.



MEMORANDUM

Date October 9, 1967From RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH, DirectorTo Rabbi Maurice N. EisendrathCopy for information of Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Albert VorspanSubject *Israel*

The enclosed are letters I have sent out in connection with my trip to Israel.

Tentatively, we would like to explore at least the following for next summer:

1. A large delegation to World Union for Progressive Judaism meeting (July 3-6? Not sure of date)
2. Leadership study mission immediately following World Union meeting
3. Study seminar at Bet Berl for rabbis, educators, etc.
4. Some preliminary type camp-study program for children of above participants

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October 4, 1967

Rabbi Melvin Zager
Rehov Ibn Gabriol 8
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Israel

Rabbi Tovia Ben-Chorin
29 Hamavdil Street
Ramat Gan
Israel

Rabbi Robert Samuels
Leo Baeck School
47 Hillel Street
Haifa, Israel

Dear Mel, Tovia, and Bob:

Shalom chevra. As you may have heard, I plan to be in Israel November 2-November 8.

The UAHC is about to establish a committee on Israel, and the CCAR has already established a committee which will hold its first meeting on October 10 in Washington.

The UAHC committee will be appointed at the Biennial and will convene shortly thereafter, and I have accepted the staff responsibility for it.

The purpose of my trip is mostly exploratory, to see how we might strengthen existing programs and introduce some new and more intensive programming. Enclosed is a rough draft of a memo I prepared, which would serve as a basis for discussions and which indicates some of our preliminary thinking.

When I meet with you, I not only would like to receive your reactions to the program, but to get some new ideas from you. Also, of course, we should have as the number one item on our agenda a discussion of your respective institutions and of the state of our liberal movement as a whole.

Friday, November 3, will be my only day to meet with you. Let's meet at a place mutually agreeable to you on Friday morning at 9:30. In the afternoon, I would like to meet with Dr. Elk. I assume that Haifa would be the best place for us to meet. However, I am completely flexible about the meeting place and ask the three of you to arrange for it. I am making no other arrangements for that day.

Would you please communicate with each other and inform me as

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October 4, 1967

Rabbi Robert L. Samuels
Leo Baeck School
47 Hillel Street
Haifa, Israel

Dear Bob:

All of us have been extremely concerned about the reports that you may be leaving to return to the States. We hope that you have not yet made an irrevocable decision, because we consider your role crucial in the development of the movement in Israel and in the expansion of our UANC program related to Israel.

I am anxious to meet with you separately prior to our meeting with Dr. Elk. Perhaps the best thing would be to have lunch together on Friday and then to meet with Dr. Elk following that.

We are especially concerned about tying closer the bonds between the UANC and the Leo Baeck School and I would urge you to have some specific proposals in mind as to how we can establish closer institutional relations which would assure continuity, regardless of personnel changes.

Bella joins in sending love to Annette and best wishes for a Shona Tovah.

Sincerely,

rgh/es
enc.

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

cc: Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
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October 4, 1967

Dr. M. Elk
Wedgwood Avenue
Haifa 13
Israel

Dear Dr. Elk:

Rabbi Schindler has sent me a copy of your letter to him, as well as his response to you.

I plan to be in Israel from November 2 to November 8, and would very much like to meet with you on the afternoon of Friday, November 3. I am asking Bob Samuels to confirm the arrangements.

I hope that our meeting will result in the establishment of closer ties between the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Leo Baeck School.

We still recall our meetings in the past, especially the evening you and Sam Cook had dinner in our home during your recent trip to the States. I look forward to renewing our friendship and to a mutually beneficial discussion.

I am sending Bob information as to where I can be reached in Israel.

Best wishes to you and yours for a shona tova.

Sincerely,

rgh/es

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October 4, 1967

Rabbi William Rosenthal
World Union for Progressive Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Bill:

Baruch Haba. I hope your trip to Israel was a good one and that you have returned refreshed and reinvigorated for the New Year.

Bella and I will be travelling to Russia for Succot and Simchat Torah, and afterwards will be going on to Israel, where we shall be visiting from November 2 to 8. During the course of my visit, I shall explore some of the program ideas referred to in my memo and in the discussions which followed.

As I told you following the meeting, I want to maintain the closest possible ties with you personally and with the World Union officially. The insights gained from your trip would be especially helpful in preparation for my trip. Would you, therefore, please call me immediately on your return to the office, so that we can set up a time to meet, (I will be in New York to teach my class at HUC-JIR on October 17) or if that is not feasible, at least we can talk by phone.

Wednesday, October 18 will be my last day in the office. We shall be leaving on Succot, October 19.

Best wishes to you and yours for a Shona Tovah.

Sincerely,

rgh/es

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

cc: Rabbi Jacob Shankman

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October 4, 1967

Rabbi Jacob Shankman
Temple Israel
456 Webster Avenue
New Rochelle, New York

Dear Jacob:

I just received a letter from Jay Kaufman and note that he sent a carbon to you. Although Bill Rosenthal has seen a copy of my memo, it occurred to me that perhaps you have not. I am therefore sending it to you, in order to keep you fully informed. The memo reflects my opinions only and is intended to serve as a preliminary basis for discussion by a proposed UAHC committee on Israel when it is established.

We hope that a primary function of the UAHC committee, once established, will be to expand UAHC programming in Israel, and, of course, we would expect to work in closest collaboration with the World Union for Progressive Judaism on its undertakings in Israel.

Also enclosed is a letter to Bill Rosenthal. I am most anxious to talk with him prior to my departure.

Best wishes to you and yours for a Shema Tovah.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

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cc: Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
Rabbi William Rosenthal
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November 29, 1967

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Al Vorspan

Will you be in touch with Dick to have him stay over an additional day this next week or the week thereafter so that we can review the Israel program with him at our Program Staff meetings.

Obviously Sam Cook ought to be invited to this meeting also.



11/22/67

Rabbi Smolar called:

He has information re. Israel business which you might be interested in.

Under the circumstances there is nothing he can do now but while he is trying to arrange for everything he did a certain amount of investigating, and if you are interested he could relay the information to you.

He can be reached at home over the weekend:

301 484-6458 (Baltimore)



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Please attend Dick

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December 6, 1967

From: EARL MORSE, Chairman

To: Rabbi Schindler

"It is June 5th for the cause of Progressive Judaism in Israel," so writes one of our Reform rabbis serving in Israel. At a time when the recent war has stirred in many Israelis a religious awakening and a search for the God of Israel, it is essential for our Movement to undertake a vital new approach to Israel. Recognizing this, the recent 49th General Assembly in Montreal adopted Rabbi Eisendrath's commendation for a dynamic new program in Israel, and mandated the formation of a National Committee on Israel, whose function shall be:

"to advance, in cooperation with the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the cause of Progressive Judaism in Israel, to support existing congregations and to create new congregations; to initiate a camp program in Israel and to encourage the development of adult programs, including, if feasible, settlements under the auspices of Progressive Judaism; to conduct vigorous campaigns to strengthen our relations with the people of Israel and to educate our members and the community at large on issues involving Israel; and to encourage the formation of corresponding committees in every region and congregation. In order to finance this work, the Committee is hereby authorized to solicit from the entire constituency of American Reform Judaism, as a voluntary offering, one dollar per year per person; man, woman, and child."

Knowing of your great interest and your considerable capabilities, I am most anxious for you to be a member of this committee under the able chairmanship of Nathaniel E. Hess.

The matter is so urgent, I have asked Mr. Hess to hold a meeting as quickly as possible. He has kindly consented to do so on Tuesday, December 19, 1967, at the House of Living Judaism from 1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

I earnestly hope you will promptly tell me on the enclosed response card that you accept this appointment and that you can attend the meeting. You will be sent an agenda and background material for the meeting.

ATTEND the 49th GENERAL ASSEMBLY — MONTREAL — NOVEMBER 11-16, 1967

Encl.: Response Card UAHC • NFTS • NATA

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October 16, 1969

Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman
Temple Israel of New Rochelle
465 Webster Avenue
New Rochelle, New York 10801

Dear Jake:

Alex Schindler asked me to send you a copy of the transcript from the Montreal Biennial concerning the resolution on establishing the UAHC Committee on Israel. I am enclosing this section of the transcript. If there is anything else I can do for you, do not hesitate to call.

Kindest personal regards -

Cordially,

Theodore K. Broido
Director of Administration

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cc: Rabbi A. Schindler

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Convention, I had four resolutions. At this time I should like to submit the Resolution on the State of Israel --

CHAIRMAN FANE: Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will be in order we will finish more quickly.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN COLE: This resolution is pursuant to Recommendations XI, XII, and XIII in The President's Message and we have also included Resolution XVII, a proposed resolution by Temple Sinai, Washington, D. C. and a host of others applying to the subject matter.

This resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL

We express our relief and thanksgiving that the State of Israel succeeded in resisting the combined efforts of the Arab powers to exterminate the people of Israel and the Jewish state. Reaffirming our profound sense of solidarity with the people of Israel, we pledge our continued effort to assure that the gains essential to Israel's fundamental security may not be lost at the diplomatic table. We, therefore:

1. Urge the United States to continue its support of a fair and lasting peace in the Middle East, urging

direct negotiations among the concerned parties for a permanent peace agreement which will recognize the sovereignty of the State of Israel and its right to life.

2. We affirm our conviction that there can be no lasting peace in the Middle East until the Arab nations surrender their claims of belligerency, recognize the sovereignty of Israel and pledge themselves to live in peace with Israel. We believe that all issues of conflict between Israel and her neighbors, including the question of Arab refugees, should be resolved in the context of a stable and just peace settlement in the Middle East. Pending a permanent settlement, we urge the UNRWA to continue to provide for the needs of these hapless Arab refugees wherever they may be.

3. Urge the United States to assist Israel through large-scale economic aid in the vast task of recovery and for the urgent tasks of reconstruction and rehabilitation. In this connection we also look with favor upon regional development including the possibilities implicit in the Eisenhower-Strauss proposal for large scale nuclear desalination for the Middle East region, bringing benefits to the Arab neighbors and Israel as well.

4. Urge the nations of the world to insist upon free passage for Israel and all other nations through the Suez Canal, as well as the Gulf of Aqaba.

5. Call upon the Soviet Union to abandon the ugly campaign of calumny and vilification against Israel and the Jewish people and to desist from the reckless and dangerous rearming of states which have not foresworn belligerency.

6. Repeat to our brethren, the brave-hearted and determined people of Israel, our unswerving identification and fellowship in the continuing drama of Jewish history.

7. Authorize the Board of Trustees of UAHC to create a National Committee on Israel, among whose purpose shall be: to advance, in cooperation with the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the cause of Progressive Judaism in Israel, to support existing congregations and to create new congregations; to initiate a camp program in Israel and to encourage the development of adult programs, including, if feasible, settlements under the auspices of Progressive Judaism; to conduct vigorous campaigns to strengthen our relations with the people of Israel and to educate our members and the community at large on issues involving Israel; and to encourage the

formation of corresponding committees in every region and congregation. In order to finance this work, the Committee is hereby authorized to solicit from the entire constituency of American Reform Judaism, as a voluntary offering, one dollar per year per person; man, woman, and child.

8. Authorize the Board of Trustees of the UAHC to consult with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (J.D.C.) concerning the extension of aid to religious and educational institutions other than and in addition to orthodox seminaries, schools and similar institutions now receiving financial aid from the J.D.C.

9. Call upon our congregants to continue to express their identification and solidarity through continued generous support of the United Jewish Appeal, Bonds for Israel and other similar campaigns designed to give added financial strength to Israel in her hour of crisis.

Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of this resolution.

CHAIRMAN FANE: You have heard the resolution.

Microphone number 5.

MRS. HARVEY A _____ (Temple Sinai, Washington, D.C.)

The Committee informed you that we also submitted a resolution in behalf of Progressive Judaism. We returned from a trip to Israel and have now become experts and can write a book. Before we went we planned our mission and to inform ourselves. If you were not prepared in advance, you would have great difficulty in finding those seven struggling congregations. The public relations, the problems that exist there with the Orthodox ministry of religion -- I will not go into that -- those things will be solved if we strengthen Progressive Judaism there.

I am asking all of you to do a Mitzvah. The last paragraph of page 3, point 7, and that is that each of us contribute a dollar per year per person to help Progressive Judaism in Israel. They need funds so badly. The critical time is now not only for these seven congregations which are struggling, they have only three rabbis, they need more rabbis, need a youth program and publications, and since the Six Day War they are looking to us even more for an alternative to Orthodoxy. We could do a great deal with just one dollar from each of us.

CHAIRMAN FANE: Rabbi Eisendrath for a slight amendment.

RABBI EISENDRATH: First of all, I want to applaud one of the few ladies that has spoken at this convention. One of the things I really want to urge upon our body is to utilize more of these fine women at congregational, regional and national levels. That is not my amendment.

I don't think we have always been sensitive enough to our Canadian constituency. I think sometimes in the United States we might be forgiven. When we meet in Montreal, it is unforgiveable.

To show you I knew nothing about the resolution to be presented - I understand the difficulty of the Canadian brethren to vote on some resolutions that are specifically directed to the Government of the United States. In paragraph (1) "Urge the United States" - "Urge the United States and Canada to continue their support." Canada has been a great tower of support. And wherever United States appears, I urge the inclusion of Canada. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN FANE: The Chairman of the Committee accepts that proposal.

Microphone number one.

DELEGATE (Paley ?) (Northern Westchester): Speaking

as one who lived for many years in Old Palestine under Turkish, under British, and lately in the State of Israel, I want to make an amendment for the consideration of the Resolutions Committee.

In Paragraph number one that says "resisting the combined efforts" add here the word "aggressive efforts." The reason I am suggesting this in all the Arab speeches in the United Nations and in the press, they keep on accusing Israel of aggression. We know that is not true. Combined, aggressive efforts.

CHAIRMAN FANE: The Chairman accepts that.

DELEGATE: When you say "the Arab powers". There are some who do not share that point of view. I suggest the word "neighboring Arab powers" instead of all Arab.

CHAIRMAN FANE: Accepted.

DELEGATE: In the paragraph - U.S. and Canada - we know we have many other countries that have been good to us. I leave to your good judgment to add to compliment our good friends of the United Nations. We have constant support from some European and African countries that deserve thanks.

Again, I would suggest for your consideration to

eliminate the word where you say "Urge the United Nations to continue its support" - Arabs accuse us, America, Canada with Germany and Britain supplied weapons to Israel. To support is good enough to my way of thinking.

The next point I wish to make - end of paragraph two - here again, I don't put that as an amendment.

CHAIRMAN FANE: Your time is up. I'm sorry. There are many others.

Microphone eight.

DELEGATE ALLAN LEVINE (Rochester, N.Y.): I ask the Chair to call for an immediate vote in support of this resolution.

CHAIRMAN FANE: The only way is to move the previous question.

DELEGATE LEVINE: I move the previous question.

(Motion seconded)

CHAIRMAN FANE: The motion to close debate has been made and seconded.

Point of order - microphone 2.

DELEGATE: I feel that a number of us were standing here - such a motion --

CHAIRMAN FANE: A motion to close debate is not

debatable. You can vote it down, but you cannot debate it.

All those in favor of closing the debate --

DELEGATE: I have a point of personal privilege -

CHAIRMAN FANE: Microphone 5 for point of personal privilege. Rabbi Shankman, President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

RABBI SHANKMAN: It is on that groun that I ask for this point of personal privilege. To close this debate at this point would prevent me from asking for some clarification of paragraph 7 and there are some aspects of that paragraph which, in my opinion, concern the World Union and ought to be clarified right now.

CHAIRMAN FANE: Very well. The question before you is shall the debate be closed. All in favor say "Aye"; opposed "No."

The motion is lost and the Chair recognizes the gentleman at microphone 3.

DELEGATE MICHAEL STROM (Toronto): I would like to propose two amendments to the language of the Preamble - the formulation of the problem as a struggle between Arab and Jew rather than between certain Middle Eastern nations, the

Arab formulation. Therefore, the following changes: That "Arab powers" be deleted, which I am afraid is almost a rationalization, and the phrase "certain Middle Eastern nations" be substituted.

CHAIRMAN FANE: The Chairman of the Committee says he cannot accept that for the reason he feels it is out of context.

MR. STROM: Move as an amendment - on the grounds that Israel is made up of a mixed population, delete "Jewish state" and leave the "people of Israel."

CHAIRMAN FANE: The Chairman advises he cannot accept that amendment. We will have to vote on that.

First of all, we will vote on the first amendment offered by the gentleman. Will you discuss that amendment?

All in favor will say "Aye"; opposed "No." The amendment is lost.

Now we will vote on your second amendment.

All in favor will say "Aye"; opposed "No." The amendment is lost.

Do you have any further amendments?

RABBI JERALD BOBROW (Monroe, N.Y.): A point of

of general information. This original resolution was discussed by the board of trustees immediately concerned. There was no reference made to the reunification of the city of Jerusalem. In view of what Maurice Samuel had to tell us last night, in view of the deepest historic commitment and relationship, we, the Jewish people have had with the city of Jerusalem, Mr. Chairman, our temple felt and I would like to feel that this convention equally feels that some positive statement be included in this resolution related to the unification of the city of Jerusalem and our feelings about it. I think otherwise it is a great omission, a great loss.

CHAIRMAN FANE: You have not offered -

RABBI EISENDRATH: May I say a word on that? I did make reference to that in my President's Message and I had hoped that it would be incorporated in the proper language in the report of The President's Message Committee. I don't recall the exact language, but may I ask the Chairman of the Committee to accept in spirit your recommendation.

CHAIRMAN FANE: The Chairman answers in the affirmative.

RABBI BOBROW: Specifically.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN COLE: It will be specific.

DELEGATE JACK R _____ (Kansas City): The gentleman at microphone five introduced an amendment that I would have introduced. Another amendment, we would suggest a change in the second sentence of paragraph number two so that it would read: We believe that all issues of conflict between Israel, her neighbors and the Palestinian Arabs should be resolved in the context of a stable and just peace settlement in the Middle East.

CHAIRMAN FANE: All those in favor of the amendment will say "Aye"; opposed "No." The amendment is lost.

About eight or ten more speakers. Microphone 8.

DELEGATE KLEIN (Temple Emanuel, Cleveland): I propose an amendment to paragraph 8 by striking the first line on page 4, the words "orthodox seminaries, schools and similar" so that it reads:...extension of aid to religious and educational institutions other than and in addition to institutions now receiving financial aid from the J.D.C.

CHAIRMAN FANE: You have heard the motion to further amend. All those in favor will please say "Aye"; opposed "No." The amendment is lost.

Let me call your attention to something. Under

the By-Laws this convention cannot operate without a quorum. Many of the delegates have left and many are leaving. If you want to defeat this resolution on Israel, you will continue this discussion because by the time we recognize the ten speakers who are now at microphones, the quorum will have been lost and there will be no resolution on the State of Israel. I leave that to your own soul as to whether or not you wish that to happen.

DELEGATE: Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question.

CHAIRMAN FANE: Is there a second?

RABBI EISENDRATH: I think the President of the World Union would like to be heard.

CHAIRMAN FANE: The President of the World Union did ask for the right to be heard. Rabbi Shankman, I am sure you will be brief and then I will put to a vote the motion on the floor.

RABBI SHANKMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Fellow Delegates: May I say by the way of preface that I heartily endorse the entire spirit of this resolution for myself and certainly in the name of the World Union for Progressive

Judaism. Any measure which will strengthen the ties between us and Israel meets with our unanimous endorsement.

May I also wish to express for the World Union and for myself the deep feeling, gratitude and appreciation which I tried to voice yesterday afternoon both to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and to President Eisendrath for the unmitting and selfless support of the World Union.

Now to paragraph 7 to which I wish to direct your attention, I would respectfully suggest that in line 6 the comma which follows the word "Israel" which in my opinion seems to limit the work of the World Union, that that comma be deleted. Page 3, paragraph 7, line 6, the first words are, "Judaism in Israel" that the comma be deleted so that there be explicit meaning in the clause to support existing congregations and create new congregations.

CHAIRMAN FANE: The Chairman of the Committee accepts that.

RABBI SHANKMAN: With regard to the campaign and one dollar per person. We in the World Union would love to see the World Union receive this substantial sum of money. But there is a very serious and legitimate concern on our part

that this may somewhat interfere with other fund raising activities going on now, such as the appeal to friends, the adoption program in the regions of the UAHC, and also the individual letter solicitation sent out by the rabbis.

I would like to have, in the first place, that this campaign will in no way interfere with nor diminish the results.

CHAIRMAN FANE: Rabbi Shankman, your time is up. I am sorry. Mr. Cole would like to explain.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN COLE: I want to make it very clear nothing in this campaign will in any way interfere with or negate the efforts of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. It is the opinion of the committee that this campaign, if anything, if nothing else should help the work of the World Union, and as your chairman of this committee, I can assure you this was our thinking.

RABBI SHANKMAN: One question. Will this campaign direct to the critical needs of the congregations and rabbis in Israel under the sponsorship of the World Union?

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN COLE: That is part of the problem and in all likelihood get priority. We would like to

salvage what we have and expand from there.

RABBI SHANKMAN: Omit the words "in all likelihood" and give us the assurance.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN COLE: The reason I say "in all likelihood," the committee has not been appointed yet. I would not like to tell the committee how to operate.

RABBI EISENDRATH: Mr. Chairman, being accustomed to certain intramural and intra-organizational ... in the large and heterogenous family, I can understand Rabbi Shankman's concern. I have assured him privately, I think he would probably like this on the public record, that when a certain task was assigned to the UAHC by the World Union to endeavor to raise one million dollars for the rebuilding of the Leo Baeck School, that was done by the Union but for the World Union and on behalf of the World Union and in cooperation with the World Union, and not a single meeting was ever held, not a single plan formulated or implemented without consultation with the leaders of the World Union. I give that same assurance now as Vice President of the World Union. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN FANE: There is now pending before us a motion to close the debate. All those in favor of the motion,

will say "Aye"; opposed "No." The debate is closed.

We will now vote on the motion.

DELEGATE: Point of order. We are trying to reach conclusions at this assembly which will affect the judgment of the American Jewish community. The American Jewish community has serious thoughts and problems and concerns with efforts on the attitude of the Christian church, organized Christian church in this situation. I think we would be making a grievous error if we omitted in this statement our deepest regret and sorrow that the organized Christian church failed to act when the odds were against our people. We have no right to leave until this very important matter is discussed and included in this resolution.

CHAIRMAN FANE: Thank you. We will now vote on the resolution. The debate having been closed.

Microphone 7.

DELEGATE: Mr. Chairman, the President made reference to the city of Jerusalem and unification. We have made no mention here.

CHAIRMAN FANE: That matter has been raised and it will be incorporated, yes.

DELEGATE: No where in this entire resolution

is there any request on our part, and I put it in the form of a request, as we call upon the government of the State of Israel to grant legal status to Progressive Judaism and its rabbis. Somewhere it should be part of it.

CHAIRMAN FANE: Rabbi, there is to be a special meeting of the committee Friday and that will taken care of.

DELEGATE: I think we should recognize, Mr. Chairman, the friendly relationships and support to the State of Israel and somewhere, with all the amendments and changes, I suggest to the Chairman and the Committee that they should give encouragement to the people. We have about eighteen nations that constantly vote with the State of Israel. We need it for their own welfare and the welfare of Israel.

CHAIRMAN FANE: Your suggestion will certainly be given every consideration.

Ladies andGentlemen, we are going to vote. I beg of you not to leave as soon as the vote is taken. In the first place, we will not adjourn this convention without our thanks to God, and secondly, there are resolutions remaining, a number of very important ones, and a suggestion will be made as to how they might be handled.

All those in favor of the resolution, will please signify by saying "Aye"; opposed "No." The "Ayes" seem to have it. The "Ayes" have it, overwhelmingly. (Applause)

The Chair wishes to announce that the forums which were scheduled for this afternoon will be postponed until two-thirty.

The Chair recognizes Rabbi Kronish, microphone 3.

RABBI LEON KRONISH: I am not sure under what point I am speaking at this moment, perhaps it is a point of personal or rabbinic privilege.

I think the convention should know two things: One, there is now a CCAR committee on Israel, which is happy about the establishment of a UAHC committee, and wants to work cooperatively with that committee to advance everything you have approved.

And, secondly, and most importantly, even though it was not important to include it as part of the body of that resolution, what we approved today was a voluntary effort, and without waiting for the decisions that will be made by the committee, everyone here has the right, the obligation, to begin to implement that voluntary effort and to implement