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From the desk of

WJG

LAVY BECKER

Dear Alex

The short item on Jamaica  
and its Bahis will be of interest to you.  
I trust they will be dependent on  
you — on Geyer — for explanation.  
I can help only with background  
information. I am available.

My warmest good wishes  
to you for a ~~DP/MS~~ DP/MS etc.

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cc JCB  
Gray.



The Jews in Jamaica are concerned with their future as residents of a country going through the torment of socio-politic and economic changes. Some have already left the country and others are considering it. There are now approximately 450 Jews in Kingston, a reduction of some 10% in the past two years. Montego Bay and Ocho Rio have, between them, perhaps a dozen families.

Despite the unrest, this community, organized as the United Congregation of Israelites, remains strong, proud, sophisticated. Many of them are descendants of the earliest settlers of mid 17th century. Their families pioneered the development of the natural resources of the island and served in disproportionate numbers in its governments whether of one party or another. They have been knighted and honoured. They have represented their country in international circles. They have achieved great economic success.

The adult generation remembers Rabbi Silverman who served them from 1930 to 1965 and Rabbi Hooker who served them until 1974, a period of almost 45 years of continuity and stability. The patterns were set. Lay leadership rotated among the best families who assumed responsibility as their traditional duty. It is still so. Samuel Galan, who will shortly assume the presidency, follows the tradition.

They do find themselves with a problem with which they have no experience. Rabbis Silverman and Hooker both came from England, served them for almost 45 years, mature and experienced. Rabbi Alan Klein is their first American rabbi, trained in the Hebrew Union College, "cutting his teeth" in this his first post. It would appear to me that neither the community nor the Rabbi had adequate preparation for each other. It is an unhappy shidduch. Indeed I found it strange that they had not invited him to attend the meeting with me until I realized that they really wanted to discuss this very problem. Although I listened and responded I resisted their effort to involve World Jewish Congress.

This meeting, held on June 4th in the home of Samuel Galan was attended also by Ernest de Souza Jr., Samuel Henriquez OBE, Dr. Donald Delevante, Eugene Harris, Ainsley Henriquez and David Matalon. The president, Frank Barrow, was delayed in his return from a business trip off the island. This was a better than 50% attendance.

### Jamaica and WJC

We spent considerable time in discussing a more active role for Jamaica in the work of WJC. They will be particularly responsive to what will be developed in the Caribbean area. Samuel Henriquez, highly regarded by all, was especially forthright in his statement that they must participate more actively. Aaron Matalon said the same in private conversations. Samuel Galan, only 39, a successful businessman who chaired the meeting agreed with this acceptance of responsibility and promised me privately, as he drove me to the airport the following morning, that he would do his utmost. Since he will soon become their president his acceptance of the appointment

to represent Jamaica on the WJC Governing Council indicates their serious good will.

Communal Organizations

Despite the politico-economic rumblings on the island and the consequent emigration of some Jews and its contemplation by others, this is one of the more viable communities in the Caribbean. Their communal existence revolves around the synagogue, However, in addition to the synagogue, the community operates a one day a week school, a rather successful full time private school where Jewish children are a very tiny minority and a small old peoples home. Their Bnai Brith lodge is active both in the community and in their district # 23. Also active is a WJZO chapter, a sisterhood and a Sunshine Circle.

The long, more than 300 year history of the Jewish community in Jamaica and the very considerable contribution made by Jews to the growth and development of Jamaica has remained in the consciousness of Jamaicans and their governments of whatever political hue. The community is respected by virtue of both its past and the status of its citizens of today who continue to play active roles in the government, in the intellectual, professional, industrial and business areas on the island.

They resist the general idea of emigration. Reluctantly they expect some defections. Yet, the internal strength of their communal life and the agencies through which they express it, are of such importance to them that they will go to considerable effort to maintain it on the highest possible level.

What changes they will be making in their rabbinical leadership will be vital to the community, for they are definitely synagogue centered. As we, WJC, stand aside on this issue, we can but hope that they will find the kind of leadership they need to match the maturity of the community. This is basic to all small communities. Some cannot resolve it. I hope Jamaica will leave no stone unturned to accomplish it.

Jamaica and Israel

This community is strongly Israel oriented. One of its most respected citizens, Aaron Matalon, has been Israel's Honourary Consul for many years. The Israeli Ambassadors to the Dominican Republic, also accredited to Jamaica, have made frequent visits to Jamaica whose voice in the United Nations is important. Indeed, Israel has opened an embassy in Kingston, whose first incumbent will be Ambassador Gideon Saguy. It is hoped that they will retain Aaron Matalon in his Honourary capacity, for his influence is considerable.

In addition to Samuel Galan, who will represent Jamaica on our Governing Council, we should look for opportunities to involve Samuel Henriquez and /or Aaron Matalon, perhaps within the North American Section. Conversely we should plan some visits to Jamaica of some of our prestigious leaders.

Although there will be some changes in October, I attach the most recent amended list of their officers and Directors.

**UNITED CONGREGATION OF ISRAELITES**  
**WARDENS AND DIRECTORS**

June. 1975  
~~FEB. 1974~~

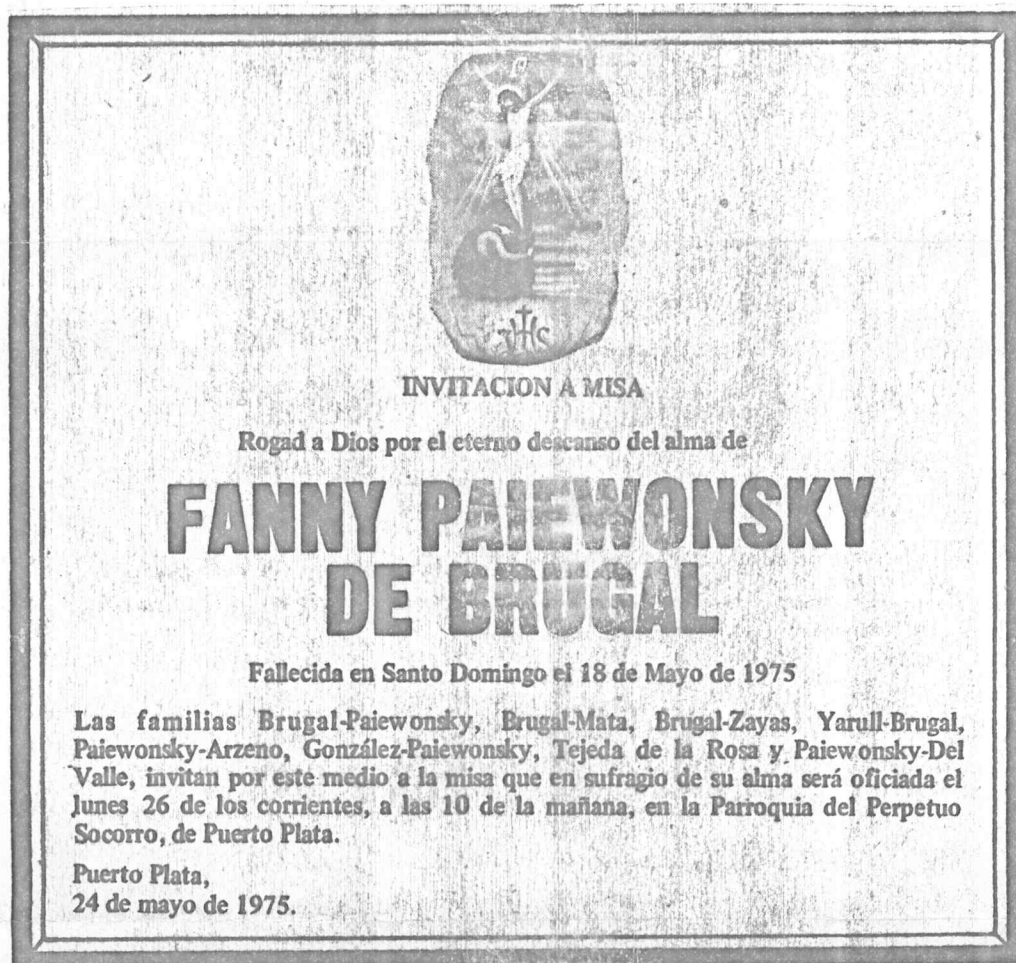
Frank N. Parrow (President)	<del>SEYMOUR APTS. #</del> <del>31 Kings Drive</del> <del>Phone: 92-70791</del>	6.	46 Duke Street, Kingston Phone: 93-21500
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Alan C.L. Delgado	44 Sandhurst Cresc. Phone :92-78252	6.	SCOTIABANK CENTRE DUKE + Pt. Royal c/o <del>Bank of Nova Scotia</del> <del>5-7 King Street</del> Phone: 92-25430
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### Early History

Although there are Jewish tombstones in the Catholic cemetery dated as early as 1821 there seem to be no other records to indicate how large and what kind of Jewish community existed in Santo Domingo in that period. Dr. Enrique de Marchena D., former Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the U.S., a committed Catholic, an historian with an active interest in Sephardim in the Caribbean and the New World, with a Jewish father and Jewish paternal grandparents, President of the Dominican Israel Cultural Association, claims that there are descendants in the Dominican Republic, none of them now Jewish, of Marannos who settled and lived on this island since the earliest days of the 16th century.

### 19th Century

The first settlers of the present period were three Paiewonsky brothers and their families who, after a short stay in St. Thomas, came to pioneer a new life in the interior of Dominican Republic in the 1880s. A fourth brother remained in St. Thomas where his illustrious son, Ralph, not only became the Governor of the Virgin Islands but also led his community to proud Jewish standards. This did not happen in the Dominican Republic. Although there are still a few Paiewonskys who are Jewish, most of them have intermarried and none are registered with the Jewish community. The reproduced newspaper ad below illustrates the process of defection and attrition of Jews in isolated areas. It is an invitation to a Mass for a deceased Paiewonsky.



INVITACION A MISA

Rogad a Dios por el eterno descanso del alma de

**FANNY PAIEWONSKY  
DE BRUGAL**

Fallecida en Santo Domingo el 18 de Mayo de 1975

Las familias Brugal-Paiewonsky, Brugal-Mata, Brugal-Zayas, Yarull-Brugal, Paiewonsky-Arzeno, González-Paiewonsky, Tejeda de la Rosa y Paiewonsky-Del Valle, invitan por este medio a la misa que en sufragio de su alma será oficiada el Junes 26 de los corrientes, a las 10 de la mañana, en la Parroquia del Perpetuo Socorro, de Puerto Plata.

Puerto Plata,  
24 de mayo de 1975.

### Sosua

The actual Jewish community of today, however, had its origins in the flight of German, Austrian and East European Jews in the late 30s who sought refuge in new lands, wherever they could get visas and find economic opportunity to rebuild their lives. Trujillo, the late, former dictator of the Dominican Republic did permit such entry into the country. In fact, his was the only country which agreed, at the Evian Conference of 1938, to admit as many as 100,000 Jewish and non-Jewish refugees. He made available land he owned personally on the northern coast near Puerta Plata, in the former fruit company town called Sosua, through which 703 Jewish refugees were saved in 1940, with the great help of the JDC. Most of them



remained only a few years until after the war was over , and moved on , mostly to the USA . Presently there are some fifty of these original settlers , almost all of them intermarried . There is no organized Jewish life . Their synagogue remains closed all year except for the High Holy Days . There is no Jewish education and no contact with Jewish life and/or organizations anywhere . It would appear that little can be done to stem the tide of the disappearance of another Jewish community . Nevertheless , we should plan one more visit , long enough to track down their history , to speak to more than the few leaders , to examine their potential and to determine whether we can stimulate them to help themselves .

### Santo Domingo

In this capital city there are some 50 to 60 Jewish families . They are earnest , hard working people with warm Jewish reactions . They live comfortable lives but with little energy left for developing cultural opportunities . On the other hand they have a regular Friday evening service which they themselves conduct since they have no professional leadership . Although they are not observant Jews the service is Orthodox , the only form they know . They are to be commended for using what skills they possess to maintain their attractive synagogue where they observe the Sabbath and the Festivals and other forms of organized Jewish life .

### Israelis in Exile

They do benefit by the presence in their midst of an Israeli Embassy , although they have some cause for complaint that the Israelis on staff , in some cases , have shown too little interest in Diaspora Jewish life . It varies , of course , with the knowledge and the interest of the Israelis themselves , as individuals , let alone with what sense of responsibility the Israelis do or do not feel for the traditional forms of Jewish living in the communities to which they are assigned . Ambassador Baruch Gilead , newly appointed , gave me the impression of being warm and responsive , if a little cautious .

On one of the two evenings I spent in Santo Domingo I attended a meeting of the Dominican Israel Cultural Association , under the chairmanship of Dr. Marchena , which presented a panel discussion and a film on kibbutz life . Of the attendance of about 150 , some 25% were Israelis and local Jews .

The other evening was reserved for a meeting with me . It was held in the home of a young American couple , Joe and Rosalie Oliveri , attached to the US Embassy , working with the Peace Corps . The President , Rudolf Frankenberg , his two closest associates in community work , Misha Neuhaus and Chaim Mainstler and a dozen others attended . In addition to some Jewish "learning" I led them in a discussion of their potentials as a viable community . I strongly recommended that they accept a retired rabbi for a month or two during the winter of 1975-76 . They agreed in principle . I am following through .

I do not know how to convey my pain as I visit these small communities . The lack of skills , the eventual reduction to indifference and discouragement ; the struggle to maintain a semblance of Judaism and its transmission to their children ; the bleak picture of the future beyond their own days , all reflect steps in the process of the wandering Jew . Yet this is a community which can be "saved" . If we felt justified in conducting an experiment to determine the viability of such a small community , Santo Domingo might be a good laboratory . They have the facilities , a strong sense of commitment , perhaps even the willingness to make the effort . They need guidance and stimulation . We would have to provide ideas , programs , people , to seed and to nurture .

Woff  
file  
19th October, 1975.

Mrs. Richard M. Stern,  
1435 Lexington Ave.,  
New York, N.Y. 10028.

Dear Mrs. Stern,

I have received Rabbi Schindler's letter of 19th September in connection with the suggestion made by your friend, Mrs. Irving B. Loonin. I have made several enquiries and want to report on them to you.

The Rabbinate and Ministry of Religious Affairs will, under no circumstances, permit any non-orthodox prayer book to be distributed at the Wall. It should be possible to have a prayer book which contains the English translation alongside of the Hebrew, but the feeling is that some zealots would not permit the prayer books to remain there very long.

I have scheduled a meeting with the Ministry of Religious Affairs on a number of matters and hope to bring up this suggestion at that time. Perhaps I will have a specific recommendation to make when I am in the States for the Biennial.

I am sending Mrs. Loonin a copy of this letter so that she will know that we are following through with her suggestion.

My warmest regards to your husband and I hope we shall have a chance to see both of you at the Biennial.

Bivracha,

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

cc. Mrs. I.B. Loonin  
✓ Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

September 19, 1975

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

Dear Dick:

A friend of Evaloe Stern's noted the fact that at the Western Wall only Orthodox prayerbooks are available and that means American tourists, including among them many Reform Jews, do not have a chance to read any prayers at the Wall. Mrs. Stern's friend also noted that other tourists who are non-Jews and who can read English cannot take up a prayerbook which they would understand. She is willing to pay for the production of an English-Hebrew prayer pamphlet or book.

The first question, of course, is will we be able to prevail upon the authorities to make Hebrew-English prayerbooks available and to protect them from any zealot endeavors to destroy such books. Can that be achieved? If so, what kind of prayerbook ought we to have there? It may well be that a special prayerbook will have to be written and arrangements will have to be made for the publication.

The woman who made this suggestion is Mrs. Irving B. Leonin, 160 West End Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10023, telephone 212-877-1553. She telephoned today to note that in Tel Aviv she had found a Hebrew-English Prayerbook, Siddur Adat Israel, published by Sinai Publications of 72 Allenby Road, Tel-Aviv but she is not certain that this daily prayerbook is one the Reform Movement would wish to make available. You might have a look at it to determine the possibilities.

With warmest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mrs. Richard M. Stern



9/9  
11:00

August 30, 1971

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch  
Director  
Religious Action Center, UAHC  
2027 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Dick:

Now that the World Union meeting has been  
postponed to 1:00 p. m. on September 9th,  
we will have a prior meeting in Dr.  
Eisendrath's office at 11:00 a. m.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

bcc: Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath

Attendees: Dr. Eisendrath  
Rabbi Bernard Bamberger  
Rabbi Richard Hirsch  
Rabbi Alexander Schindler



August 30, 1971

Rabbi Bernard Bamberger  
225 West 86 Street  
New York, New York 10024

Dear Bernie:

Now that the World Union meeting has been postponed to 1:00 p. m. ,, we will have a prior meeting in Dr. Eisendrath's office at 11:00 a. m. on September 9th.

Thanks for accommodating us in this respect.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

MEMORANDUM FROM  
RABBI WM. A. ROSENTHALL

THE WORLD UNION FOR  
PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

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1:00

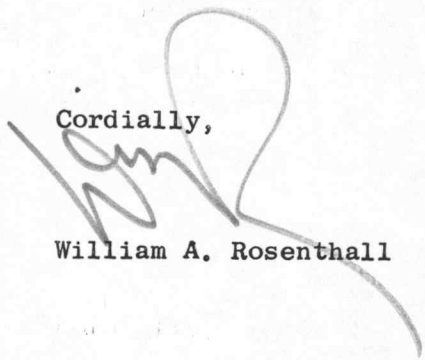
August 27, 1971

Dear Member of the Executive:

Please be advised that the Executive Committee meeting of the World Union will take place on Thursday, September 9th at 1 p.m. instead of 10:30 a.m. as previously stated. Luncheon will be served.

With kind greetings.

Cordially,

  
William A. Rosenthal

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## MEMORANDUM

C O N F I D E N T I A LDate August 9, 1971From RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH, DirectorTo Rabbi Maurice N. EisendrathCopy for information of Rabbi Alexander SchindlerSubject Summary of Conversation -- August 9, 1971

In accord with your request, I am herewith sending you a summary of our conversation of this afternoon. We discussed the following subjects:

(1) Announcement at Biennial

We agreed that at a prominent spot in the biennial program, there would be an announcement of the following: (a) the move of the World Union from New York to Jerusalem; (b) initiation of the Jerusalem Center project (hopefully we might have some money raised by that time to announce); and (c) the appointment of RGH. The announcement would be made jointly by the following: Bamberger, Eisendrath and Gottschalk, in that order.

(2) Increasing the Operating Budget of the World Union for Progressive Judaism

We agreed that it was essential to raise the present operating budget and to reorganize the multiplicity of fund raising efforts. Our judgment as to what specifically to propose is dependent on a prior decision concerning the Klutznick Committee's 14% proposal. Should we decide not to go for the full 14%, then we could suggest either (a) a Dollar Per Person compulsory added to the congregational bill to go to the World Union for Progressive Judaism, or (b) a move to 13% with the understanding that the additional per cent would go to Israel projects. It was your judgment that if we added the additional per cent, we would have to split it with the College's program in Israel. I pointed out that if so, this would not give us more than \$150,000, which is about \$45,000 over our present contribution from congregations (\$82,000 to Dollar Per Person and \$21,000 direct to WUPJ). We agreed that we would continue to discuss this matter until the decision concerning the Klutznick report became clearer. My own feeling is that the Dollar Per Person for WUPJ is the most preferable.

*Religious Action Center*

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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(Under any circumstances, it should be clear that the World Union will continue to raise funds from Sisterhoods and individuals beyond whatever funds come from the above mentioned sources. It should be clear that at the very minimum, even if we have gone for the 14% Klutznick report and even if it is passed, there should be a resolution calling on all congregations to add the Dollar Per Person to the bill -- which is essentially a reaffirmation of the voluntary Dollar Per Person we now have.)

I want to stress the importance of increasing the operating budget of the World Union. From my perspective this is prerequisite for any progress, and frankly I would not be interested in assuming professional responsibility for the WUPJ if I did not believe that it could and should become a major force in the Reform movement and in world Jewish life as well as in Israel.

### (3) Biennial Resolution

Once we know what decision will be made on operating budget funds, we will decide about a resolution -- whether it should be in the President's message or elsewhere.

### (4) Timing

We discussed when I should officially assume responsibility for the World Union. We agreed that as soon as possible after the Biennial -- I imagine that December 1st (and in this Bernard Bamberger concurs) would be best, but under no circumstances should it be any later than January 1st. There is a problem in connection with Bill Rosenthal -- as to when a terminal date should be set. I indicated that, as far as I was concerned, even after I took over, if Bill did not have a position, he could continue, assuming that funds to pay him were available, but frankly, I think it wise for me not to be involved at all in the decision concerning a terminal date for Bill. It is important that there be no delay in this matter because if we are talking about implementing all of these programs, we must do so in the period immediately after the Biennial. Whatever resolution is passed concerning operating budget will take a great deal of work to implement. We will have to develop a good brochure for the World Union, commence with reorganization of the North American Board, etc.

### (5) Salary

I indicated to you that I had discussed a salary figure with Alex, Bamberger and Shankman. The figure discussed was \$32,000 plus full union pension. In addition, I have discussed with Alex the fact that a letter should be written indicating that I retain my tenure with the UAHC.

(6) Budget

You suggested that I draw up a tentative budget. I have done so for the administration only (attached). Since many of the items are unknown, the budget is very tentative. At the proper time Alex and Josh will have to work with me on it. The other items will remain as they would normally have been, at least for this year, with the understanding that we will expand our programs and as more funds are available, we will develop a new budget for the following year.

(7) The Jewish Agency and Appointment on the Executive

My suggestion is that Alex send a letter, after communicating with Dave Polish, to Pincus. Rough draft of letter is enclosed.

(8) Negotiations for the Land in Israel

Fred Gottschalk is leaving for Israel this week. He will negotiate with the government for a final agreement. As of now there are several possibilities. Assuming the figures of the government's clearance costs of IL1,700,000 are corroborated, he will offer the government half, on the grounds that they have already given us half of the land for nothing. If there is a significantly lower clearance cost figure, he will offer that amount.

(9) Relationship to College

We have agreed that at the earliest possible date you, Alex, Fred and I should sit down and put into writing the exact relationship between us and the College concerning land use, responsibility for raising funds for building, and use of facilities. I assume that this can be an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding of April 5, 1971.

(10) Formal Action by UAHC Executive Board and/or Board of Trustees

We agreed that a special resolution adopting the Jerusalem project should be approved by the UAHC Executive Board -- you indicated that the Board of Trustees may have to endorse the project officially.

We agreed that a high level Jerusalem committee of potential big givers should be created. I already have a list of a dozen or so names I have either contacted or initiated contacts on. (One of these names is Koffler of Toronto -- I have already spoken to Gunther about him and Gunther is supposed to be sounding him out. You are to try to set up a meeting sometime during the holidays when I, together with you, would speak with him.)

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

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August 9, 1971

(11) Development Plans

I am awaiting your response on the enclosed plan which would be used as a basis for making a fund raising pitch.

RGH/cf  
encls.

Copy of Audit

The World Union for Progressive Judaism, Ltd.  
Schedule of Expenses of Administration of Hdqs.  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1970

		NEW YORK OFFICE	JERUSALEM HDQS.
Domestic salaries, maintenance and employee benefits .....	\$33,173.03)		
Payroll taxes .....	522.40)		
Retirement expenses .....	1,800.00)		
Sub-total.....	\$35,495.43	\$10,000.00 (1)	\$ 45,000.00 (2)
Professional fees - audit.....	1,062.64	1,062.64	500.00
Book publication expenses.....	1,050.17	1,050.17	---
Travel and related expenses.....	249.81	* 1,500.00	5,000.00
Postage and shipping expenses.....	1,261.56	* 2,000.00	2,000.00
Telephone and telegraph.....	462.97	* 2,000.00	2,000.00
Organizational dues and subscriptions.....	1,131.09	1,131.09	---
Printing and duplication.....	4,245.25	* 6,500.00	2,000.00
Office supplies and expense.....	227.49	* 1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	1,062.98	* 1,500.00	1,500.00
Rent	---	---	2,100.00 (3)
Total Administration of Hqs.	\$46,249.39	\$27,743.90	\$61,100.00
Less: Administration costs allo- located by Management for Leo Baeck School - Haifa.....	1,000.00	- 12,000.00 (A)	- 4,600.00 (C)
	\$45,249.39	\$15,743.90	\$56,500.00

\* Changes from present New York budget

- (1) Salaries, Pensions, Taxes -- Part-time professional, secretary
- (2) Salaries, Pensions, Taxes -- Director, 2 Secretaries (1/2 for Director of Youth Activities)
- (3) Rent to HUC - includes office for Youth Department

Note:

The additional office costs will be offset by following income or savings:

- (A) \$12,000 budget for Administration of UAHC Israel Committee - 1971-72
- (B) No addition to Commission on Social Action Staff
- (C) \$4,600 savings on budget of Israel Youth Director - Rent and part-time secretary
- (D) Some savings on administration of Israel program of WUPJ -- which shall be combined in Jerusalem office

D R A F T

Mr. Louis Pincus  
The Jewish Agency  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Lou:

Pursuant to our conversation in Geneva, I want to remind you that we in the Reform movement are anxious to have Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch be appointed as a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency. We have discussed this matter with our key leadership and we are convinced that such an appointment would redound to the benefit of both the Reform movement and the State of Israel and would serve to strengthen the bonds between us.

I would like to hear from you concerning a timetable for the appointment and if there is anything which we can or should do to facilitate it.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Alexander Schindler

CC: Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath  
Rabbi David Polish



Call Bernie Bamberger re possible luncheon  
meeting on the day of the meeting.

Hold for meeting

## MEMORANDUM

C O N F I D E N T I A LDate August 23, 1971From RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH, DirectorTo Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my memo to Bernie and Maurice.

You should note that I do not intend to go into the Executive meeting of the World Union without a clear understanding and full agreement between the four of us prior to the meeting on the agenda items *in my memo of August 9.*

RGH/cf  
encl.

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# MEMORANDUM

Date August 23, 1971

From RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH, Director

To Rabbis Bernard Bamberger and Maurice N. Eisendrath

Copy for information of Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Subject \_\_\_\_\_

I talked with Alex on the phone and we agreed that it is essential for the four of us to meet prior to the Executive Committee meeting of the World Union. Alex will assume responsibility for setting up the meeting. If for some reason we cannot arrange to meet in person, then I suggest we have a conference call.

Bernie, pursuant to my phone conversation with Maurice, I wrote him a summary memo, a copy of which I am enclosing for your information.

NOTE: The projected budget figures do not include consideration of the following:

(1) Cash subvention	\$18,000
(2) Cash subvention-past deficit	4,000
(3) Cost of building services	<u>17,992</u>

Total	\$39,992
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(As listed in the 1971-72 budget of the UAHC)

*Jacob Frankman just called - enquired about developments - I am sending him a copy of the memo as well, so that he will be fully informed.*

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# MEMORANDUM

*Held for Sep 9<sup>th</sup> meeting*

Date July 30, 1971

From RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH, Director

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Albert Vorspan, Rabbi Balfour Brickner,  
Rabbi Leonard Schoolman

To \_\_\_\_\_

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Jerusalem Center

Enclosed is a rough draft of a statement I have prepared to serve as an explanation of what is contemplated for Jerusalem. This would also become the basis of an approach on fund raising. Please look the material over carefully and give me, in writing, any suggestions for additions, word changes, subtractions, etc. I will be in New York for the meeting of the Interim Resolutions Committee on Tuesday, August 3, and can discuss the matter in person with you at that time -- if we can grab a few minutes.

RGH/cf  
encl.

*Did - this is great!  
Corrected*

*note memo*

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DRAFT

August 1, 1971

Development Plans for Jerusalem

Within the last several months, significant new developments have occurred within Reform Judaism. In response to the request of a delegation representing the Hebrew Union College and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Government of Israel has agreed to lease to the Hebrew Union College 12 dunam (3 acres) of land adjacent to its present School of Bible and Archaeology in Jerusalem. In a separate understanding the Hebrew Union College has agreed to make land available to the UAHC for the development on the new site of a worldwide educational center. On July 11, the Governing Body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism voted to move the international offices to Jerusalem, to be temporarily housed in the Hebrew Union College, pending the erection of new international headquarters in the expanded Jerusalem complex.

*Jewish Institute of Religion*  
*↑ of Religion*  
*Jewish Institute of Religion*  
*↑ the*  
*School of Bible + Archaeology*

These developments have opened new vistas for creative and cooperative programming for ~~Reform~~ *Progressive* Jewry throughout the world. While recognizing the need for separate facilities because of function and character unique to the respective institutions, it was agreed to plan for shared use of facilities and for common programming wherever possible. A new master plan *is being* ~~will be~~ developed for the Jerusalem complex, incorporating the projected needs of the College *- Institute* and the ~~movement~~ *movement*, and in

architectural harmony with the existing campus. In the belief that this new venture will appeal dramatically to ~~a large~~ persons of means who will wish to be identified with the project, it was decided to embark on a limited, selective fund raising effort to raise the necessary capital funds.

Time is of the essence, since the Israeli government is making the land available with the understanding that the land will be developed for use in the near future. Half the land is being allocated free of charge and a 5-year option has been given for the second half, on which 5 annual payments are to be made, the first falling due January 1, 1972. The plot, fronting on King David Street, a block away from the King David Hotel and the YMCA, and with a magnificent view of the Old City, is one of the finest, most expensive plots of ground in all Israel. Through its act of generosity, the Government has expressed its confidence in the institutions of Reform Judaism and has indicated its receptivity to <sup>the development of</sup> a broader, more intensive educational program in Israel.

Purposes to be Served by Expanded ~~Program~~ <sup>Center</sup>

The State of Israel comprises a dynamic instrumentality for the education of <sup>World Jewry</sup> ~~Diaspora Jews~~. Israel has become a center of contemporary Jewish culture, as well as the bearer of a re-vivified Hebrew language and a renewed interest in the Bible and in the classic Jewish heritage.

Every year more ~~Diaspora~~ Jews flock to Israel for tours, high school and college study programs, work experiences, in kibbutzim and extended stays of varying purpose.

The <sup>Progressive</sup> ~~Reform~~ movement has recognized the impact of an Israel experience through its sponsorship of the following programs:

- (a) The program of rabbinic studies conducted at the Hebrew Union College Bible and Archaeology School, including the recently instituted mandatory first year in Israel program for students entering the HUC-JIR.
- (b) Youth programs, including: the Eisendrath-International-Exchange (EIE) studies of a half-year duration at the Leo Baeck School and elsewhere; the summer pilgrimages of the National Federation of Temple Youth; confirmation class tours; Bar Mitzvah in Israel programs, etc.
- (c) Programs for rabbis: the Central Conference of American Rabbis Convention in March, 1970; the Seminar with Kibbutz leadership in July, 1971; sabbatical programs for rabbis

- (d) Tours for adults -- sponsored by the UAHC nationally and locally by hundreds of rabbis, congregations, sisterhoods and men's clubs
- (e) Educators and Adult Education Institutes conducted by the Commission on Jewish Education, in cooperation with the Hebrew University and the Jewish Agency

~~The above~~ <sup>These</sup> and other programs have profoundly affected the lives and life-philosophies of thousands of Jews. These programs need to be intensified and expanded. New programs need to be created. It is one thing for a person to have a first experience of general touring. It is quite another to ~~have a guided, educationally enriching experience,~~ to have a second or third visit combined with ~~study~~ <sup>an educationally enriching experience</sup>.

The new educational center to be established will coordinate tours, study missions, and educational programs for the ~~Reform~~ <sup>Progressive</sup> movement. In cooperation with the Hebrew Union College, it will sponsor educational programs to enrich the Jewish backgrounds of educators, teachers, communal workers, and lay leaders. It will sponsor conferences and seminars on issues affecting world Jewry, on Jewish theology, Jewish ethics, and Jewish religious life. It will symbolize the highest values of ~~Reform~~ <sup>Progressive</sup> Judaism, stimulating a renewal of Jewish values and a concern for relating Judaism to contemporary society.



At the present time, there is no comparable institution in Israel. Because there are inadequate physical facilities for conventions, conferences, seminars and artistic performances in Jerusalem, the facilities to be erected may be made available for the use of the general Israeli public as well as for other institutional groups outside the Reform movement.

#### Additional Physical Facilities

Present plans call for the following facilities to be included in the new master plan:

##### (1) Offices

- (a) The International Headquarters of the World Union for Progressive Judaism
- (b) The Office of Israel Progressive Judaism
- (c) The Office of Youth Activities -- coordinating the programs in Israel of youth from the United States and overseas, as well as the programs for Israeli youth affiliated with Progressive Judaism

##### (2) Auditorium

The present chapel of the Hebrew Union College seats less than 200 persons. It is too small for the many hundreds who want to attend services and is inadequate for the convening of large groups. It is contemplated to erect a much larger multi-purpose facility, seating between 800-1,000. The facility would be used for meetings, services and cultural performances. It

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but no home shows he*

would have the latest audio-visual equipment, including facilities for multi-lingual <sup>Simultaneous</sup> ~~instantaneous~~ translation.

(3) Conference-Classrooms

The present facilities of the Hebrew Union College contain inadequate classroom space. It is contemplated that within the next five years the College's program will have developed to the point where at least an additional 7 rooms of varying size will be required. These rooms will be utilized, as well, for conferences and seminars.

(4) Library-Study Area

The present library of the College is small and there is little space for study. A much larger working-reference library is contemplated, with facilities for 100,000 volumes. Study <sup>carrels</sup> ~~cubicles~~ for students will be provided, as well as separate studies for professors, visiting lecturers, and rabbis on sabbatical.

(5) <sup>Dining</sup> ~~Eating~~ Facilities

A cafeteria or fast-service eating facility will be provided for serving inexpensive meals. Provision will be made for accommodating larger groups when necessary.

(6) Archaeology-Creative Arts Museum

Facilities will be provided for proper display of archaeological finds, religious articles of historic interest, as well as contemporary creative arts. Provision will also be made for display and sale of educational materials produced by the ~~Reform~~ <sup>Progressive</sup> Movement.

movement. Consideration is also being given to providing work-space for artisans engaged in producing articles of religious interest.

(7) Archaeology Work Rooms

The work area for sorting, cleaning and reconstructing archaeological findings requires expansion.

(8) Outdoor Areas

A small amphitheatre already exists. Other spaces of use and beauty will be provided, in keeping with the character of the institutions and the Jerusalem setting.

(9) Off-street Parking

Either a parking lot or a parking garage will be provided.

(The initial phase does not include the erection of dormitory facilities, although these may later be incorporated.)

The Jerusalem project represents an historic undertaking for Reform Judaism. It reaffirms the place of Israel in Reform Jewish life, and commits Reform Judaism to play a more active role in the drama being enacted there. It symbolizes a coordinated approach of all the institutions of Reform Judaism. It enriches the Jewish content and the Jewish loyalties of ~~Dispora~~ *Wise* Jewry. It provides an Israeli institution with which Reform Jews can identify. It gives support, status and impetus to Progressive

Judaism in Israel. It serves the needs of Israel for intellectual and spiritual stimulation. It provides much needed new public facilities for Jerusalem.

Confident in the will and capacity of our movement to fulfill the vision, let us proceed.



## MEMORANDUM

Date August 20, 1971From RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH, DirectorTo Rabbi Leonard SchoolmanRabbis Alexander Schindler, Balfour Brickner and  
Stephen Schafer; Albert Vorspan

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject JERUSALEM PROJECT

Except from Lenny Schoolman, I have not received any response on my memo to the above for comments on this important matter.

Leonard, would you please make an effort to convene a meeting of the above for a half-hour or an hour to go over the memo and to come up with reactions, including specific suggestions in writing.

I would appreciate having the response before Labor Day.

RGH/cf

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Dear Colleague:

This brochure contains a great dream embodied in a specific plan and program. The dream is to develop in Israel a liberal movement of Judaism, and the plan encompasses the concrete steps toward that goal.

Whether you have been to Israel once or a hundred times, you have perceived the basic spiritual dilemma here. This is an Israelistate but not fully a Jewish one. Many of the people living here are quite outspoken about the fact that Judaism is a ghetto form of self-expression, to be replaced by proud independent Israelism. Still others are not that militant, but simply feel that while it is necessary for the Jew in the Galut to identify himself by a religious label, such a need does not apply here where the identification is achieved more naturally through a national label.

Strange as it may sound, Israel needs religious schools to teach the heritage of the Jewish people; youth groups and summer camps; institutes of Jewish ethics; and men's and women's clubs for recreation and adult education. There may be those who feel that these programs and institutions are losing their ability to interest people in the Diaspora - so why should they be of any use here. But the answer lies in the time difference. Israel stands today where the Diaspora Jewish community was 40-50 years ago.

There is a need here which we, as a Movement, are equipped to fill. Jews have burst forth from Russia against all odds, taking terrible risks, seeking reunification with people, faith, history and land. They come to Israel out of a background of almost sixty years of state suppression of religion, where they have had no chance to study Judaism. But they come with a desperate hunger and desire to live creative Jewish lives. What the new Russian immigrant wants, is also what many a rooted Israeli citizen wants. He has rebelled against orthodox religion, has replaced it with nationalism, now feels that this is not enough, and is looking with some hunger for a set of values, beliefs and practices.

The brochure describes two separate projects which are obviously linked. One is the construction of the World Education Center in Jerusalem, and the other is the creation of a network of institutions throughout all of Israel. On page three there is a photograph of architect Moshe Sadfie's model of the Center, superimposed on the Jerusalem site it will occupy. The present buildings of the HUC-JIR are part of that site. Then the Jerusalem Center is described in detail on the next eight pages, both as to buildings, and more importantly, the programs to be carried out in those buildings. The balance of the

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brochure describes under various headings, the development of the movement throughout the rest of Israel.

We are all aware of the problem of spending money on "bricks and mortar" versus spending on "program". In a well-balanced and soundly financed plan there should be no contradiction. It is our hope to work with a careful sense of balance. Some of the money we raise will be used for building, and some will be put away in an endowment to finance program needs.

I am an optimistic believer in the fact that free Jewry will give the money, which is being sought world-wide. I am a pragmatist, in that I know that no one will step forward and volunteer it. We must ask for it. At this stage we are seeking minimum gifts of \$100,000 payable over three to five years. I know the prospect list is limited by this high-figure qualification. I know further that many persons have made huge pledges to UJA and Bonds, for 1974, and must do so again for 1975. To these facts, add the continuing threat of war here; and the specter of world-wide recession. This is certainly not an optimal time to launch a new venture.

Yet, we have gotten started, and should not now desist. Exactly now - when it is hard, not easy, should those who believe in this dream plough forward, impervious to obstacles. Just as Israel continues to grow physically, year after year, in spite of all wars, terrorism, shortages, economic crises - so must she grow spiritually or she will become a stranger to our hopes for her. The major boards of our Movement, HUC-JIR, UAHC, CCAR, World Union, have all discussed and approved the basic idea. We are committed as a world Movement to build a liberal Jewish religious system in Israel, for the benefit of the Jews who live here, as well as for the feedback benefits to the Diaspora communities. We have a master plan, embodying this basic idea. With exquisite non-concern for all external circumstances, we must search for the money, build the buildings and find the professional staff willing to come on aliyah and create the program here.

Please think of prospects. This is not a mass campaign. Think of the one, two or possibly three <sup>men</sup> who have the vision and the means and who could be approached. You talk to them. If you would rather not, send their names to me with a bit of background information. If you have any thoughts, questions, suggestions or words of wisdom, please write,

With thanks in advance for your cooperation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman

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FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM  
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Jerusalem, Israel  
Tel: 02 - 232444

Dear Alex —

Thought you  
would be interested in  
seeing this.

Look forward to your  
visit mid-October.

Meanwhile, take it easy.

Herb

Herbert A. Friedman

cc: MHR



SUMMARY REPORT ON LAST TRIP - August 26 to September 12, 1974I. Paris (en route to New York)

Saw Michel Topiol, leader of the campaign and the Zionist organisation, to inform him of our project, enlist his support, and active suggestions. He is sympathetic and understanding; suggested some prospects; and feels that whatever we do will not affect the main campaign. It was important to win him over, and now I am continuing to pursue the people he suggested. There will not be a large number of prospects, but in keeping with my basic idea that the whole free Jewish world should be part of our project, I wanted to take the first step in France.

Incidentally, I have made a start by now with prospects in Canada, England, Germany and Geneva, as well as the United States. A side trip to Copenhagen, visiting Professor Isi Foigel, the head of the community, revealed sympathy but, in his judgment, no real prospects. Socialism has flattened out the financial capability of individuals, and assimilation has flattened their Jewish enthusiasms.

My judgment indicates there is not much value in probing Austria (limited number of Jews, none wealthy); or Italy (the very few wealthy Jews are orthodox, mostly in Milan); or Antwerp (strongly orthodox); or Stockholm (ditto). The future European possibilities to be looked into are Zurich and Brussels. I think we should also touch base in South Africa and Australia, and lastly, perhaps, in Latin America, although I am not certain the latter is worthwhile.

II. United States

1. Renewed contacts with prospects in Nashville - Simon Weil, Gus Kuhn, Harry Zimmerman and Harold Hassenfeld. Kuhn summarised by saying that as soon as he had any reason to feel optimistic, economically, he would be happy to get serious about making a commitment. David Steine, who was very helpful, explained that he would have to delay on the Jerusalem Center, because of a commitment to the Centennial Fund. I understood his position, and still believe that in the next two or three years, finances permitting, he will also contribute to Jerusalem.
2. Reopened contact with Arthur Beerman Foundation through lawyer, Gerald Wilks of Dayton, who took over responsibility as trustee from Jerry Goldman of Cincinnati, who died recently. Mr. Wilks was sympathetic and must seek favorable opportunity to present the matter to the widow and Board.

3. Opened contact with Rabbi Pilchik of Newark, re building list of prospects in Essex County, and setting date for a soliciting visit. He will also seek advice from Rabbis Weiner and Kroloff, re names to be added to the list.
4. Renewed contact with Rabbis Plaut and Pearlson in Toronto re five prospects whom I have seen once, to determine what our next steps should be. I proposed a small meeting of the five, together with Mr. Abba Eban, who is interested in helping us. The rabbis are probing the attitudes of the five, plus determining attitude of the Welfare Federation, to ascertain best date, method, etc. This may come off quickly in early November, or may have to wait until spring.
5. Opened contact with Rabbi Sobel of Temple Emanu-El in New York, to introduce the whole subject of seeking to borrow large sums for several years at little or no interest, in order to get our project started, and not wait until the economic climate was better for fundraising. (This decision to go ahead and seek borrowed funds was made at the meeting of Rabbis Gottschalk and Schindler, and Messrs. Tannenwald and Ross on 29 August 1974). I asked him to look through his membership list carefully, to select a very few names of very rich old people who might be willing to loan us some money; and then to put aside two days for me during which we could call on these people. He agreed to the idea, and I am waiting to hear from him.

Incidentally, I saw both Morris Levinson and Jack Weiler, requesting suggestions from each about the feasibility of finding loan money. Both gave me names which I sent to Rabbi Sobel, to add to his list.

6. Renewed contact with Phil Klutznick in Chicago on several subjects:
  - a) Livingston Foundation of Omaha Phil has a relative who is a trustee of the Foundation, and whom he will urge to make a contribution. He does not think we will get as large an amount as I requested, but he thinks we can get something.
  - b) Galinski of Berlin Phil has written to Nahum Goldmann asking for intervention with Galinski, to arrange a hearing to reverse the present negative reply. We shall see Goldmann when he is in Israel later in October.
  - c) Loan Idea Phil thinks it is a good and sound idea and should be pursued, with a variation. He doesn't think we need two and a half or three million dollars to get started, and shouldn't try to get large amounts, but instead should seek to find 10 or 15 men from whom to borrow \$100,000 to \$150,000 each, which would start out as a loan and would or might ultimately be converted to a gift. He acknowledged that he would be among this group. He was going to make a list of suggestions and send it to me.

3)

III LONDON (en route back to Israel)

Tried to see Sir Max Rayne, who was involved in an unexpected crisis and could not see me, but we made a date for October 15 when I will next be in London on behalf of JIA. I wrote him a letter from Rabbi Hugo Gryn's office, outlining the idea of using Mr. Abba Eban, who will be in London on November 14, and has offered to help, at a private luncheon of the seven prospects whom I have previously contacted. If Sir Max were to be the host at such a luncheon, with Eban as guest, everyone undoubtedly would come. Of course, the economic situation in England is dreadful, much worse than in the United States, and Sir Max might feel that this is an impossible time - but at least I will see him in mid-October and try to persuade him.

8/24/74  
Send copies  
of these  
to Nat Ross  
Herb's letter  
Meyerhoff contract

June 14, 1974

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion  
Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
U.S.A.

Dear Fred:

Enclosed is the official letter from the Meyerhoff Foundation.  
It has finally come as a result of my most recent visit to him.

As you can see from the last paragraph, he wants someone to sign  
it in addition to myself. I think it should be you.

May I suggest, therefore, that you sign it and mail it back to me.  
Meyerhoff will be in Israel until July 1st, and I could conceivably get it  
back from you in time to hand it to him personally.

By the way, the only new factor which he has interjected is the  
one of the 1980 deadline. In other words, since he predicates his whole  
approach on a 10% basis, he will only pay \$500,000 if we receive \$5 million.  
Should we receive \$4 million, for example, by June 1st, 1980, then we will  
only get \$400,000.

Since it took me so long to get the actual commitment letter from  
him, I decided I didn't want to fight with him over this point, which  
had never been mentioned before. I would rather gamble on this point  
becoming quite academic by that date.

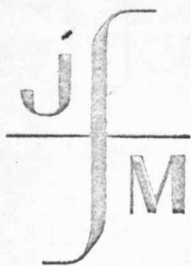
As ever,

Herbert A. Friedman

Encl:

cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler ✓





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June 5, 1974

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
World Education Center for Progressive Judaism  
13 King David Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

In response to your letter of March 15, 1974, which followed our various earlier discussions, the Joseph Meyerhoff Fund, Inc. is pleased to make the following commitment towards the project described in the memorandum attached to your March 15th letter.

In consideration of the pledges of others, the Fund will contribute a total maximum of \$500,000. to the World Education Center for Progressive Judaism for the program outlined in the said memorandum, subject to the following terms and considerations:

(1) Payments for the three years 1974, 1975 and 1976 will be based on 10% of the amount actually received by the World Center from others, but with a maximum payment of \$50,000 for 1974, \$50,000 for 1975 and \$100,000 for 1976.

(2) Thereafter the Fund will continue to make payments on the basis of 10% of the amount actually received from others, but with no annual limit up to total payment by us of \$500,000.

(3) This commitment is to remain in effect only until June 1, 1980. If by that date, the World Center has not raised at least \$5 million, entitling it to receive from the Fund 10% of this amount, or \$500,000, then our commitment terminates as of June 1, 1980, upon payment by the Fund of 10% of the total amount actually received by the World Center for the above stated purpose from others, prior to that date.

(4) Whenever the World Center requests any payment from the Fund, the Center is to provide the Fund with a specific list of amounts received, as validation for the request.

(5) The Fund requests the privilege of suggesting an appropriate name for one of the facilities to be erected as part of the World Center, possibly

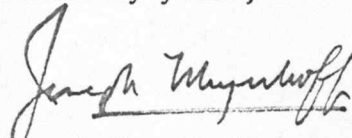
Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
June 5, 1974  
Page 2

the contemplated popular multi-lingual library. When I get to Israel in the next two weeks, we can discuss this matter further to arrive at a mutually satisfactory arrangement as to this aspect of the commitment.

In anticipation that these terms are acceptable to the World Center, I have signed two copies of this letter on behalf of the Fund. I would ask you to have one copy signed by yourself and any one else authorized to do so for the World Center and return this copy to us.

With best wishes for the success of your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph Meyerhoff", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Meyerhoff  
President

JM/cdk

The above terms are agreed to.

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Date:

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Among this majority there are many signs of restlessness and discontent with the spiritual vacuum in their lives. Israeli society has been characterised since the Six Day War, by an excessive materialism - and the typical social evening was spent discussing wages, cars, trips abroad, clothes, apartments. While this is obviously less true since the Yom Kippur War, still the tendency continues. At the very same moment that these nice intelligent people are talking about such subjects, they realise somehow the emptiness of such concerns, and they realise the irony of the contradiction between this kind of talk and the early pioneering qualities which characterised this country. They do want something more to believe in than a new car, and they do know intuitively that this country was based on the most idealistic concepts which ever motivated the creation of a state. They seek a new set of values. They are not really happy with the ugly emphasis on materialism - but they do not know where to turn, to find and express values.

Socialism and chalutzit activity are confined to the kibbutzim; voluntarism in the cities expresses itself minimally, whether in neighborhood groups to absorb new immigrants, or a movement called Odod, designed to help underprivileged youth in backward development towns, or even in the civil guard now being recruited. Study and intellectual pursuits are weakening; and the organized congregational life of the Diaspora does not exist here.

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Our methods and systems and outlooks coincide exactly with what they are looking for, and we should organize ourselves to serve them. We definitely have something with which to satisfy their craving for Jewish spiritual self-expression in a liberal permissive form.

By the way, what the new Russian immigrant wants, is also what the rooted Israeli citizen wants. He has rebelled against religion, has left orthodoxy, replaced it with nationalism, feels that it is not enough, and is looking, with some hunger, for a set of values, beliefs and practices which will be more soul-satisfying than planning how to find the money for another trip to Cyprus or Rome.

There is a vacuum here which we are equipped to fill, if we but commit ourselves as a movement to the creation of the program described in this brochure.

Let me explain the brochure. It describes two separate projects, which are obviously linked. One is the construction of the World Education Center in Jerusalem, from which the brochure takes its title, and the other is the creation of a network of institutions throughout all of Israel, which, when taken together, add up to a full movement.

There is a prologue page which states the rationale for building a movement in Israel; followed by a photograph of architect Moshe Safdie's model of the Jerusalem World Center, superimposed on the Jerusalem site it will occupy. The present buildings of the HUC-JIR are part of that site. Then the Jerusalem Center is described in detail in the next



eight pages, both as to buildings, and more importantly, the programs to be carried out in those buildings.

The balance of the brochure describes, under various headings, the development of a movement throughout the country. The Youth program is contemplated to embrace high schools, summer camps, youth villages, dormitories in kibbutzim and a boarding school. The synagogue centers are intended to provide, in addition to worship, a full range of educational and social programs. The kibbutz and moshav are intended to establish our movement in the soil, in the accepted Israeli fashion. The Ideological Center is visualised as the place where we will define our thoughts, publish what we believe, teach it to the leaders of Israel in all phases of life, and apply our beliefs to the ethical problems of society. The CCAR program is intended to find manpower to help carry out all the above programs, as well as provide guidance service to men wishing to come to Israel on sabbatical or retirement.

In any venture of this size and scope, but particularly today, after years of perhaps unhappy experience with large buildings which are costly and often do not have enough funds in an operating budget to maintain annual programs, there is always a discussion about the relative merits of spending money on "bricks and mortar" versus spending on "program". In a well-balanced and soundly financed scheme there should be no contradiction. It is our hope to work and plan with a careful sense of balance.

Buildings are needed - administration and program cannot all take place outdoors under the sky, but buildings should never become ends in themselves; they are only tools and must be kept in proportion. Our master plan will build whatever structure is required, of good standard, not luxurious or flashy; and provide at the same time whatever funds are needed to function effectively within those walls.

I am an optimistic believer in the fact that free Western Jewry, from whom the building and program money needs to be obtained, will give it. I am a pragmatist in that I know that no one will step forward and volunteer it. We must ask for it. All of us must ask, must become involved in the search for those few men who will have the vision to understand what we are talking about, plus the means to back up the vision.

At this stage we are seeking minimum gifts of \$100,000, payable over three to five years. I know the prospect list is limited by this high-figure qualification. I know further that those who love Israel the most, have made huge pledges to UJA and the Bonds, for 1974, and must do so again for 1975. All this makes the search even harder. To these facts let us add the continuing threat of war here; and the spectre of world-wide recession. This adds up to a picture which could cause one to say that this is certainly not an optimal time to launch a new venture. True!!

Yet - dafke now - when it is hard, not easy, should those who believe in this dream plough forward impervious to the obstacles. Just as Israel continues to grow physically, year after year, in spite of all wars, terrorism, shortages, economic crises - so must she grow spiritually or she will become a stranger to our hopes for her. With exquisite unconcern for all external circumstances, we must search for the money, build the buildings, and find the professional staff willing to make aliyah and create the program here.

Please think of prospects. This is not a mass campaign. Think of the one or two, or possibly three, men whom you could approach. Talk to them. If you see a spark of interest - write to me - I'll come over and work with you to try to obtain the gift.

If you have any questions, words of wisdom, thoughts or suggestions, please write. The major boards of our movement, HUC-JIR, UAHC, CCAR, World Union, have all discussed and approved the basic idea. We are committed as a world movement to build a liberal Jewish religious system in Israel, for the benefit of the Jews who live there, as well as for the feedback benefits for the Diaspora communities. We have a master plan, embodying this basic idea. Now, dafke now, at a time of war and uncertainty, we should continue to push forward.

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P R O S P E C T S      E U R O P E A N

1. LEONARD COHEN

10 Rue Robert de Traz  
Geneva, Switzerland

I have had several conversations with him, both in Geneva and Israel. He is generous (one million to an ORT engineering college on the campus of the Hebrew University; half million annually to Keren Hayesod) and friendly. I asked him for \$500,000 over 5 years. His reply is attached. Even though it appears to be a refusal, I believe he should be cultivated and followed up, perhaps a smaller gift asked.

2. Madame ANDRE MAUS (Jacqueline)

1200 Collonges-Bellerive GE  
Switzerland

*Should be seen.*

3. HEINZ GALINSKI

Judische Gemeinde zu Berlin  
Fasanenstr. 79/80  
1 Berlin 12  
Germany

There is a long saga of this story but very briefly I approached him as head of the Berlin community for one million, and Alexander Ginsberg in Dusseldorf as secretary of all the communities in Germany for a similar amount.

I translated material into the German language for them; asked Fred and Alex to write to them; tried to involve Axel Springer into urging Berlin at least to agree; tried to get Phil Klutznick and Nachum Goldmann to speak to Galinski; and based the whole approach on a historical Foundation.

4. ALEXANDER GINSBURG

Generalsekretur  
Zentralrat der Juden in Deutschland  
Fischerstr. 49  
4 Dusseldorf Nord.  
Germany

Galinski answered Fred and Alex as per attached letter. But I do not feel we should accept that as final. I believe we should pursue the matter.

5. PIERRE AUERBACH

Sefri-Cime  
16 Avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Paris  
France

Phil Barach suggested him as a prospect and wrote to him. I also wrote saying we would meet when I next came through Paris.

L O N D O N

6. SIR MAX RAYNE  
100 George Street  
London W.1.  
935-3555

I visited him together with Hugo Gryn. He was definitely interested - wanted to talk to Lord Goodman and Sir Isaac Berlin about the project.

7. SIR JACK LYONS  
UDS group  
Seymour Street  
London W.1.

I spoke with him twice. He said he would have to find some money for us. He spoke of 50,000 pounds Sterling, and I spoke of 100,000 pounds Sterling. We left it open. In addition he offered us the portrait bust of Weizmann done by Jacob Epstein, to adorn any part of the Center.

8. INSTONE BLOOMFIELD  
52 Berkeley Square  
London W1X 6EH  
Tel. 493-6621

I asked him for 100,000 pounds Sterling. We spoke for two hours. Subsequently I saw him again for dinner at Hugo Gryn's house. We are in communication re a future (October) visit to Israel, when he wishes to meet Professor Scholem, which I have already arranged.

9. RALPH YABLON  
21 St. James Place  
London S.W.1.

I spoke with him twice, in his house, once for dinner and once for breakfast. He is intrigued with the idea. I suggested he think over how to involve the memory of his beloved Rabbi Reinhardt. He liked that but wondered whether the widow would like to have Reinhardt linked with Israel. I asked Rabbi Philip Bernstein, a good friend of his, to write him, urging participation.

10. MYRON ACKERMAN  
Henhall Cottage  
Nantwich, Cheshire  
Tel: (0270) 65782

I saw him at his home in the country, Crewe near Manchester, together with Rabbi Selwin Goldberg. We struck a rapid rapport (both ex-American, ex-Yale etc.). I asked him for 100,000 pounds Sterling. He said he wanted to consult with a brother. I have written, he has not replied. The visit was very brief and must be followed up.



## 11. ROY HOFFBERGER

He is a friend from Baltimore who is taking off a couple of years to live in London. He is remarkably capable and generous person. He believes completely in our project. Coincidentally he is working with Albert Friedlander on a program at the Westminster Synagogue. He volunteered the fact that the family foundation still owes a large amount on previous pledges (average 500,000) per year, but when they catch up somewhat, they would want to participate.

12. CHARLES CLORE  
(via Stuart Young)  
4th Floor  
St. Alphege House  
Fore Street  
London Wall  
London EC2Y 5DH  
Tel: 628 9771

I did not see him personally, since he was out of the country, but had a long talk with his auditor, Stuart Young, who is a good friend (hon. Treas. of the JIA). Stuart is definitely in favor of our project and feels that Clore would be also. I will have to work out a date with Stuart to meet Clore personally.

## 13. CLIFFORD BARCLAY

See #6 below

## 14. MRS. HAMMERSON

Ditto

## PLAN:

1. See Max Rayne, ask him to host lunch or dinner for above 7 people.
2. Bring prominent Israeli - either Eban or Abramov.
3. Eban will be in London 14 November and offered to do anything to help.
4. The JIA would like me to arrange this party before October 1st, because there is theoretically a moratorium thereafter coming into effect. No one is strict with me, but it will be more comfortable if I do not do something blatant.
5. Therefore - I think it best to try to set a date with Rayne and Abramov before Rosh Hashana; and use Eban for some discreet follow up in November.
6. There ~~are~~ are two other possible invitees; Clifford Barclay, to whom I have explained the project, and Mrs. Hammerson, whom I have not yet met. I'll check with Hugo whether to add them to the list.

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PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK

June 20, 1974

Rabbi Herbert Friedman  
World Union  
for Progressive Judaism  
13 King David Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

My dear Herb:

I trust you have not given up hope as far as the Livingston Foundation is concerned. I have been travelling and I have been involved in enough things so that I had to pick up the pieces as I could in between pressing business.

After checking with a couple of the trustees, I determined that the best approach would be through my brother-in-law, Morton Richards. I discussed the situation quite candidly. He had a good long talk with Jules Newman.

For a variety of reasons that may or may not make sense, the Foundation is not looking at large gifts these days. Mort believes after the discussion that he can do as well with the trustees as anyone else. He would arrange for you to go there, but he thinks it is better to accept the reality that what Jules will go for on any cause at this point is \$25,000 to \$50,000. Mort says \$50,000 payable \$25,000 this year and \$25,000 next year he can get. He might even get \$50,000 this year. I would suggest that we leave it in his hands until such time as I can see Jules alone. The first thing we should do is to get as much as we can as a commitment. Thereafter either Jules and Carolyn will be here or we will see them in Omaha in the month ahead and I will pursue it at a second bite level. This is my advice to you, but he is your customer, so tell me what you want me to do.

With warmest regards.

Cordially,

*Phil M. Klutznick*

Philip M. Klutznick

(dictated but not read)

*Photocopy for  
master report  
original in our file*

August 16, 1974

Mr. Philip Klutznick  
Klutznick Investments  
875 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Phil:

Since I knew you would be away a good part of the summer, I did not rush to answer your last letter of June 20. But the time has now come to react.

I think you have done miracles to get Mort Richards committed to act as advocate in presenting the case to Jules. But you know that you can do at least twice as well as he can. If he said he would get \$50,000 this year, you can persuade Jules to commit to \$100,000, payable over two or even three years. Because you can explain to Jules the effect of maintaining that \$100,000 standard and not lowering it. You can show him how that will help bring in much more from others.

I would say that if you could possibly manage to see Jules in person, that would be the most desirable method. If not, see if you can coach Mort to get the \$100,000.

With warmest regards, and best wishes for the New Year,

As ever,

Herbert A. Friedman

P.S. What ever happened with Heinz Galinski ? Did you see him in Geneva?

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June 21, 1974

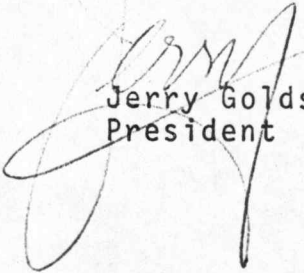
Mr. Herbert A. Friedman  
World Education Center for Progressive Judaism  
13 King David Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Herb:

Thanks for your letter of June 14th. Because of the adverse conditions of the market and the depressed price of our stock, I must hold off doing anything until the situation changes. I am sure you will understand that I must have the money to do these things, and it looks like sometime in 1975 before I can make a definite commitment. Please bear with me.

Cordially,

SCOTT'S LIQUID GOLD-INC.

  
Jerry Goldstein  
President

JG/dt



June 14, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. David Steine  
J.C. Bradford and Company  
170 Fourth Avenue North  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219  
U.S.A.

Dear David and Peggy:

I have just returned from a five week swing through England, Toronto and the United States on behalf of our project. I am sending you under separate cover a brochure which describes the World Center, and the whole Reform Movement in Israel.

In essence, I find two factors militating against my obtaining definite pledges: the Yom Kippur War, which had caused many people to "go overboard"; and the uncertain economies and stock markets of both England and the United States.

While I did not receive any new pledges, nevertheless I did receive a great deal of encouragement from important people, who will undoubtedly become contributors in the future. The expressions of support I received from them for the concept behind the project, and the need for Progressive Judaism in Israel encouraged me no end. So there is no doubt that we are on the right track.

Ira Youdovin reported to me his conversation with David. The essence of it was a warm and cordial invitation to come to Nashville, but with very little chance of obtaining any practical results. On the basis of that report, I elected not to come but to use my time to plough new ground elsewhere.

But now we must face the question as to when it would be useful to come. I had the distinct feeling in my talks with Simon Weil and Gus Kuhn last September, just a few weeks before the war, that they were interested and that they definitely could be persuaded. I asked them for \$150,000, payable over three years. They said that they wanted to talk it over, they would speak to various members of their family during the forthcoming High Holiday period and I should talk to them again around the end of October for their reaction. Well, of course, I never did bother them at the end of October.

The same situation prevailed with Harry Zimmerman. He came to Simon Weil's office, and I spoke to him in Simon's presence, with Simon's encouragement. I asked him also for the same amount and we agreed on the same timetable.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Steine

June 14, 1974

As for Morris Werthan, I received a letter from him a couple of months after the war, saying that the family had been persuaded to give \$300,000 to the campaign, and he reminded me how I had begged them years ago to up their gift to the 250,000 level. Now they have surpassed it. Because of Morris's newfound interest in Orthodoxy, I am not sure that he is a prospect for us. But at least we shouldn't let it drop completely without some sort of follow-up effort.

That leaves Harold Hassenfeld. Here again the decision might have to be made by his brother, Merrill, but at least Harold has already heard the story once and has caught some of your enthusiasm. I remember that he was at your house the evening I was there, together with Rabbi Falk.

It seems to me, therefore, that we must, at the very least, follow up with Weil-Kuhn and Zimmerman. These are two good prospects, and the question is when is the best time to do it. You, David and Peggy, are genuine enthusiasts for our project. There is no one else to whom I can turn for advice. I really need your help.

What do you think of the following idea? You sound out Simon and Gus, see if they are ready to make a commitment for \$180,000. You may be able to close the deal yourselves. If you feel that it would pay for me to come over, it would certainly be worth my while should there be any slight possibility of an affirmative answer, for me to make a special trip for one day to Nashville. Neither expense nor the drain on my physical energy are excuses enough to prevent such a trip if there is any hope of success. Furthermore, if Weil-Kuhn are affirmative to any extent we can use them to try to pin down Zimmerman. So that if a trip were actually feasible, I might be shooting for two gifts at the same time.

The most difficult days of any project are at the beginning. Its always easy to move people later on when there are already many examples of committed contributors. Therefore, the people who get behind a project at the start are giving even more than their money. They are the pioneers, the true believers who push through the wilderness and make the whole thing come to birth.

Right now we need the concrete commitments which will demonstrate the courage and which will inspire others. I have planted seeds of favourable reaction among dozens of potential contributors by now. But our development will be blocked until a few potentials become actual. The sums involved among the Nashville prospects are not so great, yet if two or three gifts could be obtained, they would be worth very much more than their intrinsic value, for they would break the ice and start the flow.

Well, I have poured my heart out to you, and now await your advice as to what the next steps should be.

Fondly and sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman

M. Robert Hecht  
Chairman of the Board

March 27, 1974

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
Director of Planning and Development  
World Education Center for Progressive  
Judaism  
13 King David Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Herb:

It is good to hear from you, and I have given some thought to our local situation in Houston, considering the importance and relevance of this project, in the light of recent political developments in Israel.

As you may know, when I became General Chairman of our U.J. Campaign in 1970, the community had the prior year raised \$1,200,000. This year with Livingston Kosberg as Chairman, we have raised approximately \$6 million.

We have also announced two capital fund campaigns - one for 2 1/2 to 3 million for enlarging our Jewish Home for the Aged and one for 2 million for our Jewish Community Center.

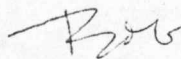
I have consulted with our mutual friends as you suggested, and we have arrived at the conclusion that the 1975 U.J. Campaign will be sorely damaged by these capital fund drives.

It is our collective judgment that this year is not a good time to pursue your program in Houston. We do however think that this program is of vital importance, and we all will be glad to assist as soon as the community recovers from the financial trauma of the 1975 U.J. Campaign and the two capital fund drives.

I plan to be in Israel with my family the first two weeks in July and hope to see you then.

With best regards from our family to yours, we remain,

Very truly yours,



M. Robert Hecht

MRH/nft

P.S. Best regards from Alan, Livingston and Al





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Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
Director of Planning and Development  
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13 King David Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

July 31, 1974

Ray D. Wolfe  
Chairman of the Board  
& Chief Executive Officer

Dear Herb:

I too am sorry to have missed seeing you when you were in Toronto, but circumstances just made it impossible. Perhaps the next time you are coming you could give me a little more notice.

Regarding our commitment to Rabbi Eisendrath, my recollection and notes are that we committed to him a sum of \$50,000 not \$100,000 for the project, but this I will be glad to discuss when I see you.

In any event, following Rabbi Eisendrath's visit I advised him and also Rabbi Plaut that it would be very difficult to raise funds without securing the necessary tax deduction authority from the Federal Government. This, Rabbi Plaut says, is being arranged and I am awaiting to hear from him.

Kindest regards,



Ray D. Wolfe

cc: Rabbi Gunther Plaut



P R O S P E C T S " B "

1. MILTON PETRIE  
950 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10002

~~R 206 866 3600~~  
B-201-866-3600  
R-212-861-8033/4

I saw him in June 1973, for dinner (which was in reciprocation for lunch he had in Caesarea earlier in the year, together with his very great friends from St. Louis, -- Sachs who might be of help in persuading him). We spoke at length about the project, and since he is not intimately familiar with Israel's internal problems, he could not develop any strong feelings. He asked who else might contribute and seemed satisfied with the names Riklis and Tisch. I spoke vaguely about 1 million since that is his annual UJA gift. I saw his son Bernard, a bachelor lawyer who lives in San Francisco, Sept. 73. He has never been to Israel so our conversation focussed on what a

2. MARTIN PERETZ

~~Boston~~  
Brattle St,  
Cambridge, Mass.

He is a young brilliant professor (sociology) and I saw him in his office in Cambridge in June 1974. He is married to the heiress of the Singer fortune, and contributed in six figures to both McGovern and McCarthy. He recently bought the New Republic. He is deeply and passionately interested in Israel - volunteered a six figure gift to the UJA in October and became disgusted with fellow intellectuals whose sympathy was confined to a few phrases. He says frankly that he is not interested in religion, but is concerned with ethics and morals. We left it that we would have further conversation - either in Israel or US/ I am now trying to pin down when he is next coming here.

3. JOE LUBIN

Eisner and Lubin  
250 Park Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10017  
B 212 682-8669  
R 914 632-6465

He is a partner of Eisner who gave the camp to UAHC, very generous contributor to UJA, officer of the JDC, yet his greatest interests are Pace College and Einstein to each of which he has given millions. I saw him in June 73 and he said he was simply over-committed- there was no room for any new project. Somehow I have the feeling that the door is not irrevocably closed. We must do some detective work and see if anyone of our circle knows him and can reopen the subject.

4. BEN CONE

P.O.B. 21848.  
Greensboro, N.C. 27420

I really tried to see him in June 1974, using as intermediary a very close friend who lives in Greensboro, and who reported that he could not get an appointment for me. I don't think we can accept that as the final word. I shall try again through his son who knows and respects me.

5. CLEVELAND

ARTHUR LELYVELD  
Fairmont Temple  
23737 Fairmont Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio 44122  
B 464 1130

I have been conducting a correspondence with Arthur on the questions of selecting a list of prospects, a date, and obtaining clearance from the Federation. We now have a list and clearance in principle. It remains to settle on a date. That might possibly be September 74, but more likely will be Spring 75.

trip would be like. I helped Milton get some hotel reservations in Germany and made plans to meet him in Berlin in late October, 73. The war intervened, he gave 5 million to UJA, and I now must figure out how to resume contact.

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5. E. LEO KOLBER  
Camp Investments Limited  
630 Dorchester Boulevard West  
Montreal, Quebec.

He is the President (paid professional) of the Bronfman family holding company and has influence on charitable decisions. I have sent him written material and we had one long conversation in February 1974 in Berlin, by coincidence. We are in communication and I must continue to follow up to set another date. I have not yet asked him for any specific amount.

6. ROBERT BOAS  
(Karl Marx + Co)  
New York

I have never met him but Alex suggested that he might be a prospect. Therefore he should remain on the list to be contacted for an appointment.

7. NEIL HELLMAN  
Albany, N.Y.  
B. 518-454-5300  
R. 518-482-5471

He is Alan Iselins father-in-law, and has been negotiating with various Israeli organisations about projects in Israel, without ever consummating one. He might be bluffing but might be for real. He should be seen.

8. ~~SCHWAYDER CORPORATION~~  
(~~Emmet Heitler~~)  
Samsonite Corporation  
11200 East 4th Avenue  
Denver, Colorado 80217  
303 344-2000

The principals of this company, the Schwayder family, and two sons-in-law, Emmet Heitler and Louis Degen, have always been close to the Temple and to me. They have given approx. 400,000 to the UJA annually. I now have clearance from the Federation to solicit them. On the other hand they have recently sold the company to Beatrice Foods - and that might have changed the picture.

9. JAY PHILLIPS (Burt Joseph)  
2345 E. Kennedy  
Minneapolis, Minn. 55413  
612-331-6230

I have solicited him from time to time, over the years and we have a correct though not close relationship. Rabbi Fred Schwartz or Burt Joseph could perhaps do better - if they do not want to solicit him maybe they could at least set an appointment for me. He should definitely be approached.

(3)

10. NATE CUMMINGS

New York

For years he had no interest in Israel. At the Six Day War and for one or two years thereafter his interest was awakened. I have no idea what his mental or psychological attitude is now, but I think he should certainly be seen.

11. RAY KRAVIS

Raymond F. Kravis and Associates  
1705 First National Bank Building  
Tulsa, Okla. 74103  
B 918 587-5161  
R 918 742-3294

He is the most respected individual in the city, has an interest in Israel, and he has the means to be a contributor. He must be approached.

12. IRVIN FRANK

Newman's Inc.  
P.O.B. 1856  
Tulsa, Okla. 74101  
B 918 838-9971  
R 918 742-5045

He is a younger leader, enthusiastic, wealthy, and well worth a try.

13. MEL GOLDBERGER

1169 Koewee Avenue  
Apt. 6-F  
Knoxville, Tenn. 37919  
615 588-2271

I have never met him but Maurice Eisendrath said he should be on the prospect list. Rabbi Steve Schaefar corroborates his interest in the camp program.

14. TED SHANBAUM

Dal Tex Optical Company  
1135 Dragon Street  
Dallas, Texas 75207  
B 214 741- 6873  
R 214 361- 5645

He is a very generous man who may have a large backlog of unpaid pledges, under present conditions, but who should definitely be considered a prospect.



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15. CHARLES RUTENBERG

1437 South Belcher Road  
Clearwater, Fla. 33516

Three of his four children have spent long periods in Israel, two of them at Maale Hachamisha. Two are currently studying at Brown with Professor Neusner. One daughter wants to become a rabbi. He is completely in sympathy with what we are doing, and I believe will become a contributor. His problem is solely financial. In addition he has undertaken to raise the funds (which will involve him personally) for a Center for Ethics at Haifa University, along the lines of the Aspen Institute. We must continue to cultivate him and find the proper moment to press for a commitment.

16. ATRAN FOUNDATION

ISAIAH MINKOFF

National Jewish Community  
Relations Advisory Board  
55 West 42nd Street  
New York, N.Y. 10036

The key to the Foundation is Isaiah Minkoff who is a trustee, and I have had several conversations with him. He thinks that our project is far from the basic interest of this Foundation, which is youth and recreation, and he doesn't know whether he could convince other trustees, but I keep telling him he must try.

17. MARVIN ENGEL

Engel Realty  
Bank of Savings Building  
Third Floor  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

I visited him in June 73. Both he and his wife were really enthusiastic. I asked him for \$250,000, over 3 years, and she urged him to agree. He said he simply couldn't without his father's approval - and his father prefers to make commitments to various mental health institutes in Alabama. I keep writing to him, to keep the contact, hoping he will argue more vigorously with his father. This contact must be cultivated steadily until some change occurs in the situation. His father is well over 80.

18. LEONARD STRELITZ

Haynes Furniture Company Inc.  
3375 Princess Anne Road  
Norfolk, Va. 23502  
b 703 857-1281  
R 703 464 3666

He is one of the most powerful UJA solicitors, and himself contributes \$350,000. He understands all about our project for we have spoken many times. His brother recently assumed the Presidency of their temple. At the right time I must ask him for a commitment.

(5)

19. LARRY BUTTENWEISER  
New York

As a former President of Federation in New York, he might know the names of several persons who care basically for the Reform position, and who have gradually become pro-Israel so that they might be regarded as prospects. His own family, of course, has the means to become contributors. But I would rather begin with him by asking for suggestions, and then later ask him himself.

20. JERRY BUBIS ~~ST. MAURICE LUND~~  
Los Angeles

There is an anonymous donor in Los Angeles for a large amount to a hospital. Bubis knows his name, but utmost delicacy is involved. Bubis says he will try to keep current with the donor's mood, and try to find the right moment for an opening.

21. ELLIOT GOLDSTEIN (suggestion Nate Lipson)  
Atlanta, Ga.

He apparently is the local chairman for RJA. Nathan Lipson suggests him as a possible prospect.

22. NORMAN FOUNDATION  
(Family Weil, suggestion Nate Lipson)  
Nate Lipson  
Concept Industries Ltd.  
1422 West Peachtree St.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30309  
404-892-3512

Here again the recommendation comes from Lipson.

I have not solicited Nathan Lipson directly although I have told him about the project many times. He has been pledging one million per year for several years, and has a backlog which he is working down. When I think the time is ripe I will ask him for a specific amount.

23. HARRY BENNETT  
1071 Celestial St.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
513-421-8854

Re  
~~For~~ the next four names Bennet, Lazarus, Steiner Meyers, in going through all the eligible names in Cincinnati, these four emerged as the possible prospects. Final decision should be made, and those who remain on the list should be approached.

24. RALPH LAZARUS (via Gordie Zacks)  
1009 Catawba Valley Drive  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45226  
513-321-6012

As above

(6)

25. PHIL STEINER

As above

404 Rose Hill Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 513-281-0867

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26. PHIL MEYERS

As above

530 Maxwell Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219  
513 281-2300

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27. IRVING LEWIS

(Ask Herman Schaalman)

Chicago

I have never met him but someone suggested that Rabbi Herman Schaalman would know if he were indeed a prospect.

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28. BLUM-COVLER FOUNDATION

(Ask Harry Gaines 312 782-1472)

Chicago

In going through the Foundation list which I had given him, Ira Youdovin discovered that Harry Gaines had a contact with this Foundation and would make an appointment for a hearing whenever we were ready.

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29. MORRIS M. MESSING

Sel Rex Precious Metals  
75 River Road  
Nutley, New Jersey 07110  
201 667-5200

I haven't seen him in many years but he has not made any large gift to a university or institution and might be a prospect from a financial point of view. Whether he is from an ideological point of view, would require a visit to determine. His gift of \$250,000 in the old days was unusually large for pre-67 standards.



(7)

30. PETER SCHWEITZER

A name which I jotted down from ~~some source~~  
as possibly worth pursuing.

31. NORMAN SEIDEN

As above

54 oxford Drive

Tenafly, N.J. 07670

B 201 641 5000

R 201 567 5888

Ask him about Abe and Martin Ginsberg)

32. HERB BRODY - PERLMUTTER  
(Ely Pilchik)

These men are close to Ely Pilchik and are also  
recommended by Charles Kroloff.  
They are very large contributors and must be seen.

33. MRS. PHILIP COLEMAN  
2309 River Road  
Jacksonville, Fla. 32207

Her husband was never particularly generous but always  
felt himself close to the Reform Movement and to me.  
The Foundation has been dissolved and contributions now  
are determined by the widow and her son. They should  
seen, even if it is a long shot.

34. PHILIP BERMAN  
Hess's Department Store  
Allentown, Penn. 18101  
215 433-6660

Jotted down his name as possibly worth pursuing.

35. JACK A GOLDFARB  
Union Underwear Company  
1290 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, N.Y. 10021

He has recently given \$250,000, either to the College  
Union (I'm not certain) and probably should  
not be approached for a year or so. But he is interest-  
-ed in Israel, and his next big gift could be directed  
to our project.



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36. DAVE HANDELMAN

Handelman Co.  
670 East Woodbridge  
Detroit, Mi. 48226

I know him and his family as generous UJA supporters. He has recently pledged \$250,000 to his Temple in Detroit. He should be considered a prospect, and approached at the right time.

313-961-9112

37. MAX KOEPPPEL

26 Broadway  
New York, N.Y. 10004  
212 344-2150

I jotted him down as possibly worth pursuing.

38. SYDNEY ROOS

1700 Broadway  
New York, N.Y. 10019  
212 582-8000

As above

39. LESTER FINKELSTEIN

REUBEN FINKELSTEIN  
9350 Wilshire Blvd.  
Beverly Hills  
Calif. 90212.

213-271-4224

I saw him in Israel June 74 and discovered by accident that he had visited the College the day before. He was very interested in the project, and I mailed a brochure to him in Los Angeles, at his request. His brother Lester announced a gift of \$2.7 million about a year ago to the California Institute of Technology. I don't know whether this included Reuben.

40. PETER SCOTT

10 Rooney Circle  
West Orange  
N.J. 07052.

He has been the chairman of the Essex County (Newark) campaign for the past few years, and gives an average of \$250,000. He is sympathetic to our project, but can't do anything about it now (see attached letter). We must cultivate and wait.

PETER J. SCOTT • 10 ROONEY CIRCLE • WEST ORANGE, N.J. 07052

June 25, 1974

Dear Herb:

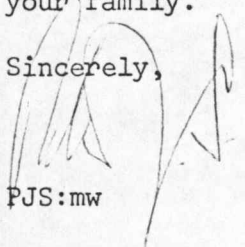
I'm sorry I literally did not have a chance to call you before we left Israel. It all went too fast and in the end I did not want to call on Shabbat.

The next time I'm in Israel or the next time you're in the States, by all means, let's get together. I am very much interested in your World Education Center for Progressive Judaism but, Herb, I can contribute to it only a f t e r I have met my obligations to the UJA as I conceive them. I know that you understand this.

It was good to see you embarked on a new course.

Marjorie joins me in sending best wishes and regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,



PJS:mw

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
Director of Planning and Development  
World Education Center For Progressive Judaism  
13 King David Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

LEONARD COHEN

19th June, 1974

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
World Education Center for Progressive Judaism  
13 King David Street

Jerusalem / Israel.

Dear Herb,


Thank you very much for your letter of the 12th and it was indeed a pleasure for us to see you and spend a little time together.

As regards your plans for the World Education Center I have read your brochure but before making any comments I must tell you that at the present time I do not wish to enter into any commitment. I already have a number of such commitments and with the general situation being so confusing and in fact the outlook anything but good I simply feel that it is not possible for me to engage myself in financing any more welfare projects.

I shall certainly review this matter in the future - how distant I cannot say - but in any case, the amount you mention would be too much for me to envisage unless, of course, the rate of inflation becomes so high that this sum will not be so very big after all!

With best regards to you and Francine from us all.

Yours,



Leonard Cohen



JÜDISCHE GEMEINDE ZU BERLIN

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cc: Rabbi H. Friedman  
" A. Schindler  
J. Tammer  
1 BERLIN 12, den 6. Juni 1974  
Fasanenstraße 79/80  
Vo. Ga/Mf  
Fernsprecher: 881 35 39  
Bankkonten: Berliner Bank 0102320900  
Postscheckkonto: Berlin West 32716-104

Herrn Präsident  
Alfred Gottschalk  
Herrn Präsident  
Alexander Schindler

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE  
JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OHIO 45220 USA

Sehr geehrte Herren !

Unter Bezugnahme auf Ihr Schreiben vom 14. Mai d.J. darf ich Ihnen mitteilen, daß ich anlässlich des Besuches von Herrn Rabbiner Friedman zum Ausdruck gebracht habe, daß auch die Jüdische Gemeinde zu Berlin diesem Projekt eine besondere Bedeutung beimisst. Allerdings habe ich auch gleichzeitig darauf hingewiesen, daß die Jüdische Gemeinde zu Berlin nicht in der Lage sei, sich finanziell an diesem Projekt zu beteiligen.

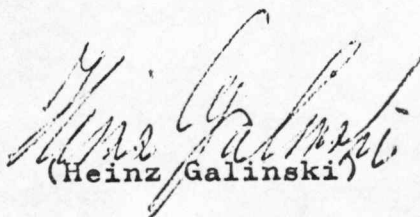
Die finanzielle Situation unserer dezimierten Gemeinde (5.000 Mitglieder) ist derart, daß wir schon unter großen Schwierigkeiten das Jahresaufkommen für Magbit aufbringen können.

Seien Sie versichert, daß es absolut kein schlechter Wille ist, sondern lediglich auf finanzielle Schwierigkeiten zurückzuführen ist.

Es tut mir außerordentlich leid, Ihnen keine andere Antwort erteilen zu können, bin aber auch der Ansicht, daß Sie für den Standpunkt unserer Gemeinde aus den oben angeführten Gründen durchaus Verständnis aufbringen werden.

Mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung

JÜDISCHE GEMEINDE ZU BERLIN

  
(Heinz Galinski)



AXEL SPRINGER  
Gesellschaft für Publizistik KG

*Rabbi Friedman*  
*Rabbi S. Friedman*  
TT

June 4th, 1974  
ejc-st

Dear Dr. Gottschalk,

to you and Mr. Schindler go my thanks for your kind lines of May 14th. I understand that you also wrote to Mr. Galinski, the deserving head of the Jewish Community in Berlin.

While Mr. Springer and we all understand and appreciate Rabbi Friedman's motivations to establish a center of Reform Judaism in Israel, I am sorry to repeat that we cannot in any way be of active help. Neither can - nor should - we try to influence the representatives of the Jewish Community in their decisions, - apart from the fact that we know from experience how difficult it is for them to make ends meet. Nor can Mr. Springer divert funds of his own for the World Center for Progressive Judaism. All money that can be made available for Israel has already been earmarked for other projects, as I also informed Rabbi Friedman. This goes for the current year as well as for the next.

Still I wish Rabbi Friedman and you success in your endeavour. Maybe Israel will become the real testing ground whether Reform Judaism is a truly viable alternative to both Orthodoxy and secularization.

Very sincerely yours,

  
(Ernst J. Cramer)

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk  
President of Hebrew Union College -  
Jewish Institute of Religion  
Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220 / USA

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JUN 10 1974

REFUSALS

WILLIAM ROSENWALD New York	I saw him in June 1973, and after a long conversation, he concluded that he simply did not have the necessary funds. He said that he was over committed. I don't know whether it is worth pressing him once more to consider.
MARTIN SERETEAN Chattanooga	I saw him in May 1973, in Caesarea - and after some discussion and correspondence (see latter attached) he refused. I don't think there is any point in attempting to re-open the matter.
PHILIP ZINMAN Camden	I saw him in September 1973, and he explained that he had pledged 2 million to the Israel Education Fund, of which he is currently President, payable over a long number of years, which would consume his entire capital. I think his answer is final.
ROBERT WISHNICK New York	I saw him in June 1973, and he said quite clearly that he was not interested in any religious matters. His family, under pressure from Rabbi Shankman, had donated some money in his honor to Har El synagogue in Jerusalem - but that did not indicate any interest on his part whatsoever. He would support Israel to the limit in matters of defense and immigration, but that was all. His answer was quite firm and definite.
CHARLES SMITH Washington	I spoke with him by telephone several times in May and June 1973, seeking to fix an appointment. He had undertaken to raise one million for scholarships for the Hebrew University during 1974, and a million for a Hebrew Day School in Washington during 1975 - and would thus be heavily involved. I really think he is over his head.
BEAUMONT FOUNDATION Morton May, St. Louis	After several exchanges of letters with Stanley Goodman, president of the May Co., and a vice president of the Foundation, I finally saw Morton May in St. Louis in 1974, June. He said the Foundation was closing in three years time and was now phasing out the old beneficiaries and not adding new ones. He was regretful but definite.
HAROLD ZELLERBACH San Francisco	I saw him in September 1973, and received the attached letter of refusal shortly thereafter.
ABE PLOUGH Memphis	I saw him in June 1973, together with Rabbi James Wax, who fixed the appointment. Attached letter indicates refusal.
HUGO DALSHIMER Baltimore	I saw Hugo and Helen together in June 1973. She was somewhat interested in the project. He was definitely not. His letter is attached.

(2)

EMANUEL GOLDBERG; *and*  
IKE GORDON FOUNDATION  
Rochester, NY

Rabbi Philip Bernstein undertook to fix appointments for me with both prospects, and reported in May 1974 that they were both negative. Goldberg said he was over committed, and Gordon said they were not interested.

YASSENOFF FOUNDATION  
Columbus

I spoke with Mel Schottenstein, the chief trustee, by phone from Jerusalem to Columbus, to fix an appointment. But he said there was no sense in even applying because the Foundation was limited to 43 named beneficiaries, most of them in Ohio.

BEN MASS  
Detroit

I spoke with Bob Canvasser in Jerusalem in Feb. 1974, and then again in Detroit in May, 1974, about fixing an appointment with Maas. Finally Canvasser reported back that Maas was not interested, but prepared to continue giving money to the Temple in Detroit.

HARRY GOREN  
Boston

This prospect was suggested by several Boston people as being a loyal member of Gittelsohn's temple, very rich and equally parsimonious. He received me graciously but pleaded poverty.

MICHAEL SACHER  
London

He was understanding of, and sympathetic to, the project, but couldn't undertake it now because of the high level of commitment (over 1 million Sterling) to the JIA. His letter and my reply are attached. I think I might reapproach him next year..

SAM CATSMAN  
Flint.

I visited him in Sept. 1973 and obtained an oral commitment for \$100,000. After allowing a decent interval to elapse, due to the war, I asked for a written pledge and received a refusal as per attached letter.

RICHARD LEVITT  
Des Moines

I wrote asking for an appointment and a gift and received in reply a letter from the Executive Director of the Federation saying that Levitt was a devoted conservative Jew, therefore not interested. I find this to be a ~~continued~~ response.

JOE KANTER  
Cincinnati

I saw him in June 1973, twice over a three day period, and thought he was interested. He certainly spoke that way. Then the attached letter of refusal arrived.

RALPH RAFFLES  
Manchester, England

I saw him in the company of Rabbi Selwyn Goldberg. His interest in Judaism is minimal, and his concern for Israel is deep in such fields as rehabilitation of wounded soldiers. He was charming, but definitely negative.



PC  
M. B. SERETEAN  
240 South Crest Road  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37404

July 6, 1973

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
Hebrew Union College  
Jerusalem  
ISRAEL

Dear Herb:

Nice hearing from you.

Farol and I enjoyed our visit with you and Francine, and regret you could not join us on the excursion in the Greek Islands, which turned out quite well.

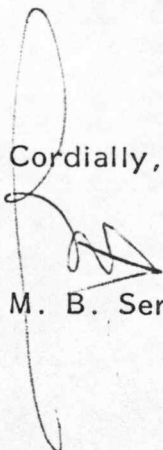
Was pleased to learn that you are meeting with some measure of success in your present undertaking.

In recent weeks I have had a full review with my accountants of my portfolio of philanthropic undertakings, both present and future. This review indicates that I am already fully committed from a standpoint of tax deductibility, and I am unwilling to change the priorities I have presently assigned.

I regret, therefore, that I will not be able to participate in your project.

Wishing you well.

Cordially,



M. B. Seretean

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September 28, 1973

Rabbi Herbert Friedman  
Hebrew Union College  
13 King David St.  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Harold Zellerbach and I were delighted to have had the opportunity to hear from you first hand about the complex political and spiritual issues that confront Israel.

You most likely sensed that there was no possibility of any substantial gift being made toward your program by The Zellerbach Family Fund. Any contribution that could be made would be extremely modest and there would need to be full Board discussion about that. Our resources are directed primarily to Bay Area concerns.

I wanted to let you know, however, that your words were taken seriously. I hope that we have the opportunity to meet again.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward Nathan*

Edward Nathan  
Executive Director

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*Temple Israel*  
*Popular at Montgomery*  
*Memphis, Tennessee 38104*

*Office of the Rabbi*  
JAMES A. WAX, D. D., D. H. L.

August 23, 1973

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
World Education Center for  
Progressive Judaism  
13 King David Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

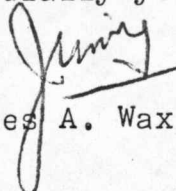
Dear Herbert:

I am sorry to report that despite your excellent presentation Abe Plough is not interested in the project. He gave his response to me even without any inquiry on my part. I believe it impossible to change his attitude in this matter. I was hopeful though not necessarily optimistic. If at some future time I can bring up the matter, I shall do so, but in the immediate future it would only be futile.

I regret to have to relay this information.

With every good wish and kindest greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

  
James A. Wax

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P.C. +  
return

HUGO DALSHHEIMER

P. O. BOX 5758

BALTIMORE, MD. 21208

HUNTER 4-1713

August 14, 1973.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman,  
World Education Center for  
Progressive Judaism,  
13 King David Street,  
Jerusalem,  
Israel. 02-227455

Dear Rabbi Friedman:-

I have just received your letter of August  
9th just prior to our departure for a short vacation.

Frankly I see no point in further discussing  
your project when you come to the United States early  
next month.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Hugo Dalshheimer*

HD-ns



Telegrams:  
Marzhenka London Telex  
Telephone 01-935 4422

Michael House,  
Baker Street,  
London, W.1.

from Michael M. Sacher

6th June 1974

Dear Herb,

I have discussed your letter of the 16th May with family colleagues. As I warned you when we spoke, we are agreed that with present priorities and the acutely difficult economic situation in the U.K. regretfully we cannot at this time consider financially supporting your appeal.

I have not formally thanked you for the ancient and beautiful jar you gave me when you were here. May I, gratefully, do so now.

Yours,

Michael

Rabbi H.A. Friedman,  
World Education Centre for  
Progressive Judaism,  
13 King David Street,  
Jerusalem,  
ISRAEL.



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June 19, 1974

Mr. Michael Sacher  
Michael House  
Baker Street  
London, W,1.

Dear Michael:

Naturally I was disappointed with your letter. It is true you warned me of the difficult economic situation in the U.K., yet I also drew encouragement from your analogy to the strained times in which the Daniel Sieff Institute was launched and your enjoinder to go ahead because every beginning is difficult, and one might just as well get started.

Further, the support of yourself and family colleagues has a value far and beyond the number of pounds sterling involved - it has the value of placing a seal of approval on the project itself, and that is invaluable.

Nevertheless, I accept the judgment and shall take solace from the words "at this time". Does that mean I can enter another plea when conditions improve?

Yours, as ever,

Herbert A. Friedman

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P. O. BOX 708  
FLINT, MICHIGAN

January 21, 1974

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
SAMUEL M. CATSMAN

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
World Education Center for Progressive Judaism  
13 King David Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

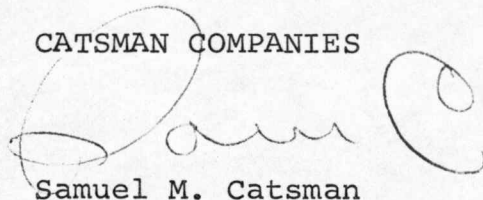
Dear Herbert:

I am sorry to say that because of some reverses that have come up pertaining to our family I am unable to make a commitment at this time for your project.

I wish you the greatest success and if there is a change next year or later I will be glad to reconsider. Sorry I cannot make a commitment at this time.

Yours very truly,

CATSMAN COMPANIES

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sam C.", is written over the typed name "Samuel M. Catsman".

Samuel M. Catsman

SMC:kr

P.C.

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J. H. KANTER,  
PRESIDENT

July 10, 1973

Mr. Herbert Friedman,  
Hebrew Union College,  
13 King David Street,  
Jerusalem, Israel.

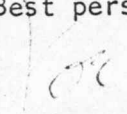
Dear Herb:

As a matter of fact, I called you on Monday morning in New York at the Plaza Hotel before 12:00 noon. You had already left and my secretary left my operator number for you to call me when you returned. I did not receive your call and assumed that the lousy hotel service probably lost the message.

My call to you was to inform you that I would really like to do something for both you and the project but would not, at this time, commit the kind of money that you are looking for under the terms which would be acceptable to both of us; namely, that my UJA gifts wouldn't suffer.

I am also very much concerned about my obligations and responsibilities to the National Conference on Citizenship. Nancy and I did love having you with us and, of course, we would always be glad to see you again. Francine looked wonderful and, hopefully, we can see each other sometime in Caesarea. Unfortunately, we don't have any timetable for that at the moment.

Best personal regards,

  
J. H. Kanter

K:r

P.S. - The address of the office is 4700 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida. 33137



P R O S P E C T S " A "

7. THE LIVINGSTON FOUNDATION  
(~~John Newman, Phil Klumpp~~)  
320 Service Life Building  
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

I made a formal request in writing for a grant of \$500,000, after consultation with Rabbi Brooks, Sidney Beber (now deceased) and others. The new President, Mr. Jules Newman, was approached by his daughter in law, Mrs. Raquel Newman, to act affirmatively on this request. He refused. I asked Mr. Phil Klutznick to intervene. He succeeded in convincing a trustee, as per attached letter. My reply indicates next step.

2. FRANK LAUTENBERG  
Automatic Data Processing  
405 Route 3  
Clifton, New Jersey 07015  
B 201 472-1000  
R 201 746-6644

I have had several conversations with him. He was close to a rabbi (Shaknai) who died at an early age of cancer, and contributed a large amount (one million?) for an immunology lab at the Hebrew U. in the name of this rabbi. He is intelligent, probing, and always seeking the best way of helping Israel. Right now, committed to a UJA gift of one million for 1974, and faced with a similar request for 1975, he does not feel he can take on anything else, but he definitely wants to continue the dialogue.

3. RICHARD SMITH  
500 Boylston  
Boston, Massachusetts  
B 617 267-8800  
R 617 232-0479

I saw him in June 74, asked him for \$150,000 over three years, and evoked the usual double reaction of genuine interest in the project, coupled with an overload of previous commitments. He thought he might persuade his friend and partner, Sidney Stoneman, to join him. I had spoken to Stoneman half a year earlier, and do not consider him a live prospect by himself. Nevertheless if Smith is really interested, perhaps Stoneman would go along. Even if Stoneman not interested, worthwhile to continue to pursue Smith by himself.

4. NORMAN CAHNERS  
Cahnern Publishing Co.  
221 Columbus Avenue  
Boston, Mass. 02116  
B 617 536-7780  
R 617 566-0782

I saw him in June 1974 and asked him for \$150,000 over three years. He explained the nature of his commitments, which run into seven figures, mostly to universities, aside from UJA. He was very impressed with the necessity of the project. He wanted to see if he could interest his father in law, Sidney Rabb in joining him. He must be visited again.

5. BEN AND MEL SWIG  
Fairmont Hotel  
San Francisco, California 94106  
415 362-8800 (B & R)

Ben wrote a letter to me, when I first joined the project, saying that he heartily approved and had pledged \$50,000 to Reform in Israel. I discussed this with Fred, and urged him to accept the money for Los Angeles or Cincinnati in order not to lower standards. Mel visited Jerusalem recently, and was most impressed with the present college and future plans. He urged continued pressure on Ben for proper pledge to Center

6. PHILIP KLUTZNICK  
401 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Ill. 60611

I spoke with him May 1974 regarding three matters: assistance with Livingston Foundation which he has already undertaken; assistance with Heinz Galinski of Berlin; and assistance in Chicago itself with suitable prospects. He asked how much I expected from Chicago, and when I said one million he was quite satisfied that such an amount was achievable. (over)



7. HAP LEVY

1340 Biscaya Drive  
Surfside  
Miami Beach, Fla. 33154  
B 305 532-5583  
R 305 866-6692

He is a young man who has learned how to give generously. His orientation is not really reform, but simply warmly pro-Jewish and pro-Israel. His daughter was attracted to the Jews for Jesus Movement, and he came to understand, through that, the necessity of adequate education and buttressing in Judaism for the youth. I have not asked him for any specific sum yet.

8. JERRY GOLDSTEIN

Scott's Liquid Gold  
4880 Havana Street  
Denver, Colorado 80239  
B 303 343-4860

I have seen him several times during the past year and he agreed to give \$200,000 over three years. But he failed to sign the draft letter of commitment, which I mailed to him twice. Finally he replied asking for a delay, as per attached letter. This must be pursued in a few months - after he has made his 1975 UJA pledge.

9. BEN DOMONT

The Domont Corporation  
1030 Realty Corporation  
1 Indiana Square  
Indianapolis, Ind. 46204  
R 317 251-0258

I have seen him twice during the past year, once in his office and once in Jerusalem, and asked him for \$250,000. He keeps hedging and must be seen again. He is very status conscious, and should perhaps be seen by Fred.

10. DAVID STEINE

4409 Tyne Boulevard  
Nashville, Tenn. 37215  
R 615 291-5273

We have had several discussions, both in Nashville and Jerusalem. He is interested in and identified with the HUC-JIR, as is his wife (perhaps more than he). I asked him for \$100,000 over several years, thus displaying an understanding that his means were limited, and was therefore requesting only the minimum. He was a bit uncomfortable because he sensed he should commit, yet he has a genuine business problem. He has started a new investment firm just at the time when the market is at its lowest. He also has the problem of cutting his UJA gift. If in the face of doing that he were to commit to the World Center (over)

11. GUS KUHN - SIMON WEIL

Kuhn's Big K Stores Corporation  
3040 Sidco Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee 37204

I saw them in their office September 73, and asked for \$150,000 over three years. They were sympathetic and interested. They wanted time to think it over and we agreed I would contact them in about a month, after High Holy Days. Then Yom Kippur came. We must find the right time to resume the negotiations. I wrote David Steine, as per attached letter, asking for advice.

12. HARRY ZIMMERMAN

223 Mockingbird Road  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

This is an identical situation. I also met him in Simon Weil's office. He also must be followed up.

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13. HAROLD HASSENFELD  
Empire Pencil Company  
Pencil Street  
Shelbyville, Tenn. 37160

I saw him at David Steine's house, and he was interested in the project. I did not solicit him for a specific amount, and it will be necessary to involve his brother Merrill, who lives in Providence, but he is worth following up.

14. BEERMAN FOUNDATION  
(~~Jerry Wilks and Lou Goldman~~)  
11 West Monument Avenue  
8th Floor  
Dayton, Ohio 45402  
USA

The lawyer and principal trustee was Jerome Goldman of Cincinnati, with whom I was negotiating, and who died very recently. I consulted with Lou Goldman of Dayton, who advises that the remaining trustee is Jerry Wilkes, whom I have not met. Goldman will arrange a meeting, and we will begin all over again.

15. IRVING EDISON  
(Edison Foundation)  
Edison Brothers Stores  
400 Broadway,  
St. Louis, Miss. 63102  
**314-621-7300**

I have met twice with Irving Edison of St. Louis. We have a good rapport, and many friends and experiences in common. I asked him for \$300,000 over three years. He is favorably inclined but must convince two other trustees - his son in law (who will be negative he predicts) and a lawyer in New York, Henry Kohn, who will be remote or neutral. He asked for a set of enlarged photographs, with which to impress the others, and thought he could have reply by September 74. Philip Bernstein of Rochester, who knew him well from JWB-CANRA days, wrote him a letter urging a support.

16. AARON CHILEWICH FOUNDATION  
120 Wall Street  
New York, N.Y. 10005  
(Phil Barach and Matt Ross)

I know Aaron Chilewich quite well, and spoke to him and his wife about the project. She was very favorably inclined, ~~with~~ the attitudes of her own family in Israel as proof of the necessity for our form of Judaism. In the Foundation Director I discovered that Matt Ross was one of the trustees and I asked him if he would help solicit. He agreed. By coincidence Phil Barach is very close to Simon Chilewich, and also agreed to help. So now we must set up a meeting between Aaron, Simon, Matt, Phil and myself, to make a presentation. Gift should be in range \$300-500,00 over 3-5 years.

17. MESHULAM RIKLIS  
Rapid American Corporation  
711 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 11022  
B 212 752-0100  
R 212 249-7872

I have seen him twice. The first time, September 73, I asked him for one million. He didn't commit but said he would give me a large sum. The second time was January 74, by which time he had pledged \$5 million to the UJA. I therefore reduced my request and he agreed to give \$250,000 of his Glen Alden Bonds at the end of four years. I wrote a letter drafting this oral understanding, and have sent it to him twice for signature. He has failed to return it. I know that the financial pressures on him are enormous. I will find right time to reapply.

18. LAURENCE TISCH  
Loew's Corporation  
666 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY. 10010  
B 212 586-4400

I have seen him twice, in June and Sept. 73, plus several telephone talks. I asked him for one million - his reply was that he was already putting over two million per year into Israel, through UJA and Technion, and didn't want to add that much more. The second visit I reduced my request, saying that the amount was less important than his name among our supporters - again he demurred, with the argument that Reform Judaism was not very successful in America, why should it be more so in Israel? However, he has not refused outright.

He said he would be in Israel during 1974, and we would talk further. So far he has not come. I must continue to follow up.

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19. Marvin Warner  
The Marvin Warner Co.  
914 Main Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
B 513 721-3400  
R 513 381-6010

I saw him in May 1974, at lunch with Rabbi Harold Hahn, and asked him for \$250,000 over 3 years. He thought it was a crazy request - but listened for an hour and looked at the photographs. He is currently giving \$200,000 to the UJA and wondered aloud how long he could keep giving that. I gave him no quarter and said he might even be forced to raise that. It will require several more conversations and might be fruitless, but he has not said no.

20. STEVE GOLDRING  
Magnolia Liquor Company  
Box 53333  
New Orleans, La. 70150  
B 504 486-6261

I saw him in May 1974, for a long lunch in his office, accompanied by Herb Garon, and asked him for the minimum \$100,000. He was vaguely interested, felt strongly that orthodoxy should be challenged in Israel, and asked for time to think about it. I am sure he hasn't given it one second of thought, but I also feel he is definitely worth follow up visits.

21. STANLEY SLOANE  
1021 Minisink Way  
Westfield, New Jersey 07090  
B 201 569-1818  
R 201 232-6307

He is a nephew of Henry Slonimsky, with a very low opinion of the calibre of the Reform rabbinate or effectiveness of the Reform Movement. We have met several times for very long discussions, he believes deeply in Israel, has increased his UJA to \$250,000, and is aiming toward giving one million. He is simply not convinced of the worthwhileness of our project. He offered \$50,000 as a testimony of personal support for me, which I refused. This surprised him. We must continue to fight out the ideology.

22. WILFRED COHEN

A luncheon was arranged May 74 at the Harmonie Club by Rabbi Jerome Davidson of Great Neck, which also included Gil Tilles. The four of us talked more than two hours. I asked Willy for \$400,000 over 4 years. He turned and asked Tilles what he was giving. Tilles fielded the question. Willy wanted to know who else was contributing. Some important peer names in New York will help convince him. This was the opening gun conversation. We must confront him again.

23. MRS. RACKY NEWMAN  
8414 Hickory Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68124

I have seen her several times as has Rabbi Richard Hirsch, and she is very definitely interested in our project. Her husband died last year, there is some problem with the probate of the estate - her brother has advised her to make no commitments until her situation is clear. She told me she would like to contribute \$200,000 when she is free to do so. We must wait until she is ready. Follow-up is constant.



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24. MILTON GILBERT

Cherry Lane

Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

I saw him twice in September 73 and May 74, and asked him for \$150,000 over 3 years. He listens and is gracious, but so far the only thing which has impressed him is the level of the people I have been seeing. When he learned I had spoken with Sir Max Rayne in London, the first real flicker of interest developed. I feel that if I can get him to Israel, we can settle a gift here.

25. GIL TILLES

Following the lunch with Willy Cohen, I talked with Gil, and said that it was mandatory for both Dick Scheuer and himself to make contributions. It was simply not enough to give "one's time" and ask everyone else for money. The real leader contributed both - and as chairman of the advisory committee on the building, he had to participate with a gift. I also said clearly that equity did not require the same gift from both men. Tilles had to give the minimum while Scheuer had to do more. He said he supposed I was right, and we left it at that/ A method must be devised to obtain both commitments.

26. RICHARD SCHEUER

880 Third Avenue

New York, N.Y. 10022

B 212 EL5-5920

I spoke to him early in 74 during one of his visits to Jerusalem. We discussed his gift. He said that his father was probably more interested in doing something for the New York School. I replied that I was talking about him, not his father. I also asked him to approach Mrs. Ungerleiter for a gift to the library, in which she is interested, even though nominally she is affiliated with the Conservative movement. At an appropriate time a gift from him must be formalized. I would say his public pledge should be \$300,000 - and we should give him credit for approx. \$30,000 he has paid to architect Brutkus and 70,000 he has paid to architect Sadie - leaving \$200,000 still to be paid. At the same time Tilles should make his commitment for \$100,000.

27. ALEX GRASS

4025 Crooked Hill Road

Harrisburg, Pa. 17110

B 717 761-1444

R 717 238-0604

He wrote to me gratuitously in 73 approving of the project, and my part in it. In October he gave one million to the UJA, so I decided not to approach him. In May 74 I saw him and again he expressed great interest in the project, but an inability to commit for at least a year (ie until he decided his 75 pledge and saw what he could pay). It is simply a question of maintaining friendly contact, continuing to cultivate and waiting for the right time.

28. BURTON KOFFMAN

Public Loan Company

300 Plaza Drive

Binghamton, New York 13903

B 607-729-9331

R 607 723-8418

I saw him once in June 73, and had several subsequent telephone conversations. I asked him for \$750,000, over three years, deliberately starting high because I know his personality. It's essential that he obtain a bargain or a discount. Actually, from his financial ability, and lack of very big gifts to anything else he could easily handle \$500,000 over 5 years. He is very difficult to pin down. But I have an intuitive feeling that he is interested in the project. He has managed to avoid further face to face contact, and the telephone is unsatisfactory. I must see him again.



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29. ROBERT HECHT and Houston  
514 Timberwilde  
Houston, Texas 77027

I have spoken to three young lay leaders, Livingston Kosberg (who has a nephew studying at HUC), Alan Rudy and Bob Hecht. They stimulate and direct the fundraising of the whole community. Each one is potential contributor himself. I have also spoken to the Executive Director of the Federation and Rabbi Kahn and Schachtel. Bob Hecht has informally assumed the responsibility as the liaison man. I have told him I think a fair share for Houston would be \$500,000, and he agreed. Whether this will come from 5 people, or more or less, is not an issue at this moment. We are seeking to establish a time when I can come and they can put the proper people together, to obtain the formal commitments. His attached letter indicates the right attitude, but we must wait at least into 1975.

30. A.E. DIAMOND  
Cadillac Development Corp. Inc.  
1200 Sheppard Avenue East  
Willowdale, Toronto  
Ontario, Canada  
B 416-226-4111

I saw him in May 1974 at a moment when he was very busy, with a complex negotiation. He was familiar with the project, along very general lines, from Rabbi Pearlson. I gave him details and asked him for \$300-400,000 over a 3 or 4 year period. He asked for time until Sept-Oct. 74 to make a decision and planned to come to Israel then. He wanted to know who else was being approached. He also said that if he didn't come to Israel, I should write him asking for a decision. I would prefer to see him again, of course.

31. AL GREEN  
Greenwin Developments  
111 Davisville  
Toronto, Canada  
B 416-487-3883

I spoke with him by phone and he also <sup>had</sup> been previously briefed somewhat by Rabbi Pearlson. The essence of his reply was that he would be guided by Mr. Diamond's opinion. Without saying so he gave the impression that Diamond's answer - either yes or no - would also be his. He should definitely be seen.

32. MURRAY KOFFLER  
23 Beechwood Wilo  
Toronto, Canada  
B 416-361-0500  
R 416-225-6363

He is committed to raising several million for the Weizmann Institute having accepted this responsibility from Marcus Sieff of London. He is also personally at the three quarter million level for UJA. And he is frankly worried about business conditions in the near future. He refused to make an agreement, but did agree to "keep the conversation going", until we saw how the future unfolded.

33. RAY WOLFE  
Oshawa Group  
300 The East Mall  
Toronto M9B 6B8  
B 416-259-6633

He had gone out of town the day before I arrived, but Rabbi Plaut had had a long talk with him, and Rabbi Eisendrath had spoken to him about a year ago. He says he made a \$50,000 commitment to Eisendrath, although the latter had reported it as 100,000. See his attached letter. I must sit down with him personally and see where we go from here.

34. JACK ISRAELI  
JDS Investments

See next page.

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I saw Strom in Israeli's absence. Strom expressed belief in our project, but he is not the decisive person. He promised to communicate his opinions to Israeli. The latter must be spoken to in person.

35. HAROLD STROM (for Jack Israeli)

75 The Donway West  
Donmills Suite 1400  
Toronto  
B 416-445-5805

Philip M. Klutznick

401 North Michigan Avenue • Chicago, Illinois 60611

May 13, 1974

*To Herb*

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

My dear Alexander:

I am back at my desk to find your letter of April 2nd and my secretary's acknowledgement of April 8th. Please let Herb get in touch with me and let me know when he expects to be around these parts.

Clement Stone is not exactly in a mood for being solicited right now for a couple of reasons. First, his great love has become a great source of disappointment. By that I mean the President. Secondly, there are persistent rumors that the Foundation is limiting its new commitments because of the current financial situation. Nevertheless, I will undertake to make the appointment at a time that is convenient. Clement is becoming less and less accessible these days, but I will try.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

*Phil mlk*  
Philip M. Klutznick

PMK:mlk

(dictated but not read)

*cc Isaac Yudovitch*

DR. FREDERICK C. SCHWARTZ  
MOUNT ZION TEMPLE  
1300 SUMMIT AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55105

CC Isa y

Good for  
Frieder

Apr. 24

Alex -

I just met with Joel Lerman who is  
the executive director of the Bremer Foundation  
and a personal friend. Bill Lipschultz is out of  
town. The latter is a trustee.

Joel is a solid, good guy and most sympa-  
thetic BUT he says the Fdn. is bound by law  
only to get involved in Minnesota, Wisconsin  
and North Dakota. These are the 3 places  
where it operates and never anywhere else.

If you have any suggestions please let  
me know. In the meantime all the best.

as ever,

Fritz.



CC: Ira

DR. FREDERICK C. SCHWARTZ  
MOUNT ZION TEMPLE  
1300 SUMMIT AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55105

Apr. 15

Dear Alex -

Just returned from Israel and agreed to  
accept the invitation to come to Chicago.  
Hard to leave here after 8 years and they have  
been happy over. Thanks for your good wishes.

In response to your letter of April 2<sup>nd</sup> -  
I know Wm. Lipschutz well but I also  
know the fellow who does a great deal of  
work at the Bremer Foundation, a Tool  
human. The latter is a bright, articulate  
individual who has become a friend. I just  
contacted him and will meet with him early  
next week. So let me see what I can do  
for the World Center for Progressive Judaism.  
You will hear from me soon.

Roberto joins in sending warm regards.  
As ever, F.C.S.

April 2, 1974

Rabbi Frederick Schwartz  
Mt. Zion Temple  
1300 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

Dear Fred:

I hope that this letter finds you in good health and preparing for a sweet Passover.

As you know, we are in the process of seeking financial support to build the World Center for Progressive Judaism, a multi-purpose complex that will stand on a twelve-dunam plot of land adjacent to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. To coordinate this project, we have enlisted the services of Rabbi Herbert Friedman.

The Foundation whose name appears on the attached card has, in the past, contributed to similar causes. Are the names of any of the officers and directors familiar to you? Could you assist Herb in setting up an appointment with them? Is there any other information that might be helpful?

Herb is planning to be in the country in mid-May so time is of the essence. Would you be good enough to communicate with Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin at the House of Living Judaism. Ira has been designated as Herb's liaison in this project.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

AMS:mh

*Otto Bremer* *Ed*

Philip M. Klutznick

401 North Michigan Avenue • Chicago, Illinois 60611

*Gray*

April 8, 1974

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 2nd. Mr. Klutznick is out of the country and will not return until early May. His schedule upon his return is still somewhat uncertain at this time, so I am not free to commit him to a date to meet with Mr. Friedman. However, I will bring your letter to his immediate attention upon his return and I am sure he will respond to this request as soon as possible thereafter.

Sincerely,

*Mary Lou Kissner*

Mary Lou Kissner  
Secretary to Mr. Klutznick

(MLK)

April 2, 1974

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick  
Urban Investment & Development Co.  
401 N. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Phil:

I trust that this letter finds you in good health and preparing for a sweet Passover.

Herb Friedman is planning a Stateside trip in mid-May to seek out support for the World Center for Progressive Judaism. He is most anxious to obtain an appointment with Clement Stone. I understand that Herb has spoken with you about this, and I would deeply appreciate any assistance you might provide. Time is an essential factor.

Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin of the UAHC staff is Herb's liaison.

Rhea joins me in sending warmest regards to you and Ethel.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

AMS:MH



April 18, 1974

Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn  
Temple Israel  
Plymouth at Longwood  
Boston, Mass. 02215

Dear Roland:

Thanks so much for the information on the Boston Foundation. I appreciate your consideration and your offer to arrange an appointment for Herb when he is in the States. Ira will be contacting you once we have an idea of Herb's schedule.

Be assured we will keep your comments in complete confidence.

Seeing you and Ruth is always a joy for me and Rhea, being together in Jerusalem adds a special warmth and while we probably won't be in Israel together in the near future, we too hope we can soon have another pleasant evening with the two of you.

With fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

RABBI ROLAND B. GITTELSON, D. D., Sc. D.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02215

April  
12th  
1974

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
U A H C  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 1002

Dear Alex:

In response to your inquiry of 2 April, Reuben Gryzmish, his wife Ethel, and one of their daughters, Ruby May Shulman, are all members of our congregation. Mortimer Gryzmish is deceased.

If Herb Friedman will let me know the date or dates on which he can visit Boston, I'll be glad to try to arrange an appointment for him with these individuals as Directors of the Boston Foundation. I am not too sanguine about the results, since -- to be perfectly frank -- this family has not shown any overly-generous interest in the past in any of the causes associated with Reform Judaism. This information obviously is being given to you in strict confidence.

Ruth joins me in telling you how much we enjoyed seeing you and Rhea in Jerusalem. We hope we can get together for a quiet evening again soon.

Cordially,



Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn

/b

cc Ira Y.

April 2, 1974

Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn  
Temple Israel  
Loggwood Ave. at Plymouth Street  
Boston, Mass. 02215

Dear Roland:

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Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

AMS:MH

*The Boston Foundation*



April 10, 1974.

Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin,  
U.A.H.C.,  
838 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y. 10021.

Dear Ira:

If Herb is to visit Toronto, there are a series of people for him to see. Unquestionably Koffler ranks high on the list as does Ray Wolfe. Your approach to Koffler should go directly through his rabbi, Arthur Bielfeld. The Cadillac group has agreed to listen to a proposal on the matter in hand. It would help if a mock-up, or at least Sheuer's plans from Safdi were in his hand.

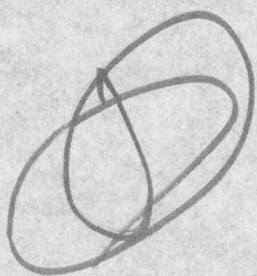
I would also suggest that he meet with Al Green of the Greenwin group. David Dennis is another extremely wealthy young man who has strong feelings for liberal Judaism and for Israel.

I will keep my eyes and ears open.  
Be well.

Most cordially,

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson

cc: Rabbi Alex Schindler ;





April 2, 1974

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson  
Temple Sinai  
210 Wilson Ave. West  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Jordy:

I trust that this letter finds you in good health and preparing for a sweet Passover.

I am writing to solicit your assistance in obtaining an appointment for Herb Friedman with Murray Koffler. During his last visit to Toronto, Maurice spoke with Murray about the World Center for Progressive Judaism. At that time, Murray indicated that he would welcome a visit at some later time. With Maurice's passing, no further contact has been made.

Herb is planning to be in North America in mid-May and is anxious to come to Toronto. As the War has played havoc with our timetable, anything you might do to facilitate a meeting would be deeply appreciated.

Also, if there are any other potential prospects, you might suggest them to Herb. I know that you spoke to Maurice about the "Cadillac Group". Are any of these live prospects?

Herb's liaison is Rabbi Ira Youdovin of the UAHC staff. Please communicate directly with him.

With warm regards to you and Jerry, in which Rhea joins, I remain

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

AMS:MH

## MEMORANDUM

Date April 12, 1974From RABBI RICHARD S. STERNBERGER, DIRECTOR, MID-ATLANTIC COUNCIL, UAHCTo Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIALCopy for information of Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler ✓

Subject \_\_\_\_\_

With reference to your memo of April 2, let me say that I do know Frank A. Kaufman. Frank is a judge in Baltimore, member of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, is married to the daughter of Morris Lazaron. I knew Frank and Clem real well when I was in Baltimore, but have not seen them very much lately.

I would be very happy to contact Frank to set up a meeting with Herb Friedman; however I think it would be best to go through David Goldstein, since he is not the most secure guy. In fact, even though I was the rabbi there, his pulpit is the only one in my region I have not been invited to occupy as a speaker. There I have spoken to the other three congregations two or three times. Let me say regarding David, as Alex well knows, he is not a great friend of the Union. One of the reasons is, I suppose, he has tried to make himself a carbon copy of Morris Lieberman and apes him even to the extent of his dislike for the Union. He also feels very insecure vis a vis his leadership and they are not particularly enamored of the Union; therefore he isn't either. At any rate I really think we should not bypass him. Perhaps a call from Alex will so overwhelm him that he will move positively on the matter.

Best wishes for Chag Sameach.

Sincerely,



April 2, 1974

Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin

Rabbi Richard Sternberger

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Attached Card

Alex has instructed me to solicit your help in processing the enclosed card.

As you know, Herb Friedman is busy at work searching out potential donors to the World Center for Progressive Judaism. The Foundation whose name appears on the attached card is based in your region, and has a record of contributing to projects similar to ours.

The key is getting appointments with the officers and directors whose names are listed. Are any familiar to you? Are they members of a Reform congregation? If so, can the local rabbi be of any help in making contact? Any information would be helpful and much appreciated.

Herb is planning a trip to the States in mid-May so time is an essential factor. Please communicate directly with me.

Sue joins me in sending our warm wishes for a sweet Pesach.

March 25, 1974

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
15 Ibn Gabirol Street  
Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Dear Herb:

It was wonderful seeing you and Thea and I really enjoyed the guided tour you so graciously gave us. You're a marvelous guide and we appreciate your thoughtfulness and your many courtesies. Thanks too for the book, it helped shorten the long flight home!

We spent some time in England en route home and I had a chance to speak to Albert Friedlander about the German Jewish community. It might be useful for you to chat with him before you make your approach in Berlin.

Before you make any contacts, you should know that Galinsky, the head of the Jewish community, is something of an egomaniac and he himself is not that much impressed with Leo Baeck. He thinks he is the far greater leader of German Jewry and might be more inclined to release communal funds were he or the newer German Jewish community featured in the Center. To put it differently, he might be sold not on the basis of the past, that is to say Leo Baeck, but rather on the basis of the present and the future as a tribute to the new Jewish Community of Berlin which rises Phoenix-like out of the ashes.

Also in regard to Germany, there is a young student at the Leo Baeck School of London whose dad, Marcel Marcus (that may be the boys name, forgive me) is one of the wealthiest Jews of West Germany - a big real estate muckety-muck - and since his son will be a Reform Rabbi he might be a likely prospect. His residence is on the Schorelermer Allee, Berlin.

Albert also thinks that it might be possible to get some money out of the German Government and deems an approach to Heineman, the President, not out of order. Heineman is a great admirer of Leo Baeck and in that case a tribute from the German Government to the memory of one of the great Jewish leaders would be possible.

All in all, as you can see, it would be well for you to call Albert once you get to Germany and before you do anything. He is at Westminster Synagogue and it is conceivable that he could hop over to see you. His telephone number is 01-584-3953. The synagogue address is, Kent House, Rutland Gardens, Knightsbridge, London SW7.



Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
March 25, 1974  
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Galinsky (sp.), incidentally, does not like the Leo Baeck School of London for a whole host of reasons which Albert can share with you.

With repeated thanks for your many kindnesses to Rhea and me during our stay in Israel and with warmest regards mee bayit l'bayit, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-  
JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

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FROM:

*Dr. Gottschalk*

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*6/25/74*

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*Rabbi A. Scheinick*

*6/27/74*  
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Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220  
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## SEKRETARIAT

4 Düsseldorf-Nord  
Fischerstraße 49  
Telefon 448697/443108  
Fernschreiber 8-584727

12. Juni 1974  
Gi/ho

Sehr geehrte Herren,

Ihr Schreiben vom 14. Mai 1974 habe ich mit Interesse gelesen. Der Fragenkomplex ist mir durch die Unterredung mit Herrn Rabbiner Friedmann und durch seine Vorlage auch dem Direktorium des Zentralrats der Juden in Deutschland bekannt. Inwieweit der Zentralrat effektiv hierzu beitragen kann, ist zwar noch nicht endgültig geklärt, jedoch im Hinblick auf sonstige Verpflichtungen in Israel fraglich.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

*Alex. Ginsburg*  
Alexander Ginsburg  
Generalsekretär

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JUN 24 1974

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AXEL SPRINGER  
Gesellschaft für Publizistik KG

*Rabbi A. Schindler*  
*J. Friedman*  
*TT*

June 4th, 1974  
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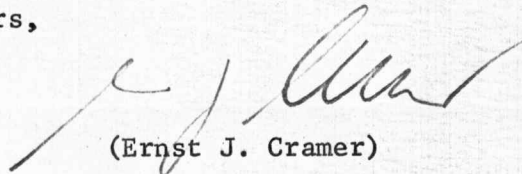
Dear Dr. Gottschalk,

to you and Mr. Schindler go my thanks for your kind lines of May 14th. I understand that you also wrote to Mr. Galinski, the deserving head of the Jewish Community in Berlin.

While Mr. Springer and we all understand and appreciate Rabbi Friedman's motivations to establish a center of Reform Judaism in Israel, I am sorry to repeat that we cannot in any way be of active help. Neither can - nor should - we try to influence the representatives of the Jewish Community in their decisions, - apart from the fact that we know from experience how difficult it is for them to make ends meet. Nor can Mr. Springer divert funds of his own for the World Center for Progressiv Judaism. All money that can be made available for Israel has already been earmarked for other projects, as I also informed Rabbi Friedman. This goes for the current year as well as for the next.

Still I wish Rabbi Friedman and you success in your endeavour. Maybe Israel will become the real testing ground whether Reform Judaism is a truly viable alternative to both Orthodoxy and secularization.

Very sincerely yours,

  
(Ernst J. Cramer)

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk  
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Cincinnati, den 14. Mai 1974.

Herrn Alexander Ginsburg  
Zentral Rat der Juden in Deutschland  
Fischerstrasse 49  
4 Düsseldorf 30  
West Germany

Sehr geehrter Herr Ginsburg!

Durch die Unterredung von Herrn Rabbiner Herbert Friedman mit Ihnen haben wir zu unserer grossen Zufriedenheit von seinem Besuch bei Ihnen und seinem Bemühen erfahren, Ihr Interesse und das des Zentralrats zu erwecken an dem historischen Projekt der Schaffung eines Welt-Bildungszentrums für das Fortschrittliche Judentum in Israel. Von Anfang an war es unsere Absicht, hierdurch nicht bloss ein amerikanisches Projekt zu verwirklichen, sondern eines, das den Geist des jüdischen Liberalismus in allen Teilen der Welt, wo sich jüdische Gemeinden entfalten, würdig vertreten soll. Sowohl die Jugend Mitteleuropas wie diejenige Israels würde ja den grösstmöglichen Nutzen ziehen aus der Schaffung eines Zentrums, wo Judentum in dem historischen und doch modernen Geist gelehrt werden kann, der für Israel selbst und die gegenwärtigen ethischen und philosophischen Ausprägungen des Judentums so bezeichnend ist.

Es würde für uns eine Quelle lebhafter Zuversicht sein, wenn ein pandeutsches Projekt zur Unterstützung des Bildungszentrums ins Leben gerufen und Ihre gütige Unterstützung und Befürwortung gesichert werden könnte. Wir legen

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Ihnen hiermit nahe, uns in dieser sehr bedeutungsvollen Entwicklung beizustehen, die für Sie ihre Wichtigkeit haben würde und zugleich für die jüdischen Gemeinschaften allerorts segensreich wirken würde.

Mit dem Ausdruck des Dankes für Ihr Interesse und der Hoffnung auf Ihre Mithilfe verbleiben wir

in vorzüglicher Hochachtung

Alfred Gottschalk, President  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute  
of Religion

Alexander Schindler, President  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

cc: Rabbi Herbert Friedman

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Cincinnati, den 14. Mai 1974.

Herrn Heinz Galinski  
Jüdische Gemeinde zu Berlin  
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1 Berlin 15  
West Germany

Sehr geehrter Herr Galinski!

Herr Rabbiner Friedman hat uns soeben von der wichtigen und wahrhaft historischen Unterredung Mitteilung gemacht, die zwischen Ihnen und ihm in Berlin stattgefunden hat. Er hat uns von Ihrem Interesse und Ihrer Begeisterung berichtet, an dem Aufbau eines Welt-Bildungszentrums für das Fortschrittliche Judentum in Israel mitzuwirken. Was für ein Beweis staatsmännischer Voraussicht wäre das Ihrerseits, uns bei dem Aufbau eines Bildungszentrums beizustehen, das Israel und der Judenheit der Welt in ganz einzigartiger und vielversprechender Weise dienen würde! Das liberale Judentum, welches in Berlin vor der Naziperiode eine Blütezeit durchlebt hat, hat beachtenswerte Beiträge zur Förderung unserer Religion, unserer Kultur und der einzigartigen Auffassung des jüdischen Ethos durch das deutsche Judentum geliefert.

Jetzt bietet sich uns eine denkwürdige Gelegenheit, jenes Ethos auf den Boden des heiligen Landes in Israel zu verpflanzen, wo sich neue Horizonte und jüdische Ausblicke eröffnen lassen für viele Jugendliche in Israel und die Jugend Zentraleuropas und diesbezüglich alle jüdischen Gemeinschaften, die des philosophischen und ethischen Strebens eines liberalen und zeitbezogenen Judentums bedürfen.



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Cincinnati, den 14. Mai 1974.

Des tiefgreifenden, ja radikalen Wandels wegen, der sich heutzutage in Israel vollzieht, ist der Zeitpunkt tief bedeutungsvoll. Jetzt ist's Zeit, diesen lebenswichtigen Schritt zu tun, der, so hoffen wir, eine Daseinsberechtigung für den Jüdischen Staat und seinen jüdischen Charakter für zukünftige Generationen abgeben wird.

Uns ist schon so viel über Ihre Persönlichkeit und die jüdische Gemeinschaft in Berlin bekannt geworden, dass wir alle Zuversicht haben, dass Sie infolge Ihres Weitblicks und Ihrer Überzeugung dieses höchst bedeutungsvolle Projekt zusammen mit uns unternehmen werden.

Indem wir Ihrer Antwort gern entgegen sehen verbleiben wir

in vorzüglicher Hochachtung

Alfred Gottschalk, President  
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Herrn Ernst Cramer  
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Sehr geehrter Herr Cramer!

Durch Herrn Rabbiner Herbert Friedman haben wir zu unserer Zufriedenheit von dem ernsthaften Interesse vernommen, dass Sie an der Verwirklichung des geplanten Welt-Bildungszentrums für die Liberale Bewegung im Judentum haben. Ihre Unterstützung unseres Ansinnens, das Herr Rabbiner Friedman an Herrn Galinski gestellt hat, würde uns eine Quelle lebhaftester Anregung sein, insbesondere, wenn Sie ihn veranlassen könnten, dass sowohl die jüdische Gemeinschaft wie er selbst sich für ein Projekt erwärmen, das zu einem Bollwerk jüdisch-deutscher liberaler Tradition, nach Israel verpflanzt, werden könnte.

Wir hoffen zuversichtlich, dass wir in nächster Zukunft unser Ziel erreichen werden, Institutionen in Israel aufzubauen, die dazu beitragen werden, das Gesicht der jüdischen Welt von morgen zu bestimmen.

In voller Würdigung Ihres Beistandes und Ihrer Ermutigung verbleiben wir

in vorzüglicher Hochachtung

Alfred Gottschalk, President  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute  
of Religion

Alexander Schindler, President  
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bc: Rabbi Herbert Friedman

May 2, 1974

Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk  
President, HUC-JIR  
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Dear Fred:

I have just received Herb's joint memo on his visit to Germany. I would be grateful if you would draft a letter to Meir Galinski, per Herb's suggestion, and send it to me so that we can discuss it and get moving on this prospect without delay.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

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April 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM

TO Dr. Alfred Gottschalk  
Rabbi Alexander Schindler

FROM: Herbert A. Friedman

Dear Fred and Alex:

Here is a very, very condensed report on my visit to Germany.

1. I asked Heinz Galinski = the 25-year-in-office President of the Berlin Gemeinde = for a contribution of \$1 million. He hedged and squirmed and said it was impossible - but took the bait. My approach was: historical opportunity for Berlin, and personal opportunity for Galinski. This coincided with advice I found in a letter from Alex upon my return. Thanks Alex.
2. Saw Ernst Cramer, a Jew, Chief of Staff to Axel Springer, asked him for two things: to support my request to Galinski, and to ask Springer for some of his own money. He said yes to the first but couldn't commit himself on the second. Springer is now deep in a fundraising project for a soldiers' rehabilitation hospital on Mount Scopus.
3. Saw Alexander Ginsburg, President of the Zentralrat der Juden in Deutschland, at his office in Dusseldorf. I explained that I had approached Berlin first for \$1 million, but if they wanted to join in on an all-German basis, a fair figure should be \$2 million. They will probably do nothing.
- 4/ Saw the director of the JNF-Keren Hayesod, a personal friend, who said there were no individuals worthy of attention, except perhaps one in Frankfurt, a man named Georg Faktor, to whom I will try to gain entree.
5. Saw Rabbi Peter Levinson, who has been very helpful, and discussed strategy with him. He agrees that the real chance is to concentrate on Berlin, and promises to use whatever influence he has on Galinski. We also talked about the President Heinemann fund. Levinson gets some small amounts from it, and says he knows there is nothing much left in it. Furthermore, Heinemann is shortly leaving office, so we will have no further discretion.

Director of Planning and Development:  
Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

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Old Union for Progressive Judaism - Central Conference of American Rabbis



6. To summarize: A seed has been planted, and I would now like to suggest that you both, in joint or separate letters, nourish it: by writing to Galinski, urging him and telling him how wonderfully statesmanlike he would be to invest Berlin's money into Liberal Judaism in Jerusalem; by writing to Ernst Cramer (whom I told about both of you), urging him to support the project; and by writing to Ginsberg, urging him to investigate every possibility of making this an all-German project.

As ever,

Den 27 April. 1974

Herrn Alexander Ginsburg  
Zentral Rat der Juden in Deutschland  
Fischerstr. 49  
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Sehr geehrter Herr Ginsburg:

Dieser Brief dient dazu, schriftlich die Sache zu bestaetigen, die wir vor einigen Wochen in Ihrem Buero besprochen haben. Sie haben bereits ein in Einzelheiten gehendes komplettes Prospekt ueber das betreffende Projekt, und ich bin sicher, dass Sie seine Bedeutung verstehen.

Um mich kurz zu fassen, der Grund fuer die Errichtung eines Welt-Erziehungszentrums fuer Progressives Judentum hier in Jerusalem ist, zum geistigen Leben Israels beizutragen, und zu helfen, Israel voellig juedisch in seinen Charakter zu erhalten, und nicht nur Israelisch-nationalistisch. Ich weiss, dass ich sehr ernste kulturelle und religioese Probleme auf einen sehr einfachen Satz reduziere, dennoch weiss ich aber, dass Sie instinktiv fuehlen koennen, worueber ich eigentlich rede.

Eine Sache muss klar sein. Der Plan, eine progressive Form des Judentums in Israel aufzubauen, basiert keinesfalls auf einen Wunsch, die Orthodoxie zu bekaempfen. Dies waere negativ und destruktiv. Diese Idee basiert eher auf einem Wunsch, die grosse Mehrheit der Bevoelkerung in Israel zum Judentum zuzrueckzubringen. Leute, die abtruennig werden, weil es keine moderne Form des Judentums gibt, die sie zurueckhalten koennte. Der plan ist gut, und wenn er ganz ausgefuehrt wird, sowohl in Jerusalem wie im ganzen Lande Israel, wird es auch fuer das Judentum in der Diaspora von Vorteil sein, da dieses von den hier geschaffenen Welten Inspiration wird schoepfen koennen.

In seiner ersten Phase (Das Jerusalem Zentrum) wird der Plan ungefaehr 15 Millionen Dollar erfordern, fuer Gebaude und Stiftungen (d.h. um ein jaehrliches Betriebsbudget zu sichern). In der zweiten Phase - Bau und Erhaltung von Synagogen, Zentren, Jugendklubs, Sommerlager, Kibbutzim, hoehere Schulen und ideologische Zentren in ganz Israel - wird ein weiterer Betrag von ungefaehr 35 Millionen Dollar noetig sein.

Ich habe Ihnen zwei Moeglichkeiten vorgeschlagen: dass die Berliner Gemeinde allein an diesem Projekt teilnehme, da Berlin historische mit dem Wachsen der liberalen Bewegung eng verbunden ist, beginnend mit Israel Jacobson, der Errichtung der Hochschule, und bis zur Periode von Leo Baeck; oder aber dass der Zentralrate sich ebenfalls beteiligt und dadurch das Projekt zum historischen Beitrag der gesamten Deutsch-Juedischen Gemeinde wird. Sollte die Berliner Gemeinde es allein tun, habe ich Herrn Galinski vorgeschlagen, dass der Betrag von einer Million Dollar, waehrend einer Zeitspanne von vier oder fuenf Jahren zahlbar, ein passender Teil des Ganzen waere; sollten Sie glauben, dass alle

anderen Gemeinden teilnehmen sollten, durch den Zentralrat, so glaube ich, dass die passende Summe zwei Millionen Dollars wäre, während derselben Zeitspanne.

Ich möchte, dass eine Sache völlig klar sein soll: genau wie wir nicht die Absicht haben, irgendeinen Kulturkampf hier in Israel zu entfesseln, möchte ich auch keinen in Deutschland selbst haben. Sollte in Ihrem Direktorium eine sehr starke Opposition entstehen, so ist die Sache nicht wert, einen Kampf auszukaempfen. Es ist schwer genug, innerhalb einer Gemeinde Einheit zu erlangen, und dies sollte nicht gefährdet werden. Selbst wenn Sie beschliessen, dass dies eine gute Idee ist, und dass Sie es gern sehen würden, dass der Zentralrat teilnimmt, aber feststellen dass Sie dies nicht tun können, ohne grosse Streitigkeiten zu entfachen, sollten Sie auf den Kampf verzichten, und ich werde Verständnis haben.

Sie erhalten viele Eingaben für Geldzuwendungen, und Ihr Geld ist nicht unbegrenzt. Ihre Unterstützung an Israel ist hochwertig, und jedesmal wenn man zu Ihnen mit einem Projekt für Israel kommt, hören Sie willig zu. Es ist nicht leicht, über die relative Bedeutung verschiedener Bitten und Vorschläge eine Entscheidung zu fällen.

Das Einzige, was ich unterstreichen möchte, ist dass dieser Projekt nicht einfach noch ein Kindergarten ist, oder ein Soldatenklub, oder ein Universitätsgebäude - obschon alle diese bedeutungsvoll sind. Dieses Projekt ist der grundlegendsten Frage aller Fragen gewidmet - der Zukunft der juedischen Religion im Judenstaate selbst. Kein Problem ist gewichtiger als dieses. Wenn Sie also Ihren Entscheid waegen und ueberdenken, denken Sie bitte an den historischen Rahmen aus langer Sicht, und auch daran, wo die Deutsch-Juedische Gemeinde im pragen des zukuenftigen juedischen Schicksals sich eingliedern sollte.

Ich sehe gern Ihrer Rueckaeusserung entgegen und zeichne

mit vorzueglicher Hochachtung

Herbert A. Friedman

Abschrift: Herrn Werner Nachmann

DC. Rabbi Saundlen



Den. 27 April 1974

Herrn. Werner Nachmann  
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Lieber Freund Werner Nachmann:

Es tut mir leid, Sie waehrand meines Aufenthalts in Deutschland nicht gesehen zu haben. Sie waren in Paris, und wir haben einander verpasst. Ich hoffe, dass Sie die Gruesse und Mitteilungen, die ich fuer Sie gelassen habe, auch erheiltten.

Ich sprach sowohl mit Heinz Galinski wie mit Alexander Ginsburg ueber das Projekt, das wir fuer Israel planen, fuer die Entwicklung einer progressiven religioesen Bewegung hier. Ich liess ihnen ein ausfuehrliches Prospekt sowie auch spezifische Anliegen fuer die Teilnahme, entweder von Berlin allein, oder in Gemeinschaft mit dem Zentralrat. Ich schrieb auch beiden Herren ausfuehrliche Briefe, in denen ich die grundlegenden historischen Gruende angab, warum ich fuehle, dass dies ein bedeutender Schritt fuer die Deutsche-Juedische Gemeinde gerade zu dieser Zeit waere. Ich bin sicher, dass beide Herren keineswegs uebelnehmen werden, dass ich ihre Briefe zu Ihrer Kenntnis brachte.

Nachdem Sie das Material und die verschiedenen Briefe gelesen haben werden, sodass Sie mit dem Thema gut bekannt sind, bitte ich Sie, diesem Anliegen Ihre Befuerwortung zu geben. Sie sind eine starke Persoenlichkeit mit einem Sinn fuer Geschichte. Manchmal ist nur eine Person, mit Fuehrereigenschaften, noetig, um zu beschliessen, dass eine Idee grundlegend richtig ist. Dann kommen viele Andere, die auch instinktiv fuehlen, dass es richtig ist, aber nicht wuenschen es als Erste auszusprechen, und sie werden gluecklich sein, diesem Fuehrer zu folgen.

Mit vorzueglicher Hochachtung,

Herbert A. Friedman

Bc. Rabbi Sander



April 27, 1974

Mr. Ernst Cramer  
Axel Springer House  
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1 Berlin 61  
West Germany

Dear Mr. Cramer:

Please accept this thank you note, too long delayed, for the gracious lunch in your beautiful tower, which is not ivory and removed from the world's problems but sits exactly astride one of the world's tinder-boxes. The site is very impressive, and so was your friendliness.

To report: I saw Hans Lamm in Munich, and again a week later when he came to Tel Aviv. He said three things, in essence:- his Gemeinde of Munich is broke; he did not think that the Zentralrat would enter the project because of a desire to avoid Kulturkampf; and Berlin could do something. Nevertheless, he urged me to continue to present the matter to the Zentralrat.

I have written the enclosed letter to Heinz Galinski. It is based on the historic propriety of Berlin's participation, plus an appeal to his personal sense of history. I know that an expression of strong support from you and Mr. Springer would go far toward convincing him. I know further that if Mr. Springer were able, in addition, to commit some measure of financial support, that would be even more helpful.

I enjoyed reading your article on Leo Baeck. You captured his personality very well. Leo Baeck, who, although not a strong Zionist, was a strong supporter of Palestine. He thought that the building of this country was a valuable prospect for embodying the spirit of Judaism, but not a guarantee that it would be realised. I would like to try to achieve that guarantee, for Israel without the spirit of Judaism might turn out to be just another nationalism.

The last paragraph of your article, by the way, coincides exactly with my approach to Galinski, that the German Jewish community does live, and should therefore turn its eyes toward the future.

Many thanks for your efforts, and hoping to hear from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman

bc Rabbi Schneider

Den 28. April 74

Herrn Heinz Galinski  
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Leiber Heinz:

Nachdem ich alle Gespräche überdenke, die ich mit verschiedenen Persönlichkeiten hatte, betreffend die Errichtung eines Welt-Erziehungszentrums für Progressives Judentum, bin ich mehr als je überzeugt dass es ein würdiges Projekt für Sie und für Berlin ist.

Die liberale Religion wurde in Deutschland geboren, ganz besonders aber in Berlin. Israel Jacobson heilt den ersten liberalen Gottesdienst in sein Haus in Berlin ab. Die Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums wurde in Berlin errichtet. Auf der Höhe ihrer Entwicklung besass die Berliner Gemeinde 16 Synagogen, von denen 7 Orthodox und 9 Liberal und Reform waren. Während einer Zeitspanne von ungefähr 80 Jahren (1860 bis 1939) arbeiteten Orthodoxe und Liberale in Eintracht zusammen, dennoch war aber Berlin eine vorwiegend liberale Gemeinde. Und schliesslich war Leo Baeck, der bedeutendste Europäische progressive geistige Führer des zwanzigsten Jahrhunderts, Rabbiner von Berlin.

Um eine progressive religiöse Bewegung in Israel aufzubauen, um zum geistigen Leben dort beizutragen, um das Judentum in Israel zu stützen, gerade in Israel, ist ein Anliegen mit grosstem historischem Vorzugsrecht.

Und ich denke, dass es auch eine historische Bedeutung für die Berliner Jüdische Gemeinde der Gegenwart hat, diese Projekt zu unterstützen. Sie und Ihre Gemeinde, Leiber Heinz, sind ein Symbol, ein Symbol des Lebens, das den Tod überwindet. Es ist Ihnen gelungen, am Leben zu bleiben, trotz Hitler, und Sie sind am Leben trotz derjenigen, die am Ende der vierziger und am Beginn der fünfziger Jahre prophezeiten, dass Sie als Gemeinde nicht weiterleben sollten noch könnten. Leo Baeck blieb am Leben trotz Theresienstadt, und Ihre Gemeinde blieb am Leben. Dies ist ein Sieg des jüdischen Geistes.

Dieser Sieg sollte, hier in Israel, bekannt werden, als Berlin an der Errichtung, sozusagen, einer neuen "Hochschule" teilnimmt. Die Jugend Israels wird eine grosse Lehre erhalten, sie wird sehen wie der eigensinnige jüdische Wille zum Überleben Sie erhalten hat, und dann Ihr Herz hierher führte, um eine grosse Hochschule und eine grosse Bewegung zu schaffen, die für das Judentum der fernen Zukunft arbeiten wird.

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Ihre Teilnahme wird unsere Jugend ermutigen. Berlin, und sie, werden in Jerusalem weiterleben als Teil von etwas Unvergaenglichem fuer unseren Glauben und unsere Gemeinschaft. Wenn die angemessenen Einweihungszeremonien ausgearbeitet werden, wird passende Anerkennung Berlins und Galinskis nicht fehlen, und dies wird fuer beide Staedte gut sein, Berlin und Jerusalem.

Ich habe mit Ernst Cramer gesprochen, diesen Richtlinien folgend. Ich bat ihn darum Springers Unterstuetzung zu erlangen, und Ihnen Rueckhalt zu bieten. Ich fragte ihn, ob Springer selbst spenden koennte, und deutete auf eine Summe von 250.000 Dollars. Cramer meinte dass er das Projekt fuer sehr wertvoll halte, und fuer sehr noetig, und dass er die Sache mit Herrn Springer besprechen wuerde. Er wusste nicht, ob Springer gerade jetzt ueber freie Geldsummen verfugen koennte.

Lieber Heinz, ich moechte Sie darum bitten, von der Berliner Gemeinde eine Verpflichtung zu erlangen, fuer eine Million Dollars, zahlbar ueber vier oder fuenf Jahre. Ich schlage keine spezifischen Einzelheiten vor, betreffend Gebaude oder Fakultaeten oder Stiftungen, die wir waehlen, oder den Namen, den die Stigtung tragen wuerde. Diese Dinge koennten besprochen werden, sollten Sie einen bejahenden Entschluss fassen. Es koennte viel Geld fuer ein einzelnes Projekt scheinen, dennoch ist es aber einmal in einem menschlichen Leben, ja einmal in einem Jahrhundert, dass etwas so Grosses, so Historisches gewagt und ausgefuehrt wird. Ich fuehle, dass Sie daran teilhaben muessen, aus historischen Grunden.

Ich moechte sehr aufrichtig sein, Ich glaube, dass Berlin dieses Projekt unterstutzen sollte, ob nun der Zentralrat teilnimmt oder nicht. Ich schreibe an Nachmann und Ginsberg gesagt, dass sollte es ein Projekt von ganz Deutschland sein, ein Betrag von zwei Millionen Dollars angemessen waere. Sollte es Berlin allein sein, wuerde ich Sie um eine Million Dollar bitten. Die Leute dort koennten aber sehr grosse Schwierigkeiten seitens orthodoxer Faktoren haben, und dies wuerde sie abhalten, selbst wenn sie den Wunsch haetten, teilzunehmen. Und gewiss will ich keinen Kulturkampf entdessein. Also, sollten sie zu einem negativen Entschluss kommen, wuerde es mir leid tun, und ich wuerde fuehlen dass sie eine Chance vorbeigehen lassen - der Verlust waere aber auf ihrer Seite.

Soweit die Sache Sie betrifft, denke ich, dass dies ein grosser historischer Augenblick ist, eine Herausforderung, und fuer Berlin geradezu zugeschnitten, wegen der vergangenen Geschichte der Gemeinde. Gewisse Ideen sind naetuerlich und logisch und erscheinen als absolut richtig. Ich glaube dass die Errichtung eines Welt-Erziehungs-Zentrums fuer Progressives Judentum, durchgesetzt fuer die religioese Zukunft von Israel, und mit dem unaudloeschlichen Gedenken an Leo Baeck immer im Hintergrund fuehlbar, durchaus eine wunderbare und hoechst passende Herausforderung darstellt.

Mit freundlichen Gruessen

Herbert A. Friedman

Abschrift: Herrn Ernst Cramer  
Herrn Werner Nachmann

bc: Rabbi Schindler ✓



DRAFT TO HEINZ GALINSKI BERLIN

After thinking about all the conversations I had with various people concerning the building of the World Educational Center for Progressive Judaism, I am more convinced than ever that it is a fitting project for you and Berlin.

Liberal religion was born in Germany, but particularly in Berlin. Israel Jacobson had the first liberal service in his house in Berlin. The Hochschule fur die Wissenschaft des Judentums was established in Berlin. At the height of its development, the Berlin community owned 16 synagogues, of which 7 were orthodox and 9 were liberal and reform. For about 80 years (from 1860-1939) while the orthodox and liberals worked together in harmony, still Berlin was predominantly a liberal community. And after all Leo Baeck, the most illustrious European progressive spiritual leader of the 20th century, was the rabbi of Berlin.

To build a progressive religious movement in Israel, to contribute to the spiritual life here, to strengthen Judaism in Israel, of all countries, is a matter of highest historical priority.

And I think it is also of historical importance for the Berlin Jewish community of today to undertake support for this project. You and your community are a symbol, Heinz, of life overcoming death. You have managed to stay alive, in spite of Hitler - and you have stayed alive in spite of those who predicted in the late 1940's and 1950's that you would not and should not continue to exist as a community. Leo Baeck stayed alive through Theresienstadt - and your community stayed alive. This is a victory for the Jewish spirit.

That victory should be known here - in Israel - as Berlin takes a part in the founding of a new Hochschule, so to speak. The



youth of Israel will learn a great lesson, for they will see how the stubborn Jewish will to survive kept you going, and then turned your hearts here, to help build a great school and movement which will work for Judaism far into the future. Your part in this will give courage to our youth. Berlin and you will live in Jerusalem as part of something eternal for our faith and community. When the appropriate dedication ceremonies are arranged, a proper recognition will be made of Berlin and Galinski - and this will be good for both cities - Berlin and Jerusalem.

I spoke to Ernst Cramer along these lines. I asked him to enlist Springer's support, to give you backing. I asked him if Springer could himself contribute any funds, and suggested a sum of \$250,000. Cramer replied that he thought the project was very worthwhile and necessary and he would speak to Mr. Springer about it. He didn't know if Springer would have available funds right now.

Heinz, I would like to ask you for a commitment <sup>from the Berlin Gemeinde</sup> of one million dollars, payable over 4 or 5 years. I am not proposing any specific details as to which buildings or faculties or endowments <sup>we</sup> ~~one~~ would select, or on whose name we would decide to dedicate. <sup>These matters</sup> ~~That~~ we can discuss <sup>if you make an affirmative decision.</sup> ~~when you are ready.~~ This may sound like a large amount of money for one project - but still it is once-in-a-lifetime, or once-in-a-century that something so big and historic is being attempted. I feel you must be part of it for historic reasons.

Let me be very frank. I think Berlin should enter this project, whether the Zentralrat takes part or not. I am writing to Nachman and Ginsberg - and I believe deeply in my heart that this is an opportunity which they should welcome. I said to Ginsberg that if it

were an all-German project, I thought a fair amount would be two million dollars. If only Berlin, then I would ask you for one million dollars. But they may have all kinds of trouble from orthodox factors, which would prevent them, even if they wanted to. And I certainly do not want to start a kulturkampf. So if they come to a negative conclusion, I would be sorry, and I would feel they were missing a chance, but that would be their loss.

As far as you are concerned, I think this is a great challenging historic moment, exactly right for Berlin, in view of the previous history of the community. Some ideas are natural and logical and have a feeling of being just right. I think that the building of a World Educational Center for Progressive Judaism, undertaken for the sake of the religious future of Israel, by Heinz Galinski, on behalf of the Jewish community of Berlin, with the memory of Leo Baeck ever-present in the background, is exactly such a wonderful fitting challenge.

Sincerely,

cc. Ernst Cramer  
~~Axel Springer~~  
Werner Nachmann



DRAFT TO ALEXANDER GINSBERG, DUSSELDORF

Dear Mr. Ginsberg,

This letter is to confirm in writing the matter we discussed in your office a few weeks ago. You have a full detailed prospectus on the project, and I am sure you understand its significance.

Briefly stated, the reason for building a World Educational Center for Progressive Judaism here in Jerusalem, is to contribute to the spiritual life of Israel and help to keep Israel fully Jewish in its character, not simply Israeli nationalistic. I know I am reducing ~~enormous~~ <sup>very serious</sup> cultural and religious problems to a very simple sentence, yet I also know that you can feel by instinct what I am talking about.

One thing must be clear. The plan to build a progressive form of Judaism in Israel is not based on any desire to fight with orthodoxy. That would be negative and destructive. Rather, it is based on a desire to attract back to Judaism the vast majority of the people in Israel who are drifting away because there is no modern version of Judaism to hold them. The plan is a good one, and when fully implemented, both in Jerusalem and throughout the whole of Israel, it will also bring benefits to Judaism in the Diaspora, which will be able to draw inspiration from what will be created here.

In its first stage (The Jerusalem Center) the plan will require approximately 15 million dollars for buildings and endowments (i.e. to maintain annual operating budget). In its second stage, - building and maintaining synagogues, centers, youth clubs, summer camps, kibbutzim, high schools and ideological centers all throughout Israel - an additional amount of approximately 35 million dollars will be required.

I suggested to you two possibilities: that the Berlin Gemeinde alone take part in this project, for historically Berlin is intimately connected with the growth of the liberal movement, beginning with Israel Jacobson, the <sup>establishment of the</sup> Hochschule, down to <sup>the period of</sup> Leo Baeck; or that the Zentralrat join and make it an historic contribution of the entire German-Jewish community. If the Berlin Gemeinde does it alone, I suggested to Mr. Galinski that the sum of one million dollars, payable over a period of 4 or 5 years, would be a fitting share of the total; if you feel that you want all other communities to join, through the Zentralrat, then I think the proper amount should be 2 million dollars, over the same period of time.

One thing I want to be very clear: just as we do not intend to make any Kulturkampf here in Israel, so I do not want to cause one inside Germany. If there is very strong opposition inside your directorium, it is not worth making a fight about. Unity inside a community is hard enough to achieve, and should not be endangered. Even if you decide that this is a good idea, and you would like the Zentralrat to take part, but find you cannot do it without a big fight on your hands, don't fight, and I will understand.

You receive many requests for funds, and your money is not unlimited. Your support of Israel is excellent, and every time someone comes to you with another project for Israel, you are willing to listen. It is not easy to decide on the relative importance of various requests.



The only thing I would like to say is that this project is not simply another kindergarten, or soldiers' club, or university building - as important as all these things are. This project deals with the most basic question of all - the future of the Jewish religion inside the Jewish state. There is no issue more fundamental than this. So when you give thought to your decision, think of the long-range historic framework - and where the German-Jewish community should place itself in determining future Jewish destiny.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

cc. Werner Nachmann



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18/4/74

Mr. Werner Nachmann

Dear friend Werner Nachmann:

I am sorry not to have seen you when I was in Germany. You were in Paris, and we missed each other. I hope you received the messages and greetings I left for you.

I spoke to both Heinz Galinski and Alexander Ginsberg about the project we are planning in Israel for the development of a progressive religious movement here. I left with them a detailed prospectus (~~which is enclosed~~) as well as specific requests for the participation either of Berlin alone, or together with the Zentralrat. I also wrote long letters to both men, in which I gave the basic historic reasons why I feel this is an important move for the German-Jewish community to take at this time. I am sure both men will not mind that I have shared their letters with you.

After you have read the material and the various letters, so that you are familiar with the subject matter, then, please give this request your support. You are a strong personality, with a sense of history. Sometimes it only takes one man, a leader, to decide that an idea is basically correct. Then many others, who also feel by instinct that it is correct, but <sup>do not wish</sup> ~~are afraid~~ to speak out first, will follow that leader happily.

Sincerely,

HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN  
15 IBN GABIROL STREET  
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL 92430  
TEL. 02-66921

13 June 74

Dear Edie -

Your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> arrived day before yesterday, and I was just sitting down to answer it, when Rabi Schindler called from Westport. He had some questions he wanted answered. He sounded fine - but should be careful not to overwork too fast.

I'm writing a summary now, in some detail, of where we stand on each prospect. That should be done in a few days, and then I'll send it on to you, for your pony express.

Meanwhile return my love to him, and tell him that the best place to return to strength is in his own backyard.

An hour ago we had another terrorist attack in the north. I hope those bastards are dumb enough to do something next Monday when Nixon is here.

Fondest regards - Herb

June 6, 1974

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
15 Ibn Gabirol Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

You'll be pleased to learn that Rabbi Schindler is home from the hospital and doing beautifully. He'll be home for a few weeks and we're in constant telephone contact in addition to our own version of the pony express for mail. It really beats commuting from Connecticut!

He was terribly sorry that the two of you didn't have an opportunity to discuss your trip and is very eager to hear of your progress. Would you be good enough to provide a summary of the progress and/or problems you had during your recent trip and send it to Rabbi Schindler as soon as possible. He also asked me to send you his love.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller  
Administrative Assistant





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April 2, 1974

Rabbi Max Shapiro  
Temple Israel  
2324 Emerson Ave. S  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

Dear Max:

I hope that this letter finds you in good health and preparing for a sweet Passover.

As you know, we are in the process of seeking financial support to build the World Center for Progressive Judaism, a multi-purpose complex that will stand on a twelve-dunam plot of land adjacent to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. To coordinate this project, we have enlisted the services of Rabbi Herbert Friedman.

The Foundation whose name appears on the attached card has, in the past, contributed to similar causes. Are the names of any of the officers and directors familiar to you? Could you assist Herb in setting up an appointment with them? Is there any other information that might be helpful?

Herb is planning to be in the country in mid-May so time is of the essence. Would you be good enough to communicate with Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin at the House of Living Judaism. Ira has been designated as Herb's liaison in this project.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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April 2, 1974

Mr. Mel Schottenstein  
Midland Mutual Building  
East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mel:

I trust that this letter finds you in good health and preparing for a sweet Passover.

Herb Friedman is planning a trip to the States in mid-May and is most anxious to see you in connection with the \$1 million grant he has requested from the Yassenoff Foundation.

I would deeply appreciate your finding time in your schedule to see Herb.

Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin of the UAHC staff is Herb's liaison. He will be in touch with you shortly.

Best regards from house to house.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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April 2, 1974

Mr. Robert N. Canvasser  
26011 Evergreen Road, Suite 303  
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Bob:

I hope that this letter finds you in good health and preparing for a sweet Passover.

Herb Friedman is planning a trip to the States in mid-May and would appreciate your help in obtaining an appointment for him with Ben Maas. I know that you have spoken with Herb about the project and we all are counting on you to put him in touch with Ben.

As time is of the essence, would you please communicate directly with Ira Youdovin who is Herb's liaison.

Rhea joins me in sending our best from house to house.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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April 2, 1974

Mr. Matthew H. Ross  
Blumberg, Singer, Ross, Gottesman  
& Gordon-Partner  
245 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10017

Dear Matt:

Herb Friedman is planning a Stateside trip in mid-May. We have decided to extend his arrangement for six months so that this visit constitutes a critical push on his part.

Herb is anxious to make a presentation to the Chilewich Foundation. He spoke with Aaron Chilewich in September and reports receiving a promising response.

As time is of the essence, I would deeply appreciate any assistance you might provide in setting up another appointment. Herb's liaison is Ira Youdovin here at the House of Living Judaism.

I trust that this letter finds you preparing for a sweet Passover. Rhea joins me in sending our warm wishes to you and Mildred for a festive holiday season.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

AMS:MH

April 2, 1974

Rabbi Harold Hahn  
Congregation Bene Israel  
Rockdale Temple  
8801 Ridge Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

Dear Harold:

I trust that this letter finds you in good health and preparing for a sweet Passover.

Herb Friedman tells me that he spoke to you in Jérusalem about assisting him in obtaining an appointment with Jerry Goldman, an attorney for the Beerman Estate in Dayton. As you are aware of the importance of the World Center for Progressive Judaism, I would deeply appreciate your participation.

Herb will be in the States in mid-May. His liaison here is Rabbi Ira Youdovin of the UAHC staff. Please communicate directly with Ira.

With warm good wishes to you and Nancy, in which Rhea joins, I remain

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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April 2, 1974

Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin

Rabbi Erwin Herman

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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The key is getting appointments with the officers and directors whose names are listed. Are any familiar to you? Are they members of a Reform congregation? If so, can the local rabbi be of any help in making contact? Any information would be helpful and much appreciated.

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Sue joins me in sending our warm wishes for a sweet Pesach.



April 2, 1974

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Rabbi Paul Menitoff

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Edith J. Miller

Rabbi Ira Youdovin

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Myron Goldman of Ft. Wayne just called in regard to the April 2nd letter on the Oppenheim Foundation. Regretfully, there is nothing he can do to be of help. The Estate had left funds to build the Temple in Ft. Wayne and also provisions for yearly maintenance, While the maintenance was taken care of for a few years it was stopped a few years ago and at this time there is a legal action in regard to the funds for maintenance of the temple.

He was sorry that his response was negative but you can well understand the situation.



April 2, 1974

Mr. Myron S. Goldman  
1935 Lincoln Tower  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Myron:

I hope that this letter finds you in good health and preparing for a sweet Passover.

As you know, we are in the process of seeking financial support to build the World Center for Progressive Judaism, a multi-purpose complex that will stand on a twelve-dunam plot of land adjacent to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. To coordinate this project, we have enlisted the services of Rabbi Herbert Friedman.

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