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September 1, 1975

TO : Dr. Alfred Gottschalk
✓ Rabbi Alexander Schindler

cc. Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Prof. Ezra Spicehandler

FROM: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

SUBJECT: Sapir's letter of Commitment

AMERICAN JEWISH
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1. On 24 August 1975 I had a formal conversation with Adi Yaffe, M.K., who was for many years Pinhas Sapir's assistant in fundraising and who will now be responsible, together with Arnon Gafni, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, for executing the many projects and promises left in abeyance by Sapir's death.

The purpose of my conversation was to confirm the existence of Sapir's promise to us; to ascertain that his successors would carry out this promise; to determine the timing and actions to be performed by us in order to obtain matching grants.

2. Adi Yaffe confirmed that Sapir's letter to us was known, and was in a rather thick file, together with many other Sapir projects and promises. He also confirmed that there was no doubt about its being honoured. Thirdly, he indicated that the sooner the commitment was "activated", the sooner it became "alive and actual", the better was the possibility of avoiding its being challenged or forgotten. As with everything else in Israel, once a process is started it has a tendency to continue indefinitely; and conversely, if a promise (even in writing) is left to lie fallow for a long time, there is a tendency for it to become inactive, either through forgetfulness or dispersal of key personnel who were once involved with it, and whose successors claim to have no knowledge of the circumstances under which the promise was made in the first place.

3. The procedure by which matching funds are granted is for the interested party (in this case, the World Center) to bring evidence (Bank receipts) to the grantor (in this case, Adi Yaffe and Gaffi) of the actual transfer into

Israel of dollars designated for the project. In other words, if we open a bank account here in the name of the World Center, deposit money into it, and bring evidence of the deposit to the two men named above, they will cause an equivalent amount in Israeli Lira to be deposited in that account.

4. Therefore, if we wish to "activate" the Sapir promise, in order to start the process and make its continuation automatic, we should transfer to Israel all funds which have already been contributed to the World Center, and immediately apply for a matching grant for that amount.

According to my records, we have received:

a) Harry Vise payments of \$120,000 (another \$40,000 will be received by the end of the year 1975).

b) The Kivie Kaplan payments of \$100,000.

Though some of the above money has been used to cover expenses incurred to date for the project, nevertheless that is our internal book-keeping matter. We should transfer her every penny paid so far, in order to obtain matching amount, and either pay ourselves back later from funds which will accrue to the World Center, in the future, or absorb the World Center expenses to date somewhere else in the HUC-UAHC budgets. It is to our advantage to do this, in order to maximize the matching.

c) That portion of the Rosaline Feinstein bequest which is to be apportioned to the World Center, i.e. \$100,000, - should also be transferred here, by the same logic.

d) Whatever portion of the Ben Swig contribution of \$50,000 which has been already paid, should be transferred.

e) Herb Friedman spoke to Joe Meyerhoff about the matching grant, and asked for an alteration in his intended cash payment schedule. While Meyerhoff made no commitment, Herb felt that he might agree to an advance, in order to take advantage of the matching grant, and will try to convince him at their next meeting in September.

f) Iz Millstone's letter of commitment indicated payment to be made in August 1974 and 1975, of \$33,333 each, which have not yet been made, but which perhaps could be called in now, under the urgency of activating the matching.

5. In conclusion, I would recommend the opening of an account here in Jerusalem; the transfer of as much money as possible, as quickly as possible (the items in paragraph 4 above amount to almost \$500,000):

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| Harry Vise | 120,000 |
| Kivie Kaplan | 100,000 |
| Rosaline Feinstein | 100,000 |
| Ben Swig | ? |
| Joe Meyerhoff | 100,000 |
| Iz Millstone | 66,666 |
| | <u>486,666 plus.</u> |

and our immediate application for an equivalent amount from the government.

The account in the bank here (our money plus the matching amount) would be invested and could produce a rather good rate of return during the interim period of preparing plans and obtaining permits.

RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH

Alex.

This was written
prior to the passing of
Sapir - will be seeing
Abdi Yafe & Amos Yafe.
as soon as possible -
am sure that the
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hold

Rich

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Office of Executive Director

לשכת המזכיר הכללי

August 11, 1975

To : ✓ Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Rabbi David H. Wice

From: Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

During Fred Gottschalk's stay in Israel we had a number of extended meetings, together with Herbert Friedman, to discuss our future plans concerning the raising of funds for the World Education Center and the progress of the project.

We determined that it would be wise to meet with Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency, who had been instrumental in securing the land for us in the first place, to report to him on our progress and to ask his assistance in the fund raising process.

Mr. Sapir committed the Government of Israel to match on a dollar-for-dollar basis whatever funds we raise up to a total cost of 15 million dollars which we indicated to him was the overall cost of the project. Enclosed is a copy of Fred Gottschalk's letter to Sapir dated August 4th, 1975, and his response dated August 5th, 1975. According to this letter, if we were - for example - to raise now for a first phase \$ 4,000,000.- Sapir would secure the equivalent amount.

Herbert Friedman is now in the process of laying out an activated fund raising program which will involve more active participation by members of the Boards of the College and the Union. He is preparing a memo which will be sent to you shortly and which will require the complete cooperation of our major institutions and lay and professional leadership. This is a most encouraging development which we will have to exploit to the utmost.

Herb Friedman will be coming to the States toward the end of September and will remain to the middle of October.

Please distribute this material to all those leaders who are involved.

8/21 See that Matt Ben gets copy.

Bivracha

Rich

cc: Mr. Robert L. Adler
Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Dr. Alfred Gottschalk
Prof. Ezra Spicehandler
Dr. Paul Steinberg
Mr. Gil Tilles
Rabbi Ira Youdovin

4th August 1975

Mr. Pinhas Sapir,
Jewish Agency
Jerusalem

Dear Mr. Sapir,

It was good meeting with you last week and having the opportunity to give you a progress report on the building program of our World Education Center which will cost 15 million dollars, towards which we have already raised over one million. It was most gratifying to receive your rapid understanding and your commitment to match our fund raising efforts dollar-for-dollar.

For this we thank you very much. We eagerly await a letter from you expressing this commitment, and we intend to use this letter as a spur and incentive in our fund raising in order to hasten the building program.

We are certain that your matching grant will serve as a challenge to our people and will motivate them to build and strengthen the ties between Israel and Jews throughout the world.

With every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred Gottschalk

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THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
JERUSALEM

לשכת יו"ר ההנהלה
ירושלים

August 5, 1975

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk,
Hebrew Union College
- Jewish Institute of Religion,
13, King David Street,
JERUSALEM.

Dear Dr. Gottschalk:

I was happy to meet with you again and to discuss the progress report on the building program of your World Education Center.

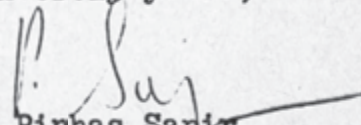
As promised and agreed by me when I still served as Minister of Finance, the Government will match contributions raised abroad for the construction of this Center, dollar for dollar.

This commitment is of course conditioned, on one hand, on your coordinating your fundraising efforts with the United Jewish Appeal leadership. so that there will be no conflict with their activities - as is the custom whenever we raise or coordinate with funds raised for projects. On the other hand, the building program should be coordinated with the proper Government agencies, so that the plan will not get out of hand.

The cost for the first stage of construction, as I understood it, was about half the sum you mentioned in your letter to me of 4th August.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Pinhas Sapir,
Chairman

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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

TO Dr. Alfred Gottschalk

From Ezra Spicehandler

31st October 1975

I was able to ascertain the following information regarding the Jewish Agency's allocations to the World Union for Progressive Judaism:

1. Last year they received 40,000 Israel pounds as a one-time grant.
2. This year they received:
 - a. 75,000 dollars general allocation
 - b. 13,000 dollars - subsidy for the publication of Ammi
 - c. 1500 Israel pounds per month which subsidizes Meir Perlmutter's work in Ramat Aviv.
 - d. 4000 Israel pounds for the year for a special program at Kedem for olim.
 - e. 20,000 dollars for Michael Langer who was the shaliach to NFTY in the United States.

These facts were given to me by Richard Hirsch in a conversation I had with him before he left for the States.

Best regards.

Ezra

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RICHARD J. SCHEUER
880 THIRD AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022

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December 20, 1973

To: JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE

I am having the four sepia prints of drawings discussed at the meeting reproduced and you will receive them under separate cover.

Cordially,

Dick

Richard J. Scheuer

RJS:fl

Enclosure

Minutes of meeting of December 12, 1973
at the Union of American Hebrew
Congregations, 838 Fifth Ave.



Moshe Safdie & Associates
Architects, Planners

A meeting on the Hebrew Union College took place on December 12, 1973, at the Union of American Hebrew Congregation, 838 5th Avenue, New York City.

In attendance were: Rabbi Schindler
Richard Scheuer
Gilbert Tilles
Alan Shapiro
Daniel Schwartzman
Dean Paul Steinberg
Philip Rosen
Ira Youdavan
Moshe Safdie

Administration

A review of the land lease with Israel land authorities took place in which Rabbi Schindler reported that the inclusion of the unit in the land lease is being overcome and not likely to be a problem. It was reported that Mr. Arnold Spaer is pursuing this matter. There was a number of issues however that the architect had to be aware of. In the present draft agreement the land is divided into two sections, A & B. Section A is to be built on first and the College and Union have 5 years to exercise their options, Section B is to follow with a period of 8 years. It was stated that the progress of the plans to date suggests that the construction of the buildings will have to take place simultaneously on parcels A & B to come up with the optimum scheme.

It was agreed that the land authority would be approached with the job of consolidating parcels A & B in relation to the building program. At that time the period of construction would also be established, the job being to get a 13 year period. The architect will supply the necessary drawings to present the case to the land authority.

The question of building cover was also discussed; it being stated that the land authority expected a minimum of 150% coverage. Safdie stated that this should not pose a problem inasmuch as the future residential development could be shown to total up the necessary coverage.

Communications

Some of the material sent from Safdie's office has not arrived at its destination. In view of the large number of individuals involved in the distribution of correspondence and material, it was decided to change the distribution mechanisms as follows: All correspondence, drawings and reports issued by the architect would be sent to Mr. Richard Scheuer and Mr. Tilles. Mr. Scheuer will be responsible for distribution of all the copies to those who should receive them including HUC and Union personnel in Israel. In the event that drawings or reports are submitted, Mr. Scheuer will receive 6 copies so that he can distribute them without delay. All correspondence from the client to the architect would continue to be sent to Montreal with a copy to the Jerusalem office.

Contracts

Mr. Safdie stated that in the letter dated December 5, response was made to Mr. Gross's letter vis à vis the contract. Several issues need to be resolved including what consultants are included in the architect's fees, fees for master planning work and the basis for computing construction costs. A discussion of these points ensued but due to the numerous items involved, it was decided to postpone this to a special meeting to be called for this purpose in mid-January in which the appropriate members, Mr. Gross and the architect would resolve them. It was also agreed that in order to make this meeting conclusive, the Committee would obtain Mr. Spaer's comments from Israel prior to the date of this meeting. Mr. Scheuer reported that in the meantime an interim payment would be made to the architect.

Program

A discussion of the program took place in which several clarifications were requested by the architect.

1. Synagogue/Auditorium Issue: Rabbi Schindler stated that if he had the choice between auditorium and synagogue in the first phase, he would opt for having the synagogue. He envisioned the hall to be a dynamic

and exciting space capable of multimedia presentations with light and capable of diverse and intimate use, a sitting-in-the-round arrangement would be more representative of this kind of room than a form of synagogue direction of an auditorium. Rabbi Schindler stated that such a room would lend itself to lectures and presentations even though it might have shortcomings as a formal auditorium for film and other such presentations. There seemed to be no objections that an auditorium may be added later when and if the budget allows but it must take second place to the synagogue. The architect stated that he interprets these remarks to mean that the Committee is prepared to forego some of the stringent requirements of an auditorium, the emphasis being on a proper synagogue, for example; fixed built-in seating will be needed in the synagogue, thus it might limit the use of the room. Safdie stated that they would continue to plan the complex for a future auditorium which could take place at a later phase. This might well be located under the synagogue in an unfinished space.

2. An audio visual centre and art centre is called for in the program, page 7, Items F & G. Safdie asked whether these activities are to be incorporated into the reception centre. Rabbi Schindler explained that these activities belonged to the library and are related to the library rather than the reception centre.
3. Library: Safdie explained that the people's library was related to the reception space whereas the college library was centrally located on the site. Various members of the Committee expressed the view that it was not possible. The duplication of control would be too cumbersome. The people's library is therefore to be related to and part of the major library with access related to and as close as possible to the public circulation path.

Presentation of Plans

Safdie presented a number of outline drawings which described the broad concept for site organization use and the location of the various activities on the site. The basic concept was to

create a two-circulation system. One, a system of interconnected courts at ground level serving primarily the college and the other, a series of roof promenades and plazas at King David Street level serving the public. In this arrangement most of the functions are accommodated below this plaza level to which it forms a roof, except for four main structures which project above it, namely the reception area, the Rau Building, the residences and the synagogue. The nature of the residential structures of Mamila are adjusted so that this plaza level is the same as the roof level, thus affording a full view of the Old City and the Citadel. Safdie stated that this concept makes it possible to give the entire site the character of an open park for view and at the same time accommodate the program.

Safdie then described in detail the location of each of the activities. (These plans are being forwarded to Mr. Scheuer for distribution to those who attended the meeting.) The Committee expressed general agreement with the concept and the location of the different activities.

Several specific issues were discussed:

1. Rabbi Schindler questioned whether it is necessary to separate the College and Union Administration Headquarters. He asked whether there would not be savings possible if the two were integrated. In this event, if the recommendation were to be acted upon, then combined administration facilities could be located in the Rau Building or to the south of the site next to the reception area. Safdie stated that the options for locating the administration would remain open but he requested that a policy decision concerning this matter should be made at the forthcoming meeting in January as it effects the plans and has major repercussions on the operational policies of the centre. Mr. Scheuer said that he still has the conviction that the best use for the Rau Building should be that of restoring its original residential use, and accommodate the administration in new structures adjacent to the Rau Building or adjacent to the reception area.
2. There was a discussion concerning the location of the classrooms, students' library, seminar areas and archeology.

3. Alan Shapiro said that he felt the architectural problem of the Melamed building could be reduced by having some new structures butt against it so that in fact extensions to that building are added to link it to new structures.
4. The parking and services concept was presented and met with general agreement.
5. Mr. Tilles asked whether these plans and concepts have any effect on the budget for construction originally established. Safdie responded in stating that the plans presented expressed exactly the program received from the Union and College to which service areas were added as required. The architects have not departed in any way from the original program. Safdie also stated that there is nothing in the present concept that would have an effect on construction costs beyond the unit prices established in earlier discussions except the fact that extensive roof would require landscaping. Safdie also stated that for the meeting in mid-January there would be a full breakdown of the proposed areas, a comparative column of the original program, a totalling up of those areas and the extension of those to a construction budget based on appropriate unit prices.

The Committee would be able at that time to review how this compares with provisions it had made in the past.

6. Schedule of Next Meeting: It was agreed that a presentation and discussion would take place with the Committee in mid-January. The exact date would be scheduled with Mr. Scheuer, Rabbi Schindler and Moshe Safdie. At that meeting schematic designs would be presented and further discussion on the program would take place. Mr. Scheuer will also schedule for the same date a meeting to resolve the contract.

MATTHEW H. ROSS
245 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017

December 3, 1973

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

Dear Alex:

Enclosed please find 7 copies of a proposed memorandum setting forth the results of our meeting with Dr. Spaer and copy of a letter I plan to send him. If you find the memorandum and letter in order, please let me know and I will send them on to Dr. Spaer. I presume you will want to circulate the memorandum to the persons to whom it is addressed.

I wish to thank you for inviting me to join you on the trip to Israel and particularly for infusing me with some of the feeling you have for Israel. The little side trips were a dividend for which I am truly grateful.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



MHR:JMC
Enclosures

Dr. Arnold Spaer
Sansour Building
P. O. Box 750
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Dr. Spaer:

I want to thank you for having received our group and given us of your very valuable time and advice. We all felt that it was a most helpful meeting.

Upon my return to New York I sent a memorandum setting forth the results of our conversation to the various persons involved. I am enclosing a copy for your information.

You will no doubt receive word soon as to whether the College and the Union wish to proceed quickly to sign the lease or merely to try to reach an understanding at this time and postpone the date of signing.

When you are in New York next I hope you will take the time to call me. Many thanks again for all your help.

Sincerely,

MEMORANDUM of results of meeting at the office of Arnold Spaer in Jerusalem on November 28, 1973, relative to the lease for land for the World Center for Reform Judaism.

PRESENT: Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Ezra Spicehandler
Robert Hirsch
Herbert Friedman

Messrs. Arnold Spaer
Matthew H. Ross

1. Mr. Spaer advised that notwithstanding the present state of negotiations, it would not be unreasonable to expect that a lease which included the following terms could be negotiated without causing any undue delay or disruption:

- A. The lease would run to HUC-JIR.
- B. The purpose clause would provide that the property may be used by HUC-JIR and affiliated, associated and related organizations of HUC-JIR (affiliates) for educational, religious and communal purposes.
- C. The following organizations would be listed as the present affiliates:

World Union for Progressive Judaism
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods
National Federation of Temple Youth
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

D. The lease would allow the sub-letting of portions of the property to affiliates.

E. There would be a single lease for Parcels A and B. It would not be a condition for securing the rights to Parcel B that any improvements be undertaken on Parcel A.

F. The lease would require that the building be framed in not less than five and hopefully closer to ten years from the date of the signing of the lease.

2. It was agreed to accept Mr. Spaer's advice as outlined in this memorandum and to have him go forward with the negotiations.

3. Mr. Spaer was to be advised as to whether to press for an immediate signing of the lease or merely to try to reach an understanding and delay the signing of the lease. This advice was to be communicated to him after Rabbi Schindler and Fred Gottschalk had discussed the matter.

To: Alexander Schindler
Alfred Gottschalk
Ezra Spicehandler
Harry Gutmann
Theodore Tannenwald, Jr.
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Sent 12/11/73

no answer.

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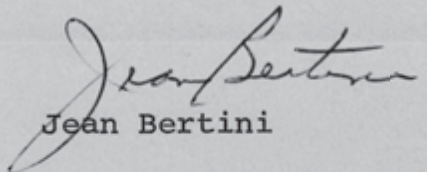
October 2, 1973

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

In accordance with Mr. Tilles' instructions,
I am enclosing herewith photocopies of letters
written by Mr. Norman Gross to Messrs. Moshe Safdie
and Arnold Spaer, copies of which were received by
Mr. Tilles.

Very truly yours,


Jean Bertini

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HARRY SABBATH BODIN
COUNSEL

September 26, 1973

Arnold Spaer, Esq.
Spaer, Toussia-Cohen & Co.
Sansour Bldg., P.O. Box 750
Jerusalem, Israel

Re: Contract with Architect Saffie

Dear Mr. Spaer:

I enclose a copy of the modified contract being mailed to Moshe Saffie. I have reviewed at length the modifications proposed by you and by Mr. Saffie and there clearly will be several points that will require further negotiation. All of the recommendations made by you in your letter of August 13, 1973 which pertain to Israeli procedure have been made. I expect that there will be a final negotiation session with Mr. Saffie sometime in October or November in New York at which time I trust that we will conclude an agreement with him.

I was pleased that we were able to meet while you were in New York and look forward to a visit with you in Israel in the near future.

Sincerely,


NORMAN GROSS

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enc.
c.c. Mr. Richard Scheuer
Mr. Gilbert Tilles ✓

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HARRY SABBATH BODIN
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September 26, 1973

Mr. Moshe Safdie
Moshe Safdie & Associates
13 Marcus Street
Jerusalem, Israel

Re: Agreement with Hebrew Union College -
Jewish Institute of Religion

Dear Mr. Safdie:

I apologize for my tardy response to your August 9, 1973 letter relative to my proposed architect's agreement for the World Educational Center for Progressive Judaism in Jerusalem. My proposed agreement and your comments on it have been the subject of discussion between myself and the designated representatives of the College and the Union in New York and in Israel. I have now prepared a revised proposed agreement which includes to the extent possible the comments and suggestions received by me from all parties. I have prepared it in a manner that will make comparison to my original draft as easy as possible and I am forwarding a copy to you at each of your Jerusalem and Montreal offices.

Richard Scheuer advises me that you expect to visit China in October but he, Gilbert Tilles and I hope that you can meet with us in New York shortly after your return so that we may agree on the final form for the agreement, have it retyped and executed.

As above stated, I have made the modifications to the agreement as requested by you to the extent possible and you will note these changes readily upon your review of the enclosed revised draft. There are however some modifications requested by you in that

October 2, 1973

Mr. Richard J. Scheuer
880 Third Avenue
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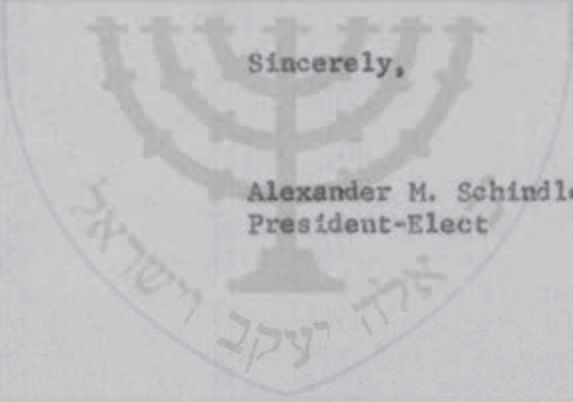
Dear Dick:

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sharing the latest document from Israel with me, I much appreciate it. Actually, Fred sent me a copy and I shared it with Gil Tilles but I do appreciate your having asked Ezra to include us in the original distribution list. Many thanks.

With warmest regards from house to house and all good wishes for a New Year blessed with good health, happiness, peace and fulfillment, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect



RICHARD J. SCHEUER
880 THIRD AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022

October 1, 1973

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

Dear Alex:

I am sorry that you were not included in the distribution of this document. Ezra thought that Dick Hirsch was distributing it to you and Gil Tilles. I asked Ezra to include you and Gil in future distributions so that we all get the material at the same time.

My best wishes for a New Year of growth in Jerusalem and elsewhere.

Cordially,


Richard J. Scheuer

RJS:fl

Enclosure

cc: Dr. E. Spice Handler

Tell him I appreciate
it -
Actually Ted send me
a Xerox of his copy.
Good New Year wishes
etc.

October 1, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath; Harry K. Gutmann;
Matthew H. Ross; Gilbert Tilles

Fred Gottschalk wrote us concerning our certification as an educational institution by the Vaad Ha Chinnuch and needless to say we are delighted. This should make our inclusion in the land-lease contract a foregone conclusion.

Nonetheless, I would appreciate it if you were to get an Israeli lawyer for the Union or World Union -- a top flight man who can review this contract for us. I have no lack of confidence in Mr. Spaer's ability, nonetheless, he is the College-Institute's attorney and hence a nokea b'davar (interested party) and we should have a completely unbiased judgement from an uninvolved source. We will ask for his opinion if and when contract signing time comes about. Could Abramov serve this role for the Union?

Moshe Safdie & Associates
Architects, Planners

Mr. Richard J. Scheuer
880 3rd Ave.
7th Floor
New York City, N.Y.

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Dear Dick:

Re: Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem

For the last few weeks we have been working on the program analysis, site investigation and schematic design for the new buildings in Jerusalem. Before my departure on my trip to China, I wanted to give you a full Progress Report.

Contract:

I received in late July, a draft contract for Mr. Gross. Our attorneys have reviewed it and in early August, I forwarded our comments and suggestions to Mr. Gross. I assume it is now in the works, and that we will receive an amended contract in the near future.

Meetings in Israel:

I had two meetings in Israel at the end of August. One with Dr. Gottschalk, Dean Spicehandler, and Rabbi Hirsh. The second with Rabbi Hirsh and Dean Spicehandler. I was given a memorandum, outlining in detail the Union's program as distinct from the College's requirements. In the first meeting, I was told that a number of work sessions had taken place between the College and the Union to discuss the program. We would appreciate receiving the minutes of these meetings, which I believe are dated May 17th and June 14th.

The Union Program:

There are a number of factors that have emerged in analysing the Union program, on which we would like your comments. Rabbi Hirsh has included as an option, a Hostel and Youth

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Center accommodating some eighty to one hundred boys and girls. In analysing the site and in attempting to group the buildings so that both the College and Union have their identities, the location of the hostel raises the following question: Should it be located close to the Reception Centre and other facilities of the Union, or should it be located adjacent to the faculty and students' residences of the College? I am inclined to relate it to the latter. We would appreciate some direction on this.

The other question relates to the double use of the synagogue and the auditorium. I understand that you have now decided to proceed with a hall accommodating 350 people extendable to 500, which would serve both for worship and as an auditorium. In view of the fact that the Union expects the synagogue to become representative and symbolic of a centre of Reform Judaism, this sets rather demanding requirements. On the other hand, a synagogue and auditorium are not really compatible spaces. The synagogue requires volume, height, daylight, possibly view, intimate non-directional seating and accoustics. The auditorium requires good sightlines, directional seating, controlled light, low reverberation accoustics, etc. If the function of the synagogue was not primary, I would think the two functions could be integrated in one room, but in view of the above, it would seem to me that this integration will result in either the synagogue or the auditorium, or both suffering. I, therefore, recommend that the Union and the College should carefully weigh the possibility of separating these functions. I am fully aware that this has serious economic repercussions. A separate auditorium would require approximately 550 square meters, which at 2,000 IL. a meter, as a minimum for the auditorium, would cost 1,100,000 IL. We have space on the site for this duplication. We would appreciate your guidance on this after consideration of all the factors involved.

Program Analysis:

We have made diagrams representing the organizational structure of both the Union and College (independently) shown on the enclosed sketches. These attempt to establish the relationship between the component parts of each institution. We then have made several attempts at integrating the two diagrams as they will be on the site and relate these to our

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site constraints. (Enclosed Sketch)

It is apparent that the Administration wing of the College must be related to the public, as is the case for the Reception Center of the Union. Relating this fact to the actual site we are moving towards the conclusion that the Rau building should be converted to accommodate the administrative facilities of the College, rather than re-converted to its original residential use. These thoughts are tentative, but we would very much appreciate having your thoughts.

We are presently carrying out a three-dimensional space allocation analysis, to determine the optimum siting of the components of the total complex. These are being documented and we hope to develop a recommendation by the end of October. At that time, both the subtleties of the program and the various alternatives will be discussed in depth with all concerned.

Project Managers:

I understand you will be interviewing Project Managers during October. I will be arriving back from my trip to Israel around the 7th of November, and I would appreciate it if the final decision could be deferred, so that I could review it on my return.

Scheduling:

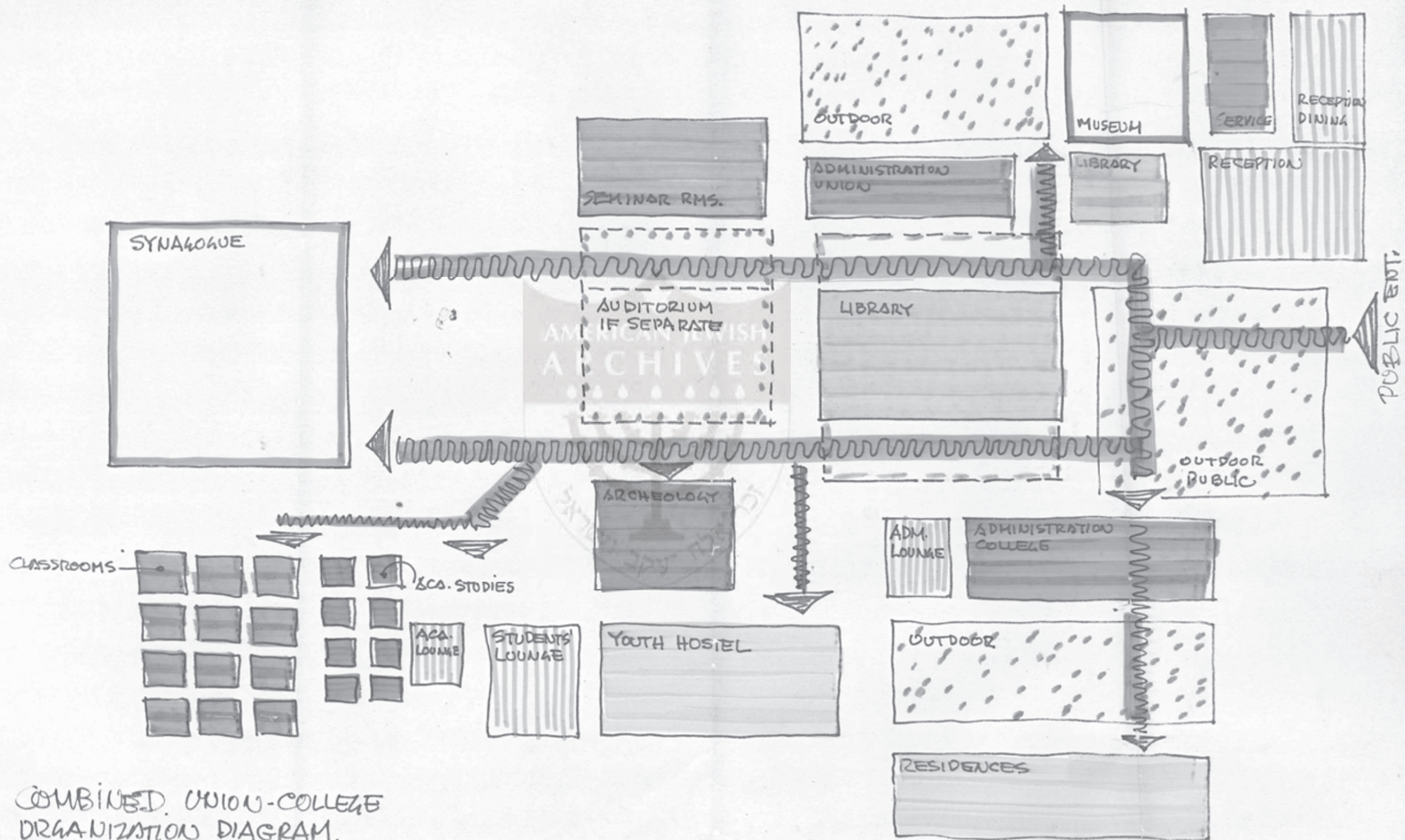
I will have further meetings in Israel next week and in early November. I suggest we work towards comprehensive review sessions in New York at the end of November. Bill Gillitt and Pierre Larose of my office in Montreal might be sending further material for your response in my absence.

Best personal regards,

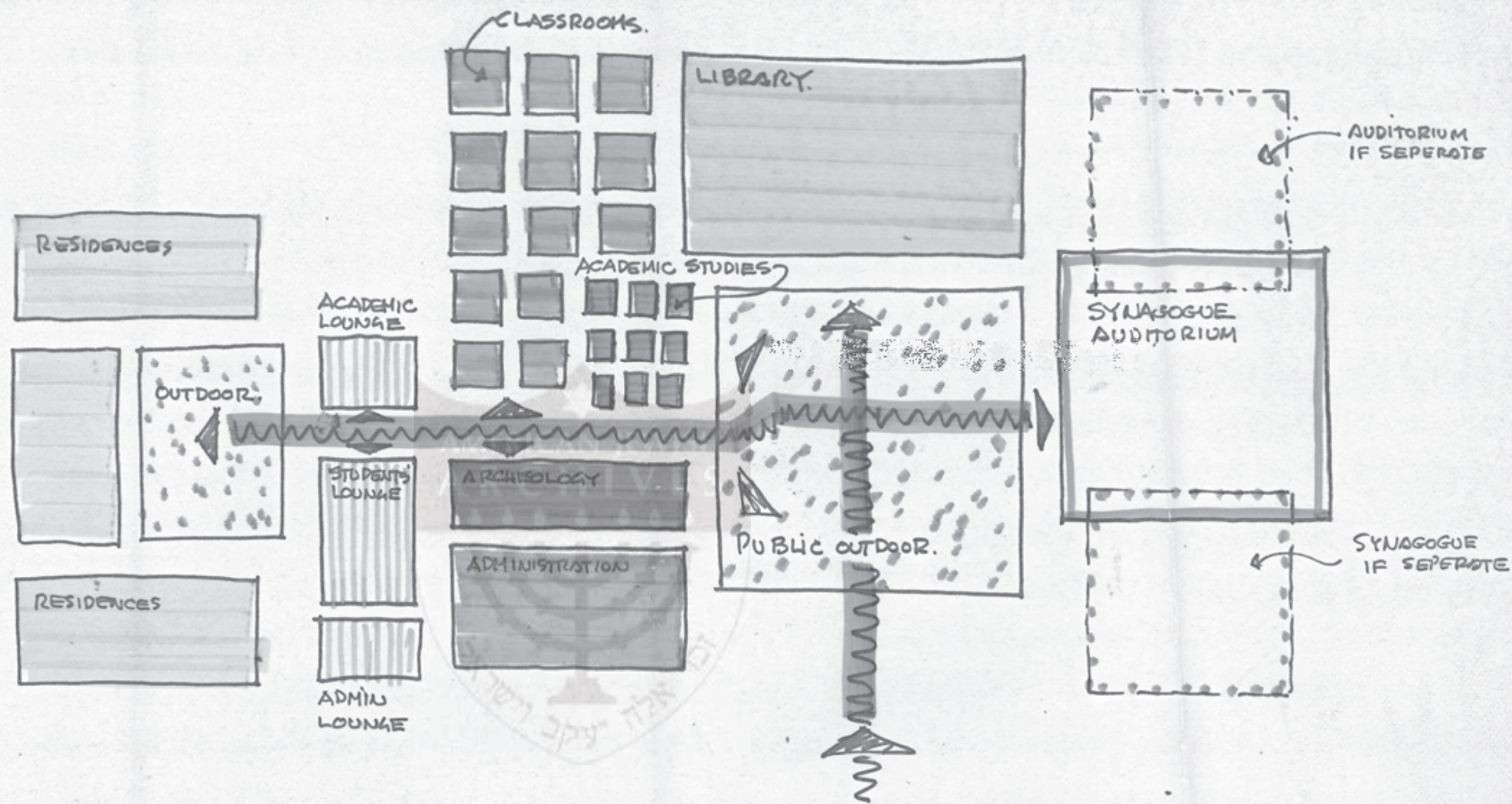
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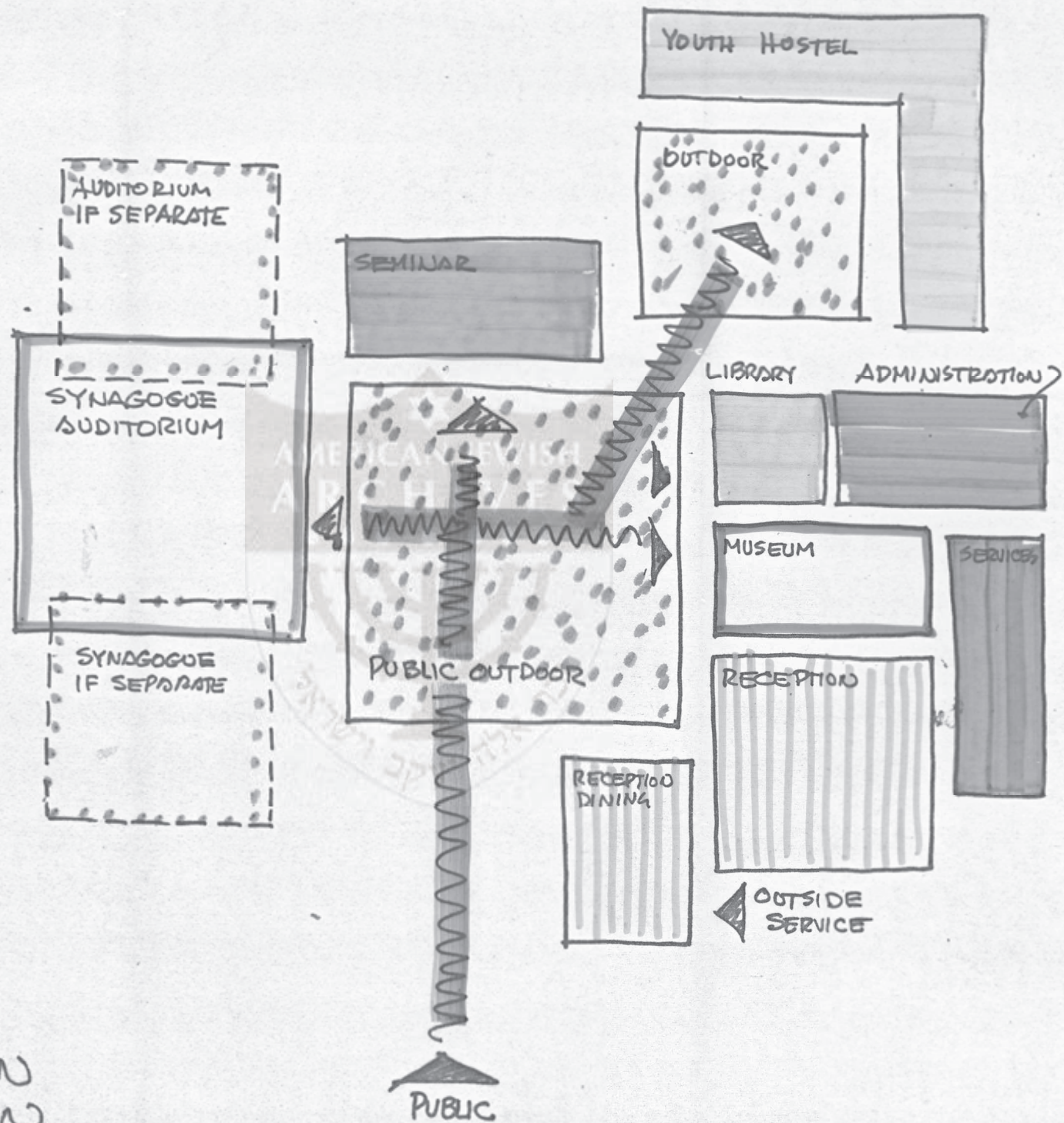
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Rabbi R. Hirsh, Dean E. Spicehandler



COMBINED UNION-COLLEGE
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ה'כרך יוניון קולג' - ירושלים
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE - JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
JERUSALEM

September 13, 1973

MEMORANDUM

TO Dr. Alfred Gottschalk cc: Mr. Richard Scheuer
From Ezra Spicehandler

Enclosed is a copy of some comments by the Land Authority on the document which purports to summarize the terms agreed upon regarding our contract. The original document, however, in no way reflects compromises made at the meeting with the Land Authority. We are therefore challenging the whole business. I am simply forwarding this material to you for your information.

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To Gil Tiller

Mr. M Talmon, local.

Mr. M Tal, local.

Prof. E. Spicehandler, Hebrew Union College, 18 (sic) King David St.
Advocate A. Spaer, 2 Ben Yehuda St.

Jerusalem District
8 Elul 5733
5.9.73

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Mr. A. Gafni
Appointee for Budgets
Ministry of Finance
Jerusalem

Dear Sir:

Re: Land Allocation to Hebrew Union College
protocol of meeting at our office on 13.8.73

Pertaining to the above-mentioned protocol, as recorded
by Mr. Yisrael Kurtz, we wish to note:

- a) It is correct that it was agreed that an initialled copy of the contract for Stage B would be attached to the contract for Stage A. However, it has been explicitly stated that Stage B will be transmitted (i.e. be executed) only after the fulfillment of all the conditions of Stage A, and Stage B will be transmitted under financial terms applicable at the time of the transmission.
- b) If the construction plans and considerations of efficiency require building on the areas of both stages, we will consider the possibility of allocation of both areas temporarily, but it will then be required that in both stages the construction be executed in the scope and time(limits) according to the details of the contract.
- c) A final date for the signing of the contract for Stage A should be set. The Authority will insist that dates included in the contract go into effect from the date of authorization of the deal. Thus any departure from these dates will be considered a breach of contract. It is proposed that the final date for signing the contract be 15 October, 73.

Sincerely,

Y. Neriah
District Director

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י"ד אלול

חנדין: חקצאח קרעס להיברו יונניו קילג

זכרון רבנים מן חסידיהם שנתקיימה בשלדור היום 13.8.73

נכון שסוכס שלחוח בגין שלב א' יאורך חודש וחמש כד"ת בגין שלב ב'.
אולם חותנה במסדר שלב ב' ימשיך רק לאחר פלוז כל הנאי שלב א' וכן שלב ב'
יסדר בהנאים כספיים אשר יתקנו בעת הספירה.

ב. באם תוכנית הבניה ושקולי יעילוח יחידו בניה על שטח שני השלבים בחקול
אפשרות חקבאה שני השטחים בו למנית אף צריך שאז בשני השלבים תתבצע בניה
בהיקף, וכזמן בהתאם למפורט בתנאי החוזה.

י"ט לקבוצ בארץ ברור מועד טוב שבו יחמם החודש בגין שלב א'. המנהל יעמוד ע"כ שהמוקדים הכלולים בחוזה יחממו המל מתאריך אשר העסקה. כך שכל שטח מן המועדים הללו חתום בחברת חוזה. מציג שחלוצ האחרון להחלטת החוזה יחיה 15 באוקטובר 73.

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HEBREW UNION COLLEGE - JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
JERUSALEM

June 20, 1973

Rabbi Alexander Schindler and
Dr. Alfred Gottschalk
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021
U. S. A.

Dear Alex and Fred:

Enclosed is my suggestion for stationary. I think that the names of the members of the Policy Board should be listed, but in order to accommodate to Ted Tannenwald's problem of identification as a judge, I accepted his suggestion to eliminate his title, and therefore all other titles and identifications. The names really stand by themselves. I used alphabetical order as the simplest solution.

You will notice I have added one name, that of Joseph Glazer, in order that the CCAR be represented on the Policy Board, since we listed it as one of the sponsoring organizations, and it is the only one with no representative on the Board. Since I want to avoid printing stationary every year, I suggest using the name of the Executive Vice President who is permanent, rather than the President, who changes each year. I have not discussed this with anyone, so our options are open.

I would really appreciate your O.K. as quickly as possible, so that I can get the stationary printed.

As ever,



Herbert A. Friedman

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August 29, 1973

FROM: RABBI IRA S. YODOVIN
 TO: JERUSALEM CENTER POLICY BOARD

The Board will convene from 4 to 6 P.M. on Thursday, September 20 in Rabbi Eisendrath's office. Rabbi Herbert Friedman will have just concluded a three week trip through the United States and will be anxious to share the results with you.

We sincerely hope that you can join us and ask that you telephone the World Union office (249-0100 X 292) to indicate whether or not you will be present.

cc: Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
 Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk
 Mr. Harry K. Gutmann
 Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
 Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
 Rabbi Paul M. Steinberg
 Hon. Theodore Tannenwald, Jr.
 Dr. Fritz Bamberger



September 18, 1973

Hon. Theodore Tannenwald, Jr.
P. O. Box 70
Washington, D.C. 20044

Dear Ted:

I spoke to Matt Ross and there appears to be no serious problem pertaining to the contract. Herb's attorney, Herbert Rose, for some reason was under the impression that Herb wanted us to pay for all telephone charges. Of course, we are responsible only for those calls he makes in our behalf.

This is not a serious matter to clarify and there is no reason, therefore, to make the contract an issue to be discussed at our meeting. Thus spoke our lawyer and what the lawyer says is fact. Isn't that right, Judge?

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

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September 11, 1973

Rabbi Uri Herscher
HUC-JIR
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Dear Rabbi Herscher:

We've been incommunicado here at 838 for the past two days, a telephone cable fire has left us without service and it's impossible. One never realizes how much we depend on phones until they are no longer immediately available!

Matt Ross will attend the dinner meeting on September 20th and I trust you will invite the attorney for the College-Institute. We're planning on having dinner here at 838 in the Board Room at 6:30 p.m.

The schedule calls for a meeting of the Policy Committee for the World Center in Rabbi Eisendrath's office from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., following the UAHC's Executive Committee meeting. From 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting between Rabbis Gottschalk, Schindler, Steinberg and Brickner to discuss aspects of this summer's Interreligious Seminar in Israel. This session will be held in Rabbi Schindler's office. Then at 6:30 the small dinner meeting in the Board Room on the 10th floor.

Please be sure to let Rabbi Gottschalk know the exact schedule.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Administrative Assistant

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Ross

Advised
J.M.S.

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att'y M.R.

September 11, 1973

Edie Miller

Mary Jordan

Mr. Ram

Following the Executive Committee meeting on September 20th, there will be a small session in Rabbi Eisendrath's office from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

We are now setting up a dinner meeting for 6:00 p.m. for six (6) people, including Mr. Gutmann, Rabbi Schindler and some representatives of the College-Institute. Please let me know what room we can have, Ram, and Mary I leave the menu up to you. If you can have drinks available at the dinner it would be nice - simple, not an extensive bar.

September 25, 1973

Mr. Matthew H. Ross
245 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Matt:

Following up my letter of September 21st, I was very pleased to learn from Fred Gottschalk this morning that the Ministry of Education has already named the UARC as an officially approved educational institution. This is the word from Dr. Peled, Director-General of the Ministry of Education.

Fred tells me that the Union's inclusion in the land-lease contract is now a "fore-gone conclusion."

It's nice to have some good news to share!

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

cc: Rabbi Maurice N. Eizenkrath
Mr. Harry K. Gutmann
Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
Mr. Gilbert Tilles

P.S. Matt: On the Harry Gutmann will matter, I take it that you will be in touch with him directly and that I need not worry about it from this end. Thanks again - and again - and again.

September 21, 1973

Mr. Matthew H. Ross
245 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Matt:

Last night's meeting with the College-Institute leadership was very helpful. As things turned out, your presence was not really necessary for much of the time was devoted to a discussion of matters unrelated to the legal relationship between the UAHC and the HUC-JIR. Norman Gross was present and, of course, while your presence would have been of value in the general discussion, the more specific reason for your presence did not play a predominant role in our discussion.

Much of the time was devoted to the land-lease contract and the problem with which it confronts all of us, particularly the leadership of the UAHC. Ted Tannenwald and Fred Gottschalk were fully understanding of our position and they are prepared to exert their utmost energies to see to it that our requirements are met. They agreed to proceed along the following two lines:

a/ An effort is to be made by Ezra Spicelandler, through Yigal Allon, to certify the UAHC as a qualified educational agency by the Ministry of Education. What with our many educational achievements presently undertaken, camps, religious schools, seminars for teachers, etc., many of them effected even in Israel, this should not prove to be an insurmountable problem. Ezra, of course, as we know, is in the inner circle of the Mepai leadership, Allon is the Israel Minister of Education, so this certification should be readily doable.

b/ HUC-JIR will then be listed specifically by name in the land-grant contract to receive the land, but the UAHC will be listed as one of those who are authorized to carry out the "educational activities" there.

Needless to say, I was very pleased with this development and I hope that this will be effected. Fred Gottschalk is optimistic that this matter will be settled in four to six weeks and that we will have a contract in our hands by then.

In regard to the relationship between the College-Institute and the Union, we agreed to postpone all discussion until we really have something to discuss. That is to say, until after the contract is in hand. They will send us the Hofheimer memo -- I managed to get them to refer to it in the course of our talks. This will give us an opportunity to understand what their present thinking is and to react to it so that we will be ready to conclude an agreement once the land-grant contract has been received.

Mr. Matthew H. Ross
September 21, 1973
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In regard to the Friedman contract, apparently Herbert Rose was not in error, Friedman wanted to have all his telephone calls paid for and insisted on it. When I reminded him of what he said in our presence he softened his stand somewhat and agreed to the following:

Local and domestic calls will be paid. Overseas telephone calls will be carefully logged and he will pay for them or reimburse us as required.

Please relate this to Helen and thank her, even as I hope you have thanked her for doing so much work for us.

Herb's trip, he noted, was again successful, although not as good as the first time round. He received an additional \$200,000 in pledges and 1.5 or so million dollars in probables. He is conservative in making his estimates since he gave us a detailed explanation of what transpired with each and every prospect. The overall status is about 2 million dollars in hand and an additional 3 million or so in likelies, with a great many others among the few he has seen who said he should come and see them again and on whom he has not given up by any manner or means.

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The pledges will now have to be legalized by way of a letter which Herb is going to draft and send to you, Matt, for approval, to make sure that it is legally binding both on the donor and the estate in case of death. He will mail the letter out as soon as he returns to Israel and it should be in our hands within a month or so. He recognizes our cash problem and will press some of his and our benefactors for cash at the earliest possible moment.

The matter of the architect's contract came up and Maurice, Harry and I agreed, following you and Gil's advice, that we are content to have the College-Institute as the sole signator. Norman Gross indicated that Safdie may insist on the inclusion of a "joint and several" clause, holding us responsible for his charges too. The College-Institute will explain the problem to him and if he nonetheless persists then we will send him a separate letter indicating that once Stage One is passed we authorize him to proceed to Stage Two (and this we will not do until the land-lease contract is signed). We will add a "codicil" to the original contract making us an official partner.

That's about the size of it. As you can see, I am sending a copy of this letter to Maurice and Harry and if my recollection is not precise in any respect I imagine we will hear from them.

Again, sincere thanks for all your help. All of us are deeply grateful for all that you are doing in this connection, and in so many others areas of our work.

With warmest regards from house to house and best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,

cc: Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
Mr. Harry E. Gutmann
Mr. Gilbert Tilles

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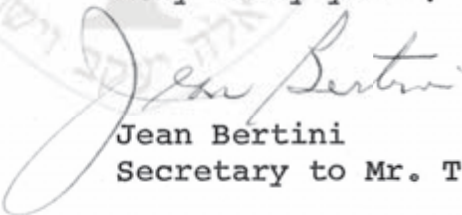
August 29, 1973

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

At the request of Mr. Tilles, I am enclosing
herewith a photocopy of a letter addressed to Mr.
Richard J. Scheuer from the office of Moshe Safdie &
Associates.

Very truly yours,


Jean Bertini
Secretary to Mr. Tilles

JB/ljs
Encl.

Mr. Richard J. Scheuer
880 3rd Avenue
7th Floor
New York City, N.Y.

May 24th, 1973

Dear Mr. Scheuer,

Re: Hebrew Union College

Minutes of meeting held in Jerusalem, 23.5.73 at the
Hebrew Union College.

Present: Dean Spicehandler
Mr. Scheuer
Mr. Safdie

Mr. Scheuer stated that a meeting re the contract
would take place in New York, June 4th 1973, 4:00 p.m.
Mr. Safdie will be available by phone and will inform
his whereabouts.

Mr. Safdie will report on 3 project managers in addition
to the 3 recommended by him.

for all communications it was agreed that correspondence
from Safdie will go as follows:
Mr. Scheuer, New York - originals
Dean Spicehandler, Jerusalem - copy
Mr. G. Tilles, 7600 Jericho Turnpike, Long Island - copy.

For all correspondence from Hebrew Union College to
Safdie:
originals - Montreal office
copies - Jerusalem office.

Best regards,

Moshe Safdie
(signed in his absence)

c.c: Dean Ezra Spicehandler
Mr. Gilbert Tilles
Moshe Safdie, Montreal

Mr. Richard J. Scheuer
880 3rd Avenue
7th Floor
New York City, N.Y.

May 24th, 1973

Dear Mr. Scheuer,

Re: P A Z

Minutes of meeting held in Jerusalem, 23.5.73 at the
Hebrew Union College.

Present: Eng. M. Shoshani
Mr. R. J. Scheuer
Moshe Safdie

Mr. Shoshani presented the plans with various alternatives for Paz property. Mr. Scheuer wondered whether a land exchange can take place by the Municipality so that this property could tie together all the important institutions.

Mr. Safdie stated that the value of the land was high and he doubted whether the Municipality would agree to that exchange. He suggested that Mr. Scheuer will deal with Mayor Kollek on the assumption that the Paz development will remain there. It was agreed that we should coordinate planning.

Mr. Richard J. Scheuer

May 24th, 1973

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Mr. Shoshani stated that their plans were not yet approved by the board but decisions will be made in June.

It was agreed to have another meeting at the end of June to discuss coordination.

Best regards,

Moshe Saffie

(signed in his absence)

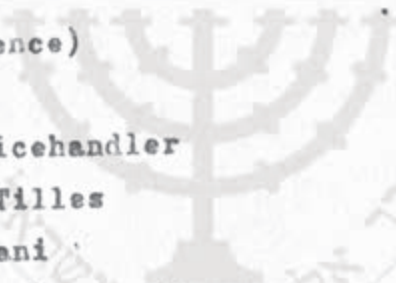
c.c: Dean Ezra Spicehandler

Mr. Gilbert Tilles

Mr. M. Shoshani

Moshe Saffie, Montreal

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May 17, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch; Harry K. Outmann; Gilbert Tilles

I ran into Fred and Herb late last night at the Plaza and raised the question of the Jerusalem Center name. Fred concedes on the point and agrees to the more generic term World Center for Progressive Judaism, eliminating the qualifying adjective "educational" but insisting that in any brochure the educational component of the Union and College-Institute be given great weight for political reasons.



HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-
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ROUTING
SLIP

FROM:

Dr. J. J. Schacht

DATE:

6/12/73

TO:

NAME

DEPARTMENT

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Rabbi Schacht

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(X) Your information

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*Please send
to Gil
Tiller
6/15/73*

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29th May, 1973.

Mr. Norman Gross,
Hofheimer, Gartlir,
Gottlieb & Gross,
100 Park Avenue,
New York,
N.Y. 10017,
U.S.A.

BY AIR MAIL

Dear Mr. Gross,

re: Hebrew Union College contract
with Moshe Safdie & Associates

Mr. Scheuer handed us the draft agreement prepared by you in the above matter together with a copy of your covering letter of the 25th April, 1973, as also a memorandum on the subject from Mr. A.M. Shapiro dated May 1, 1973.

After going over these papers we are a little doubtful whether the form of contract adopted by you fits local conditions. Indeed, the standard form prepared by the American Institute of Architects treats the obligations and rights of the architect in a much more generous manner than is customary here.

More important still, architects here are expected, as a matter of course, to render certain services not really covered by the form in question which constitute a large part of their work.

In particular - and this is one of the most important matters an architect is expected to do - there is no duty imposed on the architect to obtain approval of the various Municipal and Governmental Town Planning and Licensing Authorities.

Further, an architect here is expected to prepare the necessary documents and quantities for publishing a tender.

He is also expected to check and approve interim and final accounts and to decide questions arising in connection therewith and in respect of the work carried out, delays occasioned, etc.

We feel that Mr. Safdie should be asked to take upon himself these responsibilities, particularly since his fee is already by one-third higher than the fee of Mr. Brutzkus, who was originally intended to be the architect of this project.

We attach hereto a copy of the contract prepared at the time for Mr. Brutzkus and agreed with him, and we wonder whether the contract to be signed by Mr. Safdie in the United States should not be based on similar provisions.

You are no doubt aware that Mr. Safdie is likely to derive a very considerable tax saving by this agreement being made in the U.S. and that, in consideration, he should surely take upon himself all the duties customarily performed by Israeli architects without extra charges.

We notice in one of the documents that there was a suggestion to increase Mr. Safdie's fee still further by having him bear the cost of the various consultants. We expressed some doubt as to whether it was really desirable to concentrate all this work, together with the funds going with it, in the hands of a single architect and Mr. Scheuer agreed that this aspect should be given further consideration.

Concerning the question of the law applicable and of jurisdiction, we have no strong views on the question of what law to apply. As for jurisdiction, we would suggest that you be given the choice of invoking, at your option, either the authority of the United States Courts or the Israeli Courts, whilst Mr. Safdie should be obligated to sue here.

We would suggest that if you agree to the contract being redrafted, so as to be more in line with the arrangement made with Mr. Brutzkus, a copy of the new draft be sent to us before it is submitted to Mr. Safdie.

We shall be grateful to hear from you in the above matters in due course.

Yours sincerely,


Arnold Spaer

SPAER, TOUSSIA-COMEN & CO.

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cc. / (1) Mr. Richard Scheuer
 (2) Dr. A. Gottschalk
 (3) Prof. E. Spicehandler

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May 23, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

Gilbert Tilles

Before the June 4th meeting we have to agree on the minimum acceptable to us as far as space needs at the Jerusalem Center are concerned. Perhaps you and I and Gil can meet briefly and discuss this matter. Off hand, I would suggest that we simply eliminate the library from our needs since the College-Institute will obviously have one and taking it off our list of needs gives us a substantial amount of space.

Incidentally, for our purposes I still think it's a good idea to have the three column breakdown which I suggested at the joint meeting so that we can have an understanding of what the balance between the two institutions is in terms of space and needs.

MATTHEW H. ROSS
245 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017

May 29, 1973

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

Dear Alex:

Ted Tannenwald called me a few nights ago and asked if I would give some thought as to how the World Center for Reform Judaism might best be operated. I told him that I would draft a memorandum containing some of my thoughts on the subject and send it to you and him for consideration. Enclosed is a copy of the memorandum which went to Ted today.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



May 29, 1973

MEMORANDUM RELATIVE TO THE METHOD OF CONDUCTING
THE AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD CENTER OF REFORM JUDAISM

The activities of or relating to the proposed World Center would appear to be (1) the raising of funds for the Center and its programs, (2) the construction and maintenance of the Center and (3) the operation of its programs.

Three methods suggest themselves as appropriate for the conduct of the affairs of the World Center:

1. The utilization of a separate corporate entity (probably Israeli) which could be known as "The World Center for Reform Judaism." The Union and the College would be the shareholders or members of this separate entity, depending upon whether it was a stock or membership corporation.

2. The affairs of the Center could be conducted directly by the Union and College without the intervention of a separate entity. The Center could probably be operated under a distinctive name, presumably The World Center for Reform Judaism.

3. The Center could be operated by a joint venture of which the College and the Union would be the participants. In such case, the Center might be known as The World Center for Reform Judaism, a joint venture of The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and The Union of American Hebrew

Congregations.

The following are some comments with respect to each suggested method of operation:

1. Separate Corporate Entity. If the World Center were conducted as a separate corporate entity, the College and the Union would be insulated from its liabilities. For example, neither the College nor the Union would be liable on any contract, or for any commitment, made by the World Center. Likewise, neither the College nor the Union would be accountable for liability imposed by law. Contributions would be made directly to the World Center and its funds would be invested in its name. All its property would be held in the name of the World Center and all business would be conducted in that name.

Since the World Center would be newly formed, a tax exemption would have to be obtained. While it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty in obtaining such exemption and though the exemption would be retroactive to the date of application, it might not be obtained for as much as a year. Large contributors might be hesitant to make contributions during the interim period when the deductibility of their gifts cannot be assured. (It is possible that the Development Fund exemption and corporate structure might be

utilized for this purpose. If so, the delay in obtaining the exemption could be avoided. This is being investigated).

Since the World Center would be a separate entity with its own officers and Board of Directors, its program would not be that of the Union and College but rather its own. In consequence, over a period of years the World Center might develop a personality separate and distinct in the public mind from that of the Union and College.

2. No Separate Legal Entity - Operation Directly by the Union and College. Operations would be conducted by the Union and College much in the same manner as they conduct the affairs of their commissions, branches or divisions. Nevertheless the Center could probably be operated under a distinctive name such as The World Center for Reform Judaism. It is probable arrangements can be made so that contributions made in that name could be deposited in a joint account maintained by the Union and College. Such contributions would be to the Union and College and the funds would be invested for the account of the Union and College.

3. The World Center for Reform Judaism, a Co-Venture of the College and Union. All the features described as characteristic of a separate entity would apply if the World

Center were operated as a co-venture of the College and Union, except of course there would be no staff of officers and directors responsible to a separate entity and no insulation from liability. (Some obligations imposed by law such as for liability for injury to person or property for negligence could be insured against). The instrument establishing the co-venture would presumably provide for the operation of the World Center by the representatives of the College and Union. The machinery providing for the administration of the World Center as a co-venture could be as detailed or as loose as the College and Union wish.

Gifts could be made to the World Center or to the Union or College. Since gifts to the World Center would in effect be gifts to the Union and College it is believed there would be no need for a separate IRS exemption, but this would have to be verified.

The identification of the College and Union with the work of the Center would probably be maintained because the leadership of the Center would be responsible directly to the College and Union, the programs of the Center would be that of the College and Union and the Center would be known as The World Center for Reform Judaism, a joint venture of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and The Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

MATTHEW H. ROSS
245 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017

May 29, 1973

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

Dear Alex:

I would be pleased to be at the meeting
of the Joint Policy Board on June 4, at 2:30
p.m.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,



April 5, 1973

Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk
President, HUC-JIR
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Dear Fred:

It appears that Maurice will still be in South America on May 1st. This will not affect the meeting of the Jerusalem Center Joint Building Committee, we can still meet at 4:00 p.m. as planned.

However, we will have to select another date to discuss the Wilshire Boulevard Temple matter. Can you let me have a few convenient dates for sometime after May 6th? It would be appreciated.

With fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

P.S. I presume you'll check the dates with Ted Tannenwald to determine his availability as well.

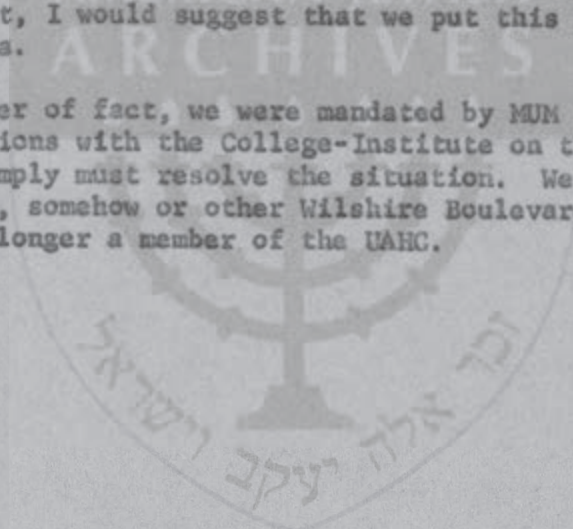
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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath; Harry K. Gutmann

We must discuss the Wilshire Boulevard Temple situation with Fred Gottschalk. Since the Jerusalem Center Joint Building Committee will be meeting this Wednesday and the Presidents and Chairmen of both institutions will be present, I would suggest that we put this matter on the agenda.

As a matter of fact, we were mandated by MUM to initiate conversations with the College-Institute on that score and we simply must resolve the situation. We have to be firm here, somehow or other Wilshire Boulevard has to know it is no longer a member of the UAHC.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 1973

FROM: Rabbi Erwin L. Herman

TO: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

COPY FOR INFORMATION: Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

SUBJECT: _____

The question of what constitutes "service to a congregation" is beginning to cause us some heartaches here, in re Wilshire. Example: if I am invited to speak for a fee before B'nai B'rith, I have a right to accept that invitation. If I am invited to speak for a fee at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, what is my stand?

The question really does not focus on me, Alex, as it does on the staff of HUC. And it is to this question that we simply must have a response from Fred.

Unbeknownst to Lew Barth, Jack Skirball advised Wilshire Boulevard Temple that no member of that congregation was entitled to a place on the Board of the College. The discussion (of which I was not a part) led to a decision that the rabbis of the temple on the local College Board could continue to serve by virtue of their alumni status. Jack was included in this category, for, of course, he is an alumnus. Was Jack's action in reporting this the result of Fred's decision? And if so, are we going to have a copy of that decision? I think it ought not be sent until there is a full definition of "service."

I have learned that Edgar Magnin is ready to attack us in the local press in the event we make any public pronouncement regarding Wilshire's leaving. He has got the whole staff over there on the edge of their seats, and they are, I am told, committed to the fact that the Union could have prevented the whole affair. The culprit in the case turns out to be Chuck Mintz, according to Kozberg's report to his Board. It seems as if Chuck and Harry Gaines allegedly agreed not to take any action because they understood the position in which the Board was placed, in light of Edgar's obstinacy.

Whatever actually happened at that meeting, it seems to me that Wilshire and our representatives interpreted it in diametrically opposite fashions. What bothers me is not who is to blame, for there is only one culprit and that is Edgar Magnin, but rather that no one in a high place over there seems to realize that Wilshire was asking for special status. I suppose 53 years of brain-washing can be successful. It turns out that as far as the Board is concerned, we were picking on them. There are so many times when we deserve lumps, but to get them when our hands are so clean distresses me.

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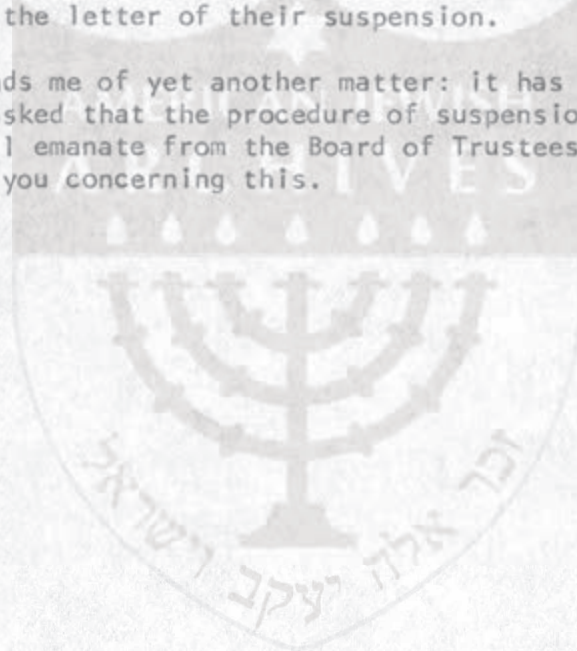
March 28, 1973

Meanwhile, what about the definition of "service" from the Union and the College?

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P.S. Wilshire is sullen that the only response they received to their letter of resignation was from me. They particularly cannot understand why they have not heard from Harry Gutmann or Harold Dubinsky, the latter of whom signed the letter of their suspension.

Which now reminds me of yet another matter: it has been weeks and weeks since I asked that the procedure of suspension letters be changed so that they all emanate from the Board of Trustees, but I have received no answer from you concerning this.



May 14, 1973

Mr. Gilbert Tilles
7600 Jericho Turnpike
Woodbury, N.Y. 11797

Dear Gil:

The enclosed from Zsdi Shai of Israel is self-explanatory and will be of interest to you. After the Board meeting when things quiet down a bit I'd like to have your reaction.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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838 Fifth Avenue,
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May 8th, 1973.

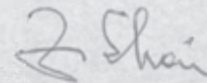
Dear Rabbi Schindler,

It was nice hearing from you regarding involving us in your project.

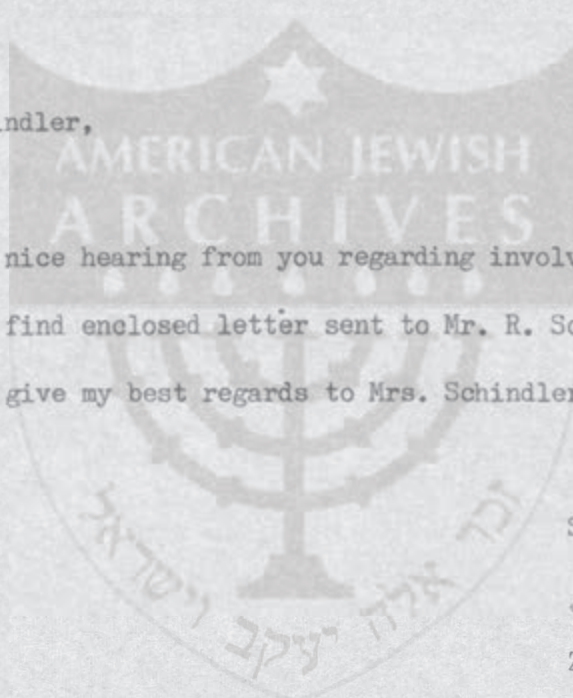
Please find enclosed letter sent to Mr. R. Scheuer.

Kindly give my best regards to Mrs. Schindler.

Sincerely yours,



Z. Shai.



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Mr. Richard Scheuer
880 Third Avenue,
New York N.Y. 10022.

May 6th, 1973

Dear Mr. Scheuer,

Subject: Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem.

Mr. Alexander M. Schindler, President-Elect of The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, recommended that we approach you outlining the role and responsibilities of our Institution.

We hereby give you details of our various services performed, in order to bring the project to a satisfactory completion, keeping the cost of construction to the minimum possible.

1. Together with you we shall arrive at a suitable program for the project and set up these requirements for the architects and engineers.
2. We shall be responsible for dealing with all the local, municipal, and governmental authorities in order to obtain the necessary permits for construction.
3. The nature of the above project requires the joint and combined effort of various consultants, such as architects, civil, mechanical, electrical and sanitary engineers, heating and air-conditioning specialists. We shall coordinate and supervise the work of all those connected with the project, which we consider of vital importance. The work of those consultants would include, the preparation of plans and specifications, at such times and manner so as not to delay or cause stoppages during construction.
4. We shall help in preparing Engineer's Estimates and shall try our utmost to keep the project within the estimated budget, which we shall prepare periodically throughout the construction period.
5. We shall have the Engineers prepare the necessary documents, quantity surveys and specifications for bidding purposes. Upon receipt of bids, we shall evaluate them and come up with recommendations as to the contractors to be chosen. We shall then prepare the necessary contracts for the execution of the work.
6. We shall also draw up contracts with architects and consultants, for your approval and execution.

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7. We shall continuously conduct on-site supervision to ensure compliance to bid specifications and proper building methods.
8. We will see to it that testing of materials will be done by competent laboratories to ensure high standards of the materials used.
9. We shall prepare time-table schedules and progress charts keeping them up-to-date during the entire construction period.
10. We shall issue progress reports at regular intervals.
11. We shall check all invoices submitted by the contractors and suppliers against work done or materials supplied, all according to the terms of the contract.
12. At the completion of the project we shall accept the works from the contractors jointly with the architects and engineers. We shall also prepare lists of defective or incomplete items and see to it that they are corrected or completed.
13. We shall check all the final invoices submitted by the contractors and authorize payment only after final acceptance of the works. We shall then turn the project over to you.
14. During the guarantee period of one year, we shall keep constant check on the proper functioning of the works and see to it that the contractors repair or correct all that is necessary according to the terms of the contract.
15. We shall conduct proper accounting throughout the job, and be prepared to submit to you up-to-date financial statements at all times.
16. In addition to all the above, we of course will be ready to assist you in any way possible to bring the project to a satisfactory completion.

Our fee for rendering the above-mentioned services is 3.5% of the total cost of the project taking into consideration that the cost will be over 1,000,000.- Israel Pounds.

For your information, we were responsible for building several important projects in Jerusalem such as The Boyar High School, The Alliance High School, The Truman Center on Mount Scopus, The Meyerhoff's Library, The Four Sephardic Synagogues and Metivtah in the Old City, not to mention several other institutions and schools all over the country. We are currently responsible for the Mishkenot Shaananim project in Yemin Moshe.

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I hope that our offer meets with your approval and that we shall
be able to work closely with you.

Yours very truly,

Z. Shai

Z. Shai.

cc: Mr. Alexander M. Schindler.



April 26, 1973

Mr. Zadi Shai
Israel Foundations Trustees
11, Mapu Street
Tel-Aviv, ISRAEL

Dear Zadi:

Thank you for your letter of the 9th and for extending a mazal tov to Suzie Brawer for me on the occasion of her marriage. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

As we move along on plans for the Jerusalem Center venture it occurred to me that you might wish to make a presentation outlining the role and responsibilities of an institutional representative for such a project. I would suggest that you send same to Mr. Richard Scheuer, 880 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022 and indicate that you are doing so at my suggestion. Please be sure to send me a copy of your presentation.

With every good wish and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

April 18, 1973

Mr. Nathaniel E. Hess
Sloane's Court
Sands Point, N.Y. 11050

Dear Nat:

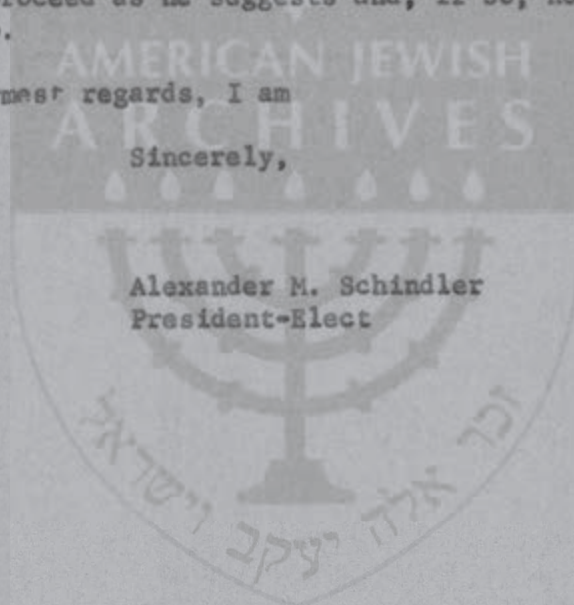
Please note the enclosed letter from Zadi Shai.
I would appreciate your comments on whether we
should proceed as he suggests and, if so, how
to do so.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

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

April 9th, 1973.

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I hope everything is O.K. at your end. I suppose you know that Suzie Brawer is getting married tomorrow, and I take it upon myself to wish them all, Mazal Tov, on your behalf.

As to the problem of the Hebrew Union College's land on Shmuel Hanagid Street, I tried to get information and the following are few points that I would like you to know.

I understand that the city authorities, have frozen the lot since few years and it'll take some years before they will defreeze it for building. Then, I take it, they will cut about 40% of the area for public purposes, namely, to build new road through it.

As the income out of the houses built on your land today is only about JP 1,600.- per month, it will be advisable to make the Youth Aliya quit their offices, for your use, then I could make changes within, so as to divide it up more economically and conveniently; We can also heat same, so as to get worthwhile rents. The main thing is to make The Jewish Agency understand that you are enlarging your work in Israel and will be badly in need of a lot of office space. It won't be a problem for the J.A. to find alternative offices to the dilapidated and unheated offices they are now occupying. I am sure that you and your friends can find the way to convince them to do so.

As to the enlarging of the Synagogue by about 200 seats, this could be by adding building. For that purpose we shall have to get the necessary permits from the proper authorities. Please let me know if you think I should do this, since these things have a way of taking a lot of time in Israel.

Wishes you and yours best of happiness for Pessach and look forward to seeing you on your next trip.

Yours sincerely,

Z. Shai
Z. Shai.

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Tsadi Shai
c/o Mrs. Sally Sadmon
123 Weitzman
Tel-Aviv, Israel

Would appreciate your counsel in re our Jerusalem property.
Can you give us guidance?

Rabbi Alexander Schindler

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April 5, 1973

Mrs. Sally Sadmon
123 Weitzman
Tel-Aviv, Israel

Dear Sally:

How wonderful it was to be with you and with Yosef. I hope that Suzy's wedding was beautiful and that the moment of her marriage will mark only the beginning of her and your dreams fulfillment.

I met your friend Tsadi Shai and I was very much impressed with him. We had a meeting of the Building Committee and I was able to prevail upon them to agree to the appointment of an institutional "representative" for this Jerusalem Center building venture. I also advanced Mr. Shai's name as one possibility. The motion was adopted in principle. The choice of the man of course could not be determined at our meeting and Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, the new President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, your friend Nelson Glueck's successor, was asked to get in touch with Teddy Kollek either directly or through Ezra Spicehandler to get Kollek's counsel on the matter and to ask him to suggest the names of two or three people who could fill this role. I wonder whether Tsadi Shai could talk to Kollek and make sure that his name is included on the list, if not the only name which he submits (obviously you should destroy this letter on receipt). You might tell Shai that we will likely have Moshe Safdie as our architect, that might be a factor in his thinking.

The Schindler clan is just great and we hope all is well with you and yours. With warmest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

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Office of the President

April 19, 1973

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

Dear Alex:

Of course I agree with the substance of your letter since I concurred with the recommendations of the Joint Building Committee. I want to reiterate, however, how prudent I feel it is that Spaer review the contract and if for some reason cogent to us he feels it not to be practical, or that it will raise hitherto unanticipated problems for us, I shall feel obligated to bring that information to the Committee for its consideration. This is essentially what I had in mind, and I do not believe it violates the spirit of our meeting. On the contrary, I should feel derelict in my obligation to the project were I not to bring such views, if they in fact exist, to the Committee.

At this juncture I see no problem other than the rankling memory that our previous building programs in Jerusalem underwent untold difficulties because we did not heed at that time the advice of counsel. Through our American attorneys and our Israeli attorneys, we should be able to overcome at least those obstacles.

With best wishes

Sincerely,



Alfred Gottschalk
President

AG:ec

cc: Judge Theodore Tannenwald, Jr.
Mr. Gilbert Tillis

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World Union for Progressive Judaism

April 26, 1973

FROM: RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH

TO: RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

Because of conflict in staff schedules, the meeting of the UAHC Jerusalem Committee scheduled for Wednesday, May 2nd has been changed to Wednesday, May 9th at 10:30 A.M. in Rabbi Eisendrath's office. Please be present.

If you have not already done so, please send your comments on the draft to be presented to the Board immediately.



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World Union for Progressive Judaism

April 12, 1973

FROM: RABBI RICHARD G. HIRSCH

TO: RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

Enclosed is the rough draft of the outline presented at the meeting of the UAHC Jerusalem Committee held yesterday. There were a number of significant changes made which, because of time, we have not been able to incorporate.

At the meeting we decided to ask each affiliate and department of the UAHC to review this and return your recommended changes and/or additions in writing to my office not later than Friday, April 27. Thereafter, I will compile the changes and present a new draft to a meeting which will take place on Wednesday, May 2 at 3 P.M. in Rabbi Eisendrath's office. Please be present.

We hope that at the conclusion of this meeting we will be able to finalize our program plans and physical facility needs.



May 1973

OUTLINE OF PROGRAMS AND NEEDS OF THE
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS AND
THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM IN ISRAEL

As individuals, Reform Jews have long been in the forefront of the Zionist movement and the efforts of the Jewish people to establish the State of Israel. As a movement, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the World Union for Progressive Judaism have for more than thirty years been on record as advocating political and financial support for the establishment of a Jewish State. However, the creation of programs and the establishment of institutions in Israel by the Reform movement have been of more recent vintage. Within the last two decades, our movement has begun to dig its roots deep into Israeli soil. Our involvement has taken two forms: a) programs in Israel for Americans and other non-Israelis; and b) programs conducted by and for Israelis.

I. PROGRAMS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN
HEBREW CONGREGATIONS.

A. Youth Programs

1. Summer programs for high school age youth: Bible institute, Mitzvah corps, Ulpan, Antiquities institute, Archeological seminar, and confirmation class tours.
2. Intensive programs of study and work: Eisendrath International Exchange at the Leo Baeck School and other institutions (1/2 year); Kibbutz workshop (1 year); Academy, a year long program at a kibbutz with college accreditation, to be initiated summer 1973 -- in cooperation with the Hebrew Union College.

B. Adult Programs

1. Study Mission to Israel for adults.
2. Religious School Educators Institutes
3. Interfaith program, Seminar for Christian Academicians, to be initiated summer 1973 -- to be conducted jointly by Duke University, the Hebrew Union College, and the Commission on Interfaith Activities.

C. National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

Chaple - Library - Cultural Center at Ben Shemen -- a splendid facility erected and furnished by the NFTS in a youth village catering to Israeli youth from less privileged home environments.

II. PROGRAMS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM.

A. Congregations

There are now congregations in the following cities: Beer Sheva, Haifa, Jerusalem, Nahariya, Natanya, Nazareth, Ramat Gan, Tel-Aviv. In addition, during the High Holy Day period, special services have been held in major cities. Total attendance at High Holy Days is between 4,000-5,000.

Of the above congregations, only Har-El in Jerusalem is located in a facility owned by the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The land is valuable, the location excellent, but the building inadequate. The other synagogues meet in rented quarters, most of which are small and not conducive to a religious spirit.

B. The Leo Baeck School

A fine secondary institution in Haifa under the auspices of the World Union with an outstanding reputation and a magnificent new facility still incomplete and still requiring capital funds. The school is in the process of developing plans to become a comprehensive educational center.

C. Israeli Youth Program

The local youth groups of the congregations are organized in a national youth council similar to the structure of NFTY and served by rabbis and local youth leaders.

D. The Vaad Artzi

The Vaad Artzi (the Israel Council of Progressive Synagogues) coordinates programs and publications for the movement and shares in responsibility for distribution and supervision of funds expended in Israel by the World Union.

E. Maram

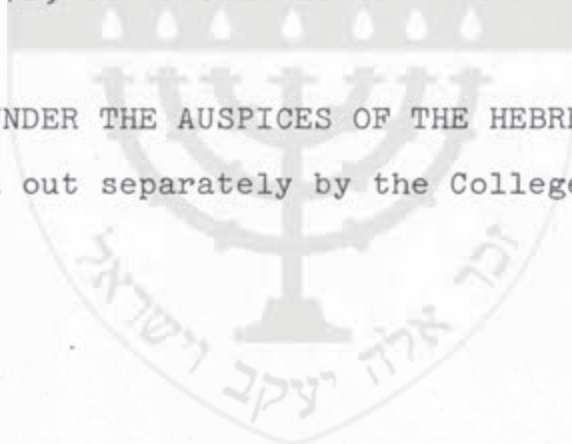
Maram (the Council of Progressive Rabbis) is the rabbinic organization of the nine full-time and few part-time and retired rabbis who are associated with our movement. The Maram gives intellectual and spiritual leadership to the development of the movement.

III. PROGRAMS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

The Central Conference has developed a program of encouraging rabbis to take sabbaticals in Israel. The CCAR has held one national conference in Israel (March 1970) and will be convening another in March 1974. The CCAR has undertaken responsibility for a series of ideological conferences with kibbutz leadership. The first seminar was held at Oranim and the Leo Baeck School summer 1971; the second is to be held summer 1973.

IV. PROGRAMS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

-- spelled out separately by the College.



Within the last two years, major developments have occurred which have given promise of new impetus and more intensive involvement of Reform Judaism in Israel.

1. Acquisition of additional land

A delegation representing the HUC and the UAHC went to Israel in March 1971 and in meetings with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance of the State of Israel received a commitment from the government to make available the 12 dunam (3 acres) of land adjacent to the initial 8 dunam (2 acres) of the HUC campus, thus making a total of 20 dunam (5 acres) in the heart of Jerusalem, adjacent to the King David Hotel and with a commanding view of the old city.

In a separate understanding, the leadership of the Union and the College agreed that the College, in whose name the additional land had been received, agreed to make land available free of charge to the Union and the World Union for their needs.

2. Transfer of the World Union for Progressive Judaism Headquarters

In July 1971 the Governing Body of the World Union meeting in London, England voted to move the international headquarters to Jerusalem commencing July 1973. An office in New York at the House of Living Judaism will continue to be retained.

3. Creation of a World Educational Center for Progressive Judaism.

The major institutions of Reform Judaism -- the College, the Union, the World Union and the Central Conference of American Rabbis -- have embarked upon a coordinated project to establish a World Educational Center for Progressive Judaism.

While recognizing the need for separate facilities because of function and character unique to the separate institutions, it was agreed to plan for shared use of facilities and for common programming wherever possible. The College and the Union agreed to engage an architect to develop a new master plan and to apply the principle of cooperation to the physical operation of the facilities.

The Union and the College are sharing in the responsibility for engaging a special consultant for development and planning who will be charged with responsibility for raising funds for the implementation of a master plan for Reform Judaism in Israel.

It is presently contemplated that the fundraising effort will be divided as follows: \$4 million for physical facilities at the Jerusalem Center; \$1 million for an endowment fund, the proceeds of which will be used for physical maintenance of the Center; \$5 million in endowment funds, the proceeds of which will be used for programming at the Center. The securing of these funds will have priority. Thereafter, funds secured will be divided three ways between the World Union, the College, and the Union. The master plan envisages Synagogue centers in major cities, an expansion of the Leo Baeck School, tent camps for American and Israeli youth, a youth village, a boarding school, a Progressive kibbutz, publications, programs of adult education and cooperative programs with kibbutzim and other Israeli institutions.

The program needs, physical facilities and endowment funds required for the entire master plan have been developed elsewhere. The remainder of this report deals with the projected program and building needs of the Jerusalem Center only.

PROJECTED PROGRAMS AT THE JERUSALEM CENTER

A. Adult Education

Every year thousands of Reform Jews travel to Israel, some as individuals, others in organized tours conducted by travel agents or national Jewish organizations, and some in tours organized by their own rabbis and synagogues. These tours are primarily sightseeing in character and do not have clearly defined educational objectives. Many adults seek more educationally enriching experiences in Israel. The Center will conduct a variety of packaged study-tour programs for adults. These study programs will be integrated with visits to related sights and institutions and where relevant, lectures from academicians and government officials. Some suggested study topics: Bible, archeology, Hebrew literature, aspects of modern Israel. Special study missions will be organized for national leaders, congregational boards, sisterhoods, men's clubs, members of congregational Israel committees, and other groupings within the movement.

B. Educational Programs for Jewish Professionals

In cooperation with the College, a multiplicity of in-training programs of varying duration will be offered to religious school teachers, educators, communal workers, camp directors and counselors, temple administrators and other professionals who work with and for the Jewish community.

C. Museum-Exhibit Hall and Audio-Visual Presentations

There is a need for a large display area or areas where archeological works, rare books and treasured ritual objects used in synagogue and home can be displayed.

Both the Jewish past and the Jewish present will be portrayed in multi-media audio-visual presentations (similar to those at Disney World or Expo 1967). These presentations will be changed from time to time and will be in at least two languages, Hebrew and English so that not only tourists but Israelis as well will be drawn to the Center. Sample audio-visual presentations: the Story of Judaism from Abraham to the Present, the Development of the Hebrew Language from its Earliest Origins, Sights and Sound of Jewish Religious Life Around the World.

D. Audio-Visual Center

In Israel the use of audio-visual techniques in education is not nearly as advanced as it is in the United States. The Center will have facilities for creating, presenting, storing and distributing audio-visual materials, including those produced by the Reform Movement abroad. These materials will concentrate on Jewish education, value and content, and will be used by Israeli educational institutions and the general public as well as by Jewish communities outside Israel.

E. International (and Israeli) Conferences, Seminars, Institutes

The Center will convene international conferences, often in cooperation with other organizations and institutions on issues of Jewish and general concern. These programs will explore critically such issues as:

- The role of Israel and contemporary Jewish theology.
- Judaism and the State in the State of Israel.
- The relevance of Jewish law and tradition on:
 - a. the waging of war and the pursuit of peace.
 - b. changing attitudes toward sex and family relations.
 - c. the kibbutz and social experimentation in Israel.
 - d. civil rights and civil liberties.

F. Youth

The offices for the National Federation of Temple Youth activities in Israel are already in the Feinstein Building. This facility will continue to serve as the administrative headquarters of the youth programs conducted throughout the country. It will also be the center to which individual youth traveling on their own will come for information, counsel, and assistance. Various other programs will be conducted there for youth residing in Jerusalem and/or attending the Hebrew University. From time to time conferences and programs will be convened at the Center for the NFTY groups dispersed throughout the country.

G. Informal Education for Israelis

In Israel there is a desperate need for a nonpoliticized ideological center where Israelis can engage in informal independent study of contemporary Jewish life with special emphasis on such subjects as Israel-Diaspora relations and the search for traditional values. Special courses of varying duration and intensity will be geared to meet the needs of newspaper writers, journalists, radio-TV commentators, government civil servants, senior army officers, tour leaders, university faculty, labor leaders, kibbutz leaders, selected high school students, and Israeli "shlichim" and others about to serve abroad.

H. Interreligious Study in Israel

Study-travel programs for Christian and Jewish leaders from around the world will be organized and stimulated by the Center in cooperation with the Government of Israel and other religious organizations. These programs conducted with the participation of all faith groups, will contribute to a mutual appreciation of the religious significance and ideological stance of the respective faith groups. The programs will be geared for various groupings -- clergy, lay leaders, youth.

For a number of years the Hebrew-Union College has successfully conducted its Summer Institute on Near East Civilization for faculty of Christian theological schools. A program sponsored jointly by Duke University, the College and the Commission on Interfaith Activities will be held in the summer of 1973.

I. Publications Program

There is an essential need for publications in Israel reflecting the spirit of the Reform movement-- an attempt to relate Jewish values to the contemporary life situation. Translations into Hebrew of major works reflecting the Progressive Jewish spirit will be published. There is also a need for publications from Israel which will present Jewish life in Israel and around the World from the perspective of Reform Judaism. It is contemplated that a newsletter will be published regularly, also that outstanding papers and proceedings of conferences, selected articles and occasional papers on subjects of concern to our movement will be published and given world wide distribution.

J. Cultural-Living Arts Center

In Jerusalem, there is frequently little to do in the evening. It is contemplated that an evening coffee house will be established in the Center complex to serve the needs for intellectual and cultural stimulation. There will also be occasional lectures and discussions for the Israeli public.

4. Conference-Classrooms

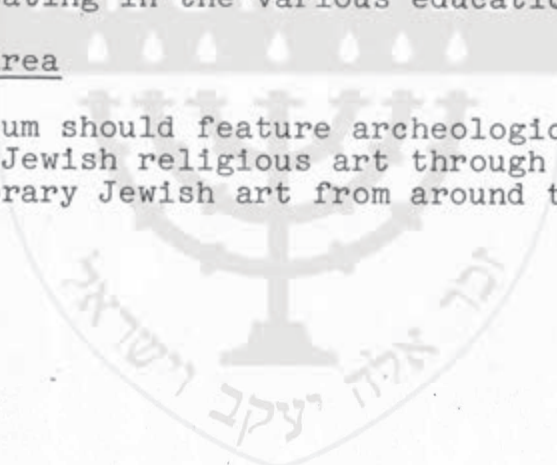
These rooms, to be used by the College for classes, should be readily convertible into conference-seminar purposes for use by the Union-World Union. Approximately 12 such rooms are necessary and they should be of varying sizes. One conference room should be permanently designated as a board room and should be furnished accordingly.

5. Library-Study Area

The library-study area as projected by the College, will contain facilities for 100,000 volumes, study cubicles and special studies for staff, visiting lecturers and rabbis. In addition, there should be facilities for the general public and a complete display of the publications of the Reform movement throughout the world. There should also be facilities to encourage use of the library by tourists and those who will be participating in the various educational programs.

6. Museum Area

The museum should feature archeological collections as well as Jewish religious art through the ages, including contemporary Jewish art from around the world.



April 13, 1973

Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk
President, HUC-JIR
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Dear Fred:

It is my impression that our Joint Building Committee, to be specific Dick Scheuer and Gil Tilles, agreed that the contract with Saffie should be drawn up by an American lawyer. They spoke of Bergreen and subsequently, I think, settled on Hofheimer. This decision was made by the Committee because it was felt that an American attorney would be more familiar with A.I.A. contracts than would an Israeli lawyer.

This does not mean, of course, that Arnold Spaer's counsel should not be sought. Of course he should review the contract once it is drawn up and offer his advice from his own and the Israeli perspectives. I do not, however, agree with you that Spaer should "finally authorize any contract we draw up with Saffie." Authorization rests with the Committee and through the Committee in us.

Chag Sameach and best regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler
President-Elect

cc: Judge Theodore Tannenwald, Jr.
Gilbert Tilles

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Office of the President

April 6, 1973

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

Dear Alex:

I presume you will want our attorney, Arnold Spaer,
to finally authorize any contract we draw up with
Safdie, since I found his counsel to be invaluable.

Best regards

Sincerely,



Alfred Gottschalk

cc: Judge Theodore Tannenwald

*Hyphens office
AIA contract
It is my opinion -*

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March 22, 1973

TO: JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE - JERUSALEM CENTER

FROM: RICHARD SCHEUER, CHAIRMAN & GILBERT TILLES, CO-CHAIRMAN

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We look forward to seeing you on April 4th.

cc: Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
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MEMORANDUM

Date March 22, 73From Central servicesTo ~~March~~ Miss E. J. Miller

Copy for information of _____

Subject Confirmation Of Room Reservation

Please be advised that Room A has
 been reserved for you on April 4, 73 for
Joint Building Committee Of The Jerusalem Center
 between the hours of 12:30 pm and _____.

If your plans are changed, kindly inform us
 immediately.



RATTAN R. RAMCHANDANI
 Central Services.

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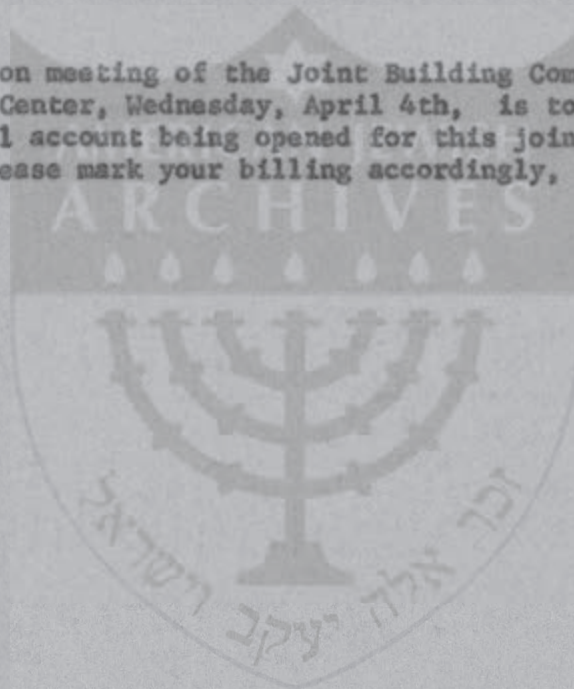
April 3, 1973

Edith J. Miller

Mr. Ram

Fred Cohen; Robert Kaplan

The luncheon meeting of the Joint Building Committee for the Jerusalem Center, Wednesday, April 4th, is to be charged to the special account being opened for this joint UAHC/College-Institute Venture. Please mark your billing accordingly,



March 22, 1973

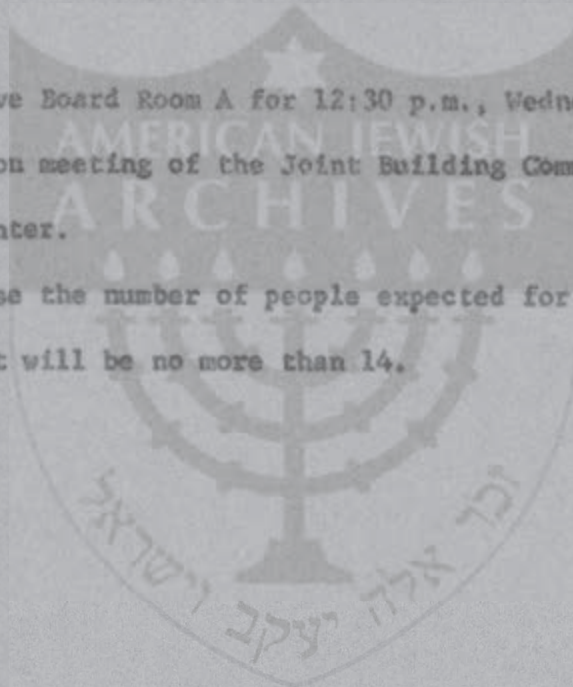
Edith J. Miller
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Mr. Ram

Mary Jordan; Mildred Hurwitz

Please reserve Board Room A for 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 4th
for a luncheon meeting of the Joint Building Committee of the
Jerusalem Center.

We will advise the number of people expected for luncheon on
that day - it will be no more than 14.



March 22, 1973

TO: JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE - JERUSALEM CENTER

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Isadore E. Millstone, A.M. Shapiro, Philip Rosen,
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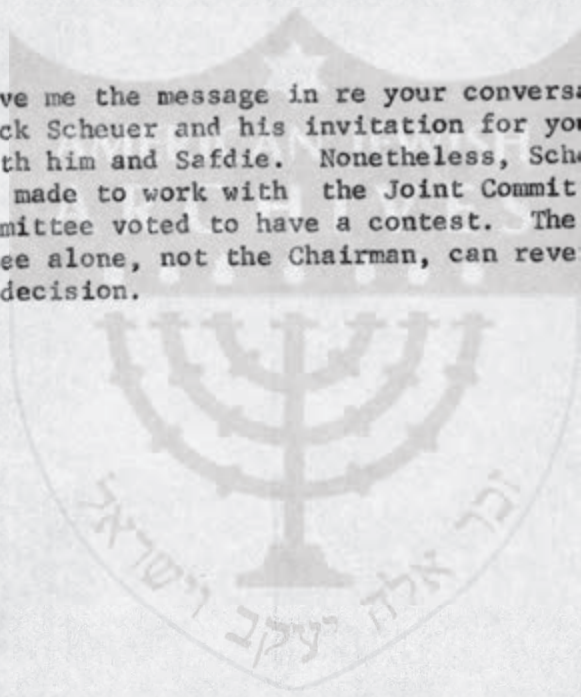
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March 20, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Harry Gutmann

Edie gave me the message in re your conversation with Dick Scheuer and his invitation for you to meet with him and Saffie. Nonetheless, Scheuer must be made to work with the Joint Committee. The Committee voted to have a contest. The Committee alone, not the Chairman, can reverse such a decision.

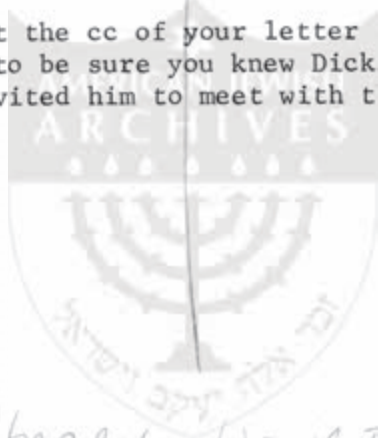


from the desk of Edith J. Miller

HKG - Just came from Dr's office - had complete physical is A.O.K. - just the cold bothering him...

(Wanted you to know he was with Scheuer in Israel after the meeting when Herb F noted he felt it was impossible to get a Panel of Architects in Israel to compete. H.F. felt the concept of a contest did not make sense. This seemd to make an impression on Dick Scheue andout of his concern he spoke to Safadei - he asked Harry to go with him to meet Safadei but Harry was leaving for London and couldn't make it....

when he got the cc of your letter in this regard he wanted to be sure you knew Dick had spoken to him and invited him to meet with the architect..



TELL HARRY NONETHELESS
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March 13, 1973

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch; Gilbert Tilles

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath; Harry K. Gutmann; Albert Vorspan

Just before my departure from Israel Fred Gottschalk called to tell me concerning some conversations that were held with Moshe Saffie, the prominent Israeli architect, and that Dick Schauer, on his own initiative and promising to pay for all expenses himself, asked Saffie to prepare preliminary sketches. I have no objection to his doing so since the burden is on Dick, but it does represent a departure from the Committee's most recent discussion and no decision pertaining to the building should be made without the authorization of the full Committee. In other words, I agree with the Saffie move contingent upon the Committee's approval.

Some how or other we must wean the College-Institute away from making unilateral decisions, which they were entitled to make in the past, and to make this truly a joint venture.

In this connection it is imperative that we convene rather promptly a meeting of Gil Tilles' Union Committee determining in the first instance who will serve on it and then setting a meeting sometime in April so that the Union Committee in turn can determine those requirements which we have for the Jerusalem project. We require this for two reasons, in primis so that a proper presentation of our needs can be made to the Union Board and gain its approval and secondly that our needs can be properly fed into whatever plans the architect proposes. What we need is a presentation from our point of view, much like that which was given to the College-Institute Board at its recent session in Jerusalem and a copy of which you have. If the HUC-JIR document is the sole basis of the architect's design our needs and the World Union needs will be sorely neglected in the final building. Both Herb Friedman and Gil have cautioned me on this score. The schedule is tight, I hope that we can proceed promptly.

Warmest regards.

Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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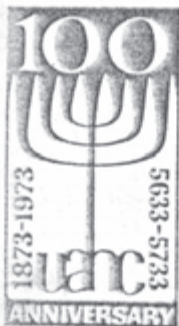
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TO: UAHC MEMBERS JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE - JERUSALEM CENTER
FROM: GILBERT TILLES, UAHC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Prior to the luncheon meeting, per notice enclosed, I would like the members of our UAHC Section of the Joint Building Committee to meet at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 4th in the office of Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath at the UAHC House of Living Judaism. I hope you can meet with us at 10:30 a.m. and remain through the luncheon session of the extended Committee.

Please advise the World Union office (249-0100 X292) of your plans.

I look forward to seeing you on April 4th.

cc: Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
Harry K. Gutmann
Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch
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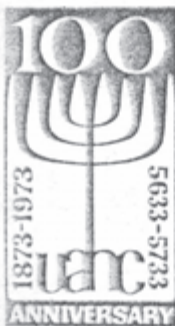
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At the recent Executive Committee meeting, attendant upon the discussion of the architect's fee, our Executive resolved that a small committee be created, composed of HUC and UAHC board members to supervise the operating aspect of this project. This committee should now be established and Maurice recommends that Gil Tilles be appointed to this Joint Building Committee as representative. If you agree, we will approach him.

