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RABBI HERBERT A FRIEDMAN
THE WORLD PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM 13 KING DAVID ST
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SORRY ABOUT COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS JUDAIC CULTURE COMMITTEE HASNT
MADE FIRM DECISION COULD YOU ARRANGE TO BE AT VCU CAMPUS AT LEAST
TWO DAYS WEEK OF APRIL 11TH OR APRIL 19TH TO MAKE ONE MAJOR ADDRESS
AND MEET VARIOUS GROUPS AND CLASSES COMMITTEE CAN PAY TRAVEL
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DR THOMAS HALL CHAIRMAN JUDAIC CULTURAL COMMITTEE VIRGINIA
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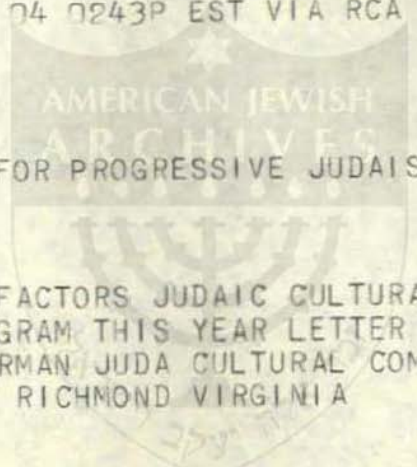
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AFTER CONSIDERING MANY FACTORS JUDAIC CULTURAL COMMITTEE DECIDED NOT
TO PRESENT A SPRING PROGRAM THIS YEAR LETTER FOLLOWS
THOMAS O HALL JR CHAIRMAN JUDA CULTURAL COMMITTEE VIRGINIA
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As ever,

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GOOD LORD, HERB, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF OUR COMMITTEE, DR. THOMAS HALL. HE WROTE YOU WEEKS AGO, LONG BEFORE THE YEAR WAS OUT, TO CONTINUE CORRESPONDENCE AFTER MY ORIGINAL CONTACT WITH YOU. OUR POSTAL PROBLEMS, ONCE AMUSING AND THEN FRUSTRATING, HAVE NOW BECOME RIDICULOUS AND INTOLERABLE. YOUR MOST RECENT NOTE TO ME (THIS ONE) HAS BEEN RUSHED TO DR. HALL. HE WILL MUST ASSUREDLY GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU - EVEN IF IT TAKES A CABLE OR THE PHONE.

Dr. Thomas Hall
Dean, Philosophy & Religion
Virginia Commonwealth University
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Richmond, Virginia 23220

Director of Planning and Development
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September 30, 1974

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
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Dear Herb:

We haven't heard from you since my letter of August 15, 1974 asking for further correspondence on the possibility of your being with us next April. We are nearing the deadline for making final arrangements and are anxious to know if you would recommend we seek other sources.

Sincerely,

Neil

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P.S. Abba Eban spoke to us last night —
a delight to hear. NN

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August 15, 1974

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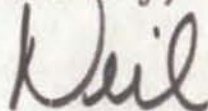
The Committee on Judaic Culture Series for the Virginia Commonwealth University met today for the first time since receiving your answer to my letters proposing the possibility of your conducting our Scholar-in-Residence Program on the Holocaust next April.

We are delighted that you can fit us into your schedule next year. However we are embarrassed over the requirement of assuming your transportation costs from Israel and possibly those of Mrs. Friedman as well. Our foundation can afford a handsome honorarium, travel expenses to and from New York and hotel expenses here - but I am afraid we cannot pay overseas fare. That is why, in my first letter, I hoped you might be scheduled to be in the USA at that time anyhow.

We wonder if perhaps some development may have materialized since we last corresponded which would put you in the USA sometime in April 1975, at the expense of another organization, so that we could benefit from your exceptional presentations on the Holocaust?

We look forward eagerly to some arrangement satisfactory to both. Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,



Neil November

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February 20, 1974

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from Herbert A. Friedman

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APRIL 1 CONTAINED NO ADDRESS. TRIED
TELEPHONING BUT YOU HAVE UNLISTED NUMBER.
FINALLY GOT YOUR ADDRESS TODAY AND AM
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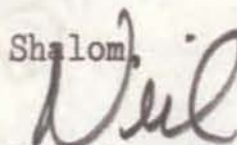
I am terribly distressed you did not receive the original copy of my letter of February 20th. I am enclosing a machine copy of the carbon.

Since the original was written, Dr. Howard Sachar appeared as our first scholar and was a smashing success. He is writing a resume of the three days which he will use as an example of how a scholar-in-residence program should be planned. Now everyone is looking forward eagerly to succeeding scholars. We are excited about the series.

One of the "non-Jews" to whom you spoke after dinner during our mission this past February died suddenly a few days ago - two months to the day since he left for Israel. He was the president of the Second National Bank and was the most impressed and most vocal in his praise of Israel. He had become a good friend of the Jews. Too bad.

We look forward to hearing from you concerning our request for your services. Sorry the contact was delayed and you had a difficult time locating me.

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