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April 26, 1949

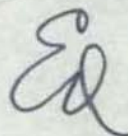
Rabbi Herbert Friedman
1595 Pearl Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herbert:

Sincerest thanks for your beautiful message. Such messages as yours helped bring comfort and consolation. We all sorrow together and pray that we may have the strength to carry on as Dr. Wise would wish, that the ideals he fostered, the institutions he founded, the projects he envisioned may go from strength to strength.

With cordial greetings,

Yours,



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DISCIPLES OF STEPHEN S. WISE

(A Suggested Letter)

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My dear Colleague:-

There is information a group to be known as "The Disciples of Stephen S. Wise", consisting of the men who studied under him, and who are concerned with the preservation and dissemination of his message. While a number of institutions bear his name, it is believed that we who knew him in person, should associate ourselves together as such. Ours will be an organization with no other objective than the remembrance and recording of Doctor Wise's spiritual, cultural and communal legacy. It is our hope that before the years pass, we shall gather from his Disciples their reminiscences of him--his visits to communities, his utterances, including epigrams and anecdotes--and other material which should be perpetuated. Perhaps it will also be possible to publish some of the writings he has left behind. There will also be an annual gathering of "The Disciples" so that tributes to Doctor Wise may be prepared and distributed, and aspects of his spiritual inheritance discussed and interpreted for our day.

We trust you will wish to join the signatories who are going forward with this project. A small committee in the New York area will care for any minor organizational details. We merely wish your acquiescence in the plan, and your testimony of readiness to co-operate with us in sending, when we write you, material which may be in keeping with the purpose of remembrance we have in mind.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Louis I. Newman
Rabbi Edward E. Klein
Rabbi Morton M. Berman
Rabbi Max Meyer

(Other signatories to follow)

My dear Colleague:-

Would you care to join us in this undertaking, and to allow your name to be used on a list of signatories up to about eight in number? Please write me at 271 Central Park West, New York 24, N.Y.

Sincerely,

Louis Newman

*271 Central Park West
New York 24, N.Y.*

JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
WEST SIXTY-EIGHTH STREET
NEAR CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK 23, N.Y.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT - Emeritus

January 18, 1949

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
16th Avenue at Pearl
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herbert:

This letter from the grand-daughter of the great Dr. Loew gives me such satisfaction that I want you and Elaine to have the pleasure of seeing it.

How is the little one? I hope some day to see the child. Perhaps on her way to her Grandparents in the Spring.

all love!

Yours,

Wise

Stephen S. Wise

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DR. LÖW ANTAL
ÜGYVÉD
BUDAPEST,
IV., NYÁRY PÁL-UTCA 10.

Budapest, 1949. 13th January.

Dear Reverend Dr. Wise!

It is rather hard for me, to find words to make you feel all my gratitude, I wish to express!

You were so kind, as to send my letter to Reverend Friedmann at Denver, and he invited my dear son, and offered him in the most amiable manner help and support! So, together with my sons strong will and ambition this wonderful Jewish union, which holds each others hand over countries and oceans, helped once more a young life to start on the right way. My son writes in each letter of his deepest impressions; the free beautiful life, the possibilities for everybody who loves honest and persevering work.

Let me thank you all of my heart, dear Reverend Dr. Wise,

with all my esteem and gratitude

Elisabeth Löw-Löw

January 19, 1949

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
40 West 68th Street
New York, New York

Dear Chief:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter of recommendation which I have written to the New York Medical College for a friend of mine here in Denver. From the tone of the letter, you will see that I am really interested in trying to do everything possible for this boy. I would therefore appreciate it if there were any way in which you could add your voice to his application for admission, so that it would be viewed with more favor by the Admissions Office. I know that the problem of getting Jewish boys into medical schools is a very aggravated one these days, and therefore I would appreciate extremely anything you could do in this regard.

In your last letter you wrote a sentence which startled us because of its amazing accuracy. You said something to the effect that within a short time you would expect to hear news that Elaine was pregnant with a child of her own. I am happy and delighted to inform you that such is now the case. It seems that she is already four months pregnant, and that things will proceed quite normally. The prospective of our entire lives has changed, with the presence in our home of little Judith and now with the expected presence of another child to come. I tell you this news, although no one in Denver is aware of it yet, because I know that it will warm your heart as much as it has ours.

With much love,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

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Free Synagogue
NEW YORK

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January 24, 1949

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herbert:

Thanks for your letter, which gives me great satisfaction. I think your letter ought to do the trick on behalf of Gottesfeld. It is such a wonderful and appreciative letter. But, of course I must say at once that his admission will depend upon his marks. If only young Jews would know that they cannot get into medical schools unless they stand at the top of their class, and barely even then.

Well, you will begin to believe that I am not unprophetic. So through Elaine you are to have a second child. That has happened so often after the adoption of a child through the last thirty years under Mrs. Wise's regime, that I somehow hoped it might be true in the case of Elaine and you. And so it is! Now let me predict something more. The child that is coming will be no more precious to you than little Judith. The two children have been chosen to come in two ways, but they will both be yours,--yours utterly, completely and forever. I am very happy about the good news. I do not know whether I wrote it to you before, but the normalcy of life for women caring for a child seems to have its influence upon the possibility of pregnancy. In any event, the baby is coming, but I am afraid that, inasmuch as the baby is to be born in July or August, you may not be coming to this part of the world to show me either Judith or yourselves.

With all love, dear Herbert, Elaine and Judith,

Yours,


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February 28, 1949

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
Jewish Institute of Religion
40 West 68th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Dr. Wise:

I have your letter of 11 February, regarding the efforts of all our Congregations for the combined campaign.

May I assure you that Temple Emanuel in Denver will do everything within its power to meet the quota assigned to it for the combined campaign for the support of the Union and the College-Institute. We are currently engaged in rather extensive plans to achieve the necessary money. I do not know how much of it we can have quickly, but I can promise you that within a few months we will have almost all of it.

You have our pledge that the Congregation will do all in its power to support this effort. We do so out of sheer love and affection for you, and also because we are happy that all of the Institutions of Liberal Judaism have now pooled their efforts in the direction of a broadening of our philosophy of Judaism.

Our very fondest personal regards, and happiest congratulations upon your birthday. It will be a very great milestone in the history of American Judaism.

As ever,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

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February 11, 1949

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT - Emeritus

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
1595 Pearl St.
Denver, Colo.

Dear Herbert:

I am writing to you now not for pleasure but out of grievous necessity. Information has come to me to the effect that, while some Institute Graduates and their Congregations have been responding finely to the Joint Maintenance Appeal of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, a large number have thus far done and given nothing or next to nothing. This is painfully embarrassing to me as it should be also to you.

Every Congregation affiliated with the UAHC, including your own, has a quota of \$20 per capita. In other words, for every fifty members, a Congregation should secure in one way or another \$1000 toward the Joint Maintenance Fund of the Union and the HUC-JIR.

It is of paramount importance that you move your membership, - and heaven and earth if necessary, - to meet the quota assigned to your Congregation. Our fiscal year will end in June, and both the Union and the Combined Schools are woefully short of funds.

I beg of you that you and your lay-leaders do something substantial about this at once. Will you keep this letter before you every day until the financial obligation of your Congregation to the College-Institute and the Union is met.

On March 17, Im Yir-tzeh ha-Shem, I will be seventy-five. There will be no Institute Birthday Dinner for me this year because I have forbidden it. All that I need and will permit from my Institute Boys and their Congregations to make me happy on my Birthday is strong and deserved financial support for the College-Institute and the UAHC.

I do not like to write to you in this vein, but I must. It will be a great lift to my spirit to know that you are making a valiant and successful effort to help fulfil the Institute's commitments to President Glueck who has a right to count on all Institute Graduates and their Congregations for maximum support.

May I hear from you about this within the next few days, -
by return mail, if possible. Every alumnus will receive a letter
from me similar to this one. I look forward and will accept nothing
less from any of my Boys than a reply in such terms that shall satisfy
our terribly imperative need and my own heart's desire.

With warmest greeting,

Yours,



Stephen S. Wise

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February 28, 1949

Hon. John A. Carroll
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carroll:

May I urge your support of H.R. 199, which is Congressman Judd's Bill for the removal of discrimination in regard to matters of immigration and naturalization.

H.R. 199 is an important piece of liberal legislation, and I am certain that you have already given your support to it. I simply want you to know, for the record, that there are very many of us here in Denver who are interested in this Bill and felt that you would be interested in learning our attitude.

With fondest personal regards, I am

As ever,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

1834 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

40 West 68 Street,
March 21, 1949.

Messrs. A. B. Cowen and
Louis C. Isaacson
Congregation Emanuel
Denver, Colo

Dear Friends Cowen and Isaacson:

I cannot tell you how happy I was to have your gracious message for my birthday and then came the joyous surprise of having Herbert at the dinner at night, of which I am sure he will tell you.

I know I have made a contribution to Denver in helping to train Herbert, whom I consider one of the finest and noblest of the younger men in the American Rabbinate.

Once again, thanks and heartfelt greeting!

Faithfully yours,

Wise

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B. MOZER, M. D.
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לבה"ד הרב הרבט קרייבאן נ"י

אדאן נכבד:

הנה כבר עברו ימים אחדים מהנשף
שהו נשאתה את נאליק החטאה אל דבר
הקליק השאל, ואלה האנשי נשא דבר אחר
קול נהיה חדש למנא.

רבים הם המעשים את נאליק, כי
הלא כבר מלאו אולד לכל כי דבר החסד
אין הנק, אלה לעלמא, אק נשם לא
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אשר גמל מרה גמל.

כבר שמעתי גם שמעתי נאליק אל אלה
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"לאכיח ולכיח את איתק" רק אפק שמעתי
אהבה ישראל הילצאק מן הלה.

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117 GIBBS STREET
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THE RABBI'S STUDY

November 1, 1954

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
2419 East Kenwood Blvd.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Herb

I am writing this note concerning plans for establishing the Stephen S. Wise Archives.

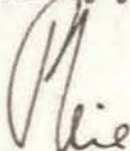
Dr. Wise's papers are scattered all over the world. They include his fabulous personal correspondence, his participation in Zionist and general international affairs, his role on the American scene, his fight for civic rights in New York, his contributions through the American and World Jewish Congress, the Free Synagogue, the Jewish Institute of Religion, etc., etc.

A committee consisting of David Petegorsky, Rabbis Ed Klein, Jack Rudin and myself, has been set up to make arrangements for the assembling, editing, microfilming, and utilizing of Dr. Wise's papers. We wish to engage a competent research person who will carry the burden of the work. It is our estimate that \$15,000 will be required.

I hope to raise close to a thousand dollars here. Do you think you would be able to secure similar help from your people? Checks should be drawn to the Stephen Wise Memorial Fund and may be mailed to me.

Looking forward to hearing from you in regard to this, and with every good wish.

Cordially yours



Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein

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*What's new?
Let me know if you want Tachlis - on the "Project"
Albi is ready to come in on it.*