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CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

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August 4, 1955

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman Executive Vice Chairman United Jewish Appeal 165 West 46 Street New York, New York

Dear Herbert:

In accordance with sentiments expressed on the floor at the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis held in June and concurred in enthusiastically by its members, I am writing to express, on behalf of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, our hearty congratulations to you on assuming the position of Executive Vice Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

We of the Conference are proud of your appointment to this office of such high responsibility, to which we know you bring great ability and dedication.

The United Jewish Appeal, which has the support of the Conference and of its members in their respective communities, has given great service to Jewry and we know that its work will go on with unabated vigor. We send to you our warmest good wishes for satisfaction and success in this great work which you have undertaken.

Sincer by yours,

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner Executive Vice President

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Use September 8th, 1955 Rabbi Sidney L. Regner Central Conference of American Rabbis 50 West 68th Street New York 23, N.Y. Dear Sid: I have just returned from a visit to Europe, North Africa and Israel where I saw some of the programs of the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. That is why I could not write you sooner to thank you for your warm greetings expressed in your letter of August 4th, for which I am most grateful. It is good to know that I could count on you and the CCAR. As I am sure you know, I have always felt very strongly that the Rabbis in this country have a most important role to play in helping to meet the needs of Israel. The fact is that the best way of helping Israel is by supporting the United Jewish Appeal and I have some plane to mobilize rabbinical strength this year. I will certainly be in touch with you regarding them. I am also taking this opportunity to enclose herewith my check for \$100 representing my dues to the CCAR. Warmest personal regards. Sincerely, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman Executive Vice-Chairman HAF:ged. encl.

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August 31, 1955

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman United Jewish Appeal 165 West 46th Street New York, New York

Dear Herbert:

I wish there were time to write at length. There isn't at the moment. Pressure of preparation for my installation on September 9 and for the High Holy Days grows apace.

I hope with all my heart that all is well with you and your dear ones.

I assume that you have seen the enclosed release from the Moroccan Office of Information.

I am curious to know whether according to your information and in your judgment the facts are as they are set forth in this bit of propaganda.

Try to take a moment to write to me with your comments.

I shall write you more fully about Milwaukee affairs a bit later on.

Marian joins me in sending large quantities of love to you, Elaine and the children.

Faithfully,

Rabbi Dudley Weinberg

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Rabbi Dudley Veinberg Temple Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun 2419 E. Kenwood Boulevard Wilwaukee 11. Wisconsin

Dear Dudley:

The telegram from Boston last night was self-explanatory, I hope.

Under tremendous pressure since my return on Tuesday, the 6th, I don't think I read my mail until Thursday or Friday, the 9th, which was the actual day of your installation. I meant to send you a wire at that moment, but too many things were competing for my attention.

I am sure the ceremonies were simple but impressive and I am sure you are already in their hearts.

In opening additional mountains of mail, I found your letter with the memorandum from the Moroccan Office of Information. I haven't the time to comment on the document in detail, except to say that most of it is outright misinformation.

It is one thing to say that the Jews in an independent Morocco in the future will be free and equal citizens. That is a goal devoutly to be sought and if the Istiqlal Party premises this, we shall all be very happy (but wary and doubtful).

To say, on the other hand, that Jews "have never lived in inequality" is an outright lie, for the past is open to everyone to see. The Jews have been people without status before the law and, in a theorratic country, have enjoyed no rights.

The memorandum seems to be based a great deal on the statement of the Casablanca Jew. Meyer Toledano, whose article is quoted to indicate that the Jews are very happy with the Moroccan nationalists.

I was in Casablanca when the article appeared and it received the almost unanimous denunciation of the leadership of Moroccan Jevry. So much for that.

From what I can gather, the document in question was mailed out by the

Moroccan Office of Information to a large group of rabbis and other opinion-makers, seeking to win support for the Moroccan position. Whatever general humanitarian appeal they may have in their bid for freedom, they certainly cannot employ the argument that they will also be good for the Jews. I have grave doubts concerning Jewish security in an independent Morocco.

Sorry that time will not permit a longer exposition.

Regards to Marian and fondest good wishes for the New Year.

AMERICA Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman Executive Vice-Chairman Executive Vice-Chairman

1955 Chronological Correspondence



2nd November, 1955

Mr. Theodore Kollek Office of the Prime Minister Jerusalem

AMERICAN JEWISH

I hate to bother you with this item right now, but it is a small piece of unfinished business.

You remember you wrote that the two copies of the book of the Dead Sea Scrolls would be sent in the pouch to Reuven Defni. They have not arrived as yet.

Reuven wants to know in which pouch they were sent. Do you have any way of tracing them?

With regard to our meeting on November 18th for the special fund, we are going ahead full steam and I will be able to report in a week or so what the attendance looks like and what the mood feels like. At the moment the whole staff is busy on the project.

Fondest regards to Giora, Shoshana and everyone else.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman Executive Vice-Chairman

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משרר ראש הממשלה PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Jerusalem, May 17, 1956

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Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice Chairman
United Jewish Appeal
165 West 46th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Herb:

I was very happy to hear that Elaine is coming home next week. It is a great relief to know that she is on her way to recovery -- I was really worried about her. I do hope that she will be quite well in no time.

With all good wishes to you both,

As ever.

Teddy Kollek

25th May, 1956

Dear Teddy,

This morning I received your nice note about Elaine. She got quite a kick out of receiving another bouquet of flowers from you with a card enclosed, "To cheer you up all the way from Jerusalem". It really did cheer her up because she has a soft spot for you.

She is now home from the hospital and is mending physically, although her mood leaves much to be desired. She is still depressed and fairly gloomy. I think that will gradually dissolve as her convalescence improves.

I am sure Giora has written you about his meetings here. He and Peres did a beautiful job explaining the need for an extra 35 million dollars. Both of them came to see, however, that there was really no additional money to be gotten from the UJA beyond the Special Fund and the Refunding Loan. Everyone seemed to agree that whatever extra money possible could be found would have to come from the Bond Drive. So I have not seen him for the last few days — he has been spending a great deal of time over at Joe's office. He has also been looking into all kinds of other schemes.

We are pushing hard to get cash on the regular and special campaigns. The Loan is going along well and I think there is a good chance of having at least 30 million dollars (including New York's 13) by the end of June. We may even be able to reach 35, although I would prefer to be cautious in my estimates.

After the big conference on June 9th and 10th, I will know better where we stand and will write to you again. Meanwhile, all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman

Mr. Theodore Kollek Government of Israel Jerusalem, Israel 30th August, 1956

Mr. Harry Philipps Four Magnes Square Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Philipps:

The parcel with the glass pieces has just arrived, and I am delighted with all of the objects. May I also thank you for the very careful manner in which you wrote out the certificates. These will add to the impressiveness of the gifts when we present them.

I am sorry to say that of the three pieces which I chose for myself, and which you placed in a separate parcel, one arrived broken. It was the only casualty in the entire shipment.

I do not know whether you have kept a copy of the numbers, but it was Number 9, which was the tall, thin bottle. I shall try to have it glued together, but I fear I may not be successful.

Again, I wish to thank you for all of your trouble and to tell you how pleased I am.

Very sincerely yours.

Herbert A. Friedman Executive Vice-Chairman

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HARRY PHILIPPS

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JERUSALEM, September 5th, 1956

Rabbi Herbert A. FRIEDMAN Executive Vice-Chairman United Jewish Appeal NEW YORK

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Dear Rabbi Friedman,

Yesterday I received your kind letter of August 30th, and I wish to thank you and answer it immediately.

I am very sorry that one piece got broken and I would like to make up for the damage. Would you be so kind and send the pieces with the diplomatic post; I hope that it will be possible to restore it.

I am very glad having been able to serve you and shall be delighted if I can be helpful to you.

May I express my sincerest wishes on the occasion of the New Year.

With respectful regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Harry Philipps

Miss Eather Herlitz -Israel Consulate

Irving Jacobs

Rabbi Friedman asked if you would please have this sent by diplematic pouch to Mr. Harry Philipps.

It is a small glass wase which was damaged when sent through diplomatic pouch here.

Thank you very much.

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September 13, 1956

Mr. Harry Philipps
Antiquaire
4. Magnes Square
Jeruselem, Israel
Dear Mr. Philipps:

I am taking the liberty of answering your letter of September 5th. to Rabbi Friedman, who is out of town.

When you receive this, you will also be receiving the broken piece, about which he wrote you,

Rabbi Friedman hopes that there is the possibility of restoring this piece, and he wants you to know that he very such appreciates your concern.

Rabbi Friedman will be in Israel from October 17th through October 25th, and may then be able to pick up the restored piece.

Very truly yours.

Irving Jacobs Comptroller

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July 30, 1956 Mr. Shlomo Eisenberg Jerusalem, Israel Dear Mr. Bisenberg: Mr. Priedman receives from the Ministry of Posts of the State of Israel regular advice on new stamps that ams coming out. You know, of course, that while he was in Israel, Mr. Friedman received a stamp album with stamps from the Minister of Posts containing all stamps issued during the past two years or so. Mr. Friedman is very anxious to get new stamps as they come out. It is understood that the Ministry of Posts maintains a service whereby such new stamps can be purchased on a regular basis. It would be greatly appreciated if you would make inquiry and let me know at your convenience what arrangements can be made to obtain all new stamps on a regular basis and what the cost is. Kind regards. Sincerely yours, Melvin S. Goldstein MSG: ba

Jerusalem, Israel Aug. 5 1956 ירושלים. P. C. B. 92 . T. ח.

Mr.Melvin S.Goldstein United Jewish Appeal New York.

Dear Mr. Goldstein,

I have your letter of July 30th regarding Mr. Friedman's request for stamps.

I am getting in touch with the Special Stamps Service of the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs, and as soon as I have their reply, in this matter, I will let you know.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Shlomo Eisenberg

August 3, 1956 Personal Mr. Shlomo Eisenberg Jewish Agency erusalem, Israel Dear Shlomo: I have written you about stame because Mr. Friedman is so interested in having a set of Israel stemps. He spoke with me about it upon his return, and we decided that the best and easiest way of getting what he wants is by purchasing the stamps. We have plickled on the costs here and I want to give them to you as follows: A complete set of every stamp issued in Israel, one each, since the beginning of the State, with tabs \$325 A complete set of stamps, one each, of every stamp issued in Israel since the beginning of the State, \$200 without tabs A complete set of first days covers \$115 Would you be good enough please to have somebody check with a commeradal office in Israel on what the cost would be of a set of stamps and a sheet of covers as indicated above if purchased in Israel and let me know as soon as possible so that Mr. Friedman can make the necessary arrangements. Please do not take this up with the Minister of Posts or anybody else in the Government; this is a purely commercial matter and Mr. Priedman wants to buy the stame. The sooner you can lettme know, the better. Best regards. Sincerely yours, Melvin S. Goldstein MSG: ba

SHLOMO EISENBERG

P.O.B. 92 JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

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ת. ד. 92 ירושלים, ישראל

Personal

Mr. Melvin S.Goldstein United Jewish Appeal New York.

Dear Melvin,

I have your letter of August 3rd regarding a set of Israel stamps for Mr. Herbert Friedman.

Mr. Yitzhak Brochstein, who is himself a stamp collector, has looked into the matter, and given me the following information:

Cost

A complete set of every stamp issued in Israel, one each, since the beginning of the State, with tabs (complete with variations)

IL 800

A complete set of stamps, one each, of every stamp issued in Israel since the beginning of the State, without tabs (complete with variations) IL 450

A complete set of first day covers IL 220 - IL230

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Shlomo Eisenberg

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September 4, 1956.

Personal

Nr. Shlomo Eisenberg
P.O.B. 92
Jerusalem, Israel CAN JEWISH
Dear Shlomo: C - V E S

Thank you very much for your letter of August 23rd regarding the Israel stamps for Herbert Friedman. It was very good of Yitzhak Brochstein to look into this matter and to give you the information in such detail.

I am told that the cost is somewhat higher in Israel than in the United States. A complete set of every stamp issued in Israel since the beginning of the State, with tabs, can be obtained here for about \$325. In view of this. Hr. Friedman is going to obtain the stamps in this country. I do, however, want to thank you on his behalf for your very kind attention to this matter.

Best regards and all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Melvin S. Goldstein

11/19/376 October 22, 1956 Mr. Shlomo Risenberg Jewish Agency

Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Misenberg:

One thing I forgot to take up with you is an item in which Mr. Friedman is most interested. It concerns a plot of land registered in the name of Ines Bogdadly. The plot is located in Tel Aviv -- Parcel 86, Block 6106 on the east side of the Yarkon River.

Mr. Friedman has a number of questions regarding this plot and I wonder if it would be at all possible for you to check into this matter and let me have your comments. The following are Nr. Friedman's questions:

- 1. Is it a vacant lot?
- 2. What is near and around it?
- What is the general trend of the neighborhood -- immediate and in the future?
- 4. What are the taxes on it?
- 5. Can it be sold to another American in the U.S.?
- 6. How is deed transferred?
- 7. What is it worth at prevailing real estate prices in Tel Aviv?
- 8. How large is it?
- 9. What improvements (road, water, etc.) exist?
- 10. What is the real estate appraisal, if possible to obtain? Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Melvin S. Goldstein

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Jerusalem, Israel....

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Mr.Melvin S.Goldstein United Jewish Appeal New York.

Dear Mr. Goldstein,

I have received your letter of October 22nd regarding the plot of land registered in the name of Inez Bogdadly - in which Mr.Friedman is most interested.

I am making the necessary enquiries and will let you know what transpires.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Shlomo Lisenberg

This 18/28

December 5, 1956

Mr. Shlomo Eisenberg
Jewish Agency
Jerusalem, Israel AN JEWISH

Dear Mr. Misenberg:

I wonder if you have been able to get any information on the plot of land in which Mr. Friedman is interested. This is the property registered in the name of Inez Bogdadly — Parcel 86, Block 6106, east side of the Yarkon River, Tel Aviv, and as you will recall from my letter of October 22nd, there were a number of questions on which your comments would be greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Melvin S. Goldstein

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Cable Addresss JEVAGENCY

March 15, 1956



Rabbi Herbert Friedman United Jewish Appeal 165 W. 46 St. N.Y.C.

AMERICAN JEWISH

Dear Herbert:

I did not have a chance to talk to you after you delivered your address in Ottawa; hence, this note.

I never heard you speak in public and that is what prompts me to tell you that it was a very gratifying experience to hear you. There was something of the temperament and the manner of presentation of your theme which made me feel that Stephen Wise's labors have not been in vain. It will please you to know that I heard echoes of your address throughout my stay in Ottawa.

As you know, I have limited my activities in recent years to school and educational matters. However, I am keenly aware of the great crisis we are facing and should you feel that I could be helpful in some aspect of your significant labors, do not hesitate to call upon me.

With warm greetings to your good half, I remain,

Cordially yours,

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Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield

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3 WEEKS HOLIDAY IN "H A D A S S I M" THE ISRAEL SUMMER CAMP

THE YOUTH VILLAGE "HADASSIM"" is situated amidst the Sharon Groves between Herziya and Nathanya, the most beautiful bathin beaches of Israel. It was founded 10 years ago by "hadassa" (WIZO) Canada and developed as a boarding school, based on modern education of "sælf-goverment", containing elementary and secondary agricultural classes as well as a teacher's seminary. "hadassim" has become famous for its lovely flower gardens, its larns and sfprt facilities, by its experienced staff of excellent teachers and by its all - electric, up-to-date kasher kitchen.

THE CAMP LEADER MR. WALTER FRANKL chief coach fo the Hebrew University Jerusalem. Who has more than 20 years camp experience in Israel, will be pleased to accept children (girls and boys) from 7 - 15 years old and meet them either at the Haifa sea port or at the Lydda air port station and conduct them to the camp by special transport.

SPECIAL AGE GROUPS. The children will be divided into special age groups of ten in each group. Every 2 groups get thier own camp house. Every 5 cjildren will board a well aired bedroom, radio, hot showers, hygienic W.C. astc.

THE PERSONAL inclides the chief and assistant counsellors the instuctors for all kinds of sport, music and handicarfts, the "chief hausmutter" the camp doctor, several dipl. nurses, the "chef drcuisine" kitchen and house personal, gardeners.life savers.etc. All well trained and experienced men and women with paedagogic traning and love for children.

THE CAMP PROGRAM. All kinds of sport activities, as swimming in the pool and at the sea shore, fishing, horseback riding, tennis, table tennis, basketball, baseball. lawn games, archery track and field competitions stc.

All kinds of handicarft. incl. supervision in the traditional Israel i arts and crafmanship yemenite metal work (brass and iron) olive wood carvings, carnalite and marble works, raffia weavings. etc. "every child will take home and present his parents his SELF MADE SOUVENIR FROM IARSEL.

Entertainment, composed of a full Jewish cultural program, Hebrew songs, Israeli folk dances, local movies as well as dramatics and stage performances.

Sightseeing, including a visit to Jerusalem, the capital fo Israel, to Philistinian Ashkelon, a trip to the hills of Galilee, a boat party on the Lake of Kinereth, a campfire in an Jordan Valley settlement together with the lical youth, a visit to Mt. Garmel and to Haifa, as well as to Tel-Aviv and Rishonle Zion - all trips by special camp buses.

CHILDREN FROM OVER SEA will be in groups together with Israeli children of thier age. "every official camp broadcast will be in Hebrew and English. There will by be a translator in every group.

pro one child, including car fees with baggage from and to port, full pension for 3 week (five meals a day) medical car, laundry fees, material for handicraft and arts, entertainments, trips by buses and boat, etc.etc.

One third of the money has to be paid in advance by registration, the remainder will be paid by the child's arrival.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS will be made by registration of more than 15 children from one town or from on organisation. Possibilities of common flights or boat journeys, quided by American counsellors, will be studied after announcement.

CAMP PERIOD: July - August. (Details not yet fisced)

VISITS TO THE CAMP: There are no special visiting hours. You are cordially invited to visit your children when ever you desire - except during resting time from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

EQUIPMENT: Every camp child receiveds a list of the camp equipment after the payment of the registration fee.

THEY ARE JOINING AGAIN... A reasonable number of American children participated in our "Hadassim" camp during the last 3 years. They found it exciting, full of fun and satisfactory. Many of the children's parents booked their reservation for the next following saison. The number of our camp children is limited. Please book your reservation as soon as possible.

LAST REGISTRATION TERM - April 25th.

"HADASSIM" YOUTH VILLAGE CHILDREN'S CAMP ISRAEL

signed: Walter Frankl

Dear Ed,

This is the first chance I have had to reply to your note of May 14th. Elaine is now home from the hospital and is entering upon a period of convalescence which may be lengthy. She is sometimes melancholy and I have a hunch it will take the better part of the summer for her to get back on her feet. She keeps reliving some of the episodes of the accident and I guess only time will banish those thoughts.

Judy seems to have bounced back rather nicely and returned to school this week.

It is really quite impossible to describe in a letter what the past year has been like. This is quite a fantastic job -- sort of like running three Gimbels at once. As a matter of fact, that is approximately the volume of our business. Seriously, though, satisfactions have been deep in the sense that one has a genuine feeling of accomplishment. These last months of international tension have obviously had their repercussions in my office.

Do you ever come East? I would love to see you, and over a quiet scotch could more adequately describe my reactions.

Thanks for writing, and please give mur best to Molly and Bobbie.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman

Mr. Edward R. Prince 101 West Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee 1, Wisc.

2nd August, 1956

Mr. Ariel Bar-Sela c/o Baylor University College of Medicine Texas Medical Center Houston, Texas

Dear Ariel: RICAN JEWISH

I have just come back from Israel, and that is why I have not answered your letter of 12th July.

It sounds as though you have had a good first year, and I am delighted to hear that you had no financial difficulties. I accept your check for \$50 on your personal debt. Thenever you can pay the balance of it, that will be fine. Do not press yourself but, on the other hand, I think that you would want to clear this up. I am sorry that you did not make a good contact with Rabbi Kahn, but I don't think you should be discouraged. Perhaps the circumstances were not right. I would suggest that you try again. I would also suggest one other person who is a great worker for Israel. His name is Martin Eadelman, and if you call him, you can say that you got his have from way.

Friedman and the children are all well now, although she was involved in a bad automobile accident last April. They all send their fondest regards.

If you ever get to New York, please be sure to call us because she would love to see you again.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman

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משרר ראוש הממשלה PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Jerusalem, August 5, 1956

Mr. Herbert Friedman

Executive Vice Chairman
United Jewish Appeal ERICAN JEWISH
165 West 46th Street
New York, N.Y. ARCH VES

Dear Herb:

I am sorry for the delay in sending you the antique glassware that you picked out when you were here. However, I have in the meantime found a few more nice pieces for you, and will send everything to you by diplomatic mail within the next few days. I have also ordered some samples of different things which I think you may find interesting, and will forward them to you by pouch as soon as I get them.

Hope both you and Elaine are well, and with best regards to you both, and the Clastore.

As ever,

Teddy Kollek

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Jerusalem, 5 December 1956.

Dear Rabbi Friedman,

Many thanks indeed for the beautiful napkins they are a delight to look at and to use, and we
are so grateful to you and Mrs. Friedman for your
thoughtfulness in sending them.

It is always the greatest pleasure to see you both here, and we do hope that you will come again soon.

With affectionate regards to you both, and every good wish,

I remain

As ever yeurs,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, 165 West 46th Street, New York 36, N.Y., U.S.A.