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February 10, 1952.

Dear Dr Silver,

Enclosed is one article of Moshe Smilansky which appeared in HAARETZ. I may have the other two in New York, and I'll see to it that they reach you. Kindly return them after reading.

I would like to suggest March 5th and 6th as my Cleveland dates, with the preference to hold the luncheon on Wednesday the 5th, if it is convenient for you. I would appreciate receiving your confirmation so that I may plan the balance of my itinerary.

All our friends here are elated with the news of your active interest in our work, and I wish to tell you again that I'm very grateful for the wonderful manner in which you have shown your interest. There is something splendid about "The Guard".

My very best wishes to you and Mrs Silver
Dr Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sincerely
Shlomo Bardin

February 19, 1952

Dr. Shlomo Bardin
9649 Olympic Blvd.
Beverly Hills, California

My dear Dr. Bardin:

I shall be very pleased to see you here on March 5th and 6th. I shall arrange a luncheon on Wednesday, March 5th, and I hope we may get a few people here interested in the Brandeis Camp Institute.

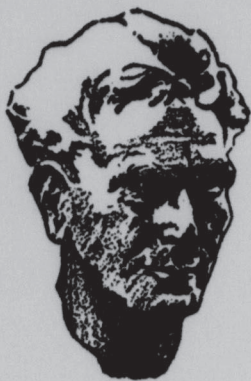
I am returning herewith copy of the article of Smilansky which you sent me and which I read with a great deal of interest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLELSIWER

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February 22, 1952

Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver;

Thank you so much for your letter of February 19th. I am looking forward to being with you in Cleveland on March 5th. I shall arrive on that morning from Chicago. I have written to the Wade Park Manor Hotel and asked for a reservation.

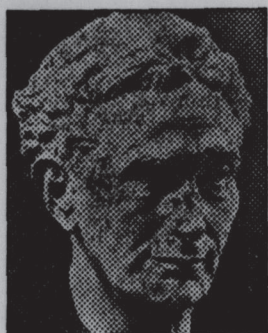
I greatly appreciate your interest and help and am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you again.

Cordially yours,

Shlomo Bardin

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March 3, 1952

Dear Dr Silver,

Enclosed are the 3 articles by Moshe Smilanski
which I mentioned to you during my first visit. They
represent a very interesting point of view.

Also enclosed is a recent article called
"SPR", expressing the same views as you do regarding
collections for Israeli causes.

Read them at your leisure and take
your time. Then kindly return to me.

Warm regards to you and Mrs. Silver,

Sincerely
Shlomo Bardin

Dr Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Wade Park Manor

for the next month my address
will be:

115 W. 87 St
New York 24, N.Y.



EAST 107TH AT PARK LANE
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

March 7th 1952

6:00 a.m.

Dear Dr Silver,

Thanks to your introduction the visits
with each of the men I saw last afternoon were
quite encouraging.

Mr Luntz was quite impressed with your
choice of his son-in-law as chairman of the Cleveland
Brandeis Committee, and suggested that you ask
him to assume the chairmanship. He also suggested
that I write to George Goulder "at the suggestion
of Dr Silver and his father-in-law". It is my intention
to do this after I hear from you regarding your contacting
Mr Goulder (whom I have not met).

I will see to it that our office sends in
the request to the local Welfare Fund immediately.

Your interest and help, apart from their direct
value, are a source of great encouragement to all of
us, and to me particularly, and I feel deeply grateful
to you.

With best personal regards to Mrs Silver and yourself
Dr Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Sincerely
Shlomo Bardin



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cc: Rabbi A H Silver
Irving Kane

March 11, 1952

Mrs. Katherine S. Falk and
Abraham Goodman
Brandeis Youth Foundation
115 West 87th Street
New York City 24

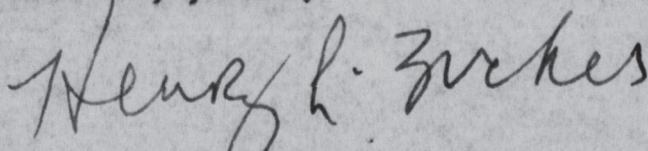
Dear Miss Falk and Mr. Goodman:

This is to acknowledge your letter of March 10th requesting a grant for the Brandeis Youth Foundation. Dr. Bardine had previously discussed this matter with me.

Your request will be considered by our Jewish Welfare Fund Committee and if approved by this body and the Board of Trustees, the request will be referred to our Budget Committee for recommendation as to allocation.

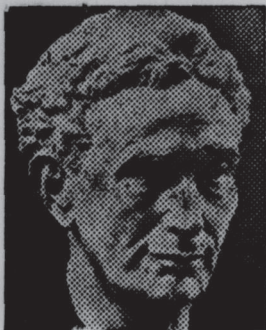
We shall attempt to expedite the consideration of your request so that the question may be settled in relation to our 1952 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal.

Sincerely yours,



Henry L. Zucker
Executive Director

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March 12, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

First, I want to thank you again for your courtesy and help during my recent visits to Cleveland. It is most heartening to know that you are interested in our program and ready to help us in developing it.

And now I want to bring you up to date on developments in connection with our application to the Cleveland Welfare Fund for a grant for the year 1951-52.

We wrote to the Executive Director, Mr. Henry Zucker, asking for an allocation of \$6,000, and enclosing a statement outlining the program of the Brandeis Youth Foundation. The figure of \$6,000 was arrived at on the basis of a key worked out by our Community Relations Committee for requested allocations from welfare funds throughout the country.

Since I understood from Mr. Sidney M. Weitz, that the deadline for filing requests from outside national organizations was March 18th or 20th, we asked the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to send to the Executive Director their report on our Organization. We have been assured that this has already been sent on.

In view of the fact that thus far no chairman has been appointed for the Brandeis Committee in Cleveland, I am turning to you with the request that you be good enough to have some of our friends watch and back our case at the Budget Committee meeting. Should you deem it advisable and necessary, we might be able to arrange that Mrs. Katharine Falk, chairman of our Community Relations Committee, go to Cleveland for this purpose.

Apropos of the question of a chairman for the Brandeis Committee in Cleveland, I had a very pleasant meeting with Mr. Luntz. You may be interested to hear that Mr. Luntz

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March 12, 1952

expressed his readiness to lend his assistance to anything that is of interest to you. He thought that his son-in-law would be a good choice for chairman, and suggested that if you asked him to serve in this capacity, he would very likely agree. In the meantime, Mr. Luntz asked me to send his son-in-law some literature and figures on our work. I feel I ought to wait with writing to George Goulder until I hear from you concerning his acceptance of the chairmanship.

Both Mr. Weitz and Mr. Zucker were most cordial and showed real interest in our work.

With very warm greetings and repeated thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Shlomo Bardin.

Shlomo Bardin

p.s.l. Since the time is of the essence and you may be out of town, I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Falkman, as per the enclosed note to him.

March 12, 1952

Mr. Sidney M. Weitz
Leader Building
East 6th and Superior Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Weitz:

I was very happy to have had the opportunity to meet you during my recent visit to Cleveland, and to note your interest in the leadership training program of the Brandeis Youth Foundation.

In line with our conversation, we have made formal application, through the Executive Director of your Welfare Fund, for a grant of \$6,000. for the year 1951-52. We also contacted the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and they agreed to send the relevant report on our organization to your Welfare Fund in time for the meeting of your Budget Committee.

At present we are concentrating our efforts on organizing in Cleveland a committee of Friends of the Brandeis Youth Foundation. As I told you, this effort was started on the initiative of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Several people constituting a nucleus for such a committee met last Wednesday, March 5, and decided to do their utmost to secure a considerable number of scholarships. Dr. Silver was the first to contribute \$200 for a scholarship.

You will be interested to know that although registration has only recently begun, 22 candidates from Cleveland have already been recommended to us.

With many thanks for your interest and cooperation, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

cc: Dr. A.H. Silver
cc: Dr. F.M. Falkman

Shlomo Bardin

SB/eb

March 12, 1952

Dr. F.M. Falkman
14128 Superior Rd.
Cleveland 10, Ohio

Dear Dr. Falkman:

We all missed you at the recent meeting with the kids, but I assume you could not make it.

You will recall that at our recent luncheon with Dr. Silver, it was agreed that the people present are to constitute the nucleus of a Friends of Brandeis Committee, to help further the program of the Brandeis Youth Foundation. The point was also made that it is important to be on guard and back our case, when the Budget Committee considers our request for an allocation from the Welfare Fund in Cleveland. The enclosed copy of our letter to Dr. Silver is self-explanatory. In the event that Dr. Silver is out of town at this time, will you be good enough to see to it that someone in your community undertakes to speak up for us at the meeting, to support our request. For your information, I enclose also a copy of my letter to Mr. Weitz, chairman of the Budget Committee. I need hardly tell you that I will be very grateful to you for anything you will do to help us in this matter.

Will you please send me, for our records, a list of the names and addresses of the people who were present at the recent luncheon meeting?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

SB/eb

Shlomo Bardin

cc: Dr. A.H. Silver

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March 26, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

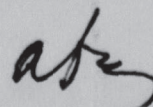
Belatedly, I want to express my own words of appreciation for the personal interest and attention that you gave Shlomo Bardin on his recent visits to Cleveland. As Treasurer of Brandeis, perhaps I should also add a word of thanks for your personal contribution.

To capitalize on Shlomo's visits, it is obviously necessary to establish a working committee as promptly as possible. It will be advisable and necessary for the New York Office to work with this committee as much as possible. For this purpose, we would like to know whether a chairman has already been selected. Inasmuch as Shlomo is leaving for the Coast in a few days, he left it with me to follow up on this matter. As soon as we know the name of the chairman, we will correspond with him and will try to relieve you as much as possible of any burdens in connection with this activity. May I, therefore, trouble you to let me know, at your earliest opportunity, the name of the person who will act as the chairman of the Brandeis Committee.

One more request I would like to make of you. We are running a Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria on May 20th, which will be our Annual Affair, and we expect to have an attendance of something like 600. A sponsorship list for this dinner is now in the process of formation, and I need hardly tell you how beneficial it would be to the success of our dinner if we had your name on our list. I therefore hope that you will authorize me to use your name on the Sponsor's list.

With kindest regards to Virginia and yourself from Mollie and myself,

Sincerely,



Abraham Goodman

AG/SS

March 28, 1952

Mr. Abraham Goodman
H. Goodman and Sons
200 Varick Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Mr. Goodman:

Dr. Silver is out of the city for a few days, and I am therefore acknowledging your letter of March 26th. Upon his return the latter part of next week, it will be brought to his immediate attention, and I am sure that you will hear from him.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

April 4, 1952

Mr. Abraham Goodman
200 Varick Street
New York 14, New York

My dear Abe:

Upon my return from Los Angeles I found your letter of March 26th. I have spoken to Mr. George Goulder about his taking the chairmanship of the local committee. I believe that he is inclined to do so and he said he would write to Dr. Bardin. He would like to see one of the camps before he commits himself to the office. He is leaving for Israel in the very near future for a short visit, and upon his return I feel rather confident that he will undertake the work.

I shall be pleased to serve on the sponsorship list for the dinner which the Brandeis Camps are arranging on May 20th.

With all good wishes to you and Mollie in which Virginia joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Dear Dr. Silver:

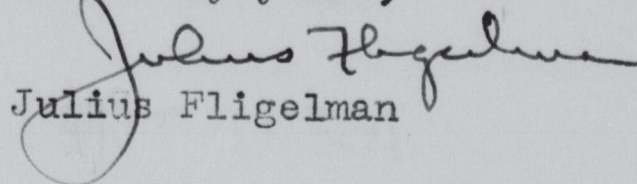
I deeply regret that an unexpected trip to Oregon made it impossible for me to return your telephone call which my secretary informs me came in after I had left the city.

I am indeed sorry that our very short contact Monday night, didn't permit me to tell you of the splendid achievements of Brandeis Camp Institute here in the west.

I do hope at some future time, that I shall have an opportunity again of meeting you here in California. I am exceedingly anxious to show you our two thousand acre camp site, beautifully situated in the hills of Santa Susana, and to tell you of the many wonderful things that we are doing there with our college Jewish youth.

I am enclosing a brief article on "Shabbat at Brandeis Camp Institute" which appeared in a recent issue of the Reconstructionist, which I am sure you will enjoy reading. I should like to tell you again how deeply moved I was by your magnificent speech. We all feel that your great presentation will give powerful impetus to our campaign.

Sincerely yours,


Julius Fligelman

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SHABBAT
at
Brandeis Camp Institute
BY A VISITOR

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We feel that publication of the following article may be of some help in advancing the cause of Sabbath observance by showing what the appropriate observance of the Sabbath can mean in terms of a personal experience.
—Editors.

SHABBAT — just another day? That is what it was for me until I experienced the hour which I would like to share with you. In order to do so, however, I must tell you just a bit about myself.

I was born in the Rhineland and was as assimilated as most German Jews. I learned to read a first-grader's Hebrew and knew the inside of a temple from a twice-a-year Yom Kippur and Pesah visit. The picture of my world was clear and simple: I was a German of Jewish faith.

Upon the advent of Hitler, when we had to leave Germany, the ground gave way under me. I was lost, a person without a country, without a language, without a nationality. Where did I belong? I was no longer German, only Jewish. And what did that mean? Unacquainted with Jewish history, culture, tradition, I knew only one aspect of Jewish life intimately—the impact of anti-Semitism. Scarcely an attractive refuge.

After six years of wandering, America finally became my new homeland. But does one change homelands like spring hats? No. I remained a guest—to be sure a profoundly grateful guest—a guest with the privileges and duties of a citizen, yet a guest. I was *in* a home, but not *at* home.

Slowly, slowly, over the span of ten years, a sense of belonging grew in me. But there remained always a last barrier. My language, my accent, my background, the pattern of my behavior set me somewhat apart. National holidays did not quite include me, the national Anthem was not quite my song. And here in America, too, anti-Semitism towered, the tallest barrier of all, excluding me not as a foreigner but as a Jew.

This is where I stood when, as a visitor to Brandeis Camp Institute, a Shabbat happened to me. Brandeis is a summer camp hidden away in the hills of Simi Valley, near Santa Susanna, in California. Jewish girls and boys between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five from all parts of the country gather there and, in the spirit of Justice Brandeis, are taught to be better Americans by being better Jews.

Taught is actually the wrong word; for several weeks these young people intense-

ly *live* Judaism at the camp. They sing Jewish songs, dance Jewish dances, perform plays with Jewish content, eat Jewish dishes, and in the classroom study the contributions of Jewish art and thought. In short, the campers become acquainted with all the positive values of Judaism, and when they leave at the end of the term, they have learned to accept themselves as Jews, without feeling inferior, without self-hatred; in fact, they have consciously become proud of the Jewish heritage of which they knew so little before. From that point on, anti-Semitism may still hurt, of course, but cannot wound mortally. It bounces back because of this new inner richness.

In this spirit of *living* rather than *learning* Judaism abstractly, they observe the Shabbat. The day is made so beautiful that each camper eagerly looks forward to it. Everyone joins in the preparations. They rake the grounds, scrub the tents and decorate the rooms with flowers from the garden. On this one day of the week they cover the long dining tables with white linen, and finally, in honor of the Shabbat, they dress in white. It's like getting ready for a party.

Shabbat, the day of recreation. What does it mean? — re-creation, activities which re-build, re-create man: music, drama, the dance; reading and meditating; a walk in the country with a friend, exchanging thoughts, seeking the truth together. Thus the day is spent.

In the early evening, an hour before dusk, everyone gathers in the big social room for *Havdalah*. Guests and teachers take their seats in the back. The girls and boys settle themselves on the carpeted floor in a semi-circle around their musical director. Softly they begin to sing, old liturgical chants in minor key, modern Israeli songs, soldiers' and workers' songs, horahs in major key. How they love these songs! Their eyes are shining, their faces glowing, no self-consciousness, no reserve; there is complete giving.

A visiting rabbi, who, with his long

white beard, looks like a prophet himself, sits down in an old-fashioned armchair in front of the tall, unlit fireplace. The youth at his feet, he speaks to them of the great Jewish leaders, Moses and Herzl, and how these two men are really one, visionaries, driven by a consuming love for their people—men of the same fate, of the same unbelievable strength and passion.

Replicas of Michelangelo's Moses and Struck's famous etching of Herzl adorn the mantel, the one conceived by the foreign genius, the other seen through the loving eyes of the artist-friend. Indeed, even the physical resemblance is striking between the ancient law giver and the modern prophet who also led his people to Eretz Israel but did not live to see his vision fulfilled.

The rabbi has finished. The young people are thoughtful and quiet, touched by the poetry of the speech.

In the stillness, the musical director moves to the small white-clothed table and the candle is lit. He wears his *yarmulke* now. His young son and a little girl at his elbow, he lifts the silver *kiddush* cup and the spice box and, with deep feeling, he begins to chant the ancient Hebrew air: *Hamaudil ben kodesh lehol. . .*

Farewell Shabbat, Queen of days, beautiful Princess, farewell. . . .

Without a sound the girls and boys have risen. Their arms around each other's shoulders, they sway back and forth while ever so softly they hum the accompaniment to the melody.

The guests join in, shyly at first then with more confidence, and they, too, embrace and, together with the boys and girls, weave back and forth, back and forth.

This embrace, this gesture of brotherhood eliminated the last barrier I have felt for so long. This is my music, my holiday. These are my people. For the first time in sixteen years I am at home, I belong. And I cry.

HILDEGARD LEVEL

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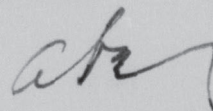
Dear Abba:

I am very happy to acknowledge your letter of April 4th and your consent to serve on the Sponsor's list for the Brandeis Camp Dinner on May 20th.

I have already transmitted to Dr. Bardin the information about the likelihood of George Goulder taking the chairmanship of the Cleveland local committee. Undoubtedly he will handle this matter from now on.

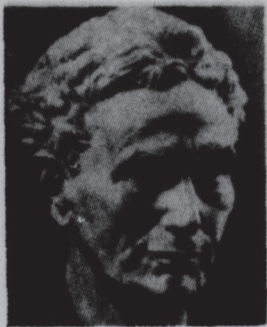
With kindest regards from Mollie and myself to you and Virginia,

Sincerely,



Abraham Goodman

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Dear Friend:

Once again I want to send you a bulletin to report on activities of the Brandeis Youth Foundation.

1. BANQUET IN LOS ANGELES - First let me tell you about the Brandeis Fellowship Banquet held recently in Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. A. Goodman and I went out to the West Coast specially for this occasion, and I must say, it was more than worth the trip. The Banquet was an outstanding affair, attended by some 600 people, representing the leading citizens of the Jewish community of Los Angeles and its environs. Imagine! We even had to turn away some people who had made contributions, because the hotel refused to take more reservations, the banquet hall being filled to capacity. The banquet marked the culmination of a fund-raising effort which yielded over \$100,000. thanks to the untiring activity and devotion of our friends on the coast, under the leadership of Mr. Louis Boyar and Mr. Yoland Markson, co-chairmen of the campaign.

One should envy Mrs. Louis Boyar and Mrs. Joseph Rifkind the very keen gratification they must have felt at the success of the Banquet, for which they served as co-chairmen. The list of workers who helped make the function so outstanding an affair would be too long for this letter, but we owe them all our congratulations and our deepest thanks.

A few words about the program for that evening, which was really thrilling. Mr. Yoland Markson, our Vice-President conveyed to the group his own keen enthusiasm for the program and outlined exciting plans for future development. There followed an extraordinarily fine program of Jewish music and dance, under the direction of Mr. Max Helfman and Mr. Alan Banks. The program centered around a script written for the occasion by Mr. Bernard Schubert, prominent Hollywood playwright. Believe me, it was a memorable event, and I wish all our friends could have shared with me the pleasure I felt at this demonstration of interest and support for our project on the part of the group in the West.

2. MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE - The day after the dinner there was an

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all-day meeting of the Executive at which a number of important matters were discussed, among them:

- a. Appointment of Associate Director to assist Dr. Bardin in his work. Rabbi Max Vorspan, an outstanding young rabbi and educator, was appointed Associate Director of the Brandeis Youth Foundation. Rabbi Vorspan is a native of St. Paul, and a graduate of the University of Minnesota and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. During the war he served as Chaplain in the United States Army, and for the past five years he held the post of Rabbi in Pasadena, Calif. Rabbi Vorspan is very active in many national organizations. He was National Director of the Young People's League of the United Synagogue, Director of the Hebrew Arts Committee, and Assistant Director of the Seminary's School of Jewish Studies. For several summers Rabbi Vorspan lectured at Santa Susana, and last year served as Associate Director of the Brandeis Camp Institute of the West. This summer he will serve as Director of the Brandeis Camp Institute of the East, and in the fall he will return to the Coast to undertake his work as Associate Director of the Brandeis Youth Foundation, concentrating chiefly on the Year-Round-Institute.
- b. There was discussion concerning the set-up of the Board. It was decided that the Board of Governors is to be reconstituted on a broader basis, to include representatives from every major community throughout the country. A list of nominees for the new Board will be submitted at the next meeting of the Executive.
- c. The Year-Round-Institute will open in the fall. Details of the program, curriculum, etc. will come to you in due course.
- d. The Board discussed in detail the objectives of the Brandeis Youth Foundation. There was a consensus of opinion that there should be the maximum possible coordination of efforts for Brandeis Youth Foundation on a national basis. Steps are to be taken to assure the most effective unification of administrative and fund-raising activities of Brandeis Youth Foundation committees in all parts of the country.

3. A DINNER OF THE EASTERN DIVISION is planned for May 20th at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. Mr. Dewey D. Stone, chairman of our National Board, will serve as Dinner Chairman. A committee of sponsors has been formed, and plans are afoot to make this function as thrilling and as successful as the one just held in the West.

The Journal Committee, under the co-chairmanship of Miss Elsie Ginsburg and Mrs. Lee Ungar - a BCI parent - is hard at work getting ads and planning the publication of a Souvenir Journal for the dinner.

4. SOUTHERN CAMP - In view of the draft which claims young men between 18 and 25, it has been decided to operate only the Western and Eastern Camps this summer. This has made it possible for us to accede to the request of Young Judea that we rent them the Brandeis Camp of the South this summer for their young campers. We are especially pleased that we can cooperate with them in this matter, recalling as we do that BCI started, over a decade ago, in a Young Judea camp.

5. CANDIDATES - Many applications have been received from candidates all over the country, and applicants are being carefully screened to assure the best possible selection of BCIers.

An information bulletin has been sent to many organizations, Zionist Youth Commissions, Centers, Hillel Foundations, Temples, Synagogues, BCI alumni and our own local selection committees. The National Office of the Hillel Foundation sent to all its groups a letter urging them to recommend outstanding young people for the valuable experience of a summer at Brandeis Camp Institute.

6. BOSTON - Meeting of Young Married BCI'ers. Dr. Bardin went to Boston to address a group of young married couples, including a number of BCI'ers. Some 30 people attended a tea arranged by Mr. and Mrs. William Spear at their home.

Interest at this meeting focussed on the problem of how to create in the home a positive orientation to Jewish life. The young marrieds feel they need help in evolving suitable patterns of living for the Jewish home, through Jewish festivals, music, story material, etc. They were glad to learn that this is one of the problems to be dealt with at the projected Brandeis Year-Round-Institute.

7. BALTIMORE - The Baltimore BCI Steering Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Hugo Dalsheimer, has been enlarged to include a number of prominent people. Among them are: - Mrs. Florence Filtzer, Dr. Louis Kaplan of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Rabbi Maurice Lieberman, Mrs. Joseph Myerhoff, who heads the Committee for selection of Candidates, Mrs. Lewis Samuels, an active leader of the Youth Commission, and Mr. Samuel Steinbach.

A fund-raising dinner is to be held in Baltimore on May 21st. Dr. Bardin, Mr. Max Helfman and several graduates of the Brandeis Arts Institute will take part in the program. Responses thus far promise a highly successful function.

The Selection Committee is busy screening candidates for Brandeis Camp Institute.

8. WELFARE FUNDS - Serious effort is being made to secure allocation for BYF from as many Welfare Funds as possible. Application for grants have been made to all major communities throughout the country which have also received detailed information on the objectives and program of BYF. Mrs. Katharine S. Falk, head of our Community Relations Committee, has worked out a careful plan for sustained follow-up, to assure support locally of our request for grants.

Letters have been sent to BYF friends in many communities urging them to bolster our claim for grants by contacting key people on Welfare Fund Budget Committees, etc. Letters have also been sent to BCI'ers, making them aware of the fact that they can be of help in similar manner.

9. CLEVELAND - In response to an invitation from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Bardin went to Cleveland to outline the objectives of BYF to the Cleveland Zionist Society. Despite a raging blizzard, about 150 people came to the meeting.

A luncheon subsequently arranged by Dr. Silver was attended by a group of prominent leaders in Cleveland. After hearing Dr. Bardin's presentation, the people present undertook to serve as the nucleus for a community-wide Cleveland Committee for BYF. The objectives of this committee are a) To set up machinery for screening suitable candidates; b) To secure scholarship contributions for BYF; c) To support our application for a grant from the Cleveland Federation.

Those present at the luncheon undertook to sponsor a number of scholarships for the coming summer. Dr. Silver himself gave the first scholarship.

While in Cleveland, Dr. Bardin also had a meeting with BCI alumni of the past ten years. It was an interesting and gratifying reunion. The keen interest in BYF in Cleveland gives us reason to expect a considerable number of students from that city.

10. PORTLAND - At a parlor meeting at the home of Mr. Morris Rosencranz, arranged through the initiative of Mr. William Tannenbaum, one of the pillars of the Portland Jewish community, who is also a member of the Board of BCI of the West, Dr. Bardin enlisted the cooperation of a considerable number of individuals. Through their help, a BYF committee was set up, under the chairmanship of Rabbi Julius Nodel, with Mrs. M. Gumbert and Mr. Eugene Noodleman as co-chairmen. The Portland Welfare Fund allocated \$900. for the current year. With this grant and the anticipated individual scholarship contributions, it is hoped to secure some \$4,000. - \$5,000. from this community. A selection committee is seeking candidates; any Portland student may apply, irrespective of the college he is now attending.

11. SEATTLE - Through the cooperation of Mr. Samuel Tarshish, President of the Community Council, Dr. Bardin was able to interest quite a number of Seattle Jews in BYF. Mr. Shyman, an outstanding leader in the community, will serve as chairman for a Brandeis Committee, and it is hoped that some \$3,000. - \$4,000. will be forthcoming for scholarships.

During his visit to Seattle Dr. Bardin also addressed a group of about 100 students at a luncheon arranged by the Hillel Foundation, and there is already a list of some 25 candidates for the Selection Committee to screen.

Dr. Bardin was also invited to a meeting of the Welfare Fund Budget Committee. He urged that this year Seattle double its grant for BYF.

12. TULSA - In Tulsa, Dr. Bardin evoked a warm response on the part of a group of prominent Jews. A committee consisting of Mr. Alfred Aaronson and Dr. I. Anson, co-chairmen, Mr. Julius Livingston and Mr. Herbert Gussman, Treasurer, is steering the effort to secure scholarships totalling \$5,000. A number of pledges have already been met, and the balance is expected shortly.

13. WEEK-END INSTITUTE - Plans are under way for a Week-End Institute for adults. This project is being undertaken in response to the many requests that have come from Jewish leaders in the West, as well as the East.

In an itemized report that I try to keep as brief as possible, I must confine myself to bare facts. I wish I could convey to you adequately some of the enthusiasm of our friends throughout the country, and their dreams for the future development of the BYF. When I heard that a man as busy as Mr. Julius Fligelman of Los Angeles is taking time out to visit a number of key cities in the West with Dr. Bardin in the interests of our project, I felt encouraged to believe that other busy men and women will also find time to work toward the steady development of our educational program.

Again let me ask you to feel free to send me any comments or suggestions you may wish to make with regard to this letter, or in respect to any aspect of our work.

Very sincerely yours,

Louis Levine

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President

