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Central Conference of American Rabbis, Freed case, 1946.

האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, JERUSALEM

January 24th, 1946.

Rev. Dr. A.H. Silver
E 105th St and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver :

I am glad to know from your letter of January 3 that you are taking the case of our comrade Freed up again with the Committee of the Conference, and I do hope that you come to a conclusion that will be of help to him.

Meanwhile I addressed Dr. Hermann, who is in charge of the Ezrat Nashim, and I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter and his answer. From this you will see that there is no chance of his being accepted at the Ezrat Nashim for a long time to come ; nor is there any other institution to which he can be admitted without pay, except the Government asylum for the insane.

I put two questions to you to which I have had no answer, and I would be grateful if you could let me have your reply to both.

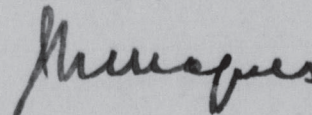
The first was : does the Conference, for whom I have been acting, agree to have Freed committed to a Government asylum for the insane? That means having him committed for life. I gave reasons in my previous letter why I thought such an act would be a great pity.

My second question was if the members of the Conference could not be appealed to for a contribution towards maintaining Freed here in one form or another. If this does not meet with your approval, would you object if I send an appeal to the members of the Conference asking for funds?

With best regards,

I am,

Sincerely yours,



J.L. Magnes

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לכבוד ד"ר י. ל. מגנס
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ד"ר מגנס הנכבד,

הריני מתכבד לאשר בזה את קבלת
מכתבו מה-14 לינואר בענין הרב אברהם פריד.

כידוע להב"מ מעטה האפשרות
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בהלל, ובמוסד זה בפרט, שאין לו היכולת
להתרחב. באופן ממוצע עוזבים את בית-החולים
2 חולים במשך חדש ועשרות מועמדים מחכים
ב"תור" לתפוס את המקומות המתפנים.

ברצון איעץ לו בענין זה
אם יואיל להמציא לי את כתבתו של החולה
ואם הדבר אפשרי - מרמים על הצבו מבחינה
רפואית.

בכבוד רב,

ד"ר ה. הרמן
מנהל-רפואי

C O P Y

January 14, 1946.

Dr. Hermann,
Ezrat Nashim Hospital,
Jerusalem.

Dear Dr. Herrmann,

Rabbi Abraham Freed, who is mentally sick,
has been in Palestine for a number of years.

For some time I have received funds for his
care from the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

They now inform me that they can no longer
send funds, and they ask why he can not be assisted
by the social agencies of Palestine.

I have written them that we have, unfortunately,
but very few social agencies for the care of the insane.

In one of their letters they mention Ezrat
Nashim Hospital.

Could you let me know if there is any chance
of his being admitted to the Ezrat Nashim Hospital ?

Thanking you,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

J.L. Magnes

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Feinstein	David Wice (2)	David Wice (1)
Green	Bloom	Freehof *
	Marcus	Zeiger
	Witt	Regner
	Margolis	Brav *
		Polish
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(1)-(2) Means first and second choice

*** That an offer be made to the Institutions to pay them \$25-\$40 a month for the support of Freed if that will hasten his admission.

January 28, 1946

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner
Congregation Oheb Sholom
Perkiomen Ave. and 13th St.
Reading, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Regner:

I am enclosing herewith the vote of the Executive Board on the Freed Case. As you will note there is a small majority for continuing the \$70 appropriation for Freed until the next meeting of the Executive Board. Actually it is a tie vote. If my vote were added, there would be nine for discontinuing any grant or allowing \$40 a month, and nine for allowing the \$70. However, we will decide the matter le'chaf Zechut. It should be noted that two of those who voted for \$70 suggested that these subsidies be paid to Freed until he is admitted to a hospital in Palestine, and one that an offer be made to the institution to pay them \$25-\$40 a month.

In any case, please arrange to pay the \$70 until the next meeting of our Board.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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