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Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on
Resolutions, undated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

To the Central Conference of American Rabbis,

Colleagues:

Your Committee on Resolutions herewith submits to the Conference the resolutions which were referred to it together with its actions on the various resolutions:

I

Be it resolved that the members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis instruct the Executive Board to review the stand of the Central Conference on inter-marriage, and to report back to the next Conference with the intent of having the Conference make a declaration reiterating or modifying its previous stand.

Ferdinand M. Isserman
Solomon B. Freehof
Max C. Currick
Herbert I. Bloom
Julius Gordon

Joseph L. Baron
Samuel D. Soskin
Joseph R. Narot

Your committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.
The recommendation of the committee was concurred in.

II

Resolved, that the action taken by the Conference in regard to priority in pulpit placement for returned chaplains is intended in no way to prejudice congregations against considering the candidacy of rabbis recognized by the Chaplaincy Committee as Conscientious Objectors.

Dudley Weinberg
Ely E. Pilchik
Alvin S. Luchs

Ferdinand M. Isserman
Abraham J. Feldman
Aryeh Lev

Your committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.
The recommendation of the committee was concurred in.

III

Be it resolved that this Conference recognizing the importance of the Sabbath and Holy Day tradition in the preservation of Judaism, the CCAR urges that the business offices of Jewish philanthropic and other communal organizations (not engaged in usual emergency services) be closed on Sabbath and on the Jewish holidays.

Ferdinand M. Isserman
Solomon Herbst
Karl Richter
Alfred Jospe

Solomon B. Freehof
Max C. Currick
Julius Gordon
James A. Wax

III (Cont'd)

Your committee recommends the following substitute motion:

The CCAR urges that the business offices of Jewish philanthropic and other communal organizations be closed on the Sabbath and all Jewish holidays, and that this information be transmitted to all national offices of organizations concerned and that they be asked to convey this resolution to their constituent bodies.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

IV

One of the main purposes of our Conference being to help its members in the development of highest standards of rabbinical service and in the solution of the many problems with which rabbis have to deal, the Executive Committee is hereby instructed to set aside one morning or afternoon session at each Conference as an executive session limited to the rabbinical members of our Conference for the discussion of such professional problems.

Herman E. Snyder
Daniel L. Davis
Phineas Smoller
Henry J. Berkowitz
Sidney M. Lefkowitz

William F. Rosenblum
Max Reichler
Harry J. Stern
Philip D. Bookstaber
Jacob K. Shankman

Your committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.
The recommendation of the committee was concurred in.

V

Be it resolved that the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis be instructed to arrange for the issuance of a bulletin prior to the high Holy Days containing the resolutions and actions of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and that this bulletin be sent to the members of the Conference, to the Presidents of congregations of our members, to the Jewish Press, to Jewish libraries, and to officers of leading Jewish national organizations, as well as to the major religious bodies of all denominations in our country, and religious periodicals.

Samuel D. Soskin
Samuel M. Gup
Ferdinand M. Isserman

Jacob L. Halevi
Robert I. Kahn
David Philipson

Your committee recommends that this resolution be referred to the Executive Board for favorable consideration.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Resolved, that the question of Jewish Parochial Schools be taken up for consideration and programming by the Commission on Jewish Education.

Philip D. Bookstaber
Herschel Levin
Harry B. Pastor

Leonard J. Rothstein
Harry W. Ettelson
David Raab

Saul B. Appelbaum

Your committee does not approve of this resolution.

The original resolution was referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

VII

Resolved, that the Arbitration Committee be instructed to devise concrete forms of disciplinary action to deal with members of the Conference who deviate from the ethical code formulated by the CCAR,

Be it further resolved that the Conference communicate with the member-congregations of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and direct their attention to basic ethical standards that should be observed by their Pulpit Committees when engaging the services of a rabbi, and

That the Executive Board of the Conference be instructed to implement the resolution with positive action at its next meeting.

B. Benedict Glazer
Louis L. Mann
Edgar E. Siskin
Harry Kaplan
Samuel Teitelbaum
Abram V. Goodman
Harry Essrig

Herman Pollack
Julius Mark
Ferdinand M. Isserman
Victor E. Reichert
Ephraim Frisch
James G. Heller

Your committee approves of this resolution.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted.