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Central Conference of American Rabbis, minutes, 1946.

Following are the minutes of the Executive Board meeting. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the Secretary at once.

POST CONFERENCE MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - JUNE 30, 1946

The Post-Conference meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, was held at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill., Sunday, June 30, 1946, at 9:30 A.M. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Abraham J. Feldman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Abraham J. Feldman, Sidney L. Regner, Isaac E. Marcuson, Herbert I. Bloom, David Polish, Bernard Zeiger, Louis I. Egelson, Felix A. Mendelsohn, Abram M. Granison, Wendell A. Phillips, Robert I. Kahn, Maurice N. Eisendrath also attended.

RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE

It was moved and adopted that the resolution of protest against the arrest of the members of the Jewish Agency, and thousands of other Jews in Palestine, be air-mailed to the members of the Conference. Rabbi Eisendrath agreed to send a copy to the Presidents of the congregations, because it was stated that many of the rabbis were not at home, and consequently would not receive the resolution.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

It was moved and adopted that the statement issued by the Commission on Justice and Peace on Judaism and Race Relations, be printed in the Yearbook.

CHURCH AND STATE

It was moved and adopted that Rabbi Minda be asked to compile the resolutions adopted by the Conference on Bible Reading and Religious Instruction in the Schools, and that they be published in a pamphlet.

SYNAGOG MUSIC

The Committee on Synagog Music was authorized to pay the composers of the new music for Volume II of the Prayerbook, at the agreed rate.

CHAPLAINS

The recommendation in the President's Message that the Conference consider some means of honoring the Chaplains who served in the war, was referred to a committee: Louis I. Egelson, Chairman, Maurice N. Eisendrath, and Abram M. Granison. The committee was instructed to bring to the October meeting of the Executive Board, suggestions to carry out the President's recommendation.

It was moved and adopted that two pages of the Yearbook be set aside on which shall be printed the President's tribute to the Chaplains, and the list of names of members of the Conference who served as Chaplains.

It was moved and adopted that the sum of \$100. be allowed to Miss Ruth Mandelkorn, who assisted Rabbi Egelson as Secretary of the Chaplain's Committee.

It was moved and adopted that the clause that preference shall be given Chaplains in the filling of positions, shall be interpreted to mean, "all things being equal, preference shall be given returning Chaplains."

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

It was moved and adopted that resolutions of the Conference be mimeographed and mailed to the members, before the fall Holy Days.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Action on the resolution on parochial schools, which was referred to the Executive Board, was postponed until the October meeting.

TREASURER

Rabbi Regner was authorized to contact Rabbi Margolis and ascertain if he was able to handle the work of the office of Treasurer, at the present time, and if not that Phineas Smoller be asked to act with Rabbi Margolis for the present.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

It was moved and adopted that a Committee on Committees be appointed to prepare and present to the Executive Board, names for Standing Committees of the Conference.

FREEDOM OF PULPIT

The resolution in the report of the Commission on Justice and Peace, referring to the freedom of the pulpit, which had been referred to the Executive Board, was taken up for consideration. It was moved and adopted that the last part of the resolution be omitted.

1947 CONVENTION

It was moved and adopted that the Convention of the Conference in June, 1947, be held in the city of Montreal, provided we get definite assurance of adequate hotel accommodations. If not, that the Committee consider the alternative of engaging a boat on the Great Lakes, on which we shall remain for the week of the Convention. Rabbi Feldman was authorized to make all necessary arrangements. It was moved and adopted that if the convention was held in Montreal, it should begin Tuesday night through Sunday.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The President reported that the Committees on Children's Services, reported progress.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

It was moved and adopted that the President shall immediately appoint a committee to consider and report to the Executive Board in October, a plan for the establishment of a Placement Committee, and that the Executive Board shall discuss the plan to guide the committee in drawing up its report to be submitted to the members before the next convention. It was suggested that Rabbi Albert M. Lewis be made a member of the committee.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman was named Chairman of the Program Committee.

MEMBERS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

A letter was read from Rabbi Harry J. Stern, calling attention to the law requiring citizens to return to this country for residence.

It was moved and adopted that the matter be referred to our representative on Synagog Council, who shall ask the State Department to exempt clergymen from the law.

BUDGET

Rabbi Regner presented the budget for the coming year. The following allocations were made: Commission on Justice and Peace, \$1500., Committee on Subventions, \$2500., American Jewish Conference, \$500.

The matter of a subvention to the Palashas, was referred back to the Subvention Committee for action.

The budget as a whole was approved.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

It was moved and adopted that the October meeting of the Executive Board be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, beginning the evening of Tuesday, October 22, and extending through October 23rd, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
CINCINNATI, OHIO
October 22-23rd, 1946

A meeting of the Executive Board of Central Conference of American Rabbis was held at the Netherland-Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Tuesday evening, October 22nd, and Wednesday, October 23rd. The President, Abba Hillel Silver, presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members attended: Abba Hillel Silver, Abraham J. Feldman, Phineas Smoller, Isaac E. Marcuson, Sidney L. Regner, Joseph L. Baron, Daniel L. Davis, Louis I. Egelson, Abram M. Granison, Robert I. Kahn, Levi A. Olan, Wendell A. Phillips, David Polish, Joshua Trachtenberg, David H. Wice, and Maurice N. Eisendrath, Director, Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Excuses for inability to attend were received from Herbert I. Bloom, Solomon B. Freehof, S. Felix Mendelsohn, and Adolph Rosenberg, President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was delivered by Abraham J. Feldman.

HARRY S. MARGOLIS: The President paid a beautiful tribute to Harry S. Margolis, who had served the Conference faithfully for many years as Treasurer, and who died since the last meeting. The Executive Board stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of our deceased colleague.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been sent to all the members, were approved.

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP: The following rabbis were elected to membership: Marvin Petruck, Elihu Schagrin, Solomon H. Zahl, Aaron B. Ilson, and Victor Epstein. The application of Albert Wolf was referred back to Felix A. Levy to ascertain if he had seen documents referring to his semicha. The application of Elias L. Epstein, Asst. Professor at Hebrew Union College, was held up until he is made a full Professor, and has served longer at the Hebrew Union College. The application of Ernest R. Trattner was not acted upon because of unsatisfactory semicha. The Secretary was instructed to notify Rabbi Trattner that he should secure a semicha from one of the regularly established rabbinical seminaries.

RESIGNATION: The resignation of Leonard S. Kasle was accepted with regret. It was reported to the Executive Board that Solomon N. Bazell had given up the rabbinate and was engaged in business. The Secretary was instructed to write Rabbi Bazell and inquire as to his standing in the rabbinate.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: The report of the Financial Secretary was read by Rabbi Regner.

EXPENSES OF MEMBERS ATTENDING CONVENTIONS: Rabbi Regner asked for a ruling in regard to paying expenses of members on the programs. It was moved and adopted that the expenses of non-members who are invited to prepare papers shall be paid by the Conference, but that the expenses of members of the Conference are not to be paid; that when the Secretary sends out notices to congregations asking them to pay the expenses of the rabbis who attend the convention, a copy of the letter shall be sent to the Presidents of the rabbinical seminaries and to the head of the Hillel Foundation, urging that they pay the expenses of their professors and directors to the Convention of the Conference.

MINUTES -2-

PUBLICATIONS: Rabbi Marcuson presented the report of the Publications Committee. The Committee was authorized to print another edition of the music for Volume II Prayerbooks, not to exceed 400 copies, in time for distribution for the fall Holy Days.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS: Rabbi Feldman reported that the committee that was to present the resolution on the arrest of Jewish Agency in Palestine (Felix A. Levy, Maurice N. Eisendrath and David Philipson) found it impossible to arrange a meeting with the President of the United States, and the resolution was therefore sent to the President by telegraph. That the committee which was to call on the Russian Ambassador to secure permission from the Soviet Government for religious instruction for children, and the re-opening of Jewish seminaries, had not acted. It was moved and adopted that the President shall name a committee to go to Washington for this purpose at a time when the President of the Conference and the Chairman of the committee deem it wise that such a petition be presented.

The matter of the citizenship of Nationals holding positions in foreign countries, was discussed and was referred to the Synagogue Council for action.

CONFIRMATION PAPERS: A letter was read from Rabbi Bilgray that he had not had time to edit the papers on Confirmation Practices presented on the Religious Education Day program at the previous Convention, but that he hoped to have them ready by December 1st. The Secretary was instructed to issue the papers in pamphlet form whenever they were received.

LANDMAN REMARKS: The request of Rabbi Sol Landman that he be permitted to extend his remarks made during the discussion of the Report of Committee on President's Message, was referred to the Editor of the Yearbook, with power to act.

YEARBOOK: Authority was given to Editor of the Yearbook to go ahead with the publication of the volume which was presented in galley.

TREASURER: Rabbi Phineas Smoller, who had been acting as Treasurer since the death of Harry Margolis, was elected Treasurer for the remainder of the year. He was instructed to secure a bond for \$10,000; the premium to be paid by the Conference.

NATHAN STERN BEQUEST: A letter was presented from Gettinger & Gettinger, Administrators of the Estate of Nathan Stern, asking that the Conference which was a residuary legatee, permit the payment of \$2600.00 to the cemetery for perpetual care of the lot in place of \$1,000.00 mentioned in the will, was referred to Rabbi Eisendrath to secure legal advice as to whether such an increase was a legitimate expense of the estate.

RELIEF AND SUBVENTION: Requests for subventions were referred to the Committee on Relief and Subvention for consideration.

The request of Jacob Cohen for a subvention for his book "Ozar Ha-Tehilim", was referred to the Committee on Subvention with the recommendation of favorable approval of the Executive Board for a subvention of \$150.00.

The recommendation of the Committee on Relief that the pensioners of the Conference be allowed an increase of 25%, was approved, with the understanding that the increase was to be merely a subsistence allowance for this year only.

MINUTES -3-

RESOLUTIONS: It was moved and adopted that in the future resolutions of importance and of general interest shall be sent after a Convention to the members, to the Presidents of congregations, and to others who may be interested.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS: The resolution adopted at the last convention on the subject of parochial schools and which was referred to the Executive Board for consideration, was taken up. A motion that the subject be referred to the Committee on Religious Education for study and report if they deem it advisable, was tabled.

BOY SCOUTS: Rabbi Aryeh Lev was named Chairman of the Conference Committee on Boy Scouts, and the Secretary was instructed to ask Rabbi Lev whether he desires to use Conference stationery in place of Boy Scout or Jewish Welfare Board stationery.

The meeting adjourned.

The Board reassembled Wednesday morning, October 23rd, at 9:30 A.M.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION: It was decided to hold the next Convention of the Conference at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, Canada, June 24-29, 1947.

PROGRAM: Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, Chairman of the Committee on Program for the next Convention, presented the following outline of the program: (Insert when received)

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported the following members in arrears, and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to each man informing him that unless his dues are paid by December 1st, he will stand suspended, unless for some reason he is unable to pay.

I. Mortimer Bloom	Henry Rabin
Samuel Cook	Marius Ranson
Ralph DeKoven	Ephraim Rosenzweig
Lothar Lubasch	Maurice H. Schatz
Louis D. Mendoza	Ulrich B. Steuer
Carl I. Miller	Benjamin A. Tintner
Samuel Perlman	Leo E. Turitz
H. Goren Perelmuter	Eric Werner

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: Authority was given the Investment Committee to invest \$25,000.00 from funds on hand in Series G. United States Bonds.

WORLD UNION: Rabbi David Wice reported that the Treasurer of the World Union had stated at the London meeting that the Conference was 3 years behind in its dues. It was reported that upon investigation it was found that foreign exchange for \$500. was sent each year. Receipts for the money are on hand. Rabbi Wice was requested to write to the Treasurer of the World Union and call his attention to these facts, with the request that he straighten out the account. Acting on the request of the World Union for additional funds, it was moved and adopted that a contribution of \$500. be made to the World Union for this year, in addition to our dues for \$500.

AIR SERVICE: It was moved and adopted that we discontinue the air service cards until such time as the air lines will again allow discount to holders of these cards.

ARCHIVES: The request of the Auditor that he be permitted to deposit his work sheets of the Conference finances in the Archives for preservation, was referred to the Committee on Archives.

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HARRY S. MARGOLIS: It was moved and adopted that the Secretary should send to Mrs. Harry S. Margolis a copy of the Memorial Resolution which will appear in the forthcoming Yearbook.

STUDY OF FINANCES: A committee consisting of Rabbis Smoller, Regner and Marcuson, was named to study the finances of the Conference for the last twenty-five years, and report to the Executive Board.

INTER-MARRIAGE: It was moved and adopted that the President shall appoint a committee to study the attitude of the Conference on the subject of inter-marriage, and report to the Executive Board; the committee to consist of Solomon D. Freehof, Chairman; Bernard Harrison, Louis L. Mann, and Abba Hillel Silver.

ADULT EDUCATION: It was moved and adopted that a committee shall prepare a preliminary survey of adult education as carried on in the programs of Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Men's Clubs, etc., to report at the same session as the Religious Education Day program. The President named Joseph L. Baron, Chairman, Joachim Prinz, Jacob J. Weinstein, Arthur Reinhart, Jane Evans, and Samuel Cook.

PENSION FUND: The Auditor reported that he had met with the Auditor of the Union, and it was found that the sum of \$575. was due to the Pension Fund from interest on bonds collected by the Conference. The Auditor was to continue the study and ascertain if any other amount was due to this fund.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: The Committee on Committees reported to the Executive Board a list of committees appointed for the coming year, which was approved by the board.

PALESTINE REFUGEES: Rabbi Feldman presented the following telegram for insertion in the records, which he had sent to the British Embassy, urging the admission of refugees into Palestine:

"Night Letter

August 6, 1946

His Excellency the British Ambassador
British Embassy
Washington, D.C.

In behalf of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and of the Rabbinical Assembly of America jointly representing 900 rabbis, we urgently ask you communicate to British Government our earnest plea for admission into Palestine of refugees on board ships in Palestinian harbors. On religious and humanitarian grounds we plead for these tragic survivors of Nazi inferno and to prevent recurrence of Struma and Patria tragedies.

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford
Vice-President, Central Conference of
American Rabbis

Dr. Israel Goldman of Providence
President, Rabbinical Assembly of America"

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS: A request that the Conference help defray expenses incurred by the Society of Friends for maintaining conscientious objectors, was referred to the Synagogue Council.

SEMINAR ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY: The request of the Committee on Marriage, Family and the Home, that they be permitted to conduct a seminar on Marriage and the Family, was approved, and the Chairman was instructed to contact the President and officers of the Conference who were instructed to authorize the expenditure of necessary funds.

MINUTES -5-

CHURCH AND STATE: The Chairman of the Committee on Church and State was authorized to prepare a digest of the position of the Jews on the subject of religious instruction in the public schools and to submit it to the Synagogue Council, and try to get their approval. If such approval cannot be secured the committee was to present the digest to the Executive Board for publication.

CHAPLAINS: Rabbi Egelson reporting for the Committee on Honoring Chaplains, recommended: Th

1. That the forthcoming volume of the CCAR Yearbook be dedicated to the Reform Jewish chaplains who served in World War II;
2. That the dedicatory page embody some of the beautiful sentiments expressed by the President of the Conference in his message to the last conference; and,
3. That a specially bound volume of the forthcoming Yearbook, with a proper inscription on the outside cover, be presented to each Jewish chaplain who is a member of the CCAR.

CANRA: Rabbi Egelson presented a report on CANRA, and it was moved and adopted that the report be referred to the Conference Committee on Chaplains for further study and report to the Executive Board.

EX-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the former Chairman of Committees who were not re-appointed for the coming year, expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Conference.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF REFORM RABBIS: Rabbi Feldman reported that he had spoken to some of the leaders of the newly organized Western Association of Reform Rabbis, and had suggested that instead of forming a permanent organization, they cooperate with the newly appointed regional rabbi of the Union, and that the group work with him to solve the special questions of their region, instead of maintaining a separate organization.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: The President was authorized to appoint a committee to continue the study of the organization of a Pulpit Placement Committee to report to the pre-Conference meeting of the Executive Board. The President named the following committee:

Placement and Ethics Committee
Mann, Louis L., Chairman

Berman, Morton M.
Berkowitz, Henry J.
Eisenrath, Maurice N.
Granison, Abram M.
Green, Alan S.
Heller, James G.
Lewis, Albert M.

Mark, Julius
Mayerberg, Samuel S.
Morgenstern, Julian
Reichert, Victor E.
Rudin, Jacob P.
Sacks, Maxwell L.
Weiss, Joseph

Wise, Stephen S.

ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS: The Chairman of the Program Committee was authorized to send out a letter to the members of the Conference inquiring what special work they were engaged in, for the purpose of possibly presenting digests of the work to the Convention at one of the sessions.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

To the Central Conference of American Rabbis,

Colleagues:

Your Administrative Secretary begs leave to submit the following report of the action of the Executive Board on the various matters brought before it and for which it requests your approval:

MEETINGS: Three meetings were held during the year: Chicago, Ill. June 30, 1946; Cincinnati, Ohio, October 22-23, 1946; Montreal, Canada, June 24, 1947.

RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE: It was moved and adopted that the resolution of protest against the arrest of the members of the Jewish Agency and thousands of other Jews in Palestine be sent to the members of the Conference by air-mail. Rabbi Eisendrath agreed to send a copy to the Presidents of congregations since many of the rabbis were not at home and consequently would not receive the resolution. Rabbi Feldman reported that the committee that was to present the resolution on the arrest of Jewish Agency in Palestine (Felix A. Levy, Maurice N. Eisendrath, David Philipson) found it impossible to arrange a meeting with the President of the United States, and the resolution was therefore sent to the President by telegraph.

CHURCH AND STATE: It was moved and adopted that Rabbi Minda be asked to compile the resolutions adopted by the Conference on Bible reading and religious instruction in the schools, and that they be published in a pamphlet for distribution. The Chairman of the Committee on Church and State was authorized to prepare a digest of the position of the Jews on the subject of religious instruction in the public schools, and to submit it to the Synagogue Council and try to get their approval. If such approval cannot be secured the committee was to present the digest to the Executive Board for publication.

CHAPLAINS: The recommendation in the President's Message that the Conference consider some means of honoring the Chaplains who served in the war, was referred to a committee, Louis I. Egelson, Chairman; Maurice N. Eisendrath, and Abram M. Granison. The Committee recommended:

- I. That the forthcoming volume of the CCAR Yearbook be dedicated to the reform Jewish Chaplains who served in World War II.
- II. That the dedicatory page embody some of the beautiful sentiments expressed by the President of the Conference in his message to the last Convention.
- III. That a specially bound volume of the forthcoming Yearbook, with a proper inscription on the outside cover, be presented to each Jewish Chaplain who is a member of the CCAR.

In regard to the clause in the report of the Committee on Chaplains that: "Preference shall be given to Chaplains in filling positions," the paragraph shall be interpreted to mean: "All things being equal, preference shall be given to returning Chaplains".

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE: It was moved and adopted that the resolutions of the Conference shall be mimeographed and mailed to the members before the fall Holy Days.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS: The resolution presented to the Convention on the subject of Parochial Schools which was referred to the Executive Board for action, was discussed. A motion that the subject be referred to the Committee on Religious Education for study and report, was tabled.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: It was moved and adopted that a Committee on Committees be appointed to prepare and present to the Executive Board names for the Standing Committees of the Conference.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: It was moved and adopted that the President shall appoint a committee to consider a plan for the establishment of a Placement Committee; the Committee to report to the Executive Board so that the Executive Board can guide the Committee in drawing up its report to be submitted to the next Convention. The President appointed the following committee:

Placement and Ethics Committee
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Eisendrath, Maurice N.
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Green, Alan S.
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Lewis, Albert M.

Mark, Julius
Mayerberg, Samuel S.
Morgenstern, Julian
Reichert, Victor E.
Rudin, Jacob P.
Sacks, Maxwell L.
Weiss, Joseph

Wise, Stephen S.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman was named Chairman of the Program Committee to prepare the program for the next Convention.

MEMBERS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES: A letter was read from Rabbi Harry J. Stern, calling attention to the law requiring citizens to return to this country for residence. It was moved and adopted that this matter be referred to our representative on the Synagogue Council who shall ask the State Department to exempt clergymen from the law.

BUDGET: The following budget was adopted:

Commission on Justice and Peace	- \$1500.
Committee on Subvention	- 2500.
American Jewish Conference	- 500.

The matter of a subvention to the Falashas, was referred back to the Subvention Committee for action.

HARRY S. MARGOLIS: The President announced the death of Harry S. Margolis who had served the Conference faithfully for many years as Treasurer. The Executive Board stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of our deceased colleague.

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP: The following rabbis were elected to membership: Marvin Petruck, Elihu Schagrin, Solomon H. Zahl, Aaron B. Ilson, and Victor Eppstein.

RESIGNATION: The resignation of Leonard S. Kasle was accepted with regret.

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PUBLICATIONS: The Committee on Publications was authorized to print another edition of the music for Volume II Prayerbooks, not to exceed 400 copies, in time for distribution for the fall Holy Days.

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RELIEF: The recommendation of the Committee on Relief that the pensioners of the Conference be allowed an increase of 25%, was approved, with the understanding that the increase was to be merely a subsistence allowance for this year only.

WORLD UNION: A request from the World Union for Progressive Judaism for additional funds was presented. It was moved and adopted that a contribution of \$500. be made for this year in addition to our dues of \$500.

AIR SERVICE: It was moved and adopted that the Conference discontinue the air service cards until such time as the air lines again allow a discount to the holders of these cards.

STUDY OF FINANCES: A committee consisting of Rabbis Smoller, Regner and Marcuson was named, to study the finances of the Conference for the last 25 years, and report to the Executive Board.

INTER MARRIAGE: It was moved and adopted that the President shall appoint a committee to study the attitude of the Conference on the subject of inter marriage and report to the Executive Board. The President named Solomon B. Freehof, Chairman; Bernard Harrison, Louis L. Mann, James G. Heller, Max C. Currick, and Sidney E. Goldstein.

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EX-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES: The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the former chairmen of committees who were not re-appointed for the coming year, expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Conference for their efforts in behalf of the organization.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Secretary

The minutes of the pre-Conference meeting will be read by the Secretary.

If you have any criticisms or corrections please notify the Secretary.

EXCERPT FROM
MINUTES

Term of Office for Members of Committee

It was voted that we recommend to the CCAR and UAHC that the same procedure be followed with regard to the Committee on Reform Magazine as is the policy regarding other joint commissions or committees of the Union and Conference; that both appointing bodies declare that the terms of their present appointees cease December 31, 1947, and that thereafter appointees shall serve for one, two or three years.

It was also voted that the Editorial Advisory Committee should be chosen by the Committee on Reform Magazine and should have terms of three years each; that they be eligible for reappointment and that they need not be members of the Committee on Reform Magazine.

It was moved and duly carried that the Editorial Advisory Committee be enlarged by the addition of Rabbis Alan S. Green and David Polish.

