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Jewish Community Council, Cleveland, Ohio, 1935-1936.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF CLEVELAND

Minutes of a Meeting Held Tuesday, October 29, 1935, 8:30 P.M., at the Temple

1. History and Background

The meeting was opened with a brief review by Max Simon, temporary chairman, concerning the background of the Jewish Community Council and the steps which had led to its formation. In January, 1935, a committee of the Jewish Welfare Federation, after a year of study and discussion, had called a series of conferences of community leaders to consider the advisability of creating such a body. These included representatives of Temples and Synagogues, and their Men's Groups, Sisterhoods, and Alumni Organizations, Philanthropic and Benefit Societies, Lodges and Fraternal Groups, local chapters of National and International Organizations, and the editors of the Jewish newspapers.

Each conference, after analysis and discussion, had gone on record unanimously in favor of creating a Jewish Community Council. A large meeting of all persons who had been invited to the previous sessions was called and again endorsed the project. Mr Simon was elected temporary chairman, was directed to appoint an Organization Committee to draft a Constitution and take other necessary steps in the formation of a Community Council.

To date approximately one-hundred organizations had approved the Constitution which had been submitted by this Committee, and this meeting was the first of the permanent Jewish Community Council.

Created because of a recognition that there existed problems which were the mutual concern of all Jews, the Council was intended to provide a means by which all elements of Cleveland Jewry could discuss these issues in joint conference, a channel for the expression of all points of view, and a medium for united action when action was necessary, Mr Simon said. Through such contact and discussion, it was hoped that there would result a more intelligent understanding of these problems, and of the various Jewish groups by each other. The aim of the Council was unity, not uniformity, and while it was not expected to be a panacea for the complete solution of all Jewish problems, it was hoped that it would be helpful in meeting them.

2. Membership of the Council.

The acting Secretary reported that to date 104 organizations had accepted membership in the Community Council. These were entitled to a total of 151 representatives. Included were: 14 Temple and Synagogue Congregations, 22 Related Groups -- Sisterhoods, Men's Clubs, Alumni Associations, 26 Social Service, Philanthropic, and Aid Societies, 10 Zionist Groups, 9 Educational and Cultural Groups, 8 Fraternal and Benevolent Societies, 5 Lodges and Auxiliaries, 5 Social Groups, 5 Protective Organizations. The 104 groups which were members included practically every large Jewish organization in the city, the Secretary stated.

3. Approval of Representation

In accordance with Article IV, Section 6, upon motion by Mr Haber, duly seconded, and carried, the Council granted one representative to each of the following groups, which have no dues-paying and/or voting individual membership, or have fewer than 75 of such membership: Balfour Lodge (B'nai B'rith), B'nai Israel Sisterhood, Cleveland Jewish Singing Society, Jewish National Workers Alliance #45, Jewish Social Agency Representatives, Masada (Central Chapter), Pioneer Women's Organization #2, Poale Zion #1, Poale Zion #2, Bellefaire Jewish Orphan Home, Bureau of Jewish Education, Camp Wise Association, Council Educational Alliance, Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, Jewish Social Service Bureau, League of Jewish Youth, Mount Sinai Hospital, Welfare Association for Jewish Children; Gan Ivri Women's Group (proposed by Mr Albert Woldman); League for Human Rights Against Naziism (proposed by Rabbi A H Silver).

On recommendation of the Organization Committee, the Council likewise granted one representative for the combination of the two Sherith Jacob Sisterhoods, and refrained from granting representation to the Sherith Jacob Cultural Club because of duplication and lack of sufficient membership.

4. Election of Nominating Committee

Acting in the capacity of a temporary Executive Committee, since the latter had not yet been elected, the Organization Committee proposed to the Council the following names for election as a Nominating Committee: Henry A. Rucker, chairman; Harry A. Levy, Jacob Wolpaw, Mrs. Benjamin Levine, Julius Schweid, George J. Klein, and Louis Singer. Upon motion of Mr. Sol Edgert, duly seconded, and unanimously carried, the entire group was elected, and directed to nominate a slate of officers and an Executive Committee.

Following further discussion during the latter part of the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the name of Mr. Singer was withdrawn from the Nominating Committee, and the Temporary Chairman was instructed to appoint another person to fill that place.

5. Community Calendar

Mrs. Benjamin Levine suggested that one of the first activities of the Community Council should be the institution and administration of a Community Calendar, to serve as a method of clearing dates. In this way each organization would know what dates are being utilized by others, and would avoid the scheduling of several events for the same day. No action was taken on this proposal.

6. Report on East Central States Regional Conference

Upon the request of Mrs. Rose Levin, the Secretary and Mrs. Siegmund Herzog reviewed briefly the discussion of the East-Central States Regional Conference which had been held in Toledo October 26 and 27. They reported that the movement to develop Jewish Community Councils in various cities had been a major theme of the Conference. Cincinnati, Dayton, and South Bend had already organized such Councils, and Detroit and Toledo were taking similar action.

7. Discussion Concerning the Creation of "Jewish Issues" in Political Campaigns

Rabbi Silver reported that he had been told that members of both political parties planned to distribute leaflets injecting anti-Semitism as an issue into the municipal campaign. He deplored the creation of fictitious Jewish issues in such campaigns, and pointed out that the Jewish people could not afford to permit such a practice, especially in these troubled times. There was no Jewish issue in this campaign, he said; every Jew voted as an individual American Citizen, in accordance with his own conscience. The Community Council would accomplish its first real achievement, he stated, if the representatives would explain the facts to their respective groups, and emphasize that the Jewish Community seriously frowns upon and deplores the injection of imaginary Jewish issues where none existed.

It was reported that such leaflets had already been printed, and a copy was given to the Secretary and read to the Council. A motion was then made and duly seconded that the Secretary issue a public statement making clear the facts as set forth by Rabbi Silver. An alternate motion was made and duly seconded that instead of issuing such a statement, the Temporary Chairman be instructed to appoint a Committee to meet with the campaign managers of both parties, and explain that the Jewish Community deplores the injection of such imaginary Jewish issues when none existed, and ask that no leaflets of this kind be printed. A third suggestion was that the Council itself take no direct action, but work through individuals active in the two parties.

The first two motions were discussed at length, with Abraham Kollin, Simon Green, and Max Meisel among those speaking for the first, and Harry Altshuld, Saul Danaceau, Jerome Curtis, and Leon Wiesenfeld favoring the second. It was pointed out by the former that the printing and distribution of such leaflets in this and other campaigns was done by individuals, and that the party leaders would say that they were not responsible for it and that they in fact condemned it. It was said, too, that a public statement, carefully worded, would be subject to no misinterpretation, while the action of a Committee might be construed by the newspapers in several different ways.

Those advocating the appointment of a Committee, on the other hand, stated that such action would prevent the recurrence of the practice in future campaigns, that it would be effective in that for the first time the managers would be confronted by a Committee really representing the entire Jewish Community and would have to lend weight to their remarks, that it might avoid needless publicity, and that the practice would end if the parties were told not to pay for such circulars.

All were agreed, however, that it should be made clear that no Jewish issue existed in this and similar campaigns, and that the Jewish Community seriously disapproves and deplors the injection of such issues.

In view of the difference of opinion concerning the procedure to be followed, a motion was made, duly seconded and carried that in accordance with Article V, Section 4, of the Constitution, the matter be tabled until the next succeeding meeting of the Council, to permit further thought and to insure careful action.

8. Letter to Mr Friedland

On motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the Secretary was instructed to write Mr A H Friedland, expressing the regret of the Community Council that he was unable to be present and voicing its sincere wishes for a speedy recovery from his current illness.

9. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Philip Bernstein

Acting Secretary.

Plan of Procedure in Organizing a Jewish Community Council in Cleveland

I. Carefully organized newspaper publicity

In our Jewish newspapers, with the understanding and cooperation of the editors.

The articles will stress the need for integration, intra-Jewish understanding, and unity; will back this with statements by Jewish leaders such as Justice Brandeis; will tell what other cities have done to bring this about. This will attempt to sell the need for a Community Council, rather than the Council itself.

II. Meetings of groups of Jewish leaders.

Representing various points of view and different elements in the community. These can be grouped as follows:

- A. Newspapers
- B. Temples and Synagogues
- C. Educational and Cultural Groups
- D. Philanthropic and Benefit Societies
- E. Lodges and Social Clubs.
- F. Local Chapters of National and International Organizations

In some cases personal conferences may be necessary with a few of the important leaders prior to these meetings.

At each meeting the center of the discussion will again be the need for Jewish unity and integration, permitting, as far as possible, the representatives themselves to evolve the Community Council as the answer to these needs.

III. Meetings of representatives of all these groups.

At this session the problem will be discussed from its broad community aspects, whereas in the others it was centered to some extent upon the effect such a Council would have on their particular interests and spheres of action.

Preliminary to any concrete action this group might take, it might be advisable to have them make a survey of Jewish organizations in the city. This would be a definite achievement and bit of enlightenment at the very beginning.

IV. Formal meeting of representatives of all outstanding groups to organize definitely a Community Council.

The Council would thus be sponsored, apparently at least, by the community rather than be the Federation.

Some important considerations:

1. This plan calls for a very careful and rather thorough ground-work in the community. It attempts to make the community feel that it is organizing itself. It must proceed very slowly, but such a solid foundation is vitally necessary for the success of the venture.
2. There must be a very careful interpretation of the project to the general community, lest it be misunderstood as a "Jewish Government" within a government. The purposes and limitations of the Council must be clearly stated. It can be said that one of the specific aims of the Council is to raise the plane of Jewish cultural life, and to make every Jew a better American citizen and a greater asset to the general community.
3. Each organization will have to be satisfied that its autonomy is not being threatened in any way-- that it is losing no powers. The Council will merely be an educational instrument for the exchange and interpretation of various points of view among Jews. No organization will be bound by the action of its representatives.
4. We must not under-estimate the scope of our task. It is a large one, and will require very careful thought and considerable time and effort. But its success would well be worth it.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Official Representatives</u>
Alliance Mothers Club (Mt Pleasant)	(1)
Alliance Mothers Club (E 105th St)	Mrs May Glassman
Alliwise Association	Eli E Rose
American Hebrew Benevolent Association	Isadore Finesilver
	Louis Singer
Anshe Galicia Sisterhood	(1)
Beechmont Club	George J Klein
*Bellefaire	*Louis Schreiber
Beth Hamidrosh Hagodel Congregation	Alfonse Cohn
Beth Hamidrosh Hagodel Sisterhood	Mrs Harry Hoffman
Beth Zion & Cleveland Ladies Aid Society	Mrs Edna Cohen
Bichur Cholem (Daughters Group)	Mrs Harry Levine
Bichur Chqlem (Mothers Group)	Mrs I Fineman
	Mrs J Steindler
*B'nai B'rith (Balfour Lodge)	*Herman Weinberger
B'nai B'rith (Cleveland Lodge)	D Copland
	E J Schweid
	M Sharlitt
	Philmore Haber
B'nai B'rith (Cleveland Auxiliary)	Mrs Albert Woldman
B'nai B'rith (Heights Lodge)	Harry A Levy
B'nai B'rith (Heights Auxiliary)	Mrs Hazel Klein
*B'nai Israel Sisterhood	*
*Bureau of Jewish Education	*Rabbi B R Brickner
*Camp Wise Association	*Leon G Weil
Chevas Jerusalem Congregation	(1)
Child Care Association	Mrs Joseph Goldhamer
Cleveland Hebrew Benevolent Association	Abraham L Adelstein
*Cleveland Jewish Singing Society	*Louis Moskowitz
Cleveland Theodore Roosevelt Aid Society	Robert Silver
Cleveland Zionist Society	Jerome N Curtis
	Saul Danaceau
Community Temple Congregation	Simon J Green
Community Temple Women	Mrs Raymond S Haas
*Council Educational Alliance	*George Mayer
Council of Jewish Women	Mrs Walter Goldsmith
	Mrs Julius Fryer
	Mrs Jac L Einstein
	Mrs Samuel Feierman
	Bernard Kaufman
Euclid Ave Temple Alumni Association	Jay Halle
Euclid Ave Temple Congregation	Sol Edgert
	Wm Kohn
	Otto Zinner
Euclid Ave Temple Men's Club	Oscar Steiner
Euclid Ave Temple Sisterhood	Mrs Sol Gitson
*Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations	*Mrs Benjamin Levine
Forest City Hebrew Benevolent Association	Dr J R Heller
Hadassah	Mrs David Glasser
	Mrs Harry Weinraub
	Irving Glick
	Peter Klein
	Leonard Stern
	Alex Wintner
	Henry S Gottfried
	Henry Greenberger
	Sam Schulist
	Sam H Abrams
	M H Gelfand
	Mrs Albert Blum
	N Schoenfeld ; Mrs Eliz Weiss
	Mrs M Goldberg
	(1)
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Heights Temple Congregation	
Heights Temple Alumni Association	
Heights Temple Men's Club	
Heights Temple Sisterhood	
Hungarian Brotherhood & Ladies Aid Society	
Immediate Aid Society	
Independent Mezricher Association	

*Representation to be approved by Council.

Organization

Official Representatives

Jewish Big Sisters
Jewish Center Congregation

Jewish Center Alumni Association
Jewish Center Sisterhood
Jewish Consumptive Relief Society(Mothers)

Jewish Consumptives Relief Society(Daughters)
Jewish Day Nursery
*Jewish National Workers Alliance #45
*Jewish Social Agency Representatives
*Jewish Social Service Bureau
Jewish War Veterans
Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary
Jewish Welfare Federation

Judea Ladies Auxiliary
Junior Hadassah (Central Group)
Junior Hadassah (Heights Group)
Kinsman Jewish Center

Ladies Free Loan Association
*League of Jewish Youth
*Masada (Central)
Mizrachi
Mothers League for Girl Orphans
Mount Pleasant Consumptive Aid Society

*Mount Sinai Hospital
Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary
National Home for Jewish Children Auxiliary
Nivai Zedek Congregation
Nivai Zedek Sisterhood
Oer Chodesh Anshe Sfard Congregation
Oer Chodesh Sisterhood
Ohave Emmuni Anshe Congregation
Oheb Zedek Congregation
Oheb Zedek Men's Club
Oheb Zedek Sisterhood
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home

Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home-E 105 Auxiliary
Orthodox Old Home

Orthodox Old Home Auxiliary
*Pioneer Women's Organization #2
*Poale Zion #1
*Poale Zion #2
Queen Esther Ladies Aid Society
Sherith Jacob Congregation
*Sherith Jacob Cultural Club
*Sherith Jacob Sisterhood-Parkwood Drive
*Sherith Jacob Sisterhood-Eddy Road
Shomrei Hadath Congregation
Temple Alumni Association
Temple Congregation
Temple Men's Club
Temple Women's Association

(1)
Rabbi Armond E Cohen
Judge David R Hertz
Henry A Rocker

(1)
Mrs Harry Simon
Mrs B Krangel
Mrs S Forstein
Mrs A Kanter
Mrs Norman Rabine
*Dr I Milcoff
*

*Eugene Freedheim
George E Kath
Miss Sari Rein
Louis S Bing, Jr.
Mrs Siegmund Herzog
Max Simon
Philip Bernstein

(2)
Miss Molly Davis
Miss Lillian Granovitz
Rabbi David Genuth
Dan Weiss
Miss Esther E Robinowitz

*L Mack Fein
*Myron S Stanford
Dr Samuel Braun

(1)
Mrs H A Burkons
Mrs Louis Levin
*

(1)
Mrs Stella Alperin
Joseph White
Mrs Ida Kraus
Ben Arsham
Mrs Morris Arsham
Benjamin Winograd
Julius Schweid
Sam Weiss
Mrs Jacob Selman
Aaron Permut; Samuel Fenster
Meyer Atkin
Max Treshansky

Mrs Rose Levin
Morris Goldberg
Louis Jacobson
R H Myers
Jacob Wolpaw

Mrs I Altfeld
*Mrs Arthur H Levine

*Aaron Resnick
*David Silver
Mrs Ester Kay
Rabbi Hugo Klein
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Harold Fellenbaum
(4)
Bert W Marks
Mrs Victor L Wise

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Rabbi B. R. Brickner

Enclosed is the report of the Nominating Committee, which was elected at the last meeting to nominate a slate of Officers and Executive Committee for the Jewish Community Council.

The election will be held at the next meeting, which will take place early in December in accordance with the terms of the Constitution, which requires an interval of at least fifteen days between the time this report is submitted and the date of the election.

You will, of course, be notified as soon as the meeting is definitely scheduled.

Sincerely yours,

Max Simon

Max Simon,
Temporary Chairman.

November 20, 1935.

Beneficiary Agencies of the Jewish Welfare Federation and the Jewish Welfare Fund for 1935.

American Jewish Committee, N. Y.
American Jewish Congress, N. Y.
B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation League, Cincinnati
Bureau of Jewish Education
Bureau of Jewish Social Research, N. Y.
Camp Wise Association
Council of Jewish Women
Council Education Alliance
German Jewish Children's Aid, Inc., N. Y.
Graduate School for Jewish Social Work, N. Y.
Hebrew Free Loan Association
Hebrew Shelter Home
Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society, N. Y.
The Hebrew University of Palestine
Hillel Foundation of the B'nai Brith, Cincinnati

Jewish Consumptives & Ex-Patients
Relief Ass'n of Los Angeles
Jewish Consumptives Relief Society, Denver
Jewish Day Nursery
Jewish Orphan Home
Jewish Social Service Bureau
Jewish Statistical Bureau, N. Y.
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, N. Y.
Jewish Welfare Board, N. Y.
League for Human Rights Against Nazi-ism, Cleveland
Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital, Hot Springs
Menorah Association, N. Y.
Montefiore Home
Mount Sinai Hospital
National Council of Jewish Federations &
Welfare Funds, N. Y.

National Desertion Bureau, N. Y.
National Farm School, Philadelphia
National Home for Jewish Children, Denver
National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives, Denver
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home
Orthodox Old Home
Passover Fund of the Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs
Peoples Ort Federation, N. Y.
Rothschild Hadassah Hospital Unit—Hebrew
University in Palestine
United Jewish Appeal of the
Joint Distribution Committee and
the Jewish Agency for Palestine
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The Jewish Community Council will meet Tuesday evening, December 17th, 8:15 p.m., at the Temple on the Heights (Spira Hall).

Permanent officers will be elected at that time. In addition, there are a number of other matters to be considered.

We hope, therefore, that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Max Simon

Max Simon
Temporary Chairman.

December 9, 1935.

Note: The address of the Temple on the Heights is 3130 Mayfield Road (near Lee Road).

Beneficiary Agencies of the Jewish Welfare Federation and the Jewish Welfare Fund for 1935.

American Jewish Committee, N. Y.
American Jewish Congress, N. Y.
B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation League, Cincinnati
Bureau of Jewish Education
Bureau of Jewish Social Research, N. Y.
Camp Wise Association
Council of Jewish Women
Council Education Alliance
German Jewish Children's Aid, Inc., N. Y.
Graduate School for Jewish Social Work, N. Y.
Hebrew Free Loan Association
Hebrew Shelter Home
Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society, N. Y.
The Hebrew University of Palestine
Hillel Foundation of the B'nai Brith, Cincinnati

Jewish Consumptives & Ex-Patients
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League for Human Rights Against Nazi-ism, Cleveland
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Montefiore Home
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National Council of Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds, N. Y.

National Desertion Bureau, N. Y.
National Farm School, Philadelphia
National Home for Jewish Children, Denver
National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives, Denver
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home
Orthodox Old Home
Passover Fund of the Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs
Peoples Ort Federation, N. Y.
Rothschild Hadassah Hospital Unit—Hebrew University in Palestine
United Jewish Appeal of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine
Welfare Association for Jewish Children

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF CLEVELAND

Minutes of a Meeting Held Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1935,
8:30 P.M., at the Heights Temple

1. Minutes

Copies having been mailed to all members of the Community Council, it was moved, seconded, and carried, that they dispense with the reading of the Minutes.

2. Election of Officers

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read, listing the persons recommended by the Committee for the various offices and for membership in the Executive Committee. In addition, two persons had been nominated by petition: Aaron Permut for Vice-President, and Rabbi Abram Nowak for a place in the Executive Committee.

With regard to the latter, it was explained that Rabbi Nowak had not been designated as an official representative to the Council until after the Nominating Committee had met, and therefore had not been eligible for office at the time. The withdrawal of Simon J Green as a candidate, however, in favor of the Rabbi upon presentation of the latter's name, left the number of nominees equal to the number of positions on the Executive Committee.

The petition for Mr Permut had failed to specify which of the three offices of Vice-President was intended -- first, second, or third. After citing Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution, the Chairman stated that it was clearly intended that these three offices be distinct and separate and had been so construed by the Nominating Committee in recommending a specific candidate for each position; and that unless there was an appeal from his ruling from the floor, he was compelled to declare the petition as presented technically invalid. There being no appeal, the signers were given the opportunity to designate the office for which they desired their candidate to run. Mr Fenster, who had presented the petition, stated however, that they did not wish to contest the election of any one individual already nominated, having interpreted the Constitution to imply a general election for the three offices. And Mr Permut, after explaining that the petition had been circulated without his knowledge, concurred with Mr Fenster and withdrew his name as a candidate.

Upon motion made by Mr Rucker, duly seconded and carried, the Secretary was then instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for the candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee, with the single substitution of Rabbi Nowak for Mr Green. The following persons were elected.

President	Max Simon
1st Vice President	- Edward M Baker
2nd Vice President	- Edward J Schweid
3rd Vice President	- Mrs Benjamin Levine
Treasurer	- Jacob Wolpaw
Secretary	- Philip Bernstein

The Executive Committee includes: Meyer Atkin, Dr Samuel Braun, Rabbi Barnett R Brickner, Rabbi Armond E Cohen, Jerome N Curtis, L Mack Fein, Isadore Finesilver, Mrs Julius Fryer, George Furth, Rabbi David Genuth, Mrs Sol Gitson, Mrs David Glasser, Mrs Siegmund Herzog, George E Kath, Mrs B J Klein, Rabbi Hugo Klein, Abraham Kollin, Ben Labowitch, I R Morris, Rabbi Abraham Nowak, Rabbi Israel Porath, Aaron Resnick, Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal, Rabbi A H Silver, Mrs Harry Simon, Oscar Steiner, Meyer Weintraub, Sidney N Weitz, Mrs Victor L Wise, and Albert A Woldman.

3. Injection of Fictitious "Jewish Issues" into Local Political Campaigns

The Chairman briefly reviewed the discussion which had taken place at the previous meeting with regard to the injection of fictitious "Jewish Issues" into local political campaigns. While there had been agreement that the Jewish Community deplores this recurring practice, there had been a division of opinion concerning the steps necessary to eliminate it, and the matter had been tabled until the present meeting.

Mr Woldman pointed out that the problem would have to be handled carefully, on the basis of facts, and that before any action was taken it should be studied intensively. He moved, therefore, that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a Committee of five persons to investigate the problem further, obtain the necessary information, and report back to the Community Council with a recommendation for action to prevent the recurrence of this practice in future campaigns. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

4. Community Calendar and Clearing House

The suggestion likewise had been made at the previous meeting that the Community Council establish a Community Calendar to serve as a clearing house for organizations desiring to schedule events. In the past, it was said, a great deal of confusion and difficulty had been encountered in trying to avoid conflict with programs already arranged by other groups.

After further discussion it was moved, duly seconded and carried, that the Secretary take the necessary steps to establish a Community Calendar.

5. Approval of Representation

Upon motion made by Mr Rucker, duly seconded, and carried, the Council granted representation to the Hebrew School and Institute, and to the Hebrew Cultural Garden Association, in accordance with the terms of Article IV, Section 6, of the Constitution.

6. Kashruth

Mr Harry Altshuld reported that there existed currently a situation among Jewish fish stores which made it necessary to call upon the Police Department for protection. The situation was a disgrace to the Jewish Community, he said, and should have the attention of the Community Council.

Rabbi Rosenthal agreed that this and similar related problems were most serious, and should have the full and frank consideration and discussion by the Council, and that an attempt should be made to arrive at some constructive action.

Rabbi Genuth expressed agreement with this position, and Dr Braun stated that entire matter of Kashruth merited the consideration of the Council. Millions of dollars were being spent annually by the Jews of America for the maintenance of traditional dietary practice, he said, but there had been a great deal of abuse of accepted regulations. It was his opinion that the money spent for the privilege of Kashruth observance was traditionally and logically the property of the Jewish Community to be used for general community purposes.

Mr Weintraub, Mr Fenster, and Mr Woldman all pointed out the dangers involved in the Council's attempting to take any action in the matter at this time. In the current fish market conflict, Mr Weintraub stated, the fact that the Cleveland Federation of Labor was involved, complicated the situation further, and the entry of the Community Council into a labor problem at this point would involve it in a tangle which might easily do more harm than good. Mr Fenster urged that the Council be given the opportunity to firmly establish itself before it attempted to deal with such a deep and complex problem; there were many other matters which required its attention first and which it could handle adequately, he said, and these should be attempted before any others. Mr Woldman likewise pointed to the variety of factors involved in the matter. It was one of the many things which the

Council must study carefully and about which it must get the full facts before it attempted any action, he said, and advocated such a study before any further steps were undertaken.

It was then moved, duly seconded, and carried, that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for its study and consideration.

7. Finance

Mr Kollin raised the question as to how the financial support of the Council might be assured. In the past, he said, the necessary expenses had been borne by the Jewish Welfare Fund through a grant made for this purpose, and asked what plan was being made for the future. In reply, the Chairman explained that the expenses had been so small as to raise no immediate problem. The matter would undoubtedly be considered by the Executive Committee, and there was no reason for concern with regard to it.

8. Anti-Nazi Boycott

At the request of the Chairman, Mr Morris described briefly the history of the local League for Human Rights Against Naziism and explained its purpose and activity. Organized two years ago as a non-sectarian organization to enlist the cooperation of all groups in the community in combating Naziism, it had promoted a carefully planned boycott of German-made goods and had carried on an active program to counteract Nazi propaganda being spread in Cleveland.

Through its efforts, he said, the boycott was 100% effective in four of the five large department stores, with the fifth almost equally complete. The major difficulty had been encountered with regard to the chain stores, whose local managers claimed that they had no control in the matter, the policies being determined at the home offices in other cities.

The most effective action which could be taken, in the opinion of Mr Morris, was for the individual members of all the groups affiliated with the Community Council to write to the main offices of the following organizations protesting the sale of German-made merchandise in their Cleveland stores: F W Woolworth Co, New York City; J G McGrory 5 & 10 Cent Store, New York City; S S Kresge Co, Detroit; Sears Roebuck & Co, Philadelphia, Schulte United, Inc, New York City. The delegates were asked to urge the members of their organizations to write such letters.

9. "Move the Olympics" Campaign

Mr Woldman reported on the efforts which had been made locally to have the Cleveland members of the Amateur Athletic Union understand the fundamental human issues involved in holding the Olympic Games in Berlin, and to have them vote to move the Games from Germany to another country. A group had met with the local committee and had presented the case to them. In addition they had sent them considerable literature disclosing the current conditions existing in Germany, and had interested a number of non-Jews in writing the Committee expressing their opposition to holding the Games in Germany.

The events at the national convention of the Amateur Athletic Union were also described, revealing the manner in which the Union had finally agreed to endorse the participation of America in the Olympic Games in Germany, after the stormiest session in its history. Despite this defeat, it was reported that the persons opposing such participation were continuing their efforts to bring the facts to the attention of persons being solicited for funds to defray the expenses of the American team. It was reported also that the committee attempting to collect funds in Cleveland for this purpose were all strongly pro-Nazi.

10. Communication from Mr Friedland

The Chairman read a letter from Mr A. H. Friedland, thanking the Council for its kind expression during his illness, and assuring it of his complete accord with its purpose and function.

11. No other business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Philip Bernstein

Secretary.

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TO THE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the meeting held last Tuesday evening, December 17. You will note that a number of matters were discussed and that the Council acted in several of these.

May I point out again that the value of the Council to the community will depend to a considerable degree upon the extent to which the Community is informed of its action and discussion. I hope, therefore, that this information will be conveyed to the membership of your group, perhaps by reading the minutes or pertinent sections.

Sincerely yours,

Max Simon

Max Simon,
President.

December 21, 1935.

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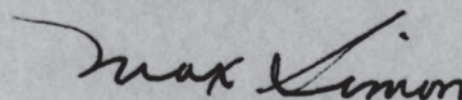
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Executive Committee of the Jewish Community Council will meet Monday evening, January 6th, 8:15 P.M., at the Euclid Avenue Temple (Kindergarten Room).

This being our first meeting, we shall want to map out our course for the future. There are also a number of specific matters to be acted upon, having been referred by the Council or submitted through written communications.

The necessity of a full attendance at this session is quite clear, I believe. We shall need your advice and counsel, and I hope that you will be present.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon,
President.

December 30, 1935.

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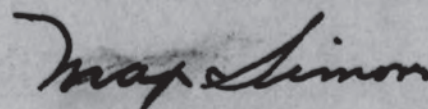
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Community Council at its last meeting authorized the appointment of a committee to study the problems of fictitious "Jewish issues" in local political campaigns, and on the basis of the facts thus obtained to recommend a plan of action looking toward to the elimination of such "issues".

This being the first concrete problem tackled by the Council, I am particularly hopeful that it will result in constructive action, and I should like to ask you to serve as chairman of this committee. I think that this would be especially appropriate, inasmuch as you brought the matter to the attention of the Council, and your impartiality would be unquestioned.

I know how heavily burdened you are with other activities, but this would not be a continuing responsibility, and you will be given the necessary assistance. Before appointing the remaining members of the committee, I should like your counsel with regard to their selection; and after going over the list of Council members with Mr Bernstein, either he or I will call you.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon
President

December 31, 1935.

Members of the Jewish Community Council

Alliance Mothers Club (Mt. Pleasant)
Alliance Mothers Club (E. 105th St.)
Alliwise Association
Alpha Zeta Gamma
American Jewish Committee
Anti-Defamation League
Anti-Nazi Committee
American Hebrew Benevolent Assoc.
Anshe Galicia Sisterhood
Beechmont Club
Bellefaire Jewish Orphan Home
Beth Hamidrosch Hagodel Congregation
Beth Hamidrosch Hagodel Sisterhood
Beth Zion & Cleveland Ladies Aid Society
Bichur Cholem (Daughters Group)
Bichur Cholem (Mothers Group)
B'nai B'rith (Balfour Lodge)
B'nai B'rith (Cleveland Lodge)
B'nai B'rith (Cleveland Auxiliary)
B'nai B'rith (Heights Lodge)
B'nai B'rith (Heights Auxiliary)
B'nai Israel Sisterhood
Bureau of Jewish Education
Camp Wise Association
Chevas Jerusalem Congregation
Child Care Association
Cleveland Hebrew Benevolent Association
Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute
Cleveland Jewish Singing Society
Cleveland Theodore Roosevelt Aid Society
Cleveland Zionist District
Cleveland Zionist Society
Community Temple Congregation
Community Temple Men's Club
Community Temple Women
Council Educational Alliance
Council of Jewish Juniors
Council of Jewish Women
Euclid Ave. Temple Alumni Association

Euclid Ave. Temple Congregation
Euclid Ave. Temple Men's Club
Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood
Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations
Forest City Hebrew Benevolent Association
Gan Ivri Women's Club
Hadassah
H.B.S.U.
Hebrew Cultural Garden Association
Hebrew Free Loan Association
Heights Temple Alumni Association
Heights Temple Congregation
Heights Temple Men's Club
Heights Temple Sisterhood
Hungarian Brotherhood & Ladies Aid Society
Immediate Aid Society
Independent Mezricher Association
Jewish Big Sister Association
Jewish Center Alumni Association
Jewish Center Congregation
Jewish Center Sisterhood
Jewish Consumptive Relief Society (Daughters Group)
Jewish Consumptive Relief Society (Mothers Group)
Jewish Day Nursery
Jewish National Workers Alliance No. 45
Jewish Social Agency Representatives
Jewish Social Service Bureau
Jewish War Veterans
Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary
Jewish Welfare Federation
Judea Ladies Auxiliary
Junior Hadassah (Central Group)
Junior Hadassah (Heights Group)
Kinsman Jewish Center
Ladies Free Loan Association
League of Jewish Youth
Marmorisher B'nai Jacob Congregation
Masada (Central Chapter)
Mizrachi

Mothers League for Girl Orphans
Mount Pleasant Consumptive Aid Society
Mount Sinai Hospital
Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary
National Home for Jewish Children Auxiliary
Nivai Zedek Congregation
Nivai Zedek Sisterhood
Oer Chodesh Anshe Sfard Congregation
Oer Chodesh Sisterhood
Ohave Emmuni Anshe Congregation
Oheb Zedek Congregation
Oheb Zedek Men's Club
Oheb Zedek Sisterhood
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home—E. 105 St. Auxiliary
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home—Kinsman Auxiliary
Orthodox Old Home
Orthodox Old Home Auxiliary
Pioneer Women's Organization No. 2
Poale Zion—Zeire Zion No. 1
Poale Zion—Zeire Zion No. 2
Queen Esther Ladies Aid Society
Sherith Jacob Congregation
Sherith Jacob Cultural Club
Sherith Jacob Sisterhood (Eddy Road)
Sherith Jacob Sisterhood (Parkwood Drive)
Shomrei Hadath Congregation
Tau Epsilon Phi
Temple Alumni Association
Temple Congregation
Temple Men's Club
Temple Women's Association
United Order of True Sisters
Welfare Association for Jewish Children
Workmen's Circle
Yeshiva Adath B'nai Israel
Young American Hebrew Association
Young Israel



THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee
Monday, January 6, 1936, 8:30 p.m. at the Euclid Ave Temple

1. Attendance

There were present: Max Simon, Chairman; Messrs Meyer Atkin, Edw M Baker Philip Bernstein, Jerome N Curtis, George E Kath, Abraham Kollin, I R Morris, Aaron Resnick, Oscar Steiner, Meyer Weintraub, Sidney N Weitz, Albert A Woldman, Dr Samuel Braun; Rabbis B R Brickner, Armond E Cohen, David Gemuth, Hugo Klein, Israel Porath; Mesdames Julius Fryer, Sol Gitson, David Glasser, Siegmund Herzog, Hazel Klein, and Benjamin Levine.

2. Fictitious "Jewish Issues" in Political Campaigns

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3. Community Calendar

The Chairman also announced that the Secretary had taken the necessary steps to establish a Community Calendar as a clearing house for organizations in scheduling events, likewise authorized by the Community Council at its last meeting.

4. Kashruth

The question of the administration of Kashruth, which had been discussed by the Council and referred by it to the Executive Committee, was then considered at length by the Committee.

It was pointed out by a number of those present that the subject was extremely complex and would have to be handled very carefully. Before any action could be contemplated, it was clear that the first requirement was a knowledge of the facts by the Executive Committee and the Community Council. The futility of forming any judgment or proposing any action at this time was repeatedly stressed, and it was stated that even a purely factual study of the situation might involve the Council in much difficulty.

It was agreed by the Committee, however, that the Executive Committee and the Council had a moral obligation to obtain the facts by a careful and thorough study of the entire situation because one of the primary functions of the Council was fact-finding, and to avoid a study of this question would be a clear evasion of its primary responsibility.

It was therefore moved, duly seconded, and carried, that the Chairman appoint a Committee to obtain the necessary information and report back to the Executive Committee at a future meeting.

The following persons were appointed: Oscar Steiner, Chairman; Isadore Finesilver, Mrs Sol Gitson, and Dr Samuel Braun

5. Finance

The suggestion had been made at the last Council meeting that the member organizations should pay small annual dues to meet the ordinary expenses of the Council. This matter likewise had been referred to the Executive Committee.

In the discussion of this suggestion, it was pointed out by those favoring the proposal that this was a proper responsibility of the member groups; that the cost would be very small for each organization; that it would lend greater dignity to membership and was desired by the organizations because it would give them a feeling of independence.

On the other hand, it was stated that the Welfare Fund should be asked to bear the full expenses for another year, especially since the system of dues as proposed would not meet the cost of secretarial and clerical assistance, and these would have to be supplied by the Fund while the dues would pay for postage and incidental expenses. It was also pointed out that the Welfare Fund was supported by the Jewish community, so that the ultimate source of support would be the same under either plan.

Following this discussion it was moved, duly seconded, and carried, that the Executive Committee recommend to the Community Council for its consideration the adoption of a system of dues to be paid by member organizations, on the scale of three dollars (\$3) per year for each representative sent to the Council. This would mean that the majority of organizations would pay three dollars (\$3) per year; no organization would pay more than twelve dollars (\$12), since no group could have more than four representatives. The two national organizations which had no local dues-paying membership would be exempt.

6. Jewish Candidates for Judicial Office

A communication had been received from the Tau Epsilon Rho Fraternity, composed of Jewish lawyers, requesting the Council to devise "ways and means of passing upon the qualifications of Jewish judicial candidates in our community."

In the discussion of this matter it was pointed out that there are two fundamental principles involved: (1) as a Jewish body, the Community Council has no place in politics; (2) the Community Council has the responsibility of protecting the name and prestige of the Jewish people. It was recognized that to carry out both principles was difficult if not impossible.

With regard to the possible effectiveness of any action by the Council, it was pointed out that there were already numerous bodies publicly passing upon the qualifications of candidates, including the Bar Associations and the Citizens League, and candidates refused to be discouraged by their failure to win the recommendation of these organizations. Any attempt by the Community Council to act in a similar capacity would be equally futile. The question was also raised as to whether the Council or a Committee appointed by it could be completely impartial in a matter of this kind.

As long as candidates considered only their own interests and failed to recognize a responsibility to the Jewish community, such pressure would be of no avail. The ultimate answer, it was said, was the education of each person to understand his obligation to the group.

As a result of the discussion there was agreement that the Jewish community has a problem in the matter, but there was considerable doubt as to whether the Community Council as such could deal with it. It was felt that if anything could be done, it would have to be undertaken by individuals or groups acting out of a sense of responsibility for the best interests of the Jewish community. It was suggested that where candidates are clearly unfit for office, pressure to dissuade them from running should be brought first by their friends and the groups with which they are affiliated and from whom they expect support.

7. Jubilee

In response to a communication received from the Jewish Daily World Silver Jubilee Committee, a motion was made, duly seconded, and carried that the Executive Committee extend its congratulations on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the World and express its endorsement of the Jubilee celebration.

8. School Examinations on Jewish Holidays

The attention of the Executive Committee was called to the fact that the local colleges and schools in the past had scheduled important examinations on Jewish holidays, thereby creating a serious problem for Jewish students. There was full agreement that the Community Council as the representative of the Jewish community should make known to the proper school

authorities the difficulties involved in such situations and seek their co-operation in avoiding them.

Upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the Chairman was instructed to appoint a Committee to inform school and college officials of the dates of Jewish holidays and to arrange if possible that no examinations be held in those days.

9. Curriculum in Public Schools

It was also pointed out that in some public schools attended largely by Jewish children, considerable time was spent before Christmas and Easter on matters related to these holidays, raising conflicts in the minds of the children because of the difference between this instruction and that which they received at home.

In the discussion which followed, it was felt that this condition would be difficult to remedy but was referred nevertheless to the Committee, which was to handle the question of examinations on Jewish holidays.

10. Hebrew Instruction

The suggestion was made, in connection with the curriculum of the public schools, that the Community Council consider the advisability of seeking to introduce Hebrew as one of the optional foreign languages in some of the high schools. It was reported that this had been done in New York City, Chicago, St Louis, and Milwaukee. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the proposal was tabled until a future meeting.

11. No further business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Philip Bernstein

Secretary.

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Same letter to: Mr Jack A Persky, Society for Savings Bldg.
Mrs Raymond S Haas, 3426 DeSota Avenue
Mr Joseph White, 3632 East 146th St.

C O P Y

Mr Saul Danaceau
Leader Building
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Mr Danaceau:

Our Committee of the Jewish Community Council, appointed to study and recommend a plan of action looking toward the elimination of fictitious "Jewish Issues" from local political campaigns, will meet Monday noon, January 20th, at luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce, Parlor "H".

Since the Committee is a small one, it will be necessary for us to have a full attendance, and I trust that you can be present.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Abba Hillel Silver

Chairman

January 14, 1936.

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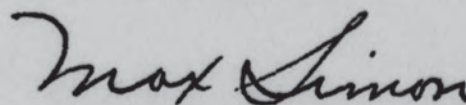
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the meeting held last week, and also a copy of the summary which has been distributed to all representatives in the Council.

You will note that the summary includes the matters upon which action was taken, and the points of discussion which are of importance to the general membership at this time.

We have asked each representative to convey the information contained in the summary to his group, and I trust that you will do this.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon,
President.

January 16, 1936.

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Rabbi A H Silver
The Temple
Ansel & E 105th St
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a suggested draft of the report of the Committee concerned with the problem of fictitious "Jewish Issues" in local political campaigns.

I am sending other copies to the remaining members of the Committee with the request that they inform me of any changes that they would like to make. If you have any suggestions or corrections, I shall of course be glad to incorporate them.

Unless I hear to the contrary from you and the other members, I shall assume that this is the form in which the report will be made to the Community Council at its next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Philip Bernstein
Secretary.

January 23, 1936.

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TO THE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

The next meeting of the Jewish Community Council will be held Wednesday evening, March 18, 8:15 p.m. at the Jewish Center (1117 E 105th Street).

Among the matters to be considered are the following:

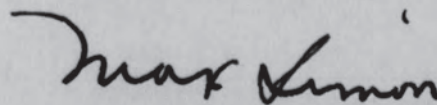
(1) Report of the Committee on "Jewish issues" in political campaigns, recommending a plan of action to eliminate such "issues" in the future. A copy of this report is enclosed.

(2) Report of the Committee on Schools.

(3) Recommendation of the Executive Committee that the incidental expenses of the Council be borne by a system of dues, whereby each member organization would pay three dollars (\$3) per year for each delegate it sent to the Council.

Since you undoubtedly will want to take part in the action on these and other questions, I trust that you will make every effort to attend.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon
President.

March 9, 1936.

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report of the Committee on Fictitious "Jewish Issues" in Political Campaigns

1. Purpose of the Committee

The Committee was directed by the Jewish Community Council to:
(1) obtain the facts concerning the manner in which fictitious "Jewish Issues" had been injected into local political campaigns to stir up racial and religious prejudice, and to determine where the responsibility for this practice lay; (2) to recommend a plan of action to the Council to eliminate such "issues" in the future.

2. The Problem

The following are the facts, as known to the Committee:

- A. The creation of "Jewish issues" has been a recurring practice in local political campaigns for the past several years.
- B. Both major political parties have been guilty of resorting to this device to obtain votes, charging the opposing candidates with racial and religious prejudice, and citing as "proof" the proportion of city positions given to Jews, alleged votes on legislative bills, etc.
- C. Appeal for support on the basis of these charges has been made through handbills printed in Yiddish and circulated a few days before the election, through individual word-of-mouth campaigns by precinct workers in the wards having a large proportion of Jewish voters, and through political campaign speeches.
- D. Invariably this has resulted in columns of publicity in the daily newspapers, bringing to the attention of the entire city, the problem of racial and religious animosity without any real foundation.
- E. Usually the printing of such handbills has been known to the campaign leaders before they were issued.
- F. Occasionally individuals print and distribute handbills without the knowledge of campaign leaders.
- G. The cost of these handbills usually is borne by campaign headquarters.
- H. Jews themselves have played a major role and are almost entirely responsible for the creation of such "issues", both through the issuance of handbills and the word-of-mouth campaigns.
- I. Some Jews holding high places in both parties have attempted to prevent this practice, but their individual efforts have not been successful.

3. Conclusions and Recommendations

On the basis of these facts, the Committee is agreed and recommends that the following steps should be taken to prevent such "issues" in the future:

- A. A Committee of Jewish leaders should be authorized to meet with campaign managers of each party in the very near future, months ahead of the next campaign so that there will be no question concerning any particular candidate, and in the name of the Jewish Community Council make it clear that the Jewish Community looks with distinct disfavor upon the practice of dragging in "Jewish issues" in order to arouse racial prejudice, and urges that this be stopped. If such charges should be made by any individual group the matter should be brought to the Community Council for its investigation before any counter-charges are made in retaliation.

May we point out that while this has been requested in the past, it has been done by individuals and not the Jewish Community as such. And while the managers of the parties might disclaim responsibility, it would be clear to them that the Jewish Community discredits the use of such charges, and that their repetition in the future will act as an adverse boomerang to those responsible.

- B. A statement should be sent to all member organizations of the Jewish Community Council, to be read to their membership, pointing out the serious danger to the Jewish people in the practice of dragging in "Jewish issues" to arouse racial prejudice for partisan advantage; making it clear that the Jewish Community deplors and discredits such tactics; and asking all persons who are active in political campaigns to refrain from raising such "issues", out of a consideration for the well-being of the Jewish people, and because a repetition of the practice would do serious damage to their own cause.

A similar statement should be sent to and printed in the two Anglo-Jewish and the two Yiddish newspapers.

We believe that this information and understanding by the Jewish Community would tend to discourage the use of such "issues", and would discredit them even if they were injected.

- C. As a third possible step, may we suggest that letters be sent by the Community Council to Jewish persons active in political campaigns in the wards largely populated by Jewish people, asking them individually in the name of the Jewish Community to refrain from dragging into the campaign any Jewish questions or problems.

The Committee is agreed that these steps not only would go to the roots of the problem in reaching those persons primarily responsible for the practice, but in addition would tend to create a community point of view which would make the use of such tactics extremely unprofitable for those resorting to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Rabbi A H Silver, Chairman
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TO THE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

Although the next meeting of the Community Council will be held early next month, I thought that you would like to know at this time what progress has been made since the last session.

In accordance with the action taken by the Council and the Executive Committee at their last meetings, the following has been done:

(1) A Community Calendar has been established to serve as a clearing house for organizations, to avoid conflict in setting dates for their events and programs. The Calendar is being published weekly in the Jewish newspapers, and more complete information can be obtained by calling the Secretary of the Council.

(2) A Committee headed by Rabbi Silver has met to analyze the problem of fictitious "Jewish issues" in local political campaigns, and has drafted a report which it will present to the Council at the next meeting, recommending a plan of action to prevent the injection of such "issues" in the future.

(3) A Committee headed by Rabbi Brickner has contacted the public school and college authorities, seeking to avoid the holding of examinations and other important events on Jewish holidays, and likewise will be ready to report the results at the next meeting.

In addition to these, the Council will have for its consideration other items already noted in the minutes which were sent to you a few weeks ago. You will be notified, of course, as soon as the date is definitely set.

Sincerely yours,

Max Simon

Max Simon,
President.

February 25, 1936.

Minutes of a Meeting of the
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 18, 1936, 8:30 p.m.,
at the Jewish Center

1. Minutes

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community Council and the Executive Committee having been mailed to all the representatives, upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

2. Community Calendar

The Secretary reported that the Community Calendar, authorized at the previous meeting of the Council, had been set in operation. A list of events planned by the organizations had been compiled, and groups were regularly telephoning the Council office to obtain this information before planning their programs, with the result that several conflicts already had been avoided. The Calendar was being published weekly in the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish newspapers.

3. Dues.

The suggestion that the ordinary expenses of the Community Council be met through a system of dues to be paid by member organizations had been referred to the Executive Committee. The Chairman reported that the Committee recommended the adoption of such dues, at the rate of three dollars per year for each representative which an organization sent to the Council.

In the discussion of the recommendation, it was pointed out by Mr. Labowitch, Mr. Julius Schweid, Mr. Most, and others that the sum would be so small as to cause no inconvenience to any group, that it would lend greater dignity and respect to membership in the Council, and would provide for the ordinary needs of the Council. Since all groups had been informed of the recommendation several weeks before and had been reminded of it in the notice of the meeting, it was agreed that there had been ample time for consideration.

It was therefore moved, duly seconded, and unanimously carried that each member organization of the Jewish Community Council pay an annual dues of three dollars per year for each delegate representing it in the Council.

4. Fictitious "Jewish Issues" in Political Campaigns

The report of the Committee which had been appointed to recommend a plan of action looking toward the elimination of fictitious "Jewish Issues" in the future political campaigns was then presented to the Council. (Copies had been mailed previously to all delegates.)

In the discussion of the report, it was agreed that the measures recommended would tend to prevent the injection of false charges of anti-Semitism in order to stir up racial and religious prejudice, and would discredit the practice if it did recur.

Upon motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously carried, the report was approved, and the Committee was authorized to proceed with the three steps which it had recommended: namely, a conference of Jewish leaders with the campaign managers of the two major political parties, to make it clear that such tactics are deplored by the Jewish Community and that they will serve as an adverse boomerang to those using them; letters to be sent by the Community Council to member organizations and to the Jewish newspapers, explaining the purpose and danger of such "issues" and seeking to discredit their use; and letters to be sent to the individual political workers in the wards populated largely by Jews, asking them to refrain from dragging such issues into future campaigns.

5. Kashruth

The Chairman reported that the question of Kashruth administration, referred by the Council to the Executive Committee at the last meeting, had been discussed by the latter, and a special Committee had been appointed to obtain the facts in the matter. This was being done, and a report would be made at a future meeting.

6. Samuel Rocker

The Council noted with deep regret the passing of Samuel Rocker. A Committee was authorized to draft a resolution expressing the regret of the Jewish Community in the loss of Mr. Rocker, and the representatives rose for a few moments in silent tribute.

Mr. Kollin and Mr. Simon lauded his service to the Community, rendered over a long period of years as editor of the Jewish World, and praised his personal efforts to unify and harmonize the various forces in Jewish life. "The life of Mr. Rocker was such that it is above eulogy," they said.

7. Committee on Schools and Colleges

In the absence from the meeting of Rabbi Brickner, chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges, Mr. Kollin reported for this Committee. In accordance with the task given it by the Executive Committee, the Committee had written the Superintendents of the various public school systems and the Deans of the local colleges, enclosing lists of Jewish holidays, and asking them to avoid holding examinations and other important events on those days, because of the necessary absence of Jewish students. Almost all had replied in writing, and every one who did pledged his cooperation in carrying out this request.

The Committee was also conferring directly with the Superintendents with the aim of eliminating insofar as possible Christmas and Easter celebrations in public schools having large populations of Jewish students. One such conference had already been held with the Superintendent of Cleveland Public Schools, who had promised to contact the teachers and principals responsible for such practice and to ask them to modify this in the future. Another conference had been scheduled with the Superintendent of Cleveland Heights Public Schools for the near future.

The report was received with considerable praise, and upon motion made by Mr. Kohrman and Mr. Freedheim, duly seconded, and unanimously carried, the Committee was made a Standing Committee and was directed to send lists of Jewish holidays to the school officials each year and to continue to deal with other matters such as those already presented. It was suggested by Mr. Freedheim that the work of the Committee should be made known to Community Councils in other cities, so that they might have the benefit of Cleveland's experience.

In relation to this general subject, Mr. Woldman reported that there had been brought to his attention the formation of Glenville Gentile Association at Glenville High School. The Committee reported that it had already taken up the matter with the principal of the school and had been informed that the organization was no longer in existence.

Mr. Sharlitt raised the question as to whether the group might not merely be driven underground instead of being disbanded, whether it wasn't necessary to deal with the fundamental problem, that of the inability of Gentile children to obtain any class offices, and whether there wasn't a danger of the spread of such groups to other schools unless the problem were properly handled. It was Rabbi Rosenthal's opinion that this was due to the democratic method of election, with a large majority of Jewish students in the schools, and that the children should not be taught to "hide their light under a bushel basket" in order to give Gentile children a few class offices at the expense of Jewish students who might be more capable.

Mr. Edward Schweid, Rabbi Cohen, Mr. Kollin, Rabbi Porath and others pointed out that Gentile students should not be prevented from holding office merely because they were in the minority, and that this was a matter of justice rather than expediency. After further discussion it was agreed, therefore, that the Rabbis should talk to Glenville Jewish students whom they knew personally in the attempt to have them take a broader view and make possible representation of non-Jewish students in class offices, and that Mr. Sharlitt and the Secretary should help work this out with them.

8. The Situation of the Jews in Poland

Rabbi Genuth reported that messages had been sent to Orthodox Rabbis throughout the country asking them to call mass meetings in protest against the threatened law preventing the kosher slaughter of cattle in Poland. Inasmuch as there already existed a Community Council in Cleveland, he asked whether the Council should not call such a mass meeting.

In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that entire situation of the Jews in Poland was extremely precarious, with more than a million suffering from extreme poverty, and with physical riots and pogroms becoming almost daily occurrences. Inasmuch, however, as a large conference was being called at New York within a few days to consider the matter, it was agreed that no action should be taken by the Council as a body pending the decision arrived at there.

9. Anti-Nazi Boycott

Mr. Fenster raised the question as to whether the anti-Nazi boycott in the city was not bogging down, and stated in his opinion that the Jewish Community seemed to be forgetting about it. It was his opinion that much more vigorous stimulation was needed than had been in evidence in recent months.

Mr. Furth explained the measures being taken by the League for Human Rights Against Nazism, and pointed out that every organization had been asked appoint a Boycott Chairman to keep the group informed of the steps to be taken. Many had failed to carry out their responsibility, however, with the result that the matter was not being kept alive in these organizations. There were, however, according to Mrs. Goldhaner, several women's groups who were cooperating very actively. Mr. Kohrman pointed out the necessity of reaching the individuals not affiliated with organizations.

It was agreed that the matter was a most important one, and that it should be regular subject for the agenda of Community Council meetings. The Secretary was directed to ask the Anti-Nazi League to have a representative at every meeting prepared to report on progress of the boycott.

10. Yeshiva Adath B'nai Israel

Mr. Herman, president of the Yeshiva Adath B'nai Israel requested the assistance of the Community Council in obtaining a subsidy from the Bureau of Jewish Education. Since an application to the Bureau already had been made, and had not been rejected, the Chairman ruled that the Community Council had no province in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Bernstein .
Secretary

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To the Representatives in the Jewish Community Council:

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the meeting held last Wednesday evening.

Since there were a number of matters considered and acted upon which are of importance to the members of your organization, and since they must depend upon you for this information, I trust that you will see that these facts are reported to them.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon
President.

March 23, 1936.

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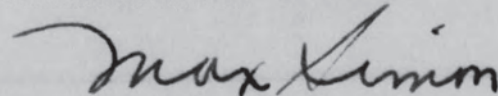
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Now that the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign has been completed, there are a number of matters which should have the prompt attention of the Community Council. The Executive Committee will meet, therefore, on Thursday evening, June 11, 8:15 p.m., at the Jewish Center (Room B-Main Floor).

Among the items to be considered are the reports of the committees on schools, Kashruth, and political issues. In addition, several other matters have been brought to us for action since our last meeting.

The importance of this session is obvious, and I trust that you will be present.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon
President

June 5, 1936.

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TO THE REPRESENTATIVES:

Enclosed are the minutes of the full and interesting meeting held last Thursday evening. There were a number of matters discussed and acted upon, which the members of your organization should know. I trust, therefore, that you will bring this information to them.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon
President

BY - LAWS

I.

FINANCE:

1. Each member organization in the Council shall pay an annual due of three dollars for each representative which it sends to the Council in accordance with Article IV, Section 5.
2. The fiscal year of the Council shall be from January 1 through December 31, coinciding with the calendar year.
3. All funds in possession of the Council shall be deposited in a local bank which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
4. Funds may be withdrawn only with the signatures of the Secretary and Treasurer, or the Secretary or Treasurer and one of the other officers of the Council.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee Thursday, June 11, 8:30 p.m., at the Jewish Center

1. Attendance

There were present: Max Simon, Chairman; Meyer Atkin, Philip Bernstein, Dr Samuel Braun, Rabbi Armond E Cohen, Jerome N Curtis, L Mack Fein, Isadore Finesilver, George E Kath, Rabbi Hugo Klein, Abraham Kollin, Mrs Benjamin Levine, Rabbi Israel Porath, Oscar Steiner, Mrs Victor Wise, Albert Woldman and Jacob Wolpaw.

2. Minutes

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting having been mailed to all members, upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with. It was agreed that unless specific corrections were made, this standard procedure constituted approval of the minutes.

3. Committee on Schools

Mr Kollin reported that since the last meeting of the Council the Committee had met with the Superintendent of Cleveland Heights Public Schools, and had discussed with him the problem of Christmas and Easter instruction and celebration in schools attended largely by Jewish students. As a result, he had promised to confer with the principals of these schools and to ask them to modify this practice in the future.

A similar conference planned with the head of the Shaker Heights Public School System had been deferred due to a change in personnel.

Mr Kollin also reported that the Committee had received a complaint concerning anti-Semitic propaganda being spread by a W P A supervisor on a project in one of the school systems. The matter had been taken directly to W P A headquarters, and the man was ordered to stop all such activity under threat of discharge. This apparently had remedied the situation, and no further complaint was received.

In the discussion of the report, it was pointed out that after the Committee had requested schools and colleges not to schedule examinations on Jewish holidays, Jewish students were attending classes on these occasions, and in at least one instance had informed the instructor that they did not object to examinations on Shabuoth. While it was recognized that all students were not uniform in their observance, this nullified the desire of at least a few to observe such occasions. It was also stated that some Jewish parents in the past had informed school officials that they did not object to Christmas pageants and similar observances.

It was recognized that if the efforts of the Council were to be effective, they would have to have the support of parents and students. It was agreed, therefore, that this should be made clear through Temple bulletins, announcements from pulpits, through information to children in religious schools telling them of the cooperation which the schools had promised in religious observance, and through contacting organized Jewish groups at colleges. It was also agreed that school officials should be reminded from time to time prior to forthcoming holidays, and it was recognized that as they turned to the Council instead of miscellaneous individuals for information, the situation would tend to improve.

4. Report of Treasurer

Mr Jacob Wolpaw, treasurer, reported that in accordance with the action taken by the Council at the last meeting, dues had been assessed on the member organizations. The initial request had brought a response from 49 organizations, which had paid a total of \$210. This was deemed to be very favorable, and it was expected that a second notice would bring in a considerable number of other payments. Inasmuch as no regulations had been set up governing

the deposit and withdrawal of funds, by-laws were proposed for this purpose. Upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, these were adopted. (Copy attached.)

5. Kashruth Committee

Mr Oscar Steiner, Chairman, reported that the Kashruth Committee had undertaken a comprehensive factual study of Kashruth administration in the city. The outline of the study was read, covering sources of kosher meats, the manner in which supervisors were employed, paid, and organized, methods of supervision and inspection of wholesale and retail establishments, price differentials between kosher and non-kosher meats, and problems involved in administration. Similar information would be sought for the poultry trade.

Mr Steiner summarized the information which had been secured by the Committee, presenting it as a partial report. The subject was recognized as a very complicated one, and one which would require considerable further study.

6. Political Issues

It was reported that the Committee on "Jewish Issues" in Political Campaigns intended to carry into effect its recommendations prior to the next campaign.

7. Polish Situation

The Chairman informed the members that letters had been sent to all representatives in the Council, summarizing the correspondence of the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress, in which both organizations had advised the Council that protest action against the outrages in Poland would not be helpful at this time, since it would tend to weaken the efforts which were being made already nationally and internationally.

8. Jewish Education Survey

It was also reported that the survey of Jewish education, discussed at the last meeting of the Council, was now in progress. All Jewish educational institutions in the city were being studied, and it was expected that a report would be submitted to the community in September.

In connection with this subject, Mr Woldman announced that there was a movement to subsidize a professorship in Semitics at Ohio State University, and asked if the Community Council might not interest itself in the effort. It was agreed that this was beyond the scope of the Council at this time.

9. Jewish Anti-Semitism

The Chairman read a letter received from one of the local colleges, stating that it had experienced considerable difficulty in placing Jewish graduates, due to anti-Semitism among both Jewish and non-Jewish employers. In the prolonged discussion of this matter, it was agreed that the problem was a most serious one, and that as a first step a strong effort should be made to eliminate this anti-Semitism among Jews. In view of the fact that the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League was working on this problem, the Secretary was directed to determine what was being done and to bring this information to the next meeting of the Council. It was agreed that if organizations exist which are able to handle specific problems effectively, the policy of the Council should be to assist rather than supersede them.

10. Immigration

The Committee was informed that there was pending in Congress bills dealing with immigration which were of unusual significance to Jews. One, the Kerr-Coolidge Bill, sought to liberalize immigration restrictions. Another, the Starnes-Reynolds Bill, would cut immigration 90%, would permit the President to deport all aliens on public or private relief, and had a number of similar features. Mr Woldman was asked to bring a full report on these bills to the next meeting of the Council.

11. Application for Membership

The application for membership of the Camp Wise Crew, composed of leaders of the camp, was approved for recommendation to the Council.

12. Miscellaneous Collections

Rabbi Cohen pointed out that a serious problem existed in the community as a result of a large number of collectors invading the city purporting to represent various European institutions. Some of them were impostors, and it was his opinion that the Council could be very helpful in checking their credentials and at least help to eliminate fakery, without attempting to pass on the merits of legitimate collectors. Following considerable discussion, it was moved, duly seconded, and carried, that a Committee be appointed to investigate the possibilities of control, and the methods devised for this purpose in other communities. Rabbi Cohen, Rabbi Porath, and Mr Atkin were appointed.

13. Council Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held during the current month.

14. No further business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Philip Bernstein

Secretary.

Minutes of a Meeting of the
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Thursday, June 25, 1936, 8:30 p.m.,
at the Euclid Ave. Temple

1. Minutes

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community Council having been mailed to all the representatives, upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

2. Committee on Schools

Mrs Benjamin Levine reported that since the last meeting of the Council the Committee had met with the Superintendent of Cleveland Heights Public Schools, and had discussed with him the problem of Christmas and Easter instruction and celebration in schools attended largely by Jewish students. As a result, he had promised to confer with the principals of these schools and to ask them to modify this practice in the future. A similar conference, planned with the Superintendent of Shaker Heights Public Schools, had been deferred until Fall because of a change of personnel.

Mrs Levine also reported that the Committee had received a complaint concerning anti-Semitic propaganda being spread by a W.P.A. supervisor on a project in one of the school systems. The matter had been taken directly to W.P.A. headquarters, and the man was ordered to stop all such activity under threat of discharge. This apparently had remedied the situation, and no further complaint was received.

The Committee had learned, following its request to school and college officials that they abstain from conducting examinations and other important work on Jewish holidays, that in at least one college class Jewish students had told the instructor on the last holiday that they did not object to an examination at that time. This nullified the desire of the students who wished to observe the holiday. The Committee had learned also that some Jewish parents in the past had informed school officials that they did not object to Christmas pageants and similar observances.

It was recognized that if the efforts of the Council were to be effective, they would require the support of parents and students. The Executive Committee at its last meeting had agreed, therefore, to make this clear through Temple Bulletins, announcements by Rabbis from their pulpits, through information to children in religious schools telling them of the cooperation which the schools had promised, and through contacting organized groups at colleges. There was agreement, likewise, that school authorities should be reminded from time to time prior to forthcoming holidays, and it was recognized that as they turned to the Council instead of miscellaneous individuals for information, the situation would tend to improve.

The report was accepted and approved by the Council.

3. Report of the Treasurer

Mr Jacob Wolpaw, treasurer, reported that in accordance with the action taken by the Council at its last meeting, dues had been assessed on the member organizations. To date a very favorable total of \$243 had been received from 56 organizations, largely in response to one mailed request. This did not include the dues turned in at the meeting, and the additional payments which were coming through the mail daily undoubtedly would swell the total considerably, he said. By-laws governing the administration of the Council's funds had been adopted by the Executive Committee, and were reported to the Council. (Copy attached.)

4. Anti-Nazi Boycott and Activity

Mr I R Morris, reporting for the League for Human Rights Against Nazism, disclosed that every large local store was observing the boycott by refusing to purchase German goods. In instances where German made goods were slipped in by importers, they were being sent back. The only store not measuring up completely was the Higbee Company, which sold some German items from time to time, and efforts were being made to prevent this.

The League had succeeded in eliminating German goods from local branches of some national chain stores. Sears-Roebuck, however, still refused to cooperate. The boycott had been given impetus nationally through a government order at Washington drastically raising tariff rates on important German merchandise, thereby virtually excluding them from the country.

The League had protested the sponsoring of a Nazi speaker by Western Reserve University, and had been informed that this was done through the head of the German department and not the University itself. Apparently no steps had been taken by the college authorities to prevent this in the future. The University, following conferences with League representatives, had refused to send an official delegate to the Heidelberg collaboration. The head of the German department would attend as an individual, it was learned.

A detailed report was given of the growth in Cleveland of the "Minute Men of 1936", a rabid anti-Jewish organization under the national leadership of William Dudley Pelley. The local units of the group were conducting frequent meetings -- it was said that on one evening there were ten such meetings in Lakewood -- and was spreading violent anti-Jewish propaganda. Another incident reported by the League was its work in having a local company take down a Nazi flag which it had been flying above its building.

5. Rocker Resolution

In accordance with the action of the Council at its last meeting, a resolution had been drafted by a special committee and sent to the family of the late Samuel Rocker. The resolution was read by Mr Abraham Kollin, chairman of the Committee.

6. Political Issues

The Chairman reported that the Committee on Fictitious "Jewish Issues" in Political Campaigns would carry out its recommendations, previously accepted by the Council, prior to the next election.

7. Polish Situation

The Council already had been informed through the mail that both the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee had advised the Council that protest action by it would not be helpful to the persecuted Jews of Poland, since it would tend to weaken the efforts being made by nationally and internationally, and might strengthen the anti-Semitic party in opposition to the weak Polish government. This advice had been accepted by the Executive Committee.

8. Jewish Education Survey

The Council was informed that there was being conducted a survey of Jewish education in the city, under the direction of Dr I B Berkson of New York, and Mr Ben Rosen of Philadelphia. The findings and recommendations of the survey probably would be available to the Community Council after its completion in Fall.

In reply to a question by Mr Charles Dumer concerning the Yeshiva Adath B'nai Israel, it was explained that the Yeshiva was being included in the survey, and that until the report had been made and its recommendations acted upon, the Council had no province in the financial problem of that institution.

9. Anti-Semitism among the Jewish Employers

A letter had been received from one of the local colleges, stating that it had experienced considerable difficulty in placing Jewish graduates, due to anti-Semitism among both Jewish and non-Jewish employers. The matter had been brought to the Executive Committee, which had asked the Anti-Defamation League to report on its activity in this field.

Dr. D.N. Berris, reporting for the League, stated that it had not attempted to tackle this problem locally. Correspondance with the national office of the League revealed that a successful procedure in other cities had been the formation of a committee representing all major Jewish organizations, contacting individual employers and employment agencies quietly.

In the discussion which followed, it was pointed out by Mr. Meisel, Mr Sharlitt, Mr Metzner, and others, that the problem was a serious one, and would require careful study and action. It was said, too, that in its broad aspects the matter involved Jewish employer-employee relationships, and the unfavorable community reaction to rumors that these standards were low.

There was agreement that the Community Council, as the representative of the entire Jewish Community, could be more effective than any single organization in attempting to handle the problem. It was moved therefore, duly seconded, and carried, that the Chairman be instructed to appoint a Committee for this purpose, with the understanding that the Anti-Defamation League would be included in its membership, so that there would be complete coordination.

10. World Jewish Congress

Mr Albert Woldman briefly described the Washington conference which had elected delegates to the World Jewish Congress to be held at Geneva in August. More than 1000 delegates, representing 99 communities in 32 states, attended the conference, and instructed the American delegates to submit proposals calling for the establishment of a Commission on Civil and Political Relations, a Bureau of Research and Information on Anti-Semitism, and an Institute of Economic Research. The purposes of these bodies would be to contact government officials when necessary, present the truth about Jews to the enlightened public opinion of the world, and to study carefully the economic, social, and political problems of Jews. The program would be financed through an international bank.

11. Membership

The application for membership of the Camp Wise Crew, an organization which recruits and trains leaders for the camp, was presented to the Council, and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried, was accepted.

12. B'nai B'rith Day

It was announced that Sunday, August 16, would be B'nai B'rith Day at the Great Lakes Exposition, and would be featured by unusual Jewish religious services and music. An invitation was extended to the Jewish community of Cleveland to attend.

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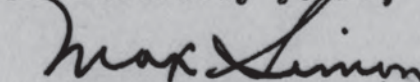
Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you know, the Community Council at its last meeting authorized the appointment of a committee to study and take appropriate action with regard to the problem of anti-Semitic discrimination among employers-- particularly Jewish employers.

Being cognizant of your interest in this problem over a period of years, and of the very important contribution which you can make in the matter -- which is probably the most important one undertaken by the Council to date -- I should like very much to have you serve as a member of this committee.

Mr. Milton Altschul has accepted the chairmanship of the group, and we are asking Jay Iglauer, I.F. Freiburger, and other community leaders to serve with you. The ^{next} meeting will be scheduled at an early date, and every effort will be made to have the sessions at times when it will be possible for you to attend.

Sincerely yours,


Max Simon
President

September 11, 1936

Mr. Max Simon, President,
The Jewish Community Council,
605 - 1900 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Simon:

Let me thank you for your letter of
September 10. I shall be pleased to serve on the
committee which is to study the problem of
discrimination against Jewish employees.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

E. M. BAKER
CLEVELAND

September 23, 1936

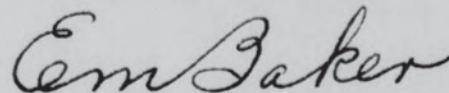
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please be my guest at a luncheon to be held at 12:15 Tuesday, September 29th at the Midday Club, Union Trust Building, to discuss a matter of importance to us as Jews and Americans.

Some time ago the Jewish Community of Cleveland through the Jewish Community Council went on record as deploring the practice of injecting into political campaigns so-called Jewish issues that do not exist and which in fact are fictitious. There are many rumors abroad today relating to an alleged anti-semitism on the part of Governor Landon. There will be present at the luncheon two prominent Jewish laymen from Kansas City who from their own intimate knowledge and observation will tell us the facts as they know them.

Will you please indicate whether or not you will be present by mailing the enclosed card immediately.

Cordially yours,



E. M. Baker.

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JACOB A. HARZFELD -- (Mr. Baker will introduce)

JOSEPH COHEN -- Biographical sketch

Attorney -- Kansas City, Kansas

Past President -- District # 2, B'nai B'rith

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Sept. 29, 1936

One of the first matters presented to the newly organized Jewish Community Council was the matter of injecting fictitious Jewish issues into local political campaigns.

At the Council Meeting of Dec. 17, 1935, a motion was passed to appoint a Committee of five to study the subject and to report back to the Community Council with a recommendation for action to prevent the recurrence of this practice in future campaigns. A Committee was appointed and I was requested to be its Chairman. The Committee met, made a careful survey of the situation, submitted a report to the Jewish Community Council which report was adopted on March 18, of this year.

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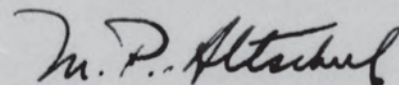
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Committee on Unfair Discrimination in Employment will meet Tuesday afternoon, October 6th, 4:00 p.m., at 1900 Euclid Avenue (Room 605).

At that time the Committee will review the problem which the Council has delegated to it, and will determine what shall be its plan of procedure. Preliminary information is already available for consideration.

I am sure you will agree that the matter merits our serious attention, and the first meeting obviously will be a very important one. I am counting, therefore, on your participation.

Sincerely yours,



Milton P. Altschul,
Chairman.

September 29, 1936.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON KASHRUTH

The report which follows is a preliminary one. It summarizes for the Executive Committee the information which has been gathered to date and verified as fully as possible.

It will be recalled that the Committee on Kashruth was established as a fact-finding body. The members have confined their activity to this purpose.

There is still much information to be collected. The problems involved in Kashruth administration are deep-seated and complex. Before they can be discussed intelligently, therefore, it is essential that there be a clear understanding of the basic facts concerning the administrative system now operating, and the manner in which it functions. This report is intended to be the first step in that direction.

A. WHOLESALE MEATS1. What are the sources of kosher meat?

- a. Swift & Co (about 50% of total)
- b. Kreinberg & Krasny
- c. Long Dressed Beef Co
- d. Teufel Bros
- e. Koblenzer Bros
- f. Lake Erie Provision Co
- g. Siegel Provision Co
- h. Ohio Provision Co
- i. Osher Bros Co
- j. Fromson & Davis Co (Standard Beef Co)

2. Who is in charge of Kashruth administration?

- a. The Rabbi appointed by each company is responsible for maintaining Kashruth there. Where there is no Rabbi, a Schochet is employed for this purpose. These persons are:
 - b. Swift & Co -- Rabbi Philip Rosenberg, Rabbi Emanuel Eckstein, and Rabbi Shapiro. Schochtim: Messrs Aaron, Kaminsky, Roth and Rosenblum.
 - c. Teufel Bros -- Schochtim: Messrs Gershuny and Amsterdam.
 - d. Koblenzer Bros & Ohio Provision Co -- Schochet: Rev. Dubov.
 - e. Lake Erie Provision Co and Long Dressed Beef Co -- Rabbi S Kramer. Schochtim: Messrs Reicher and Schiff. (Siegel Provision Co uses Long Dressed Beef Co slaughtering facilities.)
 - f. Kreinberg & Krasny -- Rabbi Jacob Berger. Schochtim: Messrs Resnick, Ziskin, Kumin, Kubin. (Osher Bros Co uses K & K facilities.)
 - g. Standard Beef Co -- Schochtim: Messrs Davidowitz and Berger.

3. Who appoints the Schochtim?

- a. Before the Rabbis were employed, the Schochtim were hired directly by the Companies. They are now appointed by the Rabbi at each Company.

4. Where do the Rabbis and Schochtim get their authority?

- a. This is an individual business arrangement between the company and Rabbi or Schochet. The Schochtim are supposed to go through a period of special instruction for their work.

5. What guarantee is there that the meat sold by the wholesale company as kosher really is kosher?

- a. This depends upon the integrity of the Rabbi in charge and his Schochtim. The Rabbi or Schochet is supposed to see every piece slaughtered. The Schochet makes a special cut in the animal at the time of slaughtering to denote that it was killed in accordance with Orthodox ritual and that it is kosher. He then places a stamp on the meat (both a stamp and plumb are used at Swift & Company) to mark it for the retail butcher and consumer as kosher. The stamp and plumbs are supposed to be retained by the Schochet when not in use.

There is a state law which makes illegal the misrepresentation of non-kosher meat as kosher.

6. How are the Rabbis and Schochtim paid?

The compensation of the Rabbi and Schochtim is a private business arrangement with the company. Swift and Company pays a weekly salary. Others are reported to pay a standard piece work rate.

7. How many Schochtim are employed in this work?

There are about 15.

8. Are the Schochtim organized?

They had a union some time ago, but this is no longer active.

B. RETAIL MEATS

1. On what basis do retail merchants select wholesale dealers?

This is an individual business arrangement.

2. What guarantee is there that the meat sold to the consumer as kosher really is kosher?

The stamp at the time the meat is dressed by the wholesale company, and the regular visits to meat shops by three inspectors (moshgiachs) is the guarantee that the meat is kosher.

The inspectors are appointed by Rabbi Jacob Berger, who was selected by the governor of the state at the time of the N.R.A. to supervise the Kashruth in Cleveland, and who has retained this position through employment by the retail kosher butchers association. It is reported that each is supposed to cover a special territory, visiting every shop in that area three times a week. These districts are: (a) East 105th Street - Superior - St Clair; (b) Superior Through and Heights; (c) Kinsman.

Each quarter of meat is stamped at least six times so that there may be no excuse by the retail butchers that the lack of a stamp is due to the fact that this portion has been sold.

Dangers lie in the fact that the butcher may purchase both kosher and non-kosher meat from the same company. In the last analysis, the integrity of the Rabbis, Schochtim, inspectors, and butchers must be the assurance of the housewives.

3. How many kosher meat markets are there in Cleveland?

There are about 75 such shops. About 25 of them are along East 105th Street between Superior and St Clair, 20 in the Kinsman-Mt Pleasant district, 14 in the Superior Through area, and the others scattered.

4. Is there any organization among the retail butchers?

There is the Independent Kosher Meat Dealers' Association which is said to include all but five proprietors of kosher meat shops. The Association attempts to maintain standard prices and hours, and pays the inspectors to see that Kashruth is maintained in the meat shops.

Twenty-eight of the merchants belong to a welfare society which is largely social in character.

There is also a union which includes employees at the retail stores. In existence about three years, it attempts to maintain uniform standards of employment, regulating hours, wages and other factors. Among the latter is the rule that wives are not permitted to assist their husbands, and failure to comply sometimes results in picketing.

5. What is the average annual consumption of kosher meats in the city?

Approximate slaughter:

300 cattle per week --	200 lbs each	60,000 lbs per week
700 calves per week --	40 lbs each	28,000 lbs per week
500 lambs per week --	15 lbs each	<u>7,500</u> lbs per week
		95,500 lbs per week

PROBLEMS

The chief question from the community standpoint is whether the meat sold as kosher really is kosher. In the past there have been disagreements concerning this among local Rabbis. Despite the safeguards mentioned above, housewives use as their guarantee of Kashruth the integrity of the retail butcher. Those who want to be absolutely sure that the meat really is kosher select their butcher with care.

Bound up with the religious question are economic ones, and this intermixture results in difficult complications. The retail butchers association pays inspectors to see that their members maintain Kashruth. The association also attempts to maintain standard prices, and the intermingling of the two problems sometimes leads to considerable confusion.

The attempt to enforce uniform conditions of employment has resulted in conflict, and has come to public attention through a recent trial for bombing and alleged blackmail. In another recent trial, a member of the police department vandal squad testified that they have had great difficulty during the past few years due to stench bombings and window smashing of Jewish butcher shops.

A further problem is the harmful publicity which accompanies the disputes in Kashruth administration, to the detriment of the entire Jewish community.

Minutes of a Meeting of the
COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT

Tuesday, October 6, 1936, 4:00 p.m., at the Federation Office

1. Attendance

There were present : Milton Altschul, Chairman; George W Furth, Judge D R Hertz, Adolph Keller, Raymond D Metzner, Jack Rosenthal, and Max Simon. Unable to attend: I F Freiburger, Sam Gross, Jay Iglauer, I R Morris, and Rabbi A H Silver.

2. The Problem

Mr Altschul reviewed the problem with which the Committee was concerned, and the background of the Council's interest in it. The difficulty experienced by Jewish youth in finding employment because of anti-Semitic discrimination was well known to this community and others, and when the Council was being formed the situation had been mentioned frequently as one to which such a body should give serious attention. The problem came to the Council concretely when a letter was received by the Federation from one of the local colleges, seeking assistance in placing its Jewish graduates because of the discrimination against these persons by both Jewish and non-Jewish employers.

The Council at its last meeting, therefore, had authorized the appointment of this Committee to study the problem and take such action as it might deem necessary and appropriate. Since that time, other reports had been received from the placement directors of local colleges likewise commenting on the extent of the anti-Semitic discrimination they had met in trying to place their graduates, particularly among Jewish employers.

In the discussion of the matter, there was full agreement that the problem was a most serious one, and that its importance should not be underestimated. It was recognized that beyond the harm done to the morale of the individuals who were rejected repeatedly because of their being Jewish, there was the larger problem confronting the entire Jewish community in the fact that this frustration led to bitterness against both Jewry and the present social order, and caused these persons to turn to Communism and other 'isms for salvation.

3. Procedure

Information had been obtained from a similar Committee in Chicago, which had been working on the problem for several years, and their method and approach was reviewed. The Chicago Committee had contacted the employment agencies to learn specifically which employers and agencies were practicing such discrimination; small Committees had met with these executives to discuss the matter with them quietly and to persuade them of the importance of discontinuing this policy; the community had been instructed to bring all complaints to the Committee, so that there would be no independent, misdirected effort; the Committee had aided in destroying false rumors of discrimination; and had given advice to prospective Jewish applicants concerning the avoidance of those types of behavior to which employers and employment agencies had said they objected.

It was recognized in the discussion that different methods would have to be used in dealing with Jewish and non-Jewish employers and with each individual employer, that the conference with each executive should be made by small Committees, and that the approach would have to be a tactful one. In essence, the process would be an educational one.

There was some discussion concerning the nature of the publicity to be given the matter, and the consensus of opinion favored confining this to channels which would reach the Jewish community, preferably through the affiliated groups of the Community Council, and that the approach to the non-Jews would be on an individual basis.

Before any action could be undertaken specific information would be required. Mr Furth suggested that this might be obtained more easily by a non-Jew, and believed that perhaps Miss Mildred Chadsey could secure much of it casually in the course of a general survey which she was planning to make. No attempt was made at this meeting to determine a definite plan of action, this being left until the next session, when the members would have had an opportunity to give further consideration to the matter, and when a greater attendance was expected. It was agreed that if possible the Secretary and Chairman might obtain such information prior to the next meeting from the employment counselors who already had commented on the problem.

4. No other business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Philip Bernstein

Secretary



Minutes of a Meeting of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 6, 1936, 8:30 p.m., at the Euclid Avenue Temple

1. Attendance

There were present: Max Simon, Chairman; Edward M Baker, Philip Bernstein, Rabbi Armond E Cohen, Jerome N Curtis, George W Furth, Mrs Siegmund Herzog, George E Kath, Rabbi Hugo Klein, Abraham Kollin, Mrs Benjamin Levine, I R Morris, Aaron Resnick, Oscar Steiner, Sidney N Weitz, and Albert A Woldman.

2. Minutes

Copies having been mailed to all members, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

3. Treasurer's Report

It was reported that 83 organizations had paid a total of \$351 in dues, in response to two mailed billings. There remained to be collected a sum of \$111 from 34 groups. A few telephone calls already had brought prompt remittances from such organizations, and it was expected that such contacts would result in payments from the others.

4. Committee on Schools and Colleges

Mrs Benjamin Levine reported that in accordance with the instruction of the Executive Committee and Council, the Schools Committee had taken the following steps: (1) had written to the superintendents of the schools and local colleges, reminding them of the dates of the Jewish holidays and of their agreement to avoid examinations and other important work on these occasions; (2) had sent letters to the Rabbis of the various congregations, asking them to inform the parents and children affiliated with their respective synagogues and religious schools of the action of the Committee, and to impress upon them the necessity of their cooperation; (3) had written to the presidents of the college fraternities and sororities, informing them of the response received from the deans, and asking the cooperation of their membership.

Mrs Levine stated that the school authorities had replied very favorably, and read two such letters. She also described a recent incident in which the Committee had contacted the principal of one of the junior high schools, and had explained to him the importance of the holidays, after learning that he had planned to send a letter to Jewish parents regarding the absence of their children. The Committee's action had confirmed the reaction already received by him, and the letter was not sent. He also stated that he would consult the Committee should similar problems arise in the future.

Upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the report was accepted.

5. Committee on Kashruth

Mr Steiner distributed copies of the preliminary report prepared by his committee, outlining the manner in which Kashruth was being administered and supervised with regard to both wholesale and retail meats, and setting forth some of the current problems which were involved.

In the prolonged discussion of the report, it was clear that the subject was extremely complicated and that much additional information was required. This was essential before any action could be contemplated, it was agreed, and the Committee was instructed to continue its fact-finding activity.

Upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the report was accepted.

6. Anti-Semitic Discrimination in Employment

Mr Furth reported that the Committee which had been appointed to study and take appropriate action in the problem of anti-Semitic discrimination by both Jewish and non-Jewish employers, had discussed the problem at some length and were in accord that it required positive constructive action. It was clear that the problem was a most serious one, not only to the individuals directly affected, but to the entire Jewish community -- the frustration of Jewish youth had far reaching social and economic significance.

As a first step, considerable information had been secured from a similar Committee in Chicago which has been working on the problem for several years, in order to learn what methods they had found successful in dealing with the situation. A second step was now being undertaken, in obtaining specific information concerning employers who practiced such discrimination.

7. Miscellaneous Solicitations

Rabbi Cohen, Chairman of the Committee on Miscellaneous Solicitations, reported that this Committee had considered two major problems: namely, the prevention of solicitation by impostors, and the necessity of a more reasonable basis for support of the European and Palestinian institutions which now obtained contributions through the efforts of traveling solicitors.

An investigation had been made of the manner in which other cities had attempted to meet these problems, and it was found that a number of them had done this through the establishment of special funds allocated from their Jewish Welfare Funds. In each city a lump sum was placed under the direction of a small committee which was familiar with the service and value of the institutions. All such traveling solicitors were sent by the community to this Committee, which made allocations from the general fund and transmitted the money directly to the institutions. In this way, the community was spared the multitude of solicitations, impostors were apprehended, and the support of worthy institutions was placed on the basis of service rendered. In time, many agencies had found it unnecessary to send solicitors to the city. Information had been secured from ten cities which had such a system, and the reports received indicated high satisfaction with it. The Committee believed, therefore, that a similar plan should be inaugurated in Cleveland.

In the discussion of the report, it was agreed that the proposal was a wise and constructive one. It was pointed out by Mr Resnick that the success of the plan would depend to a large extent upon the fairness of the Committee making these allocations, in not restricting their grants to the agencies which expressed their particular philosophies. It was clear that the Committee would of necessity have to be a broad-minded one, and it was expected that allocations would be made without narrow discrimination.

Upon motion made by Mr Baker, duly seconded, and carried, it was decided that the Executive Committee should request the Jewish Welfare Fund to consider the advisability of establishing in 1937 a special fund to provide for the needs of worthy European and Palestinian institutions now conducting independent solicitations in the city, administered in a manner similar to that in other cities which had established such funds. In view of the need for more detailed information, it was agreed further that the amount of such a fund should be determined by the Welfare Fund on the basis of a more complete investigation.

8. Community Calendar

The Secretary reported that the Community Calendar was receiving wider recognition among the member organizations, and that a larger number of them were utilizing it to avoid duplication in setting dates for their events. As a result, many conflicts were being avoided.

9. Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations

A letter had been received from the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, requesting that the Council appoint a Committee to meet with one of the Federation's Committees, for the purpose of studying jointly the Federation's function and service, to determine whether there was any duplication of the work or purpose of the Federation with that of other coordinating bodies and the possible necessity of close integration with the Council. While there was some comment concerning the dangers of any contemplated segmentation of the Council, it was agreed that such a study Committee should be appointed to assist the Federation in its analysis, and upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, this was authorized.

10. Jewish Radio Hour

A request had come from a sub-Committee of the Extension Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education, for the appointment of a similar Committee by the Council to assist in developing plans for a Jewish radio hour over local broadcasting stations. In the discussion of the matter, the project met with considerable favorable comment, but it was agreed that the matter should be acted upon first by the Board of Directors of the Bureau before being brought to the Council, and that as a general policy the Council should not take action on the requests of Committees of various organizations without the requests first having been acted upon by the boards of directors of these agencies. The Secretary was directed to inform the Bureau sub-Committee of this policy.

With reference to this subject, Mr Woldman announced that the B'nai B'rith was concerning itself with the entire problem of Jewish adult education including the radio and other media. A conference was being called for Monday noon, October 12, to discuss the matter, and the Community Council was requested to send a representative to this meeting.

11. Community Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Jewish Community Council was set for Monday evening, October 19.

12. Due to the lateness of the hour, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Philip Bernstein

Secretary.

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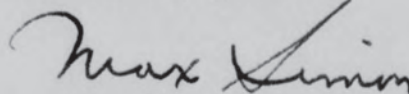
TO THE REPRESENTATIVES:

The Jewish Community Council will meet Monday evening, October 19th, 8:15 p.m. at the Ansel Road Temple (Ansel Road entrance).

The meeting is the first of the season and will be a very important one. Since the last session a number of important matters have come up which will require the Council's serious attention. In addition, all the Committees have been active, and the reports of their work will require the Council's consideration. These include the Executive Committee, and the Committees on Schools and Colleges; Fictitious Jewish Issues in Political Campaigns; Kashruth; Unfair Discrimination in Employment; and Miscellaneous Solicitations.

Obviously, a full attendance is essential at this meeting. I hope, therefore, that you will make a point of being present.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon
President.

October 7, 1936.

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting Held Monday, October 19, 1936, 8:30 p.m., at The Temple

1. Minutes

Copies having been mailed to all members, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

2. Treasurer's Report

Jacob Wolpaw, treasurer, reported that to date a total of \$351.00 had been received from 83 organizations; expenditures had totalled \$59.48, leaving a cash balance of \$291.52. The sum of \$111 remained to be collected, and a few personal contacts had indicated that much of this would be secured readily, Mr Wolpaw said.

3. Schools and Colleges

Rabbi Barnett R Brickner, Chairman of the Schools Committee, reported that the Committee recently had: (1) written to the superintendents and deans of the local schools and colleges, reminding them of the dates of the Jewish holidays and of their agreement to avoid important work on those days; (2) sent letters to the Rabbis of the various congregations, asking them to secure the assistance of the parents and children; (3) communicated with the presidents of the college fraternities and sororities, informing them of the Committee's contact with the deans, and asking the cooperation of their membership.

Again, very favorable replies had been received from the school officials, assuring the Council of their willingness to permit Jewish students to be absent on those days without any penalty. Rabbi Brickner explained the Committee's work in contacting principals and teachers whenever any problems arose involving specifically Jewish matters, helping them to meet them intelligently.

4. Discrimination in Employment

The problem of anti-Semitism in Employment was discussed by Milton Altschul, Chairman of the Committee which had been appointed to analyze the situation and to take such action as it might deem appropriate. Mr Altschul reported that the Committee, which included Jay Iglauer, Sam Gross, I F Freiberg, Adolph Keller, E J Meisel, Rabbi A H Silver, Judge D R Hertz, George Furth, Raymond D Metzner, and I R Morris, had gathered considerable information from a similar committee in Chicago which had been working on the same problem for several years, and thus had the benefit of their experience with regard to successful methods. It was recognized that the problem existed among both Jewish and non-Jewish employers, and would have to be attacked among both groups.

The situation was a very serious one, both to the individuals unable to obtain jobs because of this discrimination, and to the entire Jewish community as a result of the bitterness toward their Jewishness and the social order, caused by their disheartening experience. The Committee had resolved to devise a constructive program of action which would help to break down this discrimination, and was obtaining concrete information concerning specific employers who practiced such discrimination, as a first step in this program.

Members of the Council were asked to bring such information to the Committee. They were also asked to make clear to the members of their organizations and their individual associates, the importance of eliminating such discrimination.

5. Fictitious Political Issues

Rabbi A H Silver, Chairman of the Committee on Fictitious "Jewish Issues" in Political Campaigns, reviewed the Council's previous action in going on record deploring the injection of such issues into political campaigns and discrediting the myth of a "Jewish vote". He recalled that the Committee had been appointed to devise methods of preventing such "issues", and that its recommendations had been adopted at a meeting several months ago.

During the current campaign, the Committee had met with two Jewish leaders who were touring the country, to discuss with them the false charges of anti-Semitism in the presidential campaign, this meeting having been transferred from private auspices to the Executive Committee of the Council, in session with the political Committee. As a result of this meeting, the Committee had agreed that both major candidates were free from anti-Semitism, and the issuance of a public statement to this effect was left to the discretion of the Committee, depending upon the extent to which false rumors had spread in this city. A house to house canvass in the largest Jewish neighborhood had revealed that such rumors were not widespread in Cleveland.

The Committee also had been in contact with political leaders to keep "Jewish issues" out of the campaign, and had secured their cooperation in preventing such issues.

It had been reported in the Plain Dealer on that morning (October 19) however, that a meeting of leaders of Jewish organizations had been held on the previous evening to obtain the "Jewish vote" for one of the candidates for governor. The Committee had promptly issued a public statement to the daily newspapers pointing out that there was no such thing as a "Jewish vote", that Jews voted as individual American citizens, and that there was no Jewish issue in the current campaign.

Two of the persons who had been present at the meeting in question, Henry Rocker and Leon Wiesenfeld, explained to the Council that the newspaper report had been distorted badly, and that there had been no intention to control any "Jewish vote". Mr Rocker pointed out that his remarks at the meeting had duplicated those of the Committee's statement, making it clear to all those in attendance that there was no "Jewish vote", that no individual controlled the votes of the Jewish people, and that there were no Jewish issues in the campaign. Max Kohrman, who also had attended the meeting, likewise expressed "amazement" with the newspaper's interpretation. They believed, therefore, that the Council's statement had been issued too hastily, without consulting adequately those who had attended.

In the discussion of the situation, it was pointed out that despite the understanding of those attending, the impression gained by the hundreds of thousands who read the newspaper account had made it necessary to issue a statement correcting the resulting belief concerning a "Jewish vote". It was likewise explained that in order to be effective, the statement had to be issued immediately. It was recognized, too, that any meeting of leaders of Jewish organizations lended itself readily to such misinterpretation, regardless of the intention of those participating, and that the danger of this to Jews was greater than that to other minority groups.

It was therefore moved, duly seconded, and unanimously carried that the action of the Committee on Political Issues be approved.

Upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the Community Council accepted and recorded Mr Rocker's and Mr Wiesenfeld's explanation that they had no intention of controlling any "Jewish vote", and that Mr Rocker had in fact made this clear to the assembly in the same terms as the Community Council statement.

A motion made and duly seconded that the Committee, with the addition of Mr Rocker and Mr Wiesenfeld, issue a statement pointing out the inaccuracy of the newspaper account, was tabled. It was suggested that this might be done individually by those who participated.

It was suggested by Edward Schweid to the Committee that they consider the advisability of contacting the leaders of the political parties, in order to prevent the formation of Jewish political Committees in the future. It was his belief that not only would this be helpful to the Jewish community, but that it would be welcomed by the political parties themselves.

6. Miscellaneous Solicitations

It was reported by Rabbi Arnold E Cohen that the Committee of which he was Chairman had been appointed by the Executive Committee to concern itself with the dual problem of eliminating impostors who came into the city saying they represented European and Palestinian institutions, and were securing money under false pretenses; and to determine a method of assuring adequate support for these agencies which were rendering a real service.

A survey of other cities had revealed that they had been accomplishing this satisfactorily through a special fund established by the Jewish Welfare Fund. This was administered by a Committee in each city, which met with the solicitors when they came to the city and granted their institutions amounts from the special fund, which were sent directly to the institutions. In this way solicitations had been practically ended, and in many cases the solicitors no longer came to the city.

The Executive Committee at its last meeting had accepted the recommendation of the Committee that a similar arrangement should be established in Cleveland, and had suggested to the Jewish Welfare Fund that it consider the advisability of setting up such a fund. This had been accepted by the Welfare Fund, and a special Committee had been authorized by it for this purpose.

7. Kashruth

Isadore Finesilver, reporting for the Committee on Kashruth, stated that the Committee had been making a factual survey of the subject, and had issued a preliminary statement to the Executive Committee. It had been following closely recent developments, and while it had gathered considerable information, it was not ready to make any final recommendations to the Council at this time. Definite progress had been made by the Committee in its inquiry, however, and a more detailed report would be made at the next Council meeting, he said.

8. Public Relations

It was announced that the Officers of the Council had been conducting a number of varied public relations activities. Among these were negotiations with the WPA authorities to have them permit Jewish employees to make up the time lost through observance of the Jewish Holy Days; this was still in process. The Council had succeeded in having such observance permitted by one of the local public utilities, and had attempted to work this out with some private employers. All this had been done in response to specific requests or complaints by employees.

The Council had also been requested to assist a small Orthodox Synagogue which was being evicted from its building, and had succeeded in making a satisfactory arrangement.

9. Jewish Education Forum

It was announced that a community meeting would be held on Sunday afternoon, November 8, to hear the final report of the survey of Jewish Education which was virtually completed. Dr I B Berkson, of New York, director of the Survey, would be in the city to give the report, which included all Jewish educational institutions in the city, and would describe the present status and recommend specific improvements in local Jewish education. Representatives were urged to secure a full attendance by the members of their respective organizations.

10. No further business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Philip Bernstein

Secretary.

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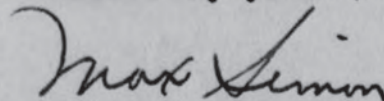
TO THE REPRESENTATIVES:

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the meeting held last Monday evening. As you know, it was a full and very important session, and the action taken is of direct concern to your organization. Since the Council's only contact with your group must be through you as representative, we must depend upon you to carry this information to your organization, and trust that you will do this at an early date.

In addition to the important work of the Committees on Fictitious Issues in Political Campaigns, Discrimination in Employment, Schools and Colleges, and on Miscellaneous Solicitations, you will note the announcement that a Forum on Jewish Education will be held Sunday afternoon, November 8, 2:30 p.m. at the Temple on the Heights. Dr I B Berkson of New York, who has just completed the study of all Jewish educational institutions in Cleveland, will present to the Jewish community his findings concerning the effectiveness of this work, and his recommendations for its improvement.

The Jewish education of our children is of course a matter of vital concern to all of us, and one in which the entire Jewish community is interested. Will you therefore please urge the members of your organization, and your friends individually, to attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon,
President.

October 23, 1936.

Minutes of a Meeting of the
COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT

Monday, November 9, 1936, 12:15 p.m., at the Chamber of Commerce

1. Attendance

There were present: Milton P. Altschul, Chairman; Judge D R Hertz, Jay Iglauer, Adolph Keller, Jack Rosenthal, and Rabbi A H Silver.

2. Background

The Chairman reviewed briefly the discussion of the previous meeting of the Committee, pointing to the agreement that the problem of discrimination in employment was a most serious one, that a carefully developed program would be necessary to combat it, and that the experience of a similar Committee in Chicago provided much valuable information as a basis for such a program. The Committee had agreed at that time to defer decision concerning the plan of procedure until this meeting.

3. Investigation

In the meantime, the Chairman and Secretary had met with the Placement Director of one of the local business schools, and had discussed with her the experience of the agency in placing Jewish graduates. She had reported that discrimination had been a serious problem to the school over a period of years, and had prevented them from placing some of their best students. A number of concrete instances were cited of companies which had specifically stated that no Jewish applicants would be considered, and these were reviewed by the Committee.

In order to save the applicants embarrassment, the school had made a practice of inquiring whether the prospective employer had any religious prejudice. It had been explained to her that this might have put the thought in the mind of the employer, and that failure to raise this question might prevent some of the discrimination. She had agreed therefore to eliminate this practice.

4. Plan of Action

Several courses of action were discussed as possible procedures. It was suggested that small sub-Committees meet with individual large employers, to discuss with them tactfully and perhaps in a general way the problem of discrimination, and its effect not only upon the individuals concerned but upon society because of the resulting embitterment with the existing social order caused by this frustration. This, it was believed, would get at the source of the problem. The employment agencies might be of considerable help in providing information and in modifying some of their own practices, but the large employer was the determining factor.

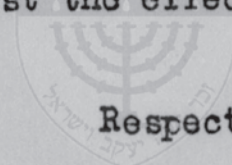

As an alternative to this suggestion, it was proposed that the Committee confer with groups of large employers, discussing the problem and asking them to advise the Committee concerning it. It was thought that this might avoid placing them individually on the defensive, and perhaps might be even more effective if liberal non-Jews were added to the Committee for the purpose of calling such meetings. With regard to the latter, the feeling

was expressed that persons so inclined were already doing all that could be expected of them, and a more direct approach would be preferable.

It was suggested that a conference with the editors of the daily newspapers to arrange for a general editorial on the subject, prior to any meetings with employers, might provide a more favorable community sentiment for successful action. The effectiveness of this was questioned, however, and it was believed that the editorial might raise the problem with some persons who were not involved in it and thus do some harm.

On the other side of the question, it was recognized that complaints of employers concerning the behavior of Jewish employees ~~were~~ justified in many instances, that it would be necessary to conduct an educational program to modify some of these traits.

Before a definite plan of action could be determined, the Committee's first steps would of necessity be experimental, and the future course would have to be based upon the results obtained. It was agreed that further information should be secured before the next meeting concerning the policies of large employers and that perhaps a few conferences might be held with such individuals to test the effectiveness of this procedure.



Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Philip Bernstein

Secretary.

December 4, 1936

Mr. Max Simon, President,
The Cleveland Jewish Community Council,
1900 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Simon:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a
letter which I received this morning from Rabbi
Zambrowsky. Is there a Committee of the Council
working on this subject?

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
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To the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee will meet Monday evening, December 14, 8:15 p.m., at the Euclid Avenue Temple (second floor).

Among the items of business will be the election of a person to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee caused by the departure from the city of Rabbi Nowak, consideration of the current work of the Committees on Schools, Kashruth, and Discrimination in Employment, the selection of seven persons to be suggested to the Council for a Nominating Committee, and other matters which have arisen since our last meeting.

In view of the fact that we have a full and important agenda, I am enclosing a copy of the report of the special Committee authorized at our last meeting to meet with a Committee of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations to aid the latter in evaluating its activities and studying the possibility of its duplication of Council functions. I trust that you will have an opportunity to review it before the meeting, so that it will not be necessary to take time for reading it Monday evening.

Sincerely yours,

Max Simon

Max Simon
President.

December 8, 1936.

Minutes of a Meeting of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, December 14, 1936, 8:30 p.m., at the Euclid Ave Temple

1. Attendance

There were present: Max Simon, Chairman; Meyer Atkin, Philip Bernstein, Dr Samuel Braun, L Mack Fein, Isadore Finesilver, Rabbi David Genuth, Mrs David Glasser, Mrs Siegmund Herzog, George E Kath, Abraham Kollin, Mrs Benjamin Levine, Rabbi Israel Porath, Aaron Resnick, Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal, Edward J Schweid, Oscar H Steiner, Meyer Weintraub, Mrs Victor L Wise, and Jacob Wolpaw.

2. Minutes

Copies having been mailed to all members, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

3. Finance

Jacob Wolpaw, treasurer, reported that the Council had received from 91 organizations a total of \$375 in dues. Twenty-three organizations still owed \$81 for the current year. To date, the expense had been \$129.14. This left a bank balance of \$245.86.

4. Schools

Mrs Benjamin Levine reported that the Committee on Schools was continuing as a standing Committee to deal with specific situations as they arose. It had been learned that as a result of the conferences which the Committee had held last Spring with the superintendent of the Cleveland Heights public schools, he had cautioned the principals this Fall concerning objectionable Christmas programs. A similar conference had been held with the superintendent of the Cleveland schools, and he had promised to take the matter up with principals of schools with large Jewish attendance.

Only one complaint had been received with regard to the current situation, involving Boulevard School in Cleveland Heights. Conferences with the superintendent and principal had resulted in the agreement to remove entirely the singing of Christmas carols from the classrooms, to schedule the rehearsals for the program at the end of the school day, and to place participation on a purely voluntary basis, so that both Jewish and non-Jewish children who did not wish to take part could leave for home. It was understood that this was a compromise, inasmuch as the program had already been announced and an attempt to eliminate it entirely probably would have resulted in considerable protest from Gentile parents, thus creating an undesirable public issue; and that every effort would be made to prevent a recurrence of the problem next year.

It was stated by Mr Atkin that difficulty had been experienced in gaining admission of Jewish girls to the Jane Addams trade school. While it was known that there were a few Jewish students in attendance, it was believed that the school was reluctant to admit many, in part because Jewish girls were said to dislike entering the field of domestic arts. The Committee was asked to look into the matter.

5. Kashruth

Oscar H Steiner reported that since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, when a preliminary report had been made, the Kashruth Committee had gathered some additional information and had met to analyze further the entire situation.

He pointed out that the economic competition among butchers had led to price cutting, and in some cases to the practice of misrepresenting non-kosher meat as kosher. This had been made possible in part by the apathy of many housewives in ascertaining whether the meat was kosher, and their difficulty in doing this even where they were interested, because of the types of stamps being used for the purpose. The private nature of the supervision further complicated the problem.

In discussing possible constructive solutions, it was recognized that in the past, improvement had been hindered by this consumer apathy and the reluctance of many persons to become involved in the matter; and by the contrasting active concern of those persons who received their livelihood directly or indirectly from kashruth administration. It was believed that the foundation for any effective action which might be taken was an informed and interested consumer public, and that only with such support could any measures which had been considered by the Committee in securing the cooperation of the packers and butchers be successful. As illustrative of the problem, Mr Steiner pointed out that the Committee had invited six Orthodox leaders to meet with them in order to have the benefit of their information and advice. Only one of these persons had appeared.

The Committee believed that the private arbitration of kashruth disputes (to be discussed later in the meeting), would remove these problems from the courts and newspapers, and would be constructive to the extent that it would contribute to the welfare of the entire Jewish community. The basic problems in kashruth, however, would still remain.

The report was discussed at length, and it was pointed out that attempts had been made in past years to institute some form of community control. Various reasons were given for the failure of this, among them the fact that the previous efforts had not had the support of the Reform elements, and that difference of opinion as to the use of the kashruth income had split and destroyed the governing organization. It was pointed out that there were many persons who had a deep and sincere interest in the problem who could be helpful to the Committee, and that with the assistance of state legislation already in effect, and the cooperation of public officials and the meat packers, it was believed a successful solution could be found. It was stated, however, that the responsibility for consumer education rested primarily with the rabbis.

There was agreement that the Committee should report on its findings at the next meeting of the Council, and the future course of action would be determined in part by the discussion at that time.

6. Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations

A special committee, consisting of Eugene H Freedheim, chairman, Jerome N Curtis, and Rabbi Armond E Cohen, had been authorized at the last meeting of the Executive Committee to meet with a similar group of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, to consider the possible duplication between the two bodies, to aid the Federation in evaluating its work, and to analyze the advisability of a merger between the two agencies. The report of the joint Committees, recommending that such a merger would not be advisable, and that the Federation should continue to exist as an independent body with some revisions, had been mailed to all members of the Executive Committee before the meeting. (Copy attached) The report was briefly discussed and accepted.

7. Arbitration

The Chairman reported that one of the important functions of the Council to date, and one which had taken much time, was the arbitration and mediation of disputes involving specifically Jewish questions. This had been done informally, and several cases had been kept out of the public courts. Jewish lawyers themselves had taken the initiative in requesting the Council to arbitrate these matters.

It was recognized that in addition to protecting the Jewish community through preventing the unfavorable publicity attendant to such disputes, the arbitration would help to develop a sense of responsibility among individuals for the welfare, honor, and self-respect of the community. It was believed that this was one of the most important functions which the Council could perform. It had been learned that in New York formal arbitration procedure had been established and had functioned successfully for a number of years, and that in Ohio such decrees likewise had the force of a court order. During the previous week the Council had arbitrated a dispute according to such legal procedure, with Judge Samuel H Silbort, Rabbi Harold Goldfarb and Abraham Kollin serving as arbitrators.

It was agreed that permanent machinery should be established to perform this function as a continuing service of the Council, and it was moved, duly seconded, and carried that the Executive Committee should recommend to the Council the establishment of a Committee which would draft definite rules of procedure for the arbitration of Jewish disputes.

8. Rabbi Goldfarb Elected

Rabbi Harold Goldfarb was elected to membership in the Executive Committee, to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Rabbi Abraham Nowak from the city.

9. Nominating Committee

In accordance with the terms of the Constitution, the Executive Committee had the responsibility of selecting seven persons to be suggested to the Council for election as a Nominating Committee. The latter would then designate persons for the various Offices and Executive Committee for 1937. The following persons were selected: Judge D R Hertz, chairman; Philmore Haber, Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal, Meyer Atkin, Julius Schweid, Mrs David Glasser, and Meyer Weintraub.

10. Unfavorable Publicity

An article which had appeared recently on the front page of the Cleveland Press had reported the seizure by federal agents of a still in a small synagogue on East 149th Street, operated by the "rabbi" of the congregation. Not only had the publicity in itself been harmful, but there was considerable question as to some of the facts. It was reliably reported that the man was not a rabbi, and that the machinery had been found in his own residence, and not in the synagogue.

There was agreement that the newspaper editors should be requested to exercise more caution in the future in using the terms "rabbi" and "synagogue", and after considerable discussion concerning the most effective approach in achieving this, the Chairman was asked to handle the matter, with the suggestion that he confer informally with the editors.

It was also agreed that inasmuch as the Congregation had been involved previously in bootlegging arrests, and that this was a reflection upon the Jewish community, the matter should be discussed with them. Upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the Chairman was authorized to appoint a Committee to meet with the officers of the Congregation for this purpose.

11. Congress Bulletin

The Chairman informed the Executive Committee that following the last meeting of the Council, several articles by Leon Wiesenfeld had appeared in the Jewish Daily World, severely criticizing the Council, and that one of these articles had been reprinted in the "Congress Bulletin", an English weekly journal issued by the American Jewish Congress in New York and distributed throughout the country. This particular article charged that the Cleveland Community Council had accomplished virtually nothing in its first year of existence, that it had shackled and prevented other organizations from taking appropriate action to the extent that no conferences could be called or consultations held on important Jewish matters, that the Council was under the domination of the so-called "better elements", and that it was in fact "despoiling" the local Jewish community.

A letter had then appeared in the Jewish World from Rabbi Stephen Wise, president of the Congress, thanking Mr Wiesenfeld for the article and praising him for it. Mr Simon had written to Dr Wise concerning his personal approval of Mr Wiesenfeld's attack on the Community Council, pointing out that the "Congress Bulletin" in reprinting the article had not even taken the trouble to consult the local leaders of the Congress to verify the statements made. This had brought the reply that Dr Wise had had no reason in the past for doubting the integrity of the writer, and that if the statements were in error, he desired to be informed further in the matter.

In the discussion of the subject, it was urged by Rabbi Rosenthal, Mr Atkin, Mrs Herzog, Mr Steiner, Mr Kath, Dr Braun, Mr Kollin, and others that a reply should be made to Dr Wise presenting the true facts in the matter. While there was considerable question concerning the advisability of engaging in any controversy with a local newspaper, it was suggested that the Executive Committee correct the misstatements which had been made nationally. It was also believed that the local officers of the American Jewish Congress had a similar obligation in correcting the misrepresentations.

It was therefore moved, duly seconded, and carried that Mr Simon and Mr Kollin, president of the local Congress chapter, be appointed as a Committee to act in the matter.

12. Centennial

It had been suggested that inasmuch as many organizations would probably plan special events during 1937 to mark the centennial anniversary of the first Jewish settlement in Cleveland, the Council could be very helpful in serving as a clearing house for such programs. Upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the Chairman was authorized to appoint a Committee for this purpose.

13. Additional Members

It was announced that two additional groups recently had become members of the Council. These were the Pioneer Women's Organization, Chapter 1, and the Yiddish Culture Society.

14. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held during the first week in January.

15. No further business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Philip Bernstein

Secretary.

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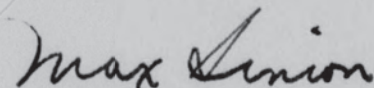
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret very much that you were unable to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee last Monday evening. You will note from the enclosed Minutes that a number of very important matters were considered, and we should have appreciated your judgment in them.

I trust that you will read the Minutes carefully, and if you have any comments or suggestions to make, I hope that you will call me.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon,
President.

December 17, 1936.

December 19, 1936.

Dr Stephen S Wise, President
American Jewish Congress
40 West 68th Street
New York City

My dear Dr Wise:

The article in the recent issue of the "Congress Bulletin" by Leon Wiesenfeld, entitled "How Not to Build Community Councils", and your reply to my letter in which you asked to be informed further in the matter, were brought to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Community Council at its last meeting.

The Executive Committee was not primarily concerned with the local effect of this attack upon the Council. The Council's record is well known among the Jewish leadership of the city, and the facts speak for themselves. The Committee was of the definite opinion, however, that the misstatements spread nationally by the article, for which you sent Mr Wiesenfeld a personal letter of thanks, had done the Council a grave injustice and should be corrected.

We have no desire to engage in any controversy in the matter and do not wish to enter into a discussion of the evident purpose of the American Jewish Congress to disapprove and oppose wherever possible the formation of Councils under auspices other than those of the Congress. Our only intent is to void an act of injustice which reflects as seriously upon the "Congress Bulletin" as it does upon us, and to avoid those antagonisms which inevitably issue from such an act.

Beyond this, we are not concerned; and we are confining ourselves, therefore, to a simple statement of the actual situation, as contrasted with the charges which have been made. We are confident that the officers of your local Congress division will substantiate the facts herein contained.

Mr Wiesenfeld stated that the Council has not a single achievement to its credit, and has done virtually nothing in the one year in which it has existed. On the contrary, the following are some of the Council's activities:

It has a Committee headed by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver which has been working to eliminate false Jewish issues from political campaigns, in order to prevent the needless racial strife which such issues have caused in the past. The extent to which the Committee has progressed is indicated by the fact that it was consulted regularly by political leaders during the past campaign, so that they might avoid objectionable literature and meetings which would be injurious to the Jewish Community.

The work with public schools mentioned in the article is being performed by a Committee under the leadership of Rabbi B R Brickner. This Committee has conferred personally with the Superintendents of schools and has written to the deans of the local colleges, and is gaining their cooperation in permitting the observance of Jewish holy days without scholastic penalty and in eliminating insofar as possible Christmas and Easter celebrations from the public schools. The Committee also handles specific problems as they arise.

Another Committee is working on the problem of anti-Semitic discrimination in employment -- a condition which is widespread and which will require a long period of intelligent effort. A fourth group is concerned with a survey of the administration of Kashruth, involving a situation which presents an intricate complexity of economic and religious elements, and the fact-finding activity of this body is a very necessary prelude to any constructive improvement.

Recently a Committee made a study of the solicitations conducted by traveling collectors for European and Palestinian yeshivas and philanthropic institutions. It recommended that these be included in the Jewish Welfare Fund, and this recommendation was accepted by the latter agency. Another Committee aided in an evaluation of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, at the latter's own request, to assist in eliminating duplication.

Furthermore, the Council's activities have been utilized to arbitrate and mediate disputes involving Jewish institutions and organizations, thus avoiding public court action and publicity which would be harmful to the entire Jewish community.

The Council administers a Community Calendar to serve as a clearing house for Jewish organizations in planning their programs, so that there may be no needless conflict in events. It has aided Jewish groups and individuals in public relations which involve specifically Jewish matters.

Mr Wiesenfeld also states that the Council has shackled organizations, so that "no one in this city has a right to call conferences on Jewish problems", that "no one is any longer entitled to express an opinion on any important issue in Jewish life". The statement on the face of it is ridiculous. It is obviously disproved by the fact that the local chapter of the American Jewish Congress last May called a city-wide conference to appoint delegates to the Washington meeting which was concerned with the World Jewish Congress. The Council never issued a single word of objection to this, and in **fact** gave the officers of the local Congress group every assistance requested by them in connection with the Conference. The Constitution of the Council furthermore specifically states that no group need be bound by the decisions of the Council even where definite action is taken by the Council itself.

The answer to Mr Wiesenfeld's charge that the Council has ignored national questions will be found in your own files. Last Spring we wrote you stating that the question of action on the Polish situation had been discussed by the Council and it sought your advice in the matter. You counseled that definite **protest** action would not be wise, and your suggestion was followed. The secretary of the local Congress chapter was appointed to inform the Council concerning immigration and anti-alien bills pending in the national Congress. He also reported to the Council on your Washington Conference.

Mr Wiesenfeld similarly charges that the Council has not lent its support to the anti-Nazi boycott. As a matter of fact, the boycott situation is a permanent part of the Council's agenda.

We do not wish to be overly lengthy in the matter. Other charges made in the article have the same lack of foundation. That the Council is dominated by the so-called conservative elements is disproved by the list of member organizations on the back of the Council letter-head, and by the composition of the Executive Committee. It will interest you to know that of the

35 members of the Committee, 15 are also officers or members of the Executive and Administrative Committees of the local Congress chapter. This includes the president and secretary of the Congress, and is in addition to such persons as Rabbi Brickner and Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal, who were selected as delegates to the World Jewish Congress, and others who are known to be actively sympathetic to the Congress, although the Congress chapter as such has not affiliated officially with the Council. Furthermore, a check reveals that a majority of the Nominating Committee which drafted the slate of the Council's officers and membership of its Executive Committee hold high places in the local Congress group.

It should be said that the formation of the Council was accomplished as democratically as we knew how, through a series of conferences in which more than 130 leaders of all elements of local Jewry participated, and that the machinery was set up by a representative Committee authorized by these persons to take such action. Incidentally, this Committee likewise included the officers of the local Congress group.

More important than any single activity of the Council, and running through all of them, is the fact that it has brought together all elements in local Jewish life to consider jointly their mutual problems and to take united action where this is possible. This, we believe, is fundamental to any democracy in Jewish life, and is the very foundation of the Jewish Community Council movement.

The Cleveland Council, in the year of its existence, has made a creditable beginning in a task that is as difficult and endless as Jewish life itself. We are confident that with the continued cooperation of the various elements in the Cleveland Jewish community, the Council will justify the hopes of those who worked to create it.

May we repeat in closing that we have no desire to engage in any controversy in the matter. We believe that you want to know and should have the true facts, and that a dispassionate presentation of these facts is the most effective instrument for making possible an honest judgment of the situation. In justice to the Council and as a matter of fair play, may we ask the same courtesy as was extended to the writer of the previous article and request that this be published without abbreviation in the Congress Bulletin, with the same space and position accorded the other statement.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Max Simon

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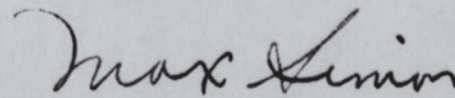
To the Executive Committee:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which has been sent to Dr Stephen S Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, correcting the misstatements which appeared in the "Congress Bulletin" concerning the local Community Council. You will recall that the Executive Committee at its last meeting directed that such a letter be sent.

A copy of the letter has been forwarded also to the editor of the "Congress Bulletin", with the request that it be published in an early issue.

If you have any comment or further suggestions, I will appreciate your calling me.

Sincerely yours,



Max Simon,
President.

December 24, 1936.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Contingent
Fund Committee of the Jewish Welfare
Fund held at the Sovereign Hotel on Wednesday, December 30th, 1936.

1. There were present: Rabbis Cohen, Porath and Silver.

2. In accordance with the decision of the Committee at its last meeting, to institute further inquiry regarding certain of the foreign Agencies whose applications were being considered, letters had been written directly to either the American offices of these Agencies if they had such, or to the headquarters abroad; inquiry was also made regarding them at the offices of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds in New York; and regarding the Hechalutz and the Histadruth Ivrit advice was asked of the Zionist Organization of America as to its participation in their support.

The information and replies received are contained in the attached memoranda which were then submitted to the Committee for consideration, and the applications were taken up in seriatim order:

(a) Mrs M M Lichtig had forwarded to the Federation Office copies of her receipts for annual contributions to the Bar Jechei College and Home of Aged, Miron, Safed, Palestine; and also a printed declaration from the organization in Palestine advising that they no longer had any American representatives to solicit for them. However, there was no information in hand otherwise, regarding the work of the organization and they were not found listed in the schedule of contributions from Welfare Funds; the Committee therefore decided to take no action at present.

(b) With regard to the application of the solicitors for the Haye Olam Talmud Torah Yeshiva and Orphans Kitchen, Jerusalem, it was the judgment of the Committee that the character and extent of the work done by this Institution and the recognition granted it by a number of Welfare Funds, warranted a contribution from the Cleveland Welfare Fund of \$100 for the current year; this amount is to be sent directly to the Institution in Palestine.

\$ 100

(c) A representative of the Great Palestine Orphanage, Diskin, was in the city recently making his annual solicitations. Owing to the fact that the office of the Council of Federations reported that the Orphanage had declined to give general information such as had been requested by an investigator in Palestine, and on the ground that other Agencies were likewise not giving such information; and further, in consideration of the fact that the Orphanage's solicitor had already raised some money in the Community and was continuing his collection of further funds for this year, it was deemed advisable that no action be taken on any appropriation for the current year and that the Institution in Palestine be advised to this effect and be requested to give the desired information regarding its work for any application to be made for a grant for next year.

(d) It was the Committee's judgment that no contribution need be made to the Harand Movement, whose appeal by mail came from Vienna.

(e) On information received from the American Committee of the Hebrew Teachers' College in Jerusalem, it was voted that an appropriation of \$25 be made for the current year.

\$ 25

(f) The Zionist Organization of America had advised that an application for a grant for the Hechalutz, was now being considered and the Committee therefore made no allotment for this work.

(g) The same action was taken with regard to the appeal of the Histadruth Ivrit to whose work the Zionist Organization of America was contributing \$5,000 this year.

(h) No information was available from the Council of Federations regarding the Jewish Agricultural Orphanage; and no reply had as yet been received to the letter directed to the Institution in Jerusalem. Action was therefore deferred.

(j) With reference to the Knesseth Israel Charity of Rabbi Meier Baal Haness, the Committee felt that no allotment need be made in view of the fact that the organization received its contributions from Cleveland through collection boxes placed in homes, which type of collection would not affect the Welfare Fund solicitations. It was therefore deemed advisable for the present to make no allocation from the Welfare Fund.

(k) On information received from the American headquarters of the Lubavitcher Yeshivah of Poland and in consideration of the importance of the work of this Institution and its ten branches, it was decided to grant an allotment of \$50. \$ 50

(l) An allotment of \$20 was voted for the Sefath Emeth Yeshivah, Jerusalem, information having been provided by the solicitor and from the files of the Council of Federations in New York. \$ 20

(m) The United Tiberias Institutions and Relief Society, Palestine having made no solicitation in Cleveland during this year was applying directly to the Welfare Fund with information provided by its New York headquarters; it was found also that this general relief organization was being recognized and was receiving support from practically all of the Welfare Funds and it was therefore moved, seconded and carried that an allotment of \$50 be granted for the current year. \$ 50

(n) No action was taken with regard to the solicitations by mail for the private fund of Meier Schenkolewski, Berlin, for aid to refugee German students, since it was felt that this activity properly came within the scope of the work of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Total \$245

3. No further business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary.