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Jewish Community Council, Cleveland, Ohio, 1949-1950.

MINUTES OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, MAY 16, 1950, 8:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN'S BOARD ROOM

ATTENDANCE Present were: Irving Kane, presiding; Stanley Adelstein, Abraham Braun, Sigmund Braverman, Rabbi B R Brickner, Mrs B R Brickner, Ralph Colbert, Jerome N Curtis, Paul L Eden, Mrs D Fisher, Sam Goldstein, Nathan I Gordon, Mrs L Greenberger, Dr O Halpern, Rabbi J Herman, Mrs L Kaufman, Mrs S S Kates, Max I Kohrman, Rabbi E Kronheim, Gabriel Leeb, Fred Ornstein, Rabbi I Porath, Ezra Shapiro, Louis Skolnik, Mrs J Stashower, Phillip L Steinberg, Lawrence Williams, Harry I Barron, Sidney Z Vincent, and Leonard Goldhammer.

The meeting opened with a welcome by Mr Kane to the newly-elected members of the Executive Committee: Ralph Colbert, Mrs David Fisher, Louis Golden, Sam Goldstein, Rabbi Alan Green, Mrs Leo Greenberger, Fred Ornstein, and Lawrence Williams. New members who were not present: Louis Golden, Rabbi Alan Green, and Judge Joseph Silbert, who is returning to the Board. The chairman stressed the importance of regular attendance at meetings and urged the members to participate actively in the important work of the Council.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS The Chairman presented a list of fifteen representatives from the community at large as his designees to serve on the Community Relations Committee. He explained that fifteen members are appointed to the Community Relations Committee by the president of the Jewish Community Council, upon approval by the Executive Committee. The other 13 members are designated by the Jewish Welfare Federation, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the Jewish Labor Committee. Before presenting the list of nominees Mr Kane recommended that hereafter past presidents of the Council serve as ex officio members on the Community Relations Committee. Heretofore, the past presidents have been appointed as members-at-large. Inasmuch as the number of past presidents is growing it would seem desirable to have them serve in an ex officio capacity thereby continuing to render service while permitting a maximum number of appointments of members-at-large to this important committee. The President's nominees for members-at-large: Leo Ascherman, Mrs Katherine Bang, Maurice Bernon, William Bloomfield, Mrs B R Brickner, Albert I Cornsweet, Mrs Harry J Dworkin, Paul Eden, Eugene Freedheim, Mrs S S Kates, Max I Kohrman, Gabriel Leeb, Howard Metzenbaum, Aaron Resnick, David I Sindell. On a motion by Jerome N Curtis all fifteen nominees were approved. The motion as passed also provided that all past presidents of the Jewish Community Council should be ex officio members of the Community Relations Committee, not entitled to vote.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Mr Barron reported that Mrs Emil Brudno is bringing the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to Cleveland for two night performances - January 29 and 30, 1951. The United States tour under the management of S Hurok is a most ambitious event - and a very expensive one. It will cost approximately \$20,000 to bring the orchestra to Cleveland. Leonard Bernstein and Serge Koussevitsky will probably conduct the local concerts. Mrs Brudno has invited the Jewish Community Centers and the Jewish Community Council to join in sponsoring the event and to do so without any financial obligation. The Jewish Community Centers has already accepted. Upon motion by Mr Braverman it was decided that the Jewish Community Council should also join in sponsoring this event. It was recommended that Mrs Brudno consult with us before the subsequent use of the Council's name in her promotion activities. While it is recognized that the Council will have no financial stake in the function, we do have a moral responsibility to assist actively in planning and carrying through this project.

JEWISH MUSIC FUND Mr Barron reported that the Jewish Community Centers has asked for a clarification of the use of the Jewish Music Fund which was not transferred to the Centers when the Council's Cultural Department moved over to the new agency. A balance of \$2300 remains of the fund of \$5000 originally contributed by the Morganstern family for "the advancement of Jewish music". Mr Curtis pointed out that it was agreed by the Group Work Study Committee that all of the constituent agencies of the Jewish Community Centers should retain title to their capital funds during the three year trial period, of which a year and a half remains. The agencies have adhered to this arrangement

and the Council, he felt, should follow the same procedure. Mr Braverman was of the opinion that in the interest of sound administrative procedure the funds should be transferred to the Jewish Community Centers, to be administered by the Jewish Music Committee. After further discussion it was voted that the Community Centers should be advised that the title of the music fund would continue in the Jewish Community Council, but that requests from the Jewish Community Centers for the use of the fund would be honored after review by the Executive Committee of the Jewish Community Council.

IMPLEMENTATION OF HANUKAH-CHRISTMAS DECISION

In accord with a decision of the Delegate Assembly to discontinue the promotion of joint holiday celebrations in the public schools, the Community Relations Committee was asked by the Executive Committee to review a series of questions dealing with the implementation of the resolution and to make its recommendations. Mrs Kates reported on the recommendations for implementation which had first been worked out by a sub-committee and then reviewed by the Community Relations Committee. The sub-committee consisted of Rabbis Armond Cohen, Alan Green, Sam Silver, Mrs L Greenberger and Mrs S S Kates. (A copy of the questions and recommendations for implementation is appended to these minutes.)

Full discussion took place regarding each point in the memorandum, after which the entire memorandum was approved with the following changes: Under point 2 it was agreed that the Council should not supply any material for Hanukah programs even upon request, but should refer such requests to proper resources. Points 3 and 4 were eliminated as well as points 6 and 7. In reference to 6 and 7 it was the consensus of opinion that the Delegate Assembly decision had specific application to the elimination of Hanukah in joint celebrations and did not involve a stand on Christmas. It was stated repeatedly that the Council's position on Christmas has been consistent - that the very reason for the inception of the joint holiday program was to minimize the religious elements of Christmas observances in the schools. It was recognized that because Christmas in the schools is a long established tradition the problem must be dealt with realistically. Rabbi Brickner urged that a positive statement of principles be adopted regarding Christmas school celebrations. A consistent separation stand would involve opposition to Christmas both Rabbi Brickner and Mr Vincent argued. Such a stand however is fraught with many delicate community relations problems. Therefore this matter was referred to the Community Relations Committee for detailed consideration and for subsequent reporting to the Executive Committee.

Point 8 was adopted with the elimination of section b. In reference to PTA as noted in section 8, it was agreed that this refers to Jewish PTA members and not to PTA membership generally. It was recognized that interpretation to parents would be a difficult job since many are not in accord with the Council's decision. In concluding the decision of strategy regarding implementation of the program to discontinue joint holiday celebrations, it was the consensus of opinion that none of these lines of strategy could be followed rigorously but would have to be applied flexibly in order to maintain the good relationship established with the schools.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

A progress report was made by Jerome N Curtis, chairman of the Council Committee meeting with a Jewish Welfare Federation Committee on Community Organization. As yet, he stated, no definitive plan has emerged as a result of the discussion nor was it possible to spell out the details of the plans proposed at this time, since to do so would constitute a violation of confidence of the Committees. He pointed out, however, that committee members on both sides have been developing new concepts of central community structure, and although in theory there seemed to be acceptance of the concept of a single overall community agency, no prediction could be made that such a single structure would evolve as a result of these conferences. Mr Curtis stated that the Executive Committee would be advised of further developments.

KASHRUTH BOARD REPORT

Gabriel Leeb reported on two matters: (1) The extension of supervision to slaughter houses. Though the Kashruth Board was initially established to supervise Kosher meat on the retail level the Board has come to recognize the necessity for coordination with the slaughtering processes on the wholesale level. The large companies, such as Swift and K & K,

have rabbinical supervision for which they pay, he stated, but the other local slaughter houses are completely unsupervised by Rabbis. To avoid some of the resulting problems, the Kashruth Board requested permission to explore with these slaughter houses the possibility of rabbinical supervision. The Executive Committee agreed to give the Kashruth Board latitude to approach the other slaughter houses to ask them to permit rabbinical supervision, it being understood that the Jewish Community Council would not become involved financially. Mr Curtis cautioned that if the request is made for "permission to inspect", the slaughter houses might well make the interpretation that the Council would pay for such supervision. He suggested that in contacting the packing houses they ought to be advised "that making arrangements for rabbinical supervision would be to their advantage in view of the number of problems that have arisen".

(2) The Rabbinical Council requested reimbursement of \$18 for an ad in the Jewish World which appeared just prior to Passover. The ad was with specific reference to Kashruth practices for the Passover season. Upon motion, the request of the rabbis was granted with the specific caution that, in the future, no such expenses would be honored without prior consultation with the Council.

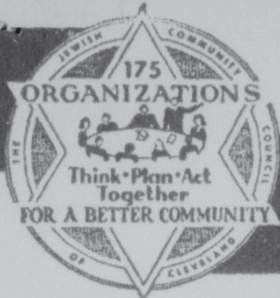
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Nathan Gordon, chairman of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, reviewed recommendations that had been made in evaluating the Fourteenth annual meeting. On behalf of the Committee he recommended that in the future effort should be made to avoid combining an annual meeting of the Jewish Community Council with an Israel celebration. Although the attendance for the annual meeting had been increased because of the Israel celebration, nevertheless, the Committee felt, the programming of both had suffered. By and large it was the Committee's view that the meeting had had good community impact. They recommended that if possible the Council should try to hold more meetings employing the Town Meeting technique... that there be further discussion on some of the topics offered at the Town Meeting, particularly the one on Jewish Education. In future planning of annual meetings, the President's report should be printed in advance, it was recommended, with the entire annual meeting business streamlined. Because of the lateness of the hour there was no discussion on the recommendation of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Goldhammer
Secretary



THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Dear Rabbi:

We just received this morning in the office the letter that Harold Sussman addressed to you on March 20th regarding a radio program over station WSRS on Thursdays titled "Jewish Varieties".

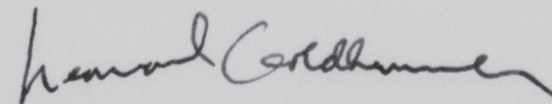
At the time Mr. Sussman wrote his letter, Jack Herman the M.C. on the show, had just launched his program and had been on the air but a few weeks, and his program did have objectionable features in terms of dialect.

We had become aware of the program from its very inception and monitored it for a period of several weeks. Our Public Information Committee discussed this program and decided that we would meet with Mr. Herman. We met him on April 5th here at the Jewish Community Council offices and found him to be exceedingly cooperative, quite anxious not to do anything that would reflect discredit on Jews as individuals or on the Jewish community.

He forthwith took steps to "clean up" his program and in our opinion, has been doing a conscientious job in making his program acceptable. He agreed not to use a dialect but would confine his remarks to either straight English or straight Yiddish.

If there are any further problems in reference to this program that you might become aware of, please call it to our attention.

Sincerely yours,


Leonard Goldhammer
Community Relations Department.

May 25, 1950

c.c. Harold Sussman
Jack Herman

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Bikur Cholim (Men's Group)
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B'nai B'rith (Kinsman-Shaker Lodge)
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B'nai B'rith (University Heights Lodge)
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B'nai B'rith Women's Council
B'nai B'rith Mizrahi of Cleveland
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Bureau of Jewish Education
Business & Professional Hadassah

Camp Wise Association
Camp Wise Crew
Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery Association
Chevas Jerusalem Congregation
Child Care Association
Cleveland Hebrew Benevolent Association
Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute
Cleveland Jewish Singing Society
Cleveland Jewish Young Adult Council
Cleveland Vilner Jewish Progressive Society
Cleveland Zionist District
Cleveland Zionist Society
Community Temple Congregation
Community Temple Men's Club
Community Temple Women
Council Educational Alliance of Jewish Community Centers
Council Educational Alliance Leaders Group
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Council of Jewish Women

Divinsker Sisterhood Aid Society

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Eddy Road Jewish Center Sisterhood
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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

Gates of Hope Congregation

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Heights Jewish Center
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Heights Temple Men's Club
Heights Temple Sisterhood
Heights Temple Zionist District
Histadruth Ivrit

Immediate Aid Society
Independent Ahavath Zion Congregation
Independent Mezricher Association

Jewish Big Brother Association
Jewish Carpenters Union L. 1750
Jewish Children's Bureau
Jewish Consumptive Relief Society
Jewish Day Nursery, Aux. of Jewish Children's Bureau
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Jewish National Fund Council, Women's Division
Jewish National Workers Alliance No. 45
Jewish National Workers Alliance No. 504
Jewish People's Fraternal Order, Lodge No. 124
Jewish People's Fraternal Order, Lodge No. 148
Jewish People's Fraternal Order, Lodge No. 805
Jewish Recreation Council
Jewish Vocational Service
Jewish War Veterans—Hyman Kessler Post No. 248
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Jewish War Veterans—Post 44
Jewish Welfare Federation
Jewish Young Adult Bureau
Judea Ladies Auxiliary
Junior Hadassah

Keren Hayesod Women's Club
Kiever Hebrew Aid Society
Kiever Progressive Aid Society
Kinsman Jewish Center
Knesseth Israel Congregation

Ladies Free Loan Association

Migdal Zion Society

Mizrachi

Montefiore Home

Mount Pleasant Consumptive Aid Society

Mount Sinai Hospital

National Home for Jewish Children Auxiliary

N'vai Zedek Congregation

Oer Chodosh Anshe Sfard Congregation

Oer Chodosh Sisterhood

Oheb Zedek Congregation

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Orthodox Jewish Children's Home

Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home—E. 105 Auxiliary

Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home—Kinsman Auxiliary

Orthodox Jewish Home

Orthodox Jewish Home Auxiliary

Park Synagogue

Park Synagogue Men's Club

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Poltaver Aid Society

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Sereni Branch, Labor Zionist Organization of America

Shomrei Hadath Congregation

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Workmen's Circle Branch 430

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Harold Sussman
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March 20, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi:

As a leader of the Jewish population of Cleveland, I should like to call to your attention a radio program broadcast over station WSRS at 7 PM on Thursdays, under the title "Jewish Varieties".

The program features a disk jockey who announces his records and gives his commercials in dialect. That fact that this man formerly worked with Mickey Katz probably affects his sense of what is funny. Mr. Katz's comedy records are quite popular, and this probably denotes that we can laugh at ourselves. But should this be the way a radio program which will probably be held up as an example of Jewish culture, be run? He is only furnishing material to those who delight in mocking us. And we know that they already have enough.

It is incredible that a people who have endured centuries of ridicule from Gentiles should permit one of their own to do so.

Hoping you will listen to this program and form your own opinion about it, I remain,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Harold Sussman