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Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, Ohio, 1958-1959.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND

1001 HURON ROAD

CLEVELAND 15, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 10, 1958

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
THE TEMPLE  
ANSEL ROAD AND EAST 105 STREET  
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

MY DEAR RABBI SILVER:

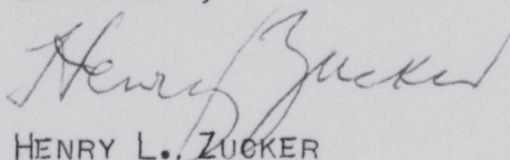
ENCLOSED IS A DRAFT OF THE LETTER WHICH WE DISCUSSED CONCERNING THE RABBIS IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED FUND. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE ANY CHANGES YOU MAY DESIRE IN THIS DRAFT.

IF YOU WISH US TO DO THE MIMEOGRAPHING, PLEASE SEND US 40 COPIES OF YOUR STATIONERY.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT.

BEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

CORDIALLY,

  
HENRY L. ZUCKER

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November 18, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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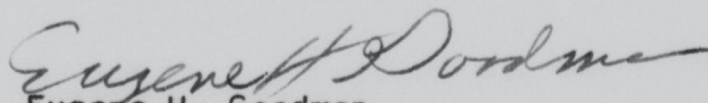
Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to acknowledge with appreciation your gift of four \$1,000 State of Israel Coupon Bonds to the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland.

Please be advised that we have credited your account with the face value of the aforementioned securities.

Thanking you for your continued support of our Fund, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
Eugene H. Goodman  
Treasurer

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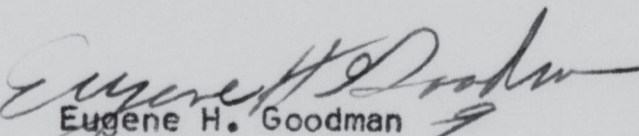
Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to acknowledge with appreciation your gift of 100 shares of Schering Corporation stock to the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland.

Please be advised that we have sold the aforementioned security and have realized gross proceeds in the amount of \$5,150.

Thanking you for your most generous and continued support of our Fund, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
Eugene H. Goodman  
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DECEMBER 11, 1958

MR. RAPHAEL D. SILVER  
2515 KEMPER ROAD  
CLEVELAND 20, OHIO

DEAR MR. SILVER:

AS PER MR. JOSEPH HARTZMARK'S SUGGESTION, I AM ENCLOSING  
HEREWITH ASSIGNMENT FORMS TO COVER THE RECENT TRANSFER  
OF STATE OF ISRAEL COUPON BONDS BY YOUR FATHER TO THE  
JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF CLEVELAND.

AS YOU WILL NOTE THE ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE  
EXACT MANNER AS THE BONDS. THE ONE ASSIGNMENT FORM COVERS  
TWO \$1,000 STATE OF ISRAEL COUPON BONDS ISSUED IN THE  
NAME OF ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND THE OTHER FORM COVERS  
TWO \$1,000 STATE OF ISRAEL COUPON BONDS ISSUED IN THE  
NAMES OF VIRGINIA H. SILVER AND ABBA HILLEL SILVER.  
SIGNATURES HAVE TO BE GUARANTEED BY A COMMERCIAL BANK  
OR TRUST COMPANY HAVING AN OFFICE OR A CORRESPONDENT  
IN THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

AFTER HAVING EXECUTED THE ATTACHED FORMS, KINDLY RETURN  
SAME TO THIS OFFICE SO THAT WE MAY COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

*R. Walter*  
RUDI WALTER  
FISCAL OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

RW/FR  
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# \$5,341,904 for Regular and Rescue Fund 1959 JEWISH WELFARE FUND APPEAL

MAY 6-27

1001 Huron Road • Cleveland 15, Ohio • TOWer 1-4360

March 5, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at E. 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

To a veteran campaigner and community leader such as yourself, there is no need to take your time to describe the needs of the 1959 Campaign.

Knowing of your desire to be among those who help set the campaign climate, I am enclosing as usual your own pledge card.

Your generous support is always welcomed and appreciated.

Cordially,

*Eugene H. Goodman*

Eugene H. Goodman  
Chairman, 1959 Welfare Fund Appeal

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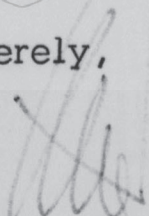
Rabbi and Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Shaker Heights 22, Ohio

Dear Rabbi and Virginia:

Supplementing my personal congratulations, I wish to express a Federation Mazel Tov on your again becoming grandparents, thanks to Rabbi Dan and his wife.

Your host of friends in the Federation and its Welfare Fund Campaign join me in these congratulations, along with our earnest wishes that the youngster will have a long and happy life which will be a source of great pleasure to his parents and grandparents.

Sincerely,

  
L. W. Neumark  
President

LWN:sk



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MAY 6-27

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March 25, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road & East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you undoubtedly know, the 1959 Campaign of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland is currently getting under way.

Our needs this year are greater than ever, what with the current Rumanian situation and our increased needs locally. The 1959 Campaign goal is \$5,341,000, which is \$500,000 more than was raised last year.

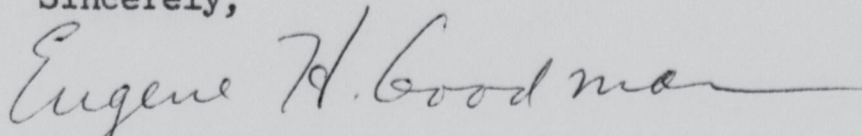
It has been suggested by some of the Rabbis in the community that we attempt to set up a Federation or Welfare Fund Sabbath on Friday, April 17th.

It is our thought that it would have a good impact on the community for as many congregations as possible to have a sermon on the 1959 Welfare Fund Campaign on the same day. We would deeply appreciate anything you can do in this respect.

For your background information we are enclosing some material which gives in detail the outline of the 1959 Campaign.

Many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



Eugene H. Goodman  
General Chairman

1959 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign

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April 8, 1959

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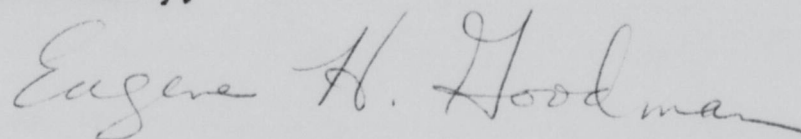
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just a note about our conversation of the other day  
with respect to our Abba Eban meeting on April 16th.

I was very pleased that you agreed to introduce Abba  
Eban at our Campaign Rally. I know that you will add a  
lot to the meeting.

The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m. and will be at Fairmount  
Temple. Individuals on the platform will meet in Rabbi  
Lelyveld's study at that time.

Cordially,



Eugene H. Goodman  
General Chairman  
1959 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

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● Campaign Headquarters:

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## 1959 CLEVELAND JEWISH WELFARE FUND APPEAL

NO. 5

APRIL 13, 1959

The BANKERS & BROKERS and the INSURANCE DIVISIONS provide another example of the sound policy of the combination of veteran and newer leadership. Sparked by a joint meeting in March, the Divisions have been successfully selling the necessity for increases, with their leaders and workers personally setting the example...All Divisions are urged to step up their solicitation and bring into Campaign Headquarters the necessary increases in time to be included in the first over-all report to be made at the big Campaign Rally, with Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, on Thursday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Fairmount Temple Sanctuary.



Left to right: S. J. SINGERMAN, SEYMOUR LEVY, WILLIAM FRIEDMAN, JOSEPH HARTZMARK and JACOB I. ROSENBAUM

Here are examples of pace-setting pledges obtained by the BANKERS & BROKERS and the INSURANCE DIVISIONS:

### NAME

### 1959 TOTAL PLEDGE

### 1958 TOTAL PLEDGE

Seymour Levy	\$5,000	\$4,500
Joseph Hartzmark <i>\$2,000 ✓</i>	2,700	2,300
William Friedman	2,500	2,400
S. J. Singerman	3,300	2,900
Jacob I. Rosenbaum	2,500	2,000
Roy C. Markus & Eva Markus Charitable Foundation & Trust	22,000	20,000
Maurice Bernstein	5,750	5,250
Herold Fellingner <i>105 ✓</i>	5,750	5,250
Elmer I. Paull	1,100	625
Al Rosen	1,200	600
Rodney Upright	1,500	1,100
Milton G. Fromson	1,500	1,253
Edward N. Siegler	1,000	500
Lee Hartzmark	1,000	500
Elias Meieran	925	675
Sam White	1,000	750
Jack Samuel	1,600	1,200
Jack W. Lampl, Jr. <i>&amp; Carl 3000 ✓</i>	1,500	1,100
Irving Schnabel	850	600
Sidney R. Elrad	600	500
Sidney Zilber	350	262
Morris Silverman	250	50
Bernard Gottesman	300	250
Joseph S. Wald	250	200
Simon Lewis	150	100
Milton M. Wish	200	150
Adolph N. Zucker	150	100
Robert Coplan (Attorneys and Accountants Division)	3,000	2,500



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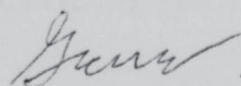
Dear Rabbi:

To make it more official, I want to put in writing my deepest personal appreciation and that of the entire Campaign organization for your participation in last night's meeting.

Knowing how many demands are made upon you, I really hesitated to approach you, but the importance of the cause and our honored guest gave me the courage to invite you to introduce the Ambassador.

We are most happy that you were able to be with us, and again I want to thank you for your excellent cooperation.

Sincerely,



Eugene H. Goodman  
General Chairman

EHG:sk

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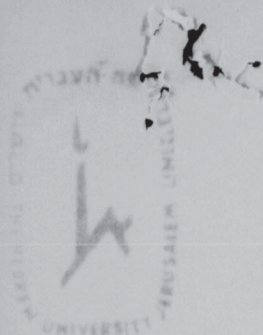
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# American Friends of the Hebrew University.

9 East 89th Street • New York 28, N. Y. • Aftwater 9-5200

June 8th, 1959.

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DR. FREDERICK R. LACHMAN  
Executive Vice President

Mr. L. W. Neumark,  
President,  
Jewish Community Federation,  
1001 Huron Road,  
Cleveland, 15, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Neumark:

I am turning to you and the leadership of your Federation with the formal request for clearance for a follow-up campaign in Cleveland to be conducted by the American Friends of the Hebrew University for the benefit of the Hebrew University's Building Fund. If at all possible, we would like to campaign during the fall or winter of 1959.

I presume that you and the members of your Board are thoroughly familiar with the Hebrew University's recent history. You know, therefore, that after having lost access to its original home on Mount Scopus the University succeeded, for a number of years, in continuing its activities under exile conditions. Only in 1954, Israel's Government turned over a beautiful site in Jerusalem to the University, and today a good part of its new campus is already in existence. Half of the University's 5,000 students can already work in the new buildings.

Much, however, still remains to be done and even the financing of some of the buildings already under construction has become a very difficult problem. For this reason the American Friends are intensifying their Building Fund campaigns throughout the country, trying to raise additional amounts which are very urgently needed.

For the campus in Givat Ram alone, the American Friends have to raise \$10,000,000., of which somewhat over \$5,000,000. has been raised in pledges. As the pledges are normally payable over three years, and in the case of very large donations, five years, only something like \$3,000,000. has come in in cash. Incidentally, many payments come in in the form of Israel Bonds and this way of paying off pledges is highly welcome.

Here is how we calculate our campaign goals: \$10,000,000. represents approximately 10% of the \$100,000,000. raised every year by American Welfare Funds without taking into consideration the emergency campaign. That means that a Hebrew University



Mr. L. W. Neumark

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June 8th, 1959

Building Fund campaign in Cleveland would have an overall goal of about \$450,000. Of this amount, and including a \$100,000. gift, we have raised in our previous campaign in 1954, the amount of \$260,000. in pledges, of which only approximately \$30,000. has not yet been paid.

That would leave a campaign goal for a follow-up campaign of approximately \$200,000., and it goes without saying that to reach such an amount we do not need a very large campaign. It would be a campaign to be conducted within a limited period of time and a limited group of prospective donors.

As you and your Directors might want to have additional details and answers to questions you might have, I want to inform you that without doubt two members of our Board of Directors, namely, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Mr. David N. Myers, would be willing to appear before your Board or the corresponding committee to answer such questions. I should be delighted to attend such a meeting together with these gentlemen because there might be some information which I would be able to contribute.

If you should feel that such a meeting would be advisable, I would greatly appreciate it if you would kindly inform me about the date and the hour.

Many thanks for the kind consideration you will give this request, and my very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick R. Lachman  
Executive Vice President.

FRL:RB

CC: Mr. Henry L. Zucker  
Executive Director





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June 16, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at E. 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You may have already heard about the request of the American Friends of Hebrew University for clearance for a follow-up campaign in Cleveland for the benefit of Hebrew University's Building Fund to be conducted, if possible, during the fall or winter of 1959.

This request, a copy of which is enclosed, will be taken up at a meeting of the Welfare Fund Committee on Thursday afternoon, June 25th, at the Federation office.

The letter from Dr. Lachman indicates that Mr. Myers and yourself would be willing to appear before our committee to answer any questions that may develop. Accordingly, we would be very pleased to invite you to attend this meeting. The request will be discussed at 5:00 p.m. and it will be very helpful if you could be present at that time.

May we hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Sheldon B. Guren

Elmer Rocker

Co-Chairmen, Welfare Fund Committee

encl.



June 17, 1959

Mr. Sheldon B. Guren  
Mr. Elmer Rocker  
Co-Chairmen  
Welfare Fund Committee  
The Jewish Community Federation  
of Cleveland  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear friends:

Thank you for your letter of June 16th. I shall make every effort to attend the meeting of the Welfare Fund committee on Thursday afternoon, June 25th. However, I might not get back in time from the Pacific coast. If I do not attend the meeting, you will understand the reason why.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm





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Cleveland 6, Ohio

July 14, 1959

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As chairmen of the Community Chaplaincy program and the Community Relations Committee of the Federation, we are very much in need of your advice on a number of important problems facing us in our respective field. We are therefore cordially inviting all the Rabbis to attend a meeting at the Federation office on Thursday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m. when we shall be pleased to present our problems and invite your comments.

In the community relations field, both the forthcoming decennial White House Conference on Children and Youth and activities sponsored by a member of the Ohio Board of Education require the formulation of our position on a number of questions dealing with religion in the public schools. Movements aimed at Sunday closings and the scheduling of school activities on the Sabbath have also resulted in considerable controversy. We should like to consult with you in formulating our specific positions.

In the field of Chaplaincy, we believe it is time for a general review of how the program has been operating; in addition, there are some specific problems connected with Rabbi Seligman's work that we will present in detail.

We very much hope that it will be possible for you to indicate on the enclosed card that you can be with us on July 23 for what should be an informative and constructive meeting.

Sincerely yours,

*Myron Guren*

Myron Guren, Chairman  
Community Chaplaincy Service

*Lawrence H Williams*

Lawrence H Williams, Chairman  
Community Relations Committee





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JULY 28, 1959

## MEMORANDUM

TO : THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION

FROM: L. W. NEUMARK, PRESIDENT

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WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

THE FEDERATION IS THE BENEFICIARY OF THE ESTATE OF PHILIP LAGOWITZ IN THE SUM OF APPROXIMATELY \$31,000. THIS WILL WAS WRITTEN BY SHELDON GUREN. HE HAS SENT TO THE FEDERATION SUCH AN OUTSTANDING LETTER REGARDING THE LATE MR. LAGOWITZ THAT I THINK EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT.

A COPY OF THE LETTER IS ENCLOSED.

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JULY 15, 1959

MR. LEO NEUMARK, PRESIDENT  
JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION  
1001 HURON ROAD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR LEO:

YOU WILL FIND ENCLOSED A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000. THIS CHECK REPRESENTS A PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION FROM THE ESTATE OF PHILIP LAGOWITZ. YOU WILL RECEIVE A SECOND PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF ABOUT \$5,000 AT THE END OF AUGUST OR EARLY IN SEPTEMBER AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A FINAL DISTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF ABOUT \$1,000 IN ABOUT ONE YEAR. AS YOU MAY RECALL, THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION WAS THE RESIDUARY LEGATEE IN THE WILL OF PHILIP LAGOWITZ.

PRIOR TO PHILIP LAGOWITZ'S DEATH I ASSURED HIM THAT AT THE TIME OF DISTRIBUTION OF HIS ESTATE I WOULD TELL THE VARIOUS RECIPIENTS OF HIS BENEFICIENCE SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR BENEFACTOR.

PHILIP LAGOWITZ WAS AN UNKNOWN IN THE COMMUNITY. IN HIS MID-70'S AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH HE DIED A LONELY MAN. AT HIS FUNERAL SO FEW PERSONS WERE PRESENT THAT WE HAD TO GO OUT INTO THE STREET TO OBTAIN A MINION; YET, THIS MAN THOUGHT ENOUGH OF HIS FELLOW MEN TO BEQUEATH THE SUM OF \$70,000 TO JEWISH CHARITIES AND THIS CONSTITUTED OVER HALF OF HIS TOTAL ESTATE.

PHILIP LAGOWITZ WAS A TAILOR BY TRADE. HE WAS NEVER MARRIED AND HAD NO RELATIVES LIVING IN CLEVELAND. HE LIVED VERY FRUGALLY, CAREFULLY SAVING EVERY CENT THAT HE MADE IN HIS LITTLE TAILORING SHOP. HE MADE FEW CHARITABLE DONATIONS, IF ANY. HE HAD NO FORMAL SYNAGOGUE AFFILIATION AND NEVER EXPERIENCED THE PLEASURES OF FRIENDSHIP. OVER THE PASSING YEARS HE BECAME EMBITTERED AS HIS LONELINESS INCREASED.

I FIRST MET PHIL ABOUT FIVE YEARS BEFORE HIS DEATH. HE WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT THE EMPTY LIFE HE HAD LIVED WOULD RESULT IN HIS MEMORY FOREVER DISAPPEARING AND THAT HE IN NO WAY WOULD ATTAIN ANY MEASURE OF IMMORTALITY. HE FELT THAT HE HAD LIVED WITHOUT PURPOSE AND THIS THOUGHT WAS SO PRESSING UPON HIS MIND AND UPON HIS HEART THAT HE COULD NO LONGER FACE HIMSELF AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH DAY AND WAS SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING TAKING HIS OWN LIFE. HE CONCLUDED HOWEVER, THAT THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH HE COULD OBTAIN ANY HAPPINESS DURING THE BALANCE OF YEARS ALLOTTED TO HIM WOULD BE TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY SOME OF THE WEALTH THAT HE HAD TAKEN FROM IT. IN GIVING THE BULK OF HIS ESTATE TO CHARITIES HE ATTEMPTED TO REDEEM



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THE WASTED YEARS AND TO ACHIEVE PURPOSE AND FULFILLMENT. WHEN HE EXECUTED HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT IN MY PRESENCE, HE RADIATED CONTENTMENT AND FROM THAT DAY ON HE WAS A CHANGED INDIVIDUAL. HE BEGAN TO PARTICIPATE QUIETLY IN JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE AND IN THE LAST FEW YEARS OF HIS LIFE HE FOUND DIRECTION, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS UNABLE TO ABATE HIS PERSONAL LONELINESS.

UNFORTUNATELY, PHIL WAS NOT GRANTED A PEACEFUL DEATH BUT TRAGICALLY WAS THE VICTIM OF A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN WHICH HE WALKED FROM BETWEEN TWO PARKED CARS AND WAS STRUCK TO THE PAVEMENT ON EUCLID AVENUE. A NEWSPAPER REPORTER WAS PRESENT AND THE STORY APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGES OF THE CLEVELAND NEWSPAPERS. THIS I AM CERTAIN, WAS THE ONLY TIME HIS NAME EVER APPEARED IN PRINT.

ALTHOUGH THE ONLY CONDITION IN HIS BEQUEST TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION IS THAT THE BEQUEATHED SUM "BE USED FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES ONLY OR FOR ANY OTHER CAUSE DESIRED BY THE INSTITUTION EXCEPT FOR OPERATING EXPENSES, PAST OR PRESENT," I HOPE THAT SOME FITTING MEMORIAL CAN BE FOUND WHEREIN THE NAME AND MEMORY OF LONELY PHILIP LAGOWITZ CAN BE GIVEN LASTING IMMORTALITY.

SINCERELY,

WRHS  
/s/  
[Decorative flourish]

SHELLY JEWISH  
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(SHELDON B. GUREN)  
[Menorah symbol with Hebrew text]

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AUGUST 3, 1959

## MEMORANDUM

TO : THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION

FROM: L. W. NEUMARK, PRESIDENT

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER HAS ASKED ME TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERATION TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION OF THE JULIUS E. GOODMAN FOUNTAIN AT 2 P.M. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1959, AT THE TEMPLE. THIS DATE MARKS MR. GOODMAN'S YAHRTZEIT.

IT WOULD BE A VERY FITTING THING IF A LARGE NUMBER OF OUR BOARD ATTENDED THIS DEDICATION TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO MR. GOODMAN'S MEMORY.

I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

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