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Paris, June 13th, 1960

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Mrs. SILVER
Shaker Hts. 19810
CLEVELAND (Ohio)
U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Silver,

We have the most agreeable remembrance of your visit to the Memorial and of the pleasure you made us in coming one evening for dinner in my home.

You told me then that you had been very much impressed with the Memorial, its Crypt and its Museum.

Since your visit, the Museum organised special Exhibitions devoted to Bergen-Belsen, Auschwitz and the Genocide, and it has become an Institution of national importance.

I enclose a copy of the letter I sent to-day to your husband, with details about the development of our Museum. Last year, I also wrote to him, but unhappily I was not favoured with an answer from him. I realise naturally how busy he is and that he could find no time to reply.

Now, I dare to apply to you and to ask you to be our Ambassador, and to help us, so that the Synagogues which gave us already some contributions, owing to the intervention of your husband, respond now to our appeal.

I know how much time and efforts you devote to social work, and I hope you will help us in our task to assure the existence of the Memorial and to enrich our Museum, which should keep forever the remembrance of the tragedy of the Jewish people under Hitlerism.

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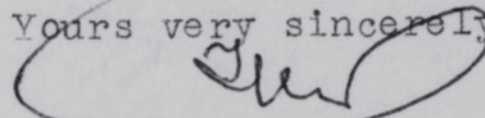
Les membres du Comité Mondial marqués d'un astérisque (*) sont membres du Comité Exécutif.



When I started to realise the idea of the Memorial, everybody said I was very daring, and now I am very daring in venturing to trouble you. I hope you will forgive me, and I am certain that you will do your very best to help us.

With my sincerest thanks, and with the best regards and wishes from my wife,

Yours very sincerely



I. SCHNEERSON

Chairman of the Executive-Committee



July 6, 1960

My dear Leo:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. I. Schneersohn who is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr in Paris. It is self-explanatory.

I am trying to contact the local Rabbis and Synagogues but it would be a fine thing if the Jewish Community Federation, representing the entire community, would make a contribution to this Memorial -- say a few thousand dollars -- from such funds as are available to it.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enclosure

Mr. L.W. Neumark
2943 South Park Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio

July 8, 1960

Mr. I. Schneersohn, Chairman
Executive Committee
Tombeau Du Martyr Juif Inconnu
17, Rue Geoffroy-L'Asnier
Paris 4, France

My dear Mr. Schneersohn:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time. It was good to hear from you. I had hoped to be in Paris to attend the Centennial of the Alliance Israelite Universelle but unfortunately was unable to do so.

I have been in touch with the synagogues here in the city with reference to your appeal for support. I think that during the summer they will try to raise some money and send it to you. I have also been in touch with the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. I am hoping that they will be able to send you a contribution. You will hear from me again before very long.

I trust that you are well and with kindest regards to all the members of your family in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS :bfm

July 15, 1960

Mr. K. Schneersohn, Chairman
Executive Committee
Tombeau Du Martyr Juif Inconnu
17, Rue Geoffroy-L'Asnier
Paris 4, France

My dear Mr. Schneersohn:

I am enclosing herewith two checks -- one of \$250.00 from my Temple and another of \$100.00 from Rabbi Armand Cohen of the Park Synagogue toward the work of the Committee for the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr. Other contributions I hope will soon follow.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enclosures:
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Paris, August 1st, 1960

17, RUE GEOFFROY-L'ASNIER, PARIS-4^e
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Rabbi Abba Hillel SILVER
The Temple
East 105th Street & SilverPark
CLEVELAND, Ohio (USA)

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have just returned from a short holiday in Switzerland, and find your two kind letters of 8th and 15th July, which have deeply touched me. It is a great comfort to us to have your sympathy and interest, and your letters are much more to me than any contributions- although these are very much needed.

We have also received your remittance of \$ 350.-, representing a contribution of \$ 250.- from your Temple, and of \$ 100.- from Rabbi Armand Cohen, for which we want to thank you warmly.

Our quarterly magazine "Le Monde Juif" has just published a special number devoted to the Eichmann affair, which I am forwarding you under separate cover.

We are also preparing a book containing authentic documents on Eichmann, some of which are hitherto unpublished.

This book will be issued by the well-known firm of French publishers, Editions Correa.

The Eichmann affair has created an explosion of curiosity in France. For about a fortnight, our Center has been assailed by editors, journalists and photographers from all over the world, who have studied and photographed the documents and photos of our Archives and Museum.

But we wish to enlighten public opinion - Jewish as well as non-Jewish - on the true aspects of the sinister murderer, as people do not realise the extent of his crimes. And that is why we decided on the publication of the above-mentioned book.

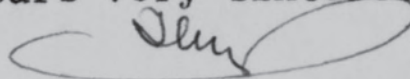
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We have already received offers of translation in German of this book from two German publishers.

I am certain, dear Rabbi Silver, that you approve our desire and policy to remind public opinion of the horrors of Nazism and of their crimes against the Jewish people.

Please present my respectful greetings to Mrs. Silver and receive my warmest and kindest personal regards.

Yours very sincerely



I. SCHNEERSOHN
Chairman of the Executive Committee



Paris, November 22nd, 1960

Mr. Henry L. ZUCKER
Executive Director
The Jewish Community
Federation of Cleveland
1001 Huron Road
CLEVELAND 15, Ohio (USA)

Dear Mr. Zucker,

I have had a slight cardiac attack and the doctors have ordered a month of complete rest. I must not work, and even not speak...

It is for this reason that I did not answer earlier your two letters. Also, I am very sorry that I did not have the pleasure to make your acquaintance and that of Mr. David Rabinovitz.

At present, I am feeling somewhat better and have resumed work, and I hasten to answer you.

Our eminent friend Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who has always given us invaluable help and understood the importance of erecting the Memorial in Paris, and whom I consider as one of the greatest Jewish leaders of the world, knows all the difficulties we met in realising the Memorial. Personally, I had to face a great opposition from people who were of opinion that such a Monument should have been erected only in Israel.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann also realised that it was in Paris, center of Europe and crossroad of the world, where hundreds of thousands of tourists pass every year, that a Monument reminding Jews and non-Jews of the terrible tragedy had to be erected.

I was very pleased to read Mr. Rabinovitz's letter of the 2nd inst., in which he tells us that he appreciated at its right value the importance of the Memorial "which must be one of the most important information center in the world about the Jewish tragedy under Hitler".

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As you were able to see, we did not want to commemorate the memory of our martyrs in a cemetery which nobody sees. Our Memorial is situated in the heart of Paris, behind the Town-Hall (Hôtel-de-Ville), a quarter inhabited by a great part of the Jewish population of the capital.

You ask us, quite rightly, what our Budget is.

From the statement of Budget enclosed, you will see that normally we should have much more money to cover our needs. You know the saying: "What does a Jewish Community do which has no "lilov es esroig"? - The answer is: "It does not pray, it does not give blessings".

Not disposing of all the necessary funds, we cannot realise our programme totally.

Our staff, being rather underpaid, some of its members leave us when they find more profitable jobs, a fact to be very much deplored, as we do not find easily suitable persons knowing English and German.

In one word, we lead a day-to-day life...

However, our receipts increase every year, especially those from foreign countries and towns, where Committees have been or are organised such as Great-Britain, Belgium, Switzerland, South Africa, Los Angeles, etc.

Despite of difficulties with which we meet in finding all the means we need, we keep on enriching our Museum. Naturally, you realise that a Museum cannot be established in a year's time.

In 1959, we organised three Exhibitions devoted to the Bergen-Belsen and Auschwitz death-camps and to the Genocide, which, besides, you may have seen.

These Exhibitions cost us 2,300,000 old Francs. Happily, we had the support of Mr. Rosensaft, ex-President of the Committee of Bergen-Belsen deportees, and of other good friends.

At present, we are preparing the Exhibition of the Warsaw Ghetto, about which we enclose a Note.

We are lucky to have also the support of the Polish Ambassador in France for this Exhibition, and this will allow us to secure a material of inestimable value. We shall also receive numerous documents from Yad-Vashem of Israel.

With the help of our specialised staff, including the talented painter Mr. Hosiasson, and of our Architects, we will show picturally all the tragedy of Polish Jewry and of the Ghetto and its Resistance.

I am convinced that God permitting we shall have one day the most important Museum of commemoration of the tragic Churban.

..../....

I have just outlined to you our real situation, and I would be very happy if your Federation would give us her support, especially at the present moment when we must send to Poland a person, provided with introductions of the Polish Ambassador and of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to recuperate the material we need, and take photostats, micro-films, etc.

Naturally, all this will entail high costs, but we want that the Warsaw Ghetto rebellion - which is now a legend for all the Jews - should be presented according to the best French taste.

I express you again my regret that I did not have the pleasure to meet you, and asking you to remind me to Mr. David Rabinovitz, I remain, with my warmest thanks in anticipation,

Yours sincerely

I. SCHNEERSOHN
Chairman of the Executive Committee



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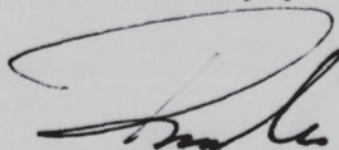
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your nice letter of February 20, 1961 and the enclosed material with regard to the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr in France, all of which I have read with a great deal of interest.

This certainly has great merit, but I doubt whether it is the type of project that could be supported by our Endowment Fund of which I am Chairman. I am therefore taking the liberty of forwarding the data to Leo Neumark. Leo has been a great advocate of this project and I am sure he will be able to find support for it.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Frank E. Joseph

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND

DATE April 13, 1961

TO RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM HENRY L ZUCKER

I know you will be interested
in the attached letter.



Mr I Schneersohn
Chairman of the Executive Committee
Tombeau Du Martyr Juif Inconnu
17 Rue Geoffroy-L'Asnier
Paris 4, France

Dear Mr Schneersohn:

Please forgive the delay in answering your friendly letter of inquiry concerning the status of your request for Federation support of the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr. I have been on vacation for several weeks and returned to my desk only a few days ago.

I am happy to report to you that our Board of Trustees, after careful study, has approved an allocation of \$5,000 to the Tomb, subject however to certain conditions. Our allocation is designated as a one time gift with the stipulation that it shall be used as a contribution to the permanent endowment funds of the memorial and should not be expended for operating purposes. It was the thought of the Board of Trustees that it wished to assume its fair share of responsibility for establishing a permanent fund of sufficient size so that the income would make possible in perpetuity the continuing functioning of the memorial. Use of our gift for normal operating purposes would be contrary to our intention since it would not then contribute to the establishment of a permanent endowment.

I should add in this connection that we assume you will approach other communities both in the United States and elsewhere with requests comparable to the one addressed to us, since provision for continuing support can obviously come only from creation of a substantial endowment.

Our final problem is that as a tax exempt organization, we can make contributions under the laws of the United States only to other tax exempt American organizations. All our allocations for overseas needs are made to American corporations, in accordance with this legal necessity. Do you have any suggestions to make in this regard? I suggest that this is a matter of great importance, not merely because it involves our funds, but because the same situation will be faced in connection with all contributions from the United States.

Mr I Schneersohn

I would appreciate hearing from you soon since I should like to report to our Endowment Committee and our Board of Trustees that you have assured us that our gift will be used, together with those from other communities, to help establish a permanent endowment administered through an authority established on a responsible and permanent basis, and that a legal way has been found to transmit the funds.

I want to assure you that although it was necessary to raise these questions with you, the essential point is that Federation through its gift has expressed its appreciation for the selfless devotion you have given to this significant project.

Cordially,

Henry L. Zucker
Executive Director

April 13, 1961



December 14, 1961

Mr. Henry L. Zucker
Executive Director
Jewish Community Federation
of Cleveland
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Henry :

I was very pleased that we managed to see each other during your visit in New York. I hope we will be able to meet at more frequent intervals.

The Association pour la Reconstruction des Institutions et d'Oeuvres Israelites en France, Inc. (A.R.I.F.) has been engaged for many years in the support of welfare and cultural projects of the French Jewish community. This is an organization consisting largely of former French Jews in the United States. The organization is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York and is tax exempt. They are located at 119 East 95th Street, New York 28, N.Y. All correspondence should be addressed to the attention of Rabbi Simon Langer, Treasurer.

The A.R.I.F. is very much interested in the support of the Tombeau du Martyr Juif Inconnu. The most recent undertaking of the Tombeau, the exhibition in the life and revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto constitutes a most unique and worthy contribution towards the research of the Nazi period. I attended its opening and can assure you that the significance of this exhibition transcends the borders of France.

I trust that the above information will prove of help to you.

Cordially yours

Saul Kagan

January 19, 1962

Mr. Henry L. Zucker
Executive Director
Jewish Community Federation
Of Cleveland
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Henry:

Dr. Schneersohn has been urging and pleading with us to assist the Tombeau du Martyr Juif Inconnu in securing the utilization of \$5,000 granted by the Federation as a contribution towards the continuation of the special exhibition on the life and revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto. There is no need for me to elaborate on the significance of this exhibition.

We consider this particular exhibition of such importance that the Conference made a special grant over and above the regular allocations which the Conference is regularly making for the work of the documentation center attached to the Tombeau. I trust that the members of the Committee will authorize the remittance of the \$5,000 as a one-time grant for this special exhibit commemorating this tragic and historic event.

I talked to Rabbi Silver about the possibility of having the funds released for the above purpose. Rabbi Silver suggested that I take it up with you. It is clear to us that it will be a long time before an adequate endowment fund will be established if ever. I shall call you early next week to talk to you about it.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Moses A. Leavitt

cc: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver ✓

Mr. Zucker has received letter.

January 23, 1962

My dear Frank:

You have probably received by now the correspondence of Dr. Schneerson and Mr. Moses Leavitt of the J.D.C. It is clear that the hope of using the five thousand dollar grant of our community as a means of establishing a permanent endowment fund is quite unrealistic. I am fully in agreement with the suggestion of Mr. Leavitt of the J.D.C. that the five thousand dollars be given as a one-time grant for the special exhibition on the life and revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto which the Tombeau du Martyr Juif Inconnu has sponsored.

I hope that you will do your utmost to expedite the sending of this grant. Through the Association pour la Reconstruction des Institutions et d'Oeuvres Israelites en France, Inc. (A.R.I.F.), an organization incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, which is tax exempt, the money can now be sent to the proper source.

I am leaving for Northern Africa tomorrow morning and will be gone for about five weeks. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. Frank E. Joseph
National City - East 6th Building
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Rabbi Dr. A.H. SILVER
105, Temple st. & Russel Road

CLEVELAND, Ohio / U.S.A.

My very dear Rabbi,

I have just received a letter from Mr. Zucker, to whom I replied. Please find enclosed copies of both letters.

Mr. Zucker hopes the Federation won't back down on its decision to grant us the \$ 5000 promised.

This allocation was made only thanks to your intervention and that is why I take the liberty of applying to you and ask you to intervene again in our favor. I am sure your intervention will once more carry the decision.

I have already written to you about our exhibition "Life and Revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto and of other ghettos in Eastern Europe". We are fully aware of our duty towards our Museum, the sole of its kind in both America and free Europe. We believe it should be a Museum of the Martyrs, showing in the most pregnant way and with the most appropriate means - documents, photographs, relics, etc...- the terrible impact of Nazi persecution.

Before our present exhibition, we often laid bare the barbarity of nazism and the sufferings of our martyrs. Thus our youth, when it came, felt pity, sorrow and wrath, yet no respect, for it believed that our brethren allowed themselves to be led to slaughter like so many sheep

To-day, however, thanks to our rich documentation, we are able to show the Jewish Resistance everywhere and thus disprove this misconception. Our present exhibition has already begun to act in this direction.

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At present, we are preparing the material we assembled on the whole Jewish Resistance. Very often, those are Nazi documents and, as such, unimpeachable witnesses.

Considering my present age, I believe this to be my last mission on behalf of the Memorial. I do hope you will both approve of and second my efforts.

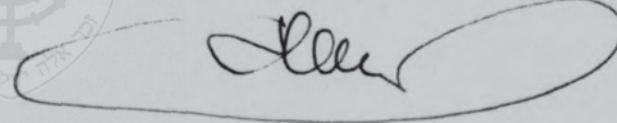
I am already in contact with the Jewish Historical Committee in Warsaw, as well as with several organizations owning considerable material on this Resistance. We are cooperating closely and I sincerely hope to succeed.

Unfortunately enough, however, we live in a world where ideas cannot be realized without financial means, and that is why I hope to be able to rely on your help.

Thanking you in advance, I ask you, My very dear Rabbi, to convey my best greetings to Mrs Silver and to accept my sincere personal regards.



Yours respectfully

י. שניינרסון


I. SCHNEERSOHN
Chairman, Executive Committee



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February 26, 1962

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
University Circle
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Knowing of your interest in the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr, I want to bring you up to date with respect to our Federation's proposed allocation.

You will recall that we appropriated \$5,000 as a one-time gift to the Tomb, provided they could meet the following conditions: 1) qualify under the rules of the Internal Revenue Service to receive these monies as a tax deductible charitable gift; 2) set up an endowment fund which would receive this gift and which would solicit additional gifts.

We are advised by counsel that under prevailing conditions, Federation should not transmit a gift to the Tomb. It would be necessary that a domestic organization, specifically organized for the benefit of the Tomb, be qualified by the Internal Revenue Service to receive tax deductible gifts from the United States for the Tomb.

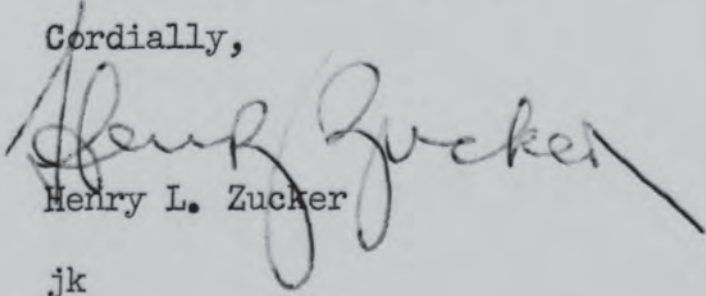
I understand that there is a group in Los Angeles which makes small contributions to the Tomb. This group has made application with the Internal Revenue Service for tax deductible status. Presumably, there will be a ruling on this soon. If this group qualifies or if the officials of the Tomb were to organize another group which is qualified, the legal problem would be met.

There would remain the question of an endowment fund. As I understand it, there is little hope that such a fund will be set up under the auspices of the Tomb. In view of this fact, we would have to go back to our Endowment Fund Committee to ask it whether it wishes to recommend an appropriation for a purpose other than an endowment fund.

I know that this matter has been hanging fire for a long time, and I trust you understand that we are doing everything we can to bring it to a definite conclusion.

Fondest personal regards.

Cordially,


Henry L. Zucker

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March 20, 1962

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Silver Park at East 105 Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

The enclosed letter to Mr. Schneersohn covers our discussion yesterday afternoon except to reiterate that I agree with your opinion that it would be far more desirable for Federation to make this appropriation than to have it come from the individuals involved. In any event, I intend to follow this matter personally to see to it that the \$5,000 is transmitted to Mr. Schneersohn by the end of the year.

We very much appreciate your willingness to address the opening dinner meeting of the 1962 campaign, especially so since you are cutting down on your commitments. I am certain that nobody could tell this year's campaign story as well as you, and that your talk will be an inspiration to this campaign--which is trying to raise \$6,000,000 for the first time in Cleveland Jewish history. Parenthetically, the results to date have been very encouraging.

The opening campaign dinner will be on Wednesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. We should be delighted to have Mrs. Silver join you as our guest at dinner and such other members of your family as find it possible to attend.

My fondest personal greetings.

Cordially,

Henry L. Zucker
Henry L. Zucker

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cc: Arthur Dery
David Rabinovitz
Maurice Saltzman
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓
Gerald S. Soroker
Rudi Walter

March 20, 1962

Mr. I. Schneersohn, Chairman, Executive Committee
Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr
17, Rue Geoffroy-L'Asnier,
Paris 1e, France

My dear Mr. Schneersohn:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has discussed with me again the question of the release of the \$5,000 granted to the work of the Tombeau du Martyr Juif Inconnu by The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. I have informed Dr. Silver also of your letter of March 7 in which you inquire again as to this same matter.

We are unfortunately in the position where we are advised by our legal counsel that we may not transmit Federation monies to the Tombeau because it has not been qualified by the United States Internal Revenue Service to receive tax-deductible American philanthropic contributions. We understand that a group in Los Angeles has applied for such tax-deductible status. If this status is granted to the Los Angeles group, it may be possible for us to transmit our grant through that group.

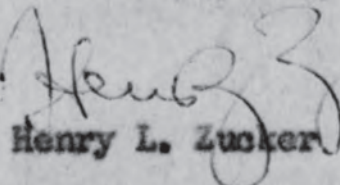
Dr. Silver and I are both tremendously impressed by the great worthwhile work which you are doing and would very much like to see this money released to you. We are conscious too that this matter has been pending for about two years, and that your need for the funds is very great.

After talking the matter over with a few of our leaders, including Messrs. Arthur Dery and Maurice Saltzman--Mr. Dery visited the Tombeau a few weeks ago--we have concluded that if it proves to be infeasible to transmit the Federation monies to the Tombeau by the end of 1962, we shall collect \$5,000 from individual leaders in Cleveland and transmit this monies to you instead. Therefore, you may confidently expect to receive \$5,000 before the end of December, 1962, either from The Jewish Community Federation or from a group of individual friends of the Tombeau.

I want to say again how greatly impressed I am with the program which you have developed at the Tombeau and to assure you that I shall follow up on this matter personally to assure that you will have \$5,000 before the end of the year.

My most sincere wishes that you may be able for a long time to continue your important work.

Sincerely yours,


Henry L. Zucker

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Chief Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
105 Temple East End
Russell Road
Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.

My very dear Chief Rabbi,

I am at present mourning my youngest son. It is a tragedy for an old father to bury his son.

As you see from the enclosed clippings, my son Michel was a great Resistante fighter. Afterwards, still a youngster, he became the Mayor of a town where no other Jew was living. A born orator, he was however, above all, a heart of gold.

He left us after a stupid accident - sea bathing after a too long exposure to the sun.

This has been the hardest proof in my long life. Three months have since past, yet I cannot get over it. It is only in my work in the Centre and the Memorial that I think I can sometimes find some solace.

As I had already informed you, we arranged last year an important exhibition, dedicated to the "Life and Revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto and of ghettos in Eastern European countries". This exhibition is still running and meeting with unexpectedly great success. One ought to see the faces of school students and young people who visit the Exhibition, with their masters, when they see not only the Jewish sufferings but also the heroism of their own fathers and brethren.

This very success gave me another and greater idea, that is, to show "The Jewish Struggle against Hitler and Nazism".

Much has been written on our sufferings, but we also have evidence that in all ghettos and death camps there had been stiff resistance. In camps where both Jews and Gentiles were held, the Jewish Resistance was greater. We shall prove that the Jews fought against Hitler ever since his very beginning: from the antigerman boycott and antinazi propaganda to armed Resistance, either as

soldiers in the allied armies, jewish brigade, jewish parachutists or - what was certainly harder - as partisans.

We shall end on the creation of the State of Israel, which has been an indirect consequence of Auswitz, Treblinka, etc and for whose Liberation many former KZ inmates fought and died.

I further believe that it is necessary to show how certain groups of the population acted towards the Jews. Indeed, in normal times it might be considered as a matter of course to help people in need, but during the last war, as you know, to come to the rescue of the doomed Jews was tantamount to assuming the risk of death for oneself and one's family. We should show to the coming generations that such Gentiles did exist who risked their own life to rescue the Jews.

Another point we wish to stress: Arab and other refugees obtained from foreign governments and from UNO hundreds of millions of dollars for relief and rehabilitation purposes. Not so the Jews, and the reconstruction of Jewish life of Jewish communities and so forth was done thanks to the sole help of Jewish organizations. If the KZ survivors could at all survive, they owe it to JOINT and, afterwards, to the Claims Conference, and if the Conference did get so-called "Reparation funds", they constitute only a paltry restitution of a fraction of the Jewish fortune looted by the Nazis.

I believe it necessary that a Museum like ours, which is the sole of its kind in both Europe and America, situated in this world centre called Paris where millions of tourists pass every year should be in a position to show in permanence, to this and future generations, the Jewish sufferings but also the heroism of the Jews.

From the attached program and memoranda, you can see that we applied to all formerly occupied countries asking them to take part in this Exhibition, each country having its own section.

Dear Rabbi, I would very much like to have your opinion on this project and receive your blessings as well as the support of your great moral authority.

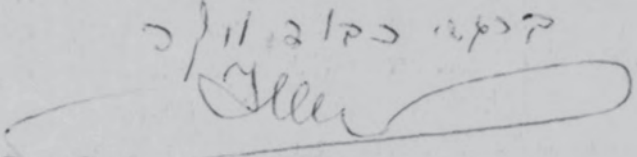
Your letters and your help helped very considerably to the set-up of our Memorial, which has since become a pilgrimage shrine for scores of thousands of Jews each year. You were also kind enough to honour the Memorial with your visit. You should now let us have your opinion and considered advice on our project. Should they be positive, as we hope they would, this would be for us a great source of courage and help us carry out our ambitious program.

It is now twenty years that I have been continuously working for both the Centre and the Memorial. I should like to end my mission by arranging this Exhibition - intended to become a permanent feature of our Museum - which will recall, by visual means, not only our tragedy but also the heroism of our brethren.

I am now anxiously awaiting your considered opinion.

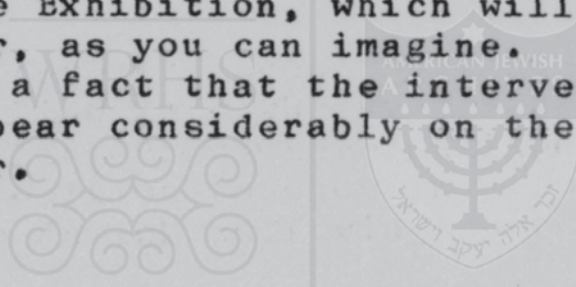
Thanking you deeply in anticipation and asking you to convey my greetings to Mrs. Silver, I remain, dear Rabbi,

Yours most respectfully,

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I. Schneersohn
Chairman, Executive Committee

P.S.

May I take the liberty of reminding you that Mr. Henry L. Zucker promised us that your Federation would send us in December 1962 the \$ 5000 promised to us in the past. They will come in very appropriately for the preparation of the Exhibition, which will certainly be^a very expensive affair, as you can imagine. It is a fact that the intervention of your high authority will bear considerably on the satisfactory end of the matter.



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cc: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver ✓

November 12, 1962

Dr. I. Schneersohn, Chairman, Executive Committee
Tombeau du Martyr Juif Inconnu
17, Rue Geoffroy-L'Asnier
Paris 4e, France

My dear Dr. Schneersohn:

Thank you very much for sending me your letter of November 8 and a copy of the letter which you sent to Dr. Silver.

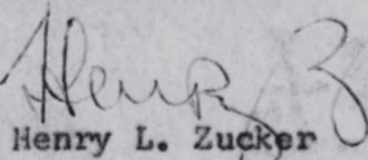
I am deeply grieved to hear of your personal tragedy and extend to you my deepest sympathy.

I am pleased to be advised of the new exhibit which you propose to show concerning "The Jewish Struggle Against Hitler and Naziism." New generations should be aware of the heroic struggle, and it is fitting that the Tombeau should tell this story.

Dr. Silver and I have discussed again--in fact, prior to your letter--the promise of \$5,000 from Cleveland before the end of 1962. The money will be sent to you in December.

Every good wish for your continued good work.

Sincerely yours,


Henry L. Zucker

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November 14, 1962

My dear friend:

It was with deep sorrow that I read your letter informing me of the passing of your youngest son. Please accept my deepest sympathies in which Mrs. Silver joins me. I know what such a bereavement means to you and I trust that your deep faith will sustain and comfort you.

I want to thank you for bringing to my attention your plan to organize a new Exhibition on "The Jewish Struggle Against Hitler and Nazism" -- 1933-1945. I think it is an excellent idea for the story of the Jewish courage and resistance to Nazi terror has, as yet, not been fully told and should be. I wish you every success in this new undertaking which will be another service which your important organization is rendering to our people and to history.

Mr. Henry L. Zucker informed me a day or two ago that the \$5,000.00 which was promised to you will be sent to you in December.

It is my hope to be in Israel and in Europe next February. If I come to Paris, as is my present intention, I shall give myself the honor and the pleasure of contacting you.

With warmest regards and with renewed expression of sympathy on your great loss, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Mr. I. Schneersohn, Chairman
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December 14, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi:

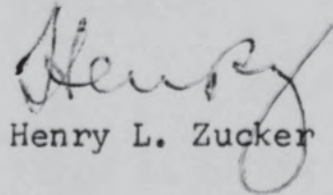
The enclosed letter to Moe Leavitt covers the transmission of individual checks totaling \$5,000. The JDC has agreed to make this money available for the special use of the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr.

I would appreciate it very much if you would write to Dr. Schneersohn, to notify him that we have transmitted the Cleveland money to the JDC, which will send it on to him.

You should know that Maurice Saltzman was the sparkplug for the collection of this money. He and the others provided the money, in part because of the important work performed by the Tombeau, but also out of their high regard for you. While I have acknowledged each gift, I think it would be very well received if either Dr. Schneersohn or you would acknowledge the gifts individually.

Fondest personal regards.

Cordially,


Henry L. Zucker

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December 21, 1962

My dear Dr. Schneersohn:

I have been informed by Mr. Henry L. Zucker, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, that a sum of \$5,000.00 has been sent to Mr. Moses A. Leavitt of the Joint Distribution Committee, to be transmitted to you for the use of the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr. From the enclosed copy of the letter sent to Mr. Leavitt, you will note the names of the Cleveland donors to this Fund.

I trust that you are well and with the greetings of Chanukah, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. I. Schneersohn
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Paris, le January 4th, 1962

Chief-Rabbi
Dr. Abba Hillel SILVER,
The Temple,
East 105th Str. & Silver Park
CLEVELAND 6, Ohio (U.S.A.)

Dear Rabbi and distinguished friend,

Six months have passed since the misfortune which befell me with the loss of my dear son Michel, and I do not succeed in overcoming completely this cruel blow of destiny. However, I make efforts to find some forgetfulness and peace of mind in my work for the Memorial and Center of Jewish Documentation - to which you know that I am attached with all my heart since about 20 years.

In my distress, your affectionate letter of November, 14, came as a source of moral comfort for which I remain very grateful to you. Such a sincere expression of sympathy coming from a high personality like you could not but move me deeply.

On the other hand, it is with great pleasure that I read in the same letter that you hoped to be in Europe next February. Naturally, I hope that you will do us the honour to visit the Memorial and the Center, and that you will be able to notice the progress which has been realised since your previous visit - progress which, in my opinion, is very substantial.

But I also count on you to do to Mrs. Schneerson and to myself the honour to share our dinner of Friday evening, and to spend the evening with us and with some personalities and friends which I intend to invite. We all keep a delighted remembrance of the evening you spent in my home on your last stay in Paris, when your eloquent and judicious words won the admiration of all the present.

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As I already wrote to you, I devote the greatest part of my time and my efforts to the Exhibition "THE FIGHT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AGAINST HITLER AND NAZISM" whose essential aims are condensed in the short enclosed Note.

I consider that the Jewish people fought desperately against the Nazi oppressors and offered a courageous resistance to its foes. Unhappily, the greatest part of the Jewish and non-Jewish public is not aware of the details of this Resistance, and our aim is to make them known to our generation as well as to the future generations.

I am very glad that you were kind enough, in the above-mentioned letter, to approve our project, which is in a fair way of accomplishment. This approval, coming from a great Jewish leader, and your good wishes, are a precious encouragement to us.

Since that letter, I received your second letter, dated December, 21, and, three days ago, Mr. Moses A. Leavitt sent us a check of \$ 5,000, of which we have acknowledged receipt to him.

Naturally, I do not forget that it is owing to your sympathy towards our Institution and to your high moral authority, that this help has been extended to us, and I hardly find words to express to you our gratitude and our sincere thanks.

This sum will be specially devoted to the Exhibition, which, otherwise, we would not have been able to organise, as the Exhibition, as we plan it, will have a grandiose character and consequently will entail rather heavy expenses. But it will constitute, in our Monument, another Monument which will glorify the courage of the Jewish people, and which will remain as a permanent component of our Museum.

The generous gesture of your Cleveland friends has deeply moved us, and as Mr. Henry A. Zucker was good enough to send us the list of the donors, we are writing to each one of them to express our thanks and gratitude.

I apologise for this too long letter, which expresses only a feeble part of our admiration for your personality, and of our respectful feelings.

I pray the Almighty that you may, for many years to come pursue your admirable activity at the service of the highest interests of the Jewish people.

Please believe me, dear Rabbi and Friend,

Yours very sincerely

I. SCHNEERSOHN

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

P.S. I have not been very well in health lately, and that is the reason why I have not written earlier. I hope you will forgive me. Happily, since a few days, I am feeling better.

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The Rev. Dr. A. SILVER, Chief Rabbi
105, Temple East and Russel Road

CLEVELAND (Ohio) / U.S.A.

My dear Chief-Rabbi and friend,

We were expecting to have the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs Silver in Paris and very much regret that we have been deprived of this honour and pleasure.

I take the liberty of applying to you for the following :

We have decided to devote the next special issue of the "Monde Juif" to the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the C.D.J.C.

We have very much appreciated the sympathy that you have repeatedly shown to our institution - you have, indeed, very kindly contributed to the realisation of the Memorial and its Museum.

We shall be much honoured, if you would be so kind as to send us a message dealing with the activities of the Centre and the important role of the Memorial and the Museum ; such a message will be greatly appreciated by the friends of our organisations.

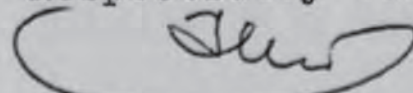
I shall be very grateful if you could send us the message as soon as possible - not later than September 5, so that it may be included in the above mentioned issue of the Monde Juif.

In the hope that you will be good enough to do me this favour, and thanking you in advance, I remain,

with my best regards,

Respectfully Yours

Please convey my respects
to Mrs Silver



I. SCHNEERSOHN

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My dear Chief Rabbi and friend,

We were expecting to have the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs Silver in Paris and very much regret that we have been deprived of this honour and pleasure.

I take the liberty of applying to you for the following :

We have decided to devote the next special issue of the "Monde Juif" to the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the C.D.J.C.

We have very much appreciated the sympathy that you have repeatedly shown to our institution - you have, indeed, very kindly contributed to the realisation of the Memorial and its Museum.

We shall be much honoured, if you would be so kind as to send us a message dealing with the activities of the Centre and the important role of the Memorial and the Museum ; such a message will be greatly appreciated by the friends of our organisations.

I shall be very grateful if you could send us the message as soon as possible - not later than September 5, so that it may be included in the above mentioned issue of the Monde Juif.

In the hope that you will be good enough to do me this favour, and thanking you in advance, I remain,

With my best regards,

Respectfully Yours

Please convey my respects
to Mrs Silver

I. SCHNEERSOHN
Chairman, Executive Committee

[August 21, 1963]

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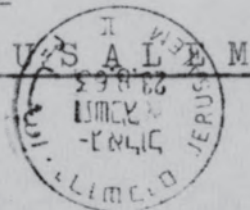
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N O T E

We wish to summarize the essential points of our Program for the Exhibition "THE FIGHT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AGAINST HITLER AND NAZISM".

1°- As soon as 1933, the Jews started the struggle against Hitler and Nazism through a large and intensive propaganda in all the press, carried on by the Jewish cultural, political and literary organisations (this was the contrepart to the propaganda of Goebbels) - and also through a boycott of German goods in all countries where there were Jewish Communities.

On the other hand, the Jews raised constant protests against Nazism through certain Jewish and non-Jewish organisations.

Later, there has been no country who was occupied by Germany where the Jews did not take an active part in Resistance, either in the "maquis", or among the bands of Partisans.

Naturally, the participation of the Jews in the Allied armies, which included a great number of volunteers, the Jewish Brigade, the Jewish partisans, etc. will not be omitted.

Briefly, we will prove that the Jews took an important part in the liberation of Europe from the Nazi yoke and have fought stubbornly at the side of the non-Jewish Resistance.

2°- If Hitler found accomplices and traitors to help him exterminate the Jews, there were however, in certain sections of the population, "Justs" who, at the risk of their lives, helped and saved Jews.

We must therefore show the Nazi atrocities, but show also that the Jews found friends among their co-citizens.

3°- If one examines what was accomplished during the 15 years which followed the liberation of Europe, one notices that an enormous activity was carried on, an activity which among other communities would have required a century. The survivors were able to survive only through the help of the Jewish organisations.

We have thus witnessed the revival of Jewish life, the reconstruction of the destroyed Jewish Communities. A considerable number of schools, seminaries, yeshivot, children's homes, homes for the aged, hospitals, synagogues, etc. were created - which demonstrates the extraordinary vitality of the Jewish people.

We will also show that the Claims Conference gave the possibility to the surviving Jewish writers with no means of living to pursue their careers, thus contributing to enrich our literature dealing with the Churban.

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General Remarks.

PURPOSE OF THE EXHIBITION:

This Exhibition intends to show the Resistance of the Jewish People to the Nazi aggressors, occupiers and murderers, as well as to the Nazi collaborators, in all countries occupied or threatened by Nazi Germany. It wants to display all the various forms of Jewish Resistance, in connexion with the General Resistance, starting with Passive, Moral and Spiritual Resistance, till armed Resistance; from individual acts through till mass actions.

MEANS OF THE EXHIBITION;

The following means should be made use of, insofar as they can be made available:

1°- Iconographic material:

Photos (1939-1945) of events, places, buildings, groups of Resistance fighters, individuals, film cuttings, etc.

2°- Documentary material:

Orders, reports, memos, underground press, notices, diaries, mémoires, literary works, documents concerning military decorations - either in original form as photostat copies.

3^o- Ad-hoc prepared material:

Models, graphs, maps, lists, drawings, etc.

4°- Comments and liaison texts.

THE EXHIBITION MATERIAL

First Part: Jewish Resistance to Nazism until the outbreak of World War II
(1933-1939)

1°- Nazi terror, 1933-1939, in GERMANY, AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

- a) The first persecution, 1933-34
- b) The Nuremberg Laws (1935)
- c) Crystal Night (1938)
- d) Pogroms in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

2°- Attempts of Jewish Resistance inside Germany

- a) Moral individual Resistance (Albert EINSTEIN, FEUCHTWANGER, TOLLER, etc.)
- b) Economic and cultural self-defense
- c) Participation of Jews to the antinazi political struggle (Prof. Theodor Lessing and his murder, etc.)

3^o- Jewish Resistance attempts on international scale

- a) Boycott of Nazi Germany
- b) International antinazi activities
- c) Attentates - David FRANKFURTER against GUSTLOFF (1935) and GRYNSZPAN against von RATH (1938).

4^o- Distinguished non-Jewish individuals and organizations having helped the German Jews.

Second Part: Jewish Resistance in Occupied Poland.

10- The jews in the Polish Army during the "September war" (1939)

- a) Participation to combat
- b) The defense of Warsaw
- c) The fate of Jewish P.O.W.s

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- 2°- The general position of occupied Poland and of its Jewish population
- 3°- Resistance during the first period (1939 to September 1942)
 - a) Economic resistance (mutual aid organizations, illegal production, smuggling, house committees, etc.)
 - b) Struggle for Health and Sanitation: TOZ, CENTOS, HOSPITALS, surgeons, nurses, etc..
 - c) Cultural self-defense: secret schools, underground archives of the Ghettoes (Warsaw, Bialystok, Cracow, Lodz); the archives of Ringelblum, Mersik-Tennenbaum; newspapers, literary and scientific activities.
 - d) religious self-defense: underground synagogues and yeshivoth
 - e) Underground political activities - press, antifascist blocks.
 - f) Liaison with the Polish Underground.
- 4°- Resistance during the second period (October 1942- October 1944)
 - a) Armed struggle within the Ghettoes:

1° W a r s a w

Set-up of the Jewish Fighting Organization (Z.O.B.; its commanders: ANIELEWICZ, BERLINSKI, CUKIERMAN, EDELMAN, ROJZENFELD.
Self defense in January 1943.

THE GREAT INSURRECTION - April 19 - July 1943.

Its three stages: 1° - Battles in the streets
2° - Defense of the bunkers
3° - Struggle under the ruins.

Lists of fallen fighters.

2° C r a c o w

The Jewish Fighting Organization
The main dramatis personae
Armed actions, October to December 1942.

3° C z e s t o c h o w a

The Jewish Fighting Organization
Individual armed Resistance, January 1943
Armed defense during the liquidation of the Ghetto.

4° S o s n o w i c e - B e d z i n

Letters to German families
The struggle against the Germans and the Merin-Judenrat
Armed opposition to the destruction of the Ghetto.

5° B i a l y s t o k

Set-up of the United Antifascist Organization
Key figures of the Resistance: Mordekhay TENNENBAUM-TAMAROFF, Daniel MOSKOWICZ, etc.
First armed encounter: Itzhak MALMED's shot
Second armed struggle, August 1943
Liaison with the Bialystok International Antifascist Committee.

6° Ghettoes of TARNOW, WIELICZKA, SANDOMIERZ,
STASZOW, PINCZOW and other places.

Armed resistance.

b) Revolts in Concentration and Extermination Camps:

- 1°- The Radom area camps (October 1942)
- 2°- Treblinka (August 1943)
- 3°- Sobibor (October 1943)
- 4°- Insurrection attempts of Trawniki and Poniatowo (November 1943)
- 5°- Lvov-Janowski (1944)
- 6°- The Auschwitz Sonderkommando. Heroines: 'Rosa Robota' and 'Mala'; Cymethaum (1941). The Birkenau hidden diaries.

c) Polish Jews in the Partisan Movement.

- 1°- Mass flights from provincial ghettos (from October 1942 onwards)
- 2°- Jewish partisan battalions in the Lublin district: the groups known as "Berek Joselewicz", "Emilia Plater", "Bar Kochba", the groups of Chil GRYNSZPAN, Wolf GLAJCHER, MAKES, etc. all of them within the People's Guard.
- 3°- Jewish partisan groups in the BIALYSTOK district: the groups "Forward", "Biale Kozuchy" and others.
- 4°- Jewish Partisan groups in the Radom Area
- 5°- Jewish Partisan groups in Western Galicia (Cracow, Wieliczka, Przeszow, Przemysl, Staszow).
- 6°- Jewish Partisan groups in the Silesian coal basin
- 7°- " " " in the Warsaw Area ("Anielewicz", "Zieleniec")
- 8°- " " " within the Polish units (fighters, surgeons, leaders).

d) Help from Polish quarters:

People's Guard (GL), Council for Aid to Jews (R.P.Z.), Socialist military organization (P.A.L.), General SIKORSKI's formation (K.B.).

Third Part: Resistance of Soviet Jews

I -The Einsatzgruppen Period (July 1941 - January 1942)

- a) - The German aggression against the USSR
- b) - Extermination of Soviet Jews and of other Soviet citizens by the Einsatzgruppen
- c) - Flight of the Jews from ghettos and camps
- d) - The first partisan groups
- e) - Sabotage of the German production.

II -Resistance in Ghettos and Camps, second period (1942-1943):

1) W i l n o

- a) The United Partisan Organization (January 1942)
- b) Underground activists: I. Wittenberg, Aba Kovner, Abram Chwojnik, etc.
- c) Revolt of the Ghetto Militia, led by Joseph Glazman
- d) The first battle in the Ghetto (1943)
- e) The tragedy of Icyk Wittenberg, leader of the United Partisan Organization
- f) Mass flight to the Partisans
- g) The literary works of Hirszyk Glik and others; the underground press.

2) K o w n o

- a) Life, literature, press
- b) Political and military underground activities; youth movements; union of all groups
- c) Sabotage and cooperation with the Soviet partisans
- d) The Kowno Ghetto as Partisan basis

3) R i g a

- a) First attempts to resist
- b) The underground organization and its contact with Soviet P.O.W.'s
- c) The action of gathering of weapons
- d) The Ghetto Militia joins the Underground
- e) The tragic end of the Riga Ghetto Underground organization.

4) M i n s k

- a) The set-up of the Underground Organization
- b) Struggle against the attempts of the Gestapo to uncover the underground.
- c) Liaison with the Resistance on the "organ" side
- d) Heroes and martyrs
- e) The Minsk ghetto - partisan basis.

5) Ghettos and Camps in Transnistria.

- a) Deportation to Transnistria of Jews from Bessarabia and Bukowina, by the Rumanian authorities.
- b) Collaboration between deported and local Jews in camps and ghettos
- c) Set-up of combat teams in the Bershad ghetto; Jewish help to the Partisans

6) Armed Resistance in Western Bielorussia.

- a) Armed defense in the ghettos of Niesvitz, Kleck, Kobryn
- b) Underground organization of the Novogrodeck Ghetto

7) Jews in the Soviet partisan units (1941/44)

- a) The Soviet partisan movement as a whole
- b) Jewish groups in the Wilno area
- c) Jewish groups in the Kowno area
- d) " " in Polessia (Michail Zorin)
- e) " " "Kalinin" in the Nowogrodeck-Baranovitchi area
- f) " " in the Western Ukraine
- g) The Jewish platoon of the KOWPAK column
- h) A few distinguished Jewish partisans
- i) Efforts of Slawik, leader of the Minsk Soviet Underground in helping the Jews from the Minsk Ghetto. Efforts of the Soviet partisan leadership in favour of Jews.

Fourth Part: Jews in the Partisan Movement in the Balkans and in Slovakia.

1) - B u l g a r i a.

- a) Bulgarian Jews in slave labour camps
- b) Jews in the Bulgarian underground, since 1941
- c) Jewish underground organization at Sofia, Plovdiv and in various camps
- d) The Jewish Partisan group in Macedonia
- e) 120 Jewish soldiers - heroes of the Bulgarian Resistance
- f) Bulgarian solidarity with the Jews. The Sofia mass demonstration on May 26, 1943, against the deportation of the Jews.

2) Y u g o s l a v i a.

- a) Jewish P.O.W.'s-pioneers of the Yugoslav Resistance
- b) Deportation and mass flights
- c) Jews at top positions in the Partisan movement
- d) A Jewish partisan group in Dalmatia
- e) Jewish "National Heroes".

3) G r e e c e.

- a) The Jews as volunteers in the Army (13.000 volunteers). The Greek national hero Mordechai FRAGGI. The fight of 300 men strong Jewish group in the mountains
- b) Mass participation of the Jews to the Greek underground, ever since 1943.
- c) The Jewish underground organizations at Athens, Saloniki and Thessaly. Their leaders - Eliahu WEISI, Simon KOHEN, Rabbi Mosche PESSACH.
- d) The repression carried out by SS-General Stroop (of Warsaw fame) in October 1943 and mass flight of the Jews to the mountains.
- e) The Greek Jews at Auschwitz and in the Sonderkommando Revolt.

4) S l o v a k i a.

- a) Position of the Jews. The "collaborator" Tiso
- c) Legal and illegal help to the deportees and the escapees from Poland
- c) Jews in the first Slovak Partisan groups (1942)
- d) Underground organizations in the slave labour camps.
- e) Liberation of those camps during the 1944 Slovak insurrection and mass integration of Jews in the Partisan groups.

Fifth Part: The last acts of Jewish Resistance in Germany.

- 1) Position of the Jewish remnants in 1941/42
- 2) The German underground
- 3) The group of Herbert Baum in Berlin and its action - the arson of Goebbels' Exhibition in May 1942
- 4) Jewish groups in the Buchenwald, Ravensbrück, Sachsenhausen K.Z.
Active resistance of Jewish inmates at Sachsenhausen
- 5) German Jews in the Resistance Movement at Auschwitz, Sobibor, Riga.

Sixth Part: Jewish Resistance in France.

- 1) Jewish participation in the National Defense
- 2) The position of Jews in the various zones. Deportations.
- 3) Brief survey of the French Resistance and its position towards Jews.
- 4) Distinguished Jewish Resistance members.
- 5) Jews members of M.O.I. and F.T.P.F. movements. Illegal press, Joseph Epstein (colonel Gilles). The execution of General Schaumburg (1943)
The Trial of the 23 (1944).
- 6) Jews in the Resistance groups "Liberté", "Combat", "Résistance".
- 7) The Jewish Combat Organization.
- 8) Jewish maquis groups.
- 9) The rescue of the children
- 10) Men-running abroad
- 11) Illegal Archives
- 12) Jews in the national insurrection and in the Liberation of Paris.
- 13) Jews holders of high distinctions and decorations
- 14) French people who helped the Jews

Seventh Part: Other Western European countries.

I) B e l g i u m.

- a) Jews in the armed Resistance and rescue work
- b) Committee for the Defense of Jews
- c) The help of the population to the Jews
- d) Rescue of Jewish children.

II) The Netherlands.

- a) The general strike (1941) in protest against the persecution of Jews
- b) Underground organization in the transit camps
- c) The diaries of Anna Frank and Moshe Flinker; expression of the resistance feeling of liberal and religious youth in the Netherlands
- d) The fate of Netherlands Jewry and their participation in the resistance in the death camps in Poland
- e) A few distinguished Jewish Resistance fighters.

III. D e n m a r k.

- a) The underground Danish press and its support of the Jews.
- b) The rescue of the Jewish community and its passage to Sweden, by the Danish underground (1943)
- c) Jews in the Danish Liberation Army.

IV) I t a l y.

- a) The antijewish laws of Mussolini and the unanimous reaction of the Italian people
- b) Jews in the antifascist struggle before the outbreak of World War II
- c) Distinguished Jewish fighters in the Italian Resistance.

Eighth Part:

- 1) Balance of Jewish losses and of Jewish participation in the fight against Hitlerism.
- 2) Artistic expression of this balance.
- 3) Litterary Exhibition.

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MEMORANDUM

Since the creation of the Museum of the Memorial, six years ago, we have organized a number of Exhibitions, displaying through pictures and documents the persecution which our people had to undergo under the Nazi domination of Europe.

Last year, after great efforts, we succeeded in arranging a major Exhibition on the "Life and Revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto and of ghettos in Eastern European Countries", showing the moral, spiritual and armed Jewish Resistance.

We have since been witness to the deep emotion of all visitors, be they Jewish or Gentile, and in particular to the emotion of the young pupils of high schools, who are deeply impressed by the evidence of Jewish heroism.

Our C.D.J.C. has important and valuable documentary evidence, showing that Jewish Resistance was active in each and every Ghetto and death camp, and that the Jews never despaired but always faced the enemy with determination and heroism.

For that reason, we have decided to prepare a new Exhibition, on the theme of "The Jewish struggle against Hitler and Nazism, 1933-1945". This struggle started off with the boycott of German goods, went on through large-scale anti-Nazi propaganda throughout the world. Further, in every occupied land, the Jews took an active part in all Resistance undertakings, in the Partisan movements in Eastern Europe and above all in the USSR, in the "Maquis", in the Allied Armed Forces, in the Jewish Brigade.

There exists already a rich literature and many documents on this topic. The Memoirs, the "Yzkor Books" and other books on our Churban all bear witness to that.

They also show that, if the Lord had to seek in vain after a few Just Men - in order to spare Sodom and Gomorrah, in our time there have been many non-Jews who, despite the risk to their own life, did not hesitate to do all they could in order to save Jews. Their acts are worthy of remembrance and we shall record them in our Exhibition.

As a first step in the preparation of the Exhibition, we are gathering relevant material. Next, we shall prepare the final plan of presentation of the collected exhibits. Our own team of research workers and historians, together with the Jewish Historical Institute of Warsaw and in cooperation with Yad Vashem will carry out that part. Finally, we shall appeal to architects and other specialists for the final presentation.

This last point is all the more important since Paris is the capital of Art and Musea. We believe that this part should be unimpeachable. It was so, for our "Warsaw" exhibition, and in fact the whole Press, Jewish and Gentile, bore witness to that.

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We enjoy the learned council of such distinguished persons as Monsieur Jean CASSOU, who is not only the Director of the National Museum of Modern Art but also an outstanding poet of the French Resistance, Monsieur Yvon BIZARDEL, former Director-General of the Fine Arts, Monsieur Henri MICHEL, Director of the Resistance Museum, Madame Olga WORMSER, historian of the Resistance, as well as of many art critics and connoisseurs.

We believe that our Museum, which is the Museum of Remembrance of our Martyrs, which is situated precisely in Paris at the cross-roads of the world, owes it to itself to show to the present and to the coming generations, not only the picture of the suffering Jew, but also that of the Jewish courage.

Had we been in a position of arranging this Exhibition some ten years ago, when the events were still fresh in our memories and many more witness still alive, it might of course have been better, but even so, we believe that it is better to arrange it now than in some five or ten years hence.

We cannot and do not pretend that the Exhibition will entirely exhaust the subject matter, but we shall spare no effort to organize it as best as only possible. It will be the task of the coming generations to complete our Museum, in the way they will deem most suitable.

We are fully aware of the fact that this project of presenting the persecution of the Jews as it really was, the heroic fight of the Jewish people against the Nazis, the creation of the State of Israel for whose independence many former KZ inmates fought, will meet with the indifference of some people, the opposition of others and with widespread criticism in general; we also know, however, that no great things were ever made in the easy way. We only hope that the Claims Conference will give us the possibility of arranging this Exhibition, thus enabling our Paris Museum - which is actually the child of the Conference - should record for ever the history of that great tragedy.

In short, the Exhibition will show, on the one hand, how the Jews fought against Hitler and Nazism from 1933 to 1945 and, on the other hand, how the Jews alone, thanks to their own effort and the contribution of their own Organizations, managed not only to save and rehabilitate the survivors of the tragedy but also set up anew their ruined Communities, their schools, yeshivoth, synagogues, children and old-aged homes, hospitals, etc...

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Other refugees, such as the Arabs for instance, did get hundreds of millions of dollars from UNO and from certain countries, not so the Jews. We did it alone, thanks to our own efforts and to the help of our own Organizations.

The Exhibition will thus constitute a dignified homage to the memory of all those who fought and died for the defense of human rights and dignity and to all Jews victims of bestial persecution.

