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Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds,
correspondence and notes, 1975.

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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

In trying to arrange for hotel accommodations for you in Miami, I discovered that the CJF had made arrangements for you at the Hiatt-Konover as part of a group of reservations made through the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

The original reservation was for the period of November 19-23. I changed it to November 20 and 21.

The Saturday morning session at which we would like you to introduce the participants and chair the discussions is billed as "What Do We Know-And What We Need To Know: The Status of Jewish Social Research". Among the questions listed under the topic are: What do we really know about organized Jewish life in America? How does our lack of factual data affect our ability to plan effectively? What are the kinds of information we must have to deal more meaningfully with the Jewish needs of the present and the immediate future? How can we set about obtaining these data?

The main presentation will be made by Professor Daniel Elazar, Temple University and Director of the Center for the Study of Federalism. The discussants will be Mrs. Martha K. Selig, Social Planning Consultant, and Dr. Erich Rosenthal, Professor of Sociology, Queens College. Incidentally, both Elazar and Rosenthal are former NFJC grantees and have served on our Academic Advisory Council.

I am looking forward to seeing you next week and hopefully to have the chance to have a good shmoos with you. All the best.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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What We Know - & What We Need to Know:

The States & the Social Record

Daniel J. Elazar

Daniel J. Elazar, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Federalism at Temple University and Professor of Political Studies at Bar-Ilan University. Specialist in federalism, American government, state and local politics and metropolitan problems. Author of The American Partnership; American Federalism: A View from the States; and Cities of the Prairie. He is responsible for a long-range study of Jewish community organization, now being conducted as part of the Center for Jewish Community Studies, an independent research center which he has organized with colleagues in the field of Jewish political and social research. He was a member of the American Jewish Committee's Task Force on the future of the Jewish community in America and has written numerous articles on Jewish organizational life.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

- * TRADITIONAL SERVICES
STERLING HOTEL

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

- * INFORMAL BREAKFAST DISCUSSION
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What We Know and What We Need to Know: The Status of
Jewish Social Research
(In cooperation with the National Foundation for Jewish
Culture)

What do we really know about organized Jewish life in
North America? How does inadequacy of data affect our
ability to plan? What kinds of information do we need?
How can we get it?

Chairman: EARL MORSE, New York
President, NFJC
Speaker: DR. DANIEL ELAZAR, Philadelphia
Temple University
Discussant: MARTHA K. SELIG, New York

9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

- * SHABBAT STUDY GROUPS (BEIT MIDRASH)
CARILLON: Delmonico West

Small-group study interaction with classic Jewish texts
(such as Ethics of the Fathers) designed to evoke their
application as guidelines for today.

Leaders: DR. NORMAN FRIMER, Washington, D.C.
RABBI JOSEPH POLAK, Boston
PROF. SEYMOUR EPSTEIN, Montreal

10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. -- ASSEMBLY SHABBAT SERVICES

CARILLON: Royal Palm

12:30 P.M. -- SHABBAT KIDDUSH

CARILLON: Lobby - Royal Palm

Tendered by Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

DANIEL J. ELAZAR

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ERICH ROSENTHAL

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ERICH ROSENTHAL, Professor ^{of} Sociology at Queens College of the City University of New York. PhD from the University of Chicago, a former Director of Research for the Chicago Bureau of War Records of the NJWB. Is best known in Jewish life as the author of Jewish Intermarriage in the United States.

Study on intermarriage - Fund

MARTHA K. SELIG

Jewish *Social agencies*

MARTHA K. SELIG. Has had a distinguished career as a social worker *in Jewish social agencies* in a number of family and child care agencies affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. Was formerly Executive Director of Community Services of the Federation. Was President of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Services and has served on the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. She is presently serving as a consultant to the Jewish Board of Guardians and is on the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary, directing their new program on Jewish communal service. She is a member of the Board of the NFJC.

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1440 a skilled metallurgist and engineer Johann Gutenberg
used the first printing press, moved ^{the} first block of movable
type, and printed a few pages of the primer -- some say that
day marks the ^{opening} ~~beginning~~ of modern times -- ~~the beginning of the modern era~~

As much as many other milestones marked the dawn of
science, the invention of printing by J.G. had some qualifications.
Initially, the oldest printed book ^{still} in existence is a single copy
of a Buddhist Canon -- the Diamond Sutra -- printed in
Singapore, India, around 1000 AD -- printed in China
600 years before J.G. -- in 968 AD -- and the oldest
of Korea -- some call it printed book -- and in the 5th
century.

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milestone type. They had the advantage of languages which
could be expressed in 26 letters alphabet. The Chinese as
you know used pictographs or 10000 characters which
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of symbols. J.G. had only 26 letters and 10 digits --
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type and that new block would not be made
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~~Chinese printing was slow & expensive~~