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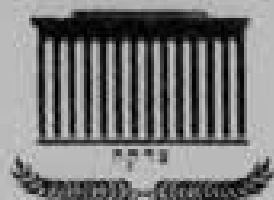
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The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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January 24, 1968

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

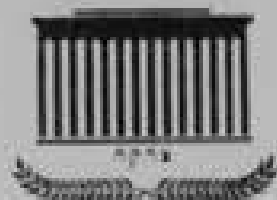
Dear Rabbi:

I am delighted that at its recent meeting, the Nominating Committee renominated you to serve as one of the ten members-at-large on the Federation Executive Committee. Certainly you know how important this policy-making committee is, and I am strengthened in facing the responsibilities ahead by the knowledge that you will continue to be with us on this key committee.

Warmest regards.

Cordially,


Lloyd S. Schwenger,
President



The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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February 22, 1968

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

Dear Rabbi:

To become familiar with our concern with the emphasis of the Educational Research Council one would have to wade through a veritable mountain of printed materials which Rabbi Grosse has done, really a labor of love.

Because of our mutual interest in current events, however, I cite below a paragraph or two from a volume entitled, *THE MIDDLE EAST*, prepared in soft cover for elementary school use:

"Part Four. Some Famous People of the Middle East

Chapter 9. Ibn Saud
Chapter 10. Two Worlds of Soraya
Chapter 11. Gamal Abdul Nasser

Chapter 13. Politics in and Around the Middle East Today

Israel: Promise and Problem

Yet, this has not been achieved peacefully. A vast number of Arab refugees were driven from Palestine in 1948. Many Arab villages were destroyed. The efforts made to bring Jewish immigrants from all over the world into Israel was a great achievement. But the land on which the first great wave of immigrants settled was Arab land. In Arab eyes, the Israelis were just Western colonists. One cannot deny, for example, that in 1956, at the time of the Suez crisis, the Israelis invaded Arab territory, supported by Britain and France. Whatever reasons they had for doing so, it is very hard for the Arabs not to see Israel as an enemy, armed and encouraged by the Western powers.

Israel is faced, just as much as any Arab nation is, by the grim problems of land and water. It is a very little country. A large part of it is desert so severe that it is

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doubtful whether even the Israeli experts will manage to bring it under cultivation. The land of Israel is very narrow. It is only about fifteen miles wide in places. Standing on a hill in Jordan it is possible to look right across the country of Israel to the sea. No wonder the Israelis fear that the Arab armies could one day become strong enough to cut them in two.

Question: Since part of the Jordan River now flows through Israel, what would be the reason for wanting the rest of it?"

We are assured by the ERC that this volume will not move into hard cover until it is completely revised; the difficulties are such that they may decide to drop the volume from the catalogue altogether, and we hope to be kept informed of future plans.

Thanks for your interest.

Best wishes.

Cordially,


Alan D. Kandel, Director
Community Relations Committee

From the desk of—

RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

February 23, 1968

Dear Alan:

**Thank you for the information. I
now feel abreast of things.**

Sincerely,

March 11, 1968

Mr. Lloyd S. Schwenger, President
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mr. Schwenger:

It is a pleasure for me, on behalf of the Mayor's Commission on the Crisis in Welfare, to acknowledge and thank you for the check in the amount of \$12,000 contributed by the Jewish Community Federation. It represents a major contribution of the Federation to meeting the welfare problems of our community. It helps to insure that our efforts will be fruitful.

We are well underway with the development of basic information and possible recommendations through the working groups of the Commission. The evidence to date indicates that the Commission can dispel some of the myths in this field and set forth facts and recommendations to meet immediate needs as well as longer run objectives.

We appreciate very much the very significant contributions being made to the Commission by Sidney Vincent, Irving Kane and Rabbi Daniel Silver. Their participation, counsel, and advice are essential to the successful work of the Commission.

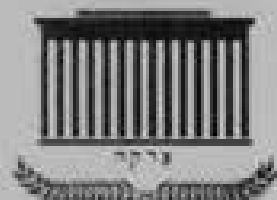
Sincerely,



Herman D. Stein
Chairman

HDS:dl

cc: The Honorable Carl B. Stokes, Mayor
Sidney Vincent
Rudi Walter
Rabbi Daniel Silver ✓



The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

1750 EUCLID AVENUE • CLEVELAND, OHIO 44113 • PHONE (216) 561-4360

March 11, 1968

Rabbi Daniel J Silver
The Temple
Silver Park - University Circle
Cleveland Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Following our conversation in the Federation office last week, I spoke with other members of the committee about your suggestions for the Israel 20th Anniversary event. They were very well received and some will be reflected in the final arrangements.

We hope to be able to finish structuring the program within the next few weeks and are sorry that your prior commitment will prevent you from chairing the May 5th proceedings.

Many thanks for your help.

Cordially,


Richard Ronis

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Throughout the last century we progressed

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בביתנו

my eyes beheld my return in money to 2 sh.
pleased and then, O Lord, make haste by reason to 2 sh.
It is now 20 years since our people received their freedom
in 2 sh. Their accomplishments are exciting, O Lord is
blessed. Since receiving a state Israel's population has
rapidly quadrupled while the welfare of her ^{working} ~~working~~ ~~working~~
increased 10 fold. Everywhere you look people are
glowing, the spreading of new industries and new villages
which just a few years ago were mere ruins, nothing
to be seen other than just. In 2 decades Israel has
created a modern and a great mini-state on land on
which had been considered a wasteland for centuries.
Of all the nations' efforts had not been well recorded
Israel must be appreciated as a miracle - and
perhaps also in,

20 years of full Jewish accomplishment because
an excellent anniversary - but ^{our} ~~our~~ comparison on state
organization. Israel needed not a simple & simple
independence. By PARADE ~~comparisons~~ we make mistakes

[May 16, 1968]

THE SILVER PLATTER
by
Nathan Alterman

The earth grows still. The
lurid sky slowly pales
over smoking borders.
Heartsick, but still living, a
people stands by.
To greet the uniqueness of
of the miracle.
Readied, they wait beneath the moon,
Wrapped in awesome joy before the light.
Then, soon
a girl and boy step forward,
and slowly walk before the waiting nation.
In work garb and heavy shod they climb
in stillness.
Wearing yet the dress of battle, the grime
of aching day and fire filled night
Unwashed, weary unto death, not knowing rest
but wearing youth like dewdrops in their hair.
Silently the two approach,
and stand.
Are they of the quick or of the dead?
Through wondering tears the people stare.
"Who are you, the silent two?"
And they reply:
"We are the ~~Silver Platter~~ SACRIFICE
upon which the Jewish State ~~was served to you~~. IS SET
And speaking, fall in shadow at the nation's feet.
Let the rest in Israel's Chronicles be told.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you be my guest for an evening of informal discussion about the Delegate Assembly of the Jewish Community Federation.

I would be very pleased if you would join me and presidents of other Jewish organizations on Tuesday, July 16, at 8:00 P.M. at my home, 2552 Warwick Road.

I am anxious to know you better and to hear your ideas for the Delegate Assembly.

Cordially,

Sileen Kassen

Mrs. Julian Kassen

June 26, 1968

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND

1750 EUCLID AVENUE

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115

Dear Friend of Federation,

We are bringing our files up-to-date and we find that we are lacking biographical material that can be used in connection with news releases.

If possible, please include a recent picture of yourself; head and shoulders shot is preferable.

We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Public Relations Department

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Sent 7/19/68

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND

PLEASE ATTACH RECENT PHOTO

Date: July 19, 1968

NAME: DR. DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

Title: RABBI

Home Address: 2841 Weybridge Road

Business: The Temple

Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

(Tifereth Israel)

Phone No: 921-2842

Address: University Circle at
Silver Park

Marital Status: Married

Phone: 791-7755

Children: three (Jonathan, Michael and
Sarah Jean)

Born, Date: 3/26/28 Place: Cleveland, Ohio

EDUCATION: (Please indicate cities)

OFFICES (last five years) JEWISH/CIVIC:

High School: Shaker Heights, Ohio

See attached

Shaker Heights High

College (Degree): Harvard University

AB

Hebrew Union College

MHL
PhD

University of Chicago

HONORS, AWARDS, HONORARY SOCIETY MEMBER-
SHIP: Graduated with honors from Harvard

Other Memberships and Religious Affilia-
tions: _____

See attached

Avocations: Biblical antiquity (archeology)

(Additional information on reverse side)

- See attached -

RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER - BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver is Rabbi of The Temple of Cleveland, Ohio. He is a native of Cleveland, a confirmand of The Temple, which he has served for a decade.

Rabbi Silver is an honor graduate of Harvard University; he was ordained Rabbi at The Hebrew Union College in 1952, served as a Chaplain in the Navy during the Korean conflict and received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Silver is Editor of the Central Conference of American Rabbi's Journal, which is published quarterly. He is author of "The Maimonidean Criticism and the Miamonidean Controversy 1180-1240," and a collection of essays "From The Rabbi's Desk." He edited the Jubilee Anthology of "In The Time of Harvest," essays in the honor of Abba Hillel Silver, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Rabbi Silver serves as:

- Chairman, Public Welfare Committee of The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
- Chairman, Zionist Emergency Council, Cleveland Committee
- President - National Foundation for Jewish Culture
- President, Cleveland Zionist Council

Member of the Executive Boards of:

- United Appeal (Cleveland)
- Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
- Central Conference of American Rabbis
- American-Israel Public Affairs Committee

Member, Board of Alumni Overseers - Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion -Cincin.

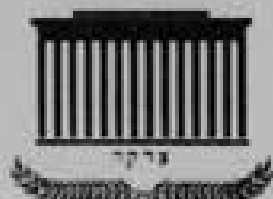
Member, Board of The American Friends of The Hebrew University (Headquarters - NYC)

Member, Advisory Board of Greater Cleveland Safety Council

Member, Board of Trustees, Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland (CEOGC)

Member, Mayor's Commission On The Crisis In Welfare - Chairman, Rights Of Welfare Clients Work Group

Adjunct Professor of Religion, Case Western Reserve University



The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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December 16, 1968

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

Dear Dan:

I am delighted that at its recent meeting, the Nominating Committee has renominated you to serve as one of the ten members-at-large of the Federation Executive Committee for the year 1969.

On the assumption that you are willing to serve, your name is being submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Board of Trustees for election at the December 30th meeting of the Board.

We very much appreciate your willingness to serve in this important capacity.

Personal regards.

Cordially,

David N. Myers, Chairman
Nominating Committee of Ten

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~~AMERICAN JEWISH JOURNAL~~
How America Has Impressed Itself Upon Our Ancient Faith

The Temple
December 22, 1968

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

Ours has been a protracted pilgrimage. Since the days when Abraham first left his Chaldean home, man has progressed from the simple hand tools of the Bronze Age to the complicated and automated machinery of ^{OUR} ~~Space~~ Age. Needless to say, our faith has not remained static. Indeed, if Moses were to be reborn ~~here and now~~, I am sure that he would shake his head in disbelief to hear us call ourselves his disciples. Where, he would ask, is the altar of sacrifice. Where are the ministering priests? Where is the tent of meeting? In point of fact, Moses would not even recognize his own Ten Commandments, ^{AS THEY ARE COMMONLY PORTRAYED} ~~these precious rules inscribed~~ ^{SCRIPT} in Hebrew above our Arks. We think of Hebrew as the Biblical script, yet it lacked five hundred years of being devised when Moses died.

It was Emerson who once observed, and observed correctly, that a foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds. ~~It is so, and~~
A foolish consistency is also the kiss of death to religious ^{COMMUNITIES} ~~organization~~. If Judaism had insisted on the inviolability of its religious law and on the unchangeableness of its religious formulae, we would not be here today. Which is another way of saying that our ^{AMERICAN JEWISH CUSTOMS} ~~Reform~~ Judaism **DO NOT REPRESENT THE FIRST CHANGES IN** ~~is not the first reform of~~ Judaism. Nineteen hundred years ago ~~these~~ **THE FAITH LEANED TO BE ORGANISED AROUND** ~~was a major reform of our worship, when the Rabbis directed the~~

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a sacrificial cult and the ~~practice of having~~ ^{a worship} religion organized by an hereditary priesthood. Nine hundred years ago there ~~was a~~ major religious ~~reform~~ ^{became} when the Rabbis insisted on monogamy as the basic marriage relationship. Judaism has always been a changing and evolving ~~faith~~ ^{way of life}. Judaism has always been a ~~plastic~~ plastic, and pliable faith. ~~But~~ ^{RETURN, AND SEE OUR WAY OF LIFE} if Moses were to be ~~with us this morning~~, and he were to ~~accompany one of our Temple Hests about the building~~ and hear our customs and practices explained, I am confident that he would soon realize ^{THAT} though our practices seem strange and new, ^{MUCH OF IMPORT OF} the teaching is familiar. We worship with him the One God. We pledge ourselves as he did, ^{WE ARE CONCERNED AS HE WAS WITH ESTABLISHING} to a discipline of righteousness and of dignity. Perhaps it ^{DOES PEOPLE IN THE HOLY LAND} is best to consider Jewish history as a kaleidoscope. ~~As time passes, the images~~ ^{TAKE NEW SHAPES} ~~change, but the pieces of glass, the basic elemental principles remain ever constant,~~ ever the same.

~~Judaism has survived, some say miraculously.~~ Judaism has survived for almost four thousand years, a little people in the midst of vast turmoil and change, and if any rational explanation can be given for our survival, I submit that it will be found in the ability ^{AND} ingenuity and the wisdom with which our leaders adjusted ^{AND} practices, ~~and the~~ customs, ~~and the~~ teaching and ~~the~~ methods of teaching ~~of the people to change~~ to new cultural norms and new esthetic standards.

~~In the turbaned and the fez'd oriental world, men wore a head covering as a sign of politeness and respect, and the Jew entered~~

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~~to enter before his God, his head uncovered. The practice of worship~~
~~in the matter of head covering has changed completely, but the principle~~
~~is constant. We worship God with respect. We show Him the respect we~~
~~would show all human beings. And so it goes.~~

So we ought not to be surprised, any of us, that our American
Jewish life, our institutions, ~~our~~ practices, ~~our~~ organizations, ~~our~~
~~forms~~ show ~~deeply~~ the impress, ~~the~~ of our national heritage.

~~And indeed, our~~ Jewish institutions have had to change

radically to adjust to the New World, because America is not only a
new environment, but a radically new challenge. America is an open

society. From the ~~very~~ beginning, Jews ~~were welcomed here as full~~

partners, ~~as equal citizens~~. What were ~~the~~ Jews to do with the whole APPARATUS

~~expansion~~ OF CUSTOM AND religious law by which they had regulated ~~honestly and~~

humanely and intelligently ~~the~~ self governing communities ~~of the~~

NOT OF THE VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AMERICA BECAME
~~European colonies? America was~~ a religiously plural society. No

denomination could claim ~~special privilege~~ special prerogative before

THE LAW WAS NEW. BEING JEWISH HAD BEEN
the law. In Europe, ~~a Jewish community had been~~ a matter of birth and

of law. JUDAISM AS IT WENT, WAS
You had been born into it, but it ~~had been~~ imposed upon you

in the sense that it was a convenient taxing and regulating ~~agency~~ METHOD
the government. In America a Jewish community would be ~~established~~ NECESSARILY BE

VOLUNTARISTIC
~~birth and of free choice~~, and ~~our~~ Jewish institutions would have to

discover an entirely new method of organization, ~~and~~ AND an

entirely new rationale for their existence.

WAS
~~America is a society which insisted on a distance between the~~

~~ecclesiastical authority and the political forum, column. What were~~

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of young Jews who had been categorically denied admission into the
~~rescue-related and the church-related schools?~~ I sometimes think that
we fail to credit ~~and the different~~ of the wisdom
and ~~the~~ ingenuity with which the earlier generations of ~~Jews~~ an
Jews devised adjustments to the American scene and managed to develop
a pattern of living which permitted our faith to flourish and to grow
on these shores. ~~There was a new and~~ ^{Radical} ^{most} difficult problem.

Take the whole area of ~~public~~ education. The American ~~emphasis~~
~~insistence~~ on education as a prime area of ^{public} responsibility presented no
problem ~~to the Jew~~. Learning has been, since time immemorial, a
cardinal piety. ~~Indeed, Israel was the first wholly literate people~~ ^{had transformed itself into the world's}
^{by creating the world's first mandatory public education system}
~~in the history of mankind, some two thousand years ago.~~ But what of
~~the experiments in public education?~~ ^{But} ^{public school} How was the Jewish child to be
~~part of the life of his neighborhood and of the life of the nation and at~~
~~the same time to learn and to grow up of the depth, the flavor,~~ ^{history and language and values}
~~and the power of his religious heritage.~~ ^{AND} ^{had followed the Catholic lead in} ^{and if we had insisted upon}
rebuilding a parochial system here in America, how was the Jewish child
to become part of the warp and the woof of his society? ^{ONE} ^{the answer to was}
^{experimented with} ~~this solution~~ some one hundred and fifty years ago by some
gentle ~~Jewish~~ ladies of Norfolk, Rhode Island and of Philadelphia.
Their solution -- the weekend school. The Sunday School has become so
much a part of Protestant Christian life that we sometimes ascribe it
to Yankee ingenuity. Not so. It is the achievement of the "Yiddische
kopf." It was a solution, an adequate solution, ^{in its way to being both American} ~~to balance between~~
^{AND JEWISH} ~~school hours within the community and school hours within the religious~~
tradition.

Now it is not our place here to discuss the evolution and the

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sophistication of this weekend school. But surely this observation is pertinent, that if other religious traditions had been as pliant, as supple, as willing to go along with the American experiment, if they had not insisted that the European pattern of parochial systems be re-created on these shores, our communities today would be more close-knit, and surely we would have come far nearer to developing a satisfactory solution to the adequate funding of our educational enterprise.

Every one of ~~our institutions~~, our Jewish institutions, ~~are~~ today tailored American style. Take our synagogues. Take the matter of the place of women in our synagogues. In Europe, the synagogue was a man's business. Worship was a man's prerogative. The school was a man's responsibility. There was what they called a "Weiberschul" -- a woman's place, upstairs, curtained, in the balcony -- but this is a far cry from a woman's association, from the American pattern which has women on ^{Temple} ~~its~~ board of trustees, and ^{which} can even conceive, has v'halilah, of women as rabbis ~~in America~~. ~~In America we have established a firm partnership of men and women in congregational life because this was the pattern of America's religious life, and it happened here in America -- or, at Harry Truman would say, only in America -- after four thousand years of male superiority and dominance within our faith.~~

A protracted adolescence is an American invention, and ~~as is~~ ^{consequently we have} the Temple Youth Group, the Temple Teens, the weekend camp, the weekday canteen. Advertising is an American art. In four thousand years of our tradition there never was, until America, a Temple

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bulletin.

Even those institutions where the continuity seems to be most ~~SELF EVIDENT~~ ^{IT IS IN FACT TO BE} apparent, on closer scrutiny, the deep imprint of our national heritage. Take the ~~rest of~~ our voluntary social welfare community.

Our social agencies represent ~~today probably the~~ most signal accomplishment of American Jewry. They are usually explained as a continuation

of the traditional Jewish kehillah, with its emphasis on community responsibility, or with its voluntary charity organizations, ^{social} the bikur

cholim -- the society for the visitation of the sick; the hasad

orhim -- the society for offering hospitality to the stranger; the

society which buries the indigent dead; the society which ^{provided} offered a

dowry for the poor orphan girl; the society which ^{ransomed} the people

who had been taken captive. ^{MT SINAI DID NOT BEGIN AS A BIKUR} Now, you can explain the origin, the

^{ACOLIM BUT AS A PLACE WHERE JEWISH DOCTORS COULD NOT BE} beginnings of most of our welfare institutions -- of Mount Sinai and

^{MONTFERRA, RENOVAT PARK} of Bellefleur and of Montefiore, the Jewish Family Service Association

and so on -- on the basis of this historical tradition. Prophetic

and morality of our people and the institutions, the kehillah. But what

of the ~~slavish~~ ^{What is the matter that they have survived?} What is the matter that they have survived? I would suggest to you that

^{AND} the growth, the ramification, the sophistication of this community has been due largely to the approval that it has won on the American scene.

It fits in neatly. It dovetails philosophically with our American

preference -- I almost said prejudice -- ~~with an American preference~~

for the free enterprise system, for voluntary welfare as above public

enterprise. We have written it into our law. We give status to those

in the community who participate in this kind of activity. Indeed,

you will find if you read back into the early history of many of ^{our} these institutions that they were sponsored and led by those who looked on

A service of peoplehood which unifies
by the least, but becomes ~~one~~ a

NON-
EXTRINSIC,
BUT AS

So much has America reigned and imprinted itself upon our Jewish institutions, that we must ask ourselves one deceptively simple question. ~~What remains? What is still basically,~~ Jewish? ~~By way of answer I would limit myself to the central institu-~~ tion of Jewish life, the synagogue, and I would say to you that despite many of the architectural novelties which are springing about across the land, despite the newness of much of the liturgy, some of the melody, the pedagogic methods, the synagogue remains what it has always been -- a place of Torah, and a place of tefiloh, a place of fundamental Jewish study, and a place of integral devotion to the God of Israel. This, of course, was not always so. Fifty years ago the issue was in doubt. Fifty years ago there were congregations where the Torah was never read, where Hebrew was deemed an inadequate vehicle of worship. Only English was to be spoken in the Jewish church. Fifty years ago there were still some congregations who moved the Holy Days to convenient weekend hours, lest the business people lose a single occasion for profit. Fifty years ago many of our religious schools taught a vague humanistic ethic which had little correlation, little identification with the uniqueness and the facts of our Jewish tradition. Fortunately, this awkward adolescence is behind us. The synagogue has reasserted its integrity, and wherever you go in

HAVE WE ALLOCATED OURSELVES OUT OF ANY ^[Feb 16, 1964]
PARTICULARITY - IDENTITY - ANY JUSTIFICATION OF SURVIVAL?
THREE WEEKS AGO I SPoke AT THE TEMPLE ON
THE TEME TAKING A GOOD LOOK AT OURSELVES. I
WONDERED ABOUT THE MYSTERY OF JEWISH SURVIVAL.
~~ABOUT THE~~ ABOUT THE MYSTERY OF JEWISH SURVIVAL.
I EXAMINED AND DETECTED SEVERAL FAMILIAR
"EXPLANATIONS"

1) SCATTERING - WE WERE EVERYWHERE SO NO ONE
COULD EVER CATCH ALL OF US

2) ADAPTABILITY - WE ARE A CAMELEON RELIGION
WHICH BLEND IMPERCEPTIBLY INTO EVERY ENVIRONMENT

THE SCATTERING ARGUMENT CAN BE ANSWERED BY
THE PHOENICIANS (FROM - TO IRELAND) - HADN'T
BEEN A PHOENICIAN SEEN IN 1500 YEARS, THE
ADAPTABILITY ARGUMENT IS INVALIDATED BY THE
MOTHER GODDESS CULT (SYRIA TO SPAIN) - DURIN
PAGAN MYSTERY OF ANCIENT WORLD, HADN'T
BEEN AN ASTARTE DEVOTEE IN 1500 YEARS

THE ABOVE FAMILIAR EXPLANATION IS
PRESSURE FACTOR. WE COULDN'T BECOME LIKE
OTHERS, SO WE DIDN'T, BUT WE WOULD, IN
1492 WHEN JESUS ACCEPTED EXPULSION FROM
SPAIN 2000 YEARS EARLIER. HOWEVER ANTI-

SEMITISM CAN DESTROY VITAL ENTITIES - LOCH ^{REC'D 16, 1964}
BROKEN GERMAN - POLISH COMMUNITIES TODAY, THE
PRESSURE FACTOR IS A 2 EDGED SWORD.

THE ONLY EXPLANATION I KNOW OF JEWISH
SURVIVAL LIES IN THE VALIDITY OF OUR WAY OF LIFE,
IN HISTORY AS IN NATURE ONLY THOSE GROUPS SURVIVE
WHOSE ENVIRONMENT CONJECTURES THEM TO DEVELOP
THE SKILL, THE ADAPTIVE QUALITIES, THE STRENGTH OF
HOPE WHICH MAKES FOR CHANGES IN THE STRUGGLE
FOR SURVIVAL.

ILLUSTRATION - REFUSAL OF LEARNING FROM
TORAH - BASENULTIVATION IN THEOLOGY THAT TORAH
IS NOT A SEALED BOOK - NO TRUTHS WHICH ARE
LIMITED TO OUR COLLECTIVE - FAITH IN MAN'S
MIND, HIS CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND AND PERCEIVE
NEVER A BUTTER OF LETSORS

EVERYTHING IN JEWISH LIFE ENCOURAGED
MAN TO LEARN AND TRUST HIS JUDGEMENT, SO
NEVER PERMANENTLY, DRIVER - HAD HIMSELF TO
FALL BACK ON - COULD TRUST HIS DECISIONS - BE
A MAN AND NOT A CHILD WHO STAMPS FOOT
IN RAGE OF SELF PITY - WE WERE ABLE TO

BUILD, LOOSE, AND BUILD AGAIN COMMUNITIES [Feb 1969]

COMPARE AUTONOMY, TANALIA TRADITION. - LOU

AT S. EUROPE - L. AMERICA - ISRAEL MIDDLE EAST -

PEOPLE SHARE SAME DREAM - AT TIMES

ORGANIZE AGAINST INJUSTICE AND EVIL

DEPORT ENEMY - BUT DIFFERENCES STAY LIVED.

NO TRAINING IN RESISTANCE PEOPLE MAKING -

SELF TRUTH, GIVE AND TAKE OF OUR SECURITY -

DEMOCRACY NEED TO DEFEND ON IDEOLOGIES

- FALL OUT AND PRINCIPLE QUICKLY RESCENT

ITSELF.

I WIL NOT BOTHER YOU WITH OTHER

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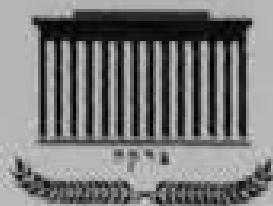
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The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

1750 EUCLID AVENUE • CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115 • PHONE (216) 861-4360

March 7, 1969

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As one of our most knowledgeable communal leaders and opinion makers, you know that this is a crucial year for Jews throughout the world, and especially those in Israel.

As leaders, we must do everything we can to close the communication gap in interpreting Jewish needs to the entire community. After consultation with Rabbi Israel Porath, President of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of Cleveland and Rabbi Jack Herman, President of the Cleveland Board of Rabbis, we are calling a special meeting of all Cleveland Congregational Rabbis on

Monday, March 24, 1969, 12:00 noon
(luncheon) at the Federation office.

At the meeting, we will discuss ways and means of interpreting Jewish needs and we will also have the opportunity to hear a first-hand report from Rabbi Armond D. Cohen and Rabbi Myron Silverman on the recent Mission of American Rabbis to Israel in which they participated.

I hope you will make every effort to join with us on Monday, March 24. Please return the enclosed reply card indicating your attendance.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd S. Schwenger
President

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Heights Seminar *Plain Dealer*
Wednesday 3/26/69

Arab Viewpoint Told to Teachers

Students of Mrs. Clara Cowan's civics class at Wiley Junior High in University Heights today will be learning about the Arabs' point of view in the Israeli-Arab conflict thanks to some careful notes their teacher took at an international relations seminar at the school yesterday afternoon.

She said, "I think my children should know the thinking of the Arabs. They hear the other side at their temples."

The speaker at the seminar was Dr. Sadek Samaan, an Egyptian who is a professor of international education at Ohio University.

SAMAAN SAID jokingly, "My wife said maybe I better take out more life insurance when I came up here." Mrs. Cowan confirmed his feeling when she said that the junior high where he spoke was "99% Jewish" and definitely pro-Israeli.

At the seminar at Wiley, he told about 60 teachers who represented schools in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights district that Arabs are hurt by America's "unconditional support of Israel."

He said, "The United States has played a dirty role—everything is for Israel and we are not considered at all. There is unconditional and almost irrational support for Israel."

Samaan said that part of the reason that the Arab side is not presented well is because Arabs are poor propagandists. He said, "Arab propaganda is very emotion-

al and sensational but Israeli propaganda is very smooth and scientific."

SAMAAN disputed the Israeli claim to their country since he said that the land had been occupied by Arabs for more than 2,000 years.

He also claimed that there was discrimination in Israel against the Arabs while Arabs always have been very tolerant of Jews in their country. He criticized the Israelis for allegedly doing nothing about the plight of the one million Arab refugees.

Pay Raise OK'd

Kirtland Board of Education approved a 9% pay raise for non-teaching employees and an 18% pay hike for school principals.

March 26, 1969

Dr. Frank Gerhardt
Superintendent of Schools
Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education
2155 Miramar Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

Dear Frank:

I am most sorry - as I know you are - that our first contact after my getting back to the country from Israel had to be on so unfortunate a subject as the incident at Wiley Jr. High School.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of the whole affair was the matter we discussed at the very end of our last conversation. More important than the article in the Plain Dealer is the indication that there exists on the faculty a lack of sensitivity in some individuals (perhaps many individual[s]) about the role that Israel plays in the life of the Jewish community. In view of the violent examples we have had all over the country of the danger that exists when faculty and community do not understand one another, I think this is a very threatening situation. I was glad this afternoon, as I trust I always will be, to be of what ever help I can be to a system that the entire Jewish community has always supported so sturdily. At the same time, we should face the facts. I find it hard to avoid the conclusion that people in leadership position not only made no attempt to present a balanced view of the Mid East situation; by the facts as you related them to me, the seminar presented a highly unbalanced view, leaning strongly to the Arab position. This would seem to me to be the height of insensitivity, to put it mildly. Israel and its problems play a profound role in the lives of the parents and the children, and at the very least, one would expect the school system to be objective. I would even think it should be sympathetic, at least in an attempt to understand its constituents, rather than adopting the position, as some obviously have, that they must somehow "counter-act" the presumed unfairness or bias of the Jewish community.

I would of course reject any such description. I think there is a profound commitment to Israel, not only on the part of the Jewish community but of America as a whole. I have not heard within the Jewish community any suggestion of vituperation toward the Arabs - either here or for that matter in Israel.

I think it is little short of tragic that at an international seminar bearing so closely on the live issues of America and of the community served by Cleveland Heights-University Heights, there was no real attempt either at objectivity or an understanding of the bases on which the Jewish community's very life is founded.

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Mr. Frank Gerhardt
Superintendent of Schools

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March 26, 1969

All of which lengthy rumination leads me to the feeling that the most important outcome would be an earnest attempt on the part of some appropriate group within the faculty to understand the community it serves. No one would dream that in these times, a teacher could perform adequately in the inner city without a sympathetic understanding of the aspirations and loyalties of the Negro community. Is it not equally important, as a good educator, that a comparable understanding be achieved of the Jewish community? I want strongly to emphasize that this understanding is not opposed to a search for truth. If one is truly to grapple with the problems of the Mid East, one is required, it seems to me, to understand the reason for the overwhelming Jewish - and I must add, American - support for the Democracy which is Israel. That topic was evidently not touched on at all in the seminar, though time was obviously found for vigorous expression of the Arab viewpoint.

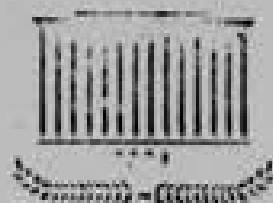
We both will have difficult times ahead. This whole controversy has touched the Jewish community more deeply than I can describe. I have no doubt that you will have many strained discussions and conversations ahead. Much more important, however, is, in my estimation, the task of exploring whether the faculty as a whole has really attempted to understand the situation, or brings to it a subdued but innate hostility that can do real mischief.

Please let me know how or whether I can be of help.

Sincerely,

Sidney Z. Vincent
Executive Director

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S. J. Miller

The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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April 2, 1969

Mrs. Sherman Dye
Cleveland Heights-University Heights
Board of Education
2155 Miramar Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

Dear Mrs. Dye:

The Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Federation, which has for many years enjoyed friendly and cooperative relationships with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights school system, wishes to express its concern over the recent situation resulting from faculty study of the Mid-East situation.

Our concern does not arise primarily from the destructive statements attributed in newspaper reports to the Arab spokesman. We are confident that a careful review of the actual situation in the Mid-East will effectively refute such statements.

We are, however, deeply concerned precisely because to our knowledge the school system has not provided such a careful review. An Arab spokesman was imported to give a highly emotional presentation of his viewpoint, but no Israeli spokesman was invited, nor was any other attempt made to present sympathetically Israel's point of view.

A faculty representative stated that the schools had a responsibility to balance the presumed one-sided view of the community. In addition to questioning both the validity and the tact of such a position, we should have thought that the public school's objective would be to search for the truth, not to place itself in the position of presenting one side of a proposition on the assumption that the community it serves presents the other.

Such a stance is full of dangers. It needlessly places the schools in opposition to the community. It makes the assumption that the community is somehow presenting a position that needs "correcting," through providing counter-propaganda. It leaves the many students, perhaps the majority, who have no background of any kind, with but a single, and to our mind, an obviously unbalanced view.



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April 8, 1969

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

Dear Rabbi:

I have confirmed with Mr. Charles Loparo of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights school system that you will be the speaker for a session on "Israel and the Mid-East" for the International Awareness Series for Teachers which they are sponsoring.

The program is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, April 22, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Wiley Junior High School. Mr. Loparo informs me that the format generally involves a presentation of 30 - 40 minutes, with questions and general discussion following.

Please feel free to call either Mr. Loparo or myself if there are any questions.

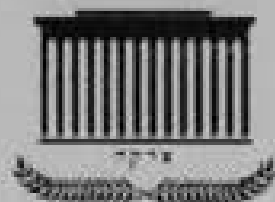
Warmest regards.

Cordially,

Howard R. Berger, Director
Community Relations and Urban Affairs

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cc: Mr. Charles Loparo



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May 8, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: RABBI DANIEL SILVER

FROM: HOWARD BERGERL

Several items:

I had hoped we could get together this week but no chance. I'll call Marge tomorrow afternoon to find time when we can sit down. A number of these items need our attention:

1) Urban Coalition

Leona Bevis and I are agreed that anything with the Urban Coalition appears to be dead as a door nail. No action -- even after talking with Russell Jones again.

2) Our own Public Welfare Committee

Enclosing a routine notice for the meeting to be held on the 21st which went out a day or so ago. Ed Rosenthal is in the last stages of preparing his report which we want to go over with you prior to distribution next week.

3) Copy of a letter from Leo Jackson which I believe will be of interest to you. My understanding is that Lloyd is prepared to make himself available to accept the honor on that evening.

4) The need for strategy session with you, Ed, hopefully Sid Vincent and myself to decide on procedures on the 21st. I'll call Marge Friday p.m. hopefully to set this date for early next week.

5) A personal note

Warmest congratulations on the Atikot displays. Please convey my special thanks to whoever was responsible for the gracious invitation to the Saturday evening preview. I held up on replying only because of some uncertainties at home. Regretfully I find that I won't be able to make it. Needless to say, my

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Memo
To Rabbi Silver

May 8, 1969

very best wishes. It can't help but be a tremendous success.

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cc: 155 5/8/69

City of Cleveland

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216 City Hall

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LEO A. JACKSON

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COUNCILMAN 24th WARD

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May 7, 1969

Mr. Lloyd Schwenger, President
Cleveland Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Sir:

I have been requested by officials of the 24th Ward Democratic Club to inform you that the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation has been selected as the recipient of a Community Service plaque for the outstanding contribution made to the Youth of our Community through the Glenville Project at Glenville High School sponsored by your organization.

These awards are made annually at the Everett D. Lee Citizenship Award Dinner for Community Service which transcends political boundaries.

This affair will be held Friday evening, May 16, 1969 at 7:00 P.M. at the St. John Masonic Temple, 630 E. 106th Street (N.W. corner of E. 106th & St. Clair Ave). The featured speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Clement and Mayor Stokes has made a commitment to be present.

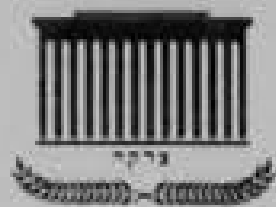
The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the action of the Dinner Committee indicating grass root appreciation of the Jewish Community Federation's involvement in our Community and to request that you designate someone from your organization to be present to accept the plaque.

Please provide me with this information at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

Leo A. Jackson
Councilman - Ward 24

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October 2, 1969

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi:

I am delighted to inform you that the Nominating Committee of the Federation has renominated you to serve as a Member-at-Large on the Board of Trustees for a three-year term, until the 1972 Annual Meeting of the Federation. With your approval, your name will be submitted to the Federation's membership for election at the Annual Meeting of the Federation on December 7.

Unless we hear from you within the next week, we shall assume that we have your approval to renominate you as a Trustee.

I want to extend to you the warm congratulations and appreciation of the Nominating Committee, which I am sure will have the enthusiastic support of all the Federation's membership.

Warmest regards.

Cordially,

Edward Ginsberg, Chairman
Nominating Committee of Ten

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President Lloyd S. Schwenger

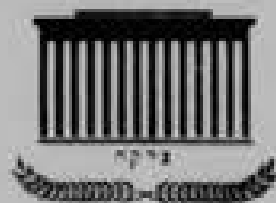
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Executive Vice-President Henry L. Zucker

Executive Director Sidney Z. Vincent



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November 7, 1969

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

A number of persons have inquired as to what is being done to memorialize our very good friend, M. Edwin Weiner. We all know that Eddie was a man of unlimited energy and devotion and unlimited compassion for his fellow Jews.

His family has suggested that a Memorial Fund be established in Federation. Specific purposes of this Fund are now being developed.

I am pleased to inform you that many contributions have already been received. Those who wish to participate may do so by sending a check to the Federation office in the name of "The Jewish Community Federation -- M. Edwin Weiner Memorial Fund."

We deeply appreciate your consideration of this memorial to our dear friend and colleague, Eddie Weiner.

Sincerely yours,


Lloyd S. Schwenger
President

November 7, 1969

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Community Federation cordially invites you to be our guest at the luncheon presentation of the Brother's Keeper Award to Leo A. Jackson on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1969
at the Federation Office



As you know, the Award is made possible through the generosity of Mr. Harry H. Stone. The Award, established on an annual basis, enables the community to pay tribute to persons who follow the biblical injunction of being their brother's keeper by making an extraordinary contribution to the welfare of their fellow citizens.

It was the decision of this year's judges that Mr. Jackson magnificently demonstrated this sense of responsibility to his fellow men by his moral and physical courage and his dedication to the community's welfare.

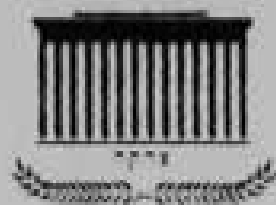
We hope that you will find it possible to join us.

Cordially yours,

Lloyd S. Schwenger

Lloyd S. Schwenger
President

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December 23, 1969

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
University Circle
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi:

All of us believe strongly in the policy of rotation, but each year it costs us, at least temporarily, the service of valuable committee members. Our regulations impose a three year limitation on membership on the Executive Committee, and it was therefore not possible for the Nominating Committee to renominate you to this post for the coming year.

We have, however, firmly established two policies in Federation that somewhat compensate for our self-imposed restriction. First, almost every retiring committee member nevertheless remains active within the Federation family; and second, our rules on rotation enable us to consider reappointment after the lapse of one year.

Thank you for all your cooperation and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Cordially,

Lloyd S. Schwenger
President

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WELFARE FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND
1001 HURON ROAD
CLEVELAND 15, OHIO

March 3, 1970

Mr. Henry L. Zucker
Executive Vice President
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Hank:

Thanks for sending me a copy of Rabbi Daniel Silver's report on the Public Welfare Committee. I have read it thoroughly, and I compliment you and the Federation on the achievements reported.

Needless to say, we are pleased that we have been able to have close liaison over the years of Dan's leadership of this Committee, and we will continue to look forward to this in the future.

I recall one particular incident of some years ago when Dan, Fred Hauserman and I went to Columbus in a private plane engaged by Fred Hauserman for testimony on some legislative issue. At this moment, I do not recall what it was specifically, but I think that it was related to the AFDC legislation for unemployed fathers on which there was success because of leadership from the Cleveland area. I never knew Dan, as large as he is, to be able to fold up so neatly in the back seat of a small plane.

Thanks again, I will pass this on to Leon and Dick Streeter, Chairman of our Public Welfare Committee.

Sincerely,

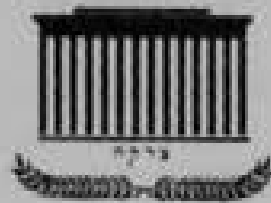
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W. T. McCullough
Executive Director

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cc: Leon Davis
Rabbi Daniel Silver

Dear Dan: - Congratulations to you on your service on the Public Welfare Committee and the opportunity to work with you in this capacity over the years.



The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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April 29, 1970

MEMORANDUM:

TO: CLEVELAND JEWISH LEADERSHIP

FROM: RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER, CHAIRMAN
ISRAEL INFORMATION EDUCATION TASK FORCE

I call your attention to a national conference of great importance. The attached program of the National Policy Conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) which, among its projects publishes "THE NEAR EAST REPORT", speaks for itself. It is at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington on Monday, May 11th and Tuesday morning, May 12th.

This notice is being circulated to a selected few within our leadership, who, we believe, are interested and hopefully able to attend. The importance of a strong delegation from Cleveland is obvious from many points of view.

If there is a possibility that you can attend, I urge you to do so. Call and discuss it with Howard Berger at the Federation office, 861-4360, who will arrange details.

Thank you.

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AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NATIONAL POLICY CONFERENCE
SHERATON PARK HOTEL WASHINGTON, D. C.
MAY 11-12, 1970

PROGRAM (Preliminary and tentative)

Monday, May 11

8:30 a. m.

Registration

10:15 a. m.

Irving Kane, Chairman: opening address

I. L. Kenen, Executive Vice Chairman: report

Preliminary discussion of Policy Statement

12:15 p. m.

Luncheon at Rayburn Building, Room B-339
in honor of Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin

Speakers: Senator Hugh Scott

Senator Edmund Muskie

Representative Carl Albert

Representative Gerald Ford

Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin

3:00 p. m.

Department of State - West Auditorium

Symposium: Alfred L. Atherton, Deputy
Assistant Secretary of State

Richard B. Parker, Country Director
for UAR

Talcott W. Seelye, Country Director
for Jordan, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon

Heywood Stackhouse, Country Director
for Israel

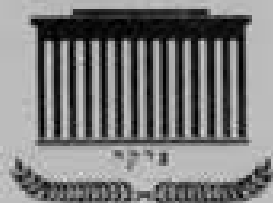
Question period

8:30 p.m. Evening session Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein - Presiding

Irving Kane - address

Shlomo Argov, Minister, Embassy of Israel
address and questions

Tuesday, May 12 - all day Visits to Congress. (When we know the identity
of our delegates we will arrange definite
appointments with Representatives and Senators
who did not attend the Monday luncheon.)



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October 6, 1970

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

First, I'll take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and healthy New Year!

Along with the coming of Rosh Hashanah comes the United Appeal Campaign. I gather that Bernie Olshansky used to serve as the liaison for the United Appeal in the solicitation of Rabbis' cards and that you are the Chairman of that section of the United Appeal Drive. I just received the cards and have given those for Fairmount Temple to Bert Amster. I am enclosing the ones that apply to The Temple. I propose that we divide the balance among some of the fellows in the Federation office as well as Aaron Intrater at the Bureau of Jewish Education and Rabbis Seligman and Spiegelman.

Since you are Chairman of this road show, I would like to have your advice on the suggested organization. Please let me know as soon as possible if this is okay or what alternative suggestions you have.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Stanley Horowitz
Assistant Director

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February 11, 1972

Mr. Maurice Saltzman
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Maurie:

I am writing to you as President of the Federation in regard to the Israel Task Force. You may remember that when our grant for this year's work was approved at an Endowment Committee meeting last summer there was conversation about the future funding of the Task Force. There was much discussion whether we should continue to seek Endowment Fund help or be funded by the Budget Committee as a regular Federation Committee. It was moved then that this matter would be discussed by the leadership of the Federation in time to make a decision enduring our 1972-1973 appropriation.

The Task Force has had a busy year. We have helped groups of students from Kent State, Oberlin, Lake Erie College and CWRU go to Israel. We have spoken to many groups, arranged for key media people to visit Israel, cooperated with Channel 5 in producing an important Israel Special and regularly published Highlights. We have worked with groups from the New Left to the JDL to prevent unwanted incidents, initiated a regional conference on community based public relations and participated in various projects suggested by the NCRAC and other national agencies. Our one to one program of on-going contact with Cleveland leadership now reaches 500 non-Jews. We helped to double the circulation of the Near East Report. I don't think it would be immodest to say that no Federation or other community is as well organized in this area as we are.

February 11, 1972

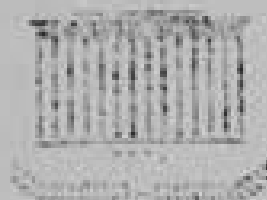
I write now imply to underscore the work of the Task Force and because a year passes all too quickly and the decision on next year's funding rests with the Federation leadership. We are action-organized and leave funding to our leaders.

Thank you for your support and understanding. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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July 3, 1972

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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, President
National Foundation for Jewish Culture
315 Park Avenue South
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting on June 27, 1972, the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland voted to allocate to the Joint Cultural Appeal an amount of \$44,500. Our combined allocation last year to the organizations now in the J.C.A. amounted to \$35,950.

It is our intent that the increased funds be made available to the cultural organizations and not to the National Foundation itself, except for costs directly connected with the Joint Appeal. For your reference, our 1971/72 allocations to the National Foundation and the other cultural organizations were as follows:

American Academy for Jewish Research	\$1,100
American Jewish Historical Society	1,600
Conference on Jewish Social Studies	1,150
Congress for Jewish Culture	1,000
Histadruth Ivrit	2,100
Jewish Publication Society	1,250
Leo Baeck Institute, Inc.	1,100
National Foundation for Jewish Culture	21,750
Yivo Institute for Jewish Research	<u>4,900</u>
TOTAL (Joint Cultural Appeal agencies)	\$35,950

The portion of our allocation for the National Foundation again includes \$7,000 for special projects of the Foundation or of other cultural organizations which, in the opinion of the Foundation, warrant such support. We again request that you notify us how the funds for special projects will be used so that we can report that information to our Budget Committee.

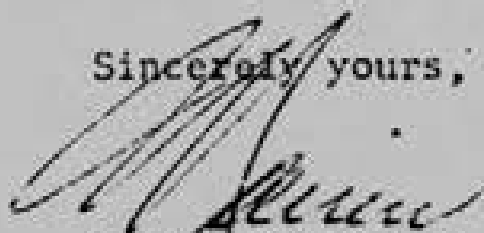
Letter - Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, President
National Foundation for Jewish Culture
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July 3, 1972


We have heard encouraging reports about the response to the Joint Cultural Appeal from other communities. We are hopeful that our increased allocation and others already committed will help you to obtain significantly increased allocations from most communities.

With our best wishes for another year of successful operation, I am

Sincerely yours,



Maurice Saltzman
President



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July 26, 1972

Mr. Maurice Saltzman
President
Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Saltzman:

I am pleased to hear that your Board of Trustees have allocated \$44,500 to the Joint Cultural Appeal. Cleveland, as always, has met its responsibility.

You will be interested to know that the reception of the Joint Cultural Appeal around the communities is great and there will be a substantial increase flow of funds that we will put into the cultural field.

Again my thanks.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
President

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March 23, 1973

Dr. Avraham Harman
Hebrew University
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Dr. Harman:

I am writing this letter to you in your capacity as Chairman of the Sherut Leuniversitat Lechutz La'artz in my capacity as Chairman of the Israel Task Force of the Jewish Community Federation.

Dr. Moshe Davis and our Federation have been in frequent contact regarding the possibility of sending small groups of senior academics from our regional universities to Israel who would expose themselves to Israel's university system and hopefully develop significant contacts with professionals who share their interests and specialties. It is our hope that these men will act as catalysts towards joint academic effort between their colleges and Israel's universities and that an exchange of lecturers, information and friendship will result.

We are prepared to sponsor such a mission in December of '73 or January of '74. Moshe Davis has agreed to help map out their program while in Israel. Our Federation is prepared to underwrite the mission's travel expenses. In order to make this program feasible we would require the Government, the universities or the Jewish Agency to defray its costs while in Israel.

It would be our hope to send between four and seven men and women and to have them spend at least a week in Israel. If they want to spend additional time visiting Israel they would do so on their own. Moshe met with professors from Case Western Reserve University, Kent State University and Oberlin on his last

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visit here and our problem would be one of selection, not of motivation.

The success of this program obviously will depend upon the coordination in Israel of the visit with the facilities and staff of all Israeli universities. Another component should be to provide a broad overview of Israel's intellectual and creative life.

This project seems to us to have great possibilities not only for a mutual relationship but for a program that could replicate itself in other regions of the country. I would be happy as President of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture to work with the Association of Jewish Studies and others to encourage such a program.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future and delighted to know the thinking that has already gone into this program, I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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cc: Moshe Davis
Dr. Hayyim Binart

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8 June 1973

Rabbi D. J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver,

President Harman has asked me to reply to your letter in my capacity as Deputy Chairman for University Services Abroad. We should be very pleased to cooperate in planning the mission you propose for next winter. Furthermore we will be glad to arrange the meetings you are interested in holding.

Because of the financial bind in which the Hebrew University finds itself, we will be unable to subsidize the mission beyond the arrangements I have already indicated.

I sincerely hope that the program will take place, both because of its intrinsic value and because too many years have elapsed since we last met - I think it was at the CCAR Conference in Toronto, could it be in 1966?

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Avraham Avi-hai, Ph.D.
Vice-Provost

*Sorry about the delay - partly bureaucratic &
partly army service. But from now on
you can count on prompt replies.*
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June 19, 1973

**Mr. David Sarnat
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio**

Dear David:

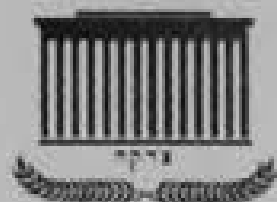
**Enclosed is a copy of my original letter to Harman and
the reply I received yesterday. I'll call you about it
later in the week.**

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

1730 EUCLID AVENUE • CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115 • PHONE (216) 861-4360

March 22, 1974

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi:

I am now in the process of appointing membership on standing committees of the Federation for the year 1974.

I am pleased to extend to you an invitation to serve on Federation's Endowment Fund Committee. This is one of our major committees which enables Federation to support programs and projects which cannot be met from regular budgetary resources.

I trust that you will be able to serve on the Committee. I will assume that you accept my invitation unless I hear from you to the contrary.

Warmest regards.

Cordially,

Morton L. Mandel
President

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March 26, 1974

Mr. Morton L. Mandel, President
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mort:

I will be happy to serve on the Endowment Fund Committee.
Thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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July 18, 1974

Mr. David Sarnat
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear David:

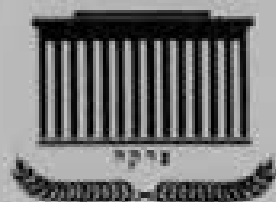
In my shepherding of the clergy I spent about \$620. If you need it I can give you a blow-by-blow breakdown. The sums include meals outside of the King David, taxis, symphony tickets, admissions to the sights, tips etc. In addition I paid out 1500 Israeli pounds toward my hotel bill, a copy of which is enclosed. I did so in order not to have extra Israeli money at the end of the trip. The exchange rate is 4.2 so I would appreciate from the Federation a check for \$978.00.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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July 29, 1975

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi Dan:

As an active participant in previous General Assemblies of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, you know the important role played by the Rabbinic delegates. Traditionally, each year we have invited one of Cleveland's Rabbis to be our guest at this meeting. Selection of this representative has alternated between a member of the Orthodox Rabbinic Council and the Board of Rabbis. Because of your new role with the Board of Rabbis and the contributions you've made to both the local and national Jewish community, I would like to invite you to participate with our delegation. This year's General Assembly will be in Miami between the dates of November 19 and 23, 1975.

Again, I do hope that you will be able to join the Cleveland delegation for I'm sure that you will contribute to the deliberations as well as to our participation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either me or David Sarnat at the Federation office.

Sincerely,

Morton L. Mandel
President

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The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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August 2, 1974

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple Branch
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi:

Several months ago, the Jewish Community Federation appointed a Jewish Education Study Committee, with a broad mandate to consider how Federation could best help strengthen the educational programs in our community. The Committee, composed of outstanding communal leaders broadly representative of many viewpoints, began its work with a series of meetings devoted to deepening our understanding of the many programs of Jewish education presently operating in the community.

The time has now arrived to turn to a study of specific proposals. Since the Committee's mandate included the question of synagogue-Federation relations, it was decided to explore the possibility of new forms of cooperation between the congregations and communal agencies in the field of education, particularly in afternoon school Hebrew education.

The Committee recognized that the thinking of the congregations is crucial if exploration of the possibilities in this area of concern is to be fruitful. We therefore most cordially invite you to join with a few members of our Committee at your convenience to discuss frankly and informally any views you might have on new forms of possible congregational-Federation relationships in the field of education -- and if so, what areas to explore.

We have no position as yet on these questions and we feel that your ideas -- and those of other congregations -- should be explored in depth as a major determinant as to whether, and how, we should proceed.

We will be ready at our meeting to discuss any questions of interest to you: education effects, methods of preserving congregational loyalties, ideological problems, personnel, fiscal

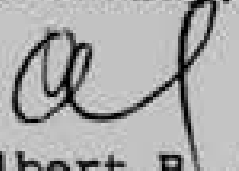
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arrangements, or anything else of interest to you. Although it is our thought that such a meeting should be somewhat limited in numbers to provide fullest opportunity for discussion, we plan to have perhaps three or four of our Committee at such a meeting, and if you wish, you may of course feel free to invite some such comparable number.

We look forward to the opportunity to exchange views with you, and we have asked Sidney Vincent, who has staff responsibility for our Committee, to be in touch with you shortly to make specific arrangements for a meeting time and place if you are interested, as we hope you are, in the indicated exploration.

Cordially,



Albert B. Ratner



Bennett Yanowitz

Co-Chairmen,
Jewish Education Study Committee

August 5, 1975

Mr. Morton L. Mandel, President
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mort:

I am grateful for the opportunity of participating in this year's General Assembly as suggested by your letter of July 29. I may, in fact, be in Miami for a few hours during the meeting in conjunction with the National Foundation For Jewish Culture Executive Board meeting. However, my schedule makes it impossible for me to be in Miami over the full session. Much as I appreciate the honor and offer I would not want to take it up unless I could fully participate in the Assembly.

The facts are that I will be lecturing in Norfolk, Virginia on Wednesday and must be back in Cleveland on Friday for classes at the university. Thank you for your kind offer. I hope you will think of me some other year.

I am glad that we are going to have a chance to meet before the Sohio meeting.

With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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August 6, 1974

Mr. Albert B. Ratner
Mr. Bennett Yanowitz
Co-Chairmen, Jewish Education Studies Committee
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Albert and Bennett:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 2. If the Committee wants to sit down with me and Rabbi Stuart Geller, our Educational Director, I shall be happy to do so at our mutual convenience.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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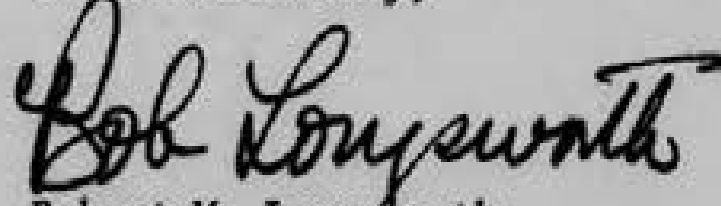
August 29, 1975

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you for your letters of 22 July and 19 August, and more particularly for the continuing interest that you have shown in the Judaic and Near Eastern Studies Program here at Oberlin. I personally, and members of the Program collectively, appreciate the time that you and Messrs. Berger, Graubart, and Vincent have devoted to our problems, our prospects, and our needs. Your suggestions are timely, and I am especially appreciative of your corporate and individual sensitivity toward the particular situation that we face at Oberlin. Your frankness and your understanding are equally valuable; both were gratifying in our pleasant meeting earlier this summer. We shall hope to communicate with you as we plan for the future of the JNES Program here, and I should be glad to hear from you at any time.

Yours faithfully,


Robert M. Longworth
Dean

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cc: Professor Joseph Eliash

September 2, 1975

Mr. Howard Berger
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Howard:

Here is a copy of the letter we talked about. If you can make sense out of it you're a better man than I am.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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ROBERT D. GRIES
RICHARD F. BREZIC

September 2, 1975

Mr. Howard Reiger
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Howard:

Received the enclosed memo. The subject matter leads me to believe that you should make some effort to inquire concerning the materials to be used, the public presentation visa vis Israeli interests and the backgrounds and views of the professors involved. Probably okay but might be worth checking to be sure.

Very truly yours,



Robert D. Gries

RDG/dmr

Enclosure

August 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM

To: Students of National and International Affairs

From: Professor Kenneth Grundy, Chairman, Department of Political Science

During the coming academic year, the Department will offer three new courses on the politics of energy. These courses are different from our conventional offerings in several respects:

- they will be given in the evening, on alternate Mondays;
- they will bring to the campus a number of nationally recognized practitioners and analysts;
- they will be one-credit courses designed for regularly registered students and for members of the community who have a general interest in public affairs.

The first of these courses, "The International Politics of Energy," will meet on Monday evening, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 322, the Wickenden Building (Nearby parking is available). Subsequent meetings will take place on September 22, October 8, etc., through December 1. Each meeting will include a lecture and discussion period. Those who wish to take the course for degree credit will be required to take a final examination on December 8.

During the Intersession in January, 1976, the Department will offer a one-credit research course, supervised by myself and by Professors Barry Hughes and T. Dixon Long.

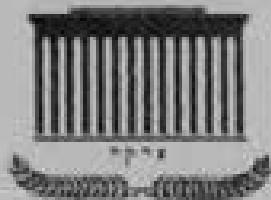
() I would like to receive registration materials for the one-credit course on "The International Politics of Energy."

Name _____

Address _____

() I do not intend to register for this course, but would like to remain on your mailing list for the notice of the Spring course.

SEND TO: Professor Kenneth W. Grundy, Chairman
Department of Political Science
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio 44106



The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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September 4, 1975

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

Dear Rabbi Dan:

Enclosed you will find a note and a mailing that I received from Robert Gries. We spoke about this course at an earlier date, but I did not have a brochure at that time. Do any of the names mean anything to you? Do you have any suggestions as to any contacts we should make?

I will be talking to you soon.

Sincerely,

Howard Rieger, Director
Community Relations Committee

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MEMORANDUM

August 1, 1975

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This will provide an opportunity for focused reading and writing on an aspect of the politics of energy that particularly interests each student.

In the Spring, 1976, semester we will offer "The Domestic Politics of Energy" on essentially the same basis as the Fall course. Students who complete all three segments will have earned three credits applicable to an undergraduate or--with some qualifications--graduate degree.

Planning for the Fall semester has reached the point that we can announce some of our speakers:

Professor James A. Bill, Department of Political Science, University of Texas - Austin, author of The Politics of Petroleum: The Middle East and the United States, and The Politics of Iran, as well as a number of articles on Middle East politics.

Dr. Cecil B. Thompson, Chairman of the International Assessment Working Group for Project Independence and Assistant Administrator for International Energy Affairs, U.S. Federal Energy Administration.

Dr. Michael Tanzer, President of Tanzer Economic Associates, Inc., and author of The Political Economy of International Oil, The Sick Society: An Economic Examination, and The Energy Crisis: World Struggle for Power and Wealth.

Professor Barry B. Hughes, Department of Political Science, CWRU, author of numerous professional papers on computer modeling and energy decision-making, consultant to the Governments of West Germany and Iran, member of the Club of Rome research team for Phase II of the study of "limits to growth."

The cost of registration in this course for the Fall semester will be \$125, unless an individual is already regularly enrolled as a full-time degree candidate. If you or someone you know is interested in receiving registration materials, please detach the form below and return it to me. If you wish to call for further information, the number is 368-2424. If I am not available to help you, your call will be returned by someone else who is conversant with the details.

September 8, 1975

Mr. Howard Rieger
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Howard:

Alan Zeilinger sends the enclosed to me. It is useful to read.

I looked over the Case-Western Reserve material that Gries sent. I don't know any of these people. We ought to get someone at the university to monitor this course.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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October 20, 1975

Mr. Morton L. Mandel, President
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mort:

I thought you would want to know about the long and unrewarding contacts between the Task Force and various members of our Federation on the one hand and the Greater Cleveland Growth Association in reference to the Arab boycott. This letter is simply for information and neither suggests nor requires action.

We thought it would be helpful if the Growth Association would remind its membership about our government's anti-boycott rules. On June 13, 1975 Sydney Zylber and Howard Rieger met with Richard Adler to discuss the problem and to ask the Growth Association to inform its membership "of the law of the land." Our representatives were told that the Growth Association would consider the issue and that while they were not convinced that they should act independently they would certainly consider joint action and would, in any case, take the matter under active advisement.

After this initial meeting there was much delay and intermittent conversation between Dick Adler and Federation staff; requests for further information, questions on our part as to where the matter stood, exchange of information as to the law etc. I know that you were involved in various conversations with Growth Association leaders. Several times the Growth Association indicated a willingness to act, but they had never in fact done so.

Three weeks ago Vic Gelb met with Dick Adler on an unrelated matter and was questioned by Adler and Campbell Elliott about the boycott issue. Vic reported this conversation and indicated that a commitment was made that there would be a Growth Association statement. He confirmed the understanding in writing to both Adler and Elliott, but has heard nothing further.

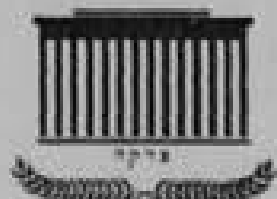
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For what it is worth, our conversations indicate that the Growth Association is eager to gain the support of Jewish business people, but fails to understand the agenda of the Jewish community. Though a Growth Association mailing on the boycott issue is not a life and death matter, I do hope the Federation will use the manifest interest of the Growth Association in "Jewish business" support, not only to make our positions clear but to indicate that the Association must respond to our agenda in some tangible way.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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October 22, 1975

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Beachwood, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi Dan:

Thanks very much for your letter of October 20th describing the recent discussions between representatives of our Israel Task Force and the Greater Cleveland Growth Association. I have been kept up-to-date on most of these matters.

I want to look into this a little further and then discuss with you what, if any, further steps should be taken.

Meantime, I certainly want to thank you for your continuing effort in this work. It has been very worthwhile!

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Morton L. Mandel
President

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November 26, 1975

Mr. Morton Mandel, President
The Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mort:

I would like to commend the work of two members of the Federation staff. As you know, we had a very successful "We Are All Zionists" rally. It was put together in a week, and a particularly hectic week at that, since most of the staff was in Miami for the General Assembly.

Howard Rieger accepted responsibility for the overall planning, despite three full days out of town and a number of other responsibilities. Every lapel button was ready, a new Highlights was printed, banners were available, all the i's were dotted and all the t's crossed.

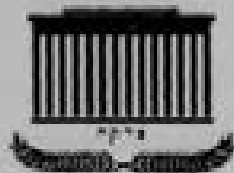
Seven days before the rally we decided to produce a tape and slide presentation "What Is Zionism" in such a form that it would be available after the rally for community interpretation. Roy Rosenbaum produced a professional piece within that time. He was responsible for the script, slide selection and a thoroughly professional production which included musical score, a narrator etc. I doubt that a professional house could have accomplished as fine a product as this in that time.

It is a pleasure to work with men of this quality.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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Morton L. Mandel
President

December 1, 1975

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

Dear Dan:

I was very pleased to receive your gracious letter of November 26 complimenting our staff. I agree that Howard Rieger and Roy Rosenbaum are fine staff members and work very well as full partners with our volunteer leaders. I am going to pass along your nice sentiments to them.

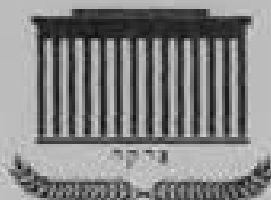
I also want to compliment you on the outstanding rally that was held on November 24th; I am sorry that I was out of town and had to miss it.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Morton L. Mandel
President

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December 5, 1975

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple Branch
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44124

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was pleased to learn from David Sarnat that you had agreed to be the speaker at the Lampl Symposium session on Sunday, December 14, 1975. The gathering will be at the home of Steven and Leslie Weisenberger, 3785 Claridge Oval, at 7:45 P.M.

David tells me that the topic that he discussed with you was "Judaism after Israel". I understand that this is an attempt to address some of the issues of Israel-Diaspora relationships. I think you should know that there is a high probability that many of the group are not aware of what Jewish life was like before Israel. It may be useful for you to background some of that, and to help them gain some perspective on the significance of Israel in their lives today, religiously, politically and culturally.

After having had two sessions, the participants have asked me to let speakers know that they are eager to engage in discussions with them.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. The group is made up of fourteen couples, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. They tend to be around the age of 33, most with young children.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Stephen H. L. Hoffman
Planning Associate

SHLH/jr

January 13, 1976

Mr. Albert Ratner, President
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Al:

I want to add my congratulations to the many you have received on your election as President of our Federation. The nominating committee chose well and we are grateful that you were willing to assume these demanding responsibilities. I look forward to working with you in many ways over the next three years.

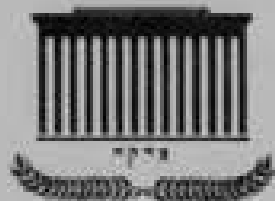
As you know, I have been shenkt the task of heading the committee which represents the synagogues of Cleveland in contacts with the Federation to discuss the issues of mutual concern. I would be delighted to sit with you so that we can talk about these meetings and the potential for closer relationships which should develop. I hope it will be possible for you to attend our meetings and signal in that way the importance which you attach to closer and better synagogue-Federation relationships.

Again, Adele joins me in congratulations.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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February 3, 1976

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
26000 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi Dan:

Just a note of reminder that we had talked several months ago and you indicated your availability to provide the D'var Torah at the March Board of Trustees meeting of the Federation.

This is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17th. This note is merely a reminder because it was quite a while ago that we talked.

On another matter entirely, I'll be visiting Oberlin within the next two weeks and I've arranged for Alex Graubart to accompany me on a very informal basis. I've got a date with Dave Clark and I'll also arrange to spend some time with Joe Eliash to ascertain how things are developing. I'll stay in touch.

I trust you had a wonderful trip. It's always good to have you back in Cleveland. I'm assuming you stayed away from those areas of the world where it was 30 degrees below zero.

Sincerely,

Howard R. Berger

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NEWSPAPER MONITORING PROJECT

A SURVEY OF DAILY NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF

THE ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT

IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

AUGUST 15-OCTOBER 15, 1975

JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION

CLEVELAND, OHIO

FEBRUARY 6, 1976

NEWSPAPER MONITORING PROJECT
JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND

PURPOSE

Jewish community relations organizations throughout the country are frequently called upon to interpret, comment upon, or help influence their local press, especially in relation to reportage of the Arab-Israel conflict. Classifying a given newspaper as favorable or unfavorable to the cause of Israel is, at best, a subjective process, often dependent upon the current front page analysis or the last round of letters to the editor. The Newspaper Monitoring Project was designed to analyze, through an adaptation of a well-known research tool,* the reporting methodologies utilized by the two daily newspapers of Cleveland, Ohio. The techniques employed and the resultant findings provide a useful tool for Cleveland and other local communities, as well as a challenge to the national Jewish community.

DESCRIPTION

The daily home editions of the Cleveland Press and the Cleveland Plain Dealer were analyzed during the period of August 15 - October 15, 1975. The survey included 115 individual newspaper issues and a total of 269 relevant articles. This period preceded the "Zionism-racism" episode at the United Nations and, in general, encompassed a relatively calm period of time. The chief Israel-oriented concern in the area was the formulation of the Sinai interim accord. Civil strife in Lebanon was also beginning to escalate; although this issue did not specifically involve Israel in all instances, enough cross-reference warranted the inclusion of pertinent reporting in the study.

*The method of content analysis is amply described in the research literature of the fields of journalism, political science and sociology.

PROCESS

Data recorded included: newspaper, date, headline, format (news article, editorial, etc.), derivation (wire report, local, etc), length of column inches, sources directly quoted (as to origin of speaker). There was maintenance of a daily tabulation of all data.

RESULTS

TABLE I -- TOTAL ARTICLE COUNT (See Appendices 1-6 for Selected Examples)

The primary question to be answered by the study was the extent and coverage of Israel-related material in the two newspapers. This phase of the investigation focused on the number of overall articles to appear in Cleveland related to the Arab-Israel conflict (2.34 articles was the average per paper; 4.68 total articles per day combined). News articles outweighed other categories, and about one in five appeared on the front page. Of every ten articles, 8.5 were either news or features, with editorials, letters and editorial columns accounting for the remainder

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COMBINED TOTAL (8/15-10/15 1975)

TOTAL ISSUES 115

ARTICLES N=269*

<u>CATEGORY</u>		<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
News		208	77.3
(News, Non-1	155		74.5)
(Page 1	44		21.1)
(News Analysis	9		4.4)
Feature		18	6.7
Editorial		13	4.8
Column		14	5.2
Letter to Editor		16	6.0
		269	100.00

*The total N for each of the following tables will vary according to information that can be discerned from the articles.

TABLE TWO -- COMBINED DERIVATION

The second question addressed by the study was the source of coverage. A key finding of the study is that less than one of every four articles for the three-month period was of local origin. This clearly indicates the need for national information resources able, not only to respond to but also to address the syndicated columnists, newspaper chain editorial writers and wire service editors whose work is presented not only in Cleveland but in every other city and town in the United States. These issues are not adequately handled by an approach to the local newspaper.

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<u>DERIVATION</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Wire Reports	194	72.6
Syndicated Columnist	11	4.1
Locally Prepared	46	17.2
Letter to Editor	<u>16</u>	<u>6.1</u>
	267*	100.00

Since this is a local survey (albeit one with national implications), it is instructive to offer a characterization of the 25% of materials that were in fact of local origin. It should be pointed out at this juncture that the Press is a member of the Scripps-Howard chain and has a limited editorial writing staff. Most editorials which appear in the Press come from the national writers, though local staff can exert the power of selectivity and editing. The Plain Dealer is part of the Newhouse chain, but is quite independent, and all editorials are locally prepared.

In general, locally developed news articles, features and editorials, with rare exception, had no strong pro-Israel or pro-Arab orientation. There were some Cleveland-based articles on the Sinai accord and on local Jewish speakers; only one pro-Arab news article appeared, and it was not strongly stated. An interview with Arab propagandist, Norton Mezvinsky, appeared on the last day of the survey and represented the sole blatantly pro-Arab local piece developed (Plain Dealer).

Editorials were surprisingly mild and non-committal. Plain Dealer editorials ranged from pro-accord statements; to a call for no secret deals with any parties; to a criticism of Syrian intransigence. Press editorials followed suit, expressing optimism of the chances for peace; Daniel Moynihan's criticism of Idi Amin was lauded; and a sympathetic analysis of Israel's bargaining position was published.

Letters to the editor were strongly against American involvement, although not necessarily anti-Israel. The Plain Dealer had eight isolationist letters and the Press had four. The Plain Dealer had one anti-PLO and one pro-Israel letter; the Press had one pro-U.S. involvement in the accord and one anti-Israel letter. This period might be contrasted with the period following the U.N.-racism vote, during which time letters ran very favorably toward the Israeli and pro-Zionist perspective.

Finally, the Jewish Community Federation maintains an active community and public relations effort to provide information and orientation to the media through its Israel Task Force and Public Relations Committees. Federation provides opportunities for press conferences, visitation by Israeli spokesmen, annual Federation-newspaper meetings, meetings with individual reporters and related forums. Once again, these activities are aimed only at one-fourth of the problem and do not attack the remaining three-fourths of the news which is generated from beyond the community.

TABLE THREE -- COMBINED SOURCES QUOTED

The third question answered by the study relates to the sources used by reporters and editorial writers. The primary source is a variety of U.S. officials with the next two categories divided between official Israeli and Arab spokesmen and their respective supporters abroad. Arab sources were quoted about 6:5 more than Israeli supporters, but this most probably reflects the intensified activities in Lebanon as much as the Arab-Israeli conflict. Dr. Kissinger was the single most quoted source, accounting for 16% of all quotes; he was cited three times more frequently than President Ford.

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<u>COMBINED SOURCES QUOTED</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
ISRAELI	47	20.2
OTHER PRO-JEWISH	11	4.7
ARAB	62	26.6
OTHER PRO-ARAB	9	3.9
U.S. OFFICIAL	97	41.6
(Various Officials	48	49.5)
(Dr. Kissinger	37	38.1)
(President Ford	12	12.4)
OTHER	<u>7</u>	<u>3.0</u>
	233	100.00

TABLE FOUR -- OPINIONATED MATERIAL (See Appendices 1-4)

Difficult though it might be to classify a particular article as "opinionated," those articles which met these criteria were the fourth issue confronted by the study. By definition, any editorial, letter to the editor, or syndicated column was included in the range of opinionated material. More problematic, but nonetheless important, were articles that contained quotes or stated opinions which were exclusively favorable to one or the other side (i.e., an interview with an Arab propagandist passing through town with no balancing commentary by supporters of Israel).

About 70% of all articles surveyed fell into the neutral (i.e., non-opinionated) category, while 30% of the articles were interpreted as opinionated.

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<u>OPINIONATED MATERIAL</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Neutral	186	68.9
Opinionated	74	31.1

Of opinions expressed, the following were most frequently mentioned:

Pro-Accord	17
Anti-U.S. Role (Isolationist)	14
Pro-Jewish National Rights, Zionism	7
Anti-U.S. Money to Israel	3
Unbalanced or Unanswered Charges Against Israel	4
No Secret Provisions to Accord	3
Anti-PLO Terrorism	2
Israel Flexibility Praised	2
Golda's Analysis	2
Other Views	20
Opinionated Articles	74

TABLE FIVE --STATISTICAL COMPARISON OF CLEVELAND DAILY NEWSPAPERS

The chief significance of this study is to document exactly what is being printed in the two daily newspapers of one major metropolitan center over a two-month period regarding the Middle East. From a local point of view, it is also instructive to look at areas of difference between the two principal newspapers. Whereas all preceding data was "combined", thus representing the results of both publications, this section of the study will analyze points of divergence between the Press and the Plain Dealer

THE PLAIN DEALER HAD MORE COVERAGE THAN THE PRESS: 2.5 ARTICLES DAILY :

2.1 The Plain Dealer had much more news analysis; fully 8% of its news stories were analytical, as opposed to less than 4% of the Press. The Press put 25 out of every 100 pertinent news articles on page one, while the Plain Dealer put 17.5 on the front page.

THE PRESS HAD 5% LESS LOCAL ARTICLES THAN THE PLAIN DEALER

The Plain Dealer had 11% of all articles involved as letters to the editor, compared to 4.5% at the Press. The Plain Dealer had a pertinent editorial an average of once weekly; the Press, once every two weeks (this last point does not take into account the fact that the Press has only six issues weekly, as compared to seven for the Plain Dealer). In both cases, it should be pointed out again that over three-fourths of all articles are of non-local derivation.

THE PLAIN DEALER HAD FULLER AMPLIFICATION OF THE PRO-ISRAEL PERSPECTIVE

Approximately 31% of sources directly quoted by both newspapers were of Arab or pro-Arab origin. Israeli sources accounted for over 27% of the Plain Dealer articles, while the Press had less than 22% supportive of the Israeli position. Both newspapers quoted U.S. officials approximately 42% of the time, but Henry Kissinger was quoted 14% more frequently in the Press than in the Plain Dealer.

THE PLAIN DEALER HAD MORE OPINIONATED ARTICLES - 33%, AGAINST 28% FOR THE PRESS

The three opinions expressed most frequently were identical in both sources and are listed in the order of frequency:

1. The interim accord was a positive step toward peace.
2. The U.S. should curtail its role in the Middle East, curing its own ills at home first.
3. Jewish rights, or Zionism, should be secured.

TABLE SIX -- HEADLINE COMPARISON

As headlines often set the tone for an article, or even distort it (especially for those readers who do not get past the story title on their way to other sections), the study took this phenomenon into account. Shown on this table are ten headlines which report the same basic event:

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RANDOM SAMPLING OF TITLES FOR SAME-DAY EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLAIN DEALER</u>	<u>PRESS</u>
8/21/75	Egypt Israel Reportedly Narrow Differences on Key Sinai Issue	Report Egypt Agrees on Key Peace Point
9/1/75	Israelis Approve Sinai Agreements, Initialing Today	Egypt, Israel Okay Kissinger Peace Pact
9/3/75	Sinai Accord Gains Support in Congress	Congress OK Is Expected for Yanks in Sinai
9/9/75	City Terror Again Rages in Lebanon	Lebanon Moslems Besiege Christians
9/12/75	U.S. Spies Failed to Realize '73 War Was Coming	State Department Denies War Tipoff
9/18/75	Fighting Erupts Again in Beirut	Moslems Seize Beirut in Fiery Street Battle
10/3/75	House Unit to Approve Yanks in Sinai Today	House Unit OK's Yanks in Sinai by 24 to 0 Vote
10/4/75	Sinai Documents are Released	Senate Questions Sinai Deals
10/4/75	Uganda's Amin is called a "Murderer" by Moynihan	Moynihan Calls Amin a "Racist Murderer"
10/9/75	Arabs Here Plan to Pray for Peace	Peace Prayers Set

CONCLUSION

The study results indicate that the Federation's local program with the newspapers appears to be adequate and is having some impact, as far as it is able to go. Nevertheless, the study also documents the fact that local input is severely limited due to the national origin of 75% of the news materials. Local communities might use a similar study to determine the character of their press and the efficacy of their media relations programming, but the assumption is made here that the situation in most communities will be of a similar nature. What is needed is a national program which will enable intervention on the level where major impact is necessary in order to complete an effective program of orientation for the newspaper industry.

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Seymour Brief reported for Robert Gries on foundation requests. Mr. Gries, who is out of the country, is national chairman of the AJC's Foundation Program. All proposals to local foundations presently being considered are for projects the chapter cannot afford on its own, and all have local application. Currently under consideration are proposals re the following:

1. Reducing community barriers between working class and middle class women.
2. Funding of a major event locally to observe the Bicentennial.
3. Followup on the "Faith Without Prejudice" study to examine prejudice in religious teaching.
4. Establishment of a Center for Law in Education.
5. Providing scholarships for the Academy for Jewish Studies.
6. Support for AJC's Israel Library on Americana.

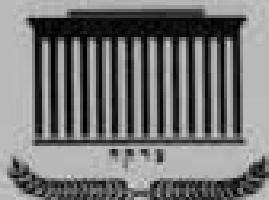
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Reports on the October 11 Think Tank followed. It was a successful and stimulating day. Approximately 60 members attended part or all of the sessions, which were designed to think through present projects and make an attempt for each commission to come up with a workable project or projects. Plans which develop are to be brought back to the Board of Trustees for discussion of problem areas as well as successes.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Dr. Demb described the small ongoing local Arab-Jewish Dialogue group formed more than a year ago to gain insights into what the Arab community is thinking and doing. The intent is to take the areas of disagreement and the differences out of the newspapers and into the living room. The dialogue has served to stem the flow of vitriolic letters to the local press. Initiated under the auspices of the Council on Human Relations, this dialogue group includes several AJC members. Dr. Demb asserted that discussions of Middle East concerns have been difficult, sometimes bitter, and overall, not really productive. However, the mere fact of our people talking with and learning about Arab groups is a positive factor, and he suggested the possibility of enlarging the project by setting up additional groups of this kind. He indicated in this connection that a somewhat "bland" statement of aims might be compiled, not for publication, but for the internal use of the groups.

Dr. Demb's second project for the coming year concerned the possibility of "adopting" a Soviet Jewish family. This would involve writing letters of friendship and encouragement, possibly sending of packages and/or some funds, and even meeting personally in the event that chapter members should travel to the Soviet Union.

JEWISH COMMUNAL AFFAIRS: Lois Butler's report covered four areas.

1. The Israel Academic Seminar's essential goal is to establish a pro-Israel viewpoint on local campuses by sending young influential (or potentially influential) academicians to Israel for an intensive two-week study tour with colleagues from around the country. The chapter has participated by sending two academicians each year since the program was initiated in 1970. The high quality of the participants to date and their continuing interest upon return have made this a high priority program for the chapter.



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February 25, 1976

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
Shaker Richmond Branch
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for a most interesting evening. I have had the pleasure of listening to a number of attempts to cover the ground that you did in the limited time made available. Yours was truly the most incisive that I have heard. Its difficult to telescope Jewish history and its significance into so short a presentation. But I think you did it, and I also think you succeeded in laying out the central issues facing Jews today.

While I agree with your notion that there are no simple answers to these complete questions, I think you pointed in the directions we can pursue and I think the people present realize this.

I hope you enjoyed the setting and the opportunity to talk with our young leadership. Thank you again for making yourself available.

Cordially,

Stephen H. L. Hoffman
Planning Associate

SHLH/jr

March 11, 1976

Mr. Howard Rieger
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Howard:

I received the enclosed in the mail. If you have not seen it,
here it is for whatever it's worth.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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CONGRESSMAN-MORRIS K. UDALL

ON THE MIDDLE EAST

As a fully democratic nation, sharing with us a common Judeo-Christian heritage, Israel is our only natural and wholly dependable ally in the Middle East. Our own history, our tradition as a home for the persecuted, the values which have shaped our past policies, and the vital strategic importance of the area all argue for unshakable support for Israel.

A MIDDLE EASTERN SETTLEMENT

I visited Israel last August. I saw how, in just a generation, under the constant threat of annihilation, the Israelis have turned a parched desert into a nation that not only cares for its citizens --Jewish, Christian and Moslem alike--but has shared its knowledge and skills with other poorer nations. While there, I talked to Prime Minister Rabin and several members of his cabinet, with Army officers, with professors and journalists, and with ordinary citizens. I came away with some of my preconceptions reinforced and with some new insights.

The most basic one, I think, is this: that Secretary Kissinger erred in initiating the step-by-step negotiating process after the Yom Kippur War. Although I was a vocal supporter of the recent Sinai agreement and the stationing of American technicians in the Sinai passes, I believe that the continuing emphasis on short-term adjustments bought with heavy commitments of military aid endangers rather than enhances the prospect for a more comprehensive and lasting settlement. Real peace will come to the Middle East only when the nations there can finally sit down, face-to-face, to deal with their mutual problems. While I do not minimize the formidable political and emotional barriers to such meetings, I believe we ought to stop passing up chances for progress.

I believe that the United States should seek to refocus the stabilization process from questions of territorial readjustments to the dangerous problem of arms proliferation. In the two years since the Yom Kippur War, the Arab nations have brought \$12 billion in conventional arms in the international market. While Arab arsenals continue to grow at such great speed, Israel--facing eleven Arab nations, all of whom participated with weapons, troops or both in the Yom Kippur War--has no choice but to continue to keep military strength powerful enough to deter any attack. Therefore our commitment to maintain the military balance by providing the necessary arms to Israel is just and reasonable and must be honored. But the spiraling of the Middle East arms trade creates a threat of destruction that grows daily.

Already, we see weapons being used to shape policy instead of being its tool: King Hussein recently explained that he needed American Hawk missile batteries not for defense but for reasons of prestige. We must reject such rationales absolutely. Since the close of World War II, the U.S. has armed both sides of 12 separate conflicts. As the largest global arms supplier, we, and only we, are in a position to stop this madness. I believe that an international conference to address this urgent issue should be convened at the earliest possible date.

While shifting our focus to conventional arms control, we cannot ignore the territorial conflicts in the Middle East. With regard to the Syrian front, I am not optimistic. It has become an awful cliché to say that one cannot understand the problem of the Golan heights without standing on them, but I certainly found it to be true. From the Heights, I watched children at play, farmers

irrigating their fields, and people going about their daily routines in a kibbutz in the valley below. I saw all this clearly through sights of a Syrian gun emplacement. It was plain to me that territorial adjustments on the Golan Heights are going to be terribly difficult.

On the other hand, I believe that there is real hope for progress on the West Bank. Israel's humane administration of the occupied territories, and the enormous success of the Open Bridges policy, have created a situation where time seems to be working on the side of the Israelis. As Arab crossings over the Allenby Bridge increase, and as the relative tranquility, security and prosperity of the West Bank's inhabitants become more widely known, it will be harder and harder to spread the kind of vicious propaganda that turns people into terrorists.

While the right of the Palestinians to a normal life in the area cannot be disputed, it must be remembered that the dimensions of this problem are now largely of the Arab's making. It was the Arab states who encouraged those in Mandate Palestine to leave their homes in 1948. It was an Arab state, Jordan, that annexed the West Bank, originally scheduled to become an independent nation under the 1947 partition. It is the Arab states, with a combined population of over 100 million, who have steadfastly refused to absorb and resettle the refugee population they created. And it is the Arab states which--despite their soaring oil revenues--have left the burden of assisting these refugees on the international community, with 70% of their support coming from the United States.

Ultimately, I believe, the most promising solution to the Palestinian problem lies in the creation of some form of confederated state, involving differing degrees of economic and political integration, among Israel, Jordan and Palestinian population. Clearly, such a breakthrough will require either that the PLO formally abandon its founding charter which denies Israel's right to exist, or the election of a representative government on the West Bank that does recognize that absolute right. I believe that the United States should remain firm in refusing to deal with the PLO or any other government that uses terrorism as a diplomatic tool.

THE UNITED STATES RESOLUTION

An indication of how far we have to go to achieve peace and stability in the Middle East is the recent action of the United Nations General Assembly labeling as "racist" the desire of a people who have borne millennia of persecution to return to their ancestral homeland.

This irresponsible, hypocritical action masks the murderous ideology of anti-Semitism behind a spurious semantic mask. It demonstrates not the "racism of Israel" but the corrupting power of Soviet and Arab money, oil and arms.

Congress acted swiftly in passing a resolution, of which I was a co-sponsor, condemning this awful act. America's response to this contemptible exercise must continue to be vigorous and vocal. We should use every bit of leverage at our command, in every available forum. We must work to reform the U.N., to institute a system of weighted voting in the General Assembly, and to depoliticize UNESCO and the other special agencies.

THE ARAB BOYCOTT

In today's world, a nation's economic condition is as important to its national security as its military strength. For this reason, I am shocked at the Ford Administration's long acquiescence in the

Arab nations' blacklist of firms owned by or employing Jews or doing business with Israel. It took more than a year of intense Congressional pressure, including a subpoena, threats of a contempt citation, and a lawsuit (of which I am a co-plaintiff) to produce any positive action by the Administration.

Seventy-five years ago, the United States Government was informed by the government of the Austro-Hungarian Empire that the proposed appointment of an American Ambassador was unacceptable because the man in question was married to a Jewish woman. Our Secretary of State dispatched the following reply:

It is not within the power of the President, nor the Congress, nor any judicial tribunal of the United States to take or even hear testimony in any mode, or to inquire into or decide upon the religious belief of any official, and the proposition to allow this to be done by any foreign government is necessarily inadmissible--to suffer an infraction of this essential principle would lead to disenfranchisement of our citizens because of their religious belief, and thus impair or destroy the most important end which our Constitution of Government was intended to secure.

Today's situation demands an equally firm response. The House is now considering a bill (Holtzman-Rodino) I have co-sponsored, to impose civil and criminal penalties on companies which use economic coercion to discriminate against American businesses because of religion, race, sex, national origin, or lawful support for or trade with another country. The bill also penalizes any company that participates in an illegal boycott. Passage of this legislation--and election of a President committed to stopping such economic warfare--will go a long way towards ending practices which are legally and morally intolerable.

CONCLUSION

Peace in the Middle East will come only when the Arab nations prove willing to accept Israel as a neighbor, and to respect the right of the Israeli people to build their homeland.

This will not be achieved easily, but I believe that it can be done. The United States must make clear that it will continue to support Israel's right to exist, and to resist all efforts--military, economic or diplomatic--to undermine her security. The Israelis have stated repeatedly their willingness to make concessions in their quest for peaceful relations with the Arab world; the United States should do all in its power to persuade Israel's neighbors to adopt a similar spirit of accommodation.

The policies outlined above will, I believe, foster this kind of progress. It is in the interest of the Israelis, the Palestinian Arabs, the other Arab states--and, in such a vital and volatile region of the globe, in the highest interests of the United States.

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March 17, 1976

Mr. Howard Rieger
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Howard:

When Danny Silver was in for the meeting of the Israel Task Force last Friday, we got an opportunity to schmooze about a couple of matters of mutual interest.

One of the items we talked about was the possibility of cultivating contacts with the Maronite Catholics in the United States. Danny shared with me a letter to the editor which had appeared that morning in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, I believe. It was Danny's view that the Maronite Catholics can be most effective in exposing the PLO and Syrian sources of the persecution of Maronite Christians.

I would welcome any clippings such as the letter to the editor that I could share with some other CRCs that are located in communities with relatively large Maronite Catholic populations. I would also value your views on this subject.

I am taking the liberty of sharing a copy of this letter with Al Kushner in Detroit, which I understand also has a major Maronite Catholic population.

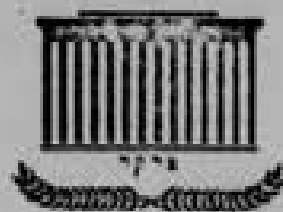
I do hope it will be possible for you to join us at the briefings to be held for CRC executives on April 4 and 5. I look forward to seeing you at that time.

Cordially,

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Albert D. Chernin
Executive Vice Chairman

cc: Rabbi Daniel J. Silver ✓
Alvin Kushner



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April 28, 1976

Dr. Emil C. Danenberg, President
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio 44074

Dear President Danenberg:

Thank you for your very detailed and frank letter of April 22, outlining both the past history of the College's offerings in Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, the present situation, and the future outlook. I have undertaken to duplicate the letter and share it with the other men who were present at the meeting in your office. We shall want to study your memorandum carefully before responding to it, but in any case, you can count on our continuing eagerness to help ensure the vitality of the program.

Warmest regards.

Cordially,

Sidney Z. Vincent
Executive Director Emeritus

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OBERLIN COLLEGE

OBERLIN, OHIO 44074

JUDAIC AND NEAR EASTERN STUDIES

JUDAIC AND NEAR EASTERN STUDIES COURSES IN 1976-77

1. Regular Courses:

J. Eliash	Elementary ARABIC	2 SEM	JNES 111, 112
—	Intermediate HEBREW	2 SEM	JNES 203, 204

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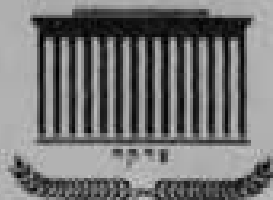
J. Eliash	History of JUDAISM	1 Semester	JNES X210 or REL X210
J. Eliash	Jewish Thought (topics)	2 Semesters	JNES 222 or REL 222
J. Eliash	ISLAM: Beliefs and Institutions	1 Semester	JNES 224 or REL 224

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D. Eliash	History of the Modern Middle East	1 SEM	JNES 131
D. Eliash	The Arab-Israeli Conflict	1 SEM	JNES 342
D. Eliash	Women in Middle East Societies	1/2 SEM	JNES A133
	(Module, half Semester)		

2. Private Readings:

Priority to Majors. See Mr. Eliash, Rice 13, Ext. 8652.



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April 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ Rabbi Alex Graubart
 ✓ Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
 Sidney Z. Vincent

FROM: Howard R. Berger *[Signature]*

All of you have received copies of the recent letter from President Danenberg to Sid Vincent. Sid has acknowledged the letter briefly to President Danenberg in a noncommittal way.

You may also be aware that I had a discussion with Joe Eliash Monday evening regarding the courses to be offered by the JNES Studies Program for 1976/1977. These courses are in line with the academic decision referred to in President Danenberg's letter (paragraph 3; page 4) wherein he indicated that temporary action has been taken to maintain the Hebrew House directorship and to supplement Dr. Eliash's courses with a half-time equivalent appointment. It would appear that the half-time equivalent appointment will be Dorothy Eliash. The College is currently searching for a Hebrew House Director (see attached notice) and that person also will be teaching the two semesters of intermediate Hebrew.

Attached is a copy of the proposed program. I expressed some grave concerns to Joe about the line-up. I reminded him of our past conversations wherein we had been assured that the Judaic component would be prominent. I indicated I did not see it reflected in these offerings. And while I didn't say it to Joe, it seems to me that we have received double-talk. President Danenberg in his letter indicates (paragraph 1; page 5) "In the critical matter of faculty recruitment and selections, I shall expect the exercise of the greatest care and consultation with all informed parties. I have no doubt, given the background of our students, that the Judaic emphasis will not be submerged and that any new appointments would have to strengthen that portion of our offerings."

The following might be considered:

1. A more detailed response to President Danenberg expressing disappointment and deep concern in how the program as outlined in his letter has been implemented. This probably should come from Sid with input from all of us.
2. Asking Joe to meet with us in Cleveland and expressing to him our full feelings, prior to such a response. Joe has indicated to me willingness to meet us here.

President Morton L. Mandel

Vice-Presidents Julius Paris

Max Ratner

Sue H. Weiner

Treasurer A. T. Bonda

Associate Treasurer Henry J. Goodman

Executive Director Stanley B. Horowitz

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3. Any combination of the above.
4. Any other ideas you have, including the possibility of our being much more aggressive in our attitude and taking the initiative rather than reacting each time to what the college does.

Please give me a call and let me have your thoughts as to how we should proceed.

P.S. This is to confirm we will be getting together Thursday, May 6, 3 P.M. in Sidney's office.

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April 30, 1976

Mr. Howard Berger
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Howard:

Just to get my reactions on record:

1. There is no Judaic program any longer at Oberlin. A one-semester basic course in the History of Judaism does not a Judaic program make - and I question Eliash's competence to teach such a course. The second course in Jewish Thought (topics) certainly will be limited to the medieval philosophic issues which he understands and is hardly designed to develop student enrollment.
2. There is no longer an introductory Hebrew course. The university is getting away with murder asking somebody to run Hebrew House and teach two courses for the munificent sum of \$8,000. One of the reasons they cannot keep anybody is the salary level.
3. No one consulted anyone in Cleveland (Martin, Silver etc.) as to available people for the half job and the administration has clearly gone back on its promise that the half job would be designed to increase the Judaic element of the program.

It would seem to me the following course of action is required:

- a) A strong letter to Danenberg protesting Dorothy Eliash's appointment in terms of Danenberg's own terms "any new appointments would have to strengthen that (Judaic emphasis) portion of our offerings."
- b) Arrangements be made to meet personally with the potential donor of a Jewish Studies chair to bring him up-to-date. We must use our heavy guns and it would be criminal to let Jewish money be poured into this snake pit.

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c) A background briefing on this situation should be had with Marvin Fox and other officers of the Association For Jewish Studies.

d) I understand that one of the two men in the Religion Department is retiring. There are Jewish Bible scholars available. This theme might be pressed home with the College.

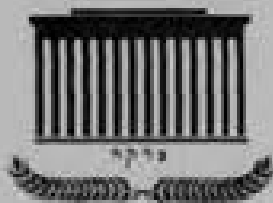
3) We ought to burn our bridges with Eliash: tell him that we no longer trust him, will no longer support him and so indicate to his president and local alumni.

I think this situation is a scandal and I think Federation has to exert itself to the fullest so that the thing does not become worse than it is.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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May 25, 1976

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
Shaker-Richmond Branch
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi Dan:

I thought last night was absolutely wonderful. You should feel good.

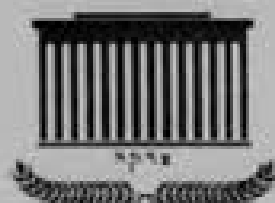
I apologize for breaking into what must be a very pleasant glow. Elliott Faye has been after me. At the same time, I have talked to Max Ratner and I still think that Max might be interested if we could provide some organizational sponsorship and a framework.

Have you had a chance to sound out any of the national organizations? Every week that goes by, Elliott indicates to me that the cost of equipment is less but I would like to finalize this in some way as soon as possible. Please let me know what you think when you have a moment.

Sincerely,

Howard

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September 3, 1976

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple Branch
26000 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44124

Dear Rabbi:

I am pleased to say that we have been asked to coordinate a program on the up-coming Jewish Holidays for WJW-TV. The program will be taped at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15, and aired during the "Moral View" segment at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 3.

I am hoping that you will represent the Cleveland Board of Rabbis in a discussion dealing with the Jewish High Holiday, the meaning of the Holidays, the significance of some of the rituals, and in general, help interpret the Holidays for the Jews as well as the non-Jewish viewing audience.

If you are unable to be with us on the 15th, I would appreciate it if you would appoint another member of your group to be a guest.

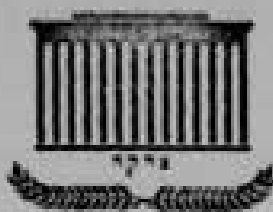
Of course, I have also extended an invitation to the Orthodox Rabbinical Council and expect a Rabbi from that group to be present.

Since there is some urgency, I will call the early part of next week.

Cordially,

Ted Farber
Director of Communications

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August 17, 1976

Mr. Albert D. Chernin
National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council
55 West 42 Street
New York, New York 10036

Dear Al:

At a recent meeting of our Israel Task Force, we acted upon a request from the American Professors for Peace in the Middle East for continuing financial support. While our Federation has provided funding for subscriptions to the APPME Quarterly Journal for the last several years, a question has now arisen in respect to the organization's ongoing programming. In order that we can come back to our Task Force with some specific answers, I would like to know whether there has been any evaluation of APPME at the national level, and if not, whether it would be appropriate for the National Israel Task Force to undertake such an examination.

I must say that APPME did send a good deal of background material on their Speakers Bureau and some of their conferences and international activities, but it is very difficult sitting in Cleveland to know anything about the impact that these activities have had. From a local standpoint, our APPME chapter is virtually nonexistent.

I would appreciate any information you have, or knowing whether an examination by the National Israel Task Force will be possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
Chairman, Israel Task Force

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Meeting with Garafoli/Hughes

Garafoli

Both ends of the spectrum are present in the Democratic party
Also those who say that the law must be obeyed
20th district candidate organizing against busing - felt the media played this up.
Mottl and Russo led the demagogues by taking a stand - felt radio especially gave inordinate amount of time to their stand.
Publicity about peace-keeping is volatile - prejudices the case - peacekeeping raising people's fears.
People feel alienated by loss of rights and any approach to people must concern itself with this matter.
Focus on busing is artificial - this is only head of iceberg - focus should be on housing/employment/education --religious leaders should focus on equality in employment and housing

Hughes

80% of people in county opposed to busing - poll commissioned by Republicans
Peacekeeping is fragile
Suspicion about the establishment runs high - {people feel leaders don't represent them
Publicity is not helpful
Feel that Republican party will seek constitutional amendment on abortion and busing -- taking an anti stand on both; this anti stand will receive tremendous press locally.

To do

Communicate the implication of the decision - you will see rallies, etc.
Need to get 61 political subdivisions to give positive leadership.

Be careful of a few people looking like they are trying to run the lives of 1,700,000 persons.

The politician is the person the public can most easily get at -- they can put him/her out of office. November will be the focus.
New media can do the most to keep down demagoguery.

Get key businessmen to register complaints re: demagogue cartoons/articles, etc.

*Public opinion cannot change the court system - the law is the law.



August 5, 1976

memo

TO: NJCRAC Israel Task Force
FROM: Albert D. Chernin
RE: Meeting, August 31, 1976

The next regular meeting of the Task Force has been scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 31, 1976
1:00 P. M.
at the offices of the NJCRAC

Lunch will be available at 12:30 p.m. for those who so indicate, below.

Three issues have been suggested for the agenda thus far:

1. The latest Yankelovich special poll of foreign policy influentials has just been completed and will be presented to the Task Force.
2. Strategy programming in anticipation of the forthcoming session of the U.N. General Assembly.
3. Federal anti-boycott legislation -- immediate prospects and implications for strategy.

is appended. It is hoped that there will be the widest possible range of expression of support for the anti-boycott amendments.

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Your attention to both these matters is crucial. Please send us copies of all correspondence and responses you receive.

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memo

August 18, 1976

TO: Member Agencies
FROM: Charney V. Bromberg
RE: Urgent Developments Regarding Anti-Boycott Legislation

As you are aware from Theodore Mann's memo of June 10 and my memo of July 29, Congressional action on two urgently needed anti-boycott measures is pending.

The June 10 memo noted that the House International Relations Committee would be drafting anti-boycott provisions as amendments to the renewal of the Export Administration Act, due to expire September 30. The various pieces of legislation have been consolidated into the Bingham-Rosenthal Amendments which not only prohibit the tertiary boycott and require disclosure of compliance with boycott conditions, but also make the secondary boycott illegal. (A secondary boycott is the requirement by the Arabs that U.S. firms desiring to do business with them certify that they neither do business with nor otherwise assist Israel economically. A tertiary boycott is the requirement by the Arabs that companies with which they are doing business have no business dealings with companies that are on the Arab blacklist.)

A vote on these amendments is expected in the House International Relations Committee on August 25. A list of the members of that committee is appended. It is hoped that there will be the widest possible range of expression of support for the anti-boycott amendments.

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Democrats

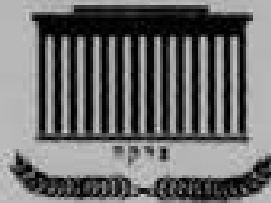
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September 20, 1976

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44124

Dear Rabbi Dan:

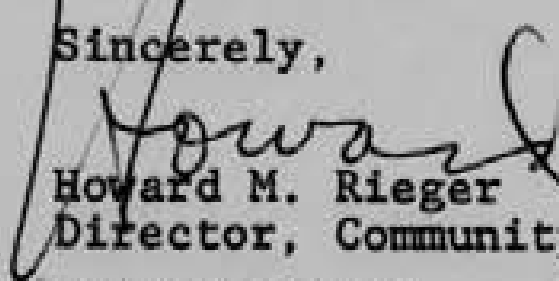
I just wanted to get your thoughts in relation to some of our plans around the hunger issue during the next month or so. For your information, the Foundation Advisory Council and other Jewish sources have been responsible for sending nearly \$14,000 to the Hunger Centers during the most recent effort. This certainly is a figure about which we can be proud, and I think now we should take advantage of the position we are in to "push" this agenda in a way that some other organizations may not be willing to do.

My specific thoughts are as follows: All of the social service agencies, including ours, are working to promote the County Health & Welfare Levy, which appears on the November ballot. At the same time, the Cuyahoga County Commissioners are in a position to "rescue" the Hunger Centers if they choose to do so, and I firmly believe that if they do not, the Hunger Centers will go out of business by December of this year. It may be appropriate at this time for us to consider convening a meeting of Joan Campbell from the Interchurch Council and a top staff person from the Federation for Community Planning to insist upon an approach to the County prior to the election, in order that whatever impact we have can be maximized.

The reason I am proposing all of this is that I do believe we have raised well beyond our share of the communitywide effort. In fact, I believe that it is probably in excess of 10% of the communitywide total, and I think we should take advantage of that and be out in front in one of the issues where we can be out in front.

I would like your thoughts on this matter, and wonder whether you would care to join with us in a single session to help to carry out this plan. I'll be talking to you soon.

Sincerely,


Howard M. Rieger
Director, Community Relations

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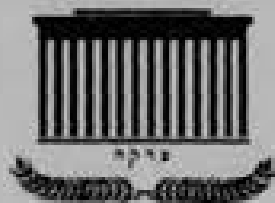
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cc. Michael Novick



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September 27, 1976

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44124

Dear Rabbi Dan:

I spoke to Ed Rosenthal in Miami about the situation with the Evans and Novak columns in the Miami papers, and it seems that the story is a little different than it appeared to be when we met him at the Plenary Session in Louisville.

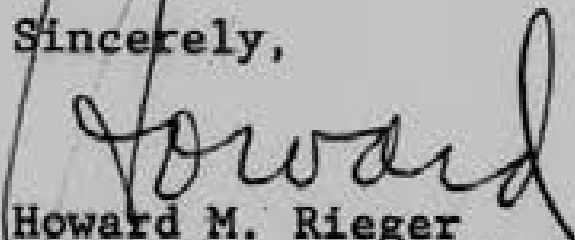
First, while Evans and Novak columns were carried for a time in one of the Miami papers, they suddenly disappeared after a number of complaints were lodged with the paper from Jewish readers. Ed has no way of knowing whether these events are related, but it appears that they may well be. In this respect, it appears that his original reading, that problem columns were not carried, was inaccurate -- it seems that no columns were carried.

The second problem is that Evans and Novak has suddenly appeared in the other newspaper in town, and I have asked Ed to keep an eye open to determine whether or not any of the troublesome columns have appeared there. Ed's initial reading is that he thinks they have.

It appears that we are right back where we started with this, and I wonder if you have any suggestions about how to proceed.

I'll be talking to you soon.

Sincerely,


Howard M. Rieger
Director, Community Relations

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September 27, 1976

Mr. Sidney Vincent
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Sidney:

Thank you for the complete notes on the progress of the program planning committee of the NFJC. I am sorry I could not be there and I will not be able to attend the meeting on the 11th.

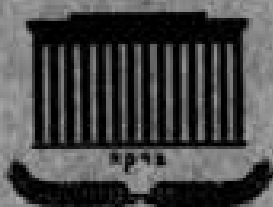
I continue to have doubts about this program. High culture is an illusive and expensive beast and at its best as significant and as irrelevant to the community as true scholarship.

On a more important note, Adele joins me in sending to you and to Ruth our warmest best wishes for the New Year. May it be a happy and healthy one for all.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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November 2, 1976

Mr. S. Lee Kohrman
Bureau of Jewish Education
2030 South Taylor Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

Dear Lee:

I just received your draft of a proposal for an Israel Study program that would be implemented in Cleveland on a coordinated basis. As you no doubt know, our Israel Task Force at the Federation provided some major input, and originally suggested the development of such a proposal, which now appears to have gone much beyond the modest objectives which we had hoped to achieve.

It is our feeling that the scope of the proposal as now conceived, especially in terms of the staff component, is such that it would no longer be supportable by the committee. Our objective, all along, has been to achieve increased Israel study opportunities for youth, and we would hope that any proposal that would be developed would focus upon this almost exclusively.

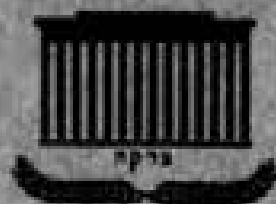
I recognize that your proposal is still in its formative stages, and if it is possible to reconstruct it in a manner which would allow for our continued involvement, we would certainly be pleased to continue to cooperate. In any case, I look forward to hearing from you, both in terms of your reaction to this response and your timetable for implementation.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
Chairman, Israel I & E Task Force

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November 3, 1976

Mr. Morris A. Stein
Jewish Welfare Federation
6651 S.W. Capitol Highway
Portland, Oregon 97219

Dear Moe:

Rabbi Dan Silver asked that I communicate with you about a question that he discussed with you while we were in New York at the NJCRAC meetings.

In respect to your desire to use Bishop John Burt for inter-faith programming, I would like to make a counter suggestion, that you touch base with Rita Semel in San Francisco, where perhaps you will find somebody of comparable stature closer to home. There is no question that Bishop Burt has been enormously effective and useful in our general interpretation program, and as a former resident of your part of the country would perhaps be interested in being involved in whatever you have in mind, but the first thing that occurred to me was the cost involved in bringing him to Portland. Knowing Rita, and having a great deal of respect for her operation, you may well benefit from establishing some ties closer to home.

In any event, should you want to pursue the matter of using John Burt in Portland, why don't you get back in touch with me.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard M. Rieger
Director, Community Relations

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cc: Rabbi Daniel J. Silver

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October 13, 1976

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi Dan:

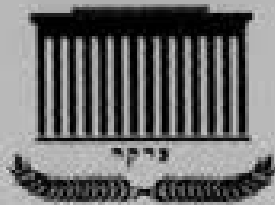
I am very happy to tell you that you have been renominated to serve as a Member-at-Large of the Federation's 1977 Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee believes that your continued participation on the Board will assist significantly in our community's progress. Our slate of nominees will be published in November; the formal election will take place at Federation's Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 5.

We deeply appreciate your past service, please indicate your acceptance of the nomination on the enclosed reply card and return to us by October 20th.

Sincerely,

David N. Myers
Chairman
1976 Nominating Committee

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The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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February 15, 1977

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

Dear Rabbi:

Your letter arrived the day I was leaving for Europe. I read it on the airplane on my way to Hungary and now that I have been home for a week, I have the opportunity to reply.

First of all, thank you for your thoughts and I would like to say that I believe the area of synagogue-federation relationships is among those that we must deal with immediately. I have been updated on the progress to-date and am glad that the communications have been opened.

I would be more than happy to meet with you personally, or with Stan Horowitz, you and anyone else you suggest so that we can continue to discuss points of mutual interest. I will give you a call in the next week to discuss how we might arrange this meeting.

Please give my best to Adele.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Ratner

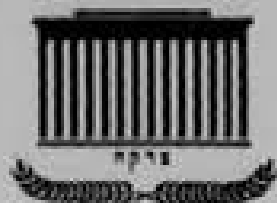
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February 21, 1977

Howard M. Rieger

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi Dan:

Enclosed you will find material relating to the National UJA Shabbat, about which I spoke to you recently. I think your idea of doing a mailing to the rabbis under your signature would be most effective. I have one question in terms of process, however, namely, whether or not this would go out under the Cleveland Board of Rabbis or whether it would be possible to consider such a venture by the Ad Hoc Committee that is representative of the entire Cleveland temple and synagogue community. In either case, I would obviously respect your judgment as to the most effective source.

I believe, after having read the material on this program, that the idea here would be to demonstrate that closer cooperation is a result of the kind of discussions that have been taking place in the community, and the good will that would emanate from such visibility would, I believe, be to the benefit of each of us.

If I can be of any help in terms of implementing the program, please let me know; in any case, I look for your early reaction to the material and any suggestions you may have for how we should proceed.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard

Howard M. Rieger
Director, Community Relations

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April 2, 1977

TO: Robert Silverman
FROM: Ronald Brown

RE: Israel Agricultural Exhibit

I've been away and just returned to Cleveland. I have read all the material you sent to me.

If you will refer to my letter last April to Dan Silver you will note that the idea as originally presented was for the purpose of gaining rural support in our country for Israel - not to "show off" Israel's agricultural prowess.

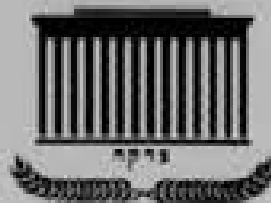
The Booth should emphasize what Israel does for the Arab farmers in Israel and in the Administered Territory. I urge we turn our attention to this facet.

Can we get an Arab agronomist from Israel to be at the booth. I had such a person take me through the Ramallah Fair in Israel which the Israeli Government set up for Arab farmers. He spoke perfect English, dressed in western fashion, was a graduate of the Hebrew University.

I'm sure you know that the Farm Bureau with headquarters in Columbus provides weekly programs for some 1600 discussion groups in rural areas throughout the State of Ohio. Can it be arranged that, during the time that we have an exhibit in Columbus, they will circulate the material for a discussion meeting on Israel and its Arab neighbors. I'm sure we could provide them with factual material for such a program.

In any event let's get this worthy project onto the right track and in line with our purpose as a Task Force to strengthen Israel in the USA and build an image which will make people want to keep Israel alive and well.

Ronald Brown



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May 13, 1977

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
26000 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We would appreciate it if you would examine the enclosed draft which we are proposing be sent immediately to General Managers, News Directors and Program Directors of all local radio and television stations.

We know that in your discussions you thought that a media representative should be brought in to discuss efforts made elsewhere. We have discussed this thoroughly and would suggest that that idea be held in abeyance. We are recommending that we proceed with the program as outlined in the letter since we believe it would be more beneficial to have someone speak knowledgeably about activities in several markets rather than in one that may not be representative of Cleveland.

We also want to reiterate our strong feeling that each of you should be present at the meeting on the 8th, though perhaps only one of you would actually bring greetings.

Please call us immediately to let us know that we can proceed in this fashion.

Ted Farber
Director of Communications

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[May 13, 1977]

Dear :

About a year ago we asked representatives of the electronic media in Cleveland to attend two meetings on the subject of school desegregation. Response to the request and attendance at the meetings were most gratifying. We felt that the discussions of Cleveland radio and television people with those of Boston, Louisville, and Minneapolis were particularly valuable.

Our concern for greater Clevelanders, as the school desegregation issue becomes a reality to be dealt with rather than a concept to be feared, remains unchanged. It is out of that concern that we invite you to join us ^{from} ~~between~~ 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8th at Great Hall, Church House, 2230 Euclid Avenue.

Leonard Stevens, Director of the Greater Cleveland Project, will discuss the following points: the involvement of organizations and agencies in the desegregation process; where the desegregation process presently stands; and what the current community attitudes are. Jerry Lackamp, Director of Radio and TV for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, will present an overview of media response to desegregation in various U.S. media markets.

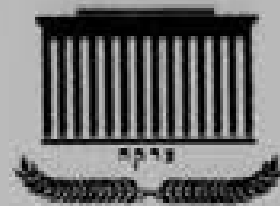
Please let us know whether you can be with us on June 8th by calling Jan Giering at 621-5925 by June 1st.

John H. Burt, Bishop
Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

Donald G. Jacobs, Executive Director
Inter-Church Council

James A. Hickey
Bishop of Diocese of Cleveland

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver,
Rabbi, The Temple



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June 29, 1977

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
26000 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to be at The Temple's Open House last night. I learned a good deal about The Temple and found the evening most enjoyable.

I wanted to let you know that the program you taped several months ago with Tom Haley on coping skills will be repeated this summer on WKYC. While dialogue programs are seldom repeated, we agreed to do so this time since your program received such a positive response. The program will be aired on "Dialogue" at noon on Sunday, August 28th on WKYC, Channel 3.

Best regards,

Ted Farber
Director of Communications

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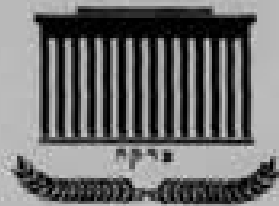
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July 11, 1977

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple Branch
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Dan:

As we will shortly enter into full activity for the new program year, I trust I may count on your serving again as a member of Federation's Endowment Fund Committee.

I am also pleased to invite you to accept appointment to the Advisory Committee on Federation Celebration of Jewish Holidays.

The work of these committees is very important and can be extremely fulfilling. I am sure that you will take this assignment seriously and that by both your attendance and your participation, you will continue the fine work of our Federation.

I am enclosing a card which I would appreciate your returning as soon as possible indicating your acceptance of this assignment.

Sincerely yours,

Albert

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MEMO

To: Sidney Vincent

From: Daniel Jeremy Silver

Dear Sidney:

Text: "He who keeps the minutes controls the meeting. "

You asked specifically about the concluding agreement. Julie had already left and things were a bit fluid; nevertheless, it was my understanding that there were certain criteria, not simply my own attitude, which would determine the acceptability of the Bureau letter.

1. A policy on referrals to congregational and communal schools.
2. Availability to congregations of developed lists.
3. Direct congregational/Board of Rabbis supervisory involvement in the project.

Correction of fact: I did not say that lay representatives of the congregations had accepted unanimously the Board of Rabbis' position. I said that a number of us had discussed this position with our presidents and school board heads and found full understanding and agreement.

4. I do not remember hearing you say that half of the Jewish children of Cleveland are not getting a Jewish education. I know of no survey which would support this claim and I believe it ought not to be circulated until an exact survey is available. A large number of Jewish children who are not in Religious School have been. They drop out after Bar Mitzvah or Confirmation and no telephone survey will get them back. The problem with such statements released by community leaders is that they give the unsophisticated a false sense of the shape of the problem.



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July 22, 1977

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple Branch
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122


Dear Rabbi:

I think the meeting at your office yesterday was worthwhile, even though all of us know that the real issues involved are far more important than the recruitment project. Nevertheless, I thought the meeting was important enough so that I dictated a record of it when I got back to the office. I thought you might wish to have a copy of the memorandum and I would be pleased if you would correct any error I made in reporting your position. It is particularly crucial that we all be clear about the conclusion of the meeting and I hope I have stated our agreement accurately.

In any event, thank you for chatting with us and I hope that long before you take off for Oxford, we can work out some procedures more satisfactory in this whole educational field than the present situation.

Warmest regards.

Cordially,


Sidney Z. Vincent

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M E M O R A N D U M

Special Meeting on the Recruitment Program The Temple Branch-July 21, 1977

PRESENT: Howard R. Berger, N. Herschel Koblenz, Julius Paris, Lloyd Schwenger, Rabbi Daniel J. Silver, Sidney Z. Vincent

Mr. Vincent opened the meeting by reviewing its purpose. He stated that there had been strong reactions of frustration and unhappiness to the rejection by the Endowment Fund Committee of the Education Committee recommendation to approve the Recruitment Project of the Bureau of Jewish Education. These stemmed from a variety of sources. First, the Jewish Education Committee was most unhappy that its recommendation had been rejected, since it had most conscientiously examined all the projects that had been submitted to it and had withheld approval of all except for two that seemed exceptionally worthwhile. Nevertheless, despite its long and tortuous examination, its approval of the project was turned down, without the opportunity to make a full presentation. Such a rejection threatened the morale of the Committee and the future of its work.

Second, whether rightly or wrongly, the "veto" by the Cleveland Board of Rabbis was perceived as a deterrent to working out closer relationships between the synagogues and Federation; an objective now being actively pursued by a special committee.

Third, the first and now still the only project already approved was suggested by the Reform congregations as an aid in their curricular development, and since the mandate of the Committee was to strengthen education throughout the community, it seemed only fair that this carefully examined recruitment program should also be approved, strengthening another sector of Jewish education.

Finally, perhaps half of all Jewish school children were enrolled in no school at the present time and it was difficult to see how a congregational group, and most particularly a rabbinical group, would work to oppose a project whose aim was to increase attendance at a Jewish school.

He concluded by stating that there was no intention at this meeting to "blame" anyone or any organization, since the procedures of the Endowment Fund Committee had been carefully followed. However, if some modification in the project could meet the congregational reservations, it might still be possible to remold it in such a way as to redound to the benefit of both the congregational and communal schools, the Education Committee, and the community as a whole. He stressed that the meeting was completely informal and exploratory and invited reactions.

Mr. Schwenger also emphasized the damage that could result from the turn-down, stating that he had received more than the "normal" degree of strong reactions following the rejection of the project by the Endowment Fund Committee. He too urged that some way be found for

reconsideration, particularly since both the Education Committee and the Endowment Fund Committee had in his judgment attempted to be constructive in their approach to all sectors of the community, and this turn-down of the Bureau project after the long study and analysis by the Education Committee had the possibility of a negative effect on congregational relationships with the community.

Mr. Paris felt that the work of his Education Committee had suffered a major disappointment and he now felt that the Bureau should approach the Endowment Fund Committee directly for support of a project that he still felt was eminently worthwhile. Moreover, if the Endowment Fund Committee now substituted its judgment for that of the Education Committee, he saw little point in the continuing efforts of his Committee.

Rabbi Silver explained his position in some detail. He stressed that his action in opposing the project did not represent only his position, but reflected a unanimous position adopted not only by the rabbis but by lay representatives of the congregations as well. Their opposition was grounded in frustration felt on two scores: First, the failure of the Bureau or of the Jewish Education Committee to involve the congregations directly in the planning for the Recruitment Project, even though they obviously had deep interests in the activity; and, second, the possible negative effect upon the congregational schools. The project was obviously aimed primarily at recruitment for the communal schools, he said, and it was altogether possible that "prospects" could be dissuaded from joining congregations, where their responsibilities would be greater than would be the case if the parent enrolled the child in a communal school.

At a still deeper level, he stated that this project and many other ideas would continue to lack approval by the congregations because of their frustrations over a long period of time with the Bureau's failure to meet congregational needs. Despite claims in the original Jewish Education Study and subsequently, that the community was interested in serving the congregations, their desire to have a "congregational desk" at the Bureau, with a top staff person directly responsible for serving congregational needs, had not been met. There was a consequent lack of trust, which the rabbi traced in some detail, almost necessarily leading to a withdrawal of cooperation by the congregations until this fundamental request had been met.

He also questioned the operation of the proposed project, stating that its approach of publicity, including bumper stickers, and ads in the papers, seemed distasteful and moreover, there was unclarity as to how the proposed telephone interviews would be handled. The public school desegregation case provided a warning; despite the good intentions of the InterChurch Council, the telephone service to parents about desegregation turned out to be a disaster since there was no clarity about how questions should be answered. The same situation could very well take place here. Moreover, he doubted whether recruitment efforts could in any case prove helpful - and cited the inequity involved when Federation or its agencies asked for congregational lists but did not make their lists available to the congregations in return.

He circulated the attached memorandum outlining both the objections to the project, & stressing that the aim of the Recruitment Program could best be served by a continuing process of interpretation of the good and constructive efforts being made by the schools as a whole.

Mr. Koblenz traced the various and continuing efforts made by the Bureau to meet the various objections raised by the rabbi and expressed his hope and confidence that a closer relationship could be worked out, particularly if the congregations became more flexible and cooperative and saw the problem as one requiring mutual concern and flexibility rather than withholding cooperation. He suggested that the Endowment Fund Committee treat recommendations of the Education Committee as an appellate court treats appeals - with the burden of proof resting on those seeking to reverse the Education Committee's recommendations.

A prolonged discussion period followed during which all those present expanded in detail on the points originally made.

After this thorough exploration, the rabbi stated that his original position had not been changed by the discussion but he recognized the possibility that harm could eventuate from a failure of the various elements in the community to cooperate. He suggested that he would abstain from attending the next meeting of the Endowment Fund Committee and the Committee could then be free to take whatever action it chose.

There was universal feeling that this would not be satisfactory since there was no intention to circumvent the objections that had been raised, but to meet them and to accommodate them by constructive proposals. After some further discussion, it was thereupon agreed that Mr. Koblenz would address a letter to Rabbi Silver and to Federation suggesting amendments in the project that would allow for greater congregational participation in the Recruitment Program. Upon receipt of this letter, and on the assumption that it proves satisfactory to him, Rabbi Silver would then address a letter indicating whatever changes in his position toward the project would seem proper, and the Endowment Fund Committee could then reconsider the action taken at its next meeting.

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Recruitment Program Problems

1. Absence of dignity in bumper sticker, Severance Center display concept raises questions as to seriousness of purpose of those who developed the project.

2. There is, as yet, no proof that enrollment numbers have dropped faster than the falling birth rates. In fact, a number of rabbis have the impression that there are fewer no-show students among their congregants than ten years ago. What is true is that (once the figures for the all-day schools have been removed) communal school enrollments have dropped 50% faster than the congregational schools - 60+% - 40+% in a ten-year period. One congregational concern centers on the fact that this program may have been designed to reduce this disparity. If so, the net effect of this program would be to divert children into the communal schools since there is no proof that children of disinterested parents can be stimulated.

3. There was unanimous opinion at the Cleveland Board of Rabbis that the ads in the Cleveland Jewish News were worthless. Why, then, plan on them again this year?

4. Bumper stickers and ads apart, the proposed program essentially is a small gauge program involving part-time workers and telephones - a sticky proposition. It may be well to remember the experience of the Inter-Church Council when they tried a telephone informational service dealing with school desegregation. The calls were misunderstood and extreme sensitivity was exhibited as to what was said and how.

Possible problems:

a) "We would like to talk to you about enrolling your child in a Jewish school. ""O. K. What is the advantage of a Jewish school?" Question: What then? In what does a Jewish education consist?

b) "I have been thinking about it, but my kid's interested in sports. We would like a Bar Mitzvah. Where can he be Bar Mitzvah'd for the least work?" What then?

c) "I hear the cost in some places is out of sight. Where can we enroll the cheapest?" How will operators deal with costs?

d) "It is a matter of cost, what do you know about scholarships?" How will operators deal with community scholarships vs. low-cost membership in congregations?

e) "I don't want my kids to be too Jewish. Where can they go?"

f) "Where can my kid get a "real" Jewish education?"

g) "What is the difference between community schools and congregational schools?"

5. At the least, the congregations would want any lists of the unaffiliated developed in the process of these activities. Incidentally, what lists would these people work from? Why aren't these lists made available to congregations now?

6. After a telephone interview - what then? Does the telephone person refer to a particular school? On what basis? Who gets the name?

7. How will telephone personnel be chosen and trained? What will their assigned task be?

Alternative Suggestions

We not to be panicked by time. If the trend of last year continues, enrollments are bottoming out. We need to know the facts, not what some think the facts may be. Let us develop a demographic picture. It is not clear to some of us that there is a great pool of available kids out there - at least of Jewish kids - who might conceivably come along. It might be interesting to place a random sampling of the non-enrolled

families against such a minimal Jewish involvement as the JWF contribution list. The numbers of Jewish students in the community have dropped; birth rates have dropped; and a largish number of families we call Jewish have dropped out of the community. Where are the untapped reserves? As with energy, everyone talks about reserves, but no one has the facts.

Why not ask some motivation people whom to approach - the parents or the children - and how to approach the target group: by telephone, through peer group activities etc. Is a centralized "beat them on the head" approach the best? If lists are available I am sure that congregational membership committees and the boards of the communal schools would talk with these parents. They would be invited to a variety of Jewish affairs (picnics, Sabbath evenings, open class rooms) and might find a congenial group and interest. Why not consider siphoning money to those groups who have a canvassing plan?

The ultimate paradox, for all its willingness to give money for recruitment, the Federation is part of the recruitment problem. How? Its Survey Report encouraged negative judgements of current educational efforts. Why enroll your child in a program which the conventional wisdom tells you is inadequate, old-fashioned and perhaps counterproductive. The truth is that for all of our educational failings, much that is good is being done. Perhaps the best way to go at this problem of enrollment may be to highlight and publicize over a period of years the achievements of our schools through film, reports in the Cleveland Jewish News, well-publicized contests, reports on camps; institutes, trips, art fairs, personal testimonies etc.

August 2, 1977

Mr. David Sarnat
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear David:

I trust this serves your purpose.

Not incidentally, you may be interested in the enclosed,
one is a lecture I gave at our rabbinic conference and
the other just a little piece I tossed off for the CCAR
Journal.

Sincerely,

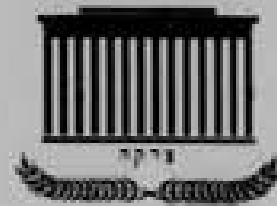
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[Aug 2, 1977]

This year-long seminar will seek to understand the central ideas and value concepts which have informed Jewish life and thought and to trace their development. Judaism will be seen as the evolving religious culture of the Jewish people. Emphasis will be placed on the interaction of the Jewish traditions and the various host cultures in which it survived and on the many changes which have/are taking place.



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August 10, 1977

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi:

Next year the Federation will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding in 1903. In order to observe that milestone event in our history appropriately and imaginatively, I am appointing a special 75th Anniversary Committee with Maurie Saltzman as Chairman and Larry Williams as Co-Chairman - and I invite and urge you to serve as a member of the Committee. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, 1977, luncheon at noon at the Federation office, and Maurie informs me that a full memorandum containing some preliminary thinking will be sent out well in advance of the meeting.

There are major questions of policy to be resolved by the Committee both about the type of observance we should sponsor and the specific program (or programs) we should devise, both as far as the Jewish and the general communities are concerned.

I hope you will indicate on the enclosed post card whether you can serve on this important committee and whether you can be with us on September 1st for our first meeting.

Cordially,


Albert B. Ratner, President
Jewish Community Federation

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ARAD, August 22, 1977
Elul 8, 5737

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your letter of August 8th. I appreciate your sharing my letter of July 28th and its contents with the Israel Task Force of your Federation and with the committee responsible for encouragement of studies in Israel.

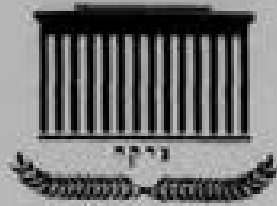
I believe the involvement of such groups in publicizing and stimulating awareness of and interest in Israel programmes such as ours is crucial. This is not a task which should be delegated solely to the shlichim, no matter how excellent they are. I am, by the way, in regular contact with both Yehezkel Barkali and Rony Sapir, and hold them in high esteem. Their effectiveness must surely be enhanced by the mobilization of concerned Jews (lay and professional) at the grass-roots level, to assist them in their enormous task. A regular flow of information to the young, educated Jews who comprise our potential audience is easy to discuss, and terribly difficult to achieve in practise. We need and are grateful for all the help we can get.

Please accept my best wishes for a shana tova.

SHALOM,

Shelly Schreter
Shelly Schreter
Director

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October 13, 1977

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
26000 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi Dan:

I am very happy to tell you that you have been renominated to serve as a Member-at-Large of Federation's 1978 Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee believes that your continued participation in Board and community activities will assist significantly in our community's progress. Our slate of nominees will be published in November; the formal election will take place at Federation's Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday evening, December 4, at the new Marriott Hotel, 3663 Park East Drive in Beachwood. We hope that you can be present at that time.

The Board, which is the primary decision-making body in Federation, meets for only about 15 hours a year. Therefore, it is very important that Board members make every effort to attend so that Federation may have the full value of your thinking.

We deeply appreciate your past service and hope that you will let us know of your acceptance as quickly as possible. Publication deadlines require that we have the slate in order by October 20.

Sincerely,

Harold L. Klarreich
Chairman
1977 Nominating Committee

P.S. For your convenience, we are enclosing a tentative list of upcoming Board meetings.

President Albert B. Ratner

Vice-Presidents Max R. Friedman

Milton A. Wolf

Bennett Yanowitz

Treasurer Henry J. Goodman

Associate Treasurer Charlotte Paris

Executive Director Stanley B. Horowitz

October 17, 1977

Mr. Harold Klarreich
Chairman, 1977 Nominating Committee
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Harold:

I will be happy to serve on the Board of Trustees for
the coming year.

Sincerely,

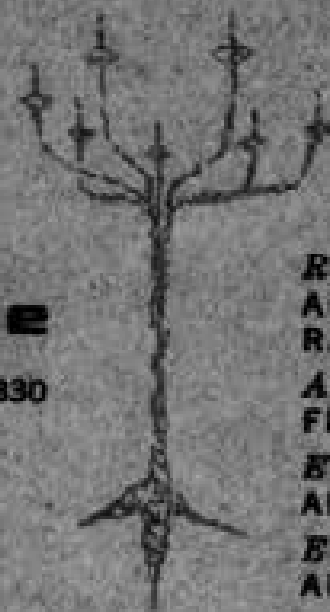
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December 2, 1977

Mr. David Sarnat
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid
Cleveland, OH 44115

*David:
Any info?
Happy Chanukah
Arthur*

Dear David:

Do you have any information about a "Second Jerusalem Conference" for the Clergy, which I understand would be scheduled for January 23, 1978 and the ensuing 10 days?

The American co-chairmen are listed as the Reverend Joseph Gallagher and the Reverend Lawrence Durgin.

My friend, the Reverend Robert Kelly, called me to inquire about it yesterday, and he is obviously very much interested in attending.

My warm greetings and a Happy Chanukah

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld

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LESTER P. AURBACH

December 13, 1977

Mr. Max Ratner
c/o Jewish Welfare Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115

While I'm still to see a write up, Max,

. . . of our meeting that set up Israel as the lead country for Cleveland's International Trade Week activity in May 1978 (that could have been a courtesy to that organizing group) as I understand it the preliminaries are well on their way (Now that there is assurance that this is not just local political ploy).

I think it might be well if a "Marketing Strategy" cooperative committee could be set up to include representatives from the Nelson Stern group, the Wyse agency group and the Marcus advertising group. They could be of help in presentation material, in publicity, and, at the proper time, local department store cooperative efforts, etc., tying in with the week's activities.

Sid Schachter mentioned talking to someone at the Israel Foreign Affairs group (in Jerusalem?) about our Cleveland activity. He reported that, as I understand it, to Nick Bucur.

I'm concerned that all possible avenues of approach to our common objectives may not yet have been explored. (Including commercial non-religious organizations -- some of whom have already been contacted.) I think we're in a position to do a superior job with all the local talents that are available, if they understand those objectives and opportunities.

Cordially,

Lester P. Aurbach

LPA/lk

cc: Sid Schachter
Nicholas Bucur
Howard Reiger
Joel Garver
Von Koschenbar
Ronald Brown

bcc: Ray Luzar
Rabbi Daniel Silver✓

*Dr. Dan —
The Federation
men are not the
right people to push
this along! — Lester Aurbach*

December 20, 1977

Mr. Judah Rubenstein
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Judah:

At our last staff meeting we talked over the proposed population survey and listed several categories of information which might be useful to us.

1. A breakdown of children by school systems and an indication of the proportion of children in private as opposed to public schools.
2. Some numbers as to the percentage of families in which the adults plan to remain in Cleveland beyond retirement and numbers of teen age children who do not plan to return after college.
3. Demography related to age. Where are the areas of the first apartment, the first home, the final home, the final apartment?
4. The number of years of Jewish education completed by parents and the number of years of Jewish education they expect of their children.
5. At what age do families put their children into a religious school? Do they conceive of religious education as completed by a Bar Mitzvah, Confirmation or High School graduation? What do they expect a religious school education to provide?
6. What percentage of school age children go to a camp where there is Jewish content?
7. What percentage of teenage children are in groups such as AZA, BBB, Betar, and the congregational youth groups? Are those in non-congregational groups graduates of congregational schools?

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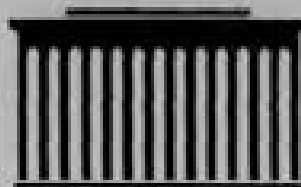
These items are not in any particular order. If you have any questions about them we will be happy to discuss it with you.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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November 8, 1983

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for agreeing to speak at the Mandel Symposium session on Monday, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m. The session will be held at the home of Dr. Howard and Susan Levine, 17815 Shaker Boulevard.

The topic for the evening is: "Understanding Israel's Position in the World Today." We would like you to provide a historical perspective which leads into a discussion of current issues. The following are some ideas of what might be included in your remarks to the group:

- 1) What were the bases of the Balfour Declaration? Had it been accepted, what type of homeland would Israel have had?
- 2) Why was the U.N. Partition Plan of 1947 rejected by the Arabs? What effect did this rejection have on the Mideast (i.e. Independence War of 1948, Palestinian rights, future problems in the Mideast)?
- 3) How have the 1956, 1967, and 1973 wars affected Israel's geographical boundaries?
- 4) Why did Israel choose to enter Lebanon during the summer of 1982?
- 5) How will the recent events in Lebanon affect American policy? Why is the U.S. now in Lebanon?
- 6) How central is the Palestinian issue to a final overall peace settlement in the Middle East?
- 7) What proposals have been made to resolve the Palestinian issue and the overall Mideast situation (i.e., U.S. government, Arab states, Western European governments)?

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- 8) What proposals are being recommended by American Jewish leaders, including yourself, to resolve the Palestinian issue and the overall Mideast situation?
- 9) Finally, what do you think the American Jewish community relations community should do to better support Israel?

The informal approach you used last year was great. Encouraging questions and comments as part of your remarks sparked alot of interesting discussion.

Within the next few weeks, I will send you a copy of the meeting notice and accompanying reading materials to be sent to the participants.

The session will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude by 9:30 p.m. Following the session we will have an opportunity to chat informally over coffee and dessert.

Again, thank you for agreeing to participate. We are looking forward to seeing you on December 5th. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 566-9200, ext. 206.

Sincerely,

Wendie E. Sachs

Wendie E. Sachs,
Staff Associate

WES:mam

November 10, 1983

Ms. Wendie E. Sachs, Staff Associate
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Wendie:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
November 28. I look forward to being at the
Leadership session on Monday evening, December 5.

I don't know what I will talk about. It will take
a full semester to cover the materials you suggest,
so let's play it by ear.

I hear mother's off on an exciting trip. Hope to
see you soon.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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a note...

from WENDIE E. SACHS

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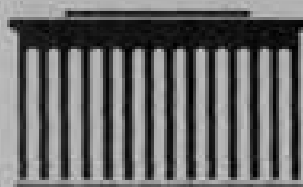
Rabbi Silver,

Enclosed is the meeting notice
and reading material for the
December 5th Symposium
session.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Wendie



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November 28, 1983

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: 1983 Symposium Participants

From: Natalie and Morton Epstein, Co-Chairmen

The next session of the 1983 Mandel Symposium will take place on:

Monday, December 5, 1983
7:30 p.m.
at the home of Susan and Howard Levine
17815 Shaker Boulevard

Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Daniel J. Silver, senior rabbi of the Temple, who will speak on the topic: "Understanding Israel's Position in the World Today."

Enclosed with this notice are several readings on Israel. They should provide background for the evening's discussion.

Please contact Wendie Sachs at the Federation (566-9200, ext. 206) if you will not be able to join us.

We're looking forward to seeing you on December 5th.

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