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Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund, correspondence and notes,
1968.

April 4, 1968

Mr. Melvin S. Zaret, Executive Vice-President
Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund, Inc.
710 No. Plankinton Avenue - Suite 435
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

Dear Mel:

I really need to discuss with you our requirements for 1968, but how can I do that when we have not yet been notified as to what Milwaukee allocated to us in 1967? I can only hope that the delay in the action on 1967 is occasioned by your involvement in a highly successful campaign for the current year. Nevertheless, it would be very helpful if we could get squared away on last year, and I do hope that I shall hear from you on this very soon.

Although you were not present at our January review session with the LCBC, I am sure you will be able to discover by reading the latest LCBC Report on the NFJC (and by checking with Mrs. Bernhard) that there was very warm endorsement of the Foundation's program and effort to obtain an increase of \$40,000 this year from Jewish welfare funds. All of this increase is to be used for our Grants Program.

The Foundation is involved in a number of exciting programs and developments which cannot be carried forward unless there can be some modest improvement in our income. What I am hoping it will be possible for you to do in the near future is to advise me as to how we can go about creating the proper conditions for obtaining Milwaukee's equitable share of this needed increase. We believe that a \$3,000 allocation from Milwaukee is not an unreasonable amount, and I would greatly appreciate your counsel as to how we can achieve this objective in 1968.

Do let me hear from you soon. Warm regards and best wishes.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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April 8, 1968

Professor Alfred D. Low
Department of History
Marquette University
1309 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Dear Prof. Low:

I am writing to advise you that it has not been possible for the National Foundation for Jewish Culture to act favorably on your request for a grant in connection with your study, "Jews and Judaism in the Eyes of the Germans - from the Enlightenment to the Formation of the Reich". Our inability to assist you is in no way a reflection on the merits of your project, but rather due to an unusually large number of excellent applications this year which are far in excess of our financial resources at this time.

We should like to point out to you, however, that it may be possible for you to obtain a grant from either the Leo Baeck Institute or the Wurzeiller Foundation which are located at 129 East 73rd Street, New York, New York 10021. You may write to Dr. Fred Grubel in care of both of these organizations. In the case of the Leo Baeck Institute, their interest in a project of your kind would go beyond the mere making of a grant. They would wish to relate themselves to your study in a more detailed way, satisfying themselves about the content and perhaps be willing to see it through to publication. The Wurzeiller Foundation on the other hand, would limit its interest to provide for a grant if they approved the project. You would have to determine for yourself which type of relationship you prefer and make your application accordingly.

I am indeed sorry that this Foundation cannot be of help to you, but I am hopeful that one of the two suggested resources will prove to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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P.S. It has come to our attention that a book has been recently published in Germany by C.B. Mohr which was written by Prof. Hans Liebschutz dealing with Jews and Judaism in German history. Are you familiar with this work and does it cover some of the content that is involved in your study?

Status: Marquette University; Professor of History and Director, the German Institute. Age 55. U. S. citizen since 1945.

Project: Research and writing of a study entitled "Jews and Judaism in the Eyes of the Germans - from the Enlightenment to the Formation of the Reich (1871). (Completed a manuscript of this title more than 20 years ago, but it has not been touched since. "This manuscript was in the press in Vienna in March 1938 (Heinrich Glanz, publisher), at the time of the annexation of Austria. I had it immediately destroyed and rewrote it subsequently in English. In the late forties, it was completed (771 typewritten pages) and accepted for publication, yet on condition of financial support (Philosophical Library, Inc. N.Y.), I was unable to meet these conditions". Plans to complete research and to begin rewriting of the work and aims for completion by January, 1969.

Request: \$2,700 to cover reduction in teaching load to concentrate on research and writing.

Educational Background University of Vienna - Ph. D. (1936)
Haverford College, Pa. (1940-41)
(retraining project for foreign scholars under the auspices of American Friends; attended courses in U.S. history and sociology)
Harvard University (scholarship) (summer 1941)
Columbia University " (summer 1953)
Columbia University (1953-54 and summer 1954)
Ford Faculty Fellow, (1953-54; A.M., 1956, Certificate of Russian Instit., 1957)

Reference Professor Harold J. Grimm, The Ohio State University, Department of History, Columbus, Ohio:

"It is a pleasure to write a letter in support of Professor Alfred D. Low's application for a grant from you. I met him as a colleague in a sister institution in Ohio in 1948 and have seen him frequently since that time. He is a thorough scholar whose books, Lenin on the Question of Nationality (1958) and The Soviet Hungarian Republic and the Paris Peace Conference (1963), have received excellent reviews.

"Quite a number of years ago I read Professor Low's manuscript on 'The Jews and Judaism in the Eyes of the Germans', which seemed closely reasoned and scholarly. His application for money to assist him in bringing this manuscript up to date for publication is worthy of careful consideration".

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M E M O R A N D U M

May 29, 1968

TO: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

FROM: Harry I. Barron

SUBJECT: Your visit to Milwaukee

You may find the following information of some use in connection with your presentation in Milwaukee early in June.

For the first three years (1960, 1961 and 1962) Milwaukee allocated \$2,500 annually. In 1963 the allocation was reduced to \$1,750. Thereafter, (1964 through 1967) the annual allocation has been \$2,000.

Milwaukee is one of the very few communities which has an outstanding balance on its payments to the Foundation extending beyond two years following the allocation year. There is an unpaid balance for each of the years from 1963 through 1967.

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The NFJC has had considerable contact with the Wisconsin Society for Jewish Learning as well as with the Departments of Hebrew and Semitic Studies of the University of Wisconsin at both Madison and Milwaukee. The NFJC has made referrals of candidates for faculty posts for the teaching of Jewish Studies at the University of Wisconsin and has endeavored to be of service to the professors in a variety of ways.

During the current year the Foundation gave consideration to an application for a grant from Prof. Alfred D. Low of Marquette University (see attached summary sheet.) Although we were not able to award a grant to Prof. Low, we did make some inquiries in his behalf and passed on a number of suggestions to him (see copy of my letter of April 8, 1968.)

In our formal letter of request this year (copy attached) we asked for an allocation of \$3,000. In addition, we should try to obtain a supplementary appropriation of \$3,000 for our Grants Program in line with the growing practice among the major communities. In citing the very positive reception which the NFJC had this year from the LCBC it might be useful to point out that Mrs. Bernhard of Milwaukee was present and can confirm the highly positive attitude of the LCBC.

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June 6, 1968

Mr. Melvin S. Zaret
Executive Vice President
Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund, Inc.
710 N. Plankinton Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

Dear Mel:

I enjoyed very much my visit. Milwaukee is a warm and friendly community and I hope I was able to help you a little bit along the way. My expenses for the trip are \$125.00 and I look forward to seeing you in the near future. I thank you especially for the opportunity to meet with members of your Board on behalf of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER



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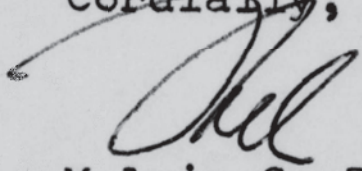
Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was a delight to have you in Milwaukee. You were extremely helpful. The audience would have wanted to hear more from you, and I hope that you will return again.

I do assure you that we will keep in mind the work, problems, needs and possibilities of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

My kindest regards and very, very deep thanks.

Cordially,


Melvin S. Zaret

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Enclosure

June 24, 1968

Mr. Melvin S. Zaret
Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund, Inc.
710 North Plankinton Avenue, Suite 435
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

Dear Mel:

It was a pleasure and a privilege to be in Milwaukee.
I enjoyed my stay and I look forward to seeing you
all as we pursue our joint concerns in the future.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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In the Bible, the word "Jew" is used to describe the people of Israel, who were the chosen people of God.

The word "Jew" is also used in the Bible to describe the people of the Kingdom of Judah, which was one of the two kingdoms that resulted from the division of the Kingdom of Israel.

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