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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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777-5383

January 3, 1968

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle & Silver Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

I guess you must be pretty well tied up today since you did not return my call. I am, therefore, sending out some material to you on which I would like your reaction, particularly on the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation.

As you will see from the enclosed letter from Richard Ronis, they would like our 1968 budget request. I have talked with Dick and I guess it will be all right if we get the material to them by the early part of next week. We have several items to consider:

- 1) The amount to request for our "regular" allocation. This has continued to be \$5,000 since the Foundation was created;
- 2) What kind of statement we wish to make this year in the light of our plans;
- 3) Whether to submit a separate letter to the Endowment Fund Committee as we have done in the past.

I am enclosing copies of our 1967 requests which will give you some idea of our approach. Will you please give me a ring tomorrow and let me know how you would like us to proceed?

I am sending along some other material for your advice and action, should you care to write from your end.

Regards.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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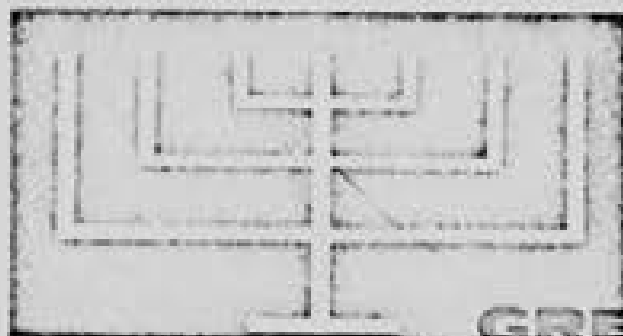
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Sam -

Maybe you'll recognize some  
of the names below...

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He indicated two names mentioned by  
art Rosichan as the kind of people who would be  
good if they were not otherwise committed

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AARON GOLDMAN

JAN 11 1968

January 8, 1968

Dear Dr. Silver:

Forgive my tardiness in responding to your letter of December 15, 1967.

Our United Jewish Appeal (which is still a far cry from the kind of Federation you are familiar with; more than 75% of its funds go to the UJA and other Israel-oriented enterprises) is simply not ready this year to have meaningful conversations about including the National Foundation for Jewish Culture within its campaign.

I make this assessment as a longtime leader in the local UJA ... and suggest that another year or so will have to pass before the matter can be broached with any chance of success.

Sorry to be the bearer of gloomy tidings.

Sincerely,



Aaron Goldman

AG/e

Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver, Pres.  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York 10010

January 9, 1968

Dr. David J. Seligson  
123 East 55th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear David:

I am grateful for your kind letter of December 15th and apologize for not answering it sooner. Somehow the holidays crashed down and I became a little slack.

I am writing to each of the men indicated and I am enclosing a copy of that letter. I will attempt to follow up with some direct contact and any help which you can give us answering their questions or in making arrangements for direct meeting will be appreciated. I will keep you apprised of developments.

With all good wishes and many thanks, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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# National Foundation for Jewish Culture

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## MEMORANDUM

January 10, 1968

TO: FILES

FROM: HARRY I. BARRON

Talked with Morris Levinson about the possibility of his arranging a meeting with New York Federation leaders to discuss a grant to the NFJC. I reminded him that Rabbi Silver had tried to reach him last week before he left the country to see whether something could be set up during the period when DJS will be in New York City in connection with the Foundation's review by the LCBC (January 22nd).

Mr. Levinson commented that we were the third agency which this week has called upon him for similar purposes; that as a member of the Federation's Distribution Committee he felt that he could not take such a step, but that he would be glad to speak up and vote for it if and when the matter came before the Distribution Committee. He expressed grave doubt as to the possibility of the Federation including any additional beneficiaries at this time since its fund raising has been on a plateau and falls far short of the needs of the current agencies.

After some further conversation, Mr. Levinson agreed to discuss the matter with Rabbi Silver when they next get together. He indicated that he might not be able to attend the LCBC meetings as he originally hoped and that he may be away from the city until the middle of February.

cc - Rabbi Daniel J. Silver ✓  
Mr. Philip Bernstein

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## MEMORANDUM

January 11, 1968

TO: FILES

FROM: HARRY I. BARRON

RE: Telephone Conversation with Aaron Goldman, Washington

Spoke with Mr. Goldman following receipt of his letter of January 8th to Rabbi Silver in which he explained the feeling that it is premature to undertake discussions about including the NFJC in the Washington UJA.

After some review of the Washington UJA situation, he agreed that there might be some point in having some discussions among a few people as a preliminary to any formal approach to the UJA. He felt that Isadore Breslau is a key person who must be persuaded before there can be any movement. When I told him about Meyer Brissman's suggestion that a few individuals undertake to solicit by letter in behalf of the NFJC, he admitted that this ~~matter~~ might be somewhat productive but he was quite unenthusiastic about becoming involved in this way.

At the close of our conversation, he asked that I send him a list of the welfare funds in major cities presently making allocations to the NFJC, and he agreed to be helpful in bringing together a group of men for a discussion after the end of February.

cc - Rabbi Daniel J. Silver ✓  
Mr. Philip Bernstein

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## National Foundation for Jewish Culture

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Mr. Aaron Goldman  
One Macke Circle  
Cheverly, Maryland 20781

Dear Aaron:

I was glad to have the opportunity to talk with you on the phone today. As I explained, Rabbi Silver is out of the country and will be back the end of next week. But he was hoping that you could arrange for a few men to get together with him in Washington either January 23rd or February 5th to discuss a) inclusion of the NFJC in the Washington UJA and b) such other measures for securing financial support pending our admission as a beneficiary of the UJA.

I very much appreciate your time and views. While I can understand that we may not be able to succeed this year in getting into the UJA, there would certainly be some value in talking the matter through with several interested people who could help advise us as to what steps can be taken as well as what we might do to obtain some funds from Washingtonians until such time as we get into the UJA.

In accordance with your suggestion, I am enclosing a list of the largest cities and their latest allocations to the Foundation. In the LCBC, only Denver and St. Louis have not as yet included us as a beneficiary, but there is every reason to believe that we shall be admitted by both of them this year.

I am sure that when Rabbi Silver returns he is going to want to be in touch with you, and I am hopeful that you will agree to help set up a meeting with a few key people. Meanwhile, please accept my warm thanks for your friendly assistance.

All the best.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

Encl.

bcc - Rabbi Daniel J. Silver ✓  
Mr. Philip Bernstein

[Jan 11, 1968]

1967 ALLOCATIONS OF MAJOR CITIES  
to the  
NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

Atlanta	\$ 1,000
Baltimore	6,000
Boston	7,000
Buffalo	1,250
Chicago	7,500
Cincinnati	750
Cleveland	15,000
Dallas	2,400
Detroit	10,600 (1966)
Essex County	3,000
Hartford	500
Houston	400
Kansas City	1,300
Los Angeles	5,000
Miami	1,100
Milwaukee	2,000 (1966)
Minneapolis	500
Philadelphia	11,000
Pittsburgh	2,700
Providence	700
Rochester	2,100
San Francisco	2,500

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January 17, 1968

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle and Silver Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

Welcome back from the Guatemala shooting range! I assume you kept away from such obvious places as public highways and such. After all, you were supposed to be vacationing. I hope you really enjoyed it.

Now back to the hurly-burly of daily deadlines and pressures... And among them is the NFJC.

First off, the session with LCBC. I trust the enclosed notes and materials will be of some help to you. You will note that I have included a document from the LCBC prepared last May containing a series of questions to be used in their review of our material. I am also enclosing another copy of our Statement in the event yours is not at hand. To refresh your memory, I am sending along a copy of the Memorandum prepared by us last year on Joint Financing which they evidently haven't forgotten but which they didn't support.

Mike Zeltzer is coming in on Saturday and I am going to have a briefing session with him in advance. I have also talked with Irving Levick and have sent him some materials.

If you should want to get together before Monday morning please let me know. On Saturday I plan to be with Mike at the Saint Moritz. My home phone is Area Code 914 632-3725 (New Rochelle).

If you get a chance to see my memos on Washington and the New York Federation, you'll know that we have not set up any meetings for January 23. What will your plans be following our LCBC session? Can we arrange to go over some other matters afterward?

As you will see, I have engaged Miriam Ephraim to work on the Grants Applications and perhaps on the Council of Jewish Cultural Agencies. We might want to talk together a bit about these items as well as the meeting of the Academic Advisory Council.

Warmest regards.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron

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# LCBC COMMUNITIES'

	<u>ALLOCATION 1967</u>	<u>TO BE REQUESTED FOR 1968</u>
Atlanta	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
Baltimore	6,000	8,000
Boston	7,000	12,500
Buffalo	1,250	1,500
Chicago	7,500	15,000
Cincinnati	750	2,000
Cleveland	15,000	15,000
Columbus	400	1,000
Dallas	2,400	2,800
Denver	- - -	1,500
Detroit	10,600 (1966)	12,500
Essex County	3,000	6,000
Hartford	500	2,000
Houston	400	1,000
Kansas City	1,300	2,000
Los Angeles	5,000	15,000
Miami	1,100	3,000
Milwaukee	2,000 (1966)	3,000
Minneapolis	500	1,500
Philadelphia	11,000	15,000
Pittsburgh	2,700	3,500
Providence	700	1,500
Rochester	2,100	2,100
St. Louis	- - -	3,000
San Francisco	2,500	3,500



## NOTES FOR PRESENTATION TO LCBC

January 22, 1968, 8:30 a.m.

The LCBC expects us to present the following in our initial presentation:

- a) The major items in the agency's recent financial experience and the budget estimates in relation to the program, emphasizing the changes from preceding years and the reasons for them;
- b) The agency's income and sources of financing, particularly the amounts to be sought from welfare funds and the method of apportioning requests;
- c) Implications of the June (Israel) emergency and its aftermath;
- d) Answers to the various specific questions posed in the attached LCBC document of May, 1967.

It is suggested that our initial presentation be confined to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour if possible, after which the floor will be opened for discussion.

- a) Our presentation might start with a quick summary of the areas of program activity as contained in our Statement (copy attached).

The agency has concentrated on those programs which it has been able to initiate and control since thus far its efforts at cooperative planning and coordination for the field as a whole could not be productive without the ability to grant funds to various agencies to further their particular projects.

The 1967 fiscal experience was affected significantly by several factors:

Income: During first half of year lacked lay leadership to mount fund-raising efforts from non-welfare fund sources; thereafter, Israel emergency reduced the opportunity for intensive solicitation.

Expenditures: In the face of uncertain income, agency curtailed its grants and did not fill the professional staff position.

Nevertheless, programmatically, the year was marked by significant activity and accomplishment.

Projections for 1968: Referred to in Statement under "Program Priorities".

- b) Financing for 1968: NFJC is seeking approximately \$100,000 more than it obtained in 1967, with \$35,000 hopefully to come from welfare funds, \$45,000 from other foundations (largely for Research Study on the Teaching of Judaica on the American Campus); and the rest from individuals and organizations. (See p. 5 of our Statement)

We intend to approach the LCBC communities for the bulk of the projected \$35,000 increase from welfare funds by apportioning the amount through community quotas. (If pressed for examples, might refer to material in Philip Bernstein's memorandum which suggests a range of increases from \$500 to

\$7,500 for LCBC cities. It is based on Cleveland's leading allotment of \$15,000. Actually, we're suggesting that even Cleveland up its allocation somewhat.)

c) Implications of Israel emergency: Already referred to it briefly. But we probably should make some further comment about its possible effect on fund-raising both within the welfare funds as well as in our other approaches.

d) Questions included in LCBC Document of May, 1967

#### Financial Status

1. The NFJC's present financial status is better than it has been for some years due to unspent funds because of an unfilled professional position. This, however, is poor economy. The bank loan of \$12,500 was reduced in 1967 to \$10,000 and will be further reduced as payments on allocations from 1966 and prior years are received. (These total \$5,100.)

2) In 1967 the response from welfare funds for accelerated cash payments has been very favorable, considerably better than in previous years. At the end of the year 79% of the current allocations had been paid as compared with 76% at the end of 1966. But a larger number of welfare funds had failed to notify NFJC of their 1967 allocation by the end of December, having been delayed by the additional IEF campaign.

#### Reassessment

3) Our Statement to the LCBC contains material on two items referred to in this question (local community cultural planning, and teaching of Jewish Studies in colleges and universities). On the others, see #4 and #5 below.

4) The NFJC is still eager to develop a program for improving the financing of the cultural field as a whole, and is prepared to explore with the LCBC some productive approaches including the possibility of joint appeal to welfare funds. But in the light of the rather inconclusive session with the LCBC in January, 1967 the NFJC has had no encouragement from this source to pursue the matter further. The NFJC does not have expertise in this area. Since its specific proposal for a joint cultural appeal failed to receive broad approval by the LCBC, we hoped that the LCBC would offer some concrete suggestions as to how to proceed along other lines. This was based on the assumption that the LCBC was in agreement in principle about the need for some significant improvement in the financing of the cultural field as a whole and in bringing together the various agencies into some more cooperative and cohesive relationship.

5) a) The NFJC continues to search for an effective means to achieve greater coordination and joint planning among the Jewish cultural agencies. To this end it is planning to reactivate the Council of Jewish Cultural Agencies in the early Spring to review with them various possibilities for a meaningful program. It is convinced, however, that no substantial progress will be made until such time as it can hold out the prospect of providing financial assistance to help implement plans and programs recommended by the Council. Along these lines we would welcome suggestions from the LCBC.

b) There is genuine doubt as to the value or purpose of the Foundation's preparing further "analytical reports" to welfare funds on the national cultural agencies until such time as it has the means of demonstrating its ability to financially assist them in their work. None of the agencies primarily devoted to cultural work is receiving adequate financial support from the welfare funds and no matter how the Foundation sets forth a particular agency's needs or potential contribution, it is unlikely to materially improve the situation. If the NFJC were in a position to exercise some leadership with the agencies based on the ability to help them financially, it might be in a position to suggest various changes in structure, scope, emphasis, etc. To make such recommendations at this time to welfare funds might be viewed by the agencies as endangering what little they are now receiving from the welfare funds and could destroy the possibility of the Foundation's effective work with them in the future.

In our judgment the Foundation's ability to bring about needed changes within and between the cultural agencies can come about only after a period of working together in a cooperative planning and coordinating relationship in which the Foundation can be of some help financially. The distribution of analytical and critical reports to the welfare funds at this juncture would be of little constructive service.

6) We have been actively seeking to engage a staff member to assist the Executive Director. Commencing with the middle of January, 1968 we have secured the part-time services of Miss Miriam Ephraim until such time as a full-time staff person can be found. Miss Ephraim, who before her retirement was Director of Program Services of the JWB, is one of the outstanding Jewish communal workers of this generation. She will be working on the Fellowship Program and with the Council of Jewish Cultural Agencies. The Foundation is also looking for a qualified person to direct the research study of Judaica in the colleges and universities.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE  
STATEMENT TO LARGE CITY BUDGETING CONFERENCE

January 22, 1968

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture was created in 1960 under the sponsorship of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. With the general purpose of serving as a central focus for the Jewish cultural field, it was given a broad and comprehensive mandate, including: the enrichment of the programs in the field by strengthening the existing Jewish cultural agencies; providing a better understanding of the field of Jewish culture and its needs; and initiating such new programs as required.

In its brief existence the Foundation has compiled a notable record of accomplishment and has clearly demonstrated the validity for its establishment. It has provided evidence of the considerable potential which exists for dynamic Jewish cultural growth; and it has revealed that with increased understanding and support America can become a truly creative center of Jewish cultural life.

AREAS OF ACTIVITY

In pursuit of its objectives the Foundation engages in a variety of programs and activities, a few of which are cited below:

Clearing House and "Central Address" for Jewish Culture -- The Foundation has become increasingly recognized and used as a resource for information and advice on Jewish cultural matters. In this way it renders service to individuals, organizations and communities; channels matters to the appropriate cultural agencies; determines needs and encourages the development of programs to meet them. Having a comprehensive overview of the field, it is in a position to assess the problems as well as the requirements of the cultural enterprise as a whole.

Interpretation of the Cultural Field -- Through a variety of approaches, including bulletins and other publications, personal appearances before federations, and addresses to audiences in many cities, the Foundation has endeavored to describe and interpret the work and needs of the various cultural agencies as well as of the total field of Jewish culture. It has sought to provide the basis for an increased appreciation of the role which a knowledge of our cultural heritage can play in the meaningful Jewish survival in America. It encourages exposure to Jewish scholars through their publications as well as in lectures so that there can be a wider dissemination of Jewish knowledge and culture on the American scene.

Aid to National Jewish Cultural Agencies -- The Foundation has made subventions to a number of the national agencies for special research, for publication of scholarly works, and for the preservation of archival materials. It has also provided professional service and specialized consultative assistance with particular problems. It has tried to help them to interpret their work to the local communities and in their efforts to obtain a greater measure of support from welfare funds.

Developing American Jewish Scholars -- One of the Foundation's major achievements has been its program of assistance to students preparing themselves for careers in Jewish scholarship. Recognizing the desperate shortage of properly trained scholars for research, university teaching, writing, archival work and similar activities, the Foundation in 1961 initiated a program of Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants-in-Aid. Despite limited funds, the Foundation's program has been immensely productive. It has had a profound effect on the encouragement of gifted young students to pursue advanced Jewish studies, and with each succeeding year the number of highly promising applicants increases. Thus far the Foundation has awarded 130 Pre-Doctoral grants aggregating more than \$265,000. Many of these Fellows have completed their training and are currently teaching in thirty leading American colleges and universities. A number have already made significant contributions in writing and research, and it can be expected that the leading Judaic scholars of the immediate future will come from their ranks.

It is regrettable that a far larger number of talented and promising students could not be helped by the Foundation because of insufficient funds. For every successful candidate the Foundation has had to turn away four other meritorious applicants, some of whom were not able to pursue their Jewish studies and went into other fields where more ample financial assistance was available.

Grants to Established Scholars -- The encouragement of creative work by established Jewish scholars has been another area of Foundation programming. Increasingly, academicians, researchers and writers are applying to the Foundation for assistance to enable them to carry out a special project in the Judaic field which they would not otherwise be able to do while working full time. Thirty-five such grants have already been made by the Foundation which have resulted in some significant additions to the American Jewish scholarly product.

Here, again, so much more could be accomplished for the contribution of original research and valuable publication if a modest additional amount were available for such grants.

Work with Colleges and Universities -- The Foundation's involvement in the academic world has brought it into close contact with the major colleges and universities. It is consulted frequently on such matters as curricula for courses of Jewish studies, personnel for teaching positions, establishment of Chairs of Judaica, setting up libraries, grants resources for graduate students, etc. The remarkable proliferation of courses of Jewish Studies in colleges and universities throughout the country has created the need to devote even more of its staff service to these institutions of higher learning. Because of the growing importance of this development and the vastly increased number of Jewish students on the American campus for whom these programs of Jewish Studies may have such significance, the Foundation regards this as one of its priority areas for the immediate future.

Demonstration Programs for Local Communities -- From time to time the Foundation has undertaken to develop pilot projects for adaptation by local communities. In the final analysis it is only as the cultural product is used by people in their daily living that it will take on meaning and substance. A predominantly college-educated generation of Jews can be reached by cultural programs of authentic quality and excellence, and it becomes increasingly

clear that the organized Jewish communities must assume the initiative in planning for this aspect of their people's needs fully as much as in the areas of "health and welfare". The Foundation, therefore, has been experimenting with new types of programs, such as the Scholar-in-Residence and lecture series by distinguished Jewish scholars that can have broad application by many communities. It is also eager to undertake a few demonstration efforts in developing community-wide cultural planning bodies for comprehensive local programming on a year-round basis.

Coordination and the Council of Jewish Cultural Agencies -- As has been reported previously to the LCBC, the Council of Jewish Cultural Agencies which was established within the framework of the Foundation, has not functioned for several years after its initial recommendations for projects could not be implemented because of the lack of funds. It has been felt that little prospect for fruitful work by this body can be anticipated until such time as there is greater likelihood for funding at least some of the programs which it would recommend. The Council still has the potential for making a substantial contribution to the field through a pooling and exchange of ideas, assistance in establishing priorities, joint planning, and cooperative effort on major programs. Although the specific proposal presented by the Foundation in 1967 for joint fund raising and allocations for the cultural agencies failed to obtain any clear-cut consensus from the LCBC, there needs to be further search for appropriate measures to deal with the critical underfinancing of the cultural field. Even a modest increase would provide some basis for reviving the Council and bringing together all the interested cultural agencies into a cooperative planning process.

#### PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR 1968

In addition to its ongoing activities, the Foundation in 1968 will seek to emphasize several projects for special attention. These include the following:

Research Study on the Teaching of Judaica in American Colleges and Universities -- Sound planning for the future development of Jewish studies in institutions of higher learning requires that a comprehensive, in-depth examination of the field be undertaken as soon as possible. The remarkable proliferation of these courses has presented many questions and problems which demand careful assessment before appropriate measures can be developed to deal with them. The Foundation's intimate involvement in this field makes it the logical sponsor for such a study. It is therefore proceeding to approach various foundations for the funding of the study which it estimates will require about 18 months with an expenditure of approximately \$80,000. While it is planned that a Study Director will be engaged to conduct the project, the Foundation staff will be available for various ancillary services. The findings of this study should have important implications not only for the Foundation's future activity in this field but for the whole development of the teaching of Judaica in American colleges and universities.

Academic Advisory Council -- Late in 1967 the Foundation appointed an Academic Advisory Council composed of fourteen of America's outstanding Jewish professors to help guide the Foundation in matters pertaining to the field of scholarship and to its work with the colleges and universities. The Council will help screen applications for grants and it will probably submit

suggestions to the Foundation on such other matters which in its judgment will advance American Jewish scholarship. The creation of the Council will further strengthen the Foundation's competence in this vital area and should serve as a valuable base for cooperative efforts in other phases of the Foundation's work.

Professional Association of Jewish Scholars -- With the growing number of professors of Jewish studies there is an increased recognition of the need for a suitable forum in which to exchange ideas and experiences as well as develop improved methods and standards for the teaching of Judaica on the American campus. The Foundation, in response to this need, has been working with a group of academicians to explore the possibilities and to consider various specific proposals. Because the establishment of such an instrument would be of importance in the development of a profession of Jewish scholars, the Foundation will continue to give this matter its close attention during the coming year. The newly formed Academic Advisory Council will probably be asked by the Foundation to lend assistance in this task.

Expanded Grants Program -- During the coming year it is essential that the Foundation increase the number of its awards both at the pre-doctoral level as well as to established scholars. The gap between available university teaching posts in Judaica and the number of qualified candidates is widening and it is ironic that academic institutions are vainly pleading for competent Jewish scholars. As a result, some colleges have begun to employ people who are poorly trained and inadequately prepared to teach Jewish studies. This threatens to undermine much of what the Foundation has so painstakingly been building, and can seriously affect the standards of quality and excellence which we have sought to associate with the teaching of Jewish studies. It requires many years to develop a first-rate Jewish scholar, and it is vital that the Jewish community not let promising students drift off to other fields. The Foundation intends to make a determined effort to secure additional funds for this program so that more meritorious applicants can be given the means to continue their preparation for a career in Jewish scholarship.

Similarly, aid to creative independent scholars to enable them to conduct research, and to write and publish their works, must be increased as more of them turn to the Foundation. It would be unfortunate if the impression should grow in scholarly circles that there is little point in applying to the NFJC. It is essential that scholars secure the image of an organized Jewish community which is interested in their continued creativity and is prepared to assist them in their efforts.

## FINANCING

Jewish Welfare Funds -- The basic financing of the Foundation continues to come from Jewish welfare funds which in 1967 accounted for 83% of the Agency's total income. While the number of allocating communities continues to increase (83 in 1967), there has been no substantial aggregate increase in allocations. Three LCBC cities still do not include the Foundation as a beneficiary (Denver, St. Louis and Washington, D. C.). In 1967 two more LCBC cities (Baltimore and Boston) made additional allocations earmarked for the Foundation's Grants Program.

In order to make possible the minimum advance toward the immediate program objectives for 1968, the Foundation is seeking an increase of approximately \$35,000 from welfare funds above the 1967 estimated allotments. Inasmuch as the basic operating budget, exclusive of grants and subventions, is projected for \$83,000, every increase in welfare fund allocations will be applied to the Grants Program. The additional \$35,000 sought would represent only a minor increase for each of the LCBC communities.

Other Financing -- It is recognized that the attainment of the Foundation's program goals requires major funding from sources outside the welfare fund framework. In 1968 the Foundation will be addressing itself to the development of several major financing possibilities:

- 1) approaches to individuals and foundations in the New York City area;
- 2) solicitation of selected individuals in a limited number of cities for gifts toward a \$1,000,000 Fellowship Endowment;
- 3) gifts to a general Endowment Fund; and
- 4) contributions on an annual basis toward the funding of earmarked projects.



NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES - 1966, 1967 and 1968

	<u>Actual 1966</u>	<u>Budget 1967</u>	<u>Estimated 12 Months 1967</u>	<u>Budget 1968</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Welfare Funds*	\$ 92,742¶	\$109,947	\$ 93,000	\$128,660
Individuals	11,148	)	12,000	30,000
Foundations	6,125	75,000)	2,000	45,000
Organizations	<u>8,185</u>	<u>          </u> )	<u>5,100</u>	<u>10,000</u>
T o t a l	\$118,200	\$184,947	\$112,100	\$213,660
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Scholarships & Fellowships	\$ 22,994	\$ )	\$ 17,278	\$ 30,000
Grants-in-Aid	9,080	)	19,000	30,000
Publication Subventions	3,000	100,000)	2,500	10,000
Special Research Projects	4,230	)	2,500	60,000
Servicing of Grants	13,508	14,205	12,890	16,650
Interpretation & Information Services	11,811	12,120	8,815	11,645
Community Consultation	9,663	11,245	7,020	10,825
Services to Cultural Agencies	8,590	10,465	7,645	9,990
Program Innovation & Demonstration	8,590	9,253	6,640	9,160
Planning & Coordination	6,442	17,834	8,375	16,500
General Administration	<u>9,663</u>	<u>9,825</u>	<u>7,251</u>	<u>8,890</u>
T o t a l	\$107,571	\$184,947	\$ 99,914	\$213,660

\* Allocations Basis

¶ Cash receipts through December 31, 1966 on Welfare Fund allocations for 1966 and prior years amounted to \$86,262.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE  
AUDITED FINANCIAL CONDITION, DECEMBER 31, 1966

	<u>Total</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Grants Fund</u>
Assets	\$63,411*	\$52,717	\$10,693
Liabilities	37,561¶	20,196	17,365
Fund Balances	25,850	32,521	(6,672)

\* Includes \$24,461 of Welfare Fund allocations receivable of which \$5,276 were for 1965 and prior years; also includes balancing interfund receivables of \$17,365.

¶ Includes bank loan of \$12,500 and \$17,365 balancing inter-fund payables.

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of students

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10-13 and 14-16 - 100 requests

4) Council on Education - \$ 48,000 - appeal for funds

5) Schools unstable - Review Reports | Review  
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Suggested Questions for Review of 1968 Budget

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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The basic questions for all agencies about organization, finances, and program and activities in 1967 and as projected for 1968, as noted in the attached "Background Materials Regarding Cooperating Agencies," are to be covered fully. In addition, the following specific questions are suggested to the National Foundation for Jewish Culture in preparation for review of its 1968 budget:

Financial Status

1. What is NFJC's present financial status? How is the general fund deficit carried, and what are the present expectations regarding its elimination?
2. What has been the response to NFJC's request for accelerated cash payments to avert the need for bank loans?

Reassessment

3. What further steps have been taken, or are under consideration, to implement the findings of NFJC's internal reassessment process, including new emphases on the interrelationships among the cultural agencies, improved financing for the field, local community cultural planning, and services to colleges and universities which have programs of Jewish studies?
4. Specifically, in the perspective of the present needs and trends in programming for all agencies engaged significantly in Jewish cultural work, what further explorations has NFJC conducted of a possible joint appeal to welfare funds, and other possible improvements in financing?
5. What is NFJC's current thinking regarding: a) the achievement of more extensive coordination and joint planning among the Jewish cultural agencies? b) analytical reports to welfare funds on the agencies?
6. What progress has there been in augmenting professional staff, as projected for 1967?

Sources of Income

7. What does NFJC see as potential sources of income for the Jewish cultural field and for its own activities? What, in NFJC's view, are the relative responsibilities of welfare funds and of other income sources, such as foundations and individual donors, in financing:  
a) Jewish cultural work? b) the services of NFJC?

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May, 1967

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# NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

777-5383

## MEMORANDUM

*Chicago Dec 17*

February 2, 1968

TO: Daniel Jeremy Silver

FROM: Harry I. Barron *H*

RE: Chicago

Following our conversation yesterday I chatted with Phil Bernstein and James Rice about the approach we should take to secure an improvement in our Chicago allocation. The suggestions that emerged point to the advisability of your talking in the first instance to Morris Glasser (You may remember that you met him at the LCBC meeting last week -- he is chairman of the LCBC.) Glasser is the immediate Past President of the Chicago Federation, and the suggestion is that you ask him for his advice as to how we should best proceed to bring Chicago up to a level commensurate with that of Cleveland, Detroit, Boston, Baltimore, etc.; that while what we are seeking from Chicago this year is a doubling of its \$7,500 allocation, this in reality is a minuscule amount in the goal of over \$10 million for the 1968 campaign. You might indicate that Phil Klutznick is a member of the Foundation Board and that you had thought of discussing the matter with him but that before doing so, you wanted to get Glasser's counsel. Glasser's address and telephone number are 69 West Washington Street, Chicago 60602 - 312-236-9500.

In the light of what develops in your conversation with Morris Glasser, you can better determine what approach should be made to Phil Klutznick. However, a letter could go forward to him explaining what we are seeking and asking for an opportunity to discuss it with him either by phone or in a personal meeting.

Jim Rice has suggested that we could mention both to Morris and Phil that we have discussed the matter with him and that he is certainly accepting of our objectives, and would like to be helpful. He questioned whether it was realistic to expect a doubling of our current allocation, but he agreed that Chicago is decidedly out of line as compared with some of the other cities cited above.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed with Chicago so that we will know what to do at this end.

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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
Tiferet Israel (The Temple)  
University Circle & Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I take this occasion to thank you again for your very effective assistance in our Women's Division campaign activities. You have left behind a host of friends who feel quite beholden to you.

The meeting Wednesday night at Jake Feldman's house was also a most productive one, and I am sure that your presentation did a lot to educate a leadership group on the program and objectives of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. As per your request I am enclosing a list of names and addresses of those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Feldman	Bus. P. O. Box 1046	Res. 6142 Averill Way
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(Feb 9, 1968)

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

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It was a real pleasure to have you visit with us and we hope that there will be many more opportunities for continued personal associations.

Sincerely yours,



JACOB H. KRAVITZ  
Executive Vice President

JHK:ap

cc: Mr. Jacob Feldman



NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

777-5383

MEMORANDUM

February 15, 1968

TO: Daniel Jeremy Silver

FROM: Harry I. Barron 

I am enclosing two pieces of correspondence relating to a project being conducted by Noach Orian dealing with your father. Although we have not yet received a formal application from Orian, he may be under the impression that his case is being processed since he asked Robert Cross to write us in his behalf.

I must assume that Orian is not an American citizen and, therefore, would not be qualified to receive a grant from the NFJC. On the other hand, there ought to be some way in which, assuming that he has real competence, he can be assisted with his project. Do you know him and do you think you want to do anything on this? It certainly speaks well for him that Robert Cross is willing to write as favorably as he does about him.

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Encl.

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February 6, 1968

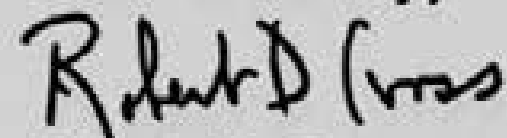
Mr. Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Barron:

I have been asked by Mr. Noach Orian to write you about his candidacy for the fellowship in support of his doctoral research essay. I am glad to do so since I have seen a fair amount of Orian in the last three or four years while he has been studying in the United States, and I have a favorable opinion of his talents and of his commitment.

Orian has completed all the requirements but the oral examinations and dissertation for a Ph.D. in American History at Columbia. For a variety of reasons he has decided to return to Hebrew University to complete his work; he received his M.A. from Tel Aviv before coming to the States. He plans to write a dissertation about Rabbi Silver, particularly the way in which Silver found sources of strength for the Zionist cause in Cleveland that was not notably sympathetic with Jewish interests. I think Orian is on to something important not only about Silver and Zionism but about the way in which religious leaders develop strength in a pluralistic society. I am, therefore, very anxious that Orian have every opportunity to push through his project to a successful completion, and I would be delighted if the National Foundation could help him in his effort. I am sure you would find him a very deserving person.

Yours sincerely,



Robert D. Cross  
President

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# National Foundation for Jewish Culture

729 Seventh Avenue, New York 19, New York ■ JUdson 6-7912  
February 19, 1968

Mrs. Gertrude C. Berger  
Volney Hotel  
23 East 74th Street  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Mrs. Berger:

This will confirm the fact that Rabbi Daniel Silver and I will meet with you at your apartment on Tuesday afternoon, February 27th, at 3 o'clock.

We look forward to the pleasure of meeting you and having this opportunity to talk with you.

I am delighted that you are making such a fine recovery and trust that this will continue so that you will be able to resume your normal activities very soon.

Every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

bcc - Mrs. Milton Lowenstein  
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver ✓

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February 26, 1968

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Returning home from a period of convalescence after  
a seige in the hospital, I found your letter of February  
13th and hasten to reply.

As of today it is still uncertain whether I shall  
be home March 9th and 10th, as I may be leaving for Israel  
in a few days. There is a possibility, however, that I  
may have to postpone my trip. Will you, therefore, on  
arriving in Washington, please call me and if I'm home,  
we will arrange to meet. My telephone number is Randolph  
6-9128.

I'm hopeful to be here when you come.

Sincerely,

  
Isadore Breslau

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February 28, 1968

Mr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation  
For Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

My expenses were \$90 for yesterday's visit.

I found upon my arrival today the enclosed letter  
from Breslau.

Sincerely ,

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Daniel Jeremy Silver

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# National Foundation for Jewish Culture

729 Seventh Ave. ■ New York 19, New York ■ JUdson 6-7912

February 28, 1968

Mr. Morris L. Levinson  
445 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Morris:

This is a quicky since I am sure you must be up to your ears in work, having just gotten back.

I thought you would like to know that Harry Barron and I have a date to meet with Sam Silberman and David Salten at the New York Federation on March 18th at 3 o'clock. We would love to have you join us if you care to do so, but I don't want you to feel that this is a "must". ✓

I was delighted to learn from Irv Levick that you have agreed to serve as our Assistant Treasurer. I know it will make things a lot easier for the office, and I very much appreciate your help in this regard.

I hope you had a wonderful time in Switzerland. I am looking forward to seeing you real soon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
President

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Some Notes for Conference Between  
Daniel J. Silver and Harry I. Barron (National Foundation for Jewish Culture)  
and  
Samuel J. Silberman and David G. Salten (New York Federation)  
March 18, 1968

The NFJC was created in 1959 by action of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, representing the federations of the United States and Canada.

In the ensuing eight years, the federations have been providing annual allocations to the Foundation which in 1967 totalled \$98,000.

Almost half of the Jewish population of the United States resides in New York City from which the NFJC has received no financial assistance.

The Foundation has rendered service to individuals and institutions in New York representing a very considerable proportion of its work. Among its current applications for grants are requests from 43 individuals, either affiliated with institutions in New York or native New Yorkers who are attending universities elsewhere. Thirty-one applications for pre-doctoral grants and twelve applications from independent scholars are from New Yorkers.

The Foundation has sponsored alertness credit courses for New York City public school teachers which have been attended by close to 1,000 teachers.

It has enabled a significant number of students to prepare themselves for teaching of Judaica in local colleges and universities.

It has made possible the preparation of studies and publications that are utilized by people in the New York area.

It has worked with numerous agencies and cultural organizations in the furtherance of Jewish cultural programs utilized by the New York population.

Its scholars have appeared as lecturers throughout the New York area.

The Foundation has received no financial support from organized Jewish sources in New York City for any of these activities. In effect, the federations of other communities are paying for services to New York.

The NFJC would prefer not to develop costly fund raising apparatus to solicit financial support in New York City. It would rather use its limited staff for substantive work. A modest annual grant of \$50,000 from New York would permit the Foundation to meet some of the more pressing obligations in this area.



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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, INC.

NATIONAL OFFICE: 315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

TELEPHONE: AREA CODE 212, 673-8200

May 1, 1968

Mrs. David Steine  
4409 Tyne Blvd.  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Peggy:

I really had meant to write to you following my visit to Nashville, but with my continued field travel time passed more quickly than I realized.

You may recall that when I was there I talked about the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and how important I thought it was for Nashville to include this agency as one of your beneficiaries. Dr. Daniel Silver is coming to Nashville on May 5th to talk at your Men's Campaign meeting. He is the president of the Foundation.

It would be a wonderful opportunity to get together a group of key people to let him tell you about this agency and the outstanding job they are doing. I think Nashville would have a real sense of pride if they participated in this program. I am enclosing some material which will give you the background.

With every best wish,

Cordially,

HEATRICE FINKELSTEIN  
Administrative Assistant

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P.S. To be most accurate, Nashville is allocating \$25 -- which really is the same as not being a beneficiary in the light of the Foundation's program.

May 7, 1968

Mrs. David Steine  
4409 Tyne Boulevard  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Peggy:

I enjoyed so much meeting you and I want to offer you any help I can in making a success of your school's project.

I am writing this letter specifically about the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. We are trying to broaden our Board so that there is a representative in each substantial community. Meetings are minimal and will probably number not more than one a year at which time I hope that in addition to doing some Foundation business we can present some of our scholars who would discuss material of interest to all of us. Beyond that we would keep you apprised of what we are doing obviously in the hope that you will act as our liaison to Nashville. I cannot think of anybody better equipped and interested. I will be delighted if you would say yes.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

# Columbia University in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Fayerweather Hall  
New York, N. Y. 10027

23 May 1967

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Noach Orian is a candidate in good standing for the doctoral degree in history at Columbia University. Any assistance rendered to him in the course of his research will be much appreciated.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Robert D. Cross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "C".

Robert D. Cross  
Chairman

Noach Orian  
3344 Ft. Independence St.  
Bronx, New York, N.Y. 10463

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

5. 30. 1967

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I feel quite badly to bother you in these tenseful days, since I might be called back to Israel, in case of a war. Hoping still for peace, allow me to introduce myself, and to explain my purpose for writing you.

I am an Israeli student, a graduate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. I have completed all the requirements in the Ph.D program in the department of American History at Columbia University in New York, and am now preparing myself to write the Doctoral dissertation.

For a long time I was interested in American - Jewish history, particularly in the Zionist movement and leadership. Following this interest I have decided to study and explore the Zionist thought and leadership of the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and his public career in American life -- a career which I always looked on with great admiration.

After checking the historic literature I became aware of the fact that no serious study was done concerning Rabbi Silver's biography. I am ready to move to Cleveland for the purpose of a serious research in this subject, hoping to utilize the sources which are available in the memorial library at your temple.

My professors in Jerusalem, as well as my professors in Columbia are very interested in my work. They are encouraging me to consider seriously this particular subject, as one of the utmost importance to the study of contemporary Judaism developing in the U.S. and in Israel.

I am looking forward to hearing from you and will be glad to supply any

additional information you may ask for. Enclosed is my resume and a brief letter of introduction from the chairman of the graduate department of history at Columbia University.

Sincerely yours,

*Noach Orian*  
Noach Orian.

## Resume

Name : Noach Orian

Address : 3344 Ft. Independence St. Bronx, New York, 10463

Date of Birth : 9. 10. 1933

Place of Birth: Kazimierz, Poland.

Education : Columbia University , Graduate Faculty N.Y.1964-1967, the Ph.D program in American history & government; Minor- Jewish history; completed course work & examinations, preparing for dissertation. The Hebrew University & Bar Ilan University, Israel, 1960-1964, studied toward the M.A. in history; got the Master's Degree in 1964; M.A. Thesis: "T. Jefferson's Concept of Democracy in America".

The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 1954-1959, studied toward the B.A.; majoring in history & sociology, got the B.A. Degree 1959.

Herzliyah High School, Tel Aviv, 1947-1951.

Occupation : Currently teaches history at the Herzliyah Teachers College, New York, since 1965.

Lecturer on Zionism and Jewish history for the Jewish Agency, Youth Department, New York, 1963-1965.

Tichon Hadash & Geula High Schools Tel-Aviv, Israel 1956-1963, taught history & sociology.

Beit Berle Institute for Research & Advanced Study, Israel, 1959-1963; lecturer and research coordinator.

Activities : Member of student organizations & assuming leadership in the Israeli Scouting Movement, 1953-1964.

Participated as an Israeli delegate in a seminar organized by the European Common Market, 1960.

Publication : The cooperation in Theory and Practice, a book which was published in 1966; a study of cooperative movements in Israel &

in Jewish life.

Languages : Reads, speaks & writes very well in English & hebrew; reads well  
French & German.

Marital status: Married, a father of eleven year old daughter.

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JUN 17 1966

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4283 Mayfield Rd.  
S. Euclid, Ohio 44121

Mr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Ave. South  
New York, N.Y. 10010

Dear Mr. Barron:

I would like to inquire about the grants available for graduate research in fields related to Jewish life and institutions. I am a graduate of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in History and Sociology, where I also earned my M.A. degree. For over four years I have worked and studied in the United States, completing my Ph.D. coursework at Columbia University in New York, in American and Jewish history.

I am currently involved in research on the life and leadership of the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver as preparation for my Ph.D. dissertation. Meanwhile I am on the faculty of the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, serving as an instructor of Jewish history and literature.

I am extremely interested in pursuing a career of study and research of American Jewish community. I will appreciate receiving an application form and any further information available about your program.

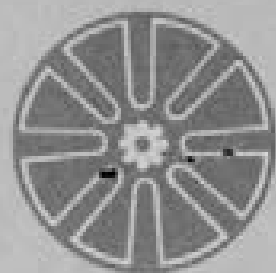
Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Noach Orian*

Noach Orian





Peggy Steine

June 4, 1968

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Thank you for your letter  
of May 7<sup>th</sup>, & do forgive my  
delay in answering.

I will be honored to  
serve on the Board of the  
National Foundation for Jewish  
Culture - and will do what  
I can to explain its fine  
program to our Nashville  
friends.

We are working steadily on our  
School Project. The road is difficult,  
but we are not giving up.

David and I enjoyed so  
much meeting you, and we  
do hope that our paths will  
soon cross again.

Most sincerely,  
Peggy W. Stene

Enclosed is a small check  
for the Nat. Foundation.

June 6, 1968

Mrs. David Stein  
4409 Tyne Lane  
Nashville, Tennessee 37215

Dear Peggy:

I am delighted that you will join our Board. I will look forward to seeing you in September at our Annual Board Institute which will be our one and only New York meeting. We are grateful for your check and you can be sure it will be put to good use.

I am delighted that your school project is under way. If I can be of any help, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

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June 20, 1968

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Nine months have passed since we talked about  
a Fellowship Fund. Have you made any progress  
so far? I would be delighted to hear from you.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Lown

PWL/lb

ROBERT J. FELIXSON  
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June 25, 1968

JUN 28 1968

Mr. Harry I. Barron  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Harry:


The hearing last night in Los Angeles was sympathetic. The Budget Committee was particularly impressed by the inadequacy of Los Angeles' subvention compared with Cleveland, Detroit, etc. Whether this means surplus dollars I don't know.

Irwin S. Field asked for a copy of "Toward a Creative American Jewish Culture" and I am sending him my spare copy.

Mr. Field is a relatively young man assuming leadership in the community. If there is other information you would like to send him, his address is

Liberty Vegetable Oil Company  
15306 South Carmenita Road  
Santa Fe Springs, California

Sincerely,

  
Robert J. Felixson

RJF/jhs

New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations  
*A Graduate College of the State University*  
Cornell University Ithaca, New York 14850

June 26, 1968

JUN 28 1968

Mr. Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Harry:

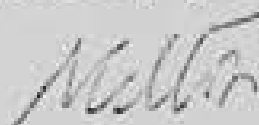
I have had a chance to discuss with Dean Thomas, Administrator of the Merrill Trust, your proposed project. My suggestion is that you make formal application to him, and that you supply him with the necessary data within the next fortnight. On the basis of my discussion with him, I would suggest that you cut down the total cost from \$80,000 to \$60,000, and that you apply for \$30,000 and pledge to match the grant from the Merrill Trust with an equal amount. I think that if you set up the application in this way, you will have a better chance of favorable action.

Dean Thomas has a crowded agenda for the September meeting of the Trustees, but he will try to fit it into the agenda. If he cannot fit it in, then the matter will go over to the March meeting. I would suggest that you keep me advised of what you do.

I hope that there will be some constructive developments resulting from our meeting with Phil Bernstein and Mark Uvaeler. I have not heard from either of them since our meeting, and I hope that you can stir them up, so that they will come through with sufficient finances for your Fellowships.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Milton R. Konvitz  
Professor of Industrial  
and Labor Relations  
and  
Professor of Law

MRK:mh

# NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

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## MEMORANDUM

July 1, 1968

TO: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

FROM: Harry I. Barron

1. Board Meeting -- I have been doing a lot of thinking and exploring following our discussion about the Board Meeting. I am increasingly concerned about the date of October 6th, particularly since you are thinking of extending the meeting through dinner and early evening. I am sure that we will be subject to considerable criticism since this will be erev Sukkot. Apart from possible objection of your rabbinical colleagues on the Board I anticipate a problem in connection with people who will want to be home for that evening, and who might object to riding back to New York City from our meeting.

If you feel that Sunday would be the best day of the week for such a meeting I see no other time prior to October 6th except September 8th. If we go beyond October 6th we would have to skip the following Sunday as well because of the holiday complication and that would bring us to October 20th which might be regarded as pretty late.

Because of the date complication I have not yet written to Salo Baron. As soon as we can nail this down I shall write to him.

As for place, I have been checking a variety of places but have nothing nailed down. This too will be somewhat dependent on the date. Thus far I have not been able to get anything on the Sarah Lawrence situation. Country clubs are not interested in making available their facilities on a Sunday which evidently is one of the busiest days of the week for them. Considering the need to have a business session in the morning, I think it will be rather tricky business to try to meet in two different places. Would you be willing to settle for something at Columbia or Barnard for the full day?

On Program, it occurred to me that we could have a session "Frontiers of Jewish Scholarship" - developments and needs in such fields as Bible, History, Philosophy, Sociology, etc. We could invite a person from each of these fields to talk from ten to fifteen minutes, emphasizing some interesting new trends, findings, new areas, etc.

I shall await your comments on date, place, etc. before I proceed further.

2. Application to Merrill Trust -- I am enclosing a copy of Milton Konvitz's letter regarding our application for a grant for our projected Study. I have tentatively recast our budget in accordance with his suggestion by reducing the total from \$80,000 to \$60,000 and I am enclosing a copy for your comments. I believe you have the original. If you are in agreement with him about the approach I would like to get up a covering letter of request so that we can get it off to Dean Thomas this week.

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Yeshiva University • YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

7/1/68

3. Study Director -- On Friday I interviewed Dr. Irving Graeber. I enclose some material on him. He is 49 years old and currently is free lancing and preparing a book on Jews in the United States. He is a pretty knowledgeable person and is a thorough researcher. My one concern about him is that he is inclined to be dogmatic and argumentative and I wonder whether he can discipline himself so that as an investigator he seeks information rather than spouts his own opinion. He would require some fairly close supervision on this score. He is very much interested in the opening and would be willing to work for \$12,000 a year which is a lot less than we had budgeted. He is available immediately. I have asked him to go over our prospectus and to talk with me again this week about how he would visualize the Study design. Meanwhile, I am trying to get definite word from Paul Ritterband and I have been checking out two or three other possibilities. Let's agree that we will select someone no later than this month.
4. Note from Felixson on Los Angeles (copy enclosed) -- This sounds better. Let's hope the results prove to be as encouraging.

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encls



[with July 1, 1968]

College: B.N. Columbia, 1940

Graduate and Professional Study: M.A. U. of Pa. 1942

Ph.D. ——— 1946; Major: Sociology

Field Work Placements:

Jewish Background: Y. RABBI CHAIM BERLIN

FELLOW & LECTURER: GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & ADMINIST.  
1952/3; LECTURER IN COMMUNICATIONS IN 196

Membership in Professional Organizations: NATE, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOC'N,  
AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR JEWISH EDUCATION,  
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SOCIAL & POLITICAL SCIENCES; & JHS.

Special Interests and Activities:

JEWISH EDUCATION ON ALL-AGE LEVELS; ALIENATED JEWS, JEWISH INTELLECTUALS,  
THE AMERICAN JEWISH COLLEGE MEN; INTERGROUP RELATIONS  
ADULT EDUCATION & ACTIVITIES FOR THE "SENIORS"; ADULT "EDUCATION" FOR THE  
LEADERS

Publications: JEWS IN A GENTILE WORLD (Macmillan)  
THE TRUTH ABOUT ANTI-SEMITISM (Macmillan)  
THE HISTORY OF ZIONISM (Macmillan) + 20th reprint to this

Languages:

Also, numerous articles on community organization, Jewish  
education and learning, intergroup relations and the  
structure of the American Jewish community.

[with July 1, 1968]

# RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

List for each paid position - beginning with your present one - title; agency and address; salary; full description of responsibilities; dates held.

1. LIVING BOOKS FOUNDATION, 1964-APR 1968; EX. SECT. & EDITORIAL DIR.;  
207 E 37 ST. N.Y. 10016; \$25<sup>00</sup> p.w. + exp. My duties were budgetary,  
Editorial and those of public relations via the MASS MEDIA. I supervised  
the clerical staff and editorial as well.

2. SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA, 239 N 4th Avenue, N.Y.C.  
+  
Label Katz, President of B'nai B'rith. 1960-1963

I DIVIDED MY TIME BETWEEN THE TWO, HAVING SERVED AS  
EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT TO BOTH. I prepared surveys, wrote the  
position papers & speeches delivered by Label Katz & RABBI SCHWARTZ & ADAMS.  
My salary was \$250<sup>00</sup> p.w.

3. EXPERIMENTAL DIVISION of the Jewish Education Committee of N.Y., 1956-1959  
ANALYST & ASS'T TO DR. ISRAEL CHIPKIN, EXEC. V-P. My salary  
was \$5500<sup>00</sup> + expenses. PART OF MY TIME WAS DEVOTED TO AN EVALUATION  
OF CULT'L ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE CENTERS. THIS WAS DONE UNDER THE N.Y.C.

4. VILLAGE JEWISH GROUPS, 1952-1955  
HERE I SERVED AS ORGANIZER, EX. SECT. & AS DIR. OF JEWISH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES  
My salary was \$9000<sup>00</sup> p.a.

5. JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER of KANSAS CITY & COLLEGE of JEWISH STUDIES  
I WAS DIRECTOR OF EDUC. ACT. AND ADM. OF THE COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES; Over 1949-1952  
I ADMINISTERED THE THEATER, COND. P.R.; GUIDED THE SOCIAL WORKERS; INSTRUCTED  
THE COLLEGE MEN. & WOMEN & DIR. & STAFF.

[with July 1, 1968]

REFERENCES

Unless you advise us to the contrary, letters of reference may be requested from all names given.

Name

Address

City

✓ Dr. Isidore MARGOLIS - DIR. OF PERS. A.A.J.S. - 101 FIFTH AVE. N.Y.C.

Dr. Theodore Adams - % Syn. Council of Am. N.Y.C.

Dr. Max HALPERT - DIR. OF FOUNDATIONS, <sup>+ Synagogue Dept</sup> Y.U. N.Y.C.

✓ GRACIUM BERGER - FED. OFF. PHIL. - 130 E. 59<sup>th</sup> ST. N.Y.C. 10022

DR. MOSHE DAVIS - % JEWISH THEO. SEMINARY - N.Y.C.

✓ DR. URIAH ENGELMAN - % A.A.J.S. - 101 Fifth Ave. N.Y.C.

Dr. Samuel Blumenfeld - % American Jewish Agency - Herzl Institute

<sup>Berman</sup>  
~~Joseph~~ Sainer - National Jewish Welfare Board. 15 E 26 (10010)

Sent 5/10/68

July 2, 1968

Mr. Harry I. Barron  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Harry:

The date of October 6th will stand. We will simply announce that we will bench the lulav and ethrog. I would not willingly settle for Columbia or Barnard. I still think we are better away from New York and in a proper relaxed setting. After we get Baron, we will talk about the afternoon program.

Get the letter into the Merrill Trust right away and pop over to see Starr personally. Tell him we need \$10,000 to get started and that we have a man. The problem of supervision is yours. Why don't you call Label Katz and get a reading on Graeber. I am delighted to hear about Los Angeles. Pick up the phone and call Irwin S. Field just to talk and ask him incidentally if he would like to join our Board and that we need some contacts in his area.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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July 12, 1968

Mr. Robert Sinton  
404 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Mr. Sinton:

Harry Barron has forwarded to me your very generous contribution to our work. I need not tell you how grateful we are. Our work seems to be progressing at a nice pace. We were able to increase by 50% our funding of pre-doctoral and scholarly grants and should have our study of college level courses in Judaism well under way by mid-summer.

We plan to hold our annual Board meeting on October 6th in New York. It will have a new format. The business meeting will be followed by a number of presentations by a number of leading Jewish scholars, which I trust will be attractive. I hope you can be with us.

I look forward to working with you very closely.  
With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



JEWISH TEACHERS SEMINARY  
AND PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY

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515 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022 ■ (212) PL 2-7080

July 18, 1968

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Especially after my interview with Harry Barron today, I am very interested in the possibility of assisting him at the National Foundation, most immediately on the survey of Judaic studies in higher education. My background equips me to deal with the field of Jewish learning and I worked with a disciplined social survey while at the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore.

I believe I could carry out the task successfully with the aid of competent technical formulation and periodic monitoring.

My career has not followed a direct line and I write you in all candor, as a colleague, that it has required some years for me to shape a personal commitment. I do believe that my performance this year at Herzliah demonstrates that I have achieved this dimension, but family obligations constrain me to seek a broader opportunity than the school can offer. On this score, I take the liberty of suggesting Herzliah Dean Gershon Winer as a source of information. (Most of the time these days he is at his home phone: 516- RO 6-9059.) Harold Silver and Herbert Brichto are classmates; Herbert Weiner is a close friend.

I would be happy to meet with you personally if you would prefer this before reaching a decision.

Sincerely yours,

*Julius Rosenthal*  
Rabbi Julius Rosenthal

(July 18, 1968)

Julius Rosenthal  
2 Eastern Road  
Hartsdale, N.Y. 10530  
Home Phone: 914 - OW 3 - 9089  
N.Y.C. Phone: 212-752-7080

#### EDUCATION

B.A., Yeshiva College, 1942. Major: Sociology, Minor: Political Science  
M.H.L., Rabbi, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 1951  
completed course credits for Ed.D., Columbia University, 1967

#### POSITIONS HELD

1967- Director of Community Relations, Herzliah Hebrew Teachers  
Institute-Jewish Teachers Seminary, New York City  
1964-1967 Rabbi, Bet Ami, Scarsdale, N.Y.  
1962-1964 Director of Jewish Education, Jewish Child Care Association,  
Pleasantville, N.Y.  
1956-1962 Rabbi, Vassar Temple, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.  
1951-1956 Rabbi, Temple Sholom, Greenwich, Conn.  
1948-1951 Principal, Temple Israel Hebrew School, Nyack, N.Y.  
1945-1947 Research Associate, Associated Jewish Charities, Baltimore, Md.  
1942-1945 Medical Dept., U.S. Army

#### AUXILIARY POSTS

1966- Public Relations Consultant, Jewish Labor Committee, N.Y.C.  
1965- Editor, 'Point of View,' New York City  
1958-1962 Instructor in Sociology, Dutchess County Community College,  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.  
1958-1962 Chaplain, Hudson River State Hospital, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

#### PERSONAL

born 1922, Baltimore, Md.  
married 1947  
father of two children

#### RECENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1967- Co-Chairman, Committee for Effective Schools, Town of  
Greenburgh, N.Y.  
President, Liberal Party Club of Scarsdale-Hartsdale  
1960-1962 Chairman, Fair Housing Committee of Dutchess County  
Co-Chairman, SANE, Dutchess County, N.Y.

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## National Foundation for Jewish Culture

729 Seventh Ave. ■ New York 19, New York ■ JUdson 6-7912

July 19, 1968

The Honorable Philip M. Klutznick  
401 No. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

My dear Phil:

I was pleased to learn that the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago has allocated \$10,000 to the Foundation for 1968, and I should like to express my warm appreciation to you for your valued help. Although our request for \$15,000 was a valid and reasonable figure, I assume that the increase was too great to obtain in one year, and we shall probably need a bit more patience in achieving even that modest figure. If there is the chance of adding to the allocation before the end of the year, I very much hope that you will exercise your friendly influence.

The Foundation's Annual Meeting is to be held on Sunday, October 6th, on the campus of Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York. You will shortly receive more detailed information about the meeting but, meanwhile, I hope that you can put the date on your calendar. It would be a pleasure to have you with us, and I am sure that you will find the program of interest.

Kindest regards, and have a pleasant summer.

Cordially,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
President

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# National Foundation for Jewish Culture

729 Seventh Ave. ■ New York 19, New York ■ JUdson 6-7912

July 19, 1968

Dr. Salo W. Baron  
Honey Hill Road  
Canaan, Connecticut 06018

Dear Dr. Baron:

I am delighted that you are able to accept my invitation to speak at the Annual Meeting of the Foundation on October 6th. We shall, of course, abide by the conditions you have indicated.

We are arranging for the meeting to be held at Sarah Lawrence College and shall keep you advised about the details.

I do hope your stay at the hospital in September will be a brief and successful one, and I trust meanwhile that you will be able to enjoy some relaxation during the summer when you can let up a bit on your writing and editing.

Once again, with warmest thanks for your generous acceptance, and with kind regards,

Cordially,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
President

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# National Foundation for Jewish Culture

729 Seventh Ave. ■ New York 19, New York ■ JUdson 6-7912

July 19, 1968

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith  
53 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Sam:

I trust that you are well and enjoying a relaxing summer.

As I look at my calendar, I am reminded of your offer to bring together a group of leaders in the fall with whom we could discuss the Foundation's Grants Program. If you can let me know when you can arrange for this, I shall certainly try to make myself available.

We are planning to hold the next Board meeting of the Foundation on Sunday, October 6th, at Sarah Lawrence College. I feel sure that you will find the program of genuine interest, and I hope it will be possible for you to be present. We shall be sending out detailed information on this shortly.

You probably know by this time that the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago voted the Foundation an allocation of \$10,000 for 1968. While it is considerably less than we had requested, it is nonetheless a step in the right direction.

I shall look forward to word from you about the fall. Meanwhile, my warmest thanks and kind regards.

Cordially,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
President

djs/ew

Philip W. Lown

Suite 4640 Prudential Center • Boston, Massachusetts 02199

Tel. 262-6310 Area 617

July 23, 1968

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

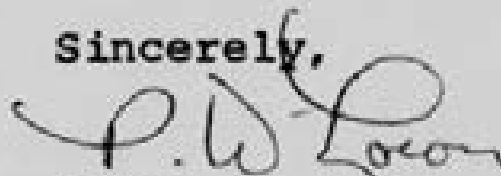
Dear Rabbi Silver:

<sup>June</sup>  
On ~~July~~ 20th, I inquired what progress  
you are making regarding my challenge.  
Today is July 23rd, and I have had no  
reply to my letter.

If I do not hear from you within the  
next two weeks, I shall assume that you  
have made no progress.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

  
Philip W. Lown <sub>B</sub>

PWL/lb

JUL 26 1968

URBAN  
INVESTMENT AND  
DEVELOPMENT CO.

July 24, 1968

401 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE □ CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611 □ TELEPHONE: AREA CODE 312/321-1810

PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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

My dear Friend:

It was nice of you to write me as you did on July 19th. I knew that the increase was less than you wanted but, in order to do a proper job with local Jewish education, we had to be exceedingly selective. It is a tribute to your leadership that you were one of the few on whom good fortune shown.

With best wishes.

Cordially,

*Philip M. Klutznick*

Philip M. Klutznick

PMK:s

(Dictated but  
not read)

July 26, 1968

Mr. Philip W. Lown  
Suite 4640 Prudential Center  
Boston, Massachusetts 02199

Dear Mr. Lown:

Unfortunately I have been immured this summer with a book and a text for a course which I am teaching this fall at Western Reserve University and I apologize for the delay in answering your letter.

To be businesslike I have taken up your challenge. I intend to meet it. Being a rabbi I live in faith. I cannot yet point to real progress except to say that a year ago most of those I needed to complete the 19 did not know the Foundation existed. Today they at least have some idea of what we are about.

I have spent a good bit of time trying to bring the Foundation's funds to an operable level and laying ground work with a number of individuals for large grants. It is slow work, doubly slow because of the heavy institutional overlay of our communities. I propose to use our annual meeting on October 6th to place this program in a major way before our Board and a selected audience. By the way, our meeting is on Sunday, October 6th at the Sarah Lawrence University campus just outside of New York. Dr. Salo W. Baron will speak at noon and we will have a panel of fellowship recipients in the afternoon. I will give a report at dinner. It promises to be an excellent day.

I hope you will have a good summer and with all good wishes,  
I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

KLUTZNICK  
CHICAGO  
Dec 17

August 1, 1968

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick  
Urban Investment and Development Co.  
401 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Mr. Klutznick:

Thank you for your letter of July 24th. As a rabbi I live in hope and I am confident that by next year Chicago will have raised our allocation again somewhat closer to its appropriate level. Thanks for your help.

I am eager to pursue the possibility of a meeting in Chicago early this fall on behalf of the Foundation. I would like to meet with some men of wealth who might be willing to act as sponsors of individual fellowships and grants. It hurt to have to turn down some thirty-forty requests for subventions which had the approval of our Academic Council. The young people we lose can never be replaced.

Would you be so kind as to make a list of a few people who might be interested. Samuel Goldsmith has indicated his willingness to coordinate this meeting for us. I am sure he will be in contact with you and I appreciate in advance your help.

I hope you can be with us for our Board meeting on Sunday, October 6th. I am sure it will be different from meetings to which you are accustomed. It is going to be held in Sarah Lawrence College. Frankly, we can dispose of our business quite briefly in the morning and then concentrate on the new dimensions of American Jewish Scholarship.

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Dr. Salo W. Baron, who I am sure you know, will be our guest speaker at lunch and Isaac Yerushalmi of Harvard and a panel of young men and women whom we have sub-vented will speak in the afternoon. I will draw the program together at dinner. We will break up by eight o'clock. Wives are invited and I do hope you can be with us.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

MEMORANDUMFOR YOUR INFORMATION

August 29, 1968

TO: Members of the Board of Directors

FROM: Harry I. Barron, Executive Director

When Rabbi Silver wrote you about the Foundation Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 6th, he promised to send you further details. Our plans are now crystallized as you will see below. I hope you will plan to attend and that you will so advise us.

In order to take care of various formal requirements, there will be a brief business meeting for Board members at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning in the offices of the Foundation, 315 Park Avenue South - at 24th Street (15th Floor). At 11 o'clock a chartered bus will pick us up in front of the building and take us directly to the Sarah Lawrence campus.

For the rest of the day the schedule will be:

- 12:30 - Luncheon Session  
Address by Prof. Salo W. Baron
- 2:30 - Afternoon Session  
Panel of Foundation Fellows will discuss  
"Fun and Challenges in Jewish Research"
- 5:00 - Tour of Campus
- 6:00 - Dinner Session  
Sukkot Kiddush and Music  
Address by Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
- 8:00 - Adjournment and return to New York by chartered bus

We are inviting a number of guests from the academic and publishing fields as well as some interested laymen from the New York area interested in the work of the Foundation. The atmosphere will be intellectually stimulating as well as congenially informal. Husbands and/or wives of Board members will be very welcome.

So that we can make the necessary physical arrangements, we need to know about your attendance. Won't you please send in the enclosed reservation reply card as soon as possible? We very much hope you will be with us. Kindest regards.

Encl.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

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August 29, 1967

*Chgo -  
Dec 17*

Mr. James P. Rice, Executive Director  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
1 So. Franklin Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your recent letter advising us of the opportunity to seek reconsideration of our reduced allocation through your Special Appeals Committee. It is encouraging to know that the matter will be reviewed and we are hopeful that it will receive careful and sympathetic consideration.

As we have indicated in our previous communications to the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund, the maintenance budget of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture depends entirely on allocations from local Jewish welfare funds. The Foundation has maintained a scrupulously tight rein on its housekeeping operations which have been most modest throughout the seven years of the Agency's existence. Despite endorsement by the Large City Budgeting Conference of an expanded budget to carry forward much needed program, the Foundation has avoided incurring additional expenditures until there was assurance of increased income. In its financial operations, the Foundation has always endeavored to act cautiously and responsibly to avoid insofar as possible deficits and indebtedness.

Nevertheless, there is an irreducible minimum beyond which it is impossible to function. In a year when the Foundation had every reason to expect at least a modest increase in welfare fund allocations, a 25% reduction in the allotment from Chicago has accentuated a serious problem at a time when our belt is already tightened to the point of strangulation. Actually, some of the Foundation's essential functions have had to be curtailed, and we have even postponed filling a much-needed professional staff position to assist our Executive Director because of the stringent financial situation. Obviously, the healthy survival of an agency cannot be achieved in this way.

An equally serious aspect of a reduced allocation by the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund is the dangerous effect it may have on other communities. Already Cleveland, which makes an annual allocation of twice the amount of Chicago's former level of support, is concerned about continuing what it regards as a fair allotment if other major cities are going to lag far behind. A reduction in Chicago's allocation could be disastrous in leading the way for others to emulate your example.

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August 29, 1967

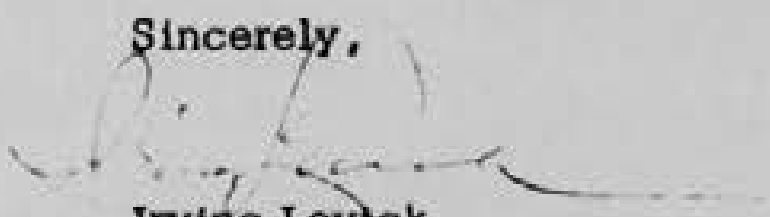
At this time it is of urgent importance that we strengthen the Jewish cultural bonds of our people and help them find the kind of identification and satisfaction which exposure to authentic Jewish ideas and intellectual contributions can substantially stimulate. This is the time when it is imperative that we intensify our collective efforts in the advancement of those programs that will fortify our sense of pride and security in the contribution which Jewish cultural effort makes to the larger society.

The Chicago area has benefitted directly from the Foundation's work during the past year in a number of ways. An award of a Fellowship grant was made to a young Chicago scholar to complete his doctorate in the field of Jewish studies so that he can enter upon an academic career that will ultimately lead to creative effort in the service of the Jewish group. During the year the Foundation has been in frequent consultation with several universities in the Chicago area as well as with professors of Jewish studies on a variety of projects that will undoubtedly redound to the benefit of your community. Throughout the year we are called upon by individuals, organizations and educational institutions in Greater Chicago for various services. And in a broader sense, Chicago's stake in an effective Foundation is bound up with that of communities throughout the land. The dividends in the form of books and publications, research, college courses, lectures, preparation of academicians, strengthening of national cultural agencies -- all represent a generous return for your modest investment.

We earnestly hope that in your review of your financial situation and your reappraisal of the Foundation's situation, you will find it possible at least to restore the cut. We respectfully remind you that our original request was for an increase that would include some support for our Grants Program which thus far Chicago has not assisted. We are still eager for an opportunity to meet personally with you and your leadership to discuss this, and our President, Rabbi Daniel Silver, and our Executive Director, Harry Barron, are prepared to come to Chicago at your convenience. Meanwhile, we shall be pleased to furnish any additional data desired by your Committee to help it reach a knowledgeable decision.

I do hope we may hear favorably from you in the near future. Please be assured of our warm appreciation.

Sincerely,



Irving Levick  
Treasurer

cc - Mr. David Silbert  
Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith  
Mr. Philip Klutznick  
Mr. Herman Spertus

August 30, 1968

Mr. Paul Handleman  
1001 Glengary Circle, West  
Birmingham, Michigan 48010

Dear Paul:

Just a note to remind you of our talk about coming to the meeting of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture on Sunday October 6th. We are going to leave for the Sarah Lawrence campus at 11:00 A. M. by bus in front of our office, 315 Park Avenue South. Dr. Salo W. Baron, the eminent Jewish historian, will speak at lunch. There will be an afternoon panel of graduate fellows whom we have sponsored in various Jewish fields. We plan to have everyone back in Manhattan by 9:00 or 9:30 P. M. I hope you and Sonya can be with us.

Wasn't the convention a disgraceful episode? I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

August 30, 1968

Dr. and Mrs. Marver Bernstein  
% Woodrow Wilson School  
Princeton College  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Sheva and Marver:

We enjoyed so much our visit. I only wish we could have stayed up in Vermont through the convention. It might not have been so terrible in the reading. I am enclosing a brief reminder of the meeting on Sunday, October 6th which I hope you can attend. You can come for all or part of it. We covet these chances to see you and be together. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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September 5, 1968

Mr. Harry I. Barron, Executive Director  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Harry:

Although four months have passed since you wrote me about Board members from Chicago, I have not forgotten your request. In this connection, I would like to suggest the following individuals:

Mr. Herman Spertus - 1840 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago 60614  
Former member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation and a major contributor. Manufacturer of picture frames, art collector and amateur painter. Highly respected member of the Jewish community.

Mr. Maynard I. Wishner - 105 West Adams Street, Chicago 60603  
A member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation and Chairman of the Research and Program Development Committee. Executive Vice President of Walter Heller and Company. A relatively young member of Federation Board and active in the American Jewish Committee.

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein - 930 East 50th Street, Chicago 60615  
Rabbi Emeritus of KAM Temple, major Reform temple of Chicago. Former President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

I have not spoken to any of the three individuals about membership on the National Foundation Board, so please bear this in mind in any approach you may make to them.

Sincerely,

James P. Rice  
Executive Director

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September 9, 1968

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Mr. Samuel Field  
111 East 56 Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Field:

You may recall that some months ago, at the suggestion of Rabbi David Seligson, I wrote you about the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and sent along a brochure describing some of its purposes and accomplishments.

I am writing you at this time to invite you and your wife to be our guests for a stimulating and enjoyable day on the lovely campus of Sarah Lawrence College in nearby Bronxville. The occasion is the Foundation's Annual Meeting which we are devoting to various aspects of creative American Jewish scholarship. I can assure you of an interesting program, congenial associates, and a pleasant, informal atmosphere.

The first session will take place at lunch commencing at 12:30 p.m. The speaker at this session will be the distinguished dean of American Jewish scholars, Dr. Salo W. Baron, Professor Emeritus of Jewish History and Literature at Columbia University. During the afternoon a panel of bright young scholars will share with us some of their interesting experiences in carrying out their particular projects in different aspects of Judaic research. Following a relaxing hour of touring the Sarah Lawrence campus, the concluding session will take place at dinner with appropriate Kiddush and music to usher in the beginning of the Sukkot festival. It will be my privilege to make the closing address. Adjournment will be no later than 8 p.m.

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With respectful good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

DR. DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
President

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[Sept 9, 1968]

Mr. Jacob M. Kaplan  
53 East 80 Street  
New York, New York 10021

Mr. Calmon Ginsberg  
80 Broad Street  
New York, New York 10004

Mrs. Moses D. Blitzer  
88 Central Park West  
New York, New York 10023

Mr. Ira Oppenheimer  
132 East 72 Street  
New York, New York 10021

Mr. Arthur Levitt, Jr.  
544 East 86 Street  
New York, New York 10028

Mrs. Henry Ittleson  
200 East 57 Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dr. Samuel Jaffe  
201 East 62 Street  
New York, New York 10021

Mr. David Rosenthal  
700 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

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457 Mamaroneck Road  
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**National Foundation for Jewish Culture**

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September 11, 1968

Dr. Leo Rosten  
36 Sutton Place South  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Dr. Rosten:

Knowing of your deep interest in Jewish cultural matters, I should like to take this opportunity to invite you and your wife to be our guests on Sunday, October 6th, for what I am sure will be a stimulating and enjoyable experience on the lovely campus of Sarah Lawrence College in nearby Bronxville. The occasion is the Foundation's Annual Meeting which we are devoting to various aspects of creative American Jewish scholarship.

Eight years ago, after a thorough study of Jewish cultural services in America, the organized Jewish communities of the United States and Canada established the National Foundation for Jewish Culture to provide a central focus for the entire field of Jewish cultural work. The Foundation was given a broad mandate to interpret the field; to initiate programs to fill the unmet needs; to innovate and stimulate activity to enrich creative Jewish cultural effort; help coordinate the work of individual cultural agencies; and to help fund important programs in research, scholarship, publication, etc.

In its brief period of existence the Foundation has compiled an impressive record of achievement in many of these areas, a few of which are summarized in the enclosed brochure. For example, the Foundation's role in the preparation of Jewish academicians and the development of programs of Jewish studies in major colleges and universities has been outstanding. It has enormous potential for helping to shape exciting, creative Jewish cultural life in America.

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With respectful good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

DR. DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
President

Encl.

[Sept 11, 1968]

ATTACHED LETTER TO FOLLOWING:

Dr. Leo Rosten (with P.S. - We are grateful for your willingness to approach  
36 Sutton Place South one or two other appropriate people in the com-  
New York, New York 10022 munications field.)

B. Z. Goldberg  
375 Riverside Drive  
New York, New York

Dr. Haim Ginott  
350 East 50th Street  
New York, New York

Mr. John Simon  
c/o Random House  
457 Madison Avenue  
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Rabbi Leonard Shofer  
260 Garth Road  
Scarsdale, New York 10583

Dr. Oskar Rabinowicz  
10 Weelock Road  
Scarsdale, New York 10583

Mr. Michael Sviridoff, Vice-President  
National Affairs (word deep omitted from first line)  
Ford Foundation  
320 East 43rd Street  
New York, New York 100

Rabbi Avraham Soltes  
1 Wensley Drive  
Great Neck, New York 10021

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH  
53 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

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September 17, 1968.

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, N.Y. 10010

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Through a chain of circumstances, I was not in a position to answer definitively your letter concerning my bringing together some of the Chicago leaders for a discussion of the Foundation's Grants Program.

First, Mrs. Goldsmith and I were out of the city for four weeks; second, that was followed by Mrs. Goldsmith's stay in Michael Reese Hospital for two-and-a-half weeks for needed treatments; and third, the Weitzmann Institute's dinner to raise about \$150,000. to establish a Fellowship in Biodynamics in my "honor" was finally held on September 11th. The money was raised from those who were interested in me as well as from some who are directly interested in the Institute. These are the kind of persons whom I would like to have meet you in connection with the Grants Program.

But they will need a bit of rest, if I am to call them together. I will talk to Blumenthal and Herman Spertus and aim for a meeting late in November.

Sincerely,



Samuel A. Goldsmith

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September 26, 1968

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith  
53 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Sam:

I was glad to hear from you. I was sorry to hear of Mrs. Goldsmith's hospitalization. I trust that she is now fully recuperated.

I don't mean to press (though I really do) but I would like to plan now for a meeting on behalf of the Foundation sometime in November as you suggest. Will you be at our Board Meeting on October 6th? We can make our plans there.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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EMANUEL NEUMANN  
515 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

September 26, 1968

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

Dear Danny,


Thanks for your note of the 24th.

About the Foundation Board meeting on October 6th, I am not sure. Indeed I have not been planning to attend since we will be out of town over the Succoth holiday.

I would love to spend some time with you and if we don't meet then, perhaps we can do so on the next occasion when you are here.

As ever

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:EW

September 30, 1968

Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
515 Park Avenue  
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Emanuel:

I do hope you will make a special effort to come to our Board meeting. There is much that you can add to the program and it promises to be an interesting one. It is our one meeting for the year.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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MEMORANDUM

September 26, 1968

TO: Members of the Board of Directors

FROM: Julian Freeman, Chairman  
Nominating Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of the By-Laws, the Nominating Committee, consisting of Arthur Gelber, Irving Levick, Morris L. Levinson, Mrs. Milton Lowenstein, Isidore Sobeloff, Miss Hannah Stein and myself, submits the attached slate of nominees for the Board of Directors and Officers to be acted upon at the meeting on October 6th.

The Nominating Committee sought to replace two Directors who submitted resignations (Rabbi Judah Nadich and Dr. Justin Turner), and to fill vacancies of several other Directors who in the Committee's judgment should be retired for a period of time in keeping with the objective of rotating Board membership. In the interest of further strengthening the Board the Committee felt that several places on the Board should be unfilled at this time to permit additional time to select suitable nominees from different sections of the country. It is the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that such vacancies be filled by election during the course of the year.

It is our recommendation that the current officers of the Foundation be re-elected for the coming year.

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MEMORANDUM

September 26, 1968

TO: MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: HARRY I. BARRON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In connection with the meeting of the Board of Directors on Sunday, October 6th, 9:30 a.m., we are enclosing a proxy form which we ask you to sign and return to us in advance of the meeting if you are not expecting to be present. (We still hope you can be with us).

Please bear in mind that this part of the meeting will be held in the Foundation's office, 315 Park Avenue South, New York City. We shall recess the meeting at 11 o'clock to leave for Sarah Lawrence College where the remaining sessions will take place.

Every good wish for the New Year.

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CENTER OF ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES

622 West 113th Street

September 27, 1968

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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:

What I feared has come to pass. Although my surgery went well and my recovery is progressing smoothly, the doctor still opposes my trip to Sarah Lawrence College on October 6th.

I have taken pains, therefore, contrary to my general custom, to prepare a draft of my address so as not to disappoint the Luncheon audience. I have no idea about your proposed timetable, and it may indeed turn out that my address is too long. You and your associates may find it necessary to delete some passages, in which case I should prefer the deletions to take place in the first section.

In any case, you or someone of the Staff should have no difficulty in reading that paper to the audience. If you have somebody who takes down the notes of the discussion, I should be interested in reading them. At any rate, this paper in its present form is not intended for publication and I should appreciate your returning the manuscript to me with whatever observations you care to make.

Wishing you a pleasant and profitable Symposium, as well as a generally Happy New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,

*Salo W. Baron*  
Salo W. Baron

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Enclosure

# NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

## Recommendations of Nominating Committee

SEPTEMBER, 1968

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Elmer Louis	Edwin Wolf 2nd
Mrs. Milton Lowenstein	George M. Zeltzer

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\*New nominee. Others are current  
Board members.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints DANIEL JEREMY SILVER, IRVING LEVICK and HARRY I. BARRON, or any of them, with power and substitution, attorneys and proxies to appear and vote for the undersigned at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture to be held in the offices of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, New York City, on Sunday, October 6, 1968 starting 9:30 A.M., and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof, as if the undersigned was then personally present, upon the matters set forth in the Notice of said Meeting, a copy of which has been received by the undersigned.

The undersigned agrees that said proxies and each of them may vote in accordance with their discretion on all of the matters which may be lawfully brought before the said meeting.

DATED: September ,1968

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Signature

CHAIRMAN'S AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 1968

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Work with program!

I - BUSINESS SESSION FOR BOARD, 9:30 a.m.

1. President's Introductory Remarks
2. Minutes of Last Year's Annual Meeting  
In the interest of saving time, entertain motion to dispense with reading of Minutes
3. Nominating Committee Report.....Mrs. Milton Lowenstein  
(Julian Freeman, the Chairman, unable to attend because of illness.)  
a) Election of Board Slate  
b) Re-election of current Officers  
c) Authorization of Nominating Committee to continue to function and to submit further nominations for Board as well as for 3 additional Vice Presidents.  
1) NYC 3/STAFF  
2) 10/4  
3) call attention  
4) pressing matter do you want note do!  
5) By 16/1
4. Treasurer's Report..... Irving Levick  
a) Pressing problem to meet current Grants commitments;  
b) Suggestions about scope of next year's Grants Program;  
c) Adoption of 1969 Budget -- instruction to Finance Committee.  
(Distribution of materials)  
President's pitch.  
Planning continued!
5. Relations With the National Cultural Agencies  
We have been giving further thought to the matter of how the Foundation can be of greater service to the various national Jewish cultural agencies who are part of our Council of Jewish Cultural Agencies. We are planning to invite them to meet together to explore once again some of the kinds of ways in which they feel their work can be significantly advanced as well as the kinds of funding that would be required. Some of you may remember that two years ago the Foundation explored in a preliminary way the feasibility and desirability of a Joint Appeal on behalf of the cultural agencies to the Jewish Welfare Funds. The LCBC has indicated some interest in further reviewing the matter and we have been hearing from some of the communities about their desire for some kind of combined cultural appeal.
6. Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture..... H. I. B  
After some introductory explanation, HIB will call on Miss Florence Hutner to present the CFJC position. Follow with questions and discussion, and some decision.
7. Applications for Grants  
As presented in original agenda with the exception of the Kenyon matter in which we delete c) and modify b) to the effect that the NFJC will be pleased to endorse the Kenyon program in response to any request for information from organized Jewish communities which Kenyon may care to approach for help.

[Oct 6, 1968]

II - LUNCHEON SESSION 12:45 - 2:00 p.m.

Vita for Introducing Rabbi Irving Greenberg

Rabbi, Riverdale Jewish Center  
Associate Professor of History, Yeshiva University  
Bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) Brooklyn College  
Ordination, Beth Joseph Rabbinical Seminary  
M. A. and Ph.D., Harvard University  
Professional Experience:  
Director, Hillel Foundation, Brandeis University  
Lecturer, Near Eastern Studies Department, Brandeis University  
Fulbright Visiting Lecturer, Tel Aviv University  
Awarded Fellowship by National Foundation for Jewish Culture to  
write book on the Mussar Movement.

Contributor to numerous journals and publications. His most  
recent paper appearing in Judaism has aroused much interest.

III = AFTERNOON SESSION 2:00 - 4:30 DUDLEY LAWRENCE HALL

Rabbi Mordechai Friedman (must leave by 3:00 p.m.)

Sid Z. Leiman (must leave early; will need someone to drive  
him to R.R. station.)

Dr. Bernard K. Johnpoll

Mrs. Esther Raushenbush, President of Sarah Lawrence College,  
has indicated that she will drop by about the time we are ready  
to break - 4:30 or so.

FREE PERIOD. REASSEMBLE AT BATES HALL for 5:45 DINNER

IV - DINNER SESSION

Musical Interlude, led by Dr. Nathan Stoller  
Associate Professor of Education, Hunter College  
Previous experience as a teacher and Principal in public schools.  
Served as singer, conductor and Cantor over a span of years.

LUNCH

(Oct 6, 1968)

8. Study of the Teaching of Judaica in American Colleges and Universities

- a) Engagement of Study Director, Rabbi Julius Rosenthal
- b) Receipt of grant of \$25,000 from The Charles E. Merrill Trust (assistance of Prof. Milton Konvitz and Dr. Richard Rubenstein); and assurance of a grant from the Lucius Littauer Foundation. Also have prospects for other grants.
- c) Appointment of Technical Advisory Committee for day-to-day consultation and guidance. Outstanding people spanning a number of disciplines. First meeting of this group is to be held on October 9th.

Members of Technical Advisory Committee:

DR. MICHAEL BRICK - Associate Professor of Higher Education and Director of Community Junior Colleges, Teachers College, Columbia University.

DR. GERSON COHEN - Professor of History, and Director, Center of Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University.

DR. LEON A. FELDMAN - Professor and Chairman, Department of Hebraic Studies, Rutgers University.

DR. CHARLES Y. GLOCK - Visiting Research Fellow, Yale University Divinity School.

DR. ARNOLD GOREN - Professor of Education and Assistant Chancellor, New York University.

DR. ARTHUR HYMAN - Professor of Philosophy, Yeshiva University.

DR. ELAINE KLEIN - Academic Dean, Marymount Manhattan College.

DR. MARSHALL SKLARE - Professor of Sociology, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University.

R E C E S S

CHARTERED BUS LOADS IN FRONT OF BUILDING  
LEAVES AT 11:15 FOR SARAH LAWRENCE

II - LUNCHEON SESSION - 12:40 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Explanation of Change in Arrangements Due to Prof. Baron's Illness  
Presentation of Research Projects of Fellows?

Introduction of Fellows:

a) Rabbi Mordecai Friedman

27 years old; married, and father of 2 children.

Ordained by Jewish Theological Seminary, 1966; was

Fellow of the Herbert H. Lehman Institute of Talmudic Ethics.

Taught at Gratz College and University of Pennsylvania

Scholar in Residence, Har Zion Temple, Philadelphia.

Doctoral Candidate, Dept. of Oriental Studies, Univ. of Penna.

Dissertation: "The Marriage Contracts from the Cairo Geniza."

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[Oct 6, 1964]

b) Sid Z. Leiman

27 years old; single.

Undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College

Doctoral Candidate, Dept. of Oriental Studies,  
University of Pennsylvania.

Awards: National Defense Fellowship for study in  
Near Eastern Civilization, 1964-1967;

International Travel Grant for Summer Institute  
on Near Eastern Civilizations at the  
Hebrew Union College Biblical and  
Archaeological School in Jerusalem, 1965;

Currently Lecturer in Judaica, Dept. of Religious  
Studies, Yale University;

Contributor to forthcoming Encyclopedia Judaica;

Dissertation: "History of the Formation of the Biblical Canon."

c) Dr. Bernard K. Johnpoll

Professor of Political Science, State University of New York  
at Albany;

Bachelor's degree from Boston University (magna cum laude);

Master's degree and PhD from Rutgers University in Political Science

Had extensive journalistic experience, working for newspapers  
in Pittsburgh, Erie, and Boston;

Formerly, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University  
of Saskatchewan;

Author of The Politics of Futility: The General Jewish Workers  
Bund of Poland, 1917-1943, Published by Cornell University  
Press. Based on his doctoral dissertation.

Incidentally, Dr. Johnpoll voluntarily arranged with the  
publishers of his book to include a provision for  
giving the National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
a share of the royalties from the sale of his book.

III - AFTERNOON SESSION in DUDLEY LAWRENCE HALL

Reading of Salo Baron's Paper? By whom?  
Discussion? Can we get a panel of people to react?

FREE PERIOD 5 - 6 p.m.

IV - DINNER SESSION 6 - 8 p.m. BATES HALL

Musical Interlude.....Dr. Stoller Vita to be forwarded)

Dinner

Address and Closing Remarks.....Daniel Jeremy Silver  
(Acknowledge decorations by Mrs. Milton Lowenstein)

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October 8, 1968

Dr. Salo W. Baron  
29 Claremont Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

Dear Dr. Baron:

We had a wonderful Board meeting marred only by your indisposition. I trust your health has returned and that you are fully mended. I am returning your paper for which we are all most grateful. I would very much like permission to send it in some form to every member of our Board. I wonder if you would revise it in any way that you wish and allow us to mail it about.

Many thanks for your continuing interest and with all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 8, 1968

Rabbi Irving Greenberg  
5712 Post Road  
Bronx, New York 10471

Dear Irving:

I can't tell you how appreciative I was of your time and insight on Sunday.

The Foundation is still being nursemaided into health and maturity and the layment need to be confronted with the magnitude of their responsibility. It was particularly good for them to hear a person with your background saying the very same things that I have been saying from mine.

I am deeply appreciative. Hag Sameah. I hope our paths cross in the near future.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 8, 1968

Dr. Bernard K Johnpoll  
Professor of Political Science  
State University of New York  
Albany, New York

Dear Bernie:

Thank you so much for your lively presentation. I  
had read your talk and enjoyed meeting you. With  
all good wishes in your work, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 8, 1968

Mr. Sid Z. Leiman  
Department of Religion  
Yale University  
New Haven, Connecticut 06504

Dear Sid!

I am sorry we put you under such a terrible time burden yesterday. I want to thank you for your time and for the very interesting presentation. With all good wishes for your work which I shall follow with interest, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 9, 1968

Rabbi Mordecai Friedman  
5017 Gairnor Road  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131

Dear Mordecai:

I enjoyed very much your presentation on Geniza. It brought me back to my own studies on Maimonides in Cairo and some of his controversies there. I hope you got back in time for the Hag and I want to thank you again for taking the time out to be with us.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 11, 1968

Mr. Harry Barron  
Executive Director  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, N Y. 10010

Dear Harry:

The Levinson evening is now set for October 30th. I am speaking in Pittsburgh that noon and will be in some time in the late evening.

Have you begun to make contacts with the five or eight of the senior Federation executives about what they want us to do in the cultural field? I would like for you to have good chats with them and write up for me a full report before the LCBC meeting.

My expenses to the Board meeting were \$110. 00.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

729 SEVENTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019

JUDSON 6-7912

October 16, 1968

To: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
From: H. I. B.

This is a quickie but I shall not be in the office tomorrow (have to go to Richmond to speak to their Postgraduate Young Leaders Group and to work out arrangements for their next Scholar-in-Residence program). So, I'll try to dash this off to you.

First, Salo Baron phoned here today, obviously miffed that he had not heard from us. (I had understood that you were going to write him and smooth things out.) I explained that we ran into time problems and had to telescope our sessions, hoping that we shall have another opportunity to have his paper presented. He made it clear that he does not want us to publish it; that he wants us to return it to him. He needs to be mollified, and I think you'll have to drop him a warm note.

I got wind last week that Leon Jick, contrary to his promise to me, was approaching people to plan for a conference of Professors of Judaica, and when one of the people reminded him that the Foundation is deeply involved in this program and plans to hold such a conference, he was supposed to have shrugged it off. I therefore wrote him a sharp note last week asking how come. Today he phoned me while in New York and asked for an opportunity to get together.

We met for an hour during whichtime it became clear that he had been making some approached to a number of people (I know of at least two: Janowsky and Neusner). He admits to some four or five. The purpose, he claims, was to sound them out about the value of such a conference as well as program suggestions. He says that he has a grant to set up such a conference and from an institutional standpoint he must do so. But, he insists, he wants to work with me and asked me to serve on an Advisory Committee. I pointed out that this is not a personal matter; the Foundation is committed to this enterprise (went on record as favoring it almost two years ago) and that we also have some understandings with the Hebrew Culture Foundation. I again pointed out the greater value of waiting until some of the findings emerge from our Study. He tried to minimize the significance of the study and felt that there could be another conference a year later.

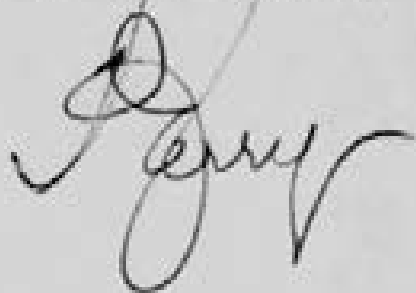
We went 'round and 'round on this and he finally agreed to hold off for a bit in the hope that we might come up with some solution. He claims not to want a hassle and divisiveness but it is clear that he is determined to have a Conference. He would prefer not to get involved with other organizations like the H C F, but he might be willing to make it a partnership between Brandeis (Lown School), NFJC and perhaps Hillel (although here again he is not too happy to share with them.)

Oct. 16, 1968

At the end of our conversation, he was beginning to make sounds like he might be willing to hold off on a Conference until ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ September, 1969 on the assumption that our Study will be completed by the end of the Summer. But he still wants us to consider an earlier arrangement. I indicated that our Academic Advisory Council will be meeting later this Fall and has this on the agenda.

Frankly, I have grave question about his assurances and protestations of cooperation. He sounds as though he is under some pressure to produce a Conference. I wouldn't be at all surprised if his "angel" is Phil Lown.

Now comes the more ugly aspects of inter-organizational conflict. It could get messy. What do you suggest?

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. J. Silver', written in a cursive style.





COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, INC.

315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10010

212, 673-8200

October 18, 1968

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

Dear Dan:

The meeting for October 30 is being called for 8:00 PM. Enclosed is a suggested draft of the letter that Morris Levinson was to adapt.

We went over some names that the Levinsons themselves suggested, including Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rudnick, Sol Litt, Ben Hornstein, Mrs. Anne Lopin (of the Mazer family), Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Udell. I also sent Morris a list of New York UJA leaders with the possibility that he could select some to add to the invitation list.

He was handling all this from his own office on his own stationery. I've kept Harry Barron informed, of course.

I hope that the meeting will be the beginning in New York City that we have been seeking.

With warmest regards,

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Bernstein".

PHILIP BERNSTEIN

October 18, 1968

Mr. Harry Barron  
Executive Director  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Harry:

The enclosed is self-explanatory. Will you please  
clear the matter up with Baron.

On the Jick, get me a list of the sponsors of the  
Lown Institute. Perhaps we will have to deal  
through them.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH  
53 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

October 24, 1968.

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Daniel:

Since our conversation with reference to your visit to Chicago, I have agreed to serve as the Executive Director of the Developmental Program for Comprehensive Health Planning for Metropolitan Chicago, for the next twelve to eighteen months, beginning November 1st.

This will be a full time job. I should, nevertheless, wish to fulfill my promise to you to try to assemble a group to be addressed by you on behalf of the Foundation.

Will you please let me have a date late in November or in the second week of December when it may be convenient to you to come to Chicago.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



Samuel A. Goldsmith

P.S. Klutznick is due back early in November. Perhaps he will join in the invitation to the group.

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October 28, 1968

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith  
53 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Sam:

I want to thank you for your letter of October 24th and congratulate you on your new assignment to the Comprehensive Development Program. I wish you good luck in it.

It would be possible for me to be in Chicago on Monday evening, December 9th or Wednesday evening, December 11th provided these dates are good for a meeting on the National Foundation. I would be most grateful for anything that you can do on our behalf.

With all good wishes to you and your charming wife, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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October 29, 1968

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

Dear Jeremy:

Just a note to tell you how very sorry I was at the last moment to have to beg off on participating in the all day meeting at Sarah Lawrence. I have heard that it was a great day and my thoughts were certainly with you.

Unfortunately I had to prepare for our annual Board of Directors meeting and simply did not get through with my work in time to join you. I certainly look forward to the next occasion and in the meantime wish you continued success in your very wonderful leadership of the Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Most warmly,

*Hannah*

Miss Hannah Stein  
Executive Director

HS:lt

RABBI JULIUS ROSENTHAL  
2 Eastern Road  
Hartsdale, New York 10530

10/20/68

DEAR DAN,

HAVING WORKED OUT THE PROBLEM OF MAKING A LIVING, AND WORKED THROUGH CONSIDERABLE ANGER AT YOU (THOUGH I CANNOT DENY SOME HOSTILE THRUST IN THIS MISSIVE), I BELIEVE I AM PREPARED TO WRITE CONSTRUCTIVELY.

FIRST OF ALL, AS TO THE STUDY ITSELF, I HAVE PUT THE RECORDS IN SHAPE, AND MADE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HARRY WHICH SHOULD ENABLE THE UNDERTAKING TO PROCEED WITHOUT UNDUE RETARDATION.

SECONDLY, MY OBSERVATIONS OF THE FOUNDATION IN THE PAST WEEKS LEADS ME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT ON THE WRONG TRACK IN TWO RESPECTS: (1) ITS FUNDING APPROACH OUTSIDE <sup>THE</sup> NEW YORK AREA, AND (2) YOUR CONCEPT OF LEADERSHIP.

APPEAL TO INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE APPROACH IN THE NEW YORK AREA, BUT OUTSIDE NEW YORK WE HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF COMPETING SUCCESSFULLY WITH LARGER AGENCIES FOR PROGRAM MONEY FROM FEDERATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS. WE CAN, HOWEVER, SERVE AS A CATALYST FOR LOCAL PURPOSES AND PROFIT THEREBY. THIS IS SPelled OUT AND ILLUSTRATED IN MY REPORT TO HARRY ON MY ILL-FATED TEXAS TRIP, WHICH YOU MIGHT DO WELL TO READ.

ON THE MORE SENSITIVE QUESTION OF YOUR LEADERSHIP, I SUGGEST THAT YOU CONCEIVE IT TOO PERSONALLY.  
(OVER)

I won't <sup>LONG</sup> ~~THE~~ ~~NOT~~ BE POLLYANISH AND TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU ARE A PERSON OF CAPACITY AND DRIVE. YOU DON'T REQUIRE MY "HEXHER." BUT YOU DO HAVE THIS NOTION OF "PICKING UP THE PHONE AND STRAIGHTENING THINGS OUT."

THE PRIME EXAMPLE IS ATTEMPTING TO INVOLVE HILLEL BY CALLING JAY KAUFMAN. ~~Jews~~ B'NAI B'RITH TODAY IS A LARGE, WELL-ARTICULATED ORGANIZATION WHICH CANNOT BY-PASS HILLEL ON ANY COLLEGE MATTER. IN AUGUST THE A.D.K. THRU OSCAR COHEN, A FRIEND OF MINE, PROMISED INFORMATION ON ITS COLLEGE CONTACTS AND TO THIS DAY IT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED, DESPITE MY FOLLOW-UP, PROBABLY BECAUSE HILLEL NIXED IT. ALFRED JOSPE TOLD ME DEFINITELY IN DALLAS THAT HILLEL WON'T COOPERATE UNLESS REPRESENTED ON THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND WITHOUT THE HILLEL MATERIAL, THE STUDY WILL BE SERIOUSLY DEFECTIVE.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS THE NADITCH AFFAIR, WHERE I JUDGE YOU 100% WRONG, BOTH ON SCHEDULING AND YOUR REPLY TO HIM.

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT MY OWN DISCHARGE WHERE I AM A BIASED PARTICIPANT-OBSERVER.

BECOMING MORE PERSONAL AND POSSIBLY MORE EGREGIOUS, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ALL THIS TRACES DOWN TO IMITATION OF YOUR FATHER'S <sup>30's</sup> PROCEDURES. BUT JEWISH LIFE TODAY IS DIFFERENT THAN IN HIS AND YOU ARE NOT YOUR FATHER, NOR SHOULD YOU BE.

YOU SEE, DAN, BOTH OF US HAD GREAT FATHERS. MINE WAS AN HUMBLE, RELATIVELY UNEDUCATED MAN KNOWN BY A FEW THOUSAND PEOPLE IN BALTIMORE, WHO BROKE HIS HEALTH BY WORKING AT 3 JOBS AFTER '29, TO

(MIRG)

PAY THE SHELL OIL CO., RATHER THAN TAKE BANKRUPTCY.  
YOURS, WAS A FIGURE IN WORLD HISTORY. EVERY SON  
IS A BLEND OF IMITATION AND COMPETITION WITH HIS  
FATHER. WHILE IT IS CRUCIAL FOR ME TO REDUCE THE  
LATTER, IT MAY NOT BE UNIMPORTANT FOR YOU TO DO  
THE SAME FOR THE FORMER.

SINCERELY,

Julius

P.S. OF COURSE, THIS LETTER CALLS FOR NO REPLY, BUT  
SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ANSWER, PLEASE WRITE  
TO THE FOUNDATION FOR THE MOMENT.



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October 31, 1968

Miss Hannah Stein  
Executive Director  
National Council of Jewish Women  
1 West 47th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10036

Dear Miss Stein:

Thank you for your kind note. We missed you.  
Do come around. Your ideas are always to the  
point.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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JACOB GROSS, *President*

DAVID A. GOLDSTEIN, *Rabbi*  
ISAAC I. WALL, *Cantor*

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GERALD N. SCHOEM, *Executive Director*

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November 5, 1968

Dr. Daniel J. Silver  
President  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Ave. South  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 9.

I thought you might like to see a copy of an article I wrote, my first publication, which appeared in Haaretz on October 1, 1968. This article represents, in a shortened version, one chapter of my doctoral thesis; and research for it was made possible by the Foundation's grant. I am also sending a copy to Mr. Barron.

On December 29, 1968, I plan to present a more detailed paper on the same subject at the annual meeting of the American Academy for Jewish Research. The title of that paper is "The Dissolution of the Marriage upon the Wife's Request: A Palestinian Ketubba Stipulation." If and when it is published, I shall be glad to send you a copy.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

  
MORDECHAI FRIEDMAN

MF:fs

מדינת פירמן

## גילוי מפתיע מגנזי הגניזה:

# ביטול הנישואין על פי בקשת האשה

למעלה משבעים שנה עברו מאז נתגלתה הגניזה הקהירית, ועדיין הרעיון במחקרה מרובה על הצופה. לא זו בלבד שרוב החומר עדיין לא ראה אור מדעי, אלא שהרבה ממנו עוד לא זכה לעיבוד מדעי. חסרן זה היה מורגש בעיקר ביחס לקטעים שאינם ספורותיים, כגון מכתבים ר' מסמכים מסוגים שונים, בשנים הרחוקות וזינו להתעוררות מסיבת בשפה זה, וביחוד על ידי סרכוסיו של פרופ' ש. ה. גרסיין. הקורא הר מתעניין יכול עכשיו לראות את ספרו, "חברה יסודית" אשר הכרך הראשון שלו יצא לאור לפני כמה חודשים. ספר זה, שהוא פרי מחקר באלפי תעודות מן הגניזה, מוצע בצורה שלא רק החוקר המקצועי, אלא כל מי שחיל ילמד ויהנה ממנו. כותב ספרים אלה עוסק במחקר על הכתובות, כתבי היסודיים, סטרי הגניזה, כי הדרכות של פרופ' גרסיין, שהעמיד לרשותו את צילומי החומר מן הגניזה והעזר לי הרבה בהבנתו. אך אין צורך לומר שאין הוא אחראי לתוכן הדברים הבאים להלן.

למעלה מהמשפטים האלה קטעים נבחרו על ידי, ויש לזכור שבימים ההם כתובה לא היתה טופס קבוע במסגרת, אלא תעודה שלמה חיה, ששיקפה באמנות את ההווי התברתי של הווי הסתתני וגם את המנהג ההלכתי האופייניים לסביבה ולתקופה מסוימת. אין חובה אפוא שבין קטעים אלה יש למצוא פרטים ספציפיים של

(\*) ראה "תרכות וספרות" סיום 26.4.68, מאמרו של פרופ' ש. ג. הירשברג.

הלכת קדומה הראויים לתשומת לבנו גם היום. בעיה אנושית המציקת בכל דור ובכל הדור היא צרת איש ואשתו. שיתוף, אינן/עלה-ישר, אם שני ה' צדדים שחיים ברצונם להיפרד ולהתגרש, יכולים הם פחות או יותר בקלות לגמור סריק זה מהייתם ולהתחיל סריק חדש. הכעיה קשה בזמן שאחד מהם אינו הפך בגירושין, אלא רוצה להמשיך בחיי נישואין, למרות שאין שלום שררי בבית.

האם האחד יכול לכפות את השני להתגרש על אף שאינו רוצה ואין זה כוח ניתן לאשה בענין זה? הקורא העברי יודע את חוקי היסוד בשאלה זו: "כי יקח איש אשה ובעלה תהיה אם לא תמצא חן בעיניו... וכתב לה ספר כריתות ונתן בידה ושלחה פי ביתר" (דברים כ"ד א). יוצא מכאן שהגירושין הלויים אך ורק בבעל, אם אשתו לא מצאה חן בעיניו. הוא כותב לה ספר כריתות (גט) והוא משלח אותה בביתו. הבעל לבדו הוא הצד הפועל בגירושין. האשה יוצאת (מתגרשת) לרצונה, ושלא לרצונה (בין אם היא רוצה או לא) והאיש אינו מוציא אלא לרצונה (מסנה י"ב סו"ת י"ד א). כידוע, אחרי תקנת רב' נ' גרסום מאור תולדה הסכמת הא' שה נחוצה לגירושין, אם כי הבעל כלבד נשאר המגרש.

היות והאיש אינו מוציא אלא לי רצונו, מה יכולה לעשות האשה הר רוצה להתגרש מבעלה, המסרב לתת לה נטו הקדמונים הרגישו במבין זה וחשבו פתרונות, אם היא רוצה. מפיקא היא ליה הוא משבק לה, כלומר, היא יכולה להציק לו עד שי' יגרשנה ברצון (ירושלמי כתובות פ"ה ה"א, כ"ט ע"ג), אבל אין זה

פתרון. שהרי יש בעלים עקשנים ר' אכזרים שרוצים לעקוב את נשיהם, אף על פי שהיא מפיקא לו הרבה, אפשר דמסתי לה בניסא, זאת אר' סרת, הוא יכול לרחות את נתינת הגט כשה שרצה (בבלי גטין פ"ט ע"ב). לאשה הנמצאת במצב עגום זה אין עצה כי אם להישאר בביתה ולהשלים עם גורלה או לצאת מן הבית, בלי גט, אבל בלי שתוכל לתר' נשא לאחר.

הנה כמה שנים לאחר גילוי הגניזה נה נתגלה אוסף של מסמכים כתובים בים ארמית, שמוצאם סקחילה יהודית נידחת בעיר יב שבארץ סיר'ים. מן המאה החמישית לפני ה' מסירה הרגילה אוסף שני מאותו סר' צא נתפרסם רק שנים אחדות אחרי מלחמת העולם השנייה בין כתבים אלה נמצאו שלש כתובות פחות או יותר שלמות, מה גדול היה חסותן החכמים בראותם, שבתוך כל אחת מן הכתובות האלה בא הנאי, שלכאור' זה העניק לאשה שחוק זכויות בביר' סול הנישואין. הם הותנה שאם בדי חיד תקום האשה בעידה ותאמר שני אחי את בעלי, חשלים לו כך וכך, תקח כל מה שהכניסה אתה (הגור' נ"א) ותלך לאן שתרצה, מאידך גר' סא, אם יקום הבעל בעידה ויאמר שנאיתי את אשתי, הוא יתן לה כך וכך, והיא תקח אתה כל מה שהכ' ניסה, ותלך לאן שתרצה, מאד שקי' לו וסר' החכמים כמובן המדויק של, שנאיתי וכיצד בשלו הנישואין למע' שה, על ידי גט שנתן הבעל או על פי הכרזת האשה בעידה גהדא, מכל מקום, כמעט ברור, שלש הנאי זה האשה ביזמתה יכולה לדרוש באופן חוקי שיבטלו נישואיה אם, שנאיתי את בעלה.

עברו בערך שבע מאות שנה עד שהופיע שנית זכר לתנאי דומה כי סקורחיתנה בתלמוד הירושלמי. פרופ' יעקב ג. אפשטיין ז"ל עבר על הק' שר בין הירושלמי ובין התנאי שבי' כתבי יב כבר לפני שנים שנה ר' שרש את סניהם פירוש נאה, בכמה השלישית לספירה, אשר ר' יונה (ירושלמי כתובות פ"ה כה"י, ל' ע"ב), ובסקחילות, אילין דכתבין אין שגא אין שגאת תנאי מכת' ותניין קייס, כלומר, אלו סכותבים בכתר' בותיהם שאם הבעל שגא את אש' ה', יהיה כך וכך (עיי' להלן), ואם היא שגאת אותו, יהיה כך וכך. תנאי כזה חשוב תנאי מסון וקייס, היות והכתובה היא חוזה, שני הצדדים יכולים להתנות תנאים מיוחדים, ואם אין התנאי כתוב, להק הדתי אלא הוא תנאי מסון קייסו אותו ההגברים, להלן בירושלמי (ס"ז כה"י, ל"א ע"ג) לומדים אנו יותר על הכתובה הנה ועל נוסח התנאי, יש להעיר שהירושלמי הזה מובא על ידי הר' רכבים בהלכות הירושלמי שלו, הר' צאח הנאך ר' שאול ליברמן, ניר יודק חסיה, ע"י סא מלוזה פירוש והערות סקיסים על ידי המו"ל, איי רע כעשה באשה שהראתה שגאה את בעלה על ידי מפשיה המכוערים, הוציא ר' יוסי שהוצא האשה ותקח חצי הכסף המוכנס לה בכתובתה (עיי' בפירוש הגר"ש ליברמן, סם, אות צ'), כדי לברר את הפסק הזה הביאו את ה"פרנא" (הכתובה) שלה וכצא בה את התנאי הזה, אין הדא פלנית תמני (וכצ"ל, עיי' שם, אות ר') להדין פלוני בעלה ולא תצבי בשוהמיתיה (וכצ"ל, עיי' שם, אות ש') תהוי נסכה פלוני סר', ותר' נוסח, אם פלונית זאת תשגא את

# בעלה וכדומה. אם כן אולי נשמע בבטן על פי בית הדין וכו' הר של

אותו בדיוק והקירות שעשו, כח  
לברר את פעולותיה.

אי אפשר להיות בטוח שיש קשר  
ישר בין התנאי הארץ-ישראלי שלי  
נו ובין התקנה שעשו בבבל. על פי  
הפירוש שמסר המאירי ועל פי הדין  
דמיון הפסוק מתקבל לומר שיש, די  
באמת האחד מפרש ומבאר את השני  
יפה. אך הבנת התנאי שלנו לא תשי  
תנה בהרבה גם אם נניח שאין הא'  
חד תלוי בשני, ושאולי היתה התי'  
פתחות מקבילה.

אולי ישנן הסוּפּוֹת, שהתחבנה שבת  
מוסף הנאי זה יוצאת מן הכלל,  
ואין למדין כסנה שכן היו נהגים  
לכונן — נסיב לו, שאת התנאי  
על שנת האשה לבעלה מצאתי עד  
עתה בעוד שתי כתובות ארץ-ישראל  
ליות, ועל פי שלוש כתובות ודאי  
למדין על המנהג, שתי הכתובות הן  
אחרות האלה מקושטות, כרם, ספת  
שנשתמר ברור שהתנאי היה כמעט  
זהה.

עקבנו אחרי גלגוליו של תנאי  
כתובה בריר חוד 1500 שנה אמת,  
כי ברירי ישראל אין האשה יכולת  
לכתוב גם ולגרש את בעלה, אך  
ראינו כיצד משך תקופה ארוכה ב'  
תולדותינו נהגו להנהיג בכתובות,  
וגם תיקנו החכמים על פי מנהג זה,  
שעל ידי יוצת האשה, כשנחתה את  
בעלה וברצונה לצאת מביתו, יתבט'  
לו תיטואית, או על ידי כפיית הבעל  
לספור לה גם, או על ידי הפקעת  
הקידושין ועקירת הנישואין על-ידי  
בית הדין, חסו לכבוד האשה ולא  
עינו אותה בשתייה תחת בעלה, הש'  
נא לת, "כשבויה" (כלשון הרמ"י  
כ"ט).

אני עומד לפרסם מאמר על הנושא  
זהה בכתב עת מדעי עם כל הנתונים  
המדעיים.

אין צורך לומר שכל מה שכתבתי  
אינו ענין להלכה-למעשה כל הפוס'  
קים הכריעו לפני מאות שנים שאין  
נהגים עוד על פי תקנת הגאונים  
ההיא, באתי רק להציע לפני הקורא  
פרק מענין, שנתגלה לי מתוך ה'  
נתינת, כמנהגי אבותינו בגירושין  
וביפוי כוח האשה בהם.

שהחכמים יאמרו שהקידושין יהיו  
תופסין, וכמצבים מיוחדים החכמים  
מפקיעים את הקידושין למפרע.

אמנם פירוש זה לכאורה קיצוני,  
בשים לב לפה שידוע על תורת  
הנישואין והגירושין בישראל, ואי'  
לם כמך יפה משתמש מתשובה של  
הרא"ש, בן דורו של המאירי, בתי'  
שובה זו באר הרא"ש את היסוד ה'  
חוקי-הפורמלי של ביטול הנישואין  
לפי תקנת הגאונים, וזה לשונו:

ואם ראו בדורות שהיו אחרי החכמי'  
התלמוד בימי הגאונים בישיבות של  
בבל שהיו צורף-שעה ביניהם, להי'  
סר על דברי תורה ולעשות נדר  
וסיני ותקנו שיגרש איש את אשתו  
בעל כרחו, כשהיא אומרת לא בעינא  
לנכראי (איני רוצה בבצילי), כדי  
שלא תהלה עצמה בגוים ותצאנה  
מטת ישראל לתרבות רעה, וסמנו  
על זה כל דם קדש אדעתא  
דרבנן מקדש והסלימו ד'  
עתה להפסיק הקידושין  
כשתמרוד האשה על בעלה, ואת  
אומרת, ש"ציאתי האשה מבעלה  
נתפרשה מבחינת חוקית כעקירת ה'  
קידושין והפקעתם על פי בית הדין.  
מודאי לפי פירוש הרא"ש לכתב וס'  
רא בעלמא הכריחו את הבעל גם  
לגרש את אשתו בגס.

אפשר להניח שבר היה נוסח ה'  
תנאי בזמן שהגאונים תיקנו את תק'  
נהג וסמנו עליו (כמו שלמדנו בספ'  
רוש המאירי), וגם אפשר לומר ש'  
נהגו לכתוב חלק זה של התנאי רק  
אחרי תקנת הגאונים ועל פיה, בין  
כד ובין כד נקבע מדברי הרא"ש  
סכך יפה לפרושו, שהחכמים הפ'  
עו את הקידושין למפרע, כשהא'  
שה שנת את בעלה, המסרב לתת  
לה גם.

כמוכח, ביטול הנישואין לא נעשה  
פאליו, אלא שבית הדין עינו בדבר  
ורק על פיהם ועל דעתם יכלה האי'  
שה לצאת, כבר כתבו כמה מן הראי'  
שונים שכתבה שנהגו על סמך תק'  
נת הגאונים רק עשו כד במקרה ש'  
היה ברור, שאין האשה מעריכה כדי  
שתוכל להינשא לאיש אחר, או כדי  
להציא את מכתבה תחת רכות ע'  
ש

זה (כמו פירוש המאירי) ושל  
זה יש להניח, שהדברים כל כך  
מסוימים שלא היה צורך לאומרם, די  
פוכן פאליו שיגרשנה אם הוא שונא  
אותה ורוצה לפרוש ממנה.

החידוש הוא בתוצאות שנתה ה'  
אשה לבעלה, אם היא שונאת אותו  
ורוצה לצאת מביתו, היא מסכימה  
את כל כסף הכתובה שהבטיח לה  
בעלה ולוקחת רק את הנדוניא על  
כל חלקיה, מנהג זה הוא בדיוק כמו  
תקנת הגאונים לענין כסף.

עכשיו בא הביטוי החדש והמענין  
שנשתאר את ביטול הנישואין, ויר'  
צאת על פי הדין ועל דעתם של מי'  
רינו רבותינו, יציאה זו מה סיבה  
ומה פירוש, על פי בית הדין וכו'  
כמעט וודאי הוא שאנו עוסקים ב'  
יציאה שמתבצעת אפילו שלא לרי'  
עון הבעל, הדברים סובלים שני פיר'  
רושים, אפשר לומר ש"יציאתי פיר'  
רושה, כהגרשתה, כמו שרגיל בלי  
סון חז"ל, אם כן, על פי בית הדין  
וכי רוצה לומר שבית הדין כוסין  
את הבעל לגרש את אשתו, לפי זה  
המנהג המשתקף בתנאי יודעה עם  
תקנת הגאונים לכל פרטיה (לפי רוב  
הכפרישים), אם נניח שכן היה ניכר  
התנאי בזמן שהגאונים תיקנו את  
תקנתם, נבין יפה את פירוש רבו'  
חיהם של רבותיו של המאירי, כלור  
בר, שהגאונים תיקנו לנהוג כדיון  
התנאי, אף-על-פי שלא כתבוהו.

סכל מקום, מתוך עיון כלשון ה'  
הנאי עצמו, נראה יותר לפרש ש'  
ת"ציאתי לא רק היתה שלא כרצון  
הבעל, אלא אפילו בלי שום פעולה  
מעדו, כלומר, שבטעם שהאשה שני'  
את את בעלה, והיא לא רצת לגרש  
אותה, "בית הדין ביטלו את הנ'  
נישואין והפקיעו את הקידושין למפר'  
רע (כעיקרם, באופן ריטוראקטיבי),  
הביטוי, על פי בית הדין ועל  
דעתם של ברירי רבותינו, כי  
באמת מוכיר לנו את המימרא של  
חז"ל (ובכלי כתובות נ"ע"א, וכספי'  
זילות): "כל דמקדש אדעתא  
דרבנן מקדש ואפשינו רבנן לי'  
קידושי מיניה, כלומר, כל מי ש'  
מקדש אשה עושה כן לפי הדרכים

שים לבך לכן שלפי הדברים האלה,  
התנאי שהיו רגילים לכתוב בכתר  
בות, שאם תשנא ואשה את בעלה  
תטול את כתובתה והוצא, פירושו ש'  
"יוקף" הבעל לגרשה כלומר, בית  
הדין היו כוסין את הבעל לתת גם.

כעס שעברו בערך שבע מאות  
שנה בזמן כתיבת הפירושים של  
יב עד שהופיע שוב זכר לתנאי כזה  
בכתובות, בתלמוד הירושלמי, כך  
עברו בערך שבע מאות שנה אחרות  
מן הזמן ההוא עד שנכתבו הכתובות  
שנשתמרו בגניזה הקהילית, בין מי'  
אות-הכתובות וקרי' הכתובות שבי'  
דקתי אספתי כחמישים כתובות לפי  
מנהג ארץ-ישראל, באהת פאלה מי'  
צאתי תנאי זה, על שנת איש לי'  
אשתו ואשה לבעלה, פסלמות, זמן  
הכתובה נקבע או בכמה העשרות  
או בתהילה הסאה האחת-עשרה, ה'  
תנאי נכתב בארמית ובא שיר אהרי'  
פירוש הנדוניא, וזה תרגומו: "והס'  
ביטו והתקינו כיניחם כר סעיד ה'  
הען הזה וסליחה אשתו זאת תנאי  
כתובה כדת משה ויהודים, שאם  
סעיד החתן הזה יסנא סליחה זאת  
ולא ירצה בה ויחפץ לפרוש מכתו'  
יטא פסלם לה כל מה שכתוב ומי'  
פורש בשטר הכתובה הזה עד נוס'  
רו, ואם תשנא סליחה זאת את  
סעיד בעלה ותהפץ לצאת מביתו, ו'  
הוא סאבדת את כסף כתובתה ולא  
תקא אלא מה שהבטיחה מבית אביה  
(הנדוניא) בלבד, ויציאת על פי בית  
הדין ועל דעתם של ברירי רבותינו.

הדבר הראשון שיש להכיר בהבנת  
תנאי זה הוא, ששדובר על ביטול  
הנישואין כפס', ולא על פרישה או  
יציאה מן הבית, בלי ניתוק קשר  
הנישואין, דבר זה יוצא ברור מן  
הרישא ומן הסיפא, מן ועיי'א, שהרי  
הבעל רוצה לפרוש ממנה וסלם  
לה את כל מה שכתוב בכתובה, כי  
ראוי כדבעל מגרש את אשתו לפי  
דיני ישראל, מן הסיפא, ויציאת על  
פי בית הדין וכו' גם כן ברור ש'  
כביטול הנישואין ממש אנו עוסקים.  
מדע אם כן אין התנאי מוכיר כי  
פירוש שאם הוא שונא אותה יגרש'

סלוני בעלה זה ולא תחפץ בחבר'  
הה, תקח הצי הכתובה (ותצא), על  
פירוש הדברים האלה נעמד להלן.

הסלב הבא בהקלת נודל האשה  
היהודיה ש"שנאה" את בעלה, ורצ'  
תה לצאת מביתו, בא כבבל בתקופת  
הגאונים, או יותר נכון לומר — תק'  
סת הסבוראים, בשנת 650—651 לי'  
ספירת תיקנו חכמי הישיבות תקנה  
ברין האשה ה"מורדת" על בעלה, ש'  
כאה לבית הדין ואומרת על בעלה  
סאיס עליי או, לא בעינא ליה, אני  
שונאת אותו, אינני רוצה בו, לפי  
התקנה כוסין את הבעל לגרש  
אותה מיד, והיא לוקחת את כל הני'  
דוניא שלה, אבל לא את כסף הכתר  
בה שהוא הבטיח לה, הראשונים הדי'  
אחרונים דנו באריכות בפירוש התק'  
נה הזאת, אבל כמעט בטוח הוא ש'  
אלפנסים אלה שהוכרחים היו כלר'  
ליס בת, למאות שנה נהגו על פי  
התקנה החשובה הזאת, לעשתה הדי'  
בה לשטר את מצב האשה ולחוק את  
זכויותיה בנישואין ובגירושין.

על הקשר בין תקנת הגאונים ובין  
תנאי הכתובה המוכח בירושלמי העיד  
המאירי (נמסר בשנת 1315) על פי  
ספירת שקיבל סרבותיו והם סרברי  
חיהם, הפירוש הזה מקור חשוב הוא  
להבנת התנאי התקנה, וזה לשונו:  
ורבותי העידו על רבותיהם שפיר'  
שו במת שחרשו הגאונים ברין זה  
שספבו על מה שאמרו בתלמוד ד'  
מערב בסוגיא זו הלין דכתבין אי  
שנאי אי שנאית תנאי פכון הוא  
וקיים, כלומר שכל שהם פתנים ש'  
אם הוא שונא יגרש הן בכתוב'  
תה הן בתוספת כתובה, וכן אם היא  
שונאת ש'וקף הוא לגרשה אם  
בכל הכתובה אם בקצת פחיתה, הכל  
קיים כפי מה שהתנו, והם כתבו  
על זה שחרשו הגאונים הוא ספני  
שהיו רגילים לכתוב בכי'  
תוכותיהם שאם תשנאוהו תטול  
כתובתך ותצא, ומאחר שנתפסם  
המנהג לבעדו לעשות אף בזמן ש'  
לא נכתב כאילו נכתב, כשאר תנאי  
כתובה וכו' (כתובות 269—270, גם  
סובא על ידי הגר"ש ליברמן, שם).

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November 5, 1968

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Mr. Harry I. Barron  
National Foundation for  
Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue, South  
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Harry:

I had dinner last night with Bill Berman, high ranking officer of the AAJE and Mike Zeltzer, one of your board members, both giving dynamic leadership to the field of Jewish education and culture here in Detroit.

They plan to attend the forthcoming General Assembly and to take part in a variety of sessions including the LCBC Hearing on the National Foundation.

May I observe that a host of good will is evident here in Detroit towards the National Foundation mingled, however, with feelings of concern as to it's future. People who express these attitudes are certainly cognizant of the financial and staffing problems of your organization.

While the Budget Hearings and final action of the Board of Governors yesterday serve to support the National Foundation, it must also be said some questions were raised about the direction of the organization with respect to finances, staffing and program.

Among the points raised at various meetings was the question as to why the proposed Council of Cultural Organizations, if that is its correct name, has not yet been convened. This may be one of the questions to be raised at the General Assembly, privately with you if not at the Hearing. I would guess that the National

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Mr. Harry I. Barron

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November 5, 1968

Foundation would have an easier time next year if it could be stated that the Council of Cultural Organizations was brought into being and did meet at least once during the year.

Just a few observations in which I thought you might be interested.

I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta.

Cordially,



Alan D. Kandel, Director  
Social Planning

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SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH  
53 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

November 6, 1968.

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

Dear Daniel:

I finally managed to corner Phil Klutznick today and to discuss with him your contemplated visit to Chicago. For the future impact of the Foundation on Chicago, I believe that it is important to maintain Klutznick's interest. Also his participation will be helpful in bringing some of the younger leaders to the meeting.

Phil will be in Geneva on December 9th. He is flying back to New York on the 11th to be present at the Dayan meeting of the UJA that evening. Some of our people will probably also be at the meeting .

The only days on which Phil will be free, and in Chicago, are December 17th and 18th. On either of those dates he will be glad to join me in assembling a group to meet with you.

Please let me know soon whether either of these days are agreeable to you.

Sincerely,



Samuel A. Goldsmith

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November 6, 1968

NEW ADDRESS:  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, N. Y. 10010

Mr. Benjamin Schneider, Executive Director  
United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto  
150 Beverley Street  
Toronto 2B, Ontario, Canada

Dear Ben:

I am writing you in further reference to the unpaid allocation of \$3,000 being held in escrow for us by the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

At a recent meeting of this Foundation's Board it was agreed, pending other arrangements, to designate the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture as our agent to receive Welfare Fund allocations earmarked for the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. Such funds will be disbursed by the Canadian Foundation only upon specific authorization by the National Foundation in behalf of Canadian projects reviewed and approved by us. As soon as we have effectuated this arrangement with the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture, we shall so advise you and at that time request that you transmit the \$3,000 held in escrow by you for payment on your 1965 allocation to this Foundation.

It is our hope that Toronto will resume its annual allotments to the Foundation, with the added motivation that such funds will be used to further creative scholarly and cultural endeavors undertaken by Canadians.

We would welcome an opportunity while at the General Assembly in Atlanta to discuss with you and some of your leaders this latter aspect as well as the question of the possibility of designating your allocations to this Foundation as service fees. Let's try to find a mutually satisfactory time for such a get-together.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

cc - Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg  
bcc - Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver ✓  
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## National Foundation for Jewish Culture

November 7, 1968  
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Rabbi Irving B. Cohen  
Temple Israel  
1901 No. Flagler Drive  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33407

Dear Rabbi Cohen:

Thank you for your letter of November 5th. I shall be pleased to meet with you in Atlanta and have discussed the time of appointments with Mr. Maurice Bernstein at the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. I am suggesting that we meet immediately following the Sabbath service at 11:30 a.m. outside of the Condor Room in the Regency Hyatt House. Mr. Bernstein has tentatively scheduled an appointment with you for 12:30.

The position that we have in mind is that of Assistant Director of the Foundation. The duties and responsibilities will be varied but will have a major administrative emphasis, including relationship with local Jewish federations, processing grants applications, interpretation, working with committees and other agencies, etc. On the chance that you may not have seen them previously, I am enclosing a brochure which summarizes the study leading to the establishment of this Foundation as well as a recent booklet describing some of the Foundation's areas of activity.

It would be helpful if you could send me in advance of our meeting some statement about your own background, experience and interests as well as the kind of work you are interested in doing.

Rabbi Silver has told me of his conversation with you and both he and I look forward to meeting with you in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

cc - Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver ✓  
Mr. Maurice Bernstein

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November 7, 1968

Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg  
Beth Tzedac Congregation  
1700 Bathurst Street  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

NEW ADDRESS:  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Stuart:

I am assuming that you have been informed about the matter of the new Canadian tax regulations and their effect on the transmittal of funds by Canadian federations to the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. We are still hopeful that some means can be found whereby this Foundation can continue to obtain direct financial support from the organized Jewish community. Until such time as this can be effectuated, however, the Board of the Foundation has agreed to the suggestion made by members of the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture that we authorize the Canadian Foundation to serve as our agent in the disbursement of funds in Canada and to advise those Canadian communities which make allocations to us to transmit our allotments to the Canadian Foundation.

We are prepared to enter into such an arrangement with the Canadian Foundation on the basis of the following understandings:

1. Disbursement of NFJC funds for Canadian grants awards will be made only upon specific authorization by the NFJC.
2. All other expenditures of NFJC funds will be made only upon approval of the NFJC.
3. NFJC funds disbursed by the Canadian Foundation for purposes other than grants subventions will be repaid by the Canadian Foundation to the NFJC grants fund.

If the above arrangement is acceptable to the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture, will you please be good enough to notify us officially so that we can in turn inform the Canadian federations. We hope that this arrangement will prove helpful to our common purposes and result in the furtherance of useful and creative Jewish cultural work in Canada.

Warm personal regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

cc - Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver ✓  
Miss F. Hutner

Harry I. Barron, Executive Director

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M E M O R A N D U M

November 7, 1968

TO: Daniel Jeremy Silver

FROM: Harry I. Barron 

We received today the enclosed copy of a resolution adopted at a recent Board meeting of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Indianapolis. We might want to make use of this in connection with our LCBC presentation. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter which I received from Alan Kandel of Detroit which also has bearing on our LCBC appearance.

As you will see from my note to Rabbi Irving Cohen, I have set up a session with him in Atlanta for Saturday, November 15th at 11:30 a.m. 

On the Academic Advisory Council matter, we have now heard from Twersky that he cannot attend a meeting on December 16th, but will try to make a meeting on December 23rd. The only other member not heard from is Moshe Greenberg, and we have now been advised that he is in Israel and will be there for the rest of the year. We now have three members of the Council who are unavailable to us this year, and I again raise the question about substitutions or alternates. I am also beginning to wonder whether in the light of the interruption in the direction of our study we should postpone the meeting of the AAC. One of the things we were going to do with them was to submit our study design on the assumption that it would have gone through some process by the Technical Advisory Committee. That now seems out of the question in the next several weeks. Let's talk about this soon.

Encl.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY  
JWF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 9/30/68

In light of the multiplicity of Agencies functioning in the cultural and educational field, making it difficult for Federations to determine valid needs and to make valued judgements on individual agency budgets, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Federation proposes that the National Foundation for Jewish Culture study the possibility of coordinating services of the many educational and cultural organizations which are beneficiaries of the Jewish Welfare Federation.

November 8, 1968

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith  
53 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Sam:

I will be happy to come to Chicago on either  
December 17th or 18th. I have tentatively put  
down the evening of the 17th and I hope that  
the day can work out.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH  
1755 EAST 55TH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60615

November 12, 1868

Dear Daniel:—

The evening of December 17<sup>th</sup> is  
set with Klutznick and with me. I shall  
work over details with Klutznick or his  
delegate.

Please hold the date.

Sincerely,  
Sam. Goldsmith

Rabbi Daniel Frenkel Silver  
Cleveland 44106.

November 13, 1968

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith  
1755 East 55th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60615

Dear Sam:

I have entered the evening of December 17th in my calendar and I will be in Chicago in plenty of time. I am most grateful to you for undertaking the effort involved. I am asking Harry Barron to get directly in touch with you to see if our New York office can be of any help to you.

With many thanks, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

November 13, 1968

Mr. Mendel S. Kaliff  
First Vice-President  
Jewish Social Service Foundation  
307 Aztec Building  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Dear Mendel:

I want to pick up, if I may, our dinner conversation of last Sunday night and I will do so without "diplomatic" preamble for I sense that we are kindred spirits. As you know, I would like to have someone act as liaison in San Antonio between the Foundation and the community. We would put such a person on our Board and he would hopefully battle for us with your Budget Committee. I would like a younger man - someone who appreciates the importance of the University and someone who can be called upon to make an occasional financial contribution to the work of the Foundation. You fit the bill, of course, but if you are unwilling to or unable to accept, I wonder if you would appoint someone in the community. I hope that should you come to these parts in the near future, you will drop by for a visit. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER



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November 20, 1968

Mrs. David Steine  
4409 Tyne Lane  
Nashville, Tennessee 37215

Dear Mrs. Steine:

It was good to see you again in Atlanta although I am sorry it had to be so brief.

I know you would have enjoyed the Foundation's session at the Oneg Shabat. Many delegates spoke of it as the high point of the General Assembly.

You offered to be of help to us and I am not losing any time in following up on it. There are two matters where your assistance would be particularly appreciated:

- (1) We have not yet heard from the Jewish Community Council of Nashville regarding our 1968 allocation. Our official request was for \$250.00. If that can be improved on, we would be delighted.
- (2) The need for additional scholarships and fellowships is most urgent and we are asking friends to sponsor individual grants wherever possible. The size of these pre-doctoral fellowships varies from \$3,000 to \$5,000. It would be lovely if you and some of your friends could underwrite a scholarship for the coming year. It is a splendid investment for insuring a creatively American Jewish future.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you soon. Until then, with warmest regards and good wishes, I remain,

Cordially,

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DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
President

BCC: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

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November 20, 1968

Mrs. Frank Kaufman  
Cleavelly Road  
Pikesville, Md. 21208

Dear Clem:

It was certainly good to see you again in Atlanta and to chat even briefly.

I look forward with pleasure to having you join us on the Foundation's Board of Directors and in due course you will receive an "official" invitation. I know that you can be helpful in promoting the important work of the Foundation and I am confident that you will derive genuine satisfaction from this association. Under separate cover, I am sending you some materials that you may find of interest.

Do stay well. Warmest good wishes.

Cordially,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
President

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BCC: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

ACADEMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE RESPONSES

DECEMBER 16th

Can Attend

Gerson Cohen  
Nahum Glatzer  
Robert Gordis  
Arthur Hyman  
Lou Silberman  
Solomon Zeitlin

Cannot Attend

Issac Rabinowitz  
Marshall Sklare

~~ISAAC TWERSKY~~

DECEMBER 23rd

Can Attend

Gerson Cohen  
Robert Gordis  
Arthur Hyman  
Isaac Rabinowitz  
Lou Silberman  
Marshall Sklare  
Solomon Zeitlin

Cannot Attend

Nahum Glatzer

TWERSKY-possibility

UNABLE TO ATTEND EITHER DATE

Salo Baron  
Sidney Goldstein  
Samuel Sandmel

NOT HEARD FROM

Moshe Greenberg  
~~Isidore Twersky~~  
Harry A. Wolfson ?

November 21, 1968

Mrs. Frank Kaufman  
Clovelly Road  
Pikesville, Maryland 21208

Dear Clem:

As I am sure you gathered, I did not write the letter from our office in New York. It was meant to be and is an official invitation to join our Board. You will enjoy the work and I hope it will bring our families together. We meet just once a year. Otherwise, we keep in touch through correspondence and personal contact.

We are looking forward to being with you on the 23rd of December. I do hope you will not find the Silver message too much. We are nice but loud.

By the way could you drop me the name and address of the people in Atlanta that took us to lunch. I would like to write them a thank you note.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER



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November 25, 1968

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

Dear Daniel:

You will perhaps recall Mrs. Calvin (Louise) Michelson who acted as your tour director for a few hours here in San Antonio. She was most impressed with your ideas and Louise is quite influential in our community. The thought occurs to me that she would be an excellent candidate to act as the liason that you require between San Antonio and the Foundation.

She is most enthusiastic, quite a leader and well received by her peers. Further, her husband is a generous man and could perhaps lead the way in contributions to the Foundation. I feel that my knowledge of this work is too limited for me to make a sufficient presentation to Louise but I know that she would welcome your letter and I strongly suspect that she would accept the appointment. Her address is 115 Wyndale, San Antonio, Texas. On reflection, I think a telephone call might be most effective -- her telephone number is 512 TA 6-9547. Should this nominee not work out, let me know and I will try to be of further assistance.

Your talk at our Annual Federation Meeting was heartwarming and long overdue in our community. I know some efforts that are being taken that you would be delighted with, regretfully they are limited. We are all most appreciative of your visit here and hope that we will have a return bout in the immediate future.

Cordially yours,

Mendel S. Kaliff

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(Dictated but not read)

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December 2, 1968

Mr. Harry Barron  
Executive Director  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Harry:

The enclosed is self-explanatory. We talked about  
it over the phone.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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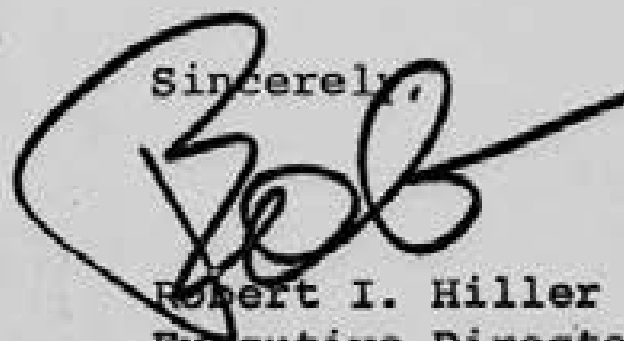
Mr. Harry I. Barron, Executive Director  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Harry:

Lou Kaplan and I would be glad to meet with Rabbi Silver on Monday, December 23. Can you arrange for him to be here to have lunch with us at 12:30 in my office? Lou and I both feel it could be worthwhile in terms of our proposed Chair at the University of Maryland.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Robert I. Hiller  
Executive Director

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December 9, 1968

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith  
1755 East 55th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60615

Dear Sam:

I am now planning for my Chicago trip. Can we spend a few minutes together before the meeting, and, if so, when and where?

I look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Jeremy Silver



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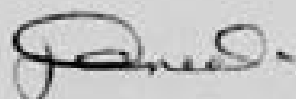
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Chicago, Illinois 60615

Dear Sam:

I am now planning for my Chicago trip. Can we spend a few minutes together before the meeting, and, if so, when and where?

I look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Sincerely,



Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mgm

12/13/68.

Dear Daniel:

Dinner is at 6:00. I can meet you  
at the Standard Club at 5:30.



Rabbi Uri Miller, D.H.L.

BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

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December 9, 1968

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the wedding ceremony of Debra Liss, daughter of Judge Solomon Liss, who is active in my Congregation, and Henry Tyrangiel who is a member of your professional staff. In addition, Rabbi Judah Naditch, who is related to Judge Liss, will be a participant.

I have been a recipient of your bulletin for many years and find your perspective very enrichening. I have made good use of it. I do look forward to meeting you personally.

Sincerely yours,



URI MILLER  
RABBI

UM:lrn

December 12, 1968

Rabbi Uri Miller  
Beth Jacob Congregation  
5712 Park Heights Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Dear Rabbi Miller:

I shall be pleased to participate in the marriage ceremony of Debra Liss and Henry Tyrangiel. Henry is a member of my staff and a young man we consider a member of the family. Precisely what is it you would like me to do? I look forward to meeting you and being with you in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

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*Office of the President*

December 16, 1968

Mr. Robert I. Hiller  
Jewish Welfare Fund of Baltimore, Inc.  
319 W. Monument St.  
Baltimore, Md. 21201

Dear Bob:

I am planning to be with you and  
Dr. Kaplan at your office on Monday,  
December 23rd at 12:30 p.m.

I look forward to this opportunity  
and hope that I can be of some help.

Cordially,

djs/tr

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
President

BCC: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

*Chgo - Dec. 17-18*

December 19, 1968

Mr. Harry Barron  
Executive Director  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue South  
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Harry:

My expenses to Chicago were \$90.00. The two carbons enclosed are self-explanatory. Beyond that Phil Spertus would like to be invited to our next annual meeting. Simply make a note of this in whatever tickler file you keep.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

December 19, 1968

Mr. Maynard I. Wishner  
Walter E. Heller & Company  
Bankers Building  
105 W. Adams Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Dear Maynard:

It was good to have a chat with you Tuesday night and have a chance to talk over the work of the Foundation. This is by way of an official letter of invitation to join our Board. I have asked Harry Barron to send out one of our brochures which will give you a complete Board list and I have told him of your desire to sit down with him and talk over names and mutual projects in view of your responsibility with the Committee on Culture at the AJC.

As I indicated, your responsibility as a Board member would be primarily to be one of our contacts with the Chicago Federation and Welfare Fund and to fill out our information relative to existing programs and possible areas of Foundation support and service in Chicago. Because of your interest in the AJC you will be able to push many of our programs with an even greater degree of cooperation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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December 23, 1968

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

Dear Daniel:

Thank you for your very kind letter of December 19, 1968. I also enjoyed the opportunity to have dinner with you and to be able to spend a few minutes together.

I am very pleased to accept your invitation to join the Board of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. I look forward to working with you and the other members of the Board to the best of my ability.

I am also very grateful to you for having sent me a copy of your study on Maimonides. I must confess, with considerable embarrassment, that I did not own a copy. I have, however, read several of the reviews, particularly the very glowing review in the Jewish Quarterly Review.

With best personal regards, I am

Cordially,



PAUL H. VISHNY

PHV/dev



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MAYNARD I. WISHNER  
VICE PRESIDENT

December 26, 1968

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

Dear Dan:

The one reluctance I have to accepting the responsibility you outline is practical inability to attend meetings outside Chicago. I have so heavy a schedule of this type of thing that it has been almost impossible for me to meet my present commitments. If you feel I can be helpful at the local scene and on other fronts where I engage in friendly combat from time to time, I would be pleased to accept the assignment.

I enjoyed meeting you very much and hope we have future opportunities to "shmoos" about big and little matters.

Sincerely,

Maynard I. Wishner  
Senior Vice President

MIW:dk



December 30, 1968

Mr. Paul H. Vishny  
Kopstein & Vishny  
33 North La Salle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Paul:

Welcome aboard. You will be pleased to know that we have hired as of January 1st a second man for our office. His name is Seymour Friedman, an accredited social worker who was subsequently ordained at the JTS. He comes to us very highly recommended. He will work primarily in the area of community relations and inter-organizational activity.

May the new year be a good year for you and for yours.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

December 30, 1968

Mr. Maynard I. Wishner  
Walter E. Heller & Company  
105 West Adams Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Maynard:

I am delighted that you will join us. We operate primarily through direct correspondence and telephone. There is an annual meeting which I have tried to make into a seminar with our scholars on relevant issues. I hope that some year you will be able to be with us at the annual meeting. We will be grateful for any and all support which you can give us.

You will be interested to know that as of January 1st we have hired an assistant director for our office, Seymour Friedman. He is a graduate social worker and was ordained some years later at the JTS. He comes with excellent credentials and he will be responsible primarily in the area of community relations and in the coordination of our work with the various collateral agencies.

With all good wishes for the new year, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

[1968]

National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
315 Park Avenue, South  
New York, N.Y. 10010

### PROPOSED FIELD VISITS - I

At each institution and area, individual and/or group interviews will be attempted of the following (in accordance with the attached interview guides):

1. President or his designate
2. Head (s) of department(s) in which Jewish studies located
3. Professor(s) in Jewish studies
4. Hillel Director
5. Grad students with career aspirations in Jewish studies
6. Undergrad majors
7. Undergrad "single courserers"
8. "Chair" donor(s)
9. Federation Exec.
10. Other interested parties
11. Observation of classes

School

Reason

#### I. DATES SET

U. Texas (10/16) developed setup connected with National Foundation Hebrew Culture  
S.M.U. (10/17 or /18) J. C.S. setup interested in expansion

Dropsie (10/29) Has produced many professors of Jewish studies  
U. Penn. (10/30) Big private University, developed setup  
Temple (10/31) Unusual experiment

#### II. DATES OPEN

Yeshiva	Jewish school - has produced small number of professors		
J.T.S.	1. Nature of Ph.D. program. 2. Seminary situation	3. T.I.	4. Library
H.U.C.-N.Y.	1. Seminary situation 2. Proposed Fordham connection		
Columbia	1. Same as U. Penn., only more so	2. Yiddish	
N.Y.U.	N.D.E.A. Middle East Center		
Marymount	R.C. with two courses		
Hofstra	Small university with sizeable Hebrew program		
Herzliah	Independent Teachers Institute		
Hunter	Hebrew		
U. Chicago	Similar to U. of Penn., but with interesting difference		
Augustana	1. JCS 2. <sup>a</sup> Denominational		
Lake Forest	Denomination with Rabbi teaching on independent basis		
Roosevelt	Association with College for Jewish Studies		
Heb. Theo.	1. Seminary 2. Some aspirations to set up Liberal Arts College.		
Rosary	R.C. with Dept. Jew. studies		
Brandeis	1. Jewish-sponsored 2. Large-scale program		
Harvard	Large-scale program		
Bost. U.	Urban with Jewish program		
Heb. Tchrs.	Independent Teachers Institute		
Smith	Small school with full-time Jewish studies man		
Williams	No program. Why?		

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PROPOSED FIELD VISITS -- I (Cont'd)

U. Md.	1. Hillel credit courses	2. Contemplating "Chair"
Hopkins	Long-standing program	
Howard	1. Once had Littauer subsidy.	2. Question of Black anti-Semitism
Goucher	Some interesting courses	
U.C.L.A.	Large complex program	
S. Cal.	Connection H.U.C.	
H.U.C. (L.A.)		
J.T.S. (L.A.)		
S.F. State	They have an unorthodox approach to all academic matters.	
Theo. Union	Interesting arrangement	
Ohio State	Donor of chair available for interview	
H.U.C.	1. Seminary	2. Grad School    3. Library
Dayton, etc.	Consortium	
Kenyon	Small school, definite commitment	

1) Perspectives on what is happening!

2) P.R. in preparation - Board - Comm.

I want to discuss all Board  
Please <sup>all</sup> ~~Board~~ me }

3) PHQ - 1) Small meeting Atlanta - Friday  
2) CFWP as at meeting President ( )  
3) how are meeting /

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A major step towards strengthening of credit courses in Jewish studies at American colleges and universities as well as coordinating the efforts of Jewish organizations in this field is expected as the result of a nation-wide survey being undertaken by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, it was announced by Dr. Daniel Jeremý Silver of Cleveland, President, of the organization.

The growing concern of the American Jewish community over the alienation of Jewish college youth is being countered in part by the promotion of such courses.

At the 36th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds in 1967, Dr. Bernard Martin, Abba Hillel Silver Professor of Jewish Studies and Chairman, Department of Religion, Case-Western Reserve University, went so far as to declare, " The need for providing more opportunities for study of Judaism is obvious. Every major university in the country ought ideally to have a chair of Jewish Studies. To be sure, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations for more than forty years have sought to provide instruction in Judaism on the campus, and their efforts have been very significant and, in many cases, quite successful.

"It must, however, be recognized that Hillel necessarily works in the face of certain built-in and virtually insuperable obstacles. On those campuses (and they are the vast majority) where Hillel courses are not given any academic credit, students simply have no time for them; they are far too burdened with the requirements of their regular curriculum. Furthermore, non-accredited courses that are not taught by full members of the university faculty lack academic prestige. Beyond this, in the nature of the case they often demand little in the way of serious study or sustained intellectual discipline."

Academic work in Judaism has grown at a swift rate in American institutions of higher learning since World War II, ranging from single courses at some colleges to undergraduate majors and Ph.D. sequences at such schools as Harvard, Yale, Wisconsin, and U.C.L.A. It is estimated that at least several hundred institutions of higher learning now include such offerings in their courses of study.

This proliferation reflects some basic changes in contemporary American society which have their effects, in turn, on colleges. As the United States has been forced to abandon its former isolationism and take a primary place in world affairs, it has been constrained also to abandon Anglo-Saxon Protestant cultural parochialism for a more cosmopolitan attitude.

In this connection, Dr. Silver quoted a memorandum by a professor at a medium-sized university in Pennsylvania, urging upon his administration the inclusion of Jewish studies in the curriculum. The professor said in part, "For too long in-depth Jewish studies have been conducted in a relatively few large university centers. ...operative was the so-called 'imperialism by hyphenation' which spoke only of the 'Judaean Christian tradition,' relegating Judaism to the status of an adjective, rather than viewing it on its own terms."

Another factor is the changing character of the study of religion in colleges. Often consisting of denominational indoctrination in earlier American higher education, today it has been changed in many centers of learning to an academic discipline. A respected scholarly association such as the American Council of Learned Societies has indicated an interest in promoting this approach at universities which find it appropriate. In any such scientific study of religion, learning about Judaism assumes an important role.

It is also important that in the 1963 United States Supreme Court decision outlawing Bible Reading and the Lord's Prayer in public schools, Justice Clark pointed out that nothing in the decision would bar the study of the Bible or of religion "when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education". This has opened the possibility of training instructors for public schools in this subject at teachers' training colleges. The State of Pennsylvania, for one, has already completed an official syllabus for high schools in the area.



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The ecumenical movement has motivated many Roman Catholic colleges, as well as a good number of Protestant-sponsored institutions, to take a strong interest in the teaching of Judaism in recent years.

However, Jewish studies are in a special case in this regard because they also cover the modern State of Israel and its Hebrew language. Language and Area Centers sponsored by the Federal Government under Title VI of the National Defense Education Act include a number of Middle East Centers where Hebrew language and literature is taught.

Dr. Silver noted that there have been previous surveys, all pointing to the expansion of the field. However, the study planned by the National Foundation will not only cover more accredited colleges and universities than have ever before been included, but will also attempt to project manpower needs, analyze present training facilities, and make recommendations for future developments.

"We are confident," he said, "that we will have the cooperation of other Jewish organizations working in this area. This matter is a concern and interest of the entire Jewish community. In fact, we hope that one of the results of the Study will be to effect greater coordination of Jewish organizations on this enterprise."

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The National Foundation for Jewish Culture was founded eight years ago, by decision of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Since that time it has cooperated with a number of colleges in setting up programs of Jewish studies, as well as subsidizing fellowships for advanced students in the field paying for the publication of books and arranging public lecture series in communities throughout the country. Its headquarters are at 315 Park Avenue South in New York City and its Executive Director is Dr. Harry I. Barron.

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The Technical Advisory Committee consists of: Dr. Michael Brick, Associate Professor for Higher Education and Director of Community Junior Colleges, Teachers College of Columbia University; Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Professor of History and Director, Center of Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University; Dr. Leon A. Feldman, Professor and Chairman of Hebraic Studies, Rutgers University. <sup>Also members of the Committee are,</sup> Dr. Charles Y. Glock, Visiting Research Fellow, Yale University Divinity School; Dr. Arnold L. Goren, Professor of Education, Assistant Chancellor of New York University; Dr. Arthur Hyman, Professor of Jewish Philosophy, Yeshiva University; Dr. Elain Klein, Academic Dean, Marymount Manhattan College; and Dr. Marshall Sklare, Professor of Sociology, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University.

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