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January 3, 1968

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Road
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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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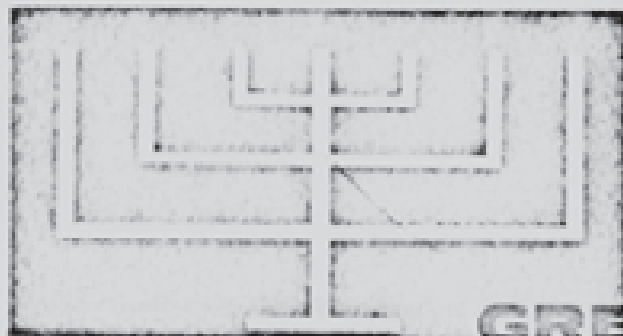
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of the names below...

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art Rosichan as the kind of people who would be
good if they were not otherwise committed

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AARON GOLDMAN

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PRESIDENT
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January 8, 1968

Dear Dr. Silver:

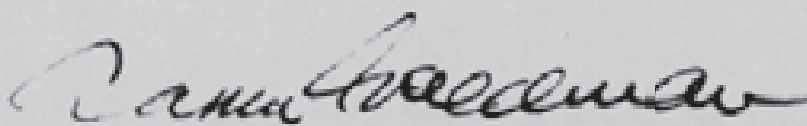
Forgive my tardiness in responding to your letter of December 15, 1967.

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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MEMORANDUM

January 11, 1968

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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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'

	ALLOCATION 1967	TO BE REQUESTED FOR 1968
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	75,000)	12,000	30,000
Foundations	6,125		2,000	45,000
Organizations	<u>8,185</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	100,000)	\$ 17,278	\$ 30,000
Grants-in-Aid	9,080		19,000	30,000
Publication Subventions	3,000		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	9,140
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.

1) Thanks

2) NFJC - 4/20/81 - creation of CFWP - to

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3) Scholar committee - Review Reports | Review
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Suggested Questions for Review of 1968 Budget

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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

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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,

Jack Kravitz

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

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MEMORANDUM

February 15, 1968

TO: Daniel Jeremy Silver

FROM: Harry I. Barron *HIB*

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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February 6, 1968

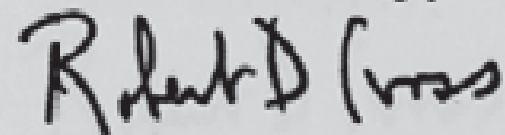
Mr. Harry I. Barron
Executive Director
National Foundation for Jewish Culture
315 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10010

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 18, 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 23, 1968

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find a check for your expenses in connection with your visit to Dallas, on our behalf, on February 7.

May I again express our gratitude for your generous cooperation.

With kind personal regards,

Cordially,

~~Seymour Lesser
Director
Speakers' Division~~

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RABBI ISADORE BRESLAU

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February 26, 1968

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

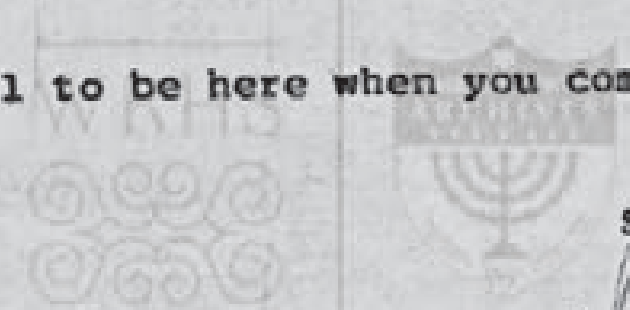
Dear Rabbi Silver,

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
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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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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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 appraised 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.



Robert D. Cross

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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JAN 17 1968

Noach Orian
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.

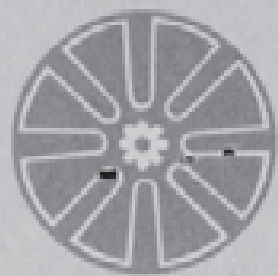
I am extremely interested in pursuing a career of study and research of American Jewish community. I will appreciate receiving an application form and any further information available about your program.

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 7th, & 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

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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.

WRHS
Sincerely,

Philip W. Lowm

FWL/lb

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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 Statutory 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:

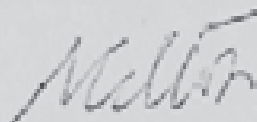
I have had a chance to discuss with Dean Thomas, Administrator of the Merrill Trust, your proposed project. My suggestion is that you make formal application to him, and that you supply him with the necessary data within the next fortnight. On the basis of my discussion with him, I would suggest that 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 Uveeler. 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

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

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M E M O R A N D U M

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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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.A. 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: NATS, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION,
AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR JEWISH EDUCATION,
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SOCIAL & POLITICAL SCIENCES; AJHS.

Special Interests and Activities:

JEWISH EDUCATION ON ALL-AGE LEVELS; ALIENATED JEWS, JEWISH INTELLECTUALS
AND 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 + others

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. SEC. & EDITORIAL DIR.;
207 E 37 ST. N.Y. 10016; \$225⁰⁰ 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 7th 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 SCHIAT & ADAMS.
My salary was \$250⁰⁰ p.w.

3. EXPERIMENTAL DIVISION of the Jewish Education Committee of N.Y., 1956-1959
ANALYST & ASST TO DR. ISRAEL CHIPKIN, EXEC. V-P. My salary
was \$500⁰⁰ + expenses. PART OF MY TIME WAS DEVOTED TO AN EVALUATION
OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE CENTERS. THIS WAS DONE UNDER THE NAME OF

4. VILLAGE JEWISH GROUPS, 1952-1955
HERE I SERVED AS ORGANIZER, EX. SECT. & AS DIR. OF JEWISH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
My salary was \$9000⁰⁰ p.a.

5. JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER of KANSAS CITY & COLLEGE of JEWISH STUDIES
I WAS DIRECTOR OF EDUC. ACT. AND MGR. OF THE COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES; 1949-1952
I ADMINISTERED THE THEATRE, COMEDY P.R.; GUIDED THE SOCIAL WORKERS; INSTRUCTED
THE COLLEGE MEN & WOMEN.

[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. AAGS. - 101 FIFTH AVE. N.Y.C.

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

+ Synagogue Dept

Dr. Max HALPERT. - DIR. OF FOUNDATIONS, Y.U. N.Y.C.

✓ GRACIUM BERGER - FED. OF J. PHIL. - 130 E. 59th ST. N.Y.C. 10022

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

✓ DR. URIAH ENGELMAN - % AAGS. - 101 Fifth Ave. N.Y.C.

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

Norman 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

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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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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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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

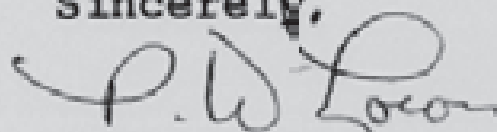
Dear Rabbi Silver:

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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

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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

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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 subvented 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

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315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10010

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MEMORANDUM

FOR 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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August 29, 1967

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

*Chgo -
Dec 17*

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

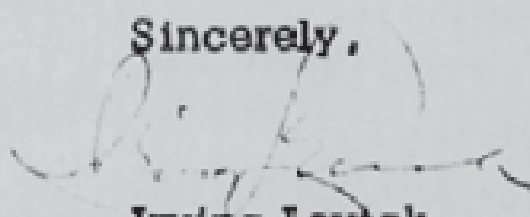
At this time it is of urgent importance that we strengthen the Jewish cultural bonds of our people and help them find the kind of identification and satisfaction which exposure to authentic Jewish ideas and intellectual contributions can substantially stimulate. This is the time when it is imperative 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

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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

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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:

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.

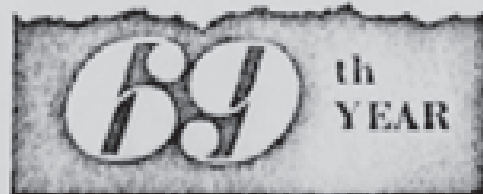
Habbi Jacob J. Weinstein - 930 East 50th Street, Chicago 60615
Habbi Emeritus of KAM Temple, major Reform temple of Chicago. Former President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

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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INVITEES NAMES ATTACHED

Mr. Samuel Field

September 9, 1968

National Foundation for Jewish Culture

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

We have chartered a bus which will leave New York City at 11 a.m. from in front of our offices at 315 Park Avenue South, and will return to New York immediately following the September 9, 1968 event.

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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.

Mr. Samuel Field

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September 9, 1968

We have chartered a bus which will leave New York City at 11 a.m. from in front of our offices at 315 Park Avenue South, and will return to New York immediately following the meeting's adjournment.

It would be a pleasure to have you with us, and I hope you will let me know that you can accept this invitation. I am confident that you will enjoy the day. May I look forward to hearing from you at your early opportunity?

With respectful good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

DR. DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
President

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[Sept 9, 1968]

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