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INVITEES NAMES FOR OCT. 6 Bd Mtg

National Foundation for Jewish Culture

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

September 11, 1968

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

Dear Dr. Rosten:

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

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

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

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

September 11, 1968

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.

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

Encl.

[Sept 11, 1968]

ATTACHED LETTER TO FOLLOWING:

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

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

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

Mr. John Simon
c/o Random House
457 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Rabbi Leonard Sholer
260 Garth Road
Scarsdale, New York 10583

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

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

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

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

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September 17, 1968.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Samuel A. Goldsmith

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September 26, 1968

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

Dear Sam:

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

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

With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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EMANUEL NEUMANN

515 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

September 26, 1968

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

Dear Danny,

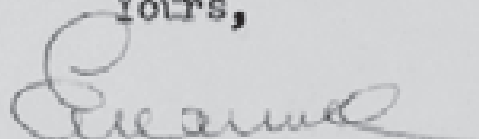
Thanks for your note of the 24th.

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

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

As ever

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

September 30, 1968

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

Dear Emanuel:

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEFFEMY SILVER

DJS:rxf

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

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MEMORANDUM

September 26, 1968

TO: Members of the Board of Directors

FROM: Julian Freeman, Chairman
Nominating Committee

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

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

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

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MEMORANDUM

September 26, 1968

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

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

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

Every good wish for the New Year.

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CENTER OF ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES

622 West 113th Street

September 27, 1968

SEP 30 1968

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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

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

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

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

Cordially yours,

Salo W. Baron
Salo W. Baron

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Enclosure

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

Recommendations of Nominating Committee

SEPTEMBER, 1968

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

*New nominee. Others are current
Board members.

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

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

DATED: September ,1968

Signature

CHAIRMAN'S AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 1968

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Publication -

Work with program!

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

1. President's Introductory Remarks
2. Minutes of Last Year's Annual Meeting
In the interest of saving time, entertain motion to dispense with reading of Minutes
3. Nominating Committee Report.....Mrs. Milton Lowenstein
(Julian Freeman, the Chairman, unable to attend because of illness.)
a) Election of Board Slate
b) Re-election of current Officers
c) Authorization of Nominating Committee to continue to function and to submit further nominations for Board as well as for 3 additional Vice Presidents.
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do!
By 11!
4. Treasurer's Report..... Irving Levick
a) Pressing problem to meet current Grants commitments;
b) Suggestions about scope of next year's Grants Program;
c) Adoption of 1969 Budget -- instruction to Finance Committee.
(Distribution of materials)
President's pitch.
Plenary 20 minutes!
5. Relations With the National Cultural Agencies
We have been giving further thought to the matter of how the Foundation can be of greater service to the various national Jewish cultural agencies who are part of our Council of Jewish Cultural Agencies. We are planning to invite them to meet together to explore once again some of the kinds of ways in which they feel their work can be significantly advanced as well as the kinds of funding that would be required. Some of you may remember that two years ago the Foundation explored in a preliminary way the feasibility and desirability of a Joint Appeal on behalf of the cultural agencies to the Jewish Welfare Funds. The LCBC has indicated some interest in further reviewing the matter and we have been hearing from some of the communities about their desire for some kind of combined cultural appeal.
6. Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture..... H. I. B
After some introductory explanation, HIB will call on Miss Florence Hutner to present the CFJC position. Follow with questions and discussion, and some decision.
7. Applications for Grants
As presented in original agenda with the exception of the Kenyon matter in which we delete c) and modify b) to the effect that the NFJC will be pleased to endorse the Kenyon program in response to any request for information from organized Jewish communities which Kenyon may care to approach for help.

[Oct 6, 1968]

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

Vita for Introducing Rabbi Irving Greenberg

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Bernard K. Johnpoll

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

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

IV - DINNER SESSION

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

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(Oct 6, 1968)

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

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

Members of Technical Advisory Committee:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

R E C E S S

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

~~II - LUNCHEON SESSION - 12:45 p.m.~~

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

Introduction of Fellows:

a) Rabbi Mordecai Friedman

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

Ordained by Jewish Theological Seminary, 1966; was

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

Taught at Gratz College and University of Pennsylvania

Scholar in Residence, Har Zion Temple, Philadelphia.

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

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

BARONS

[Oct 6, 1968]

b) Sid Z. Leiman

27 years old; single.

Undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College

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

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

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

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

Contributor to forthcoming Encyclopedia Judaica;

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

c) Dr. Bernard K. Johnpoll

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

III - AFTERNOON SESSION in DUDLEY LAWRENCE HALL

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

FREE PERIOD 5 - 6 p.m.

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

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

Dinner

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

MARCIANITZ

2:10

5:45

October 8, 1968

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

Dear Dr. Baron:

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

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 8, 1968

Rabbi Irving Greenberg
5712 Post Road
Bronx, New York 10471

Dear Irving:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 8, 1968

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

Dear Bernie:

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 8, 1968

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

Dear Sid!

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 9, 1968

Rabbi Mordecai Friedman
5017 Gainor Road
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131

Dear Mordecai:

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 11, 1968

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

Dear Harry:

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

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

My expenses to the Board meeting were \$110.00.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

729 SEVENTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019

JUDSON 6-7912

October 16, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

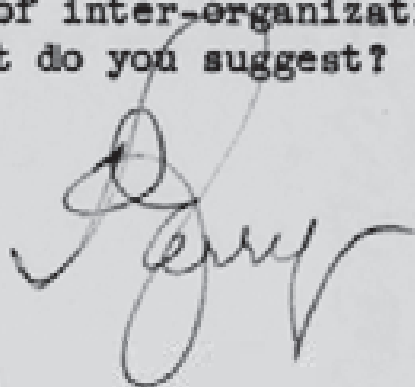
We went 'round and 'round on this and he finally agreed to hold off for a bit in the hope that we might come up with some solution. He claims not to want a hassle and divisiveness but it is clear that he is determined to have a Conference. He would prefer not to get involved with other organizations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

Oct. 16, 1968

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

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

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





COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, INC.

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

212, 673-8200

October 18, 1968

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

Dear Dan:

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

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

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

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

With warmest regards,

Cordially,

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

PHILIP BERNSTEIN

October 18, 1968

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

Dear Harry:

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

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

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

October 24, 1968.

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Daniel:

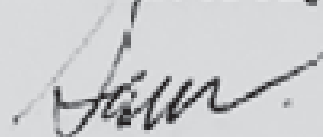
Since our conversation with reference to your visit to Chicago, I have agreed to serve as the Executive Director of the Developmental Program for Comprehensive Health Planning for Metropolitan Chicago, for the next twelve to eighteen months, beginning November 1st.

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

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

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



Samuel A. Goldsmith

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

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October 28, 1968

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

Dear Sam:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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**OF JEWISH
WOMEN**

October 29, 1968

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

Dear Jeremy:

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

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

Most warmly,

Hannah,

Miss Hannah Stein
Executive Director

HS:lt

RABBI JULIUS ROSENTHAL
2 Eastern Road
Hartsdale, New York 10530

10/20/68

DEAR DAN,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BECOMING MORE PERSONAL AND POSSIBLY MORE EGREGIOUS, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ALL THIS TRACES DOWN TO IMITATION OF YOUR FATHER'S ³⁹ PROCEDURES. BUT JEWISH LIFE TODAY IS DIFFERENT THAN IN HIS AND YOU ARE NOT YOUR FATHER, NOR SHOULD YOU BE.

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

(more)

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

SINCERELY,

Julius

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

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October 31, 1968

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

Dear Miss Stein:

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvi

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November 5, 1968

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

Dear Dr. Silver:


Thank you for your kind letter of October 9.

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

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

With every good wish,

Sincerely,


MORDECHAI FRIEDMAN

MF:fs

גילוי מפתיע מגנזי הגניזה:

ביטול הנישואין על פי בקשת האשה

למעלה משבעים שנה עברו מאז נתגלתה הגניזה הקהירית, ועדיין הן פרץ במחקרה פרובת על הכוסה, לא זו בלבד שרוב החומר עדיין לא ראה אור מדעי, אלא שהרבה בסוג עוד לא זכה לעיבוד מדעי. הסרת זה היה מורגש בעיקר ביחס לקטעים שאינם ספרותיים. כגון סתובים ר' מסמכים מסוגים שונים. בשנים הר אחרונות זכינו להתעוררות מסוימת בשדה זה, וביחוד על ידי פרומיניו של פרופ' ש. ה. גריסין. הקורא הר מתעניין יכול עכשיו לראות את כפרו. חברה יס'יכונית אשר הכרך הר ראשון שלו יצא לאור לפני כמה הר ימים. ספר זה, שהוא פרי מחקר כאלפי הערות מן הגניות, מוצע בצור זה שלא רק החוקר המקצועי, אלא כל משכיל ילמד ויהנה ממנו. כותב סורים אלה עוסק במחקר על הכתר בות. כתבי הידונים. ספרי הארר טים. וספרי הגרונא מן הגניות. בר הדרכה של פרופ' גריסין. שהעמיד לרשותו את צילומי החומר מן הגני זה ועור לי הרבה בהבנתו. אך אין צריך לומר שאין הוא אחראי לתוכן הרברים הבאים להלן.

למעלה מהמשפחה מאות קטעים נבדקו על ידי. ויש לזכור שבימים ההם כתובה לא היתה טופס קבוע במסגרת נה. אלא העודה מלאה חיים. ששיקפה בנאמנות את הרוח החרדית של הזמן הספחתו ונס את המנהג ההלכית האשכנזי לסכיבה ולתקופה ספר יפת. אין תימה אפוא שבין קטעים אלה יש למצוא פרקים מסתתרים של

(*) ראוי הרבה וספרות טיפוס 26.4.68. מאמרו של פרופ' ש. ג. הירשברג.

הלכת קדומה הראויים להסופת לבנו נס היום. בעיה אנושית המציקה בכל הר ובכל חברה היא צרת איש ואשה שיהיו. אינו יולד-יפה. אם שני הר צדדים שחיים בדעתם להיפרד ולהר נרש. יכולים הם פחות או יותר בק לות לגמור סרק זה פוזייתם ולהתחיל סרק חדש. הכעיה קשה בזמן שאחד מהם אינו הפך בגירוסין. אלא רוצה להמשיך בחיי נישואין. למרות שאין שלום שררי בבית.

האם האחד יכול לכפות את השני להתגרש על אף שאינו רוצה ואי זה כוח ניתן לאשה בענין זה? הקורא העברי יודע את חוקי היסוד בשאלה זו. כי יפה איש אשה ובעלה חיה אם לא תמצא חן בעיניה. וכתב לה ספר כריתות ונתן בידה ושלחה מי ביתי (דברים כד א). יוצא מכאן שהגירושין הלויים אך חוקי בעל. אם אשתו לא מצאה חן בעיניה. היא כותב לה ספר כריתות (נס) והוא משלח אותה בביתו. הבעל לבדו הוא הגד המועיל בגירושין. האשה יוצאת (מתגרשת) לרצונה. ושלא לרצונה (בין אם היא רוצה או לא) והאיש אינו מוציא אלא לרצונה (משנה יב פות יד א). כיחצ. אחרי תקנת רבי נרסום מאור הגולה הסכמת האר שה נחוצה לגירושין. אם כי הבעל בלבד נשאר המגרש.

היות והאיש אינו מוציא אלא לרצונה. מה יכולה לעשות האשה הר רוצה להתגרש מבעלה. המסרב לתת לה נסו הקדמונים הרגישו במסכן זה והמסו פתרונות. אם היא רוצה. מעיקא היא ליה הוא משבק לה. כלומר. היא יכולה להציק לו עד שי יגרשנה ברצון (ירושלמי כתובות פ"ה ה"א. כ"ס ע"ג). אבל אין זה

פתרון. שהרי יש בעלים עקשנים ר' אכזרים שרוצים לעגן את נשיהם. אף על פי שהיא. מעיקא לו הרבה. אפשר דפשוהי לה בגיטא. זאת אר סרת. הוא יכול לדרות את נתינת הנס כמה סרונה (בבלי נטין פ"ס ע"ב). לאשה הנמצאת במצב עגום זה. אין עצה כי אם לביטול בביתה ולהשלים עם גורלה או לצאת מן הבית. בלי נס. אבל בלי שתוכל להר נשא לאחר.

הנה כמה שנים לאחר גילוי הגני זה נתגלה אוסף של פסיוסם כתר בים ארמית. שמוצאם מקהילה יהר דית נידחת בעיר יב שבארץ כצר יים. מן המאה החמישית לפני הר ספירה הרגילה. אוסף שני מאותו סר צא נתפרסם רק שנים אחדות אחרי מלחמת העולם השנית. בין כתבים אלה נמצאו שלש כתובות פחות או יותר שלמות. מה גדול היה תסהון החכמים בראותם. שבתוך כל אחת מן הכתובות האלה בא תנאי. שלכאור זה העניק לאשה שחוקן זכויות בביר פול הנישואין. הם הותנה שאם בער חיד תקום האשה בעידה ותאמר שני אתי את בעלי. תשלם לו כך וכך. תקם כל מה שהבניטה אתה (הנור ניא) ותלך לאן שתרצה. מאידך גר סא. אם יקום הבעל בעידה ויאמר שנאתי את אשתי. הוא יתן לה כך וכך. והיא תקם אתה כל מה שהכ ניסה. ותלך לאן שתרצה. מאר שק לו וסרו החכמים במובן המדויק של שנאתי. וכיצד בשלו הנישואין למער שה. על ידי נס שנתן הבעל או על פי הכרית האשה בעידה ונתיא. מכל מקום. כמעט ברור. שלפי תנאי זה האשה ביזמתה יכולה לדרוש באופן חוקי שיבטלו נישואיה אם. שנאתי את בעלה.

עברו בערך שבע מאות שנה עד שהופיע שנית זכר לתנאי דומה בר סקורוזתונה בתלמוד הירושלמי. פרופ' יעקב ג. אפשטיין ז"ל עבר על הקר שר בין הירושלמי ובין התנאי שבר כתבי יב כבר לפני שנים שנה ר שירש את שניהם פירוש נאה. בכאה השלישית לכפירה. אבר ר יוכה (ירושלמי כתובות פ"ה כה"ל ע"ב). ובמקבילות). אילין דכתבין אין שוא אין שנאת תנאי מכון והניין קיים. כלומר. אלו סתובים בבית בוחיהם שאם הבעל שונא את אש תה יהיה כך וכך (עין להלן). ואם היא שונאת אותו. יהיה כך וכך. תנאי כזה הסוב תנאי מכון וקיים. היות והכתובה היא חובה. שני הצדדים יכולים להתנות תנאים מיוחדים. ואם אין התנאי מתנגד להק הדתי אלא הוא תנאי מכון קיים אותו ההכבים. להלן בירושלמי (פ"ו כה"ל). לא ע"ג) לומדים אנו יותר על הכנה הזה ועל נוסח התנאי. יש להעיר שהירושלמי הזה מובא על ידי הר רכבים בהלכות הירושלמי שלו. הר זאת הנאך ר שאל ליברסן. ניר יורק תסיה. ע"ס סא. מלוות פירוס והערות סקייס על ידי המו"ל. אי רע כעשה באשה שהיא אתה ששנאה את בעלה על ידי כעשה המכוערים. הורה ר יוסי שהוצא האשה ותקם חצי הכסף המובטח לה ככתובה (עין בפירוש הגר"ס ליברסן. סם. אות צ). כדי לכר בת הפסק הזה הביאו את ה.פרנא (הכתובה) שלה ופצאו בה את התנאי הזה. אין הוא פלונית תמני (כצ"ל. כיון שם. אות ר) להרין פלוני בעיה ולא תצבי בשותפותיה (כצ"ל. עין שם אות ש') תהי נסכה פלוני סרן. והר נוסה. אם פלונית זאת תשנא את

**בעלה, וכדומה, אם כן,
אולי נשלע בבטוי על
פי בית הדין "וכו" הרשל**

אותו בדיוקת ומקורות יעשו, כר
לברר את טענותיה.

אי אפשר להיות בטוח שיש יסור
ישר בין התנאי הארץ-ישראלי של
נו ובין התקנה שעשו בגלל, על פי
הפירוש שספר המאירי ועל פי ה'
דמיון הפשוט מתקבל לומר שיש ר'
באמת האחד מפרש ומבאר את השני
יסת, אך הבנת התנאי שעשו לא מסי'
הנה בהרבה גם אם נניח שאין נא'
חד תלוי בשני, ושאלו היתה נא'
פתוחה מקבילה.

אולי יסעו הסוין, שהתחבנה שבת
מוסיף תנאי זה יוצאת מן הכלל,
ואין למדין מטנה שכך היו נדרשים
לכתוב — נסיב לו, שאת התנאי
על שנת האשה לבעלה מצאתי עד
עתה בעוד שתי כתובות ארץ-ישרא'
ליות, ועל פי שלוש כתובות ושא'
למדין על המנהג, שתי הכתובות ה'
אחרות האלה מקוטעות, ברם, מפה
שנשתמר ברור שהתנאי היה כמעט
זהה.

עקבו אחרי גלגוליו של תנאי
כתובה נדיר הוד 1500 שנה אמת,
כי בדיני ישראל אין הגשה יסלה
לכתוב גם ולגרש את בעלה, אך
ראינו כיצד מסר תקופה ארוכה ב'
תולדותינו נהגו להתנות בכתובות,
וגם חיקנו החכמים על פי מנהג זה,
שעל ידי יוצת האשה, בשנאתה, את
בעלה וברצונה לצאת מביתו, יתבט'
לו נישואיה, או על ידי כסיית הבעל
למסור לה גם, או על ידי הפקעת
הקידושין ועקירת הנישואין על ידי
בית הדין, חשו לכבוד האשה ולא
עינו אותה בשתייה תחת בעלה, השי'
נוא לת, "כטוביה" (כלשון היס'
כ"ט).

אני עומד לפרסם מאמר על הנשוא
הזה בכתב עת מדעי עם כל הנתונים
המדעיים.

אין צורך לומר שכל מה שכתבתי
אינו ענין להלכה ולמעשה כל המוס'
קים הפרישו לפני מאות שנים שאין
טחנים עוד על פי תקנת הגאונים
החזק, באתי רק להציע לפני הקורא
פרק מענין, שנתגלה לי מתוך ה'
נניח, כמנהגי אבותינו בנידושין
וביטוי כוח האשה בהם.

שהתחבנים יאסרו שהקידושין יהיו
תופסין, וכמכנים מיוחדים החכמים
מסקיעים את הקידושין לספר.
אכנס פירוש זה לכאורה קיצוני,
בשים לב לפה שידוע על תורת
הנישואין והקידושין בישראל, ואי'
לם ספק יפה משתמע מהטובה של
הרא"ש... בן דורו של המאירי, בתי'
שובה זו באר הרא"ש את היסוד ה'
חוקיהפורמלי של ביטול הנישואין
לפי תקנת הגאונים, וזה לשונו:
ואם ראו כדורות כהיו אחרי חכמי

התלמוד בימי הגאונים בשיבות כל
בכל שהיה צורך שעה ביניהם, לתי'
סיע על דברי תורה ולעסוק נדר
וסיע ותקנו שיגרש איש את אשתו
בעל כרחו, כשהיא אומרת לא בעינא
לגכראי (איני רוצה בכעלי), כדי
שלא תהלה עצמה בגוים ותצאנה
בטת ישראל לתרבות רעה, וכמעט
על זה כל דמקדש ארצותא
דרבנן מקדש והסכיסו די'
עתה להפקיע הקידושין
שבתלמוד האשה על בעלה, ואת
אימרת, ש"ציאת" האשה מבעלה
נחפרשת מבחינה חוקית כעקירת ה'
קידושין והפקעתם על פי בית הדין,
מוודאי לפי פירוש הרא"ש לביטול חסי'
רא בעלמא הכריחו את הבעל גם
לגרש את אשתו בנס.

אספר להנח שכן היה נוסח ה'
תנאי בזמן שהגאונים חיקנו את תק'
נחם וסמכו עליו (כמו שלמדנו כפי'
רוש המאירי), וגם אפשר לומר ש'
גרנו לכתוב חלק זה של התנאי רק
אחרי תקנת הגאונים ועל פיה, בין
כה ובין כך נשמע מדברי הרא"ש
ספק יפה לפרושט, שהתחבנים הפי'
עינו את הקידושין לספר, כשהאי'
שז שנתה את בעלה, המסרב לתת
לה גם.

כמובן, ביטול הנישואין לא נעשה
בפלי, אלא שביה הדין עינו בדבר
ורק על פיהם ועל דעתם יכלה האי'
שה לצאת, כבר כתבו כמה מן הרא'
טונים שבעצת שנהגו על טיפוש תק'
נת וגאונים רק עשו כך במקרה ש'
היה ברור, שאין האשה מעריפה כדי
שתוכל להינשא לאיש אחר, או כדי
להוציא את ממונה מהתת רשות ש'

זה (כמו שיש בפרוש המאירי) ועל
זה יש להקיש, שהדברים כל כך
מסויסם שלא היה צורך לאומרם, ר'
מובן מאליו כיגרסנה אם הוא שונא
אותה ורוצה לפרוש ממנה.

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

עכשו בא הביטוי החדש והמענין
ששתאר את ביטול הנישואין, ויד'
צאת על פי הדין ועל דעתם של מי
רינו רבותיני. יציאה זו מה סיבתו
ומה פירושו, "על פי בית הדין וכרזו
כמעט וודאי הוא שאנו עוסקים ב'
יציאת" שמתבצעת אפילו שלא לתי'
עון הבעל, הדברים סובלים שני פיי'
רושים, אפשר לומר ש"יוצאת" פיי'
רושה, כהגרסתה, כמו שרגיל כל'
שון חז"ל, אם כן, על פי בית הדין
וכי רוצה לומר שביה הדין כוססין
את הבעל לגרש את אשתו, לפי זה
המנהג המשתקף בתנאי יוצאתה עם
תקנת הגאונים לכל פרטיה ולפי רוב
התנאי בזמן שהגאונים חיקנו את
תקנתם, נבין יפה את פירוש רבוי'
תיחם של רבותיו של המאירי, כלר'
כה, שהגאונים חיקנו לנהוג כדון
התנאי, אף על פי שלא כתבוהו.

מכל מקום, מתוך עיון כלשון ה'
תנאי עצמו, נראה יותר לפרש ש'
ה"ציאתה" לא רק היתה שלא כרצון
הבעל, אלא אפילו כלי שום פעולה
מעדי, כלומר, שבשעת שהאשה שני'
את את בעלה, והיא לא רצת לגרש
אותה, "בית הדין ביטלו את הניש'
שואין והפקיעו את הקידושין למפי'
רע (כעיקרם, באופן ריטוראקטיבי).
הביטוי, "על פי בית הדין ועל
דעתם של כרינו רבותיני" נראה
כאמת מוכיר לנו את המימרא של
חז"ל (בבלי כתובות נ' ע"א, ובבבלי
גילות): "כל דמקדש ארצותא
דרבנן מקדש ואפקיענו רבנן לי'
קידושי מיניה, כלומר, כל מי שי'
מקדש אשה עשה כן לפי הדרכים

שים לבך לכך שלפי הדברים האלה,
התנאי שהיו רגילים לכתוב בכתר
בות, שאם תשנא האשה את בעלה
תסול את כתובתה ותצא, פירושו ש'
יולק" הבעל לגרשה כלומר, בית
הדין היו נוטין את הבעל לתת גם.

כעס שעברו בערך שבע מאות
שנה בזמן כתיבת הפירושים של
יב עד שדויע שוב זכר לתנאי כזה
בכתובות, בתלמוד, הירושלמי, כך
עברו כערי שבע מאות שנה אחרות
מן הזמן שהא עד שנכתבו הכתובות
שנשתמרו בגניזה הקהרית, בין מי'
אחד הכתובות וקראי הכתובות שבי'
דקתי אכפתי בהמישים כתובות לפי
מנהג ארץ-ישראל, באחת מאלה מי'
צאתי תנאי זה, על שנתה איש לי'
אשתו האשה לבעלה, בשלמותו, וכן
הכתובה נקבע או בבאה העשירות
או בתוליה הטאה האחת-עשרה, ה'
תנאי נכתב בארמית ובא סיד אהרי'
פירוש הנדוניא, וזה תרגומו: "ומס'
ביטו והתקינו ביניהם סר סעיד ה'
התן הזה ומליחה אשתו זאת תנאי
כתובה כדת משה ויהודים, שאם
סעיד התתן הזה יסנא מליחה זאת
ולא ירצה בה ויחפץ לפרוש ממנה,
יהא פסלם לה כל מה שכתוב ומי'
פורש בשטר הכתובה הוזה עד נופי'
רה, ואם תשנא מליחה זאת את
סעיד בעלה ותחפץ לצאת מביתה,
תהא מאבדת את כסף כתובתה ולא
תקח אלא מה שהבטיח מבית אביה
(הנדוניא) כלבה, ויוצאת על פי בית
הדין ועל דעתם של כרינו רבותיני."

הדבר הראשון שיש להאכיר בהבנת
תנאי זה הוא, ששדוכר על ביטול
הנישואין במס, ולא על פרישה או
יציאה מן הבית, בלי ניתוק קשר
הנישואין, דבר זה יוצא ברור מן
הרישא ומן הסיפא, כן תרישא, שהרי
הבעל רוצה לפרוש ממנה ומסלים
לה את כל מה שכתוב בכתובה, כי
ראוי כבעל מגרש את אשתו לפי
דיני ישראל, מן הסיפא, ויוצאת על
פי בית הדין וכו' גם כן ברור ש'
בביטול הנישואין ממש אנו עוסקים.
מדוע אם כן אין התנאי מוכיר ב'
פירוש שאם הוא שונא אותה יגרשי

סלוי בעלה זה ולא תחפץ בהגר'
תה, תקח חצי הכתובה (ותצא), על
פירוש הדברים האלה נעמד להלן.

השלב הבא בהקלת נודל האשה
היהודיה ש"שנאה" את בעלה, ורצ'
תה לצאת מביתו, בא כבבל בחקוסת
הגאונים, או יותר נכון לומר — תקר'
סת הסבורים, בשנת 650—651 לי'
ספירת תיקני חכמי הישיבות הקנה
בדין האשה המורדת על בעלה, ש'
באה לבית הדין ואומרת על בעלה
מאס עליי או, לא בעינא ליה, אני
שונאת אותו, איני רוצה בו, לפי
התקנה כוססין את הבעל לגרש
אותה סיר, ויהא לוקחת את כל הנ'
דוניא שלה, אבל לא את כסף הכתור'
בה שהוא הבטיח לה, הראשונים הדי'
אחרונים דנו באריכות בפרטי התק'
נה הזאת, אבל כמעט בטוח הוא ש'
אלסנטיס אלה שהוכרתיים היו כלר'
ליס בת, למאות שנה נהגו על פי
התקנה החשובה הזאת, שעשתה הדי'
בה לספר את מצב האשה ולחוק את
זכויותיה בנישואין ובנידושין.

על הקשר בין תקנת הגאונים ובין
תנאי הכתובה המוכר בירושלמי העיד
המאירי (בספר בשנת 1315) על פי
מסורת שקיבל מרבותיו והם סרבר
היהם, הפירוש הזה מקור חשוב הוא
להבנת התנאי והתקנה וזה לשונו:
ורבותי העידו על רבותיהם שסיר'
שו בפה שחרשו הגאונים בדין זה
שספכו על מה שאסרו בתלמוד ה'
מערב בסתייא זו הילין דכתבין אי
שנאי אי שנאית תנאי ספון הוא
וקיים, כלומר שכל שהם פתנים ש'
אם הוא שונא יגרש תן בכתוב'
תה הן בתוספת כתובה, וכן אם היא
שונאתו שיוקק הוא לגרשה אם
בכל הכתובה אם בקצת פהיתה, הכל
קיים כפי פה שהתנו... והם כתבו
על זה שחרשו הגאונים הוא ספני
דחיו רבילים לכתוב בכי'
חובותיהם שאם תשנאוהו תסול
כתובתה רתצא... ומאחר שנחשפט
הפנה לבטוח לעשותו אף בזמן ש'
לא נכתב כאילו נכתב, כשאר תנאי
כתובה וכו' (כתובות 269—270, גם
מוכר על ידי הגר"ש ליברמן, שם).

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

Dear Harry:

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

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

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

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

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

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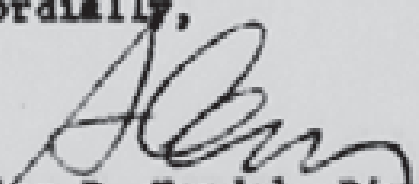
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Foundation would have an easier time next year if it could be stated that the Council of Cultural Organizations was brought into being and did meet at least once during the year.

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

I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta.

Cordially,


Alan D. Kandel, Director
Social Planning

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SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH
53 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
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November 6, 1968.

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

Dear Daniel:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Samuel A. Goldsmith

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November 6, 1968

NEW ADDRESS:
315 Park Avenue South
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Mr. Benjamin Schneider, Executive Director
United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto
150 Beverley Street
Toronto 2B, Ontario, Canada

Dear Ben:

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

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

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

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

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

cc - Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg
bcc - Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver ✓
Miss Florence Hutner

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Rabbi Irving B. Cohen
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1901 No. Flagler Drive
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Dear Rabbi Cohen:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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

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November 7, 1968

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

NEW ADDRESS:
315 Park Avenue South
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Dear Stuart:

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

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

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

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

Warm personal regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

cc - Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver ✓
Miss F. Hutner

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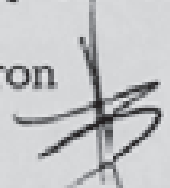
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M E M O R A N D U M

November 7, 1968

TO: Daniel Jeremy Silver

FROM: Harry I. Barron 

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

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

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

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

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



November 8, 1968

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

Dear Sam:

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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

November 12, 1868

Dear Daniel:—

The evening of December 17th is
at. with Klutznick and with me. I shall
work our details with Klutznick or his
delegate.

Please hold the date.

Sincerely,
Sam. Goldsmith

Rabbi Daniel Frenkel Silver
Cleveland 44106.

November 13, 1968

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

Dear Sam:

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

With many thanks, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEEEMY SILVER

November 13, 1968

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

Dear Mendel:

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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

National Foundation for Jewish Culture

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

November 20, 1968

Mrs. David Steine
4409 Tyne Lane
Nashville, Tennessee 37215

Dear Mrs. Steine:

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

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

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

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

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

Cordially,

djs/tr

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
President

BCC: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

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November 20, 1968

Mrs. Frank Kaufman
Clovell Road
Pikesville, Md. 21208

Dear Clem:

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

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

Do stay well. Warmest good wishes.

Cordially,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
President

djs/tr

BCC: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

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ATTENDANCE RESPONSES

DECEMBER 16th

Can Attend

Gerson Cohen
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Cannot Attend

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~~ISADORE TWERSKY~~

DECEMBER 23rd

Can Attend

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UNABLE TO ATTEND EITHER DATE

Salo Baron
Sidney Goldstein
Samuel Sandmel

NOT HEARD FROM

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

November 21, 1968

Mrs. Frank Kaufman
Clovelly Road
Pikesville, Maryland 21208

Dear Clem:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER



MENDEL S. KALIFF PETROLEUM COMMERCE BUILDING / SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205

November 25, 1968

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

Dear Daniel:

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

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


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

Cordially yours,

Mendel S. Kaliff

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(Dictated but not read)

 CONTINENTAL ASSURANCE CO.

December 2, 1968

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

Dear Harry:

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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December 4, 1968

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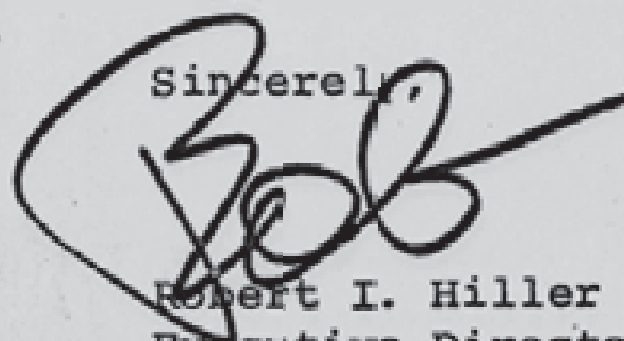
Mr. Harry I. Barron, Executive Director
National Foundation for Jewish Culture
315 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10010

Dear Harry:

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

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Robert I. Hiller
Executive Director

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A COMMUNITY-WIDE FEDERATION OF JEWISH SOCIAL AGENCIES

Goldsmith

December 9, 1968

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

Dear Sam:

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

I look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Sincerely,

DJS:mgm

Daniel Jeremy Silver

The Temple

UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AT SILVER PARK

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

TELEPHONE: 791-7755

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Sincerely,



Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Dear Daniel:

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



Rabbi Uri Miller, D.H.L.

BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

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December 9, 1968

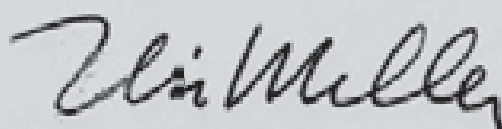
Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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

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

Sincerely yours,



URI MILLER
RABBI

UM:lrm

December 12, 1968

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

Dear Rabbi Miller:

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

777-5385

Office of the President

December 16, 1968

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

Dear Bob:

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

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

Cordially,

djs/tr

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
President

BCC: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

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December 19, 1968

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

Dear Harry:

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

December 19, 1968

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

Dear Maynard:

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

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

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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December 23, 1968

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

Dear Daniel:

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

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

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

With best personal regards, I am

Cordially,


PAUL H. VISHNY

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MAYNARD I. WISHNER
VICE PRESIDENT

December 26, 1968

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

Dear Dan:

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

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

Sincerely,

Maynard I. Wishner
Senior Vice President

MIW:dk

December 30, 1968

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

Dear Paul:

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

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

December 30, 1968

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

Dear Maynard:

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

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

With all good wishes for the new year, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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[1968]

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

PROPOSED FIELD VISITS - I

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

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

School	Reason
<u>I. DATES SET</u>	
U. Texas (10/16)	developed setup connected with National Foundation <u>Hebrew</u> Culture
S.M.U. (10/17 or /18)	J. C.S. setup interested in expansion
Dropsie (10/29)	Has produced many professors of Jewish studies
U. Penn. (10/30)	Eig private University, developed setup
Temple (10/31)	Unusual experiment
<u>II. DATES OPEN</u>	
Yeshiva	Jewish school - has produced small number of professors
J.T.S.	1. Nature of Ph.D. program. 2. Seminary situation 3. T.I. 4. Library
H.U.C.-N.Y.	1. Seminary situation 2. Proposed Fordham connection
Columbia	1. Same as U. Penn., only more so 2. Yiddish
N.Y.U.	N.D.E.A. Middle East Center
Marymount	R.C. with two courses
Hofstra	Small university with sizeable Hebrew program
Herzliah	Independent Teachers Institute
Hunter	Hebrew
U. Chicago	Similar to U. of Penn., but with interesting difference
Augustana	1. JCS 2. ^a Denominational
Lake Forest	Denomination with Rabbi teaching on independent basis
Roosevelt	Association with College for Jewish Studies
Heb. Theo.	1. Seminary 2. Some aspirations to set up Liberal Arts College.
Rosary	R.C. with Dept. Jew. studies
Brandeis	1. Jewish-sponsored 2. Large-scale program
Harvard	Large-scale program
Bost. U.	Urban with Jewish program
Heb. Tchrs.	Independent Teachers Institute
Smith	Small school with full-time Jewish studies man
Williams	No program. Why?

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PROPOSED FIELD VISITS -- I (Cont'd)

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



1) Perpetration on subject a happy ending!

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

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3) how much meeting



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212-777-5383

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The major contribution toward the \$60,000 budgeted for the survey has been a \$25,000 gift from the Charles E. Merrill Trust.

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A nation-wide study of programs of Jewish studies at American colleges and universities has been undertaken by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, it was announced by Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver of Cleveland, President of the organization. He described the investigation as the most comprehensive and analytical ever attempted in the field.

The Technical Advisory Committee consists of: Dr. Michael Brick, Associate Professor for Higher Education and Director of Community Junior Colleges, Teachers College of Columbia University; Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Professor of History and Director, Center of Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University; Dr. Leon A.

Also members of the Committee are, Feldman, Professor and Chairman of Hebraic Studies, Rutgers University; Dr. Charles Y. Glock, Visiting Research Fellow, Yale University Divinity School; Dr. Arnold L. Goren, Professor of Education, Assistant Chancellor of New York University; Dr. Arthur Hyman, Professor of Jewish Philosophy, Yeshiva University; Dr. Elain Klein, Academic Dean, Marymount Manhattan College; and Dr. Marshall Sklare, Professor of Sociology, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The major contribution toward the \$60,000 budgeted for the survey has been a \$25,000 gift from the Charles E. Merrill Trust.

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture was founded eight years ago, by decision of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Since that time it has cooperated with a number of colleges in setting up programs of Jewish

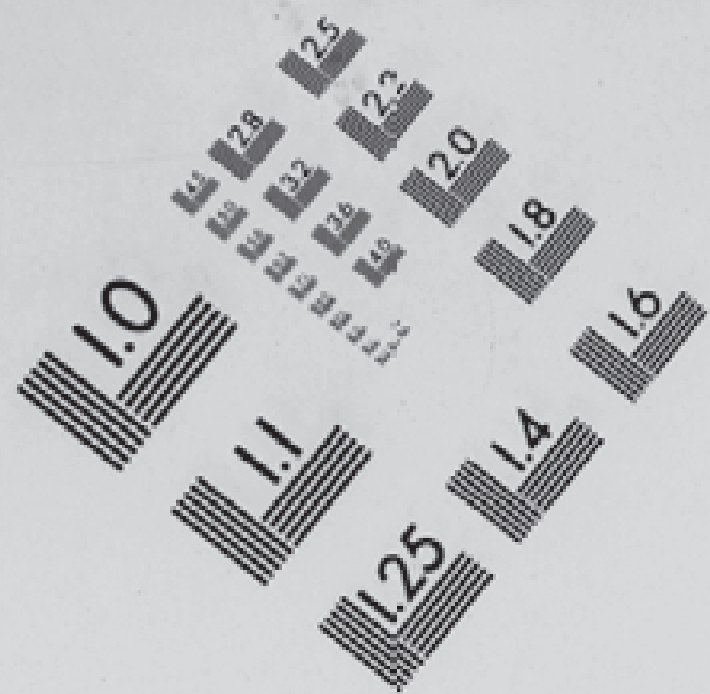
studies, as well as subsidizing fellowships for advanced students in the field

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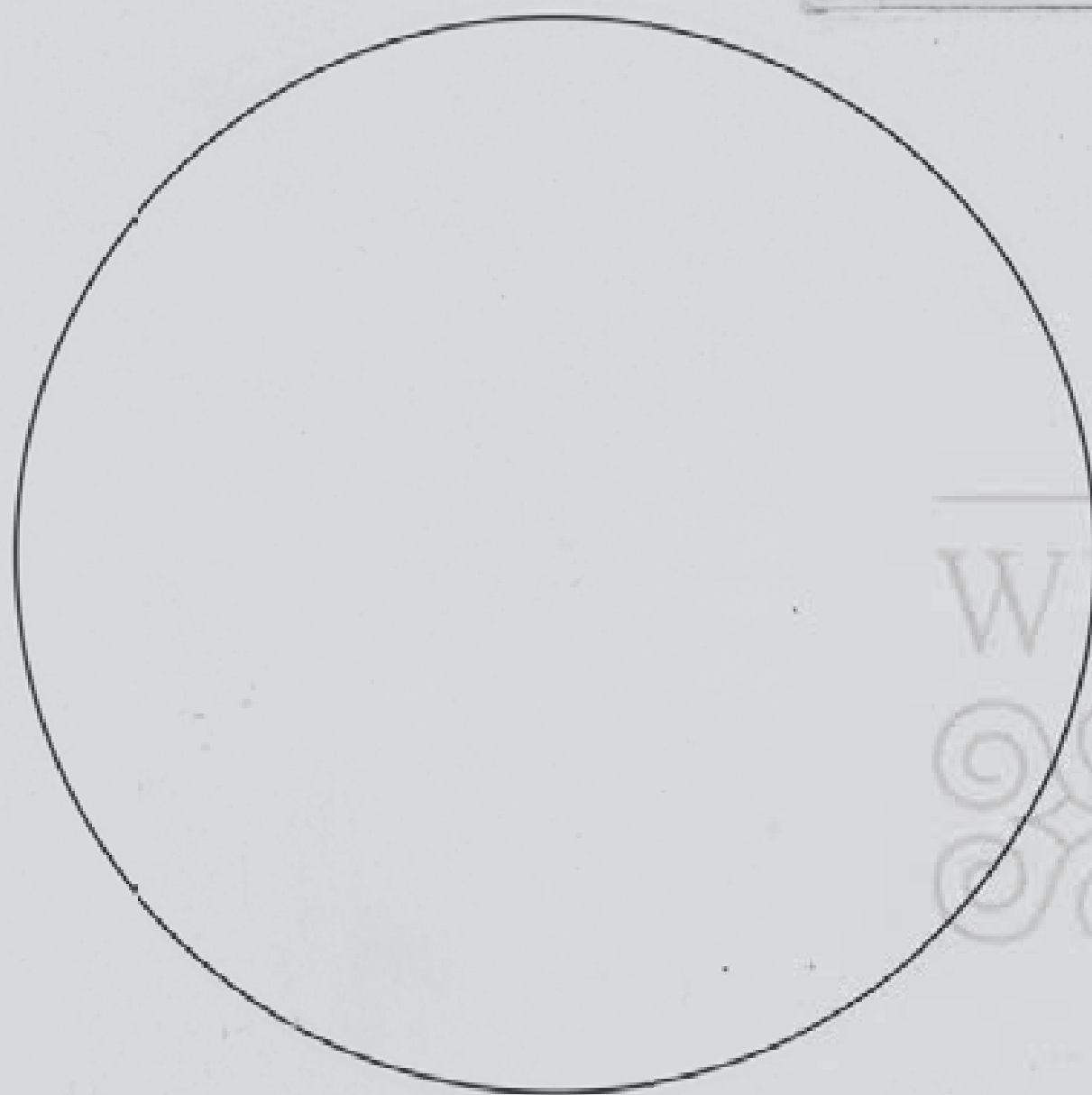
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