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# NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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June 7, 1974

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
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Dear Dan:

Your letters arrived while I was on the West Coast. Let me comment on them briefly:

1. I can't understand your saying that we neglected to send you the letters of support on the Altschuler, Cohen and Wertheimer applications. Our records indicate that we sent you the various letters of reference and I daresay that you will find them attached to the material we sent you. However, I am enclosing another set of the letters of reference.
2. As to the suggestion that you proceed with the journal project and approach Arnie Band, it is felt by Mike Zeltzer and Earl Morse that it would be premature and inappropriate to do so until the Reassessment Committee has completed its work and makes its report and recommendations. Do you feel that you can make informal exploratory soundings without firm commitments?
3. We had a meeting on June 5th with two representatives each from the American Association for Jewish Education, Institute for Jewish Life, CJFWF and the NFJC. The idea of merger or fusion is obviously attractive to some people. I tried to decelerate the notion, pointing out some of the dangers and limitations and suggesting instead that we look first at the needs before a consideration of structure. It was decided to put together an inventory of the needs as seen by each of the groups as well as the present functions which might serve as a springboard for the next discussion. The suggestion was made that some "outside" person put this together after some interviews with the heads of the three different groups. Sid Vincent's name was suggested for this job. We're going to have to talk this over pretty carefully at the June 18th Executive Committee meeting.

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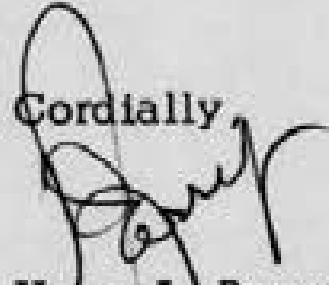
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4. Earl Morse has suggested that we change the place for our June 18th meeting. He feels that the NFJC conference room is too small and uncomfortable. He has reserved Conference Room A (10th floor) at the UHC building. I haven't yet notified people: it may not be as convenient a spot for the out-of-towners. Your reply card just came in this morning. I notice that you say you will "try to" attend this meeting. We set the date only after Sid said he checked it out with you. I do hope you will seriously try to get in for it.
5. I am sending along some materials regarding the application of Dr. William M. Glicksman. You will remember that he has been submitting this application for a number of years and been turned down each time until we gave him some slight hope this year with your letter of April 17, 1974. As you see, he has now come back with this offer from The Advertisers Press. It impresses me very much as a vanity job and I can't see us putting up \$2,900 for such a purpose. What is your suggestion?
6. Enclosed is our check for \$145 as per your expense statement.

All the best.

Cordially

  
Henry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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Encs.

June 10, 1974

Dr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

Your letter arrived this morning.

1) The various letters of reference were not attached to their applications. Even the NFJC office sometimes makes clerical errors - I know mine does.

2) I am not prepared to make "informal exploratory soundings without firm commitments" with Arnie Band. I am prepared to talk with him once a firm commitment without strings is agreed on by the NFJC and only then. You will destroy every opportunity for a meaningful breakthrough if Mike Zeltzer's concept of review is adopted. It is either go or no go.

3) If you are already talking of having Sidney Vincent explore areas of cooperation and/or coordination between the Institute, the Association and us you are a long way down the pike towards a major commitment. Sidney can force any issue. The question is are you ready for that kind of approach.

4) I fully intend to be at the meeting on the 18th. The place is immaterial.

5) I agree that we ought to discourage Glicksman and not be part of this kind of vanity undertaking. Why not simply tell him that we are discontinuing the underwriting of any publication until our committee on publishing submits a full report?

6) Thank you.

As always,

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Daniel Jeremy Silver



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# THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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June 24, 1974

Mr. Harry I. Barron, Executive Director  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Barron:

Last December a number of academics met together in Chicago and decided that a need existed for a modest journal devoted to American Jewish Studies, especially American Jewish Literature. Out of this meeting came an advisory board, composed of Sheldon Grebstein, Allen Gutmann, Irving Howe, Irving Malin, Sanford Pinsker, Moses Rischin, and Ron Sanders, with several more added since then - Lillian Schlissel and Sarah B. Cohen. I was asked to be editor.

Early this year I sent out a one-page flyer (copy enclosed) to some two hundred people who teach American Jewish Studies or are interested participants, editors, and so on. The response has been overwhelming. At this point there is no doubt that we will go forward. I already have material in hand for several issues. As to what will be included, the flyer indicates the areas I suggested; naturally the journal will reflect both the needs and interests of the readership, and may change emphasis as we go along.

I am writing to ask for your support. To bring out a quality journal, about \$3000 or \$4000 will be needed for the first year. It is our hope and expectation that the journal will be self-supporting in the second year. I am enclosing a copy of the flyer, and I am also enclosing a copy of my new book, On Being Jewish, which will out in a first printing of 30,000 in a week or so, to show you my professional competence. I assume you know some of the other names on the advisory board. I hope you will be able to help this journal get under way. I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Sincerely,

  
Daniel Walden  
Associate Professor

This was a flyer  
sent out to draw up  
interest & sound out the  
market and need.

[June 24, 1974]

## STUDIES IN AMERICAN JEWISH LITERATURE

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February, 1974

### EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of a new publication. In view of the way in which Jewish academia has ignored American Jewish materials, it seemed necessary to a number of people in the field to provide a medium for communication. Hopefully, as interest rises, these "pages" will describe research in progress, succinct book reviews, notices of meetings, and reports of new publications, films, slides, etc. To that end, all are invited to send the editor brief resumes of work in progress, 100 word book reviews, and notices of meetings which will be coming up of significance to those in American Jewish Literature. It might also be useful to note articles published. If you want articles (short or abridged) in these pages too, please make your wishes known. At this point there seems to be no consensus. At the same time, it would be good to know if this format is OK, if a 4-page format is acceptable, if you want a logo, and so on. Please - just a note from you. The work of compilation will be done here but your cooperation is needed, and will be very appreciated.

### NOTES

Although the title now reads Studies in American Jewish Literature there is a question in the editor's mind as to whether the title should be broadened to American Jewish Studies. Your opinions would be appreciated.

On Saturday, March 23, 1974, Towson State College will host a conference on Multi-Ethnic Literature in the United States. For information write to Prof. Evelyn Avery, English, Towson State College, Towson, Md. Incidentally it should be mentioned that a new society on Multi-Ethnic Literature in the U.S. came into existence at the recent MLA. Contact Prof. Katherine Newman, English, West Chester State College.

The NEMLA, April 4-6, 1974, at Penn State University, will include several panels on American Jewish Literature, Yiddish Literature, etc. For general info on NEMLA contact Prof. Ernst Hofer, Excc. Sec., NEMLA, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Mass. 01002.

SEND NEWS. SEND NOTES. SEND BOOK REVIEWS OR ARTICLES. SEND NOTICES OF MEETINGS,

TALKS, APPEARANCES, WORK IN PROGRESS.

STUDIES IN AMERICAN JEWISH LITERATURE

SOLOMON GRAYZEL • GARDEN COURT APARTMENTS, 47th and PINE STREETS • PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19143

June 26, 1974

Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver  
Academic Advisory Council  
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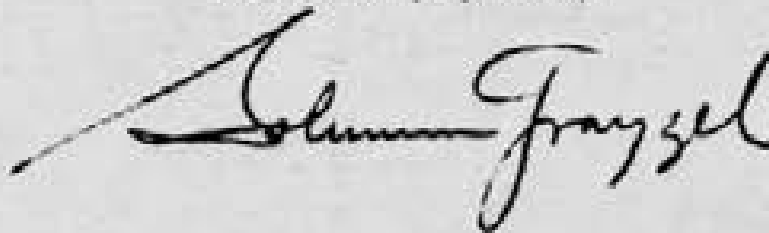
Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. William Glicksman let me examine his manuscript on the philanthropic institutions established by the Jews of Eastern Europe, and I was impressed by his research and his presentation of the subject. When published, the work will certainly reflect credit on the life and spirituality of those communities which tragically are no longer in existence.

The cost of publication naturally exceeds anything he can afford. He can barely pay the cost of translating the manuscript into English; it is now in Yiddish. Dr. Glicksman tells me that he applied to the Foundation for help in the publication; and, if the Foundation can extend such help, it will be performing a great mitzvah. I am sure the project has your sympathy.

With thanks for your interest,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Solomon Grayzel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Solomon Grayzel".

*Incidentally, the project also has the sympathetic interest of Dr. Solomon Zeitlin.*

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July 10, 1974

Mr. Harry Baron  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Baron:

I am writing in order to solicit your support for a project which I believe is important.

Thousands of Jewish students are currently enrolled for courses of Jewish Studies at universities in this country. As yet, we know very little as to the background causes and the future motivations that are responsible for the decision of these students to study Hebrew, Yiddish and other Judaic courses. I have begun to investigate this matter. Meeting with students of the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department of Brandeis, I have developed a questionnaire designed to yield information on this matter. Next fall, I will be able to administer this questionnaire to all students of the Brandeis Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department and also to students of other foreign languages (French, Spanish, Russian and German) at Brandeis to get some information as to the identity of students who choose NOT to study Hebrew. Next spring, I have arranged to administer the questionnaire to Hebrew students at the following universities:

SUNY

Ohio State University

UCLA

Minnesota

Temple University

Cornell University

The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

The University of Wisconsin

The University of Pennsylvania

I hope to receive a positive response from the University of Texas as well.

Mr. Harry Baron

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If you are interested, I will be glad to make a formal request for support. I judge my needs to be for \$5,000.00 (Research asst., Computer aid etc.)

I look forward to hearing from you.

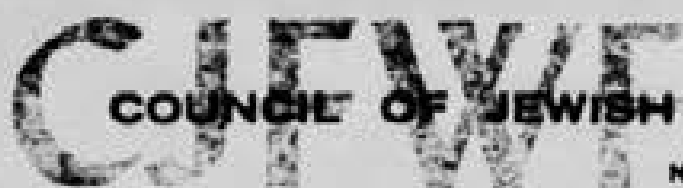
Sincerely,

*Saul P. Wachs*

Saul P. Wachs  
Assistant Professor

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July 12, 1974

Mr. Earl Morse  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
122 East 42 Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Earl:

I have been out of the city almost continuously since your letter of June 24 arrived and I understand that you are still out of the country. I know that Sid Vincent has met with Harry Barron, and I have talked with Sid following that discussion.

Our standard practice is to submit findings with regard to any organization, to that organization before they are publicized. I took it for granted that this would be done likewise in this instance.

As for the rest of the process, my understanding has been that we will evolve that together after we review jointly Sid Vincent's findings.

With warmest regards.

Cordially,

Philip Bernstein

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July 15, 1974

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

Dear Dan:

Welcome back! I hope the trip was pleasant as well as rewarding. I am sure it was an eye-opener for the clergymen.

In the welter of mail that you have probably gone through by this time, you may have seen a copy of Earl Morse's letter to Phil Bernstein following up the NFJC Executive Committee discussion. Today, we received Phil's reply, a copy of which is enclosed. It was predictable.

A week before last, Sidney Vincent came in to meet with Isaac Toubin and me preliminary to his drawing up plans for conducting the "Inventory". In the course of our conversation, Isaac reminded Sid that he had never quite understood why Sid had urged him and me to voice our objections to the proposed Institute for Jewish Life just prior to its creation; and that when Isaac did in fact speak out he discovered that Sid was firmly committed to the creation of the Institute. I also mentioned to Sid that I had been baffled by this. Sid blew up. I had never seen him behave the way he did. He interpreted our remarks as impugning his integrity and said that in the circumstances he could not think of taking on the assignment which Phil had asked him to do.

Despite all our efforts to calm him down and resume the discussion, he brusquely took his departure with the statement that he had a previously scheduled appointment. That appointment was with Phil Bernstein. I subsequently reached Sid by phone at his daughter's home. He was still smarting from our earlier session. In response to my inquiry, he informed me that he had told Phil about our earlier meeting and said that he could not take on the assignment. Phil, he reported, tried to dissuade him, pointing out that this would be most embarrassing to him since he had already made an announcement about Sid's doing the Inventory at the CJFWF's Quarterly Board Meeting in L.A. After a lengthy meeting between the two of them, the matter was

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left undecided and Sid was to give it some further thought. I have heard nothing further from Sid.

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On an entirely different matter, I am attaching a letter and its enclosure from Daniel Walden of Penn State University asking for support to help bring out a "modest journal devoted to American Jewish Studies, especially American Jewish Literature." Before I undertake to reply to him, I'd like to get your reactions. And while we are on the subject of journals, Charles Berlin sent me a copy of his letter to you about getting together to discuss the matter referred to in your note to Arnie Band. When you get a chance, please send me a copy of that letter so that we have a record of it here. When would you like to set up the meeting with the AJS people in Cambridge?

I hope you will be able to attend the next meeting of the Reassessment Committee, August 3-4. Perhaps by that time you will have taken care of most of your summer weddings. There is a bare chance of my stopping off at Cleveland next week. I'm going to be in Columbus to go over with them their new Council for Jewish Culture. Sid Vincent mentioned something about the programs which Cleveland has undertaken stimulated by the Institute for Jewish Life, and after I had told him I would like to get the details first hand, he invited me (grudgingly?) to visit Cleveland and see for myself. So I may just do that while I'm on the Columbus trip.

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I'm enclosing some of the correspondence on Dr. William Glicksman's book. You will note that I have written in your name since the communications were addressed to you.

Be well.



Cordially

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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Encs.

P.S. We just received a letter from Saul P. Wachs, Assistant Professor in the Philip W. Lown School at Brandeis, asking for support for a project which involves a questionnaire to be submitted to Jewish students enrolled in courses of Jewish Studies at various universities as to their motivations in enrolling in such courses. Let's talk about this before I respond to Wach's letter.



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July 16, 1974

Dr. William Glicksman  
1315 North 75th Street  
Philadelphia, Penna. 19151

Dear Dr. Glicksman:

Please excuse the delay in replying to your earlier correspondence regarding possible assistance by the Foundation in financing the publication of your book on the philanthropic institutions established by the Jews of Eastern Europe. I have just returned from abroad and this is the first opportunity I have had to write you.

At a recent meeting of the Foundation's Executive Committee it was decided that for the time being the Foundation would not offer grants-in-aid for publications pending a thorough review by a special Publications Committee on the needs in this area. It is expected that the entire question of Jewish scholarly publications will be explored and that recommendations will be made as to future Foundation policies and programs relating to this field.

In view of this action, we shall not be able to do anything at this time about your manuscript. If there any change in the situation I shall be glad to be in touch with you again.

Every good wish.

Sincerely,



Daniel Jeremy Silver, Chairman  
Academic Advisory Council

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July 16, 1974

Dr. Solomon Grayzel  
Garden Court Apartments  
47th and Pine Streets  
Philadelphia, Penna. 19143

Dear Dr. Grayzel:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 26th on behalf of Dr. William Glicksman.

I regret the delay in replying but I was out of the country when your letter arrived and I have only now returned.

As I have just explained to Dr. Glicksman, the Foundation's Executive Committee has discontinued for the time being our grants-in-aid program and has instructed a special committee to explore the entire matter of Jewish scholarly publications needs and programs and to submit recommendations for future activities by the Foundation in this area. If after the report of this committee there would seem to be some basis for reopening the matter of Dr. Glickman's project, we shall be glad to do so.

Meanwhile, I might point out that the estimate which Dr. Glicksman furnished us from a publisher to whom he had submitted his manuscript would raise some question about the validity of the Foundation's becoming involved in this venture. Apparently, Dr. Glicksman had suggested that 200 books be printed for which the publisher submitted an estimate of \$2,900. It is really rather questionable for the Foundation to invest \$15 per volume for a 160-page book of this type whose distribution would be so limited. However, the larger question referred to above will have a major role in determining the ultimate decision as to what the Foundation will do as regards Dr. Glicksman's book.

Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,



Daniel Jeremy Silver, Chairman  
Academic Advisory Council

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**July 18, 1974**

**Dr. Harry I. Barron**  
**National Foundation For Jewish Culture**  
**122 East 42nd Street**  
**New York, N. Y. 10017**

**Dear Harry:**

1. I think that Walden should be wished well and told that such a recommendation would have to come from our Academic Advisory Committee which meets in February of each year. I also think these people should be put into contact with ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ crowd which, as Jacobs has often told us, have begun to have problems with their quarterly. Perhaps there can be some coordination of effort and funding.

2. I talked with Charles Berlin and he is to get back to me about a date.

**It was good talking with you. Keep on top of the re-assessment stuff. There's dynamite there.**

**Sincerely,**

**Daniel Jeremy Silver**

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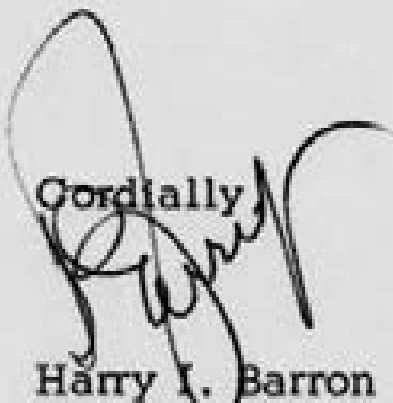
Dear Dan:

I am frankly mystified by your comments regarding Daniel Walden's request for help on a "modest journal devoted to American Jewish Studies, especially American Jewish literature". I can't see how bringing this to our Academic Advisory Council would be of any help nor how the AJS could be helpful to them. Do you have this confused with something else?

I didn't receive a response from you to my postscript of July 15th regarding the inquiry from Professor Saul P. Wachs. What is your opinion about this?

Best regards.

Cordially

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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July 30, 1974

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

The enclosed is the material which  
Sid Vincent prepared for the compilation  
of data on the educational and cultural  
institutions. I would appreciate your  
reactions as far as the NFJC is concerned.

All the best.

Cordially

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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Encs.

[Aug 1, 1974]

## P R O S P E C T U S

For A Study of the Services Presently Rendered and Suggestions  
For Extended Services in the Field of Jewish Education and Culture

The presidents and executives of the American Association for Jewish Education, the Institute for Jewish Life, and the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, in cooperation with their opposite numbers in the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, have authorized an informal study to provide answers to such questions as:

- beyond  
competence
1. What are the needs of the American Jewish community in the field of Jewish education and culture? *whose education — what culture*
  2. To what extent and in what ways are the three named agencies contributing to meeting the defined needs? *? who has defined and where is definition?*
  3. What plans do they have for meeting unmet needs -- and what factors prevent their achieving such goals?
  4. How effective is the present relationship among the three agencies? Are there ways in which that relationship can be made more effective?
  5. Without undertaking an extensive study, what other main agencies or resources are presently (or potentially) available to meet needs in this field? *Other agencies — JCC — seminaries — religious schools — camps — do main work in the area*

The present, limited study is not designed to make recommendations for improvement of services in the educational-cultural field, but to supply the essential data and insights that will facilitate possible further planning by the leadership of the named organizations.

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[Aug 1, 1974]

To secure such information, each organization will be requested to submit data on its present structure and function, and plans and aspirations for the future. However, the overriding aim of the study is not simply to compile an inventory of what is being accomplished by the agencies, but to gain an insight into how the communities of the country might most effectively be served, so that these agencies (and possibly others in the field) and the community as a whole can upgrade its work in the field. All these agencies have as their central purpose enriching the quality of Jewish life and helping to achieve Jewish continuity. Therefore, the data will be compiled not on an agency by agency basis (though such materials will be available in exhibits) but by age served, field of interest, and future potential. Should you

ACCEPT the breakdown?

The underlying assumption is that the Jewish communities of America are interested in creating conditions where:

-- Jewish family life, which is usually regarded as the single most potent factor in achieving Jewish continuity, is interfused with Jewish meaning, values, and tradition.

-- A variety of formal and informal Jewish educational options are available at all ages and at all levels, both to promote Jewish literacy and to provide creative Jewish experiences.

-- Resources for interpreting Jewish life are provided -- through the arts (serving creators, interpreters and audiences), through publications (books, newspapers, magazines) and the mass media in general, and through upgrading the Jewish content of agencies and organizations.

-- The "happenings" of Jewish life are preserved through imaginative archives and record keeping, and ongoing research is encouraged to provide continuing insights into and guidance about Jewish conditions and prospects.

What does this mean?

NOT ONLY

Only very narrow way-out is found

Mostly Jewish people -

AND there are NOT Jewish identifications directly

courses - experience

-- Leadership, both lay and professional, is planned for, encouraged, and developed in order to provide the teachers, scholars, administrators and communal leadership requisite to accomplish all the foregoing.

Some areas of Jewish organizational life concerned with Jewish education and culture are not included in the above definitions. Most important is the religious sector, which has a crucial part to play in all the categories, but which does not fall within the scope of the present, limited study.

A questionnaire will be devised seeking to elicit the facts and the views of the three organizations (and possibly a few additional agencies whose work is relevant -- primarily the National Jewish Welfare Board) as to the defined subject areas.

The results will be collated and the aim will be to produce a document useful to the three organizations and the CJFNF if they decide to explore further what steps might be taken to serve the educational-cultural needs of the American Jewish community more effectively.

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August 1, 1974



[Aug 1, 1974]

QUESTIONNAIRE & GUIDE FOR AGENCY INTERVIEWS

1. A formal statement of agency purpose, goal, or mandate would be helpful. If this doesn't exist, how would you summarize agency objectives?
2. The most recent report of agency activity and function, and a chart of staff organization, if available, would be useful.
3. More specifically as to function, what programs does your agency presently conduct in each of the following areas centered on services to individuals? What programs would you like to initiate, given adequate resources?
  - a. Jewish home and family life
  - b. Pre-school children
  - c. Elementary through Bar Mitzva
  - d. High school youth
  - e. University activities
  - f. Adult education
4. Overall services: What activities do you now carry on, or would you like to initiate, given adequate resources, in the following areas:
  - a. Archives and record keeping
  - b. Scholarships
  - c. Publications
  - d. Promoting the arts
  - e. Programming for organizations
  - f. Camps and retreats
  - g. Programs of relationship with Israel

5. In addition to the items listed in Questions 3 and 4, what unmet needs are there in the educational-cultural field that you believe should be provided, not necessarily by your agency?
6. What is your estimate of the relationship presently existing among the agencies active in the educational-cultural field? Do you have suggestions as to how they can be strengthened?
7. To what extent have your services been utilized by communities? What plans do you have for making your services more fully utilized by communities?
8. Personnel to direct and administer the national educational-cultural enterprise is crucial. What activities have you undertaken -- or do you contemplate -- in this area?
9. General comments ... Please feel free to comment broadly on the issues defined in the Prospectus.

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August 1, 1974

August 1, 1974

Dr. Harry L. Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

I think I would respond structurally rather than substantively to S. V.'s prospectus. It is off base and nothing useful can result if we accept its structure.

1. The needs of the American Jewish community in "the field of Jewish education and culture" are so far beyond the competence of these three groups as to make this broad statement of purpose laughable.

What education is Jewish?

Who is to be educated?

What is Jewish culture?

How can one presume to define needs for a polity, "the American Jewish community," which to a large degree exists only in the mind of the Federations. The underlying assumption is that CJFWF is competent to grapple with this problem. This is questionable. Certainly the limited expenditures of human resource of the three agencies represents only a fraction of one percent of the persons and money spent in the field by synagogues, centers, camps, defense agencies, research institutions etc. etc.

Since Sidney is not suggesting a massive restudy of the whole field what he has done is to burden three little agencies with a responsibility they cannot possibly meet and a standard they cannot possibly match.

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The question that ought to be asked, given the broad picture, is what limited role does the Foundation play? What limited audience does it serve? What limited functions can it validly perform? We are a specialized agency and if we move beyond our competence we will waste our energies and squander our personnel. Before we engage in any substantive study an initial recognition must be developed which accepts a specific role for us and moves from that kind of exuberant rhetoric which Sidney likes so well - which embraces everything and solves nothing - to those specific programs which can be accomplished.

2. Did we in fact authorize this study for the purposes suggested? I thought that we authorized the study (if in fact we did so) to discover if and how we could mesh certain specific functions. We did not agree to accept a responsibility beyond that which we already have - to do so would be suicidal. I believe that it was precisely to make recommendations for improvement of services rather than to "provide insight to facilitate further planning" that we authorized the study. We are not equipped to do the planning and certainly Phil and Sidney cannot do it working from the seat of their pants.

There is a certain chutzpah in all of this. We are being inflated out of our niche by such sentences as "all these agencies have as their central purpose enriching the quality of Jewish life and helping to establish Jewish continuity" - a misbegotten truism which leads directly to the predetermined conclusion that the study should not be carried out on an agency by agency basis but "by age served, field of interest and future potential." If the Federations want such a study let them involve all of the groups dealing with these areas. A study based on three agencies will end up with describing three little islands of service in a vast ocean of need and the islands will be swamped by any wind which Sidney and Phil wish to blow up.

Added to this is the fact that much of our service to "Jewish identity" is indirect. We do not judge scholarship by direct contribution to the quality of Jewish life or a piece of music or a book on philosophy by its direct contribution to Jewish identity. To force the artistic and academic fields into the kind of client and service accounting with which social workers delight in is one of the great crimes of the so-called planning agencies and one which we should not agree to.

I do not think you should answer the questionnaire at all until there is agreement on a more acceptable prospectus and set of guidelines.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Further to our conversation of 13 August 1974, I am pleased to submit herewith a project proposal of the Association for Jewish Studies and request consideration for the award of a grant in support of this project.

As we indicated in our discussion, AJS has been awarded a grant of \$7,000 (payable over three years) by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture in partial support of this project. The Association is thus in need of an additional \$36,000 over the stipulated three-year period, and is turning to the National Foundation for Jewish Culture in the hope that it will be able to provide partial support of this project.

Sincerely yours,



Charles Berlin  
Executive Secretary

Encl.: "Judaica for College Libraries: A Guide to the Development of Library Resources for Jewish Studies": Project Proposal.

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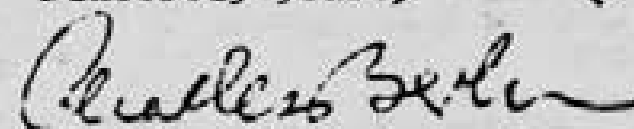
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Management functions will be assumed by the Association's Executive Secretary and his office. Needless to say, expenses in succeeding years will be significantly larger due to increased frequency of publication and inflation.

Given the much lamented lack of vehicles for the publication of the fruits of Jewish scholarship, especially acute in light of unprecedented high levels of study and teaching in Jewish Studies in recent years, the publication of such a periodical would be a significant contribution to Jewish culture.

The Association herewith submits this proposal for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Charles Berlin  
Executive Secretary

Encl.: "AJS Periodical Publication in Jewish Studies - Proposed Budget."

# AJS Periodical Publication in Jewish Studies

## Proposed budget - first year

### Expenses

Editor	\$ 3000	
Secretary	2400	( 15 hrs/wk @ \$4 = \$240/mo x 10 = \$2400 )
Printing	8000	( 1000 cop.; 350 pp.bk. )
Misc	<u>1000</u>	
Total	\$ 14,400	

### Income

Sales	\$ 3000	( Libraries: 200 cop. @ \$15 = \$3,000 less distributor's 50% = \$1,500 Individuals (AJS members): 300 cop. @ \$6 = \$1,800 less distrib. cost of 300 = \$1,500 )
Dues	<u>1400</u>	
Total	\$ 4,400	

Deficit \$ 10,000

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August 15, 1974

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

Dear Dan:

I thought our sessions with the AJS people in Cambridge went off rather well and we shall see what they come up with in their written request.

Our subsequent discussions were also helpful. In partial follow-up, I am enclosing our current roster of the Academic Advisory Council, indicating the year of appointment for each of the men. As you will see, four of the men have served continuously since 1967 (Hyman, Silberman, Sklare and Twersky) and two have been on since 1968 (Neusner and Rivkin). I enclose a list of some names of people who might be considered as replacements. No doubt you will have some other suggestions. In addition, we should give some thought to some people in the peripheral areas, such as Music, Poetry, Drama, etc.

May I remind you about sending in a squib on your forthcoming book which we can use in our next issue of the Reporter.

It was real good to spend some time with you. Many thanks for your help. Enjoy what remains of the summer.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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P.S. -- I'm also enclosing here the brief introductory materials on Scholarship and Research which served as a springboard for the discussions of the recent meeting of our Reassessment Committee. I would welcome your thinking as to what ways you see the Academic Advisory Council expanding its activities in these areas.

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University of Toronto

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Yale University

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and Judaic Studies  
Brandeis University

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Dept. of Philosophy  
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Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver, Chairman  
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SOME SUGGESTED NAMES FOR ACADEMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

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[Aug 15, 1974]

## SCHOLARSHIP

The NFJC has from the beginning had a keen interest in the activities of Jewish scholarship. There is no way of assessing how deep the impact of the NFJC efforts, particularly through the grants program, has been on the development of the Jewish Studies programs, which is such a remarkable development on the American scene, except to know that it has been significant. In addition to its grants program, it has served as a major source of information in the establishment of chairs of Jewish Studies, and played a vital role in the creation of the Association for Jewish Studies, which has now carved for itself a leadership position in its area of competence. But there is strong awareness that much of what is happening is not necessarily in response to what the real needs are. What is a Jewish Studies program? Should there be an effort to avoid the spread of small, weak programs, and conversely, to stimulate the growth of large and stronger programs? Should there be planning in regard to professional standards, curricula, texts, degrees? Should certain areas of scholarship be stimulated to meet needs that would not otherwise be met? In terms of the Reassessment Committee, the question that needs to be answered is the degree of responsibility of the NFJC. Are we one among a number of agencies interested in this field? Do we have special responsibility for planning and coordination?

As with other functional areas, the NFJC has conducted discussions with other interested organizations regarding developments and problems in this area. However, these have been on an ad hoc basis, and the problems are not yet being addressed. There is a variety of interests concerned with this field, including university administration, faculty, students, financial supporters (including federations) and the general community which

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is in need of some of the results of creative scholarship. Can we play an effective leadership role and is it our responsibility to do so? As with other functional efforts, activism in this area demands the time of both staff and laymen.

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## RESEARCH

The area of research is similar to that of publications in that a great deal is taking place, but without any sense of priorities, and a great deal of what might need to be done is not being performed. The obvious centers for research work are in the universities, but there are also a number of organizations which are sponsoring and conducting research. In general, the work that takes place in the universities is determined by the scholar's individual interests without too much regard for what might be the priority needs of the community, if these could be defined. The organizations involved in sponsoring or conducting research usually have a purpose for the activity related to their function, such as the defense agencies' work on prejudice. Others, particularly agencies affiliated with the JCA, such as the American Academy for Jewish Research, Conference on Jewish Social Studies, etc., have a strong interest in research per se.

There is at present no central planning for what is going on in research nor any to see that activity that might be of particular importance to the Jewish community is being done. The community is probably in great need of data regarding the demography, economic status, educational accomplishments, religious and communal affiliations, of Jews in America, but no-one has defined this need or assumed responsibility to see that it be met.

Does the NFJC have a role in seeing that what needs to get done will indeed happen? Does it have a responsibility to try to bring some order of priorities into this field? To accomplish these goals, a formal structure with representation from many groups and individuals might need to be created. Assuming that it is the NFJC's role to assist in creating and per-

haps staffing this new instrument, there are further implications that would need to be assessed. If major research projects would be recommended, what is the role of the NFJC in seeing that they receive the necessary financial support? What are the implications for the NFJC's own administrative budget?

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Further to the meeting of Arnold Band and myself with you and Harry Barron on 13 August 1974, we are pleased to submit herewith formal application to the National Foundation for Jewish Culture for a grant of \$10,000 per annum for a period of five years in support of the Association's publication of a periodical devoted to Jewish Studies.

The Association for Jewish Studies proposes to issue, beginning in 1975, a periodical publication devoted to all areas of Jewish Studies, including: Biblical Studies; Rabbinics; Jewish Literature and Philology, Jewish Thought, and Jewish History, - of all periods.

Following a policy of building on strength, the Association plans to begin publication with a periodical appearing initially once a year and - as circumstances warrant and resources permit - to increase frequency of appearance to three or four times a year. Thus, it is hoped that what will initially appear as an annual will evolve into a quarterly.

The Association hopes that within a five-year period it will be able to develop a circulation that will enable the journal to be self-supporting to a certain degree. Since the overwhelming majority of scholars and students in Jewish Studies in the United States are members of AJS, it is not an unreasonable goal. In addition, the Association will have to develop supplementary sources of support to the extent needed.

Appended to this letter is a proposed budget for the first year of publication. It should be noted that, in addition to direct support from AJS dues and sales income, the Association is absorbing the total cost of the services of a managing editor.

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Association for Jewish Studies

Project Proposal:

Judaica for College libraries; a guide to the development of library resources for Jewish Studies.

1. The proliferation of Jewish Studies programs at colleges and universities in the United States and elsewhere in recent years is a welcome and encouraging phenomenon. Essential to the success of these programs is the development of adequate Judaica library resources. It is imperative that colleges and universities be assisted in developing such library resources in Jewish Studies.

2. Unfortunately there does not exist for Jewish Studies a standard, authoritative bibliography which can be used by institutions as a guide for the development of library resources, as is the case in other areas of study (e.g., Voight and Treyz, Books for college libraries; American Historical Association, Guide to historical literature; Winchell, Guide to Reference Books).

3. The Association for Jewish Studies proposes to prepare a classified, annotated and graded bibliographic guide listing Judaica in various languages. The guide will be prepared by a team of scholars representing the various disciplines in Jewish Studies, assisted by a group of research assistants.

The project director and head of the editorial board will be Dr. Charles Berlin, Lee M. Friedman Bibliographer in Judaica and Head of the Hebrew Department at the Harvard University Library.

As an indication of its support of this project, the Harvard Library has agreed to provide quarters at no cost for the project in the Library's Hebrew Department and to permit the project's staff to utilize the Harvard Library's immense Judaica Collection as its bibliographic base of operations.

When published, the bibliography will serve as a guide to colleges and universities in the development of Library resources to support programs in Jewish Studies either already in existence or in the planning stage.

4. Proposed project budget:

I. Planning stage (Year I)

A. Editor	\$1500
B. Assistant Editor	1500
C. Editorial Board	
1. Bible Editor	600
2. Rabbinics Editor	600
3. History & Social Sciences Ed.	600
4. Literature & Philology Editor	600
5. Philosophy & Religion Editor	600



I. Planning stage (Year I) - continued		
D. Secretarial Assistant	\$2000	
E. Travel, 3 meetings	2500	
F. Books & Supplies	300	
G. Telephone	100	
H. Copying services	<u>100</u>	
Total, Stage I		11,000
II. Research and Preparation (Years II-III)		
A. Editor	\$2,000	
B. Assistant Editor	2,000	
C. Editorial Board		
1. Bible Editor	\$1200	
Research Assistants, 3 @ 600	\$1800	
2. Rabbinics Editor	1200	
Research Assistants, 3 @ 600	1800	
3. History and Social Sciences Ed.	1200	
Research Assistants, 6 @ 600	3600	
4. Literature & Philology Editor	1200	
Research Assistants, 4 @ 600	2400	
5. Philology & Religion Editor	1200	
Research Assistants, 5 @ 600	<u>3000</u>	
Total, Editorial Board		18,600
D. Secretarial Assistant	6,000	
E. Travel, Editorial Board; 3 meetings	2,500	
F. Books and Supplies	400	
G. Telephone	200	
H. Copying Services	<u>300</u>	
Total, Stage II		<u>32,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL, YEARS I-III		\$43,000

5. Upon completion of the project, the Association will publish the guide. There have been indications of interest by various publishers, commercial and non-commercial, in co-sponsoring publication. The possibility of editions in other languages will be considered at that time.

6. The Association for Jewish Studies is herewith formally requesting a grant for the planning and preparation of a bibliographic guide to the development of library resources in support of Jewish Studies programs.

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August 19, 1974

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you probably know, Dr. Barron is out of the city this week. However, he has asked me to forward to you the enclosed copies of correspondence with the Association for Jewish Studies.

He will talk to you about this when he returns to the office.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,



Doris B. Sattenstein  
Office Manager

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August 27, 1974

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

Dear Dan:


The enclosed check is as per your statement of expenses  
for the trip to Boston.

I am awaiting your reactions to the letters from Charles  
Berlin.

As soon as I get a chance I'll fill you in on the latest  
meeting of the Board of the Institute for Jewish Life and  
related developments.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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August 30, 1974

Dr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
122 E. 42nd St.  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

Let me discuss with you in this letter several matters.

We should drop from our list the four men who have served consecutively since 1967. If this is agreeable I will write them the appropriate note of thanks. I would suggest as successors Daniel Elezar to substitute for Sklare; Yerushalmi to substitute for Twersky; Bernard Martin to substitute for Hyman and Michael Myers to substitute for Silberman. This would keep our geographic and our academic balance.

On the Charles Berlin submission: there is no indication that the periodical would include social thought and demography - are Sklare et al out? I would prefer that there be an indication that a serious attempt will be made by the Association to promote distribution of this Annual-Quarterly as broadly as possible. Since an editor's salary is included there ought to be some justification that similar scholarly publishing projects do in fact pay their scholar-editor. Certainly that question will be asked at our meeting.

I trust C. B. will make these minor adjustments. If so I find the application acceptable and would be happy to submit at our next Board meeting.

As always,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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September 6, 1974

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Dear Dan:

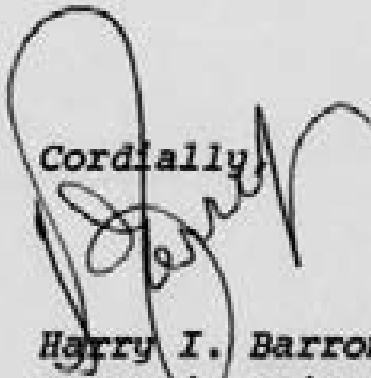
By this time you may have received your own copy of the Program for the AJS Sixth Annual Conference at Harvard on October 27th and 28th, but on the chance that you have not yet gotten yours, I am sending along a photocopy.

I am altogether in agreement with your ideas about the changes to be made in members of our Academic Advisory Council. If you intend to write to the people (both those who are going off and those to be invited to come on) I would appreciate your sending us carbon copies for our files. For the new people, I would like to suggest that you indicate that in addition to their work in connection with the applications for grants you also allude to the possibility of their being of help to us in other aspects related to the whole field of Jewish scholarship and Jewish Studies in which the Foundation is involved.

I concur with your observations regarding the AJS's requests for new projects. Do you want to write to Charles Berlin on this or do you want me to handle it?

Warm regards.

Cordially,

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES

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SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

October 27-28, 1974

2:00 P.M. Session III, Section B: The Knowledge of  
God in Modern Jewish Philosophy

Chairman: Marvin Fox  
*Brandeis University*

God as Idea and Existence in the Thought of  
Hermann Cohen

Amos Funkenstein  
*University of California, Los Angeles*

Franz Rosenzweig's Knowledge of God Through  
History

Gershon Greenberg  
*American University*

Revelation and Dialogue in the Thought of  
Martin Buber

Steven Katz  
*Dartmouth College*

The Awareness of God in the Thought of Abraham  
Joshua Heschel: A Methodological Investigation  
Fritz Rothschild  
*Jewish Theological Seminary of America*

9:30  
A.M. Session II, Section B: (cont'd)

Some Methodological Problems and Aids  
to Research in East European Jewry  
Lucjan Dobroszycki  
*YIVO Institute for Jewish Research*

12:30  
P.M. Luncheon

President's Address  
Arnold J. Band  
*University of California, Los Angeles*

Business Meeting

2:00  
P.M. Session III, Section A: Achievements  
and Horizons in Qumran Studies

Chairman: Baruch A. Levine  
*New York University*

Scriptural Exegesis and the Qumran Legal  
Tradition

Lawrence Schiffman  
*New York University*

Elements of Continuity and Innovation in the  
Letters and Documents of the Bar Kosiba  
Period

Jonas Greenfield  
*Hebrew University*  
*Visiting Professor, Brandeis University*

The Present State of Qumran Studies and the  
Bible

Frank M. Cross  
*Harvard University*

Sunday, October 27, 1974

10:00 A.M. Registration; Coffee

Meeting of AJS Board of Directors

12:30 P.M. Luncheon

The Luminous and the Dark Mirror:  
Transformations of a Theological Concept  
Alexander Altmann  
Brandeis University

2:00 P.M. Session I, Section A: The Impact of the  
State of Israel on Jewish Thought

Chairman: Leonard J. Fein  
Brandeis University

Galut and Redemption  
Eliezer Berkovits  
Hebrew Theological College

Diasporism and Israelo-Centrism  
Avraham Avihai  
Hebrew University

The Holocaust and the State of Israel:  
Their Relation  
Emil Fackenheim  
University of Toronto

2:00 P.M. Session I, Section B: New Idioms in  
Israeli Literature (in Hebrew)

Chairman: Arnold J. Band  
University of California, Los Angeles

The Poetic Idiom of Yehudah Amichai  
Robert Alter  
University of California, Berkeley

Stylistic Devices in the Works of  
Amalia Kahana-Carmon  
Warren Bargad  
Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati

2:00 P.M. Session I, Section B: (cont'd)

The Poetry of Consciousness of Natan Zach  
Arnold J. Band

5:00 P.M. Practica

I: Archival Research in Judaica:  
Resources and Problems

Chairman: Nathan M. Kagancoff  
American Jewish Historical Society

Discussant: Zosa Szajkowski  
YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

Response: Stanley F. Chyet  
American Jewish Archives

II: The Shifting Roles of the Rabbi  
and the Jewish Scholar

Chairman: Ruth R. Wisse  
McGill University

Discussants: Arthur Green  
University of Pennsylvania  
Norman Lamm  
Yeshiva University

6:30 P.M. Sherry

7:00 P.M. Banquet

Tribute to Professor Shalom Spiegel  
Judah Goldin  
University of Pennsylvania

Response  
Shalom Spiegel  
Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Monday, October 28, 1974

9:30 A.M. Session II, Section A: Literary Criticism  
of the Bible: the Comparative Approach

Chairman: William W. Hallo  
Yale University

Letters, Prayers and Letter-Prayers  
William W. Hallo

Mesopotamian Epics as Models for Biblical  
Literary Criticism  
Jeffrey H. Tigay  
University of Pennsylvania

The Tukulti-Ninurta Epic and Some Connections  
on Israelite Epic and Covenant  
Peter Machinist  
Case Western Reserve University

Ugaritic Ritual Texts and Literature of the  
Biblical Cult  
Baruch A. Levine  
New York University

9:30 A.M. Session II, Section B: Tensions and  
Adjustments in East European Jewish  
Identity During the Last Decades of  
the Tsarist Regime

Chairman: Robert M. Seltzer  
Hunter College

Simon Dubnow's Diaspora Nationalism  
as a Response to the Modernization  
of Russian Jewry  
Robert M. Seltzer

Russian-Jewish Manners and Morals as  
Reflected in Certain Late Nineteenth-  
Century Hebrew Novels  
William Cutter  
Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles

Socialist Responses to the Problem of  
Jewish Identity  
Zvi Gitelman  
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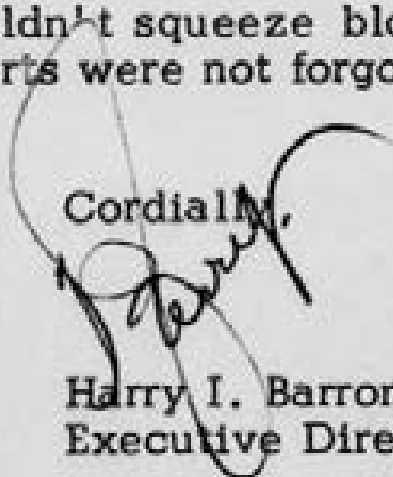
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University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

Bernie Olshansky recently advised us that the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston had approved an increased allocation to the Joint Cultural Appeal of \$22,000 -- \$5,000 more than was allocated in 1973. He particularly asked that I let you know about this since they had much guilt about the disheartening experience when you appeared before the Boston Board last year, and they were eager to make amends.

So, while you couldn't squeeze blood out of a turnip last year, your efforts were not forgotten.

Cordially,



Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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September 12, 1974

Mr. Bernard Olshansky  
Combined Jewish Philanthropies of  
Greater Boston, Inc.  
72 Franklin Street  
Boston, Mass. 02110

Dear Bernie:

Harry tells me that Boston has just increased its JCA allocation ~~that~~ that you wanted me to know that my trip was not in vain. I always enjoy being with you and whatever we do is for our communities and ~~done~~ done with the hope of any immediate advantage, but in a cooperative way. I am delighted with Boston's action and I am grateful to you. Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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September 12, 1974

Dr. Harry I. Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

The enclosed copies are self-explanatory.

I think it would be best if you would talk to Charles Berlin privately and directly over the content of my letter. There is no use in making any official correspondence.

Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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September 12, 1974

Dr. Yosef Yerushalmi  
Professor of Jewish History  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Yosef:

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Dr. Bernard Martin  
Department of Religion  
Case-Western Reserve University  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

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Dr. Daniel J. Elazar  
Temple University  
Department of Sociology  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19122

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Dr. Marshall Sklare  
Professor of Sociology  
Wurzweiler School of Social Work  
Yeshiva University  
55 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y. 10003

Dear Marshall:

It has been my privilege to serve with you on the Academic-Advisory Council for the past seven years. We have done a great deal in that time. Over \$350,000 has been sent out to develop young scholars and mature scholarship and we have refined our procedures - a process which still goes on.

It is important from time to time for every group to rotate its Board and retire with gratitude and thanks its most devoted members. That time has come. Officially on behalf of the Foundation and its President, Earl Morse, I want to thank you for your time and your participation and, personally, may I say how much I cherish your friendship and help. Rest assured that I will continue to do all that I can to see that a significant portion of Foundation monies are put to the purpose we value.

I would be grateful for any thoughts that you may have towards increasing the effectiveness of our work.

Happy New Year from house to house.

As always,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Dr. Arthur Hyman  
Professor of Philosophy  
Yeshiva University  
186th and Amsterdam  
New York, N. Y. 10033

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Dr. Lou H. Silberman  
Hillel Professor of Jewish Literature  
and Thought  
Vanderbilt University  
The Divinity Quadrangle  
Nashville, Tenn. 37203

Dear Lou:

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September 12, 1974

Dr. Isadore Twersky  
Professor of Hebrew Literature  
and Philosophy  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass. 01432

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September 12, 1974

Dr. Michael Meyer  
Professor of Jewish History  
Hebrew Union College  
Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Michael:

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December 19, 1974

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of December 11th. Your consideration of Dr. Levine's pending publication of The Book of the Seeker by Shem Tob Falaquera is greatly appreciated. Thank you for forwarding my letter to the National Foundation for Jewish Culture - that will be of real value I am sure.

We shall continue the search as you suggest. Several concerned people have made gifts of \$100 or \$50 towards the fruition of the project. As these accumulate, we may be able to proceed with Yeshiva University Press. I'll try to let you know the outcome and send you a copy of the book when it is available.

With every good wish for a most pleasant holiday season.

Sincerely,

J. Parker Huber  
Executive Director

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*Office of the President*

April 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Earl Morse

The Academic Advisory Council of fourteen members under the Chairmanship of Daniel J. Silver, has completed its review of the applications for grants for the academic year 1975-76. After a two-day session of thorough screening and evaluation, the Council has recommended awarding fourteen dissertation grants and ten summer stipends. (List enclosed). This latter type of grant is being offered for the first time this year and is intended to enable doctoral students to devote themselves in concentrated fashion to preparing for their comprehensive examinations.

The amount budgeted for grants this year is \$60,000. The Academic Advisory Council's recommendations total \$60,865 but in all probability this amount will be reduced in the light of further contact with the applicants, some of whom are expecting to obtain financial assistance from other sources.

Inasmuch as we do not have a meeting scheduled for either the Board or the Executive Committee in the next few weeks and since it is necessary to notify the grantees of our decision so they can make appropriate plans for the coming academic year, I am inviting the members of the Executive Committee to respond on the enclosed reply card to the recommendations of the Academic Advisory Council. I shall very much appreciate receiving this reply by April 28th.

Kindest regards.

Encs.

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DISSERTATION GRANTS RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>UNIVERSITY &amp; DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DISSERTATION TITLE</u>
Biale, David J.	\$ 4,000	U. of California History	Myth & History: Irrationalist Reinterpretation of Jewish History
Cooper, Alan M.	3,000	Yale, Dept. of Religious Studies	Biblical Poetics: A Linguistic Approach
Feder, David J.	3,500	U. of Chicago Political Science	The Jewish Question Viewed Through the Prism of Early French and German Socialism
Feuerwerker, Marvin C.	2,500	Harvard, Dept. of Government	Foreign Policy and Domestic Politics: The Role of American Jewry in the Definition of American Interests and Policies Regarding the Middle East and Israel, 1948-1973
Gitin, Seymour	3,715	HUC - JIR	A Ceramic Typology of the Late Iron II, Persian and Hellenistic Periods at Tell Gezer
Hertz, Deborah S.	3,200	U. of Minn. History	The Literary Salon in Berlin, 1780-1829: The Social History of an Intellectual Institution
Jacobson, David	5,000	U.C.L.A. Near Eastern Lang. and Literatures	The Portrayal of Hasidism in Modern Hebrew Fiction 1880-1920
Jaret, Charles L.	1,200	U. of Chicago Sociology	Residential Mobility & Local Community Organization of Chicago Jews
Mintz, Alan L.	4,200	Columbia & Harvard Literature	
Rubin, Gary E.	4,500	Columbia History	Professional Social Work in Sectarian Surroundings: the Development of Family Casework under Religious Auspices in the U.S., 1925-1955
Safran, Bezalel	6,000	Harvard Near Eastern Lang.	Azariah de Rossi as an Exegete of Aggadah
Schulman, Jay L.	2,000	SUNY, Binghamton History	An Urban History of the Community of Granada

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Wertheimer, Jack	\$ 2,050	Columbia History	East European Jews in Germany, 1868-1914
Zahavy, Zvee	6,000	Brown Relig. Studies	Traditions Attributed to R. Eleazar b. Azariah in Tannaitic Literature

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SUMMER STIPENDS RECOMMENDATIONS

(\$1,000 each)

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NAME

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT

Ariel, David S.

Brandeis  
Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

Berger, Morris B.

Harvard  
Near Eastern Lang. & Civilizations

Cohn, Reuven Z.

Harvard  
Near Eastern Lang. & Civilizations

Garfinkel, Stephen L.

Columbia  
Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures

Gribetz, Beverly

Jewish Theological Seminary, Inst. for Advanced  
Study of the Humanities

Kuperstein, Isaiah

Columbia  
History

Magnus, Shulamith S.

Columbia, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

Matt, Daniel

Brandeis  
Near Eastern & Judaic Studies

Miraglia, Dina D.

Columbia, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

Robinson, Ira

Columbia  
History

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING

## NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION AND CULTURE

March 15, 1975  
Fairmont Hotel  
Atlanta, Georgia

The Chairman welcomed all the participants and indicated that this Committee has been charged with the responsibility to do national planning in the field of Jewish education and culture. Its membership consists of community Federation representation plus representatives from the American Association for Jewish Education, National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Institute for Jewish Life, National Jewish Welfare Board and the National Jewish Conference Center. He stressed that the outlook of the Committee should be that we are building on the basis of past accomplishments in this field and that we want to move toward higher levels of performance. We are ready for a realistic and practical approach to meet the educational and cultural needs of North American Jewry. Background material made available to members of the Committee includes the report of Sidney Vincent on the three core agencies (AAJE, NFJC and IJL), the reassessment report of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, and the report of Arnold Gurin on the Institute for Jewish Life.

A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK

A first issue for consideration is the question of whether this field of Jewish education and culture can be organized under some overall national framework. In response to the question whether we can do national planning without involving the religious denominational groups, it was pointed out that currently the AAJE has representatives of the denominations on its governing body. It was further indicated that the core agencies are all basically supported by local Federations and that this makes it possible to bring them together within a national framework. It was stressed that whatever we do must take into account the "consumer communities" who are also supporters of the agencies, and the focus should be on what services they need.

Others felt that in reviewing the options presented to us for structuring these services the conclusion was overwhelming that we should proceed to a blue-print which would call for the merger of the three basic agencies. Some felt that this point of view was already articulated at the Chicago General Assembly and what this Committee should do is to develop a design and get community reaction and input.

There was a brief discussion of the time-table problem and although it was recognized that we need a substantive report by the time of the General Assembly, it is not necessary that we have the total task completed.



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It was pointed out that the three agencies, since they are Federation supported, have a basic commonality, yet it was clear that other institutional frameworks have to be involved for ultimate implementation. Therefore in designing a new agency we must pay attention to the need to develop programmatic relationships with collateral organizations and the plan should include this aspect.

Sidney Vincent stressed that the concern with this field has grown intense and that there is impatience for action. It is true that structure is not everything, but it is vital and the communities are hungry for guidance and it can be more effectively supplied if we develop an agency of sufficient size and with the resources to offer leadership, provide service and produce change.

#### AGENCY VIEWS

The agencies were asked to express their views.

The representatives of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture presented a divided opinion. One view was that they do not see a new structure as the main problem. They see the linkage between the national and the local as of greater importance than the structure of the national agency. They submitted a document which called for the establishment of a National Policy Research Council to bring about better coordination. They asserted that this was not a unitary field and quarreled with many of the assumptions set forth.

The other opinion was that the time is ripe for improvement and a unified structure can be developed to achieve the goals. There is room for an expanded role of culture in Jewish survival and we are not taking advantage of it. The question is how strong the communities feel about this.

Jerold Hoffberger, Chairman of the Institute for Jewish Life, reported that the word he hears from communities is to put together the strength and eliminate the weakness in order to serve the constituencies better. This Committee can help define the goals of the field and then a blue-print can be devised. The agencies' participation alone cannot define the goals, this requires community participation. The Institute for Jewish Life tried to fill a particular need and it would not want to see a program for innovation abandoned, but they have no objection to restructuring the agency apparatus.

It was pointed out that this is a great opportunity. The agency people respect one another, there is no acrimony, there is strong local interest, and there is an openness to change. We must not fail to take advantage of this, and our task is to seek out the common purpose and method and keep our sense of urgency, using the General Assembly as a target date.

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There was some concern that we could not do the basic job by next November. The communities need help and we should provide central planning which will really guide the communities. It was emphasized that we should try to develop a design which examines all the programs in the field and not just the agencies, and then try to interrelate them. Today communal concern in this field is greater and reflects a readiness to act, but our aspirations are also higher. There is much talk about priority for this field, but it has not been acted out because of discontent locally and nationally. We must focus on the needs of Jews and how to enrich their commitments and understanding of Jewish communal life on all age levels; then we should examine what we are now doing and how we can improve it. We need an overview to perceive the interrelationships and to treat the field as a unit. If we do this, we can then build the structure, decide the staff, and the finances.

#### COMMUNAL CONCERN AND FUNDING

Others pointed out that the communities are impatient and dissatisfied. Any new entity will need to excite the communities so that they will support it. With the current structure none have been able to get the support required and we, therefore, need a new approach. We must recognize that this Committee needs to involve the large cities to get their commitment and support. We all know that there is local rigidity in patterns of funding and that it will take great excitement to produce change.

Some felt that we can come up with a plan by November, especially if we limit our consideration to the three basic agencies. The product is good and we need to act boldly because the "shareholders" are unhappy. There is no sanctity to the original structure and if the three core agencies are committed to merger then we can move quickly. If they are opposed, we should know it since it might influence the direction of this Committee. The local communities were losing confidence in the national agencies in this field, but if this confidence can be restored, they will come up with the finances.

Herbert Millman, Executive Vice-President of NJWB, expressed pleasure at being part of the process. NJWB is glad to be aboard and it is proper that they should be there. NJWB and its centers are beneficiaries of Federations and should be subject to community discipline. NJWB constituents' relationship to Jewish education is different from its role in Jewish culture. The Jewish Community Centers focus on experience and on comprehensive programs with great variety, borrowing from all groups. The NJWB sponsors the Jewish Book Council and Jewish Music Council. At this time NJWB does not seek to be merged or absorbed or to absorb others. It is ready to participate to strengthen the field.

Isaac Tobin, Executive Vice-President of AAJE, indicated that he felt that if AAJE had the funds, they could do the total job, yet there is no need to maintain the name and the structure. He felt strongly that merely improving coordination will not do the job. To achieve drama you need a new visible entity that would highlight the new dimensions of the problem. We have faced too many unfulfilled promises and we should design

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a structure that would spell out what is supposed to be done clearly and in detail, cost out the programs and present the figures for financing by the communities. Nothing will be gained by merging the deficits of the three agencies. What is needed is greater resources with a probable cost of \$3,000,000 per year. Possible annual funding should include \$500,000 from the World Zionist Organization, \$500,000 from New York City, \$250,000 from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, and the balance from Federations.

#### WORKING HYPOTHESIS

Raymond Epstein suggested that the Committee adopt as a working hypothesis the desirability of a single organization and to examine what we should do if we would start from scratch. We should, then, spell out objectives, programs, and budgets.

Arnold Gurin stated that from the national perspective the issue has been how to mobilize greater resources for this field. He saw two needs -- programmatic change and innovation, including a stronger input into the local community. It was his guess that new resources would have to come from reallocations of old resources and that is why we need the restructuring to produce this reallocation.

It was also pointed out that there is need for a greater rationalization in the use of resources in this field. Many collateral agencies are expending large sums -- the World Zionist Organization, the American Zionist Youth Foundation, the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, etc. A strong national agency can help improve the picture.

#### CONSENSUS

The Chairman articulated the consensus: there is need on a national basis to design a new body to incorporate the goals and functions of the three core agencies, but not to be limited in its concerns to what these agencies have been doing...to focus on services, leadership and change.

Do we have any assurance that the local communities will fund such agency and use its services to meet their own needs and restructure their local operations? It was felt that if we limit our concerns to the existing organizations, we will not develop sufficient community clout to get financing. It was recognized that program comes first and funding must follow and that there should be no precondition regarding funding. It was also pointed out that even beyond funding there is value in a merger to improve the services and that we will have to go beyond the merger to lay out in specific terms the goals and objectives and to interpret in concrete terms how we will do a better job. The local community will require a local service entity to relate to the national agency, if this is to work, and the national agency may have to help reshape the local effort. We need substantial local community input to tell us what it is they want and need, but it is clear that this Planning Committee must come to communities with a specific plan to which they can react.

DESIGN A PLAN

It was therefore, agreed that a small group should be convened to begin to design a plan. The goal is simply not to put the agencies together, but improving the operations and to give local services never before rendered. The communities see the fragmentation and the overlapping by the collateral agencies and we will be able to deal with them better if we have a strong central operation and, hopefully, develop some order in the whole field.

It is clear that what we have now is not enough and that we need something new and exciting. We must bring in a definition of needs that would correspond to the local sense of priorities and project it in such a way that the program is clear and engenders the confidence that we can develop these services.

It was also pointed out that we can get a better commitment of top lay leadership and involve prominent people in the Jewish community with the new agency. It was also agreed that we should consciously test the emerging ideas with the communities all along the way.

In summary, it was pointed out that we are not at the beginning of a process, but in the middle of it. A small committee will digest today's discussion and work up a written proposal which will be sent to the core agencies and their response in reaction will then be used to modify the plan. The proposal should then go to the communities for their reaction and by September we should have a revised draft for CJF consideration. It is likely that the Committee would need to meet in May, if we are to have time to get the local community reactions.

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122 EAST 42ND STREET

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April 7, 1975

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$175.00 as per your statement in connection with your trip here last week for the Academic Advisory Council meeting. As it turned out, you probably spent more time on your congregational business than on ours.

Perhaps you have already talked with Bernie Martin about the sessions. All things considered, it was a good meeting and we came up with viable selections. Although the amounts requested by the applicants exceed what we had earmarked as a total, the Council authorized me to negotiate in a number of instances so that I am sure we will end up well within the budget.

Since we must get approval by the Foundation of the recommendations by the Academic Advisory Council, I plan to poll the Executive Committee by mail which will probably be pro forma.

Among other recommendations made by the Council were:  
1) the convening of a one-day meeting to deal exclusively with some of the policy considerations (preferably early in June); 2) revision of our application forms to provide for more specific information; and 3) the establishment of two annual publications prizes, one for the publication of the best doctoral dissertation and one for assistance in publishing a work by an established scholar.

We shall try to put together some drafts and send them out for comments and suggestions. On the matter of a meeting date in June, I shall welcome your suggestion. Since the recommendation for publication prizes involves a new project, it will require presentation to the Board or the Executive Committee and you and I should talk about that first.

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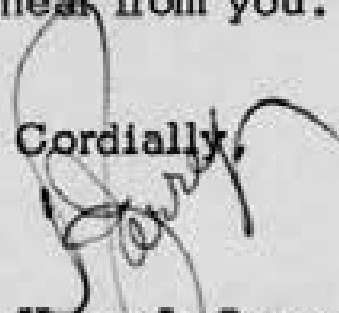
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

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April 7, 1975

I am enclosing for your information a draft of the highlights of the Atlanta meeting of the National Planning Committee for Jewish Education and Culture prepared by Charlie Zibbell. As you can gather, it is somewhat slanted. The Drafting Sub-Committee is meeting on April 11th and when it formulates a document we shall want to react to it, both individually and collectively. I hope you won't shy away from reacting. Do let me hear from you.

Cordially,

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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April 24, 1975

**Mr. Earl Morse, President**  
**National Foundation For Jewish Culture**  
**122 E. 42nd Street**  
**New York, N. Y. 10017**

**Dear Earl:**

**I recently received a resume of the National Planning Committee For Jewish Education and Culture dated March 15, 1975. One phrase above all struck me: "The representatives of the National Foundation For Jewish Culture presented a divided opinion." It is difficult for me to understand how in a matter of such critical importance our group was not prepared with a consistent policy.**

**Am I wrong that the emergence of what is called on page 5 "the new agency" is already a fact of life as far as the CJFWF and this committee are concerned? If this is the case I think that the Foundation Executive Committee should at least be forewarned about this loss of autonomy and be able to discuss it at some length. Frankly, I am shocked that things have gone so far without a call by you for a full discussion of this issue. Perhaps a new agency is a desirable thing, but it may not be. It would be a pity if we are coerced into it by our lack of attention to the work of this planning committee.**

**Are these minutes accurate? Has the National Foundation in fact agreed to the consensus listed on page 4 "that there is a need to design a new body. . ." If this is not the case have we submitted in writing our dissent? If this is the case on what authority did our representatives agree?**



[Apr 24, 1975]

You have seen the results of our March Academic Advisory Council meeting. I got whiplashed as far as attendance is concerned. I could only spend a few hours there, but the spirit was excellent.

Hoping this finds you in the best of health I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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cc: Dr. Harry Barron



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 8, 1975

Mr. Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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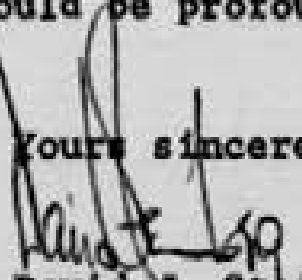
Dear Mr. Silver:

The Brandeis University Press has before it a manuscript by Phyllis Albert entitled "The Jewish Consistory of France: A Study in Social History, 1830-1870." This manuscript, originally submitted as a doctoral dissertation in 1973, was considered by Nahum Glatzer to be a manuscript "of major importance for the study of modern Jewish history and for nineteenth century European social history." Professor Rudy Binion has called it "a monumental scholarly achievement;" and Ben Halpern has described it as "a massive contribution to Jewish social history."

This massive study, even with editorial revisions and some cutting, is too expensive for the University to publish without a subvention. The Brandeis University Press, therefore, is interested in exploring with the National Foundation for Jewish Culture whether some money can be secured to assist in this major scholarly undertaking. The professional estimate of Mr. David Horne, the Editor of the Brandeis University Press and the University Press of New England (Brandeis is part of a consortium of six universities) is that the publication costs will be close to \$12,000. Since the Brandeis University Press operates on a very modest budget, and since it is prohibited by the University from operating at a loss, Dr. Albert's book remains neither accepted nor rejected. The University fully understands that Dr. Albert's scholarly career is affected by our inability to move the manuscript into production, and yet, lacking the funds, we cannot undertake the financial commitment.

Might it be possible for the National Foundation for Jewish Culture to assist the Brandeis University Press? If so, would the Foundation like us to submit either the revised manuscript or the various letters of recommendation which offer professional judgment? Do you have a Publications Committee to whom this inquiry should be addressed? We would be very grateful for any advice or counsel which you could share and for any assistance which might be forthcoming. I know that Dr. Albert would be profoundly grateful for any assistance that might be provided.

Yours sincerely,

  
David J. Steinberg  
Executive Assistant to  
the President

DJS/wlt

July 15, 1975

Dr. Harry Barron  
The National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

I received a long, completely paranoid letter from Neusner which complains about everyone in the Jewish studies field who has ever said a critical word. In any case, he forgives me but still does not want to come to further meetings of the Foundation and we are again friends - for what it is worth.

I would like to see a big dinner in New York for the announcement of the Federal funding. It might feature a lecture by some scholar, subtle fund-raising for matching funds and the display of the accomplishments of the Foundation. We might consider having it at the Columbia's Faculty Club or one of the university clubs. There ought to be a press conference before it and I would like to see Earl appoint a committee which includes a good public relations man to help organize it.

With all good wishes from house to house I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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July 15, 1975

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

Dear Dan:

There are two items on which I would like your opinion:

1. The matter dealt with in the enclosed letter from David J. Steinberg of Brandeis University has been before us earlier this year. Ben Halpern originally brought it to our attention and it was this request that sparked the discussion at the March meeting of the Academic Advisory Council and led to the recommendation for publication awards. Phyllis Albert was a NFJC doctoral dissertation grantee. Do you want to reply to the Steinberg letter? If not, let me know how you think we ought to handle it.

2. Recently, Yosef Yerushalmi phoned me on behalf of one of their 1975 Ph.D. recipients who apparently will not get a teaching position this year and whom Yerushalmi and Twersky would like to see spend the coming year in revising his dissertation for publication. Yerushalmi had heard that we might not be spending all of our grants funds this year and wondered whether we could make a modest grant to this young scholar. He explained that he and Twersky had explored all possible resources at Harvard and could not come up with any funds; that the man is without any income and has unique potential since he is one of the very few people who is exceptionally well versed in Judeo-Arabic. He is an Iraqi Jew and the first of the Kurdish group to have obtained a university education. When he came to Harvard several years ago, he was given a \$1,000 stipend by Teddy Kollek.

I explained to Yerushalmi that the NFJC no longer is making post-doctoral grants but that I would present the matter to the Academic Advisory Council when it met. At our June 26th meeting, I mentioned the matter briefly and Jack Neusner indicated that he knows Mazor, but we got no action from the group. Yesterday, Yerushalmi phoned again, this time to say that the Middle East Center at Harvard has named Mazor as a Research Assistant and will give him space and service -- but no salary. He again asked

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whether we could find any funds to help out Mazor, suggesting \$5,000. I asked him about approaching Harry Starr for a Littauer grant but he said that this is something that Twersky normally handles and he would ask Twersky to call me.

When Twersky called, he explained that they are in the midst of trying to get some "big money" from the Littauer Foundation and felt that it would not be advisable to approach Starr about this case. He urged, however, that we give special consideration to the matter and felt that Mazor will become a leading scholar in Judeo-Arabic. I could, of course, make no promises but told Yerushalmi and Twersky that we would look into the matter. They both asked particularly that I bring this to your attention.

I am now doing so. What do you suggest?

Cordially,

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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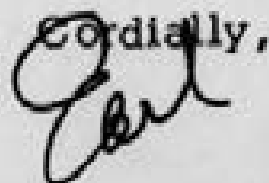
July 21, 1975

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

Dear Daniel:

Following up the action by the Board of Directors at its June meeting with regard to a Negotiating Committee to deal with the CJFWF National Planning Committee for Jewish Education and Culture, I would very much appreciate your serving on this Committee. I have asked Julian Freeman to act as Chairman and am inviting Martha K. Selig to serve as a third member of the Committee. I believe you will agree that this is a strong, independent Committee which can represent the Foundation in any negotiations that may be required. I am asking Harry Barron to keep the members of the Committee informed about developments and I am sure that Julian Freeman will convene the Committee when it appears appropriate.

My warm thanks to you in advance for your anticipated help.

Cordially,  


Earl Morse

July 22, 1975

Dr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

I think that Brandeis ought to be advised that we could not possibly contribute \$12,000 or anything like that sum towards the publication of the Albert book. You might indicate to them that we have never contributed more than one or two thousand dollars to any individual project. I would leave it without an outright rejection or agreement to participate. Let's see what their answer is. My guess is they are on a fishing expedition and will drop the matter. It could be suggested to Albert to contact the University of Alabama Press which is obviously capable of undertaking such a project without subvention.

On the Mazor matter, I gather he is an Israeli. Would he not be eliminated from our schedule for that reason? Wouldn't the Memorial Foundation be the appropriate vehicle for funding? Why not raise the matter with them and see what the answer is?

I trust this letter finds you in good health. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

July 24, 1975

Mr. Earl Morse, President  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Earl:

I will be happy to serve on the Negotiating Committee  
of the Foundation and I hope that we do not have too  
much to negotiate.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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September 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

FROM: Dr. Harry I. Barron

I am sending along a letter and materials from Dennis B. Klein of Rochester. Ordinarily, I would reply in the usual fashion to those who come to us "out of season". In this case, however, since we do have unused grants funds this year and the amount might be minimal, I have delayed replying to him until you have had the chance to consider the matter. What do you think?

I also enclose a copy of a letter from Peter Cole of the University of Illinois who is asking for a small grant to help prepare a volume on Hebrew syntax. It is one of those small items for which we have been given some discretionary latitude. How do you feel about this?

encs.



September 12, 1975

Dr. Harry I. Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

Sorry I could not be with you yesterday but with the Holidays and Jonathan leaving for Cambridge today it has been impossible. On the matters of recent communication:

- 1) I think we ought to reserve the money that was allocated to Gary Rubin and let it collect interest, let him re-submit his application next year and tell him that his work has progressed nicely. The grant will be given at that time.
- 2) On Peter Cole, there is no indication of who he is and why his volume of Hebrew syntax would be important.
- 3) Dennis Klein, this is not a full submission. We have no idea of his talents or background. He is working largely on a cultural history of those who happen to be Jews. There is no indication of his career plans etc. On the basis of the enclosed it ought not to be granted.

Hoping this finds you in good health and with all good wishes from house to house I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

October 1, 1975

Dr. Harry I. Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

*\* Report*  
In response to your letter of September 23 concerning the Advisory Council, the best name on the list would seem to be Klausner since we want some kind of geographical distribution. ~~\* Halpern~~ of course, would be an addition, but we already have Yerushalmi from Harvard. Alter would be an excellent replacement for Band; Konvitz for Halpern. Orlinsky for Neusner; Gordis for Sarna; and I agree about Sidorsky. Interestingly, his boy is now rooming with Jonathan in Cambridge.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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November 25, 1975

Dr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 E. 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

You were missed in Miami. The Annual Meeting went well and had a nice turnout. I was only sorry you weren't there to hear what was said about you. I am sure Abe has given you a full rundown of what transpired, both at our meeting and at the assembly. Most delegates I talked to felt it was the poorest assembly in years and that in the area of merger they were beating a dead horse.

Daniel Eleazar gave a good speech. Martha Selig gave a speech that was poor, boring and long. In terms of future planning we ought to schedule only one person or rigidly limit speakers to ten minutes. The program was simply too long.

My expenses to Miami were \$300.

Adele joins me in wishing you a speedy recovery. Happy Chanukkah.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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*Office of the President*

December 4, 1975

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

Dear Daniel:

At the Hanukkah Season it has become traditional for the Foundation to appeal to its Board members for a once-a-year personal contribution toward our Fellowship Program to enable young Jewish scholars to complete their doctoral work and qualify for college teaching posts in the field of Jewish Studies.


We are justifiably proud of the Foundation's major role in the development of Jewish Studies in American colleges and universities as well as in the assistance of a significant number of front rank Judaica scholars. But each year, because of insufficient grants funds available to us, we must turn down highly promising applicants who would undoubtedly make a valuable contribution to the field.

It is therefore important that we seek to augment the funds to permit us to increase the number of grants we can make to meritorious young scholars who will be a source of cultural enrichment for American Jewry in the years ahead.

If each Board member would accept the responsibility of giving or obtaining a gift of \$1,000 for this purpose we could substantially raise the current level of our Grants Program and intensify our investment in the people who will provide the intellectual leadership and stimulation of authentic Jewish knowledge for the rising generation.

We shall, of course, deeply appreciate whatever size contribution you are able to make to the Grants Fund, and shall be doubly grateful for your response during the Hanukkah period (and within the current tax year).

Warmest greetings and good wishes.

Cordially,  
  
Earl Morse

January 7, 1976

Dr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

Thank you for the Neusner article. I read it, but I confess I did not find it very useful.

I am returning under separate cover the Ramsey and Wilson book. Many thanks. I wonder if The Temple can purchase a set of the photographs of the East Side which I saw in the office.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

(Jan 8, 1976)

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The attached letter has been sent to George M. Zeltzer, in follow-up of the decision reached at the recent meeting of the "Negotiating Committee." I am sure that Julian Freeman as Chairman of that committee will be glad to have any reactions or suggestions you may have.

Carl

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January 8, 1976

Mr. George M. Zeltzer, Chairman  
National Planning Committee for Jewish Education and Culture  
P. O. Box 425  
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Mike:

I have been asked to transmit to you the conclusions of recent discussions by the Foundation's officers and members of the special committee to deal with proposals which may emerge from the CJFWF Planning Committee on Jewish Education and Culture of which you are Chairman. As you will recall, at the Foundation's Annual Meeting in Miami last November the Board decided that we should adopt a more active role in this process.

Accordingly, we have carefully reviewed the entire matter and we have reached a number of conclusions:

1) It is our opinion that the fields of Jewish Culture and Jewish Education, while having certain similar and parallel objectives, in most respects represent distinct and separate strata in their institutional and operational manifestations. In the light, therefore, of the differences in the nature of the organizational relationships, tasks and approaches required for the advancement of each field, there is considerable question whether it is feasible at this time to plan for a single unitary structure combining both fields. It would also appear the overwhelming problems and concerns related to Jewish Education would, in a consolidated organization, tend to dwarf and submerge many of the needs in the field of Jewish Culture.

2) Nevertheless, the Foundation is prepared to participate in the work of your Planning Committee and explore the possibilities for more effective reorganization. We are agreed that from now on the Foundation should have official representation on the Committee, and that these representatives will endeavor to reflect our thinking as well as share with us the developments of your Committee's work.

3) Meanwhile, since we realize that it may be some time before your Planning Committee will be able to complete its tasks, and recognizing the Foundation's responsibility to pursue its own program - not only in connection with its previous activities but also those new

Mr. George M. Zeltzer

areas recommended in the recent Reassessment which you headed - we shall proceed to examine the ways in which the Foundation's primary obligations to the field of Jewish Culture can be achieved more effectively for the benefit of American Jewry. In this we shall also explore with other relevant organizations the possibilities for cooperative planning and shared systematic areas of responsibility in the cultural field. We would be pleased to share with your Planning Committee whatever develops from these efforts.

4) We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you at your convenience to discuss these and related matters to help clarify the situation and to see how our plans can mesh with the thoughts you have for the continued work of the CJFWF Planning Committee for Jewish Education and Culture.

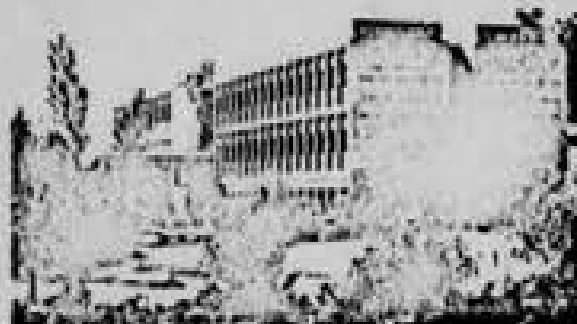
Please be assured that the Foundation remains eager to relate itself constructively to your Committee's efforts, and that we shall welcome hearing from you soon.

Cordially,



Earl Morse  
President





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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

For many years prior to 1974, the "Emet"- Rabbi Herzog World Academy had been receiving a substantial sum annually from the Scholarly Works Fund of the Philadelphia Board of Rabbis. With the establishment of Joint Cultural Appeal of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, this support ended.

The Talmudic Encyclopedia, our major publication, has been universally acclaimed as the greatest Hebrew scholarly work of our generation. This major research project will comprise a minimum of thirty six (36) volumes in Hebrew, and at least a similar number in an English edition. Fourteen volumes have appeared thus far, and we expect the fifteenth to be completed this year. Two of the English edition have also been published. The Talmudic Encyclopedia is the only encyclopedia in the field of Jewish jurisprudence and scientific research. It organizes under subject matter, in alphabetical arrangement, the almost endless material of the Talmud, and collects all the research on the Talmud made during the past 1500 years, from the days of the Second Temple through the middle ages until this day.

In order to help us cover the deficit incurred in the publication of each volume, and in order to continue the publication of the English edition, we had been asking for the support of the various Community Funds throughout the United States and Canada, in addition to the contributions we have been receiving from many rabbis and congregations. We are recognized as a Public Foundation, and may be supported with the sanction of the Internal Revenue Service.

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver(2) January 15, 1976

While we can appreciate the need for support by the many cultural programs in Israel, i.e. the Dance; Opera; Ballet and Symphony, we submit that the dissemination of publications that open the contents of the 'sea' of the Talmud to the public are of no less importance.

Rabbi Goldfarb has suggested that we write to you, to ask your help in interceding with the Council to add our institution to the list of those being supported by them.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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cc: Rabbi Harold Goldfarb



[Feb 25, 1976]

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Dr. Daniel J. Silver - 2

of a self-fulfilling prophecy arose:

7. We actually had to lay off all but three of a staff of 20 and two more are slated to be laid off on May 31, 1976 - unless...

8. Actually, because of the long delay, we decided that we just have to produce a practical, one-volume dictionary, but comprehensive enough to ensure an answer to 99% of queries, even if not containing 99% of the vocabulary - i.e. having ca. 150,000 entries of the highest frequency.

We could produce such a dictionary in less than five years. But we have no funds!

Shouldn't we make available a decent dictionary?

Very sincerely yours,

*Nathan Susskind*  
Nathan Susskind  
Director of the Yiddish  
Dictionary Project

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P. S. Just to indicate the devotion of the Founders of the Dictionary the Editors and Directors of the Project have been working full time without remuneration.

Kindly address your correspondence to me to my home:

82-15 Britton Ave.  
Elmhurst, N.Y. 11373  
Tel. 212-898-1813

cc: Dr. Bernard Martin

March 8, 1976

Dr. Nathan Susskind  
82-15 Britton Ave.  
Elmhurst, N. Y. 11373

Dear Dr. Susskind:

I want to thank you for your recent letter. I am discussing the matter with Dr. Barron and others of the National Foundation and I know they will be in touch with you. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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*cc. Dr. B. Martin  
Dr. Henry Barron*

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April 2, 1976

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, Chairman  
Academic Advisory Council  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Daniel:

Thank you for your letter of March 26th and for the list of awards. I'm sorry I could not be there on the 22nd but it was impossible to take additional time off between the AOS meetings of the preceding week and the celebration of the Centennial of HUC. The latter, by the way, was a memorable occasion with many plaudits also for your father. Sorry you couldn't be there.

I take this opportunity to put in a particularly strong recommendation for Chaim J. Milikowsky. He's a student of Sid Leiman here at Yale and proposes to, at long last, provide a proper edition of Seder Olam Rabbah: A Study of Rabbinic Chronology. I can hardly think of a more useful project from a variety of points of view. It has implications for Biblical Studies, for history and for Rabbinics and Chaim is just the man to handle it. So please assure Harry Barron that if I had been there I would have argued very strongly on his behalf. Any consideration given to this matter will be greatly appreciated. (And perhaps at the same time it will help to correct a certain imbalance I note this year in favor of Columbia, Brandeis, etc.).

With all best wishes,

cordially yours,



WWH/jac

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April 5, 1976

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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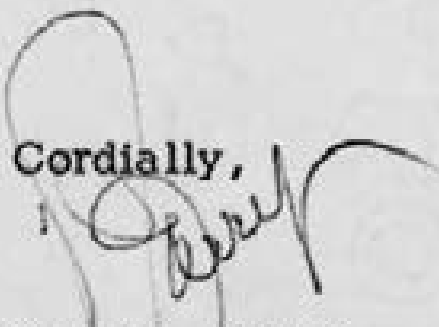
Dear Dan:

As you will see from the enclosed note to Bill  
Hallo, I undertook to comment about the Milikowsky  
application. Perhaps you will want to drop him a note  
when you can.

Have a wonderful trip. I shall look forward to  
talking with you when you return.

All the best.

Cordially,

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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encls.

P.S. I recently asked Sam Klausner for some information  
about the Center for Research on the Acts of Man of  
which he is the Executive Director. He sent along  
a brochure which I have xeroxed and enclose here-  
with; also an article of his "Synagogues in Transi-  
tion: A Planning Prospectus" which appeared in  
Conservative Judaism in 1970.

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April 5, 1976

COPY

Dr. William W. Hallo  
Sterling Memorial Library  
Yale University  
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Bill:

Since Rabbi Silver is not here (and in fact is leaving the country) we took the liberty of opening your letter addressed to him. We are, of course, forwarding it to him in Cleveland. I have noted your comments about Chaim Milikowsky. I should tell you that he is first on our list of "provisionals". Should we have some funds left from the first group of award winners, I think the chances are very good that he will get a grant from us since a number of those in the first group will receive grants from other sources which should leave a balance of funds to be distributed to at least one or two of the provisionals.

We all missed you at the March 22nd meeting but we found your comments very helpful. I hope you are well and I send all good wishes for a happy Pesach.

Cordially,

ek

Harry I. Barron



April 15, 1976

Mr. William W. Hallo  
Yale University  
Sterling Memorial Library  
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Bill:

Harry Barron forwarded to me your letter of April 2. I was in London for the week guiding a congregational tour of "Jewish" London. It was fun.

True, this year's crop of applications was exceptionally strong. You would have been pleased both at the quality of the submissions and in the manner in which the meeting proceeded. It was the most business-like meeting in a long time.

As Harry indicated, Milikowsky had a strong application and there is a good chance that he will receive a grant. He fell just under the line and whatever is left over will be placed towards a grant in his behalf.

I trust all is well with you and I hope that our paths will cross in the not-too-distant future.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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May 10, 1976

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

Dear Dan:

I have noted your comments in regard to Mark Epstein and Marsha Rozenblit. We now have a third awardee who is asking for deferment until next year.

The problem is not a simple one. It does entail a policy question and a matter of precedent. Last year we permitted three people to postpone their NFJC grants until this coming academic year and we earmarked the funds so that they would be available this Fall. When they get in touch with us prior to the new academic year, we shall review the situation to see whether they still qualify. But we didn't require them to submit a new application and to take their chances with the 1976-77 group of applicants.

It would seem to me that once having gone through the selection process and designated for an award, they should not have to undergo the same procedure the following year but should have a different kind of review centering around the progress they made in the intervening year and their need for financial assistance to enable them to complete their dissertation program. I am not averse to using the funds originally assigned to them for apportionment among the top alternates, but I think they should have some claim on the following year's funds if they pass muster otherwise.

Let's do some further thinking about this before we finalize our decision. Meanwhile, I will go ahead with Epstein on the \$1,000 for the summer course and suggest that he resubmit his application for next year.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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May 20, 1976

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Daniel:

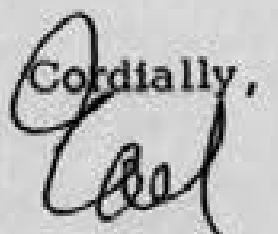
At our April Board Meeting it was decided that a special committee be appointed to study the matter of new methods of funding to make possible the broader scope of Foundation programming recommended by the Reassessment Report. Such an exploration will also deal with the feasibility and desirability of creating a corpus as proposed in the enclosed document prepared for Board discussion last month.

I am pleased that Amos Comay of Pittsburgh has agreed to be the Chairman of this Development Committee which I hope can bring in its recommendations early in the Fall.

I would very much like to have you serve on this important committee for I am sure you can be of real help in thinking through the matters with which it will be concerned. Mr. Comay has scheduled the first meeting for Friday, June 11th, 12:30 p.m. (Lunch) in the Louis XVI East Suite of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. I do hope you will make a special effort to attend and that you will let me know on the enclosed reply card.

The future direction and growth of the Foundation will depend in considerable measure on the outcome of this committee's work, and I therefore urge your active participation in its deliberations. My warm thanks in advance for your anticipated assistance.

Kindest regards.

Cordially,  
  
Earl Morse

encs.

[May 20, 1976]

## A FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

The following statement is put forward as an introduction to a discussion on the need for establishing new sources of funding to support the American Jewish cultural enterprise.

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Among aspirations and expectations that accompanied the creation of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture in 1959 was an underlying hope that it would serve as the surrogate of the Jewish community in planning for the creative Jewish cultural enterprise. Due to the decisions it had made in its first years, the Foundation was able to address itself in a substantial way to only one area of culture: Jewish scholarship.

In this area, the Foundation has established a creditable record of achievement. Through its grants it has assisted more than 250 scholars prepare for careers in Jewish Studies programs on university campuses, an achievement which has had great impact on what has been described as among the most significant developments on the American Jewish scene. It has been instrumental in coordinating cooperative efforts among major libraries and archival institutions, leading to a series of substantial grants from the federal government and developing into a continuing deliberative activity which promises much potential for growth and achievement.

Scholarship is only one of the areas in the cultural spectrum, and the NFJC has been restricted to this field by the way it is funded, depending as it does on community allocations from the proceeds of local annual campaigns. These allocations are now shared by eight other organizations in the Joint Cultural Appeal in accordance with a formula which will not allow for any substantial growth in NFJC income. And even in the field of scholarship the Foundation has not been able to do that which it felt was required in such areas as publications and research.

There are other vital aspects of creative cultural effort which, if given a modicum of support, could enormously enrich the substance of American Jewish life and help it emerge as one of the outstanding Jewish communities in our history. These areas, which have not received major attention by the organized community, revolve around artistic expression, whether in film, drama, literature, music, dance or the visual arts. It is through these forms that many among the rising generation can find linkage with the Jewish heritage, and through which an American expression may be given to our historic traditions. The Foundation has been the natural address to which those seeking support have turned to help carry out their creative activity. Except for academic grants, these requests have had to be turned aside because funding resources were not available.

If the NFJC is to begin to meet its obligations as the central address for the Jewish cultural enterprise, it must find a way to respond in a positive fashion to the needs that confront the community. To provide this response it is proposed that the Foundation establish a Fund for the Advancement of Jewish Culture which, operating through two divisions - one for scholarship and one for the cultural arts - would seek to stimulate and nurture creative efforts of recognized caliber reflecting the Jewish experience, themes and sources. A corpus of funds will be sought, the income of which will permit a sustained effort to meet the challenge. We believe that there are many in the Jewish community of ample means and possessing sufficient foresight and commitment who would be willing to participate in this effort that would put an indelible stamp of quality and excellence on American Jewish life.

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June 16, 1976

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Dear Dan:

I appreciate your coming in for the meeting of the Development Committee last Friday and for your participation. You are undoubtedly right about the amount of wheel-spinning that we shall have to endure until some significant results can be achieved. But it is better to do that than not move at all.

I shall need your help on this and hope that you will work with us in fleshing out the programmatic aspects. I will be in touch with you about this shortly.

Sorry that you had to put up with the inconvenience in getting to the airport. I hope you got back to Cleveland in time for your other commitments.

All the best.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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July 30, 1976

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

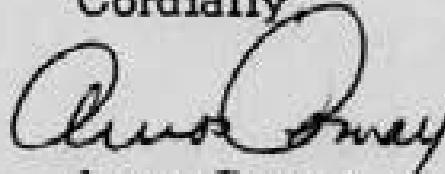
You have, I trust, recently received from me a report on the work and first actions of our Development Committee.

I should now like to invite you to serve on the special sub-committee on Program and Planning which is charged with the key job of exploring and shaping options for an expanded range of activities, particularly in the arts. Its chairman is the very able Sidney Vincent of Cleveland.

The first meeting of this group is scheduled for Monday, August 30th at 12:00 noon, a luncheon session at the Princeton Club in New York, 15 West 43rd St.

I know that your perspectives and participation can be of real help, and I look forward to your working with us on this very exciting project. I shall appreciate your letting me know via the enclosed reply card whether you will be at the meeting on August 30th. Kind regards.

Cordially



Amos Comay  
Chairman, Development Committee

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## MINUTES

National Foundation for Jewish Culture  
Development Commission--Committee on  
Program and Planning

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August 30, 1976 12:00 noon  
Princeton Club, New York City

ATTENDANCE: Sidney Z. Vincent, Chairman; Julian Freeman, Arthur Gelber, Max Jacobs, Nat Kameny, Mrs. Janet Lowenstein, Earl Morse, Julius Schatz, Mrs. Martha Selig, George M. Zeltzer.  
Staff: Harry I. Barron, Abraham Atik, David Ebin.

Unable to Attend: Amos Comay, Rabbi D.J. Silver, Lewis Weinstein, A. Walter Socolow, Saul Viener, Paul Vishny, Mrs. L. Strelitz.

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

After introducing the members of the Committee, Sidney Z. Vincent, the Chairman, provided some background information regarding its function. He noted that when the Foundation was first created in 1960 the arts were not included as

an area of priority concern for the new organization, though it was recognized that it should be taken up at an appropriate time. After a recent reassessment of the Foundation's program, the Board agreed that it would be desirable to expand its activity to include the creative arts. It then authorized the appointment of a Development Commission to explore in greater detail the shape and feasibility of a program in this area. The Development Commission met under the chairmanship of Amos Comay, and at its initial meeting decided to establish two committees, one on Program and Planning, and the other to discuss possible funding sources and strategies, under the chairmanship of George M. Zeltzer. As a preliminary to the discussion, the Chairman suggested that it would be useful if some information were provided on the actual need for a program in the field, and called on Julius Schatz of the American Jewish Congress and the Council on Art in Jewish Life to report on his experience.

### NEEDS IN THE ARTS

Mr. Schatz reported that in a typical nine-month period he receives approximately 200 requests for assistance for various creative endeavors. Many of these requests come from young people who are trying to express their Jewish

commitment in the contemporary artistic media. However, requests for assistance are not limited to the young, since established artists also seek subvention for various aspects of their work. There is a wide range of need reflected in the various requests ranging from exhibit space for plastic artists to the support of production for theatre groups, to financial assistance for creative individuals to secure the time necessary to work. He pointed out that there is no address to which requests in the arts can be referred, no process which permits for a proper evaluation of activities in this area. He noted that it is particularly the younger generation which needs to express its Jewishness through the medium of the arts, and in the light of the concern of the organized community about maintaining the allegiance of the young, this mode of expression must receive attention.

### DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the various approaches that might be taken in addressing the needs. George Zeltzer noted that while we have been talking about production, we need to pay attention to the consumers. Would there be a market for the efforts of the creative individuals assuming that they were assisted in producing their works? Janet Lowenstein responded that she considered it the function of any program that would

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emerge from these discussions to emphasize quality, and to assume that works of quality will find a proper audience. It is the quality of the creative effort rather than the potential audience that needed to be stressed.

Martha K. Selig suggested that any program that is being considered must be thought through carefully, to avoid duplication and to set forth criteria and a structure which will lend themselves to success. She suggested that in its early stages the program be a modest one. Arthur Gelber noted that only "laymen" were present at this meeting and that it is vital to involve those actually working in the creative fields in these discussions. It was pointed out that some creative people have already been interviewed and while at this first meeting basic policies and approaches needed to be discussed by a lay group, there was every intention to involve the creative artists in this process.

In the subsequent discussion a number of areas were reviewed, though not resolved. Included were the questions as to whether the Foundation should support the established artist or the younger undeveloped talent; whether to fund individuals only or also the mechanisms which foster or give a forum for creativity; and whether the program should support the strictly creative effort or include that which might be considered interpretive.

A summary of the informal agreements reached at the meeting included the following:

- a) It would be desirable to obtain as much factual information as possible about what different organizations are doing in the area of the arts, to know what already has been achieved and to avoid needless duplication.
- b) Creative individuals active in the arts should be canvassed regarding their perception of needs and for suggestions regarding programmatic procedures.
- c) Any proposed grants program will not be designed to subvent individuals merely because they are Jewish, but will reflect the Foundation's interest in fostering efforts that reflect or relate to Jewish life.
- d) Priority should be given to the quality of the effort rather than to its potential use by the organized community.

#### NEXT STEPS

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee should be held October 11, 1976 with ample time to deal thoroughly with the agenda. Prior to that meeting, a subcommittee chaired by Max Jacobs, will closely examine the questions that had been raised regarding the structure and form of a projected program, and undertake the task of interviewing prominent figures in the various arts media to solicit their views of needs and possible programs. It was also agreed that an effort will be made to have a number of these individuals participate in future meetings of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



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## INTERVIEWS

Interviews with representatives of the various arts and media will look to ask this range of questions-- by way of gathering deeper understanding of the needs in the respective fields, the talent available, the projects likely to be submitted and the shape of an eventual entry field of applicants:

- \* Please identify creative persons in the field whom you feel would welcome an opportunity to give expression to the Jewish component in their work? What are the current opportunities for this at present? To what extent have you been able to -- wished to nor needed to - produce and perform in this way?
- \* What are the projects and programs that you feel call for such support? Detail? Any priorities?
- \* To what extent were you hindered from Jewish expression in and through the arts in your career - for the lack of a central address and funding body such as is now under consideration? Similarly -- in the experience of your friends and working associates?
- \* What would you say has been or is the greatest barrier -- if any -- to the development of works of Jewish expression in your field?
- \* If you had the power to grant three fellowships of \$10,000 to \$15,000 each for a year's work and study; to whom would you make the awards this year?
- \* What do you feel is a meaningful sum of money to ensure that artists in your field have the "creative time" they need to produce a significant work or project?
- \* Would you be willing to serve on a Consultant Panel in your field that would screen applicants once such a program is set up? Whom else would you recommend?
- \* What spread if any, do you advise with regard to making awards to proven artists, and to those showing promise?

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MEMORANDUM

September 16, 1976

TO: Rabbi Daniel J. Silver

FROM: Sidney Z. Vincent, Chairman  
Committee on Program and Planning - Development Commission

Re: Progress Report

- I On August 30th, the Committee held its first session at the Princeton Club. Discussion of its agenda provided for general agreement on several main issues as well as marking a course to be followed. (See Minutes Attached.)

At the meeting's close, Max Jacobs was delegated to head a work force to gather further data, make in-depth soundings and draw up plans that would provide for sharp definition of a viable arts endowment program, and that would expedite further Committee consideration and decisions.

On September 6th, in a follow-up meeting in Cleveland with Mr. Jacobs -- with Foundation staff in attendance -- we reviewed and outlined the essential tasks, schedules and work required of his force. Additionally, the agenda and date for the next full Committee meeting was taken up.

- II On the basis of the two above-mentioned meetings, the following actions were agreed upon:

A. The Committee will next meet on Monday, October 11th at the Harmonie Club in New York. Following a working lunch, it will sit through the afternoon -- or later if need be - to permit ample time for presentations, reports, discussion and decision.

B. At that time presentations and reports developed by Mr. Jacobs and his team will be made in three primary areas:

1. \* The Opinions of Artists, Performers et al.

Interviews with leading practitioners and spokesmen in the various art fields will be reported on.

Those fields under consideration, within our purview, are these:

Music	Photography
Dance	Film
Theatre	Television
Painting & Sculpture	Broadcasting
Museums & Forums	

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Soundings with at least 2 members of each field will have been solicited. (The attached Questionnaire indicates the range of responses being sought.) Working with Mr. Jacobs on this are: Janet Lowenstein, Martha Selig, Julius Schatz, and staff. Regional canvassing is being undertaken by Saul Viener, Richmond; Paul Vishny, Chicago; and myself here in the Cleveland area.

The personal appearance of the artists themselves, it was felt, was not likely or in order at this time. However, it was agreed that the presence of one or two figures, such as a Theo Bikel, who bridge both the arts and the Jewish communal scene, would be helpful and should be sought.

2. \* Presentation of Program Models

A series of options as to the mix, focus and range--both short and long -- of a prestigious national endowment program for Jewish expression in-and-through the arts to be offered by the National Foundation, will be made.

The minimum price-tag for such Models-- specifically, the amount of monies needed for disbursement at both start-up and later phases will also be estimated and projected.

3. \* Statement of Purpose

This is to spell out the proposed program -- making clear what it is and what it is not. It will look to give simple expression to the Committee's consensus and feelings on such issues as: criteria of eligibility, need for and scope of program selection process in general, projected sources of funding (private), initial targets of service and eventual expansion, relationship with other agencies and bodies, etc.

This statement will serve as a draft for review and refinement by the Committee; thereupon to serve as guide-lines for the Funding Committee, and for possibly wider promulgation and dissemination.

C. Advance drafts of the Statement of Purpose and options as to Program Models will be mailed to all Committee members prior to October 11th -- to provide for proper consideration both prior to and at the meeting.

D. The major business before the Committee on October 11th, -- it is anticipated -- will be to:

Add and assess the findings of the artists and performers who have been interviewed within the overall picture of needs and trends of Art within the American Jewish community ..

Select the best Model for a national program serving the arts.

Fix a minimum price-tag for the start-up of such a program. (e.g. "w" number of awards to "x" number of persons in "y" categories will/should cost "z" amount of dollars.)

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Review and pass on the Statement of Purpose.

(The Committee's recommendations on the above items following the October 11th meeting will then be forwarded to the Commission for routing to the Funding Committee as a base for the start of its work.)

- E. Meanwhile, it was agreed, the Committee and staff would begin to bring the work of the Committee and of the Development Commission to the attention of major Jewish leadership -- specifically to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, to the National Jewish Welfare Board and to the executive directors of the large communities

It was felt that a sharing of this initiative, even at this early date, was proper and desirable and in the best interests of all concerned.

encs.

September 28, 1976

Dr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
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Dear Harry:

It has been a long silence. I understand that some of the staff was in Cleveland to talk to Sid. I would have loved a phone call.

I continue to think that you are walking up a primrose path in the arts field, but. . .

I think that publications awards announcement should be made soon, the date set for submissions - say May 1 - the first award to be announced in September of 1977. We should appoint a three or four man committee to be the Awards Committee, divided equally between the two fields. The announcements should be placed in our HAS Newsletter and circulated through their mailing list.

Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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October 11, 1976

Dr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

Sorry I couldn't make the Monday meeting. We are doing some work at the house and I could not leave before the contractors got there.

I am enclosing a copy of the CSR Bulletin, the last few pages of which are devoted to the Scholars Press. Basically, my idea is this:

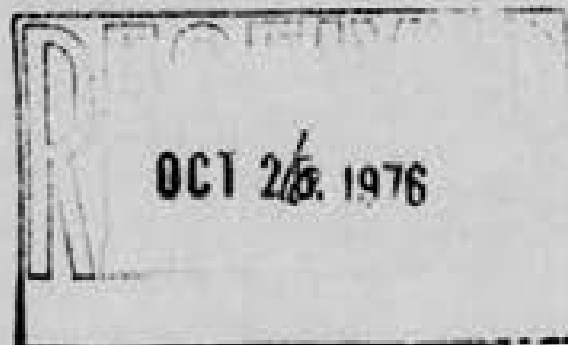
1. That the Foundation work out an agreement with Scholars Press about the publication of a dissertation series.
2. That our Academic Advisory Council be a Board of Editors for that series.
3. That we publicize the series broadly and aid in the dissemination of the published works.

Keep Well.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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740 West End Ave. #83A  
New York, N.Y. 10025  
20 October 1976

Dear Dr. Barron:

Thank you very much for your patience in reviewing my case. In my relations with the Foundation I have experienced nothing but consideration and solicitude. In the past few weeks I have been able to clarify my position, and with your permission I would like to give you some overview of the design of my scholarly training and then discuss my relationship to the Foundation.

As I have described to the Foundation before, my present plans result from a crisis of values I underwent several years ago, as a result of which I took the firm conviction to step beyond my involvement in English, secular literature and to devote myself to Jewish studies. The decision was made in the later stages of my doctoral program in English. In conjunction with Professor Twersky, who advised me at that time, I decided that it made sense to finish the degree in English and <sup>then</sup> proceed further. I wrote my dissertation (on George Eliot), and defended it in May, 1975 (it will be published in expanded form by Harvard University Press). During the two years I was working on the thesis—it took about half of my time—I began some advanced studies in Judaica. The year 1973-74 I spent at the Hebrew University studying texts from the rabbinic period, and the year 1974-75 I spent as a special student at Harvard studying medieval works.

At the time I was not entirely certain which period within the range of Hebrew literature I wished to specialize in, and in view of the fact that Prof. Twersky was on leave from his teaching duties during that coming year, I made application and was accepted as a Lady Davis Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Hebrew Literature Department at the Hebrew University. At the beginning of the year in Israel (1975-76) I made a definite decision to enter the field of modern Hebrew literature. The record of my work last year is on a separate sheet.

Although I considered remaining at the Hebrew University for a second year (the Lady Davis Trust had renewed my fellowship), I ultimately decided to return to America. Since my concentration was to be in modern Hebrew literature, there seemed to be little rationale for returning to Harvard; there instruction is given exclusively in medieval, and any work I wished to do in modern would have to be done on my own. Consequently I decided to locate in New York where Professor Dan Miron, perhaps the greatest student of modern Hebrew literature and the man who directed my studies last year in Jerusalem, was teaching. Prof. Miron, as his supporting letter states, has accepted responsibility for supervising my work for this year. My work will divide into two: a) an intensive series of directed readings aimed at reading the major texts of



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the Hebrew Haskalah, in the framework of a tutorial with Prof. Miron, and b) readings in modern Yiddish literature, in the framework of two courses taught by Prof. Miron and of a tutorial in language at the YIVO. In addition to these two major foci, I plan to cover some advanced topics in Hebrew grammar with Prof. David Sperling (Department of Religion, Columbia), to read some twentieth-century Hebrew texts with Dr. Avraham Holtz in the Spring, and to engage in private study of Midrash.

My formal institutional affiliation will be as a post-doctoral fellow of the Max Weinreich Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, Columbia, unfortunately, has no procedural provisions for post-doctoral fellows of this sort, although Prof. Michael Hertzog, the director of the Center for Israel and Jewish Studies, explored the possibility and was disappointed to discover that there was <sup>no</sup> such provision. I shall, however, be spending most of my time at Columbia and its libraries.

I wished to add that these arrangements have been discussed with Prof. Twersky. He wholeheartedly approves of my choice of the modern period, and he additionally endorses my studying with Prof. Miron. He requests that if there is any lingering question about the wisdom and coherence of my program, that he be called at home (617-232-7356) and that he will be happy to discuss the situation. Two years ago, after discussing the nature of my particular needs and qualification, we decided that if certain conditions prevailed that it would be more proper for me to do two or three years of post-doctoral work rather than a second Ph.D. Those conditions are: a) if the concentration I chose in Jewish studies was cognate to my preparation in modern English literature, b) <sup>the</sup> work was done under the supervision of certain recognized academic authorities, and c) if I proved myself to be serious and capable by publishing scholarly articles in the field. I feel that my work has fulfilled these conditions. The work I did in English is indisputably necessary to the study of modern Hebrew literature. I have eminent professors with whom I have studied and who are willing to speak on my behalf. And the two, long scholarly articles (one in Hebrew) which I wrote last year and which have already been accepted for publication serve, I believe, as proof of my commitment to the field and my ability to do significant work in it.

In terms of my relationship to the Foundation, as you recall, I was awarded a grant of \$4200 for ~~the year~~ last year (1975-76), which you allowed me to defer until this year because of my tenure last year as a Lady Davis Fellow in Jerusalem. When I informed you in the spring that I was planning to spend another year in Israel, you gave my line in the budget to someone else, as was entirely proper. However, I have returned to New York and am pursuing my Hebrew studies in what I think you will agree is an earnest and productive way, and while the Foundation stands in no obligation to me, I believe that there is a commitment in principle to the support of my work. The plain fact is that I need the money badly; if I were to work to produce the kind of income available from such a tax-free fellowship, it is hard for me to see that there would be much time left



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for productive scholarship or publication of any serious sort. It is an important transitional moment in my training and I hope you will prevent me from faltering at this crucial juncture. I understand that my request presents difficult technical problems and that you would have to finesse the funds from some other line in your budget, but I hope that you will do your utmost on this matter.

I shall call you shortly to find out if there are any question to be clarified, and if it isn't overreaching of me I would want to rediscuss the amount of funds requests in light of the overwhelming expenses of living in New York. Please do not hesitate to call Prof. Twersky: he expects to be gotten in touch with if there are problems or questions.

Thank you again for your attention. I am yours

Sincerely,



(Dr.) Alan Mints

Enclosures

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October 26, 1976

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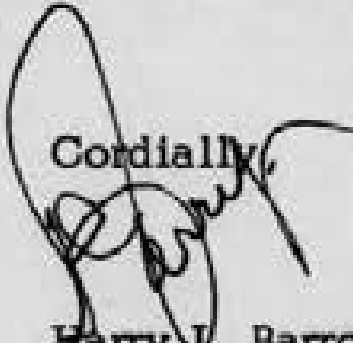
Dear Dan:

I enclose a copy of a letter received today from Alan Mintz to whom we awarded a grant for 1975-76 and which we agreed to defer until 1976-77 since he had received a Lady Davis Fellowship for study at the Hebrew University.

As you will note, there has been some shift in Mintz's field of study albeit it continues to be in the area of Hebrew literature. He evidently has done a good deal of work during the past year. He enclosed a copy of a paper he has written on Mordecai Ze'ev Feierberg and The Reveries of Redemption, a forty page article that has been accepted for Volume 2 of the AJS review, and he also has submitted an article in Hebrew (Leilot: from Romanticism to Symbolism) which is to appear in Kneset, Volume published by Mosad Bialik.

I would like your ok on releasing the funds for the grant to Mintz. We had originally earmarked the money and it is still available. Please let me hear from you on this.

Cordially,

  
Harry V. Barron  
Executive Director

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October 26, 1976

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Dan:

Today I received the AJS review Volume 1. I presume you have also gotten your copy.

My superficial scanning of the contents leaves me unexcited but not unhappy. It is interesting that nine of the sixteen papers were written by former NFJC grantees.

According to the terms of our grant to the AJS, we expected to evaluate the publication before committing ourselves to further grants. You will remember that we had some question about the publication of an annual rather than a periodical journal, but there is not much we can do about that. I gather that it is the Association's intention to continue to publish one volume a year. This type of format necessarily eschews such features as book reviews that one would expect in a more frequently issued journal.

I have written Charles Berlin reminding him of the understanding that copies of the publication would be made available to members of the Foundation Board. In view of the fact that it is now in the form of a book, there may be something of a problem about their willingness to furnish us with enough copies for our Board. I think we should send along a note to the Board about the publication. Do you want to get up something for this purpose?

Kind regards.

Cordially

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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October 29, 1976

Dr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
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Dear Harry:

I, too, received an AJS Review, volume 1, I guess as part of my membership in AJS. I agree with your general assessment. Perhaps it would be enough to send along to our Board a xerox of the table of contents and of the preface which indicates our contribution. I would let the accompanying note be simply an historical review of our relationships with AJS, sponsorship of regional conferences etc., and a numerical note of the identity of fellowship and donors.

On the Mintz matter, give Twersky a call and get a reading from him. If everything comes up as I think it will, I would release the funds.

What the hell happened at the meeting on funding of the arts? I have not heard a word.

Keep well.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

February 21, 1977

Dr. Harry Barron  
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Dear Harry:

I read the page and a half on publications. It's a ten-minute throw-together which indicates that the office has done no real thinking in this area over the past year. There is no information as to the organization of the Scholar's Press; there is no information as to how the various dissertation series are now being handled; there is no indication who should decide what should be subsidized and why. To say that I am disappointed would be an understatement. One of the reasons we have had this under fire for two years is that you have not taken hold and done the spade work. I will <sup>not</sup> bring this vague mishmash up another time and I am abashed at having gotten the approval of the Foundation's Board to a publications program which has not been taken any further. Please do the following:

- 1) Basic research into the Scholar's Press and the various dissertation series, the editors' cost of publication etc.
- 2) Discussions with local academics as to the specific audience for such a dissertation series, suggested committee etc.

I remain unimpressed by the funding of material by senior men in the field except in one area, the publication of a true research tool such as the Yiddish Dictionary. Please see that the above is done before our meeting.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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[Feb 21, 1977]

## PUBLICATIONS

At the 1975 meeting of the Academic Advisory Council it was recommended that the National Foundation begin to support a publications program. It was suggested that \$20,000 be allocated to this program to be spent over five years. Initially, the intention was to provide two awards a year for deserving manuscripts, one by an established scholar and one by a younger academic. There were serious reservations about this approach from the beginning, dealing as much with the substance of a program of this nature as with the difficulties of selection and administration. The following are descriptions of alternative programs that might be considered.

### Scholarly Publications Program

The objective of this program would be to permit the publication of a limited number of works of excellence through participation in required subsidization. To be considered for this program, a manuscript would already have to have been accepted for publication by a reputable publisher of scholarly materials (e.g. a university press) and to have been submitted for review by the Academic Advisory Council. A sub-committee of the Academic Advisory Council might be established for the screening process.

A number of stipulations might be desirable in administering a program such as the one described. For instance, the Foundation might in no case provide more than a stated proportion of the amount needed for subsidization purposes - one-third or one-half, and no grant should be larger than \$1,500 - \$2,000 (?). The Foundation might also wish to make a claim on royalties.

It should be noted that such a program would be criticized by at least one group, the American Academy for Jewish Research, which feels it already has a program of this nature and that funds for this purpose should be funnelled through them.

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Dissertation Series

It has also been suggested that we sponsor a publications series of deserving doctoral dissertations. In this connection, it has been suggested ~~to~~ link-up with organizations such as the Scholar's Press which could publish these works inexpensively. We would need to define the objectives of a program of this nature; are we trying to assist deserving young scholars to advance in their academic careers by allowing them to publish, or are we more concerned with seeing that first rate academic work is published?

Assuming we do define the objectives, ~~the~~ difficulties that need to be taken into account are that selection of these materials would be occurring at a manuscript level, prior to acceptance by any publisher and the screening that implies. This might mean a heavier workload for the Academic Advisory Council. In addition, some feeling has been indicated that scholars have a much greater preference, to the exclusion of any other alternative, for publication by "name" publishers and might not welcome the arrangement.

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March 17, 1977

Rabbi Samuel Z. Fishman  
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations  
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Dear Rabbi Fishman:

Thank you for your recent letter setting forth your plans for a new edition of the Catalogue of Jewish Studies in American Colleges and Universities.

We have given careful consideration to the matter and regretfully must advise you that we cannot at this time participate in the funding of this project. Our commitments in other directions preclude the funding of this publication.

I regret our inability to be of help to you at this time. If you have not already done so, you might want to explore the possibility of some assistance from the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds whose Committee on College Youth and Faculty might find it feasible to participate in this venture.

Every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

dbb

cc: Prof. Marvin Fox

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver ✓



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March 17, 1977

Dr. Nahum M. Sarna, Treasurer  
Association for Jewish Studies  
Brandeis University  
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Dear Dr. Sarna:

I have your letter of March 9th regarding volume two  
of the AJSreview.

We shall plan to send you the requested first payment  
of \$5,000 within the next few weeks. Meanwhile, it would  
be appreciated if you would furnish us with a statement on  
your evaluation of the first volume, and some report on  
the fiscal operation and distribution of volume one. You  
will recall that one of the conditions of our grant to the  
Association for this project was for there to be some assess-  
ment of the first volume before our commitment for succeed-  
ing grants.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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cc: Marvin Fox /  
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

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March 17, 1977

Dr. Robert Gordis  
Jewish Theological Seminary of America  
3080 Broadway  
New York, NY 10027

Dear Dr. Gordis:

Many thanks for your prompt return of the Summary Rating Sheets on the grants applications which you were good enough to examine.

It is good to know that you are planning to attend the meeting of the Academic Advisory Council on March 28th. I know that your participation will be of genuine benefit. We shall understand if you are a bit late. Incidentally, two other members will be coming in from Cleveland that morning (Dr. Bernard Martin and Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver). Perhaps you will even be coming on the same plane.

I have noted your suggestion about including a question on the application form regarding education in specifically Jewish institutions. At one time the application form contained such an item which was subsequently dropped in favor of the item on the top of page 2, "Other Relevant Education". Most applicants list their specifically Jewish education in this section.

In response to your question about the confidentiality of the evaluations, the only identification is made among the members of the Academic Advisory Council when they discuss a particular application. This information is not ever disclosed to anyone else.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on March 28th. Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

dbb  
cc: Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver ✓

March 30, 1977

Dr. Harry Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

I thought yesterday went exceptionally well. The group of young scholars was a good cross section. With the exception of Orlinsky, they were a much quieter lot. The conversation on the book prospect was appropriate and to the point. I am not at all unhappy with the decision not to proceed.

I know the amount of paper work this meeting entails. Clearly, the procedures we have now adopted are adequate with two exceptions:

1) There must be enough pamphlets of the three A's and two A's and one B applications so that everyone at the table can have a set.

2) We must make sure that theses prospectus' which are more than ten pages in length are xeroxed and mailed to the three original readers. The alternate proposal that the longer papers be sent back to applicants for resubmission would cause us to lose more time than simply xeroxing a few extra pages.

Abe Atik handled himself well. Please express my thanks to him. As always, my thanks to you for your help.

My expenses to New York were \$220. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

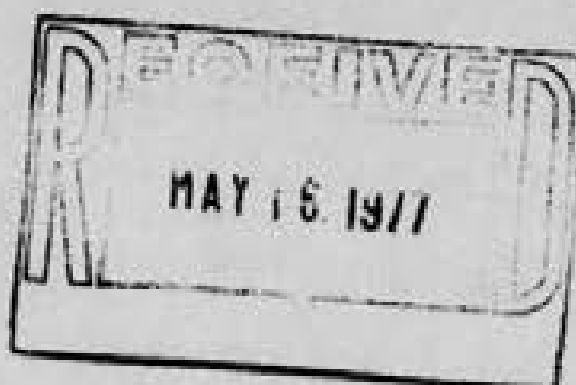
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Marc D. Rotstein

I spoke on the phone with Mr. Rotstein to learn about his present status. He has been discussing his situation with Professor Marvin Fox who feels that he ought to give up his teaching assistantship for next year and devote himself entirely to his dissertation (with the exception of his teaching at the Hebrew College). He has discussed the matter of a reduced teaching load with Dr. Grad and the details are to be worked out shortly. He indicated that he has completed about 30 pages of his dissertation which have been approved by Professor Friedlander. Unfortunately, Professor F. will be going back to Israel shortly but arrangements have been made for him to receive through Dr. Fox the new chapters to be written by Mr. R. Professor Brandwein will be returning to Brandeis this Fall but he has not seen any of Mr. Rotstein's material and Dr. Fox has intimated he will be the intermediary with Dr. Brandwein on Mr. R's behalf. Mr. R. stated that he may be facing increased responsibilities toward the end of the coming year because his wife is newly pregnant with the second child. When I explained that it would be impossible for the NFJC to approximate the \$8,000 he had requested in his application, Mr. R. quickly assented and stated that if the Foundation could grant him \$3,500, he would undertake to borrow the rest.

May 12, 1977



Marc D. Rotstein  
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Dear Dr. Barron,

Less than four months ago, my first progress report was submitted to the foundation. Looking it over prior to composing this second report, I note, with an ironic sense of bemusement, how incorrigibly optimistic I sounded, particularly with respect to the likelihood of completing the entire first draft by the beginning of June. There is nothing comparable to the

bracing task of writing as a measure, not only of one's intellectual prowess, but as a lesson in humility and self-estimation. Time has obviously become the predominant factor in all of my calculations; I have, almost unconsciously, began to measure my progress in terms of the number of checks remaining until my National Foundation grant runs out. This has provided both an unexpected impetus, and a cause for distress. For as my work made its inevitable twists and turns, backward and forward, (as shall be elaborated below,) I could not help feeling that I might be disappointing those who have lent me their ongoing support. In the middle of May, I stand ready to complete the second of four projected chapters. Though on the surface this may sound like an indication of moderate progress, a closer look may reveal otherwise.

The first chapter which I had been working on, the details of whose progress were outlined in my January report, was regarded from the outset as the seminal part of the whole. As such, it was considered by both Drs. Friedlander and Brandwein as meriting the most attention; in terms of approach to the original text and the presentation of the thesis. The method which each of the two has adopted toward the evolution of the work presented to them, is another factor

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which I have learned to take into account in gauging the progress of the dissertation. While Dr. Brandwein prefers making detailed comments on each section which he reads, often independently of comments made on previous sections, Dr. Friedlander waits to have an entire chapter before him and to make comments on the whole; in terms of integration of materials, treatment, matters of style, technique and other substantive observations.

Consequently, when I made my comments, in the January report, concerning the immediacy of completing the sixth, and last section of the initial chapter, I did not take into account the fact that considerable amendments (mostly additions,) will be called for by my advisors. Thus, the sixth segment, instead of containing a projected 20 pages, now contains 26, with a proportional increase in the number of pages of notes. Further, to properly support conclusions reached in the last section, substantive changes were also called for in sections three, four and five.

This exchange took the form of meetings held with Dr. Brandwein on January 21, when the original draft of the last section was presented, and again on February 15, nine days after having completed the second version of that section. Dr. Friedlander's reply to section #6 came on January 26. I mailed him a rewritten version on February 8. Work on the second chapter, tentatively titled "Irony in the Structure of a Single Short Story; A Study of Hirbet Hiz'ah", began shortly after my meeting with Dr. Brandwein. The first section of that chapter was completed on March 10, (with a copy mailed to Israel on that date,) and was followed by a meeting with Dr. Brandwein on the 24th. Dr. Friedlander's reply, indicating the need for minor changes, came on the 21st of March. Working at an increased pace, a shorter section was completed two weeks later, on the 28th of March. A discussion on this and earlier sections of my work was held with Dr. Friedlander on two occasions, on April 5 and on the 14th. A meeting during which the same subject was again raised, was held in Dr. Brandwein's home on the 29th of that month.

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An unexpected turn of events allowed me to spend Passover in Israel this past month; an occasion which I shall use to great advantage on behalf of my dissertation. The worsening condition of my wife's mother and her hospitalization, coupled with my in-law's desire to see their new grand-daughter, prompted my father-in-law to sponsor our trip to Israel for a three week period. It was during that time that I had arranged to meet with Dr. Friedlander for lengthy discussions on the progress of my work. While there, I spent a good deal of time at the archives of the G'nazim Institute in Tel-Aviv, making valuable additions to my bibliographic files. I was astonished to discover how many items were unavailable to me in the libraries with which I am associated; (Brandeis and Hebrew College,) among which were stories and articles that may very well compell me to reassess some points which I had taken for granted, and have even included in my written material.

Since the National Foundation fellowship funds are scheduled to run out in June, I was again counting upon a Summer teaching position at Hebrew College. However, curricular exigencies and other considerations have obviated this alternative; consequently depriving me of a significant component of my livelihood. May I add parenthetically, that however unpleasant, be it noted that an Instructor's salary at this college can simply not provide for even the basic needs of a family of four, with but a single provider. For even after five years of teaching, it is still necessary for a person in my position to seek additional sources of income to supplement one's paltry earnings. As an illustration, I may point out that my net earnings for the calendar year 1976, (taking Summer work into account,) were \$800 shy of the \$10,000 figure. Though it may not have been significant, my Summer earnings for the past few years have clearly spelled the difference between 'just making it', and 'barely making ends meet'.

Looking at my situation more optimistically, I must admit that given three months totally free of any academic commitments, is very welcome news

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to someone for whom time is of the essence. It will allow me to push forward my tentative deadline for the completion of the writing process to December. (Calculating progress at the rate of three months per chapter, and barring, of course, any unforeseen delays.) With this in mind, and once again asking your forgiveness for taxing your generosity, I would like to appeal for an extension of my grant for a duration and in a manner which the board deems advisable. I hope that this progress report and the circumstances outlined herein, will satisfy the advisory committee as to the legitimacy of this request, and will hasten a decision on the matter.

May I thank you again for your generosity and encouraging support throughout this past year, and for helping me bring my dissertation all the more closer to its ultimate realization.

I remain sincerely,

*Marc D. Rotstein*  
Marc David Rotstein



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Dear Dan:

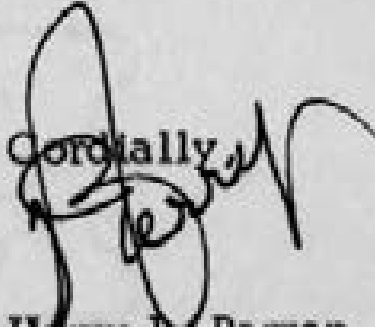
I am enclosing some materials on Marc D. Rotstein who is a current grantee working on his dissertation at Brandeis on The Ironic Sub-Structure in the Short Stories of S. Yizhar.

When Mr. Rotstein submitted his progress report in January, he expressed the hope that he might be able to complete his work by September and wondered whether the NFJC would be willing to extend our grant (\$3,500) for the three months of July, August and September. In my reply to him, I indicated that we could not give him any assurance on this since our meager financial resources were heavily taxed this year. We have now received his May progress report and it is evident that he is having quite a struggle to complete his dissertation in the face of financial pressures.

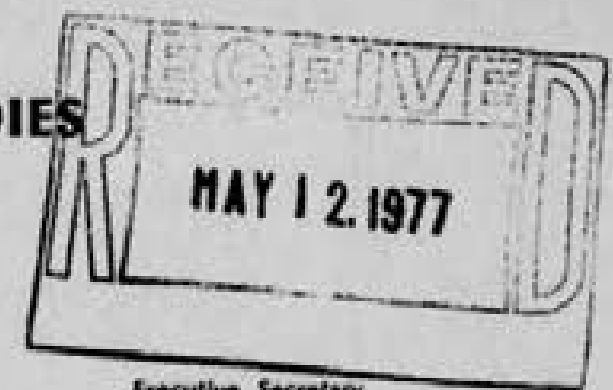
What he is asking for is approximately \$1,000 to carry him over the summer so that he can finish the dissertation. What is your opinion?

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Cordially

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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Dear Harry:

I must ask you to forgive <sup>me</sup> for the very long delay in replying to your letter of March 17, 1977 to Dr. Nahum M. Sarna. Dr. Sarna turned the letter over to me for reply, since the A.J.S. Review is in my hands. Unfortunately, this has been a very difficult time for me because of the critical illness of my very aged mother, and many of my normal duties have suffered because I have spent so much time travelling back and forth to Chicago. I am sure you will understand and I hope the delay has not caused any unusual difficulty.

Let me try to answer each of the questions which you raise in your letter concerning Volume I of the A.J.S. Review. First, as to the fiscal operation. The cost of producing the volume was \$14,502.40. This does not include the postage and distribution costs which were fully absorbed by the publisher. To offset some of the cost, we increased our dues by \$5.00 so as to help pay for the journal. 900 volumes were distributed automatically to all members of the A.J.S. whose current dues were fully paid. This 900 volume distribution represents an income of \$4500. This \$4500 together with the \$10,000 subsidy which was provided for us through the National Foundation for Jewish Culture covered the entire cost of production. It is expected that there will be additional volumes sold through the publisher to libraries and individuals. At this point, we do not have figures available for such individual sales, but we know that they have been rather small. The Review will be announced in the forthcoming catalogue of Ktav Publishing House and we assume that this will generate some sales. This answers the question you asked concerning both the fiscal operation and the distribution of the volume.

You also asked for an evaluation of the volume. Naturally, you may view my report as that of an interested party, since I am both President of the A.J.S. and a member of the Editorial Board of the A.J.S. Review. Nevertheless, I believe my evaluation is objective, and I should like to add that it represents not only my own personal views but responses that we have received from our membership and from scholars in the field in many places. By any standard, this volume must be judged as a serious contribution to scholarship in our field. It covers a

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wide range of subject matter, just as the field itself covers a wide range. It includes studies of biblical themes and moves all the way to aspects of recent American Jewish History. It seems to me that this volume gives a remarkable view of the range and scope of Jewish studies in the contemporary world.

As a matter of policy, we tried in this first volume to make place, in particular, for younger scholars and for people relatively new to the field who had special contributions to make. We take special pride in the fact that we have provided a scholarly forum for these people, and are pleased that the quality of their work satisfies the highest standards of rigorous scholarship. We hope to continue this policy, including younger scholars regularly in our publication, though we shall now have less hesitation about urging Senior scholars to share their work with us. For example, we had decided that members of the Editorial Board should not publish in the first volume in order to prevent the appearance of a house organ. There will be very little in the second volume by members of the Editorial Board. From that point on, however, we shall certainly invite our own Editorial Board to contribute freely to the A.J.S. Review, it being fully understood that their work will undergo the same critical reading and evaluation as that of every other contributor.

If we have any single concern as we evaluate this first volume, it is over the problem of the great diversity of subject matter dealt with in the A.J.S. Review. There are some who would like to see us devote individual volumes to a single topic or a single area of study. There are things to be said in favor of this proposal, but to do so would mean to reduce the interest of that volume from the totality of our membership to that segment which works in the particular field in question. There may be no totally satisfactory solution to this problem. Our Editorial Board will be discussing it very carefully when it next meets in the Fall. I cannot venture now to predict what policy decisions will be taken, but it is my own feeling that the virtues of wide scope and diversity of content outweigh the defects.

All in all, we are very satisfied indeed with our work thus far. Certainly, our intention is to continue to improve the review, to push it toward an even higher standard and to include within its pages the work of the ablest scholars we can publish of whatever age and of whatever intellectual persuasion.

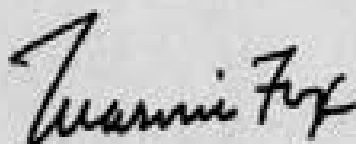
I hope that I have provided you with a sufficient answer to the questions which you raised in your letter. If there is any further information which you would like to have, we would certainly be happy to provide it. It would help us greatly in moving forward in the publication of Volume II, if it were possible for you to forward to us the first payment of \$5000 which you made reference to in your letter. We continue to be profoundly grateful to you and the National Foundation For Jewish Culture for the whole range of help which you have extended to us. Without your help we could not have begun to provide the range and quality of services to the community of Jewish scholars that it has been our privilege to

Dr. Harry I. Barron

May 9, 1977

offer. We are all deeply in your debt, and I hope you will extend our thanks to the Board of the National Foundation and to its officers for the confidence which they have shown in the Association for Jewish Studies and the support they have extended to us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marvin Fox".

Marvin Fox  
President

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May 12, 1977

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Dan:

The enclosed letter from Marvin Fox arrived today in response to my note of March 17th to Nahum Sarna, copy of which we sent you at the time. Are you in favor of our now releasing the \$5,000 to the AJS? Are there some comments that you would like to make on Fox's statement regarding the AJS Review? Please let me know at your early opportunity so that I can follow it up.

I have had a couple of calls from Marvin Herzog growing out of a session I had with one of our rejected applicants this year, who as I remember, was turned down largely because there was question on the part of some members of the Academic Advisory Council as to whether he would be able to get the kind of supervision he needs on his dissertation research from the History Department at Columbia. His dissertation project involves a study of the Jewish Community of Navarre, Spain prior to the expulsion at the end of the 15th century. One of his referees was a non-Jew who readily conceded that he is not qualified to judge the applicant's Judaic knowledge.

When I talked with the applicant who wanted to know why he had been rejected, I explained some of this to him. He readily admitted that there is no one at Columbia who could guide him on his dissertation research. Had Zvi Ankori remained, he would have been very helpful. I asked whether he had discussed the possibility of getting an outside person to serve on his dissertation committee and indicated such people as Yerushalmi and Feldman both of whom have worked with Spanish archival materials. He said that he had spoken with Yerushalmi who was rather short with him saying that he had given him more time than he usually gives his own students.

When Marvin Herzog called me about this applicant, he spoke about the concern that he has about the lack of adequate faculty at Columbia in this branch of Jewish Studies and asked whether we would be willing to write a letter to the appropriate Columbia officials expressing our concern about this lack as we perceive it in connection with applicants who apply to us.

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(I recalled that two years ago one of the people we had approved for a Summer Stipend decided to transfer to Harvard from Columbia because there would not be a suitable faculty person to guide him in his field of specialization. He has since spent two additional years at Harvard and is now to receive a Summer Stipend from us to help him with his comprehensive examinations there.)

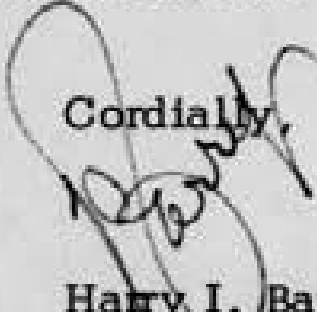
I expressed some question to Herzog about intruding ourselves in such an approach to Columbia but suggested that he should think about the matter further and talk with me again. Today he called to tell me that he thought there might be some movement at Columbia in the next few months and hopes to be able to share some of the details in the near future. He continues to think it would be helpful if we would write but he didn't press me about it today. He is still concerned about the rejected applicant and wondered whether we could help him in some way. I told him that as far as the NFJC is concerned we cannot reverse our earlier decision. I promised to look around for some other resources.

Any comments?

I see that you are not planning to come to the June 15th Board meeting. Is there some special reason that you can share with me? Can you be persuaded to reconsider?

Why don't you call me collect so that we can talk about several of these items and try to take care of them quickly. All the best.

Cordially,

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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May 19, 1977

Mr. Harry L. Barron  
National Foundation For Jewish Culture  
122 E. 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Harry:

In reply to your various letters: Marc Rotstein, in effect, is asking for an increase in his grant from \$3500 to \$4500. How did we arrive at the figure of \$3500 in the first place? What are your feelings about increasing a grant on the basis of a plea of need? Are we not opening a Pandora's box? Clearly, this man will not finish his thesis in September and his problems will continue. I feel that we ought to take a tough line on such requests, but I would be interested to know how and why we cut his \$8,000 request down to \$3,500.

On a happier note, I find Fox's letter satisfactory and, generally, share his assessment of the first volume. The AJS has acted responsibly and I would now release \$5,000 we promised for the second year. It has been money well spent and by the end of our granting period the JQR will be forgotten and a new and a better journal have emerged. By the way, Fox's letter should be shared with our Board.

On the Herzog matter, it is common practice for a university to hire a outside person to supervise a doctoral candidate when competent guidance is not available within the faculty. My own thesis was completed that way. The University of Chicago paid Solomon Zeitlin to work with me. No university can expect to have experts in all areas where graduates may want to work. It would be inappropriate for us to intrude. What really intrigued me was Yerushalmi's curt dismissal of this man. Is this devoted work in the interests of the advancement of Jewish scholarship, and how much time does he spend with his own men?

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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June 3, 1977

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Dear Dan:

I'm sorry that we missed each other on the phone today. I'd wanted to talk with you in particular about the NFJC Board meeting on June 15th.

I know you advised us some time ago that you would not be able to be here but I am hoping that you might now find it possible to attend after all. As you will see from the materials that have been sent out in advance of the meeting, a major item for consideration and action will be Amos Comay's report and recommendations regarding the creation of a grants program for the arts. I would not want this to go through by default or through inadequate consideration of the pertinent points of view. I would particularly urge you to take part in this discussion.

The Board is also being called on to approve the recommendations of the Academic Advisory Council on the grants awards for 1977-78. It would be good if you could make a presentation on this.

Apropos of the above, I sat in on a session the other day sponsored by the American section of the World Jewish Congress on the future of Jewish Studies in colleges and universities. The major speakers were Marvin Fox and Arthur Hertzberg. More questions were raised than answered but it struck me again - as it has so many times - that the NFJC ought to assert an initiative at this time in having a thoroughgoing examination made of the whole subject of Jewish Studies: where we stand; what are the needs; and what steps should be taken. It certainly has a bearing on our academic grants program.

The reason I am writing this letter is that I shall be in Washington for a number of days and won't have a chance to talk with you on the phone. When I get back to New York around June 8th I'll give you a ring. Meanwhile, please give some thought to the possibility of your attending the Board meeting on June 15th. Warm regards.

Cordially

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

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December 10, 1976

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Dear Dan:

When we recently talked about the article you plan to write on the Foundation's grants program, you asked that I furnish you with some of the details that you might not have at hand.

I am not too sure about the kinds of material that you would want but I am enclosing several items that might serve as "starters".

- 1- The list of persons who served on the NFJC Academic Advisory Council from 1968 until 1976. As you will see, there have been 35 persons. The customary term is 3 years although there have been some exceptions. Baron and Wolfson were honorary chairmen and Solomon Zeitlin is now an honorary member. I am sure you know the fields and institutional affiliations of all the individuals in case you want to include them.
- 2- Grants breakdown. This tabulation is on an annual basis with the exception of the period 1961 to 1970 where some of our data for individual years are not readily available. The categories should be clear: "Fellowships" refers to the doctoral dissertation grants; Grants-in-Aid are mostly post-doctoral grants to individuals; "Special Agency" are grants for agency-sponsored projects such as to the Congress for Jewish Culture, The Great Yiddish Dictionary Committee, Conference on Jewish Philosophy, Association for Jewish Studies, etc. "Publications" are for a variety of projects to individuals as well as organizations to make possible actual publications. A partial list of these is attached. In addition, there are such grants as the one to the Association for Jewish Studies for the AJS Review. Summer Stipends began only in 1975-76 so that thus far there have been only 18.

Rabbi D.J. Silver

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- 3- Lists of pre-doctoral grants, grants-in-aid, and summer stipends. There are 2 cumulative lists for the years 1961-1974; a list of pre-doctoral grants for 1975-1977, and a list of the 18 summer stipends.

I hope this will be of some beginning help. Let me know what other kinds of information you would like to have. Best regards.

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encs.

Cordially,

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director