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June 7, 1974

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
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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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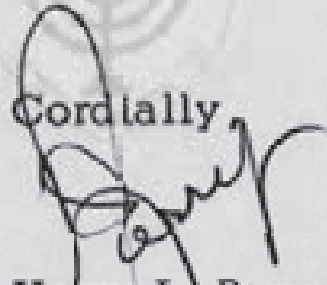
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4. Earl Morse has suggested that we change the place for our June 18th meeting. He feels that the NFJC conference room is too small and uncomfortable. He has reserved Conference Room A (10th floor) at the UHC building. I haven't yet notified people; 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


Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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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,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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June 24, 1974

Mr. Harry I. Barron, Executive Director
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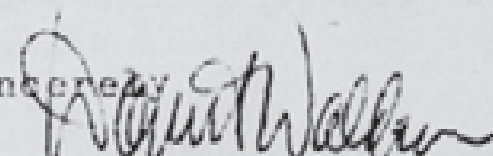
Dear Mr. Barron:

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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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

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June 26, 1974

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

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,

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,

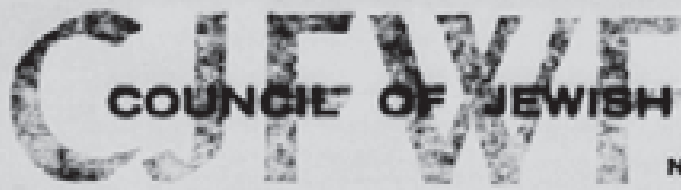
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Saul P. Wachs
Assistant Professor

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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,

Phil

Philip Bernstein

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July 15, 1974

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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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.

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.

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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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
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Dear Dr. Glicksman:

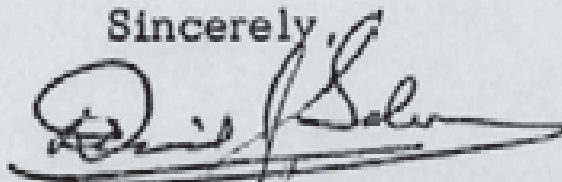
Please excuse the delay in replying to your earlier correspondence regarding possible assistance by the Foundation in financing the publication of your book on the philanthropic institutions established by the Jews of Eastern Europe. I have just returned from abroad and this is the first opportunity 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
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Philadelphia, Penna. 19143

Dear Dr. Grayzel:

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

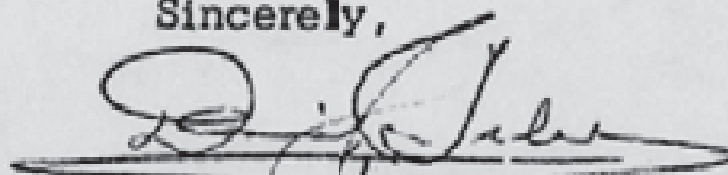
I regret the delay in replying but I was out of the country when your letter arrived and I have only now returned.

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. Glicksman'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 L. 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 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} JHS 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 staff. There's dynamite there.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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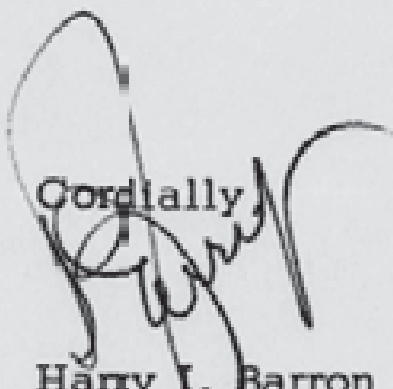
Dear Dan:

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
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
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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[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
concerns
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 — JEWELRY — 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 done

only very narrow way - only if family

mostly Jewish people -

AND then NOT Jewish identification directly

was - 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

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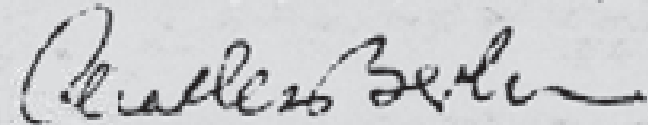
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Management functions will be assumed by the Association's Executive Secretary and his office. Needless to say, expenses in succeeding years will be significantly larger due to increased frequency of publication and inflation.

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
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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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[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	100

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	3000

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	300

Total, Stage II 32,000

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
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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

Doris B. Sattenstein
Office Manager

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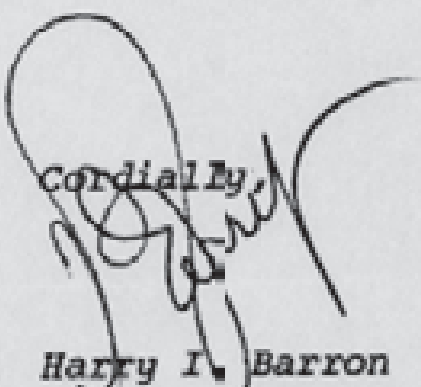
The enclosed check is as per your statement of expenses
for the trip to Boston.

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

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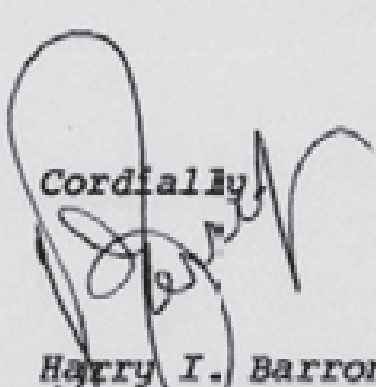
By this time you may have received your own copy of the Program for the AJS Sixth Annual Conference at Harvard on October 27th and 28th, but on the chance that you have not yet gotten yours, I am sending along a photocopy.

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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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*

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

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

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

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SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

October 27-28, 1974

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 Israel-Centrism
Avraham Avichai
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 Baggad
Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati

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

The Poetry of Consciousness of Nathan Zach
Arnold J. Band

5:00 P.M. Practica

I: Archival Research in Judaica:
Resources and Problems

Chairman: Nathan M. Kaganoff
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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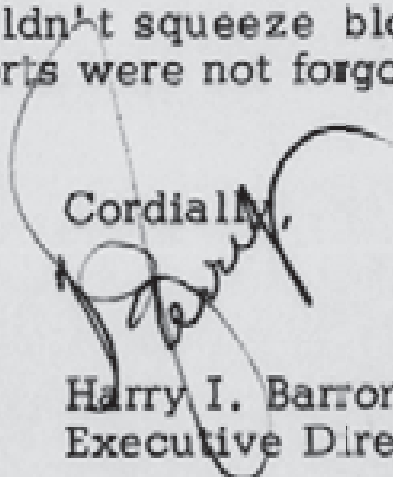
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Dear Dan:

Ernie 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
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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 L. 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 Berlitz 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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Encl.

September 12, 1974

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

Dear Yosef:

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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,

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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

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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

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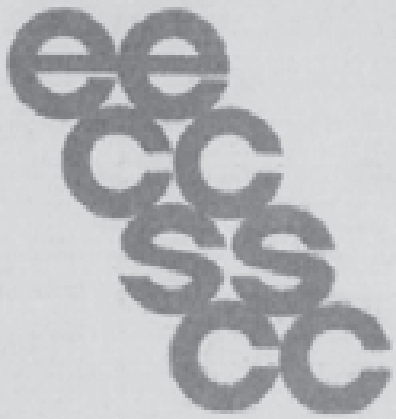
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December 19, 1974

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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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE
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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.

1975-1976

DISSERTATION GRANTS RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>UNIVERSITY & 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
Gitlin, 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. Azarian in Tannaitic Literature



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SUMMER STIPENDS RECOMMENDATIONS

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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.

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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April 7, 1975

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
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.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH CULTURAL AGENCIES

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National Jewish Welfare Board • Yeshiva University • YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

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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