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RABBI PETER RUBINSTEIN

February 9, 1978

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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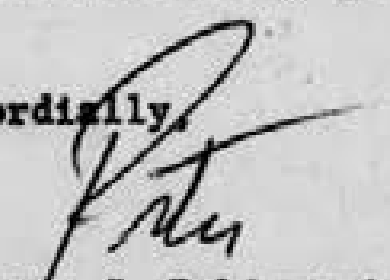
Dear Danny,

I hope your trip home from Memphis was uneventful and that you arrived in Cleveland without too much disruption. I'm sure you've heard, shortly after my return to New York, we were plagued by a snowstorm beyond dimensions of any other in the last three decades. If everything is bigger and better in Texas, we in New York like to have more of it. So unless the recent blizzard hit the mid-west as well, we should be reaching right up towards your 76 inch mark.

I just received the brochure from the CCAR on the Seminar at HUC on March 13th and 14th. While I will try to attend both days, I hope that we will have as well the opportunity to get together on a more personal level. It would be our pleasure to have you for dinner on either Monday night the 13th, or Tuesday night the 14th. We could mold our schedule to fit yours and if there is another evening that would be more convenient to you, please let me know. While we would be glad to have you stay over with us, we also offer round-trip transportation to and from the city. I hope we could provide you an opportunity to see how the other $\frac{1}{2}$ lives.

I hope your response will be a positive one. In any case, I'll look forward to seeing you at the conference in March and wish you good luck in whatever projects you are now working. I'll look forward to reading some of your work on Moses. So until March, please stay warm.

Cordially,


Peter J. Rubinstein, Rabbi

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THIS LETTER SENT TO:

Robert B. Alter, Salo W. Baron (Honorary), Joseph L. Blau,
Robert B. Gordis, Marvin I. Herzog, Samuel Z. Klausner,
Milton R. Konvitz, Harry M. Orlinsky,
Howard Sachar, Frank Talmage

February 10, 1978

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This year's meeting of our Academic Advisory Council has been scheduled for Sunday, April 2 and Monday, April 3, at the office of the Foundation in New York City.

Our plan is to devote Sunday afternoon (from 2:30 to 5:30) to a consideration of several matters of broad concern to the Foundation relative to its interest in supporting Jewish scholarship and publication. We shall reconvene Monday at 9:30 a.m. to review the grants applications and arrive at recommendations for awards. Hopefully, we can conclude our work by early Monday afternoon.

The Foundation office is currently preparing the application materials and will shortly be sending each Council member a reasonable number of applications in his particular field of specialization. Each application will be graded by three readers and those receiving the highest grades will then be considered by the Academic Advisory Council as a whole.

I do hope you will be able to be with us on April 2 and 3, and that you will be good enough to so advise me on the enclosed reply card. Your help is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver, Chairman
Academic Advisory Council

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L. Y. RAHMANI
c/o Chet Raphael Street
Jerusalem, Israel

Jerusalem, February 11, 1978

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Many thanks to you for your very kind letter of 23 January. Both Basia and I are always very happy to have you here for a visit, even if it is as short, as it was this time. If this gives one the opportunity to be in any way of help in the important work you undertake both for Israel and for the Jews at large, one can only be grateful. ~~Amx~~ Your words of praise, though surely far beyond anything we might have done, are none the less much appreciated.

I am enclosing my daughter's curriculum vitae, written in that strange language used in her profession. I trust however that those concerned will be ~~amx~~ duly impressed; I must confess that I was, never having realized how much this girl had already accomplished. I thus think that a scholarship would be well invested, to be later used in what we all are striving to do: to help Israel in all her needs, of which the psychological seems not to be the least.

I trust this finds you well. Please convey my greetings and very good wishes to all your family as well as our common friends.

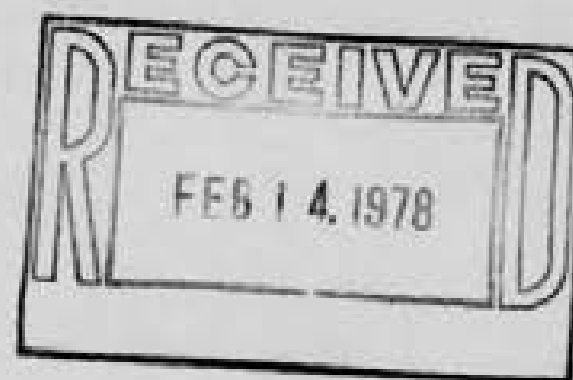
Sincerely,

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February 12, 1978

Dear Daniel,

I will, of course, be most pleased to serve on the Academic Advisory Council of the Foundation. After all, Cleveland's contribution to Jewish culture should never be underestimated!

I will look forward to more details, and clear the dates of the meeting. I can see that I'm likely to be in good company, and it is gratifying to me to be of service.

Sincerely,

Baruch A. Levine

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Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver
Chairman, Academic Advisory Council
National Foundation for Jewish Culture

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February 15, 1978

Dr. Marvin Fox, Chairman
Department of Near Eastern & Judaic Studies
Brandeis University
Waltham, Mass. 02154

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Dear Marvin:

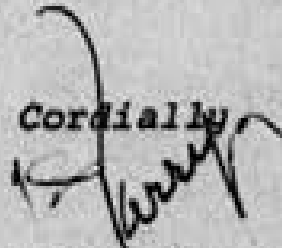
I am delighted that you will be serving on our Academic Advisory Council and that we will have the benefit of your active participation in its deliberations. I look forward to this additional opportunity to work with you.

We have now jelled on the time frame for the meeting of the Academic Advisory Council. We shall open with a session on Sunday, April 2, at 2:30 and run until about 5:30. Since a number of the Council members will be coming from other parts of the country, they may welcome an evening off to do whatever they want to do while they are in New York. We will get together again on Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock to devote ourselves to the review of grants applications. Hopefully we can complete this task by early afternoon. All of our sessions will be held in the conference room at the Foundation.

On Sunday afternoon we would like to consider a number of matters that relate to the Foundation's program in support of the field of Jewish scholarship. Among the areas requiring consideration is the present status of doctoral programs in the field of Jewish Studies and what the needs are at the present time and for the immediate future. Questions are constantly being asked regarding the continuing need of pre-doctoral grants as they relate to career opportunities in the field. You are in a particularly strategic position as president of the Association for Jewish Studies to share with us the facts as well as your views on this entire subject. The AJS two years ago undertook a survey of the field and again has distributed survey questionnaires to its members. Obviously, it will be much too soon to expect to get any results on this latest survey but I'm sure that you will be able to bring together the best available data that can be considered by the Academic Advisory Council. I hope you will agree and take on this assignment for presentation on the afternoon of April 2nd.

Rabbi Silver and I very much appreciate your help in this. If you have any questions about it, please feel free to call me collect. Warm regards.

Cordially


Harry J. Barron
Executive Director

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cc: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

February 16, 1978

Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein
Woodlands Community Temple
50 Worthington Road
White Plains, New York 10607

Dear Peter:

It turns out that Adele will be coming with me to the seminar and that ~~she~~^{she} will be there only one night. Without my knowledge she made some family arrangements. I have another suggestion. I have to be in New York on Sunday and Monday, the 2nd and 3rd of April. I have a meeting until around 5:30 Sunday afternoon at the National Foundation. Could we arrange to have dinner and spend some time together that night? My meeting is scheduled to be over between five and five-thirty. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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M E M O R A N D U M

THIS LETTER SENT TO:

Robert B. Alter, Marvin Fox, Robert Gordis
Marvin I. Herzog, Leonard S. Kravitz,
Baruch A. Levine, Harry M. Orlinsky,

February 28, 1978

To: Howard Sacher, Frank Talmage, Daniel Jeremy Silver

From: Dr. Harry I. Barron, Executive Director

The enclosed packet contains the folders of the grants applications that have been assigned to you for review and rating. It is hoped that you will complete this task within the next two weeks and return the Summary Rating Sheets in the attached reply envelope at your earliest opportunity so that we can have them by March 17th in order to enable us to duplicate the necessary materials in time for the meeting of the Academic Advisory Council, April 2nd and 3rd.

Two copies of the Summary Rating Sheet are attached to each folder: one for your own records and one to be returned to us. The material on each applicant is clipped together and contains the application itself (including GRE Verbal Score if available), school transcripts, reference statements, and in the case of the Dissertation Grant Application, the dissertation prospectus. Our office file for each applicant also contains at least one specimen of the individual's written work which we have not included here because of the bulkiness but we shall gladly send those which you would like to see if you will let us know.

The grading system we are using is: "A" - Superior, "B" - Merits Consideration; and "C" - Poor or Unsatisfactory. If two of the three Preliminary Readers grade an application "C", it will be disqualified for final consideration by the full Academic Advisory Council.

It should be pointed out that the Foundation has somewhat different objectives for these two types of awards. In the case of the Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships, we are interested in both the individual preparing himself for an academic career in some branch of Jewish Studies as well as in the young scholar from other academic disciplines who has selected a Jewish topic for his dissertation. In the former category, special attention should be given to the academic background and equipment necessary for a teaching career in Jewish Studies. In the second category, greater weight can be placed on the dissertation itself, although some consideration might also be given to the possibility of the individual's making a contribution in the future to a Jewish aspect of his particular discipline. In evaluating the Summer Stipend Applications, primary consideration should be given to the individual's academic record and preparation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone me collect. Your help in reviewing these applications is deeply appreciated, and we look forward to your participation in the sessions of the Academic Advisory Council. Please return your Summary Rating Sheets as quickly as possible, and bring your folders with the materials to the meeting on April 2nd and 3rd.

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February 28, 1978

Dr. Milton R. Konvitz
16 The Byway
Ithaca, NY 14850

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Dear Milton:

I was much disappointed to see your note to Rabbi Silver indicating that you have prior commitments for April 2 and 3 which will prevent your attendance at our Academic Advisory Council sessions. It is unfortunate that we could not find a date that would be convenient for all the members of the Council. We just had no latitude this time. We shall certainly miss you and trust that you can be with us next time.

Although you can't be present, it is our hope that you will agree to review the applications which we have assigned to you. Your help will be highly appreciated. The enclosed packet contains two folders, one for the Doctoral Dissertation applications, and the other for the Summer Stipend (to prepare for the comprehensive exams). The material on each applicant is clipped together and contains the application itself (including GRE Verbal Score if available), school transcripts, reference statements, and in the case of the Dissertation Grant Application, the dissertation prospectus. Our office file for each applicant also contains at least one specimen of the individual's written work which we have not included here because of the bulkiness but we shall gladly send those which you would like to see if you will let us know.

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Dr. Milton R. Konvitz

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone me collect. Warmest thanks again for your valuable help in reading and grading these applications. We shall look forward to receiving your Rating Sheets at your earliest opportunity.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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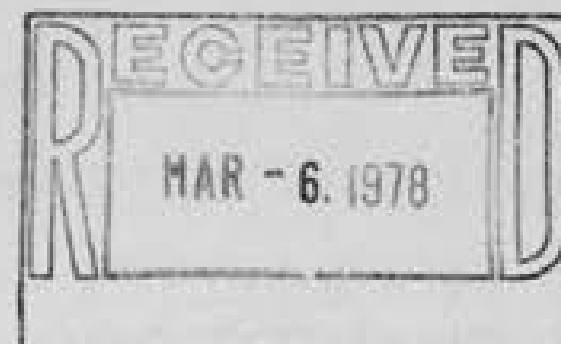
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ELLEN M. UMANSKY
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March 2, 1978

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

Dear Dr. Barron:

As per our telephone conversation this morning, I have enclosed a copy of the report which I recently wrote for my dissertation advisor, Joseph Blau. It summarizes the research which I have just completed in London and outlines the focus of my study of Lily Montagu as a leader of Liberal Judaism in England.

The manuscripts and other relevant material which I discovered, document the leading position which Lily Montagu held within the Anglo-Jewish community, reflect her religious thoughts and ideas, and credit her with having set in motion the Liberal Jewish Movement in England. Because much of this material is in private possession, and, it seems, will remain so, it is most important that these manuscripts be photographically copied and preserved in a library in the United States. Such a step would both ensure the preservation of these documents and make them available to researchers other than myself.

Knowing the exact location of these materials and having met the individuals who possess them, I feel best qualified to ensure their photographic reproduction. I am therefore writing to ask whether the National Foundation (or any other source of which you are aware) might be able to provide a grant-in-aid which would enable me to fly to England and have as much of the materials as possible put into photostatic or microfilm form. While I find it impossible to make out a specific budget at present, I would imagine that a round trip ticket to London, living expenses for about two weeks, and photographically reproducing approximately 3,000 pages of material, would not cost more than \$1,000.

I would appreciate your giving my request careful consideration and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you further.

Sincerely,

Ellen Umansky

Ellen Umansky
Columbia University

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Ellen M. Umansky
Department of Religion
Columbia University

I have recently returned from London, where I spent several months researching the life and thought of Lily H. Montagu and the role which she played in the development of Liberal Judaism in England. In addition to interviewing over thirty men and women who knew Miss Montagu well, I discovered many unpublished manuscripts which not only clarify Lily Montagu's religious ideas but also shed new light on the origin of the Liberal Anglo-Jewish Movement.

While Miss Montagu published fourteen books and fourteen articles during her lifetime (1873-1963), the manuscripts which I discovered in London indicate that to adequately study Lily Montagu's life and thought, an examination of her unpublished sermons, addresses, letters and other miscellaneous material is essential. At present, most of these manuscripts can only be found in London either in the archives room of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue or in private possession. The reason for this is that after the death of Miss Montagu's sister, Marian, in 1965, Lily Montagu's unpublished writings were separated and given to the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, Eric Conrad (Lily Montagu's nephew and literary executor of her will), and Bertram Jacobs, head of the European Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Mr. Jacobs has since sent that which was in his possession to the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati. It represents the bulk (but not all) of the World Union correspondence assumed by Lily Montagu between 1926 and 1962.

Currently in London, then, can be found the following unpublished manuscripts by Lily Montagu:

1. In the archives room of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue
 - a) approximately 150 sermons and addresses dating between 1911 and 1962
 - b) private correspondence between Lily Montagu and Israel Mattuck (minister of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue) from 1918-53. Many of the more than 100 letters written to Dr. Mattuck, express Lily Montagu's fears about her own capabilities, her feelings about traditional Jewish law and ritual and her vision of what Liberal Judaism should be.
 - c) correspondence between Lily Montagu and Julian Morgenstern (then President of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati) re: the decision of HUC's faculty and Board of Governors to give her an honorary "Doctor of Hebrew Law" degree (1929) and several letters regarding the early work of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.
2. In the private possession of Mr. Eric Conrad
 - a) a diary which Lily Montagu began on her thirteenth birthday, December 22, 1886
 - b) the handwritten draft of the original questionnaire written by Lily Montagu on March 3, 1899, in which she tried to ascertain the amount of support which she would receive were she to form a new, sympathetic association of English Jews (Also in Mr. Conrad's possession, is a carbon copy of the typed questionnaire and a list of people to whom it was sent).
 - c) a copy of the letter written in November, 1901, in which Miss Montagu invited a number of prominent English Jews to a meeting at the home of her sister, Henrietta Franklin. She marked the letter "Private and Confidential" and on the top of her copy wrote: "Draft of letter which started J.R.U."
 - d) the handwritten manuscript of the paper which Lily Montagu read at the first J.R.U. conference (1902)
 - e) the carbon copy of a letter written to her brother, Louis Montagu, on March 8, 1911, just after the death of their father, Samuel Montagu. The letter deals with the provision of his will which specified that Lily Montagu could not use any of her inheritance for Liberal Jewish purposes.

- f) a letter from Lily Montagu to the girls of her West Central Jewish Girls' Club (October, 1913) stating the evening classes which would be offered that year
- g) the draft of a letter which she wrote to an unspecified newspaper (no date) defending her relationship with her father
- h) a personal letter written to Claude Montefiore on November 13, 1913, in which she privately criticizes him for certain actions which he proposed at a recent Liberal Jewish Synagogue Council meeting
- i) the draft of a letter written to the editors of The Nation (December 16, 1917) re: a satire which they had printed on Zionism
- j) a series of letters (only one of which is addressed) to be opened on the occasion of her death. They specify how she wished all of her work to be carried out and indicate how she wanted her money and personal possessions to be distributed.

These letters were dated:

September 12, 1919
 July 20, 1931 (addressed to Marian Montagu)
 September, 1939
 December, 1939
 June 17, 1940
 April 20, 1954

- k) typed and handwritten instructions to her secretary detailing all of her daily activities (1945?)
- l) an address on "Claude Montefiore as Man and Prophet" dated July 5, 1941

3. In the private possession of Hans Woyda

correspondence between Lily Montagu and Bruno Woyda (Treasurer of the World Union) re: World Union activities and the decision to move its headquarters to the United States (letters dated between 1950 and 1960)

Lily Montagu's privately published writings, which had a limited circulation (and of which only one or two copies have been located, in London) provide additional information on Lily Montagu's religious thought. They include:

1. Thoughts About Home, a booklet written by "LHM, MM and CPL" (Lily H. Montagu, Marian Montagu and Constance P. Lewis), offering quotations from a variety of sources about the importance of home life (Liberal Jewish Synagogue)
2. "A Story of the 'Black Fast'" - a devotional short story printed in small pamphlet form. no date. (Liberal Jewish Synagogue)
3. "A New Years Fantasy" small pamphlet. 1924? (Liberal Jewish Synagogue)
4. "Strengthen the Things That Remain". Sermon published in pamphlet form, January 2, 1954 (Eric Conrad)
5. "A New Years Talk to Girls" -address at West Central Jewish Girls' Club, December 30, 1911. printed in pamphlet form (Conrad)
6. Club Letters- monthly letters (most of which are sermonettes), written by Lily Montagu to the members of her Girls' Club from 1939-October, 1961. Miss Hannah Feldman, a former Club member and worker and now head of the Montagu Club, has in her private possession, letters #3-236. An attempt to locate additional copies of these letters (as well as letters 1 and 2) has not proved successful.

Other useful, unpublished or privately circulated printed material not written by Lily Montagu are:

1. a letter from Samuel Montagu to Ellen Montagu (Lily Montagu's mother) dated February 27, 1875 to be opened by her after his death (Conrad)
2. a letter by Ellen Montagu "For my children to be opened after my death" dated April 6, 1911 (Conrad)
3. the original J.R.U. circular stating the officers, committee members, and objectives of the Union. Issued June 5, 1902 (Conrad)
4. The circular issued "to members and friends of the J.R.U. by the Committee" re: the formation of an independent, liberal synagogue, September 23, 1909 (Conrad)
5. Letters from male members of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue Council (May, 1918) on whether or not women should be permitted to speak from the pulpit. The favorable response elicited from the majority of male members resulted in Lily Montagu's being

asked to preach. She did so the following month. (Liberal Jewish Synagogue)

6. the draft of the original constitution of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue (Liberal Jewish Synagogue)
7. the report issued by the anti-Zionist "League of British Jews" after their first general meeting on March 14, 1918. Lionel de Rothschild was president of the League and Lily Montagu one of its members (Lawrence Rigal, minister of West Central Synagogue)
8. Letters to Lily Montagu re: her work as a justice of the peace written between 1920 and 1945 (Conrad)

In addition, Eric Conrad has in his possession several letters written by Claude Montefiore to Lily Montagu. These include:

1. a fourteen page typed letter in response to her questionnaire (April 12, 1899)
2. Letters in which Montefiore refers to Lily Montagu as the founder of the J.R.U. These are dated: November 9, 1922; January 18, 1926?; December 15, 1928?; and February, 1930.
3. Two other letters of interest are dated April 16 and August 11, (1916?)

A preliminary reading of these manuscripts and other documents suggests that it was Lily Montagu, and not Claude Montefiore, who founded the Liberal Jewish Movement in England. While Claude Montefiore became its official "Leader," Lily Montagu nonetheless was recognized as having originated the movement, assumed a leadership position within it, and worked with unfailing devotion to ensure its success. Briefly stated, my dissertation, entitled "Lily H. Montagu: Leader of Liberal Judaism in England," proposes to focus on Miss Montagu as a modern, Jewish religious leader. Following an introductory section on the religious life of London Jewry in the late nineteenth century, it will then concern itself with three major questions: (1) How was Lily

Montagu able to attain a prominent leadership position within the Liberal Jewish community? (2) Why did she initiate a new religious movement within Anglo-Jewry? What was her initial vision and how was this carried out? and (3) What, to Lily Montagu, did Liberal Judaism represent and what role did she envision for herself within the Liberal Jewish Movement?

In discussing the ways in which Lily Montagu assumed a position of leadership, I will first look at some general factors, such as the increasing participation of women within British public life; leadership positions held by women within the dissenting churches; the growing feeling that girls from wealthy families should engage in some useful work outside of their homes; and the spread of liberal reinterpretations of Christianity, Judaism, and more broadly, of that which constitutes the religious life. Then, more specific factors will be considered. Included among these are:

1. The high regard afforded the Montagu family within and outside of the Anglo-Jewish community
2. The numerous influential people whom, through her parents, Lily Montagu both met and befriended
3. The great amount of support and encouragement received from a number of her relatives (most important of whom were her elder sisters, Henrietta Franklin and Marian Montagu), co-workers and friends who believed in her sincerity and capability and the importance of her "cause."
4. Her early pioneering work in the British club movement which gave her the reputation of being a dedicated, sympathetic, and innovative young woman. Although her deep concern for Jewish working girls may have been viewed as having overextended the boundaries of propriety for a girl of the upper classes, the immediate success of her Girls' Club and the leadership role which she assumed in the British club movement generally, gave her enough self-confidence to widen her sphere of activity.
5. The publication of numerous articles (for example, "The Condition of the Individual in a Socialist State" which appeared in

the Westminster Review in 1896; "Mazzini: The Man and the Teacher" in Present Day Papers in 1901; and most significantly, "Spiritual Possibilities of Judaism Today" in the Jewish Quarterly Review in 1899); participation in conferences on Jewish education and on the duties of Jewish women; a booklet entitled Prayers for Jewish Working Girls which she wrote in 1895 using both Biblical verses and original prayers; Prayers, Psalms and Hymns for Jewish Children edited with Theodora Davis in 1902; and two novels (Naomi's Exodus and Broken Stalks) which contrast the old religion of externally imposed law with the new "truer" religion of love, sympathy and communion with God; all served to enhance her reputation within the Anglo-Jewish community prior to the first meeting of the Jewish Religious Union in 1902.

6. Experience in leading services added to her credibility as a religious leader. Beginning at age 19, she conducted services, held Bible classes, and gave frequent addresses on religious themes to members of her West Central Girls' Club. Out of these early activities, Lily Montagu's own West Central Liberal Jewish Congregation later developed and for thirty-five years, she served as its lay minister. In addition, from 1899 until 1909 (when the J.R.U. voted to establish an independent Liberal Jewish congregation), she led children's services in English as the New West End Synagogue, the orthodox synagogue to which her family belonged.
7. As a wealthy, unmarried woman, Lily Montagu had both the time and the financial means to launch a new religious movement. While her father later limited (through his will) the ways in which her money could be spent, she nevertheless had enough financial resources to devote herself full time to her numerous activities, could, if necessary, privately publish sermons, addresses and other material and employed several secretaries who helped with her correspondence. By remaining single, Miss Montagu adopted as the main purpose of her life, the revitalization of Jewish worship and the spread of Liberal Judaism throughout the world.
8. Later, after the J.R.U. was formed, Lily Montagu's reputation and prestige continued to grow. She served as the Hon. Organizing Secretary and later the President of the J.R.U. (after 1944 called the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues); was largely responsible for the formation of the World Union for Progressive Judaism in 1926 and served first as its Secretary and then as its President; acted as lay minister of the West Central Liberal Jewish Congregation and in 1944 was formally inducted as such; and helped many Jews leave Germany prior to and during the Second World War. She also instigated the formation of a German-Jewish congregation in London, financially assisted and housed several of the German refugees, and encouraged and supported those who were interested in becoming liberal Jewish rabbis. In 1920, Lily Montagu became one of the first female justices of the peace in England and in 1942 was appointed Chairman of the Westminster

Juvenile Court. She founded and served as President of the Maude Nathan Home for children; was a member of the Society for Jews and Christians; was secretary of the Women's Industrial Council; a member of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Women Workers; Chairman of the Industrial Law Centre; and co-founder of the National Organization of Girls' Clubs. She continued to publish books and articles, most of which focused on Jewish themes, and toured the United States with her sister, Marian, in 1930 and 1948. These and other activities reinforced and strengthened her leadership position.

After considering the various factors which made it possible for Lily Montagu to assume a position of leadership, I will examine why Miss Montagu sought to initiate a new religious movement within Anglo-Jewry and the part which she envisioned for herself within it. The major focus of this section of the dissertation will be on her sense of mission. Believing that Jews were witnesses to the reality of a living God, Lily Montagu felt that it was the duty of every Jew to stand as a witness to the truth of God's existence and the testimony inherited from his ancestors and passed down from generation to generation as well as to: "breathe into our belief the spirit of life which is taken from God Himself."

The religious crisis which Lily Montagu underwent at the age of 15, was precipitated by the realization that Orthodox Judaism, as she experienced it, was merely an external, objective part of her life. Influenced by the writings of Thomas Carlyle, George Eliot and Matthew Arnold and the poetry of Robert Browning, William Wordsworth and others, she began to formulate a new, inner conviction about what "real religion" should be. Once she discovered the writings of Claude Montefiore and found that it was possible to harmonize Judaism with this "living faith," she decided to initiate a movement which would attract those apathetic and indifferent Jews who had already disclaimed their Jewish mission. She

sought, as leaders of the movement, those Orthodox and Liberal Jews for whom Judaism already was a living faith. Her initial intention, then, was not to form a Liberal Jewish Movement. Influenced by the writings of Joseph Mazzini, she worked to form an association of Jews who were in sympathy with her desire to revitalize Anglo-Jewish life. Holding supplementary Sabbath services in hotel rooms, the J.R.U. did not see itself as a schismatic movement. Rather, it reflected Lily Montagu's dream of awakening within every Jew his or her own sense of mission as a witness to the all-pervading presence of God.

Lily Montagu and Claude Montefiore gradually realized that Orthodox opposition was forcing them to become a separate religious movement. The narrower goal of spreading Liberal Jewish ideas and establishing a Liberal Jewish congregation was thus added on to the original goal of revitalizing Jewish life. Later, the J.R.U. became the moving force behind a world organization whose purpose was to facilitate communication and promote understanding among all Liberal Jewish groups.

Last, my dissertation will carefully examine what, to Lily Montagu, Liberal Judaism meant. This will include a discussion of her major religious ideas and concerns, the ways in which her ideas developed, and the role which Miss Montagu envisioned for herself within the Liberal Jewish Movement. Believing that Liberal Judaism's teachings were the best means through which Jews could arrive at their own living faith, Miss Montagu sought to spread those ideas in whatever way she could: through her writings; her sermons and addresses; her efforts in establishing new Liberal congregations; her Club work which, she felt, enabled working class girls to recognize their own potential and human worth; and not least, through the example of her own life.

While she recognized that her sense of duty, singleness of purpose and willingness to work and make self sacrifices had thrust her into numerous leadership positions, she refrained from speaking about herself as a leader. Embued with a deep sense of humility, Lily Montagu continually minimized her achievements, and stressed instead the duty of helping others, the mission of every Jew to testify to the reality of God and to share this testimony with others, and the unique mission of modern women to express their particular spiritual power within every aspect of their lives.

While it does not seem possible (nor, perhaps, desirable) to bring the material which I discovered in London to the United States, it is of great importance to have, in this country, photographic copies of the writings which I have described. As documentation of the origin of the Liberal Jewish Movement in England and as a more complete record of the life and thought of the founder of this movement, these manuscripts significantly add to our present knowledge of Anglo-Jewish history and thought. In light of the fact that at present, this material is largely in private hands and the Liberal Anglo-Jewish community does not appear to have any future plan for gathering this material together, I would propose that a complete photographic record be made and preserved in an American library. Given the large amount of research in Jewish studies which is undertaken in New York City, the other historical resources available here, and Lily Montagu's own connection with H.U.C. and the World Union for Progressive Judaism (whose American headquarters is in New York), I would suggest that it might be most appropriate to house these records in the H.U.C.-J.I.R. library in New York City.

As I am familiar with all of the material described, know where the documents can be located, and have already met Eric Conrad, Hannah Feldman, Hans Woyda and John Rayner, Senior Minister of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, I would be most willing, should funds be made available to me, to fly to London and arrange to have these materials photographically reproduced. The cost of such a trip, over and above the airplane fare, would depend on the time it would take to reproduce this material and the cost of making either photostatic or microfilm copies. Were this material to be available in some photographic form, it not only would ensure the collected preservation of these writings but also would greatly facilitate future research in this area undertaken by others and myself.

RABBI PETER J. RUBINSTEIN

March 6, 1978

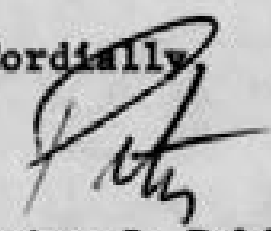
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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Dear Danny:

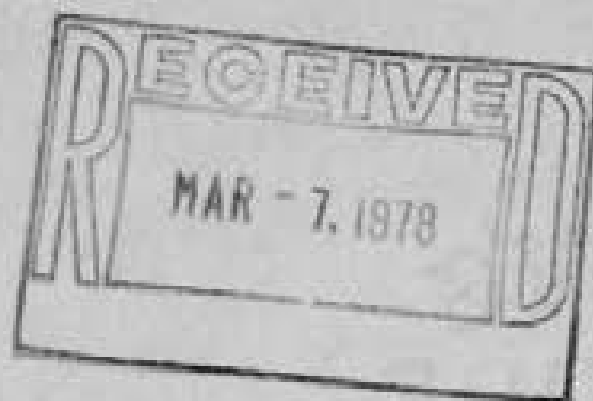
You're on for Sunday evening, April 2nd.
Just let me know the address of the National
Foundation. I'll be glad to take you up to
Westchester and then back to wherever you may
want to stay that evening. Again, if it would
be convenient for you to stay with us, we
cordially extend such an invitation.

I'll look forward to seeing you at the
Conference at HUC.

Cordially


Peter J. Rubinstein, Rabbi

PJR/jm



609 West 114th Street, #87
New York, New York 10025
March 6, 1978

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

Dear Dr. Barron,

As you know, I have been the holder of a National Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship for 1977-78, which was a deferral of my 1976-77 award from the Foundation, for work on my dissertation on "The Effects of Urbanization on the Jews of Vienna, 1880-1914," at Columbia University.

As you know from the Progress Report which I recently sent the Foundation, I am currently analyzing the computer output which I generated from the marriage, birth, and tax records of the Jewish community of Vienna. I have already completed the first chapter on the migration of the Jews to the Habsburg capital, and am presently working on the second chapter on occupational mobility among the Jews of Vienna. I plan other chapters on residence patterns, indices of assimilation, and the movement away from the dominant ideology of assimilation before World War I. I hope to complete a first draft of the dissertation by the end of 1978, and to defend in the spring of 1979.

I have just recently been made aware of the financial burdens of completing the dissertation. My dissertation will be long, approximately 600 pages, and the costs of having the manuscript typed (about \$1.50 per page=\$900), and xeroxing five copies for the defense, amounts to quite a sum of money. In addition, I have just learned that Columbia requires the payment of a \$600 tuition fee for the semester in which one defends one's dissertation. All of these expenses, of course, are in addition to the very high cost of living in New York.

Since I only recently became aware of these prohibitive dissertation-end costs, I was unable to submit an application to the National Foundation before the December deadline. I would however appreciate it very much if the National Foundation for Jewish Culture would be able to award me approximately \$2000 to cover these dissertation-end expenses. I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Marsha Rozenblit

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March 14, 1978

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

Dear Dan:

I am enclosing letters received from two of our current grantees: Ellen Umansky and Marsha Rozenblit. Their requests are self-explanatory.


How do you think you would like to deal with these? Rozenblit's request is for \$2,000 to cover completion costs on her dissertation. Umansky's request is for \$1,000 to enable her to go back to London and secure photographs and other reproductions of material on Lily Montagu which otherwise might get lost or destroyed.

Do you want to have either or both of these matters included on the agenda of the Academic Advisory Council meeting? I shall appreciate hearing from you at your early opportunity.

Warm regards.

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Sincerely,


Harry L. Barron
Executive Director

March 17, 1978

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

Dear Harry:

I saw Joe Blau on Tuesday and he mentioned the Umansky request. Clearly, it would be good to photostat the Montagu material. I wonder if this is a project which the American Jewish Archives or the American Jewish Historical Society could help out with. If the material is to be made available here it would seem that the AJHS is the proper place for it, but, really, her material belongs in England. Could the Memorial Foundation help out or the World Union For Progressive Judaism? The Litman Library has money for publication. She might approach David Goldstein and see if they would subsidize the microfilming in return for rights to her thesis as a book. In other words, I think we ought to help find the money but not have it come out of our pocket.

The Rozenblit question is a different one. Here it seems that we are asked to sponsor Columbia University. She wants money to make up her tuition fees, the cost of five volumes for the defense of her thesis etc. I doubt that we are in business for that and I would recommend that we do not make the additional grant. In coldblooded terms, she will see to it that she gets her license no matter what we do.

I am returning the Dimant material. Please attach it to the files that I have already returned to you. Please do not send me others. These additions are useless to me since I have returned the basic submissions and my grades.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Encl.

April 6, 1978

Mr. L. Y. Rahmani
14, Emek Rephaim Street
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Yitzhak:

I received two weeks ago your much delayed letter of February 11 and have made a number of contacts in New York as far as Miryam is concerned. I am keeping the pot boiling and will get back to you just as soon as there is something specific to report.

I trust all is well. Last week we had a brief vacation in Bermuda with all the kids. Given the news, we needed one.

As always,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

April 6, 1978

Dr. Harry Barron
National Foundation For Jewish Culture
122 East 42nd Street
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Dear Harry:

It was good talking with you. Here are the papers on
Miryam Yerushalmy. I appreciate anything you can do.
Please keep me in touch.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

Encl.

DRAFT

August 10, 1978

Dr. Marvin Fox, President
Association for Jewish Studies
Brandeis University
Waltham, Mass. 02154

Dear Marvin:

This is by way of follow-up to our telephone conversation regarding the conference scheduled for September 17th regarding the present status of Jewish Studies programs in American colleges and universities. I have shared the gist of our conversation with Rabbi Silver and both of us are ~~very much~~ concerned that after these many months there are still no data emerging from the AJS survey.

Obviously, we had looked forward to and expected that our discussions in September would benefit from the hard data derived from your survey. We ~~fully~~ agree that these discussions would be more productive if they were based on updated factual material rather than on general impressions, and that is why we selected a date far enough into September when we believed the findings would be available. As you know, the NFJC has asked its Academic Advisory Council to review the present situation in the field of Jewish Studies to determine whether any changes should be considered in our grants program in the light of the current and foreseeable situation. You well know that it has been our practice to develop a close relationship with the AJS wherever possible: to lend assistance in such areas as the regional conferences and the AJS Review; to encourage cooperation and consultation, etc. We want to ^{our relationship} ~~see this~~ grow and develop in other ways as well, and we certainly viewed the upcoming conference as another concrete instance.

But we are now faced with some serious problems. The Foundation Board is ~~expecting some~~ ^{expecting} recommendations for planning its grants program based on factual data that we were assured we would have from you. Since our recommendations must be in hand before the end of this year we must set some outside time limits for obtaining the data. If the AJS is unable to furnish us with this information by November 1, the Foundation

August 10, 1978

will feel constrained to gather ^{for its own} the minimum data it requires. We would, of course, prefer not to have to undertake such a task but may have to do so should the AJS not come through with its findings by November 1.

As for the cost of computerizing the data, inasmuch as the questionnaire material was set up with this in mind, it would take very little to complete the programming and running through of the data. I am sure that there are a number of computer outfits under Jewish auspices who would be happy to take care of it at no cost or at most a nominal charge. I am surprised that this was not taken into account when you planned the survey initially.

At any rate, Marvin, I hope you will give this your earliest attention and let me hear from you as soon as possible. Kindest regards.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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Dear Marvin:

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Shel Baran
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This is by way of a follow-up to our telephone conversation regarding the conference on the status of Jewish Studies programs in American colleges and universities scheduled for September 17. I shared our conversation with Rabbi Silver and this letter is to inform you of our decisions in this matter.

Following our useful discussion at the Academic Advisory Council meeting in April, the Foundation had looked forward to the receipt of the data derived from the AJS study in time for a September meeting. You will remember that the Foundation Board had asked the Academic Advisory Council to review the present situation in the field of Jewish Studies to determine what changes, if any, should be made in our grants program in the light of the current situation and foreseeable developments. The September meeting was scheduled to provide all of us with the necessary information well in advance of the budgeting process for next year.

The Board's mandate was not part of a retrenchment program, nor is it designed as a cover for a predetermined distancing from academic support, but to discharge the Board's responsibility to direct available dollars in the most useful way. All of us recognized a need for hard data before we could determine how our dollars could best be applied to the benefit of the whole field.

We were delighted with the offer of cooperation from the AJS and AJS's willingness to participate in the conference. Indeed, it seemed a happy new step in our long relationship which till now has seen the Foundation provide financial support for regional conferences, the AJS Review, etc. It is regrettable that the survey data has been delayed; and this fact faces the Foundation with some serious decisions. We must make certain recommendations to our Board and need to base our recommendations on hard data and not general impressions. Since our recommendations must be in hand before the end of this calendar year, we must set some outside

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limits for obtaining the data. We have decided to delay the September conference to mid-November. We have also decided that should the AJS not be able to come up with the information needed by November 1, the Foundation will be constrained to gather on its own these facts that are required. Such a resolution is not an ideal one, but we have no alternative.

Since you indicated that the questionnaires were set up to make computerization feasible, little in the way of monies should be required to complete that part of the analysis. I am sure that there are a number of computer outfits under Jewish auspices who would be willing to complete the programming and the running through of the data at a nominal charge or no cost. I am surprised provisions were not made initially for computerization of the data.

I do want to assure you of our continuing interest in providing support to the field of Jewish Studies and for close cooperation with the AJS, and I am sure you recognize our need to bring in recommendations within fixed time limits.

I hope you will give this your earliest attention. May I hear from you as soon as possible. Kindest regards,

Cordially

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

September 21, 1978

Professor Marvin Fox, President
Association for Jewish Studies
Brandeis University
Waltham, Mass. 02154

Dear Marvin:

As I mentioned to you in our telephone conversation, we are genuinely appreciative of your gracious cooperation in the matter of providing us with data from your survey. The NFJC has no desire to undertake the gathering of its own data at this time and would do so only if it was clear that you could not provide the information that we seek by early November. Since what we are looking for is essentially the simple tabulations of some of the items in your survey instrument, that should present no problem.

Of course, we would find it very helpful to get information showing movement or trends over a period of years but obviously you are not in a position to furnish such data except in a few limited areas such as your experience with registering job openings. If there is some way to project current information for a limited period into the future, that would be of real value.

Our primary focus at this time is a consideration of what the needs are likely to be in the next few years as regards existing graduate students to prepare for the doctorate in some branch of Jewish Studies. All kinds of relevant questions can be spun off from this but it would probably be wiser to limit our consideration to those aspects that have immediacy for programs like ours. For that reason I am keeping the scope of the questions on the appended sheet as simple as possible.

As I already explained to you, we shall need to hold ^{the} a conference in New York City and it would now seem that Monday, November 27th, would be the best date. We can start the session at 10:30 a.m. which will give everyone enough time to get in; and we can arrange to adjourn before the end of the afternoon.

Again let me thank you for your helpfulness throughout. I shall look forward to getting the material in the next few weeks - in any event no later than November 1. If you have any questions or problems with any of this do let me hear from you promptly. Warmest regards.

Cordially,

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Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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**INFORMATION SOUGHT FROM AJS JEWISH
STUDIES SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

- 1) Number and age distribution of persons engaged full-time in the teaching of Jewish Studies.
- 2) Percentage distribution of areas of Jewish Studies courses.
- 3) Percentage distribution of principal areas of Jewish Studies preparation or research among current professors.
- 4) Number of graduate students enrolled in Jewish Studies doctoral programs.
- 5) Number of persons expected to complete Ph.D's in Jewish Studies within the next academic year.
- 6) Number and type of Jewish Studies openings registered with the AJS in 1976, 1977 and 1978.
- 7) Number and length of Jewish Studies teaching appointments made in last three years.
- 8) Number of new Jewish Studies programs initiated in 1976, 1977 and 1978.
- 9) Number of Jewish Studies programs curtailed or eliminated in 1977 and 1978.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

November 8, 1978

Prof. Marshall Sklare
Sociology Dept.
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Waltham, Mass. 02154

Dear Marshall:

You may have heard from Marvin Fox that the National Foundation for Jewish Culture is convening a small conference at its offices in New York on Monday, November 27th, at 10:00 a.m., to consider what bearing recent developments in the field of academic Jewish Studies should have on the Foundation's grants program.

The number of participants in this conference will be very limited, and in response to our request of the Association for Jewish Studies that it designate the individuals from its group whom it would like to have attend, you were among the three named. We are pleased to extend a warm invitation to you to join us and hope that you will find it possible to do so. It is our expectation that we should be able to conclude our discussions by the middle of the afternoon.

As you may know, Dr. Fox last spring offered to furnish us with certain basic data from the findings of the AJS Survey, and he has assured us that these data will be made available to us in time for our deliberations. Since I know you have been closely involved in this survey, I trust that you will do whatever possible to make certain that we can have the benefit of the maximum findings to assist us in our discussions on November 27th.

I shall look forward to favorable word from you about your being with us on November 27th, and I express our warm appreciation for your anticipated help.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, Chairman
Academic Advisory Council

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November 8, 1978

Dr. Michael A. Meyer
Hebrew Union College - JIR
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear Mike:

I have tried reaching you several times on the phone but each time there has been no answer at your home and you were not in at your office. I am therefore dropping you this note.

Some time ago the Foundation Board requested our Academic Advisory Council to make an assessment of the current situation as regards Jewish Studies programs and the way in which this might affect the future planning of our grants programs. When this was discussed by the Academic Advisory Council last spring, Marvin Fox pointed out that the new AJS Questionnaire Survey would in all probability contain a good deal of information that would have an important bearing on such discussion and he offered to furnish us with the pertinent findings. We had originally hoped to call such a conference early in September but after a series of discussions with Marvin Fox it was clear that the AJS would not complete its computations in time for such a meeting. We therefore decided to postpone the conference until November 27th and explain to the AJS that we would have to have the data by November 1st.

Our most recent conversation with Marvin Fox earlier this week disclosed that the computations are still not completed but he assured us that we would have the findings that we have requested in time for our meeting on November 27th.

The participants in the conference will be restricted: in addition to representatives of the NFJC, we have invited the Memorial Foundation, the AJS and Milton Konvitz, head of the Hebrew Culture Foundation (which has made grants for Hebrew programs at various colleges). Obviously, both as the President-elect of the AJS and former member of our Academic Advisory Council, your participation in this conference would be highly desirable. We very much hope that you will be able to join us and we would be prepared to meet the cost of your expenses. The session will be held in our offices, starting at 10:00 a.m. and should be concluded by the middle of the afternoon.

Dr. Michael A. Meyer

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November 8, 1978

I hope you will let me hear from you at your early opportunity letting us know that you will be with us. We very much look forward to your participation.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

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Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

November 9, 1978

Dr. Michael A. Meyer
Hebrew Union College - JIR
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, O. 45220

Dear Mike:

I notice that in my note to you of November 8th I incorrectly listed the beginning time of our session on November 27th as 10:00 a.m. We actually plan to start at 10:30 a.m.

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Kind regards.

Cordially,

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

November 9, 1978

Dr. Norman E. Frimer,
Executive Director
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture
15 East 26th Street
New York, N.Y. 10010

Dear Dr. Frimer:

I have just learned of your appointment as Executive Director of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and I want to extend warm congratulations and good wishes. If there is any way in which I can be of help to you please call upon me.

I should also like to extend an invitation to you to participate in a conference we are having on November 27th to consider some of the implications of recent developments in the field of Jewish Studies in this country. As you may know, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture has been awarding fellowships and doctoral grants since 1961 and we are in the process of reviewing the situation in the light of current developments.

The session on November 27th (to be held at our office commencing at 10:30 a.m.) is limited to a very small number of participants representing the Association for Jewish Studies, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the Hebrew Culture Foundation and some members of our Academic Advisory Council. We hope to adjourn the meeting by the middle of the afternoon.

I do hope you will be able to join us and shall look forward to the pleasure of renewing our association. Every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

November 9, 1978

Dr. Milton R. Konvitz
Cornell University
P.O. Box 1000
Ithaca, New York 14853

Dear Milton:

Please excuse the long delay in replying to your kind letter of October 19th. I have been laid up and out of the office so that I was unable to take care of the accumulated correspondence.

I am delighted that you will be with us for the conference on November 27th for I know that we shall benefit from your participation.

Upon your suggestion we have extended an invitation to Dr. Moshe Avital to attend the meeting, and I am enclosing a list of those who we now know will be in attendance. There may be one or two others but if we are able to confirm them sufficiently in advance I will send their names along to you. I am sure that they will be pleased to receive a copy of the report of the Hebrew Culture Foundation.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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EXPECTED ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE ON
JEWISH STUDIES
NOVEMBER 27, 1978

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Amos Comay	Action Industries 460 Nixon Road Cheswick, Pa. 15024
Mrs. Milton Lowenstein	365 Irving Avenue South Orange, N.J. 07079
Dr. Harry I. Barron	National Foundation for Jewish Culture

Dr. Milton R. Konvitz

Dr. Moshe Avital

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATIONAL SETTING
OF NPJC DOCTORAL GRANTEES AT THREE YEAR INTERVALS

Year of Grant	Teaching Jewish Studies	Other College Teaching	Jewish Education	Jewish Communal Service	Other
1960-1961	55.	27.	9.	9.	--
1963-1964	38.	44.	12.	--	6.
1966-1967	77.	11.	6.	--	6.
1969-1970	45.	45.	5.	5.	--
1972-1973	70.	10.	10.	--	10.
1975-1976	71.	23.	6.	--	--
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T o t a l	61.	26.	8.	2.	3.

102
People

GRAND STUDENTS TO REMAIN IN '75 UNDER ^{YOUR} COORDINATION



16-1

13-2

8-3

3-4

4-5

IF THIS IS PIPE LINE THEN

NUMBER GOING DOWN -

BRADDO'S '77 316, DROP IN QUALITY & NUMBER OF

APPLICANTS -

PROBLEM OF 616 SCHOOLS TO JUSTIFY FACULTY -

MOM. FOUNDATION - NUMBERS DOWN -

BEST STUDENTS NOT GETTING TONKISH STANCE

MOM FOUNDATION

CALL STATE IN SPECIFIC AREAS

HIGH LINGUISTICS
NATURALITY

HOW TO KNOW SPECIALTIES

OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE

RETRAINING PROGRAM ! LINKAGE

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YEAR BEGAN STUDY

25-54	Fee	
55-59	12	
60-64	68	
65-69	148	
20-74	271	NOT
LITER	136	(lacked ^{yet as} monetary) //

NO who attended Seminars

OF 709

260	DID
<u>449</u>	DID NOT

63% in Field
NOT Published
School

[WURON]

DOES NOT include directly enrolled in PH

- DON'T KNOW YET IF THE CHANGE -

119 ATTENDED A HES COLLEGE // MAY ALSO HAVE DONE OTHERS

288 have studied in FRANCE

66 Further Study

383 Full Time Appointments

228 NOT Full Time

98 DIDN'T RESPOND

NO OF LEAD STUDENTS

16 HAVE OF 1

13 2

9 3

4 4

17 MORE ARE 4

CONFERENCE ON JEWISH STUDIES

November 27, 1978

A G E N D A

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS..... Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

2. DATA FROM AJS SURVEY TABULATIONS..... Dr. Marvin Fox

4. DISCUSSION OF THE DATA AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

4. OTHER AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION

Absorptive Capacity of Field

More Rigorous Admission Requirements for Doctoral Candidates

Liaison with Other Related Fields of Service

Standards of Excellence

709

774

Faculty by Field of Specialization
SELF IDENT.

Business Studies	65
Arts & Sciences	67
Journalism	49
Phil	55
History	150
Sociology	25
Health	46
Health Care	30
Yid Studies	20
Kol Bo	92

OF respondents 52 missing

611 & 709 HAVE OF ARE CANDIDATES FOR
46 HAVE OF ARE CANDIDATES FOR OTHER
ACCOMPLISH

Phd
numbers 442
expected 225

50% INCREASE IN 30 Y PER

When Phd - Professor 125

25-29	2
30-34	3
30-34	6
35-39	12
40-44	5
45-49	11
50-54	11
55-59	32
60-64	37

62-69	57
70-74	127
75-79	146
Expected	286

SOME AREAS FOR DISCUSSION

CONFERENCE ON JEWISH STUDIES

November 27, 1978

Standards of Quality for Doctoral Programs

1. Are there discernible evidences of change in Jewish Studies doctoral programs around the country? Where? In major private universities? State universities? Institutions under Jewish auspices?
2. Are there noticeable trends in the hiring standards of schools with regard to the quality of teaching personnel for Jewish Studies positions?
3. Have there been any suggested pre-requisites or beginning requirements for graduate students in Jewish Studies that have gained any considerable acceptance?
4. Has there been any attempt to set down a minimum number of faculty in a given graduate area to qualify for doctoral specialization?
5. What kinds of cooperative programs have been established among various graduate schools to encourage broadening students' background or strengthening specialized knowledge?
6. What kinds of testing programs are utilized by schools without specialized faculty to determine capacity of students to handle texts and special languages?
7. To what extent are specialists from other institutions invited to serve on Dissertation Committees, etc.?
8. Is it feasible to develop suggested minimum standards for certain types of Jewish Studies courses? Both syllabi as well as academic preparation of instructors?
9. How do we know whether the preparation of Jewish Studies teaching personnel today is better than ten years ago? Can we establish continuing data collection that will furnish us with this information at regular intervals?

of 207 - 519 in NG/Peru

NO in Faculty 1 no of PhD's / no of undergraduate

Held on 17 Ind's

Youth of Field

Levels - Rank

22% Genl CT	22%	lect	4.2%
Admin.	1.6%	inst	4.7%
Lib	2.5%	asst fac	16.8%
		assoc fac	12.1%
		prof	14.5%
} 47%			

Years in most post of those holding academic position in present institution

1-4 yrs	174	Actual
5-9	81	
10-14	41	
15-	25	

TERMINAL
196 NO
124 YES
8 Retired

AGE DIST. of 209 of those who specified

268 missing
Cases

1953 - 1975	12	} 70%
1944 - 53	196	
1934 - 43	112	

~~574~~ 574 Male
114 Female

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE ON JEWISH STUDIES

NOVEMBER 27, 1978

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, Chairman

~~Dr. Charles Berlin~~ - Association for Jewish Studies

~~Amos Comay~~ - National Foundation for Jewish Culture

Dr. Marvin Fox - AJS

Dr. Marvin I. Herzog - NFJC-AAC

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum - Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture

Dr. Milton Konvitz - Hebrew Culture Foundation; AAC

Dr. Baruch Levine - NFJC-AAC (Former Pres. AJS)

~~Mrs. Milton Lowenstein~~ - NFJC

Dr. Michael Meyer - Pres.-Elect AJS; AAC-NFJC

Dr. Harry Orlinsky - AAC-NFJC

~~Dr. Marshall Sklare~~ - AJS

Dr. Harry I. Barron)
Abraham Atik) NFJC Staff

Invited but not expected:

Dr. Moshe Avital - Hebrew Culture Foundation

Dr. Norman Primer - Memorial Foundation

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AJS 353 in Full
Teaching
525/550 DEGREE
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60% RESPONSE
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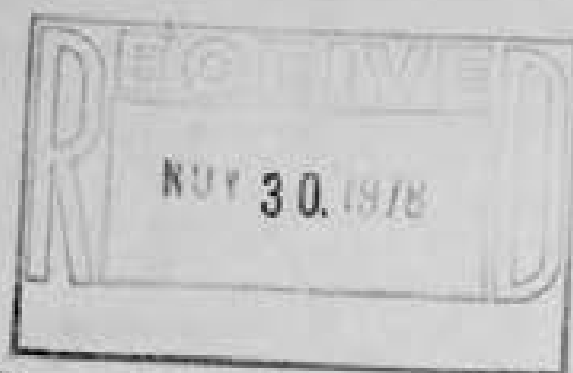
ENROLLMENT FROM
LAST 5 YEARS -

70%^{IND} IN DATA - EXCLUDED ALL NON
NATIONALS -

LESS SUCCESSFUL IN INSTRUCTING FROM -

COMPUTER NOT AVAILABLE FOR UPDATING -

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1426 48th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11219
26 November 1978

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

I have previously applied for a grant from the foundation which you represent. Unfortunately, my application was not favorably passed upon and was rejected. I am writing to you to delineate an important change in my academic plans which, I hope, will affect the judgment of the Academic Advisory Council. In place of submitting an entire application for the coming academic year, 1978-1979, I am taking the liberty of writing to you in this fashion.

In my earlier application I had listed as a dissertation title and included a precis of a proposal entitled: "The Development of the Delineation between Biblical and Rabbinic Ordinances, etc." However, I am no longer pursuing the course of that investigation.

For the past two years I have been involved in Cairo Geniza studies, and have devoted my efforts to investigating the halakhic literature of the Geonim and early Sephardic rishonim. I had studied with Prof. S. Abramson of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, during his stay here in 1975-76, and since that time, with Dr. E. Hurvitz of the Erna Michael Geniza Center of Yeshiva University. During this past summer I travelled to the libraries of Cambridge, the British Museum, Jews' College of London, the Rosenthaliana of Amsterdam, and the Jewish National Library in Jerusalem, to study various Cairo Geniza fragments and other manuscripts. The trip proved quite fruitful. I have located fragments of the following works and have begun to annotate and prepare for publication:

1. The Commentary of R. Sherira Gaon and R. Hai Gaon on tractates Bava Batra and Pesahim,
2. Responsa of the Geonim: R. Natronai, R. Saadia, and R. Zemah ben Paltoi,
3. An Eretz-Israeli version of Halakhot Pesoukot of R. Yehoudai,
4. The Commentary of Maimonides on the Talmud (!), tractate Berakhot.

On the basis of my researches in Geonic and Geniza studies, I have begun to reorganize much of my material in order to prepare a dissertation proposal on "The Commentaries of R. Sherira Gaon and R.

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Hai Gaon on the Talmud." I believe that I can make a significant contribution to Jewish scholarship in this area. My plan is to locate the remaining fragments of the Geonic commentaries to other tractates, remaining in the Cairo Geniza. The first part of this work was initially forwarded to Dr. Yitshak Refael of the Mossad HaRav Kook of Jerusalem, but I have since withdrawn it from publication in order to include it in my dissertation. A copy of these texts and my comments is included with this letter.

The projected work will include the following:

1. The texts of all remaining unpublished Geonic commentaries,
2. An evaluation of all the texts, including portions previously published by B.M. Levin, J. Mann, S. Abramson, E. Hurvitz, and others.
3. The sources and approaches of the Geonim as pioneers in Talmudic commentary,
4. The impact of R. Sherira and R. Hai on the Spanish and Franco-German schools of medieval Talmudic commentators.

If necessary, I will be glad to resubmit any part or parts of my former application and letters of recommendation which now require change in light of these developments. I remain eager to discuss this matter with you in person,

Sincerely,



(Rabbi) Neil Danzig

P.S. Copies of two recently published articles which appeared in Sinai of Jerusalem are enclosed.

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National Foundation for Jewish Culture
Academic Advisory Council
Special Meeting on AJS Survey

November 27, 1978
NFJC Offices
10:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, Chairman; Marvin Fox, Marvin Herzog, Jerry Hochbaum (Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture), Baruch Levine, Milton Konvitz (Hebrew Culture Foundation), Michael Meyer, Harry Orlinsky.
Staff: Harry I. Barron and Abraham Atik

BACKGROUND Rabbi Silver opened the meeting by referring to the need of every organization to review its major programs and see that its resources are used most effectively. In terms of the scholarly grants program, it is necessary for the Foundation to determine whether resources ought to be redirected to new or other areas of scholarship, or if the emphasis should remain as it is in light of changing conditions. Of particular importance in this connection is the nature of the career opportunities available to Foundation grantees. He noted that the Association for Jewish Studies had recently conducted a survey which should help shed light on this area, and he expressed his appreciation at their willingness to share the findings, though still incomplete, with the Foundation and those invited to this meeting who represented major funding organizations in the area of Jewish scholarship.

REPORT ON AJS SURVEY Marvin Fox, President of the AJS, and Michael Meyer, who was expected to succeed him as President, reported on the data available from its survey. They cautioned that these are preliminary findings since much cross-referencing and tabulations are still to be made. However, they thought that they could well answer some of the questions that had been addressed to them by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

They noted that the response received to the questionnaire had been very high. Two instruments had been distributed, one to individuals and one to academic institutions. They expected major difficulties with the institutional survey, and indeed there are not yet sufficient responses to warrant analysis at this time. In regard to the individual survey, however, the response has been well above what can be normally expected. Of the regular AJS membership approximately 525 are engaged full time in teaching Jewish Studies; approximately 225 are graduate students, and an additional 200 who are associate members, that is, those having an interest in the field of Jewish Studies. The questionnaire was sent to regular members and to the graduate students. Responses were received from approximately 560 or roughly 60 percent of the instruments that were sent out, and by extrapolating from the application forms to the Association it was possible to base the analysis on a total of 709 members.

Marvin Fox reported a large number of findings, including many that validated what had been previously surmised. Thus, the concentration of those who are teaching Jewish studies or who are graduate students, are, in geographic terms, concentrated in the New England and the Eastern Central states such as New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Thus, of the 709 members, 519 or 73.2% are in

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this geographic area. Among the institutions in which the respondents are found, Columbia led all others with 91, followed by Brandeis with 88, Harvard-48, UCLA-23, JTS-25 and a sharp falling off thereafter. It was also reported that approximately one third of those who responded spent some time in academic studies in Israel.

The findings relating to the academic status of the respondents revealed the following:

Academic Status	Percent
Graduate Students	22.0
Administration	1.6
Librarians	2.5
Lecturers	4.2
Instructors	4.7
Assistant Professors	16.8
Associate Professors	12.1
Professors	14.5

In response to the query as to the number of years those who were teaching full time in the rank of assistant professor and above were in their present positions, the following data were revealed:

From 1 - 4 years	174
From 5 - 9 years	85
From 10 - 14 years	81
15 years or more	25

It was reported that 196 of the respondents did not have tenure, 124 were tenured and 9 are retired. In terms of age, 72 percent of the respondents were under 45 years old indicating how young the field really is. 571 of the respondents were males and 114 females.

Data was also available on faculty by field of specialization as indicated in the following listings:

Field of Specialization	Number
History	150
Rabbinics	67
Biblical Studies	65
Jewish Philosophy	55
Jewish Religion	49
Hebrew Literature	46
Hebrew Language	30
Sociology	25
Yiddish	20
Other	92

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It was pointed out in this connection that due to the requirements for admission to the Association for Jewish Studies, which specifies that members need to be in the field of Jewish Studies and not in fields that might be somewhat peripheral, there was no information regarding those in such disciplines as political science, anthropology, etc.

A major indication of the apparent youthfulness of the field emerged from the data on the year the doctorate was received.

Year Doctorate Received	Number
Before 1925	2
1925-1929	3
1930-1934	6
1935-1939	12
1940-1944	5
1945-1949	11
1950-1954	11
1955-1959	32
1960-1964	39
1965-1969	57
1970-1974	127
1975-1978	146

The data regarding the years respondents began studying for their doctorates indicate the same tendency. Thus, while between 1960 and 1964 there were 68 who began studying for their doctorate, between 1965 and 1969, 148 began their studies, and between 1970 and 1974 271 began their studies. Additional data were provided regarding the educational background of the respondents, and it was noted that 260 had gone to rabbinical school in addition to their studies for the Ph.D. while 449 did not.

Another significant finding revealed that there are at least 88 people who are expecting to complete their Ph.D's in 1978 or 1979. 235 people report that they expect to get their Ph.D. "sometime in the future". Later discussion also revealed that while for the past years there were approximately three times as many applicants for positions as there were openings, there will in the future be an even more adverse ratio for those entering the field because there will be little attrition among those teaching (given the youthfulness of the faculties), an expected decrease in the number of new positions and the large numbers of those completing their studies.

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DISCUSSION

Following the presentation of the data, an intensive and wide-ranging discussion took place regarding their implications. It was pointed out that because of the number of those entering into graduate studies, and because of the lack of openings, there has been a tightening of standards, so that those who will be getting through the programs will tend to be unusually well qualified. It was also pointed out that the field of Jewish Studies makes very rigorous demands on those who wish to enter it, since they need to master several languages, at least one complex field of study, and must have familiarity with classical Jewish sources.

Following extended discussion it was agreed that one major area to be pursued is to determine the possibility of developing positions within Jewish communal service for those who are getting their doctorate in Jewish Studies. Though job placement might not be as acute for those who have rabbinical training, since there are some positions available in that field, most students do not fall within that category, and other areas certainly need to be explored, particularly Jewish Education, librarianship, Jewish community organization and the Center field. It was agreed that the Foundation would review this issue with other communal agencies who have knowledge of employment prospects in various fields of Jewish communal service, and that following this exploration a meeting be held with institutional representation to discuss what further steps are required. If more adequate information is available, it will be helpful in advising those entering the field of Jewish Studies. Among the results that could emerge from a meeting of this kind are the need to create a mechanism for retraining people for fields other than college teaching; perhaps a central clearinghouse for employment opportunities in Jewish communal service, and a greater partnership between the organized Jewish communities and the professional associations of Jewish academics.

A number of other possibilities to deal with the problem of careers in Jewish studies were discussed. Emphasis was placed on the need to develop undergraduate training in Jewish studies and the possibility of opening up additional positions in that area. There was also some discussion about utilizing the skills of those working in Jewish studies on the community and junior college and even on the high-school level. Recognition was given to the need to provide additional Jewish training to those whose primary specializations are in other disciplines but who are interested in the Jewish component in their field.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

November 28, 1978

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

Dear Harry:

I thought we had an extremely productive meeting and I would like to suggest the following followup:

1. We ought to get figures on the senior places available in day schools and colleges of Jewish study and the number of job placements that become open in these two categories each year.
2. We ought to ask the Hebrew teacher~~s~~ group and the AJE as to their perceptions of the usefulness of the PhD program. Are they recruiting from that pipe line, from the seminaries or from schools of education?
3. The seminaries should be asked for the number of students in their doctoral programs. We ought to ask for whatever information they can give us as to the numbers of their graduating classes and their expectations. We are not interested in congregational placement but in those who really want other kinds of employment.
4. Hillel seems to be moving away from rabbinic and academic placements to social work types. Is this perception accurate? Tickten or someone else at the regional Hillel should be asked for information. CJFWF should be asked for the numbers of PhD's and rabbinic type who are employed in community work.
5. We ought to get some indication from the community schools of social work, particularly from Los Angeles and Yeshivah, as to their interest in cooperating in the kind of retraining we discussed.

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I am being relatively vague, but you can fill in the chapter and verse. We ought to involve representatives of all those groups in the next phase of this study and plan for a two-day conference for the late spring.

As far as the Board is concerned, I think they ought to be told that ~~we had~~ this meeting and that we have begun a process of exploration which should be completed, as far as our own internal decisions are concerned, before decisions are made for the 1979-80 year. We are committed through our current fiscal year, applications are out etc.

I am enclosing a number of copies of an article on higher Jewish learning which will be of interest to members of the Board. I would appreciate your distributing them.

My expenses were \$140.00. I had a tough time getting out of New York.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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P. S. I am enclosing copy of the letter from Herb Paper to me and my response as a reminder that he ought to be included in the next selection for the Academic Advisory Council.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

122 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017

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December 4, 1978

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

Dear Dan:

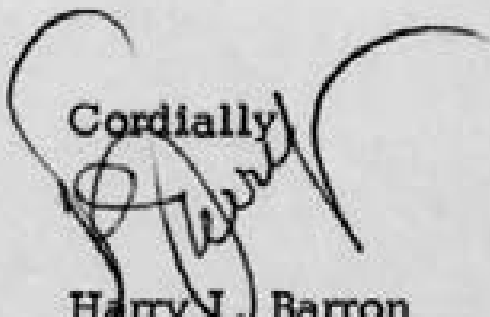
I have your note of November 28th and am glad that you felt that the meeting last week was a useful one. Thank you for the detailed suggestions contained in your letter. We shall try to follow up on them wherever possible.

I was glad to get the offprints of your article on higher Jewish learning which you suggest we distribute among the Board members. But since you sent only a dozen copies and we have 60 members of the Board you leave me with an unpleasant task of selection. Can you spare some more?

I am making a note about Herbert Paper for the Academic Advisory Council. We really need to examine our roster and make some additional selections. I will try to get to that in the next few days.

Enclosed is our check for \$140 as per your statement of expenses. All the best.

Cordially


Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

122 EAST 42ND STREET

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December 5, 1978

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

Dear Dan:

I am enclosing a letter addressed to you by Rabbi Neil Danzig, one of last year's applicants who also submitted some samples of his material which I am not sending along.

Our records reveal that Danzig received a grade of A- from Gordis, an A- from Orlinsky and a B from Baruch Levine. As a result, he was disqualified. The only comment was by Orlinsky who said: "too parochial; no outside evaluation".

In view of the fact that Danzig has changed his research there is some question as to whether we should allow him to submit a new application. However, all of his references are likely to be the same as he submitted last time: Meyer Feldblum, Leo Landman and Elazar Hurvitz, all of Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University. I am enclosing copies of his earlier application.

If you think that we should entertain a new application from him, we should notify him as soon as possible so that he can meet our deadline of December 31st. If not, we shall have to advise him appropriately. Please let me have your thinking on this as soon as possible.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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December 12, 1978

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

Dear Harry:

I see no reason that Danzig cannot submit another application. His present application is almost complete and he could be turned down by this year's group just as last year's. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017

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Office of the President

December 11, 1978

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

Dear Dan:

I am writing at this time to all members of our Board to ask for urgently needed contributions toward our Doctoral Grants Program.

Since 1961 the Foundation has provided such grants to nearly 300 Jewish scholars. More than 90% of our grant recipients are now teaching Jewish Studies in major colleges and universities. They constitute more than half of all the people in this field. We have good reason to be proud of this achievement which has had and will continue to have a profound positive impact on creative Jewish life in America.

But there is also reason for great concern. Although we awarded 47 grants in the past two years we also had to turn down 160 fully qualified applicants due to our lack of funds. Because other graduate fellowships are drying up, our applications are increasing and we will be forced to reject an even larger number of qualified candidates.

I urge every Board member to make as generous a contribution as possible toward our Grants Program - it will help us to maintain the high standards of this constructive investment in the future of American Jewish scholarship. By letting us know now what your gift will be you will help us to set a realistic level for our 1979 fellowship grants.

I know I can count on your help - and I thank you in advance for your favorable response.

Sincerely,



Amos Comay

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

122 EAST 42ND STREET

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December 14, 1978

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

Dear Dan:

As you requested I am enclosing a roster of our pre-doctoral grantees which includes their latest current status as we have it.

In following through on your suggestion about Stanley Gevirtz. We discovered that he is not at the University of Chicago as you indicated but rather that he is still at HUC in Los Angeles. According to our information, he is teaching Hebrew grammar. In view of his location out on the West Coast and the fact that he is not really front rank, I wonder whether we should extend an invitation to him this year.

Moshe Pelli is no longer at Cornell. He is presently at Yeshiva University and is looking for a job. I would be inclined to pass him up. After checking out Agus and Hoenig I think we would be better advised not to invite either one. I'll continue to look for someone from Yeshiva. I would still favor the younger Soloveitchik.

I shall be back to you in the next day or two.
My best.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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December 17, 1978

Mr. Amos Comay, President
National Foundation for Jewish Culture
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Amos:

I know that Harry has kept you abreast of our review of the Fellowship funding program. I am happy to enclose a small check for that program.

We hope to have our report in by this summer so that it can receive appropriate consideration in the budget.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

Encl.

December 19, 1978

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

Dear Harry:

I agree with you about Gevirtz and Pelli. I think we should go ahead with Brandwein and Lipset. We might also consider Sid Leiman.

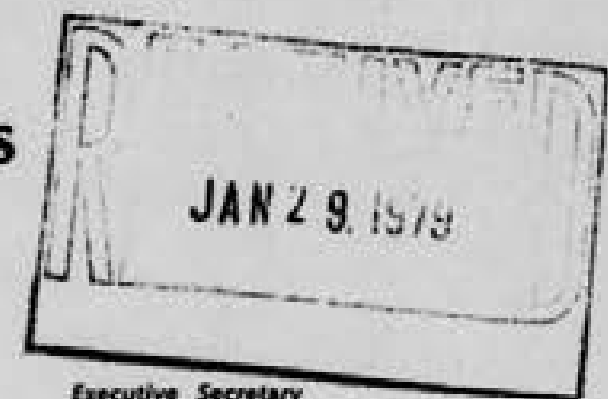
With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

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

Dear Harry,

I am now in a position to furnish you with more specific information regarding the costs incurred and projected in carrying out and updating our survey of Jewish studies in America. We have compiled the following figures for the years 1977, 1978, and 1979.

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
Consultant	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Data Entry	400	500	600
Computing	350	400	500
Editing	500	700	800
Printing	400	600	800
Postage	400	450	500
Total	\$4,050	\$4,650	\$5,200

We would hope that the National Foundation for Jewish Culture could see its way clear to subsidizing all or a portion of these expenses, and, if so, we would clearly mention such support in any publication of the data beginning with our next Newsletter, which is scheduled to appear in March. In this Newsletter Arnold Band will present data from the initial printout as well as an analysis of the findings.

Although I am reluctant to rush a decision on your part, I am most eager to secure a source of funding before the appearance of the Newsletter and, in the eventuality that the National Foundation would find itself unable to support the project or any considerable portion thereof, I would need to seek funding elsewhere during the brief time between now and the beginning of March.

I do hope that the Foundation will be able to support this important project, even as it is giving us such significant help in publishing the AJS Review. If you have any questions of a general nature, please do not hesitate to telephone me at the College-Institute or at home. If the

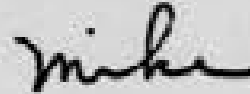
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questions are more specific, it would be best to telephone Charlie. In any event, we look forward to a speedy response, hopefully a positive one.

Warmest regards and greetings to Abe Atik.

Cordially,



Michael A. Meyer
President

MAM: eg

cc: Dr. Charles Berlin

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

122 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

490-2280

February 9, 1979

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

Dear Dan:

I enclose a copy of a letter received from Mike Meyer while you were away which we need to talk about.

On his return from the AJS meeting in December Mike stopped by to talk with us about relationships between the AJS and the NFJC and at that time mentioned the possibility of getting some help from us for maintaining the AJS Membership Study on a current basis. He pointed out that the study consultant whom they had used had now moved out to Ohio and was ready to continue to provide consultative service as well as the data processing from out there.

I gave Mike no encouragement about our ability to be helpful to them on this project partly because I felt they could obtain the technical assistance for a nominal amount through Jewish sources and partly because I questioned whether this should be one of our responsibilities. Nevertheless, I told him that if he submitted some of the specific figures we would give it some consideration.

He phoned the other day to ask about this and Abe spoke with him, pointing out that under no circumstances could we accept any part of the 1977 or 1978 expenses. As for 1979, Abe explained that we have no provision in the budget for such an item and that the only thing he could think of as a possibility would be a recommendation by the Academic Advisory Council to use some of its funds for this purpose. This, however, would have to be discussed beforehand with you. Mike is eager to talk with you about this. I guess he is under some pressure to come up with some answers in the very near future. I am sure that when he talks with you you will give him your thinking.

Cordially,


Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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February 13, 1979

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

Dear Harry:

Sorry about the precipitate way the conversation ended.
I did not call back because we really finished our talk.

The figures in Mike Meyer's letter were obviously pulled
out of a hat and are full of water. I continue to feel we
should make some contribution to past expenses and to
use this as a time to regularize our opportunity for the
future.

As qalways,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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M E M O R A N D U M

February 14, 1979

TO: The Executive Committee

FROM: Amos Comay, President

The two major issues which I believe we need to address ourselves to are:

A - The Fund for the Arts; and

B - The development of a constituency and broader fund raising base for the Foundation.

A - FUND FOR THE ARTS

In the fourteen months since the Foundation announced its intention to create a Fund for the Arts there has been considerable activity, in the way of inquiries from prospective artist-applicants, additions to the roster of endorsing artists and selection panelists, expressions of interest from various artist groups and foundations, etc. But in the crucial area of patron and campaign structure there has not been sufficient progress to permit the actual launching of the program. The administration of the project has been sporadic, handled on a part-time basis in an effort to curb costs since the only cash available has been from advances made by two Board members.

The first "game plan" called for obtaining commitments from NFJC Board members of \$50,000-\$60,000 a year (\$150,000-\$200,000 for three years) as an essential base for an outside prestigious lay structure, especially

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in New York. The required major intensive effort by the President, top leadership and staff to attain this goal did not materialize.

The second "game plan" called for establishing a prestigious lay structure in New York as an essential base for internal and external fund raising, engaging a full time or part time staff person for that purpose. The brief experience with the individual hired reinforced earlier impressions that successful effort in New York requires special contacts, some evidence of credibility in the form of funding commitments, prestigious backers, actual grants, etc. Although some progress was made in several areas, in the primary objective of building a campaign structure of prestigious figures, this effort made no headway because again the intensive involvement of the Foundation's top leadership and staff did not materialize.

The present impasse in which the Foundation finds itself with regard to the Fund for the Arts is most unhealthy, and it is urgent that our leadership carefully consider the situation and try to recommend a suitable course of action. Following are three options for consideration:

Option 1 It has been suggested that the Fund for the Arts be "put on the back burner" until more favorable conditions develop. In reality this is a euphemism for abandoning the program since "more favorable conditions" will not develop spontaneously -- they will develop only if we create them.

Option 2 Revised goal and timetable. Since it is clear that the original goal of \$250,000 a year in grants is not attainable at this time, and the credibility of the program could be established by building a record of actual grants awards - even if on a less ambitious scale than originally projected - this option proposes that

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- a) We aim at grants aggregating between \$35,000 and \$50,000 to be awarded in 1979.
- b) The NFJC President, top leadership and staff undertake a commitment to raise \$40,000-\$50,000 cash this year (hopefully with equal commitments for the second and third years) from Board members and others, abandoning for the present the \$30,000 share concept.
- c) Establish selection panels and invite applications in limited arts fields, confining ourselves to those in which a successful grantee's work can be given high visibility as show case for further development.
- d) Successful accomplishment of these more modest objectives will permit original goals to be undertaken by an "in business" enterprise with some of the glamor and appeal needed to attract the resources we seek. It should also make available governmental and private foundation funding sources.

Option 3 Incorporate the Fund for the Arts as a potential beneficiary of the Approach "B" - Development of Constituency and Broader Fund Raising Base.

B - DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTITUENCY AND
BROADER FUND RAISING BASE

The primary purpose of such a program is not as a substitute for the Fund for the Arts. You will recall that I identified it as a high priority when I assumed the presidency of the Foundation. Some months ago the Finance Committee strongly recommended the development of such a program as a necessity to deal more adequately with those needs which cannot be met by our limited funding from the Joint Cultural Appeal and the local federations. Sooner or

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later we must develop a constituency which will help provide us with the additional support needed to carry out our major objectives in the advancement of Jewish culture in America.

Such a program could be initiated by the creation of a series of Friends of the Foundation groups in a selected number of cities in which Board members would be prepared to help set up membership events. Membership contributions would not only be a source of additional income but could serve to provide a constituency of concerned individuals who would be helpful in connection with federation allocations; and some might become interested to assist in furthering various new Foundation projects.

If we should decided to proceed with Option 2 on the Fund for the Arts we would need to address the question of timing with regard to initiating a Friends program. Undertaking both projects simultaneously might be more than we could handle since each project will require major commitment from the Foundation's top leadership and staff.

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Office of the President

MEMORANDUM

February 14, 1979

To: Executive Committee

From: Amos Comay

You have already heard from Harry Barron that I would like to consult with the Executive Committee on Sunday, February 25th. The matters on which I need your thinking are outlined in the enclosed Memorandum. Your views will help determine how these issues are to be presented to the Board at the Annual Meeting on March 15th.

Our session on February 25th will be held at the Foundation office in New York, commencing at 11 a.m. We should certainly be able to adjourn no later than 2:30 p.m. We'll arrange to have some sandwiches and coffee to tide us over the lunch period.

I very much hope you will be with us on February 25th. If that should not be possible, I shall appreciate getting your views on the issues in the Memorandum prior to the meeting. Many thanks for your help.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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February 22, 1979

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

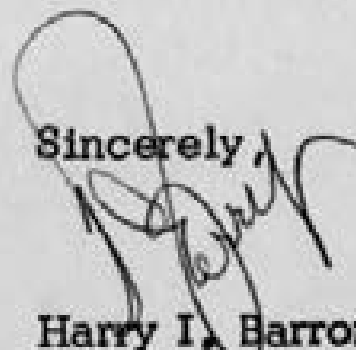
You may remember that I had told you of a meeting Amos Comay had tried to set up with members of the Executive Committee for Sunday, February 25th. When we were first considering the matter I tried to check with you and learned that you were on vacation. Then, realizing that you would just be getting back and unlikely to take off a Sunday morning, I didn't follow through with you.

When I spoke with Amos about this the other day he reacted as I knew he would: that you ought to receive the material which went out to the other people and that we should ask you for your reactions. Accordingly, I am enclosing a copy of Amos' Memorandum of February 14, 1979 and would strongly urge your response.

Incidentally, the meeting of February 25th had to be cancelled after all since a number of people who had originally indicated their intention to be present subsequently found that they could not make it.

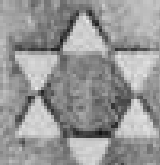
Best regards.

Sincerely,



Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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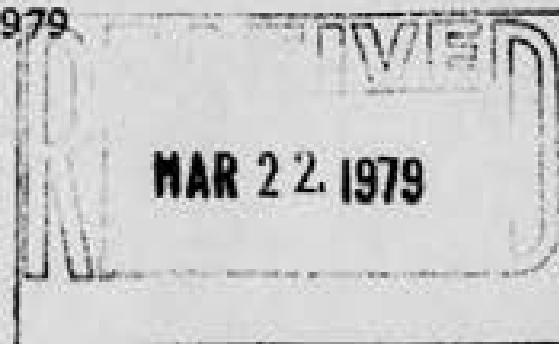
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March 19, 1979



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

Dear Harry:

As I indicated to you, The Jewish Book Council is hampered in the publication of the Jewish Book Annual because of budgetary limitations. I regret especially that we can offer only a token honorarium (usually \$50) to our contributors. This often makes it impossible to attract the kind of literary experts and bookmen we would like.

At present the annual budget for the Annual is approximately \$11,000, the bulk of which goes to the printer. Last year only some 10% of this sum went for honoraria. The income realized from sales is totally inadequate to our needs and we must rely on additional grants.

Thus far we have succeeded in obtaining annual grants from two foundations: The Littauer Foundation (\$1300, of which \$700 is applied towards the Annual) and the Matz Foundation (\$600). If we could obtain two or three annual grants of approximately \$1,000 each from additional foundations we could do much more to enhance the Annual as "The American Year Book of Jewish Literary Creativity."

I shall be happy to act on any suggestions you may have.

Cordially,

Jacob Kabakoff

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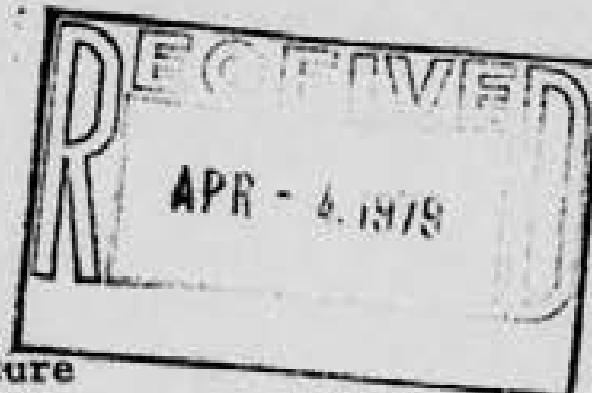
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March 27, 1979

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
National Foundation for Jewish Culture
122 East 42nd Street
New York, New York 10017

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry applies, herewith, to the National Foundation for Jewish Culture for a short-term subsidy for its journal, Contemporary Jewry. The Association, established six years ago, now has over 200 sociologist members. Its presidents have been Professors Mervin Verbit, Marshall Sklare, Samuel Z. Klausner, and currently, Celia Heller. The Association aims to advance the understanding of institutional and cultural processes associated with growth and change in Jewish society including religion, economy, polity, family, the arts and literature. This end has been pursued through scholarly activities including academic conferences, the publication of Contemporary Jewry, and the sponsorship of an annual prize for excellence in a student research paper.

Our conferences have been held at least once, sometimes twice a year in conjunction with the meetings of other professional societies such as the American Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems. On these occasions, we read scientific papers and conduct the business of the society. The enclosed program of our latest conference, "Methods in the Study of Modern Jewry," illustrates the interdisciplinary character of our field: this particular program draws upon sociologists, linguists, historians, and folklorists.

Contemporary Jewry has been disseminating research by sociologists and other scholars on the modern Jewish experience. It is distinguished from Jewish Social Studies by its focus on the social scientific rather than a more traditional historical approach; it differs from American Jewish History (formerly American Jewish Historical Quarterly) in that its substantive domain emphasizes the modern and contemporary periods and extends beyond American society and the historical record. Moreover, its methodological breadth seeks to confirm sociological generalizations emerging from its interdisciplinary character. For the last three years, Contemporary Jewry has been published under an agreement with the Transaction Periodicals Consortium at Rutgers University. This arrangement has assured us of quality assistance in editing, layout, production and mailing as well as increased visibility in the academic community. Following is a list of selected recent articles. A complete copy of one issue is enclosed.


Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
Re: Contemporary Jewry


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- "American Jewish Leadership" by Nathan Glazer
"Israeli-Diaspora Relations as a Problem in Center-Periphery Linkages"
by Irving Louis Horowitz
"The Jewish Prince: Some Continuities in Traditional and Contemporary
Jewish Life" by Zena Smith Blau
"Recent Soviet Immigration to the United States" by Barry Levenfeld
"Ghetto, Shtetl, or Polis: The East European Jewish Community in the
Works of K. E. Franzos, Sholem Aleichem, and S. Y. Agnon" by
Miriam Roshwald
"An Uneasy Alliance: Jews and Blacks in the U.S., 1945-1953" by David
G. Singer
"The Impact of Geographic Mobility Upon Jewish Community Participation"
by Charles Jaset
"An Appraisal of the Components and Consequences of Jewish Identification"
by Bernard Lazerwitz

We request \$3,000 each year for a three year period. We would apply \$1,000 of this amount as a direct publication subsidy to improve the format of the journal and to print additional copies as part of a development campaign. We would allocate \$1,500 for direct membership and library promotion, and would apply \$500 to subsidize our academic conferences to stimulate further research in the field. We aim for approximately 1,000 members and 500 library subscriptions. With this level of circulation, the journal will be viable without subsidy. The journal would appear quarterly, carried by the regular dues of the membership and advertising.

Please do not hesitate to call either of us (Klausner: 215-243-7682; Cohen: 212-850-4902) should there be any questions. We thank you for your consideration.


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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

122 EAST 42ND STREET

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April 5, 1979

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

Dear Dan:

I enclose with this note a letter and materials from the Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry; a recent note from Jack Kabakoff regarding the Jewish Book Annual, and copy of material and study now being conducted by Paul Ritterband on the current state of Judaic Studies in America.

1) How would you like to respond to the request from Klausner and Cohen for a three-year subvention?

2) Do you have any comments about how we ought to try to be helpful to the Jewish Book Annual?

3) Is there any point in obtaining findings from this new Ritterband questionnaire study before our projected conference? What moral claims do we have on the material that will emerge from this study?

4) Have you seen the latest AJS News Letter which contains Arnold Band's summary of the survey?

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harry J. Barron
Executive Director

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METHODS IN THE STUDY OF MODERN JEWRY

sponsored by the

Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry

Sunday, March 18, 1979, 12:30 - 5:00 P.M.

Petite Terrace*
Statler Hilton
7th Avenue & 32nd Street
New York

12:30 P.M.

Session 1: Assembling Data on Difficult-to-Locate Jews

"Identity, Boundaries, and Research Strategy"
Egon Mayer, Department of Sociology, Brooklyn College

"New Approaches to American Jewish Local History: Atlanta, 1845-1915"
Steven Hertzberg, Institute for Research in History

"New Methods in the Study of European Jewry: The Case of Vienna, 1880-1914"
Marsha Rozenblitt, Dept. of History, University of Maryland, College Park

Discussant:
Sigmund Diamond, Department of Sociology, Columbia University

Presider and Organizer:
Steven M. Cohen, Department of Sociology, Queens College

2:45 P.M.

Session 2: Studying Jewish Culture

"The Geography of Yiddish Language and Culture: Regional Variation and Historical Inference"
Marvin I. Herzog, Department of Linguistics, Columbia University

"Methods in the Study of the Jewish Theater, Past and Present"
Emanuel Levy, Department of Sociology, Hunter College

"In Search of Sephardic Folktales"
Reginetta Haboucha, Department of Romance Languages, Lehman College

Discussant:
Bernard Rosenberg, Department of Sociology, City College of New York

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Samuel C. Heilman, Department of Sociology, Queens College

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THE CITY COLLEGE
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DEPARTMENT OF JEWISH STUDIES

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF JUDAIC STUDIES
SCHOLARS AND TEACHERS

If you would like to receive a copy of the
preliminary report, please check here []

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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What is your current status in the academic world? Please check as many as apply.

- 5[] Full-time faculty
6[] Part-time faculty

- 7[] Full-time graduate student
8[] Part-time graduate student
9[] Other _____
(Please specify)

Are you engaged in any non-academic professional activities?
Please check as many as apply.

- 10[] Congregational Rabbi
11[] Hillel Director or
University Chaplain
12[] Jewish educator

- 13[] Jewish Communal Organization
Executive
14[] Other _____
(Please specify)

Please list (beginning with the most recent) the academic and professional degrees which you have been awarded or for which you are working, the institution granting each, and the year in which each was obtained or is expected.

<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>YEAR GRANTED OR EXPECTED</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

How long have you been employed on a full-time basis in higher education? How long have you been employed at your present institution? How many years have you held your present rank?

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	In Higher Education	At your present Institution	In your present rank
1. 0-2 years	[]	[]	[]
2. 3-5 years	[]	[]	[]
3. 6-10 years	[]	[]	[]
4. 11-15 years	[]	[]	[]
5. 16-20 years	[]	[]	[]
6. More than 20 years	[]	[]	[]
7. Do not hold a full-time position	[]	[]	[]

Where is your current appointment?

Institution _____ Department _____

What kind of appointment do you now hold?

- 18 1[] Regular with tenure 3[] Acting
 2[] Regular without tenure 4[] Visiting
 5[] Other _____
 (Please specify)

What is your present rank?

- 19 1[] Instructor 5[] Distinguished "Named" Professorship
 2[] Assistant Professor 6[] Lecturer
 3[] Associate Professor 7[] No ranks designated
 4[] Professor 8[] Other _____
 (Please specify)

20-21 If tenured, in what year were you awarded tenure? _____

22 If not tenured, is your present position tenure track?

- 1[] Yes
 2[] No

During the present term, how many hours per week, on the average, are you actually spending in connection with your staff position in each of the following activities: (If on leave indicate what your activities were last year)

	None	1-4	5-8	9-11	12-16	17-25	26-34	35 or More
23. Administration	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
24. Scheduled teaching (actual hours)	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
25. Preparing for teaching (including reading papers, grading)	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
26. Advising and counseling students	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
27. Research and scholarly writing	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
28. Committee work	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Within the past two years, have you received an offer of another job or a serious inquiry about your availability for another position?

- 29 1[] An offer
 2[] Not an offer, but a serious inquiry
 3[] Neither

During the current term how many hours per week are you spending in formal instruction in class? (If on leave, indicate what your normal teaching load would be.)

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| 1[] | None | 6[] | 11-12 |
| 2[] | 1-4 | 7[] | 13-16 |
| 3[] | 5-6 | 8[] | 17-20 |
| 4[] | 7-8 | 9[] | 21 or more |
| 5[] | 9-10 | | |

Within the past two years, have you sought, or made a serious inquiry about another position?

31

- 1[] Sought another position
 2[] Not sought, but made a serious inquiry
 3[] Neither

In general, how do you feel about the institution at which you are now a faculty member?

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- 1[] It is a very good place for me
 2[] It is a fairly good place for me
 3[] It is not the place for me

During the past two years, have you considered leaving academic life permanently?

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- 1[] Yes, I have given it serious consideration
 2[] Yes, I have considered it, but not seriously
 3[] No

If you have considered leaving academic life, what would you prefer doing?

II

THE FIELD OF JEWISH STUDIES

Please list your current memberships in scholarly or academic organizations. (Please print)

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What is your membership category in the Association for Jewish Studies?

34 1[] Regular 2[] Associate 3[] Student

Do you specialize in any particular country or region in your research? Please specify _____

During the current academic year (or last year if you are on leave) how many courses did you teach in Jewish studies and how many did you teach in other areas? Please circle the appropriate number in each row?

35 Jewish Studies Courses 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 or more
36 Other Courses 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 or more

We have listed below some of the various fields which make up the area of Jewish studies. Please tell us which of these was (is) your major area of doctoral training, current teaching and current research. Please check only one in each column.

	Field of Doctoral Training	Major area of under-graduate teaching	Major area of graduate teaching	Field of current research
01. Bible	[]	[]	[]	[]
02. Hebrew language	[]	[]	[]	[]
03. Hebrew literature	[]	[]	[]	[]
04. History	[]	[]	[]	[]
05. Philosophy and Thought	[]	[]	[]	[]
06. Rabbinics	[]	[]	[]	[]
07. Religion	[]	[]	[]	[]
08. Semitic Philology	[]	[]	[]	[]
09. Sociology	[]	[]	[]	[]
10. Yiddish language	[]	[]	[]	[]
11. Yiddish literature	[]	[]	[]	[]
12. Other	[]	[]	[]	[]
13. _____	[]	[]	[]	[]
14. _____	[]	[]	[]	[]
	37-38	39-40	41-42	43-44
(Please specify)				

In which of the following periods are your current teaching and research activities concentrated? (Check as many as apply)

	Teaching	Research
45-52		
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49. Medieval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
50. Renaissance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
51. Modern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
52. Contemporary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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What languages do you use in your work? (Check as many as apply)

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| 55. <input type="checkbox"/> Aramaic | 65. <input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese |
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| 57. <input type="checkbox"/> French | 67. <input type="checkbox"/> Serbo-Croatian |
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| 60. <input type="checkbox"/> Italian | 70. <input type="checkbox"/> Ugaritic |
| 61. <input type="checkbox"/> Ladino | 71. <input type="checkbox"/> Yiddish |
| 62. <input type="checkbox"/> Latin | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | (Please specify) _____ |
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How would you characterize your major methodological orientation? (Check as many as apply)

- 5. ☐ Anthropological
 - 6. ☐ Cultural History
 - 7. ☐ History of Ideas
 - 8. ☐ History of Religions
 - 9. ☐ Linguistic
 - 10. ☐ Literary Criticism
 - 11. ☐ Participant Observation
 - 12. ☐ Philological
 - 13. ☐ Philosophical
 - 14. ☐ Political Science
 - 15. ☐ Quantitative
 - 16. ☐ Social History
 - 17. ☐ Sociological
 - 18. ☐ Textual Analysis
 - ☐ Other
- (Please specify) _____
- _____

On this page we have presented a list of journals and proceedings which some scholars in the field find useful. Please indicate whether you subscribe to or look at these journals and whether you have submitted articles to them.

	I subscribe to and/or look at regularly	I have submitted to this journal
19. American Historical Review	[]	[]
20. American Jewish Archives	[]	[]
21. American Jewish History	[]	[]
22. American Sociological Review	[]	[]
23. APSR	[]	[]
24. Bitzaron	[]	[]
25. Hadoar	[]	[]
26. Harvard Theological Review	[]	[]
27. He'avar	[]	[]
28. HUC Annual	[]	[]
29. Jewish Quarterly Review	[]	[]
30. Jewish Social Science	[]	[]
31. Journal of the AOS	[]	[]
32. Journal of Biblical Literature	[]	[]
33. Journal of Hebraic Studies	[]	[]
34. Journal of Jewish Studies	[]	[]
35. Journal of Near Eastern Studies	[]	[]
36. Journal of Semitic Studies	[]	[]
37. Journal of Religion	[]	[]
38. Journal of the AAR	[]	[]
39. Judaism	[]	[]
40. Katedra	[]	[]
41. Kiryat Sepher	[]	[]
42. Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook	[]	[]
43. L'Shonenu	[]	[]
44. Numen	[]	[]
45. Orientalia	[]	[]
46. PMLA	[]	[]
47. Proceedings of the AAJR	[]	[]
48. Revue des Etudes Juives	[]	[]
49. Sefarad	[]	[]
50. Sinai	[]	[]
51. Siphrut	[]	[]
52. Slavic Review	[]	[]
53. Speculum	[]	[]
54. Tagim	[]	[]
55. Tarbitz	[]	[]
56. Textus	[]	[]
57. Tsiyon	[]	[]
58. Vetus Testamentum	[]	[]
59. YIVO Annual of Jewish Social Science	[]	[]
60. Other (Please specify)	[]	[]

Who was (is) your dissertation sponsor? (Please print)

In what department did you do (or are you doing) your doctoral work?

Do your interests lie primarily in research or teaching?

61

- 1[] Very heavily in research
 2[] In both, but leaning toward research
 3[] In both, but leaning toward teaching
 4[] Very heavily in teaching

How many books or monographs have you published or edited, alone or in collaboration?

62

- 1[] None 5[] 4
 2[] 1 6[] 5-9
 3[] 2 7[] 10 or more
 4[] 3

How many articles have you published in academic or professional journals?

63

- 1[] None 5[] 11-20
 2[] 1-2 6[] 21-30
 3[] 3-4 7[] 31-50
 4[] 5-10 8[] More than 50

How many articles have you published in Jewish communal journals?

64

- 1[] None 5[] 11-20
 2[] 1-2 6[] 21-30
 3[] 3-4 7[] 31-50
 4[] 5-10 8[] More than 50

How many of your professional writings have been published or accepted for publication in the last two years?

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	Books	Articles	Other Writings
One	[] 1	[] 1	[] 1
Two	[] 2	[] 2	[] 2
Three	[] 3	[] 3	[] 3
Four	[] 4	[] 4	[] 4
Five	[] 5	[] 5	[] 5
Six-Ten	[] 6	[] 6	[] 6
More than Ten	[] 7	[] 7	[] 7
None	[] 8	[] 8	[] 8

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Whose work in your field do you follow most closely? Please name up to three people. Please indicate whether you have a personal contact with each of these people? (Please print)

NAME	INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION	PERSONAL CONTACT
_____	_____	1[] Yes 2[] No
_____	_____	1[] Yes 2[] No
_____	_____	1[] Yes 2[] No

Please tell us the names of up to three people whom you feel to be the most influential in your field. Please indicate whether you have a personal contact with each of these people. (Please print)

NAME	INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION	PERSONAL CONTACT
_____	_____	1[] Yes 2[] No
_____	_____	1[] Yes 2[] No
_____	_____	1[] Yes 2[] No

How important to you is the esteem of:

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not at all Important
68. The colleagues in your department	[]	[]	[]	[]
69. The membership of the AJS	[]	[]	[]	[]
70. The membership of your disciplinary association	[]	[]	[]	[]
71. The Jewish community	[]	[]	[]	[]
72. Specialists in your field	[]	[]	[]	[]
73. Your dissertation sponsor	[]	[]	[]	[]
74. Other Judaica scholars	[]	[]	[]	[]
	1	2	3	4

III

VALUES AND COMMITMENTS

The statements that follow deal with the moral obligations felt by some Judaica scholars. Please indicate the extent to which these statements reflect your own sense of what you ought to be doing.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5. Present Judaism in as favorable light as possible	[]	[]	[]	[]
6. Refrain from hurting students' religious sensibilities	[]	[]	[]	[]
7. Present the facts	[]	[]	[]	[]
8. Help Jewish students develop a positive Jewish identity	[]	[]	[]	[]
9. Be objective	[]	[]	[]	[]
10. Promote a love of Judaism	[]	[]	[]	[]
11. Show students the beauty of the Jewish tradition	[]	[]	[]	[]
12. Encourage students to be religious	[]	[]	[]	[]
13. Help younger scholars along in their work and career	[]	[]	[]	[]
14. Make oneself available to the Jewish community as a lecturer or consultant	[]	[]	[]	[]
15. Do research and publish	[]	[]	[]	[]
	1	2	3	4

What are the obligations of an organization of Judaica scholars?
(Check as many as apply)

- 16.[] Publish a good journal
- 17.[] Make kosher food available at annual meetings
- 18.[] Support the struggle for Soviet Jewry
- 19.[] Take a stand on Israel-Arab relations
- 20.[] Encourage universities to make new appointments in Jewish studies
- 21.[] Give recognition to significant scholarly achievement in the field
- 22.[] Encourage Jewish religious observance
- 23.[] Run an employment service
- 24.[] Serve as an intellectual resource for the Jewish community
- 25.[] Have collective Birkat Hamazon after communal meals

How often have you done the following:

	Never	Only once or twice in my entire career	Occasionally	Frequently	Just about all the time
26. Talked with colleagues about Jewish matters of concern to them	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
27. Lectured to students under Hillel or other Jewish student group sponsor- ship	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
28. Counseled students on personal problems re- lating to their Jewishness	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
29. Served on a committee or advised adminis- trators or colleagues on matters relating to the quality or character of Jewish life on campus	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
30. Advised students on sources to assist in their personal Jewish growth and exploration	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
31. Spoken publicly at a university function as a representative of the Jewish community on campus	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]

Please indicate whom you voted for in each of the last two presidential elections.

32-33

- | 1972 | 1976 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1[] McGovern | 1[] Carter |
| 2[] Nixon | 2[] Ford |
| 3[] "Left" third party | 3[] McCarthy |
| 4[] Other candidate | 4[] Maddox |
| 5[] Not eligible to vote | 5[] "Left" third party |
| 6[] Did not vote | 6[] Other candidate |
| | 7[] Not eligible to vote |
| | 8[] Did not vote |

Would you describe your overall political inclinations as:

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- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1[] Far left | 5[] Somewhat conservative |
| 2[] Very liberal | 6[] Very conservative |
| 3[] Somewhat liberal | 7[] Far right |
| 4[] Moderate | 8[] None of these |

IV

JEWISH BACKGROUND

What sorts of Jewish education did you receive as you were growing up? (Check as many as apply)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 35.[] Sunday School | 40.[] Yeshiva High School |
| 36.[] Private Tutor | 41.[] Hebrew College |
| 37.[] Afternoon Hebrew School | 42.[] Yiddish Elementary School |
| 38.[] Hebrew High School | 43.[] Yiddish Secondary School |
| 39.[] Yeshiva Elementary School | |

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Were you ordained? 1[] Yes 2[] No

Listed below are a few ritual observances which are primarily observed in the home. Check the observances usually practiced in your parents' home while you were growing up and in your home at the present time.

- | | Parents' Home | Your Home |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| 45. Lighting of candles on Friday night | [] | [] |
| 46. No ham or bacon served at home | [] | [] |
| 47. Use of two sets of dishes for milk and meat products | [] | [] |
| 48. Have or attend a Passover Seder | [] | [] |
| 49. No bread eaten in home on Passover | [] | [] |
| 50. Lighting of Chanukah candles | [] | [] |
| | 1 | 2 |

51 Are you a member of a synagogue? 1[] Yes 2[] No

How frequently do you attend synagogue services? (Check one)

- 52
- | | | | |
|------|--|------|---------------------|
| 1[] | Never | 5[] | Once a month |
| 2[] | Just for a Bar Mitzvah
and other occasional
celebrations | 6[] | A few times a month |
| 3[] | Only on Rosh Hashanah
and Yom Kippur | 7[] | Once a week |
| 4[] | On Rosh Hashanah, Yom
Kippur and other
holidays | 8[] | A few times a week |
| | | 9[] | Daily |

We have listed here five personal traditional Jewish religious practices. Please indicate whether they were observed by your parents during your childhood and whether you observe them now.

	Observed by your parents during your childhood	Observed by you now
53. Fast on Yom Kippur	[]	[]
54. No meat eaten in non- kosher restaurants	[]	[]
55. No lights turned on and off on the Sabbath	[]	[]
56. Do not handle money on the Sabbath	[]	[]
57. Fast on Ta'anit Esther	[]	[]
	1	2

What denomination Jew do you consider yourself to be?

- 58
- | | | | |
|------|--------------------|------|-------------|
| 1[] | Non-denominational | 5[] | Traditional |
| 2[] | Reconstructionist | 6[] | Orthodox |
| 3[] | Reform | 7[] | Secularist |
| 4[] | Conservative | 8[] | Other _____ |

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BIOGRAPHICAL

What is your marital status?

- 59
- | | |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 1[] | Never married |
| 2[] | Married, living with spouse |
| 3[] | Separated |
| 4[] | Divorced |
| 5[] | Widowed |

Do you have children?

- 60
- | | | | |
|------|-------|------|-------------|
| 1[] | None | 5[] | Four |
| 2[] | One | 6[] | Five |
| 3[] | Two | 7[] | Six or more |
| 4[] | Three | | |

- 61 Are you: 1[] Male 2[] Female

- 62-63 How old are you? _____

What was your father's principal occupation when you were in high school?

- 64-65
- | | | | |
|-------|---|-------|--|
| 01[] | College or university teaching, research or administration | 08[] | Managerial, administrative |
| 02[] | Rabbi | 09[] | Owner, small business |
| 03[] | Secular elementary or secondary school teaching or administration | 10[] | Other white collar: clerical, retail sales |
| 04[] | Jewish elementary or secondary school teaching or administration | 11[] | Skilled wage worker |
| 05[] | Other professional | 12[] | Semi and unskilled wage worker or farm laborer |
| 06[] | Semiprofessional | 13[] | Armed Services |
| 07[] | Owner, large business | 14[] | Farm owner or manager |
| | | 15[] | Not employed outside the home |

What is your basic institutional salary, before taxes and deductions, for the current academic year?

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- | | | | |
|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 01[] | Below \$10,000 | 07[] | \$25,000-\$29,999 |
| 02[] | \$10,000-\$11,999 | 08[] | \$30,000-\$34,999 |
| 03[] | \$12,000-\$13,999 | 09[] | \$35,000-\$39,999 |
| 04[] | \$14,000-\$16,999 | 10[] | \$40,000-\$49,999 |
| 05[] | \$17,000-\$19,999 | 11[] | \$50,000 and over |
| 06[] | \$20,000-\$24,999 | | |

In recent years, how much have you earned over and above your basic salary? Please estimate as a percentage of your basic salary.

- 68
- | | | | |
|------|-----------|------|--------------|
| 1[] | 0% | 5[] | 30%-39% |
| 2[] | Under 10% | 6[] | 40%-49% |
| 3[] | 10%-19% | 7[] | 50% and over |
| 4[] | 20%-29% | | |

What was your total family income, before taxes, in calendar year 1978?

- 69
- | | | | |
|------|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| 1[] | Below \$10,000 | 6[] | \$30,000-\$39,999 |
| 2[] | \$10,000-\$14,999 | 7[] | \$40,000-\$49,999 |
| 3[] | \$15,000-\$19,999 | 8[] | \$50,000-\$99,999 |
| 4[] | \$20,000-\$29,999 | 9[] | \$100,000 and over |
| 5[] | \$25,000-\$29,999 | | |

In what country were:

You born _____

Father born _____

Mother born _____

How many of your grandparents were born in the United States?
(Please check one)

- 70
- | | |
|------|-------|
| 1[] | One |
| 2[] | Two |
| 3[] | Three |
| 4[] | Four |

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND HELP. PLEASE
RETURN THIS IN THE MAIL AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN.

April 10, 1979

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

Dear Harry:

If we can provide a challenge grant to the Association For The Sociological Study of Jewry of half the amount they request I think it would be a nice thing. Certainly, we could find \$1500 a year for three years in our grants budget. These are all men who have worked closely with us and they represent people who are often consulted by the communities. I think it would be a plus and we could show them off at G. A.

The JWB Book Annual is another matter. Why should JWB get all kinds of credit and not foot the full bill? I am also not convinced about the ongoing significance of this project. That is another matter.

On the ^{Rittenberg}~~Robenstein~~ material, I have such feelings about the man that I do not want to get started with him. The kind of information that he asks for is narrow and would be of little use for our purposes. I do not think you have to pay any attention to the study.

Finally, yes, I have seen the AJS News Letter. It might be interesting to have this material xeroxed and available for our meeting in June.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THIS LETTER ALSO SENT TO DR. STEVEN M. COHEN

April 30, 1979

Dr. Samuel Z. Klausner
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Professor of Sociology
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Dear Sam:

Rabbi Silver and I have discussed your letter to him of March 27th regarding a grant from this Foundation to the Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry. We are mindful of the growth and development of the Association as well as of the accomplishments through its Conferences and the publication of Contemporary Jewry. We would very much like to be helpful to the Association but we are faced with severely limited financial resources.

Would it be helpful to you if the National Foundation for Jewish Culture would provide you with a challenge grant of \$1500 a year for a three-year period with the understanding that the Association would match this grant with a similar amount from other sources? I believe we could undertake such a program if it would accomplish the purposes you have in mind. We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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490-2280

April 30, 1979

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

Dear Dan:

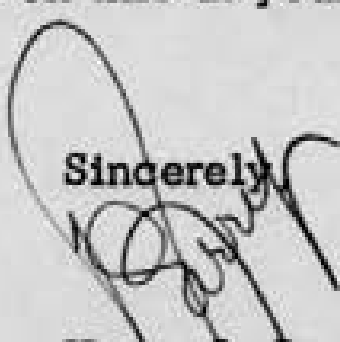
Perhaps you know that a Festschrift honoring Joe Blau has been in the making for some time now and the editor, Maurice Wohlgelemer, came to see me the other day to ask whether there was some way in which we could be helpful to them.

It seems that Columbia University Press which will be publishing the volume is holding up the works pending receipt of a subsidy of \$7000. The group has now raised about half of this amount and is desperately trying to find the rest as quickly as possible, hoping to get the volume published while Joe is still alive. As you know, he has had several major operations and the prognosis is not very bright. I have given Wohlgelemer a number of suggestions but I am wondering whether we couldn't find something like \$1000-\$1500 for this volume. As you will see from the enclosed Table of Contents, there are a number of interesting essays that should prove to be worthwhile contributions. It certainly compares very favorably with the latest issue of the AJS Review to which we contributed \$10,000.

It would certainly seem to me that this kind of expenditure as well as the idea of a challenge grant of \$1500 for the Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry could offset one of our smaller doctoral dissertation grants.

Do let me have your thinking on this at your early opportunity.
Warm regards.

Sincerely,


Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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HISTORY, RELIGION, and SPIRITUAL DEMOCRACY

ESSAYS IN HONOR OF JOSEPH L. BLAU

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For

J O S E P H L . B L A U

colleague, teacher, friend

who unified, clarified and revealed
and who always set for us a
noble example

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Preface

This jubilee volume is a labor of love. Wishing to express their love, a group of former teachers, colleagues and students of Joseph L. Blau felt that the written word would best reveal and confirm it. Hence, what all the participants in this volume have to say--each one uniquely expressing thoughts inspired in some tangible way by their celebrant--is the very committed and permanent expression of that love.

Furthermore, the participants--especially the editors--were motivated to publish this Festschrift for yet another reason. Reviewing Professor Blau's three decades and some at Columbia University prior to his recent retirement, they concluded, as did other editors on another occasion, that "too often, distinguished academic careers pass virtually unnoticed into the waves of time. Ironically, the fault--if that word can be used--is the professor's: he performs his duties so well for so long that consistent excellence is taken for granted." The editors of this Festschrift simply refused to take that excellence for granted. Always aware that, in the life of a man, especially an academician, there can be no more painful, nay, frightening, moment than when, after a long and distinguished career, he finally walks out of the halls of his university for the last time, too often unsung, unheralded and unaccompanied by either students or colleagues, much less teachers, and thus terribly alone, the editors intend this volume to serve as a reminder to this scholar that his splendid accomplishments have not been "washed away by the waves of time." On the contrary, they are lastingly recorded here so that he need never again feel the particular loneliness that often takes over the end of a distinguished academic career.

In fact, the idea of publishing this volume occurred at the very moment of Dr. Blau's greatest loneliness. When, in the summer of 1977, he underwent major surgery and was, naturally, deeply perturbed about its outcome, we thought that nothing could possibly add as much encouragement to his recovery as a jubilee collection, a promising reminder that all of us do indeed care. Whether this decision added anything to his subsequent recovery can hardly be argued with any certainty. What is, however, certain is that it helped immeasurably in persuading him that, because others, too, shared his anxieties, he was not--nor need ever be--starkly alone.

Soon after that difficult summer, a small group--James A. Martin, Jr., David R. Blumenthal, Peter Hare, Howard Radest and I--met to refine the plan and content of this work. Together, we confirmed three basic decisions. First, the volume would be so arranged that each of the sections would reflect, in some measure, the four major areas of Blau's scholarly concern: the philosophy of religion, the history and philosophy of Judaism, American philosophy and social philosophy. Second, toward that end, each section editor would, after receiving articles from former students and colleagues of Dr. Blau, assume the responsibility for reading and editing them and preparing them for final publication. In addition, each editor would then contribute a brief introduction to his section, describing the nature of its content and its relation to the general theme of the Festschrift. Third, on completing his own assignment, each editor would then read and comment on the other sections. In that way, the co-editors would, in part, share in the general editing of the entire volume, thus insuring that, whenever possible, each section would somehow be connected to every other.

That these assignments were, for the most part, executed as planned

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is due, in no small part, to the diligence, determination and dedication of the co-editors. They labored long to cooperate with each other and with me to maintain always a sort of unity in our diversity. Since all but one resides away from New York City, the group had to travel considerable distances to attend editorial meetings, helping, thereby, to resolve some of the myriad details that usually accompany the publication of such Festschriften. This work, then, is, in many ways, the coordinate result of their sterling efforts.

It will not, of course, escape the attention of the reader that what links, interestingly, the work of the co-editors and their respective participants is not only the occasion of this celebration but also the dream that pervaded all of Dr. Blau's life: the uniting of people of totally different training and differing temperaments to work harmoniously toward a specific goal. The fruitful joining together of this disparate group of widely representative writers and thinkers--a humanist, a Catholic priest, a Presbyterian deacon, an orthodox rabbi, an ethical culturist to name but a few--is, therefore, as much a celebration of Blau the cultural ecumenist as Blau the man. And this may be, ultimately, the greatest tribute to his work in, among other areas, the philosophy of religion.

As editor-in-chief, I assumed, at the very outset, the responsibility for planning the nature of the entire volume, for coordinating the efforts of the co-editors, for writing the general introduction--a brief study of Blau's major intellectual interests--and, finally, for seeing the entire work through the various stages of editing, production and publication. Though this editorship demanded interminable hours and an unending preoccupation with nettlesome minutiae, I was fortunate in being able to lean, when necessary,

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on my co-editors, whose active support and, above all, warm friendship made of this at times seemingly impossible project a genuine labor of love. And were it not, also, for the meticulous attention given to the typing and final copy editing of the completed manuscript by Sam DeKay, Secretary of our Editorial Committee, this volume might never have been submitted on schedule, a schedule demanding publication in Fall 1979, to coincide appropriately with the celebrant's seventieth birthday.

The editing of this book has placed me under many happy obligations. I am particularly grateful to all the contributors who answered our requests for their essays, comments and reflections with avidity and alacrity.

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Professor of English, Hofstra University;

I offer warmest thanks to Louis Levy, Acting Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, whose concern and assistance have always been a source of inspiration to me. To my trusted friend Andrew Lavender, Chairman, Department of English, for giving every draft of everything I write detailed and affectionate readings--he is, in fact, my unnamed co-author--and for his abiding concern for my welfare, I owe him more than I can every hope to express.

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Inspiration remains, as always, my revered teacher and spiritual guide, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. I am also very mindful of the generous help and counsel granted to me by my friend and colleague Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

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To my wife, Esther, and to our children, Debra, Elli and Beth, I am forever indebted for their love, abiding faith, and for their prayerful hopes for the future.

Eleanor Blau, for reasons too numerous to mention, most certainly deserves to share in this celebration.

The final sentence of this brief Preface, however, is reserved for Joseph L. Blau himself, to whom this book is dedicated with love, a love meant to echo that recorded at the close of his own Preface to Judaism in America: "In a sense, then, my students are my unnamed co-authors. To all of them, past and present, I dedicate this work with love."

M.W.

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March 5, 1979

Professor Maurice Wohlgelernter
Department of English
Baruch College, CUNY
17 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10010

Re: History, Religion and Spiritual Democracy

Dear Maurice:

Now that the final manuscript for the Blau Festschrift has been turned over to the Press we shall joyfully proceed to edit it as soon as it can be fitted into our schedule. We will be unable, however, to send the manuscript to the printer for typesetting until we have received the subsidy called for by the contract, \$7,000. The manufacturing estimate, by the way, suggests that the book will run to about 464 pages, instead of the 300 to 400 we had discussed. If you can trim anything we would appreciate your doing so, because even with the subsidy we face pricing problems.

I know you are as anxious as we are to see the publication of this work, and I hope we can all look forward to the speedy conclusion of the financial arrangements so that work on the book can be completed without delay.

Sincerely,

John D. Moore
Editor in Chief

JDM/dr
cc: William F. Bernhardt

May 3, 1979

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

Dear Harry:

I don't think we ought to plunge ahead with the Festschrift honoring Joe Blau without some overall policy. It will not be an indispensable tool for Jewish scholars. How will we turn down the next such request that comes down the pike? Joe is a nice fellow, but Columbia and his students ought to care enough about him to see that it is developed. My vote would be no. Incidentally, I disagree that it compares favorably with the latest issue of the AJS Review, which is not saying much for either publication.

As always.

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

May 16, 1979

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

Dear Harry:

I am sure you have seen the letter Michael Meyer sent me. I would like a memo of your discussions with him on JCA. Did you discourage him or was he simply unwilling to walk this path? My feeling is that we ought not to undertake any further funding of the AJS Review. Most endowment grants are for a limited time and then the institution must find ways to up the cost. My answer to Mike Meyer is enclosed.

Where are we as far as monies that will be spent next year?

As always,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Encl.

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May 21, 1979

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

Dear Dan:

I am sorry I missed your return call on Friday. I had to be out of the office for a few minutes at just that time.

The primary purpose of this letter is to review with you some of the thinking I have been doing, at Harry's request, on the conferences we had talked about. Harry has had discussions with a number of people in the fields of community organization, Jewish Education, etc. who would know the job situation and prospects for academics, and there is nothing he has learned that gives cause for optimism. It appears that there is little in a young Ph.D.'s training which qualifies him for any Jewish communal position unless he or she first obtains some specific professional preparation. In addition, there has been very little thinking about the numbers of job openings likely to develop in any particular field over the next few years.

Based on this information, I am suggesting the following scenario on which I would like your comments. I propose we get in touch with Eli Ginzberg at Columbia who I think you know is one of the leading manpower experts in this country, to see if he can suggest anything based on his knowledge of how to proceed in this specific area. At the same time, we would begin preparing for a major national conference, to be held in June, 1980 on "Planning in the Field of Jewish Scholarship". At this conference which might be one or two days, the following subjects could be discussed:

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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Though Harry knows in general what I have been thinking I thought it would be good for me to solicit your comments prior to solidifying this into a concrete proposal and plan.

Cordially,



Abraham Atik
Assistant Director

AA:bg

May 31, 1979

Mr. Abraham Atik
Assistant Director
National Foundation For Jewish Culture
122 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Abe:

This will simply acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 11. We talked over most of the issues over the telephone. I have not heard from you on a date for the meeting we contemplate.

I would only add that I do not want another study to emerge.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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March 9, 1979

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

Dear Danny:

I have just spoken on the phone to Harry Barron to inform him that because something of an emergency just came up this very morning, I have to cancel my trip to New York for the meeting of the Fellowship Committee at the National Foundation.

I am very distressed at having to make this decision, but there is just no way I can be away from the College on April 2. Believe me that I was looking forward to the meeting with the greatest anticipation at finally having a chance to be involved with the Foundation. Thanks to your effort this almost became a reality. And now due to circumstances quite beyond my control, I can't make it.

It is difficult for me to find suitable words to apologize for having to cancel out so late in the day. Let me be so forward nonetheless to hope that you won't hold this against me and that next year, God willing, no similar emergency will arise and I will be able to participate. (I had already sent in my grade sheets on the applications that had been sent to me, and some of them were very impressive. It was good to see how many first rate young people are coming along in some of our fields.)

All good wishes. Forgive me.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert

Herbert H. Paper

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May 21, 1979

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Cleveland, O. 44106

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Handwritten note:
M. J. Silver
The Temple

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May 10, 1979

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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Dear Dan:

For a number of months now I have been concerned with securing the financial position of the Association for Jewish Studies. As you know, I have especially sought to put the AJSreview on a firm basis, lest the scholarly annual, which has already made a marked contribution, be imperiled when the current National Foundation for Jewish Culture grant expires with the publication of volume 5.

My conversations with yourself and Harry Barron have as yet borne no fruit. After exploring the possibility of AJS membership in the Joint Cultural Appeal, I have become convinced that, given its current structure, the JCA is most unlikely to vote for the inclusion of a new member, which would mean reducing the share of the present beneficiaries. In addition, it may in fact be more appropriate for the AJS, as an academic rather than a cultural organization, to remain outside the JCA.

The best path to follow, therefore, seems to be to request that the National Foundation make an ongoing commitment to the AJSreview. I believe that the catholicity of our publication, representing as it does all disciplines in the area of Jewish studies, gives it an unusual status unlike that of more specialized journals. At the same time, the AJS does not possess an endowment, as do some other Jewish scholarly bodies, and cannot hope to support the Review from its own funds without raising membership dues to prohibitive levels. The long standing and fundamental interest of the National Foundation in the advancement of Jewish studies in American institutions of higher learning makes it the most logical source for ongoing funding.

May I therefore hereby request officially that the National Foundation for Jewish Culture commit itself to ongoing financial support of the AJSreview on the basis of actual costs incurred,

[May 10, 1979]

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subject, of course, to periodic reviews. While I do not want to appear importunate, and while I am aware of the other demands upon the funds of the National Foundation, the responsibilities of my office and my own commitment to the future of AJS publication activity require that I be able to assure the Board of Directors of the AJS with regard to the financing of our AJS review when it meets again this December. I would therefore be most grateful if a decision could be reached as soon as proper procedure will allow.

I am writing this letter to you, Dan, because of your commitment to the AJS, our long standing personal relationship, and your active role in the work of the National Foundation. Please feel free to share its contents with all who are relevant to the decision making process. I hope I may look forward to a response in the very near future.

Warmest personal regards.

Cordially,

Mike

Michael A. Meyer

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cc: Dr. Harry I. Barron
Dr. Nahum M. Sarna
Dr. Frank Talmage
Dr. Charles Berlin

May 16, 1979

Rabbi Michael A. Meyer
Hebrew Union College -
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3101 Clifton Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Dear Mike:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 10 and will take up the matter with the powers that be at the Foundation. I am not a prophet but I would doubt that the Foundation would want to undertake a permanent commitment of this type. The purpose of endowment monies is to stimulate new activity and then for the organization responsible to find appropriate ways of maintaining a project if it has proven its worth.

Please do not take this as the final answer. It is written in friendship and it is my feeling that you ought to be canvassing many other ways of ~~funding~~ the Review.

As always,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

July 12, 1979

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

Dear Harry:

It was a long meeting but I think it achieved what needed to be done, at least in respect to the matters I brought up. We ought to make the routine plans to send out the fellowship announcements as we do each year. I will expect to receive from Abe a detailed outline of his proposal for the Conference which I will then look over and respond to. I would hope to receive this document by the 22nd of the month. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I sent Mike Meyer to bring you up-to-date.

My expenses to New York were \$160.00. See you soon.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Encl.

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(SEE ATTACHED LIST OF THOSE TO WHOM THIS LETTER WAS SENT)

MEMORANDUM

COPY

June 12, 1979

To:

From: Harry I. Barron, Executive Director

Subject: Consultation on Judaic Scholars' Employment Crisis

In the course of our work with the scholarly community we have become increasingly aware of a problem which we believe has important implications for the Jewish community and concerning which we are seeking your counsel. Simply put, a significant number of doctoral students in Jewish Studies will not be able to find academic positions because of demographic realities and budgetary cutbacks. By the nature of their training, these individuals represent a reservoir of talent of both analytic skills and Judaic knowledge which we feel the Jewish community can ill afford to lose.

In order to develop some possible steps to deal with this situation we are inviting a small number of key organization heads to meet with us on June 26, 1979, at 11 a.m. at our offices. In addition to getting a brief presentation of the dimensions of the problem, the session will attempt to explore what the field of Jewish communal service, working in partnership with the scholarly community, might be able to do to meet this challenge.

We do hope that you, or a member of your staff you might wish to designate, will join us at this meeting. Return of the enclosed card indicating your attendance will be much appreciated.

enc.

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THE ATTACHED LETTER SENT TO:

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Dr. Shimon Frost, EVP

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This letter also sent to: Dr. Milton Konvitz, Cornell University,
PO Box 1000, Ithaca, NY 14853

Similar note sent by HIB to Baruch Levine & M. Herzog

June 13, 1979

COPY

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, Associate Executive Director
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture
15 East 26th St.
New York, NY 10010

Dear Jerry:

You will recall that some time ago we reviewed the findings of the survey conducted by the Association for Jewish Studies of its members with particular regard to the numbers of doctorates being produced in the field of Jewish Studies. Concern was expressed about the employment possibilities of people who will be completing their studies at a time of shrinking enrollments and budgetary cutbacks. (Minutes of that meeting are enclosed.)

You will note that the National Foundation was asked to review with other communal organizations the potential for absorbing some of these scholars into the Jewish communal professions. Following discussions with some of these organizations, we have scheduled a meeting on this matter, for the purposes of joint consultation, to take place on Tuesday, June 26, 1979 at 11:00 at the NFJC office.

We do hope you will be able to join us at that meeting and will indicate your plans on the response card.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Abraham Atik
Assistant Executive Director

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M E M O R A N D U M

June 18, 1979

To: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

From: Abraham Atik

Subject: June 26, 1979 meeting

In preparation for the meeting next week I am sending you a copy of the memorandum that was sent out inviting participation at this session and a list of those invited to attend. We expect to have a clearer idea of the attendance in the next few days.

As the memorandum indicated, this meeting is meant to elicit ideas for further consideration rather than as a forum in which specific proposals will be put forward. The way I see it you will chair the meeting, giving a short background statement on the Foundation's involvement with Jewish Studies and the particular role that Jewish Studies does and can play in the American Jewish community. Mike Meyer will provide a description of the scope of the problem and of the special skills those who work for their doctorates possess which make them an asset to the Jewish community. Mike should also stress that students could be guided into seeking additional training in specific areas if that is required to make them more suitable candidates for the various Jewish professions.

The comments of the group might then be solicited by you as chairman. These comments might be specific, in terms of projections of manpower requirements in individual fields, and of the type of training that might be required for these fields; practical, such as the dissemination of lists of job openings to the academics through the Association of Jewish Studies, and the centralized circulation of selected resumes of academics through the AJS and the Foundation; and longer range, such as setting up a task force to find innovative ways to utilize young scholars in the community.

It is difficult to determine how long the meeting will actually take, although I don't think this part of it will take more than one and one-half or two hours. We might want to consider inviting some of those attending to remain and discuss the possibilities of a conference such as I described to you in my recent letter.

I look forward to seeing you next week.

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Office of the President

MEMORANDUM

June 26, 1979.

To: Members of the Executive Committee

From: Amos Comay

I am calling a meeting of the Executive Committee for Wednesday, July 11th, 2:45 p.m., in the Foundation's office.

We shall receive reports from several committees that will have met beforehand and have recommendations requiring our action on behalf of the Foundation.

We shall then proceed as the Search Committee under the chairmanship of Mike Zeltzer to consider steps for selecting a successor to Dr. Barron when he retires next June.

It is important to have the benefit of your participation, and I hope therefore that you will let me know on the enclosed reply card that you plan to attend.

Kind regards.

enc

June 27, 1979 .

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

Dear Harry:

I thought the meeting took us about as far as we can go and I was very pleased with the spirit of cooperation by everyone who attended. I wonder if you would drop a short note to each of these people expressing my thanks for their time and interest.

I have put the date of July 11 on the calendar and will plan to make a presentation to the Board on a number of matters:

- 1) The half support of the AJS Review.
- 2) Continuation of the grants program.
- 3) Our review of manpower issues.

My expenses to New York were \$160. It was good seeing you. Next time let's have a drink and talk.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

July 13, 1979

Rabbi Michael A. Meyer
Hebrew Union College -
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3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Dear Mike:

The Executive Committee of the Foundation met yesterday. It included a long discussion of your letter to me requesting funds for the AJS Review. Unofficially, I can tell you that the Executive Committee will recommend to the full Board in the Fall that a six thousand dollar grant be made for a period of three years (not five) beyond the five years to which we originally committed ourselves. They also will recommend that this be a terminal grant. It was assumed that by the time the eighth volume is published the Association will have found ways of funding the Review. Needless to say, I am pleased by this action.

Harry or Abe can bring you up-to-date on our long discussion about a Conference on the manpower issue. The Board voted to continue the current rate of funding for fellowships and scholarships until all of us have had a chance to look more deeply into the problem and come up with alternatives - if these are needed.

I am confident that the Association will cooperate closely with the Foundation in this matter. The decision on the Review, of course, is not final until passed by the full Board. Please recognize this information is preliminary.

I trust this finds you in good health.

As always,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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July 17, 1979

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

Dear Dan:

Thank you for your note of July 12th. I am glad you felt that the Executive Committee meeting accomplished what needed to be done. I am a little less sanguine on that score but we did get some things in the works ...

While we didn't get approval of the full commitment that we were seeking for the AJSreview I think there is enough latitude to give them some help and yet motivate them to find some additional assistance elsewhere.

The copy of your letter to Mike Meyer which you enclosed is obviously not the right one. What you sent was your letter to him of May 16th. What we would like to have is your recent response to his letter to you of June 27th.

We are way ahead of you on sending out the fellowship announcements. They went out July 3rd.

We need to make some new appointments to the Academic Advisory Council. At least the following should be replaced: Blau, Herzog, Sachar and Talmage. In addition, Baruch Levine will be on sabbatical next year and Talmage, who was to have worked with us this year, was away all year so that theoretically he could be given another year. Also, Brandwein did no grading this year, nor did Kravitz (both were out of the country).

On the matter of the Conference, I'm not sure that Abe can put together the material you want by July 22nd. Besides, we have a complication that we need to talk over with you on the phone. I tried to reach you this morning but could not get you at the Temple, the branch or your home.

The enclosed check is as per your statement of expenses. Best regards.

Cordially,


Harry I. Barron
Executive Director

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July 20, 1979

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

Dear Harry:

Here is a copy of my letter of July 13 to Mike Meyer. We did get all that I asked for as far as AJS Review is concerned.

On the matter of the staff of the Academic Advisory Council, Brandwein and Kravitz will both be back in the country this year and I would keep Baruch Levine on. Obviously, we need a philosopher, an historian, someone in rabbinics and a Hebraist. What suggestions do you have?

By the way, I will not be available for grading but I would like to delay the Council meeting to the first week in May so that I can be present.

I do want the material on the conference to move along so whatever you have to talk to me about, pick up the phone.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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August 14, 1979

Mr. Michael Zeltzer
National Foundation For Jewish Culture
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mike:

I will not be able to attend the breakfast meeting of the Search Committee on Friday, September 14. It comes at a rabbi's busy period and I am moving towards leaving the country on the third of October for an eight-month sabbatical.

Because I will be out of the country until May, I will not be able to participate in the meetings of the Search Committee. I regret that. Eight years as President of the Foundation and at least a dozen as head of the Academic Advisory Council have given me a pretty good sense of the organization and, of course, great love for it. It is my feeling that the Search Committee has bitten off too much. On general principles I dislike personnel committees which broaden their focus so that they, in a sense, reshape the whole agenda of an organization.

I have another concern. I think Abe Atik is a competent man and that it would be a tragedy if the Foundation lost both its top officers in the course of a year. I have always found Abe thorough and full of ideas. Given his head I think he would provide the Foundation sound and effective leadership. What concerns me is that along the way he will become so discouraged that he will look elsewhere and we will be left adrift.

The National Foundation needs somebody who has a vision larger than that of social work or of the Federation field, and a competence in cultural scholarly matters which most MSW's do not possess. It would be wrong to bring in somebody who might look towards a future in Federation or national agency work rather than look on this job as the culmination of his career.

[Aug 14, 1979]

Please excuse me for having expressed my feelings in this way but no other is available to me. I wish you all good luck with your work. Know that you can count on me always for support.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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September 17, 1979

Mr. Abraham Atik, Assistant Director
National Foundation for Jewish Culture
122 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Abe:

I shall regard your letter as personal and confidential and therefore will not share it with my colleagues of the AJS Executive Committee. However, my reply must therefore also be personal and any organizational commitment would have to come only after collective deliberation.

Your proposal raises a host of questions. I can only briefly indicate some of them here.

1. Who would be invited to such a colloquium? Who would find it worthwhile to come? There are not a great many schools entering into Jewish studies planning at this time. For those that are, we are establishing within the AJS a special consultation committee.

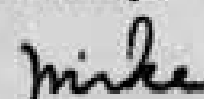
2. What would be the main purpose of such a gathering? What outcome is desired? The outline only lists topics. What prompts going over some of these subjects again?

3. What I do see as worthwhile is trying to get Federation leaders together in order to sell them on scholars-in-residence for their communities. But this I suppose is best done at a session during the Council of Federations annual convention.

In short, I don't see ^{how} ~~the~~ Conference which is so broad and undirected that it serves no practical function and only goes over old ground or duplicates what we are doing through the AJS Jobs Symposium and the meeting of representatives of graduate programs. It is in establishing a shiduch with Jewish communities around the country where I believe the NFJC can be most helpful. My personal feeling is that effort should be concentrated on that endeavor.

All good wishes for the New Year.

Cordially,



Michael A. Meyer

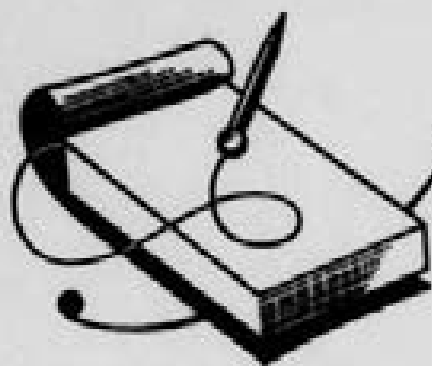
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(Sept 25, 1979)



Memo

FROM
ABRAHAM ATIK

Da,

Enclosed in the letter I
received from Andy ~~Smith~~
with a draft of a
possible response. It is
mild, because I want to keep
it personal and non-abrasive.
I'll talk with you soon.

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Atk.

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DRAFT

September 25, 1979

Dr. Michael A. Meyer
HUC-JIR
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Dear Mike:

You will be reading this letter following your return from Prague and I certainly do hope your trip was successful and that you fulfilled all your expectations.

I am responding to your letter of September 17, 1979 in which you addressed some of the ideas I described to you regarding a conference on planning for Jewish Studies. I know your letter was written in a friendly and constructive spirit, but it does raise issues regarding the Foundation's role in its relationship with Jewish Studies. Though the questions you raise about the conference certainly have validity and need to be thought through in more detail before any practical steps are undertaken, perhaps a few comments on the central issues of the Foundation's responsibility might be useful in thinking further about this project.

The Foundation does not see itself merely as an organization for funding Jewish Studies. Nor does it see itself merely as an arm of the organized Jewish community to meet those needs in Jewish Studies the federations consider of greatest concern. Rather, the Foundation attempts to help define and address concerns which are of importance both to the scholarly and the organized communities, particularly when these concerns coincide.

I do not think that the Foundation can be asked merely to help seek more positions for those receiving their doctorates or to augment salaries of those already teaching through encouraging scholars-in-residence programs. I think that if rational communal decisions are going to be made in regard to Jewish Studies the communities need to know what is happening in that field, how Jewish Studies respond to community need, what kind of planning is taking place within the field that is directed toward the problems that are emerging, and what the communities continuing involvement ought to be, and it is the Foundation's responsibility to help find the answers to these questions.

I think a conference in which representatives of the field of Jewish Studies and community representatives are brought together by the Foundation to look in a comprehensive way at the field is something that ultimately needs to take place, and I think that because of the emerging manpower crisis this should take place sooner rather than later. That some of the issues a conference of this nature will deal with have been discussed in other settings does not take away the need to discuss these issues as they relate to each other. The objectives of such a conference would be to establish a framework, an agenda for the future, through which needs of both the

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community and the scholarly world can be addressed. I would expect the results of such a conference to go beyond the promotion of scholars-in-residence in federated communities. It would raise such issues as: What are the reasonable expectations for support from community agencies of Jewish Studies programming? How shall the community relate the financing of the teacher-training colleges to what is happening in the universities? Can the needs of the community for trained personnel be conveyed to the academic world, and can it respond to help fill those needs? What can and should the community do now to assist in ameliorating the difficult problems that are emerging in regard to the great numbers of students completing their doctorates?

This is not to say that the questions you raise in your letter do not need to be thought through and that the final outline of a conference might be far different from what I had initially conceived. Further discussion assuredly needs to bring the issues into a sharper focus and to seek a manageable format for their discussion. What I am questioning is the possible placement of the Foundation in a role which is peripheral and as an adjunct in the defining of the central issues in this field. We ourselves have no such limited conception of our role nor do we think our record would support this definition. Surely our support of the Association's activities and of other scholarly efforts does not lend credence to this view of the Foundation. It is due to these factors that we were surprised at not being invited to take part in any way in your jobs symposium.

Certainly we wish to maintain a close relationship to the professional association of Jewish academics, the AJS, and I think our previous support and the steps we are contemplating for the future demonstrate this desire. We are sure that this relationship is one of mutual respect of our individual roles and programs, and I am sure that our two organizations, as well as the others which might have an impact on this field, will work together closely in the future.

I am sure you know that I wish you and your family a good, peaceful and creative New Year.

Cordially,

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Abraham Atik
Assistant Director

September 28, 1979

Mr. Abraham Atik
National Foundation For Jewish Culture
122 East 42nd Street
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Dear Abe:

The letter is fine. I would simply drop the last two sentences of paragraph 1, page 2, beginning, since our support. . . and include some such thought as this:

Frankly, I am surprised that you have reversed the position taken during our meeting in the spring where the proposal for a broad conference was thoroughly discussed. You seem desirous to limit discussion to an AJS forum which is, from my point of view, professionally limited and necessarily self-serving. I am surprised that the Foundation was not involved in the planning of the December conference. If you rush ahead too fast and too far you run the danger of running away from helpful sources of support who may decide to channel their funds in other directions. There is no mandate that the Foundation must support activities and interests of the AJS.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Dear Daniel:

I was most pleased to learn from your recent letter that the Executive Committee of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture will recommend to the full Board that a \$6,000 per year grant be awarded to the Association for Jewish Studies for a period of three years. On behalf of the AJS, and personally as well, may I express to you our genuine appreciation for pressing this cause.

Of course we shall regard this information as wholly preliminary and confidential. Please do write again after the full Board makes its decision.

Cordially yours,



Michael A. Meyer

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November 21, 1979

Office of the President

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Dear Dan:

As you know, our Board of Directors recently authorized us to inaugurate an Associates Program which will seek to attract a cadre of supporters in various cities throughout the country. They will provide a base of support which will enhance our ability to fulfill our major purpose of assisting and stimulating the total Jewish cultural enterprise on the local community as well as on the national level.

Before we launch this program in any city we feel we should first invite the members of our Board to become the first Associates at an annual fee of \$100 per year. We would greatly appreciate your accepting our invitation by returning the enclosed enrollment form.

I should also like to urge every Board member to make as generous an additional contribution as possible toward our Doctoral Grants program. Since 1961 such grants to more than 300 Jewish scholars (over 90% of whom are currently teaching Jewish Studies in major colleges and universities) have had a profound positive impact on creative Jewish life in America. At the same time, however, we have also had to turn down more than three times as many fully qualified applicants due to our lack of funds. By letting us know now what your gift will be you will help us to set a realistic level for our 1980 Fellowship Grants.

I very much hope I can count on your help -- and I thank you in advance for your favorable response.

Sincerely,

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