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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

777-5383

October 10, 1967

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

Dear Dan:

Enclosed please find a draft of a proposed letter to Salo Baron and two types of letters to those you are going to invite to serve on the Academic Advisory Council. It goes without saying that I hope you feel free to alter them in any way you deem desirable. After all, they are letters from you and I am not yet familiar with your "style".

If you should decide to send them out directly, please let us have copies for our files. If you would like us to do them, it would be well for you to let us know which ones you would like to address by their first names.

I am afraid that we have not thought through the implications of having an Honorary Chairman. If it is really only honorary then he has no ongoing responsibilities. I do not know how Baron would look upon this since he has not yet put himself on the shelf, so to speak. On the other hand, there might be certain problems about his being the Chairman since he is inclined to be somewhat on the autocratic side and does not take suggestions too readily. If it is to be only a gesture, then we must select an active chairman, and the letter to Baron might have to be couched in such a way to indicate that we do not expect any major responsibility from him.

As to the invitees, I have several reactions:

1. Robert Gordis is not a full-time academician. As you know, he is the Rabbi of a very large and active congregation in Rockaway Park. He is the only part-time academician among the nominees.

2. Ben Halpern is on a sabbatical and will be in Israel until June, 1969. So, obviously we must find a replacement for him. Without him there is no one from Brandeis.

3. Your list contains no one who is teaching at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

4. Geographically your list has no one West of Cincinnati nor South of Nashville.

5. The group primarily interested in Hebrew and language may feel that there is no one from their ranks. They are not likely to look upon Rabinowitz of Cornell as one of their own. It may be necessary, therefore, to come up with someone more closely identified with Hebrew language and literature.

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6. I would be quite happy to have two sociologists like Sklare and Goldstein but I would imagine that the classicists are likely to look askance at this kind of distribution (and it would be even more accentuated if Ben Halpern were in the picture).

I know these are annoying details but I do think we ought to clear them up and satisfy ourselves before the people are actually invited. Perhaps, too, you may want to fix some kind of date for the first session and indicate that in the letter. Or we can wait for a while and write them again after we have set up the agenda for the first meeting.

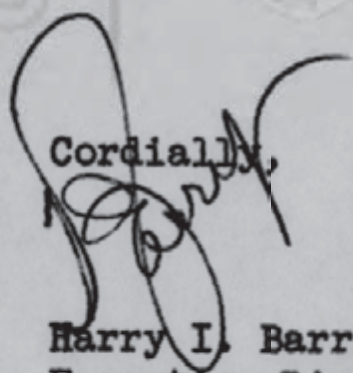
I am sending along some copies of correspondence that you might find of interest. If you have any suggestions before I reply to them, do let me know.

Pursuant to your statement of expense, I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$105. Our checks require two signatures and ordinarily we send the checks on to Buffalo for Irving Levick to sign. In this instance I would suggest that you sign the check.

I assume that it is okay for me to make some other appointments, if possible, for the two of us in Boston for Monday afternoon. I have written to Philip Lown and Eising Silberschlag, Dean of the Hebrew Teachers College, suggesting appointments Monday afternoon after 3 p.m. So, please keep the afternoon free.

All the best.

Cordially,

  
Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

Encl.



NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

SOME SUGGESTED NAMES FOR ACADEMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

( Salo W. Baron )  
( Harry A. Wolfson ) Honorary ?

N. Ankori )  
or ) Ohio State University  
Marvin Fox )

1 Gerson Cohen - Columbia (History)

10 Abraham G. Duker - Yeshiva (History, Librarian)

~~8 Henry Fischel - Indiana (Philosophy)~~

11 Sidney Goldstein - Brown (Sociology)

7 Moshe Greenberg - Penn (Bible)

12 Arnold Gurin - Brandeis (Jewish Community Organization)

Eli Ginzberg - Columbia

William Haber - Michigan

6 Ben Halpern - Brandeis (Modern Near East)

5 Arthur Hyman - Yeshiva - Columbia (Philosophy)

Abraham Kaplan - Michigan

Y. Muffs - J.T.S. (Bible)

J. Neusner - Dartmouth (Philosophy, History)

J. Petuchowski - H.U.C.

12 I. Rabinowitz - Cornell (Philology)

2 Lou H. Silberman - Vanderbilt (Rabbinics)

4 Marshall Sklare - Yeshiva (Sociology)

3 Samuel Sandmel - HUC

9 Abe Halperin JTS

14 Isidor Tennenbaum

*Dropie*

*Halpern*



*Robert G. ...*



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November 2, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle & Silver Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

Following our telephone conversation, we received several additional responses from invitees to the Academic Advisory Council. As you will see, there is only one outright declination, from Glatzer. Do you still want to have someone from Brandeis? With these, only the following have not been heard from: Arthur Hyman (whose letter had to be re-addressed and so has just received it), Marshall Sklare and H. A. Wolfson.

I am attaching a list of Board members who would be in a position to make a decent contribution to the Grants Program, and have indicated their latest gift.

We still have \$32,626 of obligations on our fellowship grants. We also have a \$12,500 bank loan incurred before I came to the Foundation to help meet grant commitments. I don't see how we can make any firm plans for next year's grants until we have disposed of our current obligations.

Everything seems to point to Graubard's being Jewish, but I am checking it out further with Sidney Goldstein who is Chairman of the Sociology Department at Brown and is, as you know, coming on our Academic Advisory Council.

That's it for now. More to come. All the best.

Cordially,

Harry I. Barron  
Executive Director

Encl.

P. S. In your letter to the President of the Camden Federation, you indicated that they gave us an allocation of \$300, but in fact it is only \$200.

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IRVING LEVICK  
701 SENECA STREET  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14210

November 27, 1967

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

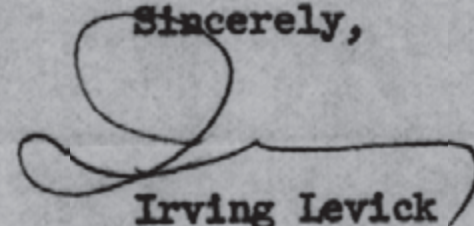
Dear Dan:

I want to again formally offer my apologies for not having contacted you before 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday to advise I would be unable to have dinner with you and your wife.

As you know, I was delayed two days in getting to Cleveland and with the rush of business, I merely overlooked it. My entire file for Cleveland was in my briefcase, and I intended to open it the minute I arrived.

I am deeply grateful for your great interest in the Foundation, which I am positive is going to move with you as the head of it. I told Harry Barron to send me a letter which I can mail to those people we saw at the Assembly, and others that I saw privately. Just as soon as I receive it, I will send them out on my stationery.

Sincerely,



Irving Levick

IL/gr



November 29, 1967

Mr. Irving Levick  
701 Seneca Street  
Buffalo, New York 14210

Dear Irving:

I am delighted that you are going to write a letter to friends around the country and I look forward to seeing you at our Board meeting on the 11th.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



January 9, 1968

Mrs. Moses D. Blitzner  
88 Central Park West  
New York, N. Y. 10023

Dear Mrs. Blitzner:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Dr. David Seligson to acquaint you with the work of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. The National Foundation is a creation of the CJFWF to coordinate and support worthwhile scholarly activities; to provide fellowships and scholarships to young men and women preparing themselves for careers in Jewish research, to subvent scholarly publications by recognized authorities, and to coordinate and stimulate the burgeoning field of Jewish departments on the campus. The full story of our work is told in the enclosed brochure. It is important work.

Our credentials are impeccable. Our Board, which is listed on the back of the brochure, is comprised of Federation and community leaders from across the country. Our work is given direction by a twelve man advisory council of well known scholars headed by Professors Harry Wolfson and Salo Baron.

I would like the privilege of calling you in the near future to talk with you about our work and to solicit your interest and support. Knowing the many demands upon your time I would hesitate to make this request unless I was fully convinced of the importance of our activities. Thanking you for a willingness to spend a few minutes with our material, I remain

Sincerely,

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Mr. Samuel Field  
111 East 56th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10022

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Mr. Calmon Ginsberg  
80 Broad Street  
New York, N. Y. 10004

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480 Park Avenue  
New York, N. Y. 10022

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**Mrs. Henry Ittleson  
200 East 57th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10022**

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201 East 62nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10021

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53 East 80th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10021

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**Mr. Arthur Levitt, Jr.  
544 East 86th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10028**

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Mr. Earl Morse  
15 East 64th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10021

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Mr. James N. Rosenberg  
457 Mamaroneck Road  
Scarsdale, New York 10583

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Dr. David Rosenthal  
700 Park Avenue  
New York, N. Y. 10021

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N.Y.C. Contacts  
to be MADE

January 23, 1968

Mr. Morris L. Levinson  
445 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Morrie:

It was a pleasure having lunch with you and just  
chewing the fat. I am enclosing the list of the  
names David Seligson gave me. As I indicated,  
I have already written a letter with our brochure.  
Whatever information you can give me on these  
people will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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January 26, 1968

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle & Silver Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

Evidently the LCBC was impressed with your presentation. I have heard from a number of sources that ours was the only agency throughout the weekend which received complete endorsement. Some, I understand, encountered very rough going. Walter Lurie submitted his draft report to me for comments and suggestions. It was a positive and helpful document and calls upon the communities to provide the level of support requested by us.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from San Antonio which is self-explanatory. I will hold off replying until I hear from you as to your wishes in the matter.

Incidentally, we have been receiving quite a number of requests for additional copies of our brochure so that we are going ahead with the reprinting. The cost is not an inconsiderable one, and it has been suggested that where quantity orders are involved, we ought to make a charge. On the other hand, this is essentially an institutional interpretation piece, and there might be some question as to the appropriateness of charging for it. Do you have any opinion on this?

I assume you will be interested in the Birmingham allocation and am enclosing Harold Katz's note. That is quite a hefty increase -- from \$25 to \$200. I have acknowledged it, but you may want to do something on your own with your Birmingham contacts.

You will recall that you didn't have your calendar with you when you were here on Monday and that you would check out your available dates in April for our Board meeting. I have been reviewing the matter of the grants recommendations in my mind, and I feel rather strongly that we should allow for a little more time following the March 1st deadline before having the meeting of the Academic Advisory Council. I would much prefer to see March 25th as the date for that meeting rather than March 11th. Similarly, I would prefer to see our Board meeting postponed until a later date -- preferably Monday, May 6th. Hopefully, we would be in a better position to assess what our fund raising potential will be for the Grants Program. Please let me have your views.

I have tried to reach Nat Rosenberg in Denver and Charlie Zibbell in Los Angeles, but they are attending the UJA Western States Leadership

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SILBERMAN-NYC

Foundation for Jewish Culture

100 Ave. ■ New York 19, New York ■ JUdson 6-7912

January 29, 1968

Mr. Samuel J. Silberman, President  
Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York  
130 East 59th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Silberman:

As President of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you at your early convenience to discuss the matter of the Foundation's relationship to the New York Federation.

It is usually possible for me to arrange to come in from Cleveland on a Monday if I have a few days advance notice. May I look forward to hearing from you and to the pleasure of meeting with you soon?

Enclosed is a recent brochure describing the work of the Foundation. I trust you will find it of interest.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

Encl.



January 30, 1968

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

Dear Harry:

The enclosed are self explanatory.

1. I feel we ought to reprint the brochure and make it available gratis. I was in Flint Sunday night and the man who introduced me had been at our meeting in Cleveland and showed the brochure to the group and I was told that we had received a substantial boost in our grant.

2. I believe that we can process everything for a March 11th meeting of our advisory counsel, and we have a date and ought to stick with it. Fund raising answers are not going to be any clearer in early March or late March.

Monday May 6th is quite satisfactory for a Board meeting. This meeting ought also to be the final meeting for our Board for spring.

3. On my visit to New Orleans, I am sure Leo Bergman would have no objection to an appearance before the Federation and I think it is proper for you to go ahead and arrange it. I would also like to spend some time with Label Katz and other members of our Board. Please send the brochures they request on to them and work out a meeting for me.

4. On the Cleveland matter I will talk it over with Sidney when I get back.

5. How are we going on our AJC B'nai B'rith shidduch?

6. Will the precis of our fellowship requests be in my hands by Monday at the latest? I will be talking to you.

Sincerely,

DJS:rvf

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER



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## National Foundation for Jewish Culture

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

February 6, 1968

Dr. Gerson D. Cohen  
Middle East Institute  
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Dear Dr. Cohen:

Thank you for your letter of February 5th. I am indeed sorry that it was not possible to schedule the first meeting of the Academic Advisory Council at a time to meet your convenience. I wish we could work it out so that we could meet in the evening but, unfortunately, a number of the men from out of town must leave early enough to get home that night.

I trust that for the following meeting we can work out a time that will fit in with your own schedule. Meanwhile, I shall very much appreciate your coming to the March 11th meeting for as long as you can stay, and you may be sure that I will be happy to present any comments which you care to submit for the attention of the group. Your interest and helpfulness is much appreciated.

I look forward to the pleasure of seeing you on March 11th.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver  
President

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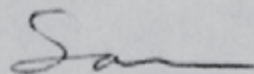
Dear Danny:

Fortunately March 11th, which is part of the semester, is a day of reading, not a day of classes. I have made a reservation to leave here in the morning and return here at night so that I can attend the meeting.

I read through the proposed study of the teaching of Judaica. Would you want me to comment on it prior to the meeting to you, or shall I save my comments for the meeting? What I have in mind is this, and it comes from my experience as Provost, that the proposed study and the budget seem to me to imply a chore of greater magnitude than is really called for or necessary. I think I have had considerable experience in dealing with institutions contemplating such Chairs. Accordingly, I would much rather have a more modest study and allocate funds instead for prospective doctoral candidates.

Warmest good wishes.

Cordially,



Samuel Sandmel



February 9, 1968

Dr. Samuel Sandmel  
Hebrew Union College-  
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Dear Sam:

I am delighted that you will be with us on the 11th. The study will be a major subject of conversation and decision. There is a good deal of merit in your proposal. If you could reduce it to writing before the meeting, it would help focus the discussion: what specific areas should we research and which can we avoid.

Adele joins in sending our best.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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A G E N D A

ACADEMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 11, 1968

A. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- 1) Welcome....Introduce and identify Members (Roster of Council membership included in kits)
- 2) Introduce Miriam Ephraim who is assisting Foundation in processing grants applications (many know her from her former activities as Program Director, National Jewish Welfare Board); also E I B, Exec. Director.
- 3) A word about the National Foundation for Jewish Culture; direct attention to bookshelf of some of the publications which it has supported.
- 4) Purpose of the Academic Advisory Council; its composition; representation of fields, tyoes of institutions, etc. rotation of terms.
- 5) Members are encouraged to offer suggestions regarding areas of future program and activity.
- 6) Today's agenda deals primarily with two major items:
  - a - Recommendations on Grants Applications; and
  - b - Comments and suggestions re: Study of the Teaching of Judaica in American colleges and universities
- 7) Various other matters have been suggested for future discussions:
  - \* a professional association of Professors of Jewish Studies
  - \*a Conference of Professors of Jewish Studies
  - \* Formulation of Standards for Certification of Professors of Jewish Studies
  - \* Delineation of gaps and needed programs or projects:
    - Publication
    - Translations
    - Research

Hopefully, these and others will be discussed at future session of the Council with specific recommendations leading to actual implementation.

B. CONSIDERATION OF GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 1968-1969

Introductory Comments:

Deadline for filing applications was March 1st. In some instances, there has been insufficient time to obtain needed clarifying information, supporting data and references.

Kits contain summaries divided into three main categories:

Pre-Doctorals (new) on yellow - left pocket;

Pre-Doctorals (renewals) on blue sheets in right pocket;

Post-Doctoral and "Independents" on green sheets -right.

Detailed folders are here if we need to refer to them.



Role of the Academic Advisory Council in this Process:

To make an appraisal of the particular application  
in terms of the merits of the project, the  
competence of the applicant to carry it out;  
Not necessarily to pass on financial request except  
where it appears to be out of line.

Explain that the rest of the process -- Committee on  
Grants and the Board of Directors -- must be guided  
by further considerations of available funds as  
well as additional obligations and requests:  
organizational applications (e.g. Yiddish Dictionary  
Committee); and commitments from previous years  
(e.g. Szajkowski's two-year grant for his studies  
of American Jewish Overseas Work).

Preliminary screening has eliminated those applicants who are  
not citizens of the U.S. or Canada, and those who have  
not had at least one year of graduate study. Also,  
preference is to be given to Jewish scholars, and to  
those who are likely to make a contribution to Jewish  
culture in America. (There are some applications from  
individuals who indicate they plan to live and teach in  
Israel.) \*Might discuss problem of Israelis.

Names of applicants have not been disguised. While it is  
hoped members of the A A C will share their opinions  
and experience with applicants who are their own students  
or their immediate colleagues, they should excuse themselves  
from "voting" on them.

"It goes without saying" that these sessions are "executive"  
and confidential.

C. PRE-DOCTORAL APPLICATIONS -- NEW

Criteria and Guidelines

Academic qualifications and potential of primary concern  
Dissertation secondary, but can be taken into consideration  
Feasibility of plan  
Financial need; other possible resources.  
Other considerations



D. PRE-DOCTORAL APPLICATIONS -- RENEWALS

Criteria and Guidelines

Evidence of progress and accomplishment  
 Explanation of deviation from approved plan  
 Reasonableness of revised request  
 Alternatives or consequences of NFJC rejection  
 Other suggestions

E. POST-DOCTORAL AND "INDEPENDENT" APPLICATIONS

Significance of Project

Time-table; need for grant at a particular time; effect of postponement.

Other potential funding resources

Funds for research assistance (e.g. Irving Howe, Victor Sanua)

Funds to meet publication cost (Samelson, Zuckerman)

Provision for repayment from sales proceeds

Travel costs -- guidelines.

F. STUDY OF THE TEACHING OF JUDAICA

Prospectus previously mailed. Additional copies available

Questions and Comments on

Scope

Content

Methodology

Budget

Suggestions for Study Director

Suggestions as to role of Academic Advisory Council

Views about the participation of others: Hillel, etc.

G. SUGGESTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda items (send in ideas that occur later)

Date and Time (Full day; day plus evening; week-end)

Arrangements (N.Y.City; college campus; etc.)

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 CONFERENCE ON JEWISH RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 5th. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Career Opportunities

Preparation and Training

Financial Assistance Available

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 What help can A A C give? Participants, panelists, keynoter.

REQUESTS FROM COLLEGES FOR TEACHING PERSONNEL

How can the A A C help on this?



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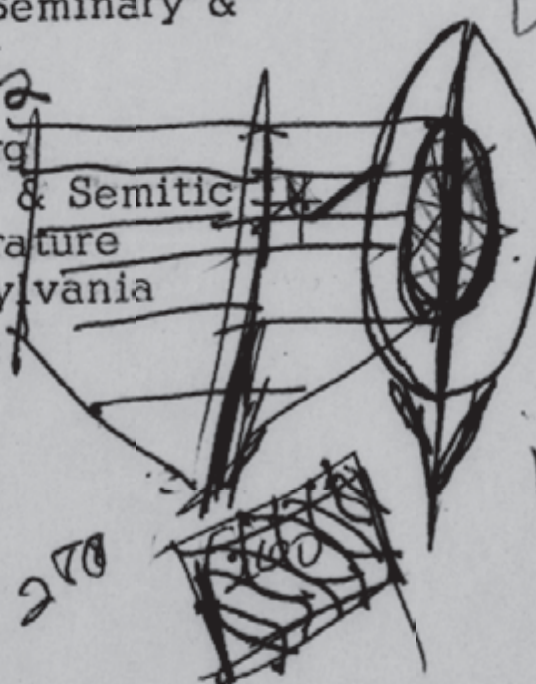
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

FROM: Harry I. Barron

You will recall that we must select replacements for our Academic Advisory Council. I am enclosing our current roster and asterisking those whose terms should be expiring. I have inserted some suggested names next to those asterisked which you might want to react to. Since Erich Rosenthal submitted quite a number of names, I shall list them below:

Samuel Z. Klausner--Dept. of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania and the Center for Research on the Acts of Man. Specialty is sociology of religion. Organized section on Jewish Sociology at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Religion.

Zena Smith Blau--Formerly at the Sociology Dept. of Northwestern University and now at Richmond College, CUNY.

Helen Hacker--Professor of Sociology, Adelphi University. Knowledgeable of the literature on sociology of Jews and skilled in methodological matters. Of Sephardic origin.

Benjamin S. Ringer--Executive Officer of the Graduate Sociology Dept., CUNY. Worked with Sklare on the Lakewood Study.

Stephen Steinberg--Professor of Sociology at CUNY and Queens College. Highly productive, his latest book, Academic Melting Pot deals with Catholics and Jews in American higher education.

Seymour M. Lipset--Sociology Dept., Harvard, member of the Executive Committee Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry.

Werner J. Cahnman--Professor emeritus, Rutgers.

Maybe we ought to continue Sidorsky for another year since he did not really participate in the first year of his appointment.

I also enclose a sheet on the Duquesne History Forum Program dealing with "Jewish Thought in the Modern Age". It was sent to the two of us by Ruth Link-Salinger Hyman. She particularly wanted you to see it. It is interesting that of the five people listed, three are former NFJC

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September 23, 1975

grantees (Robert M. Seltzer, Ruth Link-Salinger Hyman, and David Weinberg).

I also enclose a copy of a letter from Professor Thomas P. Freeman of the State University College at Brockport in which he asks about the possibility of some funding to enable him to better prepare himself for the teaching of Judaica courses. I know that in the past we have rejected these kinds of requests out of hand. Perhaps we ought to rethink the matter. In any event, I shall welcome your reaction.

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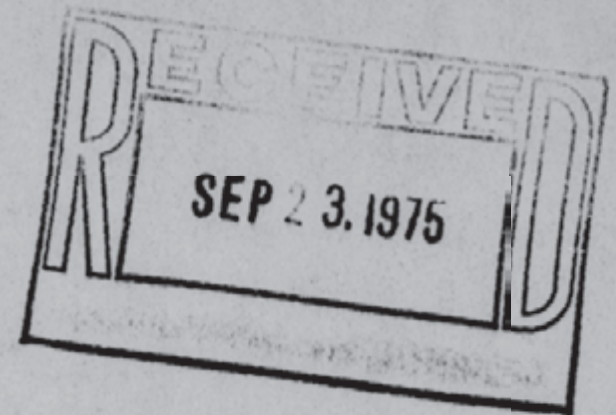
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Foreign Language Department

September 19, 1975



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Dear Sirs:

I am an associate professor in the Foreign Language Department at the State University of New York College at Brockport. I am presently teaching courses in German, Yiddish, and Masterpieces of Jewish Literature in Translation. I am also engaged in setting up a Jewish Studies Program for the college. Since my background is basically in German literature and humanities, I am very interested in taking some time off from teaching in order to attend courses at an appropriate institution where I would be able to improve my knowledge of Yiddish, Hebrew, and Jewish studies generally. Are there any possibilities of obtaining fellowship support or a Grant-in-Aid which would help me to do this? I would, for example, be very interested in attending the Columbia University summer session in Yiddish. I am reasonably certain that I would be given a tuition exemption fellowship. But perhaps I might be able to obtain a small grant from your organization to help me with my living expenses. I would also be very interested in taking a more extensive period of time to attend courses at Columbia and/or the Jewish Theological Seminary either for a semester or an academic year. Do you think it would be possible for me to obtain support from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture?

Yours very truly,

*Thomas Freeman*

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