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NEW YORK

January 11, 1938.

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Chief:

I must take up with you a matter of greatest moment. A situation has arisen in Roumania that is most menacing. I know that Secretary Hull has made a statement. There is one thing that can be done, and that should be done, because after all it was President Wilson who delivered the Jews of the Austro-Hungarian and ~~Roumanian~~ Empires to Roumania. May I not have a moment with you in the next days. I shall be back from Chicago Friday, Saturday and Monday. After that, it would be too late. Do, dear Chief, give me the opportunity to bring to you something of the first importance.

With renewed congratulations upon that joyous as well as immensely significant utterance of Saturday night,

Ever yours,

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The President,
Warm Springs, Ga.

Dear Chief:

I have just returned from the desolation of the European scene to come upon the great gesture of good-will which our government, under your leadership, has made. You will never know what it means to millions of the homeless, not only among Jews, but, as you rightly said yesterday, among other peoples, that the greatest of all nations cares, as you have made clear that America does care. It was a great thing to have done, and you have done it. Let the anti-New Deal heathen rage! The rest of us bless you.

Ever yours,

W. Lawrence

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Free Synagogue

WEEKLY BULLETIN

DR. WISE

Just Returned from Abroad

will preach on

“European Jewries and Palestine
in the World Crisis”

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 27, 1938, at 10:45

CARNEGIE HALL

SERVICES BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 10:45 A.M.

Sabbath Eve Services in the Synagogue House Chapel

Fridays at 5:30

with Children's Chapel Choir

In Memoriam

Rose Bloch, from William A. Sundheimer.
My friend, Dr. Meyer Bloomfield, from Mrs. Rebekah Kobut.
My mother, Bertha Bythiner, on the anniversary of her birthday, from Mrs. Moses C. Kronheimer.
My dear husband's birthday, March twenty-fifth, from Miriam G. Cowen.
My husband, Albert A. Docter, from Mrs. F. R. Docter.
Edwin Sommerich, from Mrs. Milton S. Sommerich.
Our colleague, Joseph Weinstein, from the Faculty of Junior High School 64, Manhattan.

The deepfelt sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mrs. Sig. Goldschmidt, on the passing of her beloved mother,
NANI MEYER

The Social Service Department also acknowledges with appreciation the special contributions to its work, from Rose Ehrlich, Mrs. Henry W. Lounis, Mrs. Herman Jarecky, and Mrs. L. Ginsburg.

Passover Seder and Dinner

Friday evening, April 15, 1938
at six-thirty o'clock
at
THE SYNAGOGUE HOUSE
40 West 68th Street
Charge, \$2.50 per person

Preceding the Seder and Dinner in the Social Hall, Passover Services will be held promptly at 5:30 in the Auditorium, with the choir participating. We expect an unusually large number of people will want to attend this year's Seder and because our accommodations are limited we warn you to make your reservations promptly. We will be unable to fill requests for reservations after the capacity of our Social Hall has been exhausted. Make reservations at Executive Office of the Synagogue, 40 West 68th Street.

Jewish Institute on Marriage and the Family
A Community Program

Lecture Series—1938
Tuesday Evening, March 29th, 8:15
Synagogue House

"BIOLOGICAL PROBLEMS OF MARRIAGE"
by Dr. Hannah Stone
Med. Dir. Birth Control Clinical
Research Bureau

"SYPHILIS AND ITS RELATION TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE"
With Motion Pictures
by Dr. Israel Weinstein
Assist. Dir. Bureau of Health Education,
Department of Health

This is the fifth and last session in the Course given on Tuesday evenings in March for both the married and the unmarried. Registration and Admission Free.

— ALL ARE WELCOME —

Sabbath Eve Chapel Service

On Friday evening, March 25, the *Yahrzeit* of the following will be observed:

Carrie Waller

Members who wish to have names of deceased relatives read at the Service on Friday evening are asked to communicate with the Rabbis at least two weeks prior to the *Yahrzeit*, to permit Bulletin announcement.

FREE SYNAGOGUE WEEKLY BULLETIN
Rabbis:
Stephen S. Wise
Sidney E. Goldstein — J. X. Cohen
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EDWARD ROSENTHAL, Funeral Director
and Sexton, 180 W. 76 St., ENdicott 2-6600.

The Z.B.T. Medal for 1937
A Recommendation

The award of the Gottheil Medal for 1937, by the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, to the American who did the most for Jewry during the past year, places a responsibility upon Jewish editors, who form the board of judges, to select a person who has rightfully earned national recognition.

Changing conditions may necessitate the application of different standards for the selection of the awardee. It is advisable that the person chosen for the annual honor should be a man who has made a definite contribution to Jewish life. It is not enough that such a person should have spoken on some occasions in defense of Jewish rights. We take it for granted that all liberals condemn bigotry and demand fair and unbiased treatment for all groups in the American population. But the man of research whose findings help raise the standards of the Jewish people and to clarify our position in the larger community; the man whose scholarly works are a boon to the people to whose interests he dedicates his life; the person who rises above partisanship in producing something that redounds to the welfare of the Jewish community—this type of an individual deserves recognition and honor.

During the past year Rabbi J. X. Cohen made a definite contribution to American Jewry with his research work in the field of economic discrimination, with emphasis on Jewish unemployment. His research work, embodied in two brochures published by the American Jewish Congress, was without doubt one of the outstanding achievements of the past year, and he deserves recognition for this effort.—Editorial from the *Detroit Jewish Chronicle*. (Ed.—Dr. Wise was the recipient of the medal on its first award a number of years ago.)

Young People's Group

OPEN MEETING

Friday Evening, March 25th, 8:15
Synagogue House

Address by

Dr. William B. Spofford
Church League for Industrial Democracy

Subject:

"The Present Crisis in European Politics"

MUSICAL SERVICE
BY CHORAL GROUP
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Dr. Spofford is one of the most stimulating and eloquent of the younger men in the progressive ministry. His address will be based upon his recent trip to Europe and his study of conditions in European countries.

— ALL ARE WELCOME —

Lecture — Discussion

Wednesday Morning, March 23,
at 10:45

Social Hall — Synagogue House

DR. GOLDSTEIN

will speak on

"The Present Crisis in Jewish History"

A great change has come in the life of the Jewish people during the last decade. The treatment of this crisis by Professor Salo Baron is one of the most challenging chapters in his epoch-making work, "The Religious and Social History of the Jewish People."

— ALL ARE WELCOME —

DR. WISE IN LONDON

Actions Committee Meeting

The Zionist Actions Committee, at a reception held at the Waldorf Hotel, London, was addressed by Dr. Chaim Weizman, Herbert Morrison, M.P., Capt. Cazalet, M.P., and Dr. Wise. Dr. Wise said, in part:

"My word is that of an American member of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization with which I have been associated since 1898. This to explain I am not a Hitler-Zionist or an improvised anti-State Zionist.

"I am speaking for the numerically largest Jewry in the world when I say that Britain dare not make any proposal to us, the acceptance of which by Zionists would constitute a betrayal of the Jewish past and a surrender of the Jewish future. We have been battered and maimed in a number of Central and East European lands. But Jewry still stands, proud, resolved, unsurrendering. And Jews demand of England only that which England is bound to grant, the possibility of the establishment of a Jewish National Home upon terms which will make possible an immigration dictated by the bitter necessities of Jewish life in Eastern Europe. We are not asking England to forswear itself, we are asking England to redeem its solemn promise, or is there not any longer such a thing as an inviolable promise in the present political world.

"Poor as we are, we are still too rich and too proud to beg. And before it is too late, we non-Britishers, who have loved England, who have trusted England, who have known of England's great goodwill to the Jewish people, turn to England's Government and to the English people and say to them: 'You have made this prom-

ise of a Jewish National Home which we should be enabled to build in Palestine. We have done our part in full; you have done your work only in part. Let not the world, least of all the Jewish world, come to believe that the Balfour Declaration was a British convenience, that the British Mandate for Palestine was a clever substitute for British annexation. Deal with us Jews as we deserve to be dealt with. Deal with us as becomes Britain at its highest.'"

House of Commons Meeting

In the course of Dr. Wise's engagements in London he addressed a meeting of the members of the Labour Party in a Committee Room in the House of Commons on Wednesday, March 9.

March 27 Sermon to Present Significant Summary of European Events.

Dr. Wise was hurriedly summoned to Europe some weeks ago and has been in London for the past fortnight in connection with the work of the World Zionist Organization, also presiding over the sessions of the Executive of the World Jewish Congress.

Dr. Wise is due back on the "Queen Mary." Inasmuch as the congregation could not join in celebration of Dr. Wise's birthday on March 17, the congregation will gather in great numbers on the day of his first sermon, Sunday morning, March 27, in order that he may be greeted in the pulpit by his loyal and devoted followers. They will indicate by their presence their support of his courageous utterances, and will come to hear his address, which will be a first-hand report of present day political conditions in relation to Palestine and the Jewries of Europe.

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FOR THE PRESS

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAY 4, 1939

STATEMENT BY HONORABLE MYRON TAYLOR, VICE CHAIRMAN AND
AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL REFUGEES.

Today the President received Mr. Myron Taylor, Vice Chairman and American representative of the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees; Mr. James G. MacDonald, Chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees; Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, Judge Joseph Proskauer, Mr. Lewis L. Strauss, Mr. Henry Ittleson, Mr. Sol Strock, Mr. Paul Baerwald, Mr. Nathan Straus, Mr. George Warren, and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

After a general discussion of the refugee question Mr. Taylor gave a review of the work of the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees to date, in which he gave due credit to the thirty-two governments represented on the Committee in accomplishing in so far as has been possible the objectives as outlined at the Evian Conference.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. MacDonald then said that they were happy to report that the results will soon be known of the splendid work done by the several commissions which have been sent out to explore the possibilities for large scale settlement of political refugees in British Guiana, the Dominican Republic, the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines, as well as in other areas. They indicated that it was their belief that should these reports prove favorable, progress toward a permanent solution of the refugee problem will have been made, though at the same time they warned against undue impatience, saying that in order to insure ultimate success short periods of experimentation may be necessary before any great mass settlements can be made. As the Intergovernmental Committee has continually emphasized, it has not asked nor does it expect any country to make any changes in its existing immigration legislation.

Immediate consideration was given to plans formulated for the implementation by private individuals and organizations of the financing and execution of settlement projects.

The President expressed great satisfaction with the work that had been done in the face of difficulties and said that he hoped that rapid progress would be made.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
40 West 60 Street.

W.D.H.

November 20, 1942.

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear "Boss":

I have just returned from Mexico and I must tell you how deep has been my satisfaction in finding that every mention of your name at public meetings evoked a warm and enthusiastic response, exactly like that evoked by the mention of the name of the Mexican President. I was truly happy to find that the Mexican people know what your contribution has been, on the one hand, to the cause of good-neighborliness and two, to the cause of defending and maintaining human freedom. It all made me very happy and I feel I must send you this word of greeting, more especially because I have not had the privilege of seeing you in a long time.

With warmest greeting and congratulations upon the great and prophetic triumphs of North Africa and Guadalcanal,

Ever yours,
Delano (W.D.H.)

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November 26, 1942

Dear Dr. Wise:

The President has asked me to acknowledge your letter of November twentieth. He was delighted to have this account of your observations in Mexico, and deeply appreciates the warm terms in which you spoke of the attitude of the Mexican people toward the cause of good neighborliness and the cause of maintaining and defending human freedom. If the President were not overwhelmed with work, he would make personal acknowledgment.

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Very sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, #
40 West 68th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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November 20, 1942

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress, I have the honor to express to you the deep satisfaction of American Jews and indeed of those groups in World Jewry whom we represent, over the promptness with which you have requested the "abrogation of all laws and decrees inspired by Nazi Government or Nazi ideologists in North Africa." It is our hope that your request will be followed by prompt action to abrogate those laws of which some are specifically anti-Jewish, some anti-alien, and some, while general in character, are devised to discriminate against the Jews. Such action will bring release to 330,000 Jewish inhabitants of North Africa who, through no fault of their own, have become the victims of Nazi-inspired oppression.

We have felt, since the adoption of these laws, that they did not represent the spirit of France and that our own Government not only would refuse to assent to their maintenance but would at the earliest possible moment move to cancel or abrogate these lawless and undemocratic regulations.

We are proud to think that it is our Government and our Army which have struck the first blow against anti-democratic aggression in North Africa and we are confident that the abrogation of those anti-Jewish laws is the first step in the march of the United Nations against the hideous laws and practices of the Nazi and Fascist regimes.

I am, dear Mr. President, with deepest gratitude and respect to our country's leader and Commander-in-Chief,

Faithfully yours,
Stephen S. Wise
PRESIDENT

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT.

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URGE RESOLUTION INDICATING YOUR PERSONAL AND ADMINISTRATION
SUPPORT OF ZIONIST PROGRAM BESIDES YOUR ABHORRENCE OF NAZI
CRIMES AGAINST JEWS AND YOUR PURPOSE THROUGH WAR REFUGEE
BOARD TO EFFECTUATE MAXIMUM RESCUE JEWISH CIVILIANS. PLEASE
REPLY LAKE PLACID N. Y. AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS.

STEPHEN.

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TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM

The White House
Washington

July 8 1944.

Dr. Stephen Wise #
Lake Placid,
New York.

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Reference your wire July seventh awfully sorry
cannot arrange appointment as you request. Suggest you
write instead. Regards.

EDWIN K. WATSON
Secretary to the President.