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SPERTUS COLLEGE OF JUDAICA

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

June 7, 1985

Hon. Marshall Breger
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Marshall,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of June 3, 1985.

It was wonderful seeing you again after all these years, and of having the opportunity of introducing you to my wife, Judith, whose only deficiency is her liberal political bent.

It is most gracious and most generous of you not to draw the honorarium we had promised you. I hope that it will be acceptable if we send you some books as gifts from our forthcoming Library sale this coming fall. Your travel expenses will be forthcoming directly from the office of our College's comptroller.

Since you bought the Jacob DeHaas books here, I thought you might like the enclosed copy of his letter to Brandeis. As you know from my book on Judah Loew of Prague, Brandeis was a descendant of his. The enclosed is from the Brandeis archives in Kentucky.

Also enclosed, as promised, is my article on Louis Jacobs, which is more for your wife than for you.

I hope you will follow-up with Jerzy Kosinski. His address is 60 West 57th St., New York City 10019, phone 212/246-0128. Mention my name.

Our College may be doing some joint programming next fall with the Standard Club of Chicago. Most social, political and business Jewish leaders in Chicago are members of this prestigious club. Would it be possible for you and/or interesting to you to be invited to deliver an address to such people at the club?

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Finally, on October 16th or October 23rd, 1985, depending upon hall availability, Spertus College of Judaica will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a gala dinner. We expect one thousand people to attend, representing the "Cream" of Chicago Jewry. Do you think it would be at all within the realm of possibility that Vice-President Bush may be able to attend as featured speaker? If so, we would also wish at that occasion to present him with a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa. Past recipients of honorary degrees from our College have included:

Leo S. Baeck	Philip M. Klutznick
Mordecai M. Kaplan	Yitzhak Rabin
Stephen S. Wise (posthumously)	Abraham J. Heschel
William F. Albright	Elie Wiesel
Henry Morgenthau, Jr.	Salo Baron
Abba Eban	Shelomo Dov Goitein
David De Sola Pool	Isaac Bashevis Singer
Avraham Harman	Jerzy Kosinski
Arthur J. Goldberg	Raoul Wallenberg (in absentia)

I know that you helped arrange Vice-President Bush's receiving an honorary degree from Bar-Ilan. I think it would be appropriate for him to receive such a degree from an American institution of higher Jewish learning as well. If all of this is even remotely possible I would appreciate knowing as soon as possible, preferably by June 19, 1985 when our dinner committee meets. In any case, our Vice-President for Development, Ms. Sue Ross, will be in Washington later this month and will be in contact with you in advance of her visit. I hope you will be able to see her. I look forward to seeing you and to meeting Jenifer on my next visit to Washington. In the meantime, please send me Teo Dagi's address as I look forward to seeing him again too.

Most cordially,

Byron

Dr. Byron L. Sherwin
Vice President for
Academic Affairs

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cc: Howard Sulkin, President
Sue Ross, Vice-President for Development

Prag, Aug. 23, 1929

Dear Mr. Brandeis

We met Richard Brandeis, book-printer, who stated that he had been told you knew he was related but knew nothing of the matter himself.

Have in a general way confirmed what I told you that your family (Brandeis) is traceable to the early fifteenth century. The whole family record is in good shape and included some important personages. Dembits is less known.

There is quite a literature, in Hebrew, concerning the meritorious members of the Brandeis family, but the full tree has not been worked out -- only the general lines.

I was fortunate in being able to engage the special archivist, who at my instance and expense copied some of the record and who with us visited Brandeis today, from which town we send you a picture postcard -- his signature between ours. It was really an interesting experience to visit this town of 6000 inhabitants with 12 Jewish families. It is one of the four towns in Bohemia that by combination of their initials are known by the Hebrew (Korban) for "sacrifice", having served as places of refuge in times of expulsion from Prag and elsewhere. More of this when I write out the full story of our day -- I was damp and gloomy in the old synagog, ghett and cemetery.

Your immediate family record is attached, together with a railroad ticket for Brandeis (the spelling on the ticket is in Caschish -- the y invariably representing the diphthong ei in the tongue.

Prag is interesting in many ways and has kept us busy for a
week -- with kind regards to Mrs. Brandeis and the family.

Yours,

Jacob de Haas

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1. Salkind (died 1758) m. Sulamith (Susaa) d. of Hirsch Harfner
2. Herschman (died 1792) m. Sara d. of Lob Priboram (died 1803)
3. Salomon (died 1829) m. Judith (Fegels) d. of Simon Lowowitz (died 1822)
(he was Imperial Cobon Manufacturer)
4.

Simon
(died 1850)

Low (died in youth)
m. Sara d. of Jonas Furth (died 1867)

Hermann m. Francisca (died 1849)
d. of Leopold Lieben (died 1849)
Marriage was in 1822
5. Emanuel (b. 1806)

Leopold (b. 1807)

Samuel (b. 1809)

Adolph (b. 1822)

m. Frederica Benowitz

m. Francesca in 1831,
d. of Jacob Wartfeld
6. Julius (b. 1839)

Rudolf (b. 1840)

Leopold (b. 1824) ~~Leopold (b. 1824)~~
 Carl (b. 1825)
 Elieser (died in childhood)
 Lolom (b. 1830)
 Hermann (b. 1839)

Alfred

Louis

Fanny

As the register was kept to cover the marriage restriction laws the daughters are not mentioned except when they marry. The Jewish record, however, contains the female records as well as the males.