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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 Mordecai M. Kaplan Stephen S. Wise (posthumously) Abraham J. Heschel William F. Albright Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Abba Eban David De Sola Pool Avraham Harman Arthur J. Goldberg

Philip M. Klutznick Yitzhak Rabin Elie Wiesel Salo Baron Shelomo Dov Goitein Isaac Bashevis Singer Jerzy Kosinski 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,

Dr. Byron L. Sherwin Vice President for Academic Affairs

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cc: Howard Sulkin, President Sue Ross, Vice-President for Development ar fr. Brundelp

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 tently (Brandeis) is traceable to the early fifteenth century. The table family record istin good shape and included some important traceables. 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.

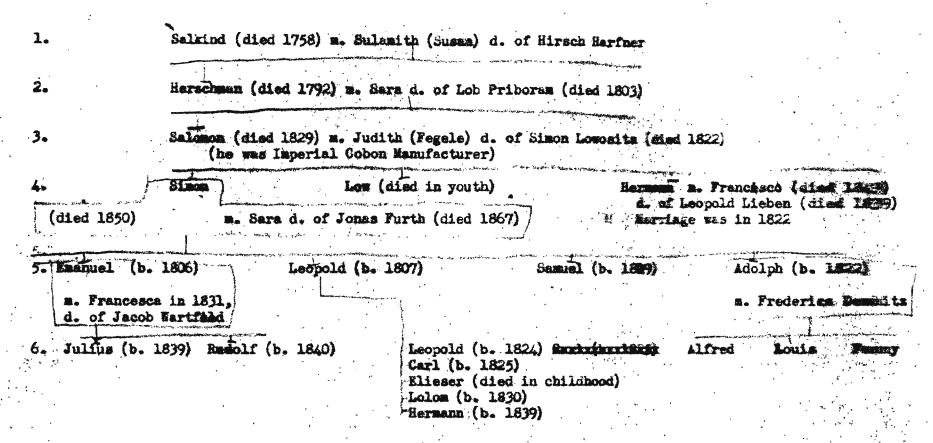
I was fortunate in being able to engage the special archivist, who at my instance and expanse copied some of the record and who with us visited Brandeis today, from which town we send you a picture postcard — his signature between ours. It was really an interesting exparience to visit this town of 6000 inhabitants with L2 lewish families. It is one of the four towns in Bohemia that by the sembination of their initials are known by the Hebrew (Korban) for "sacrifice", having served as places of refuge in times of expulsio 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 cometary.

Tour immediate family record is attached, together with a railroad ticket for Brandeis (the spelling on the ticket is in Gaschish — the y inveriably representing the dipthong of in the tongue.

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

Yours,

Jacob de Haas



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.