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DATE: 25 Elul, 5729 / September 8, 1969
TO: Members of the Study Panel
FROM: Marvin Herskowitz
SUBJECT: Summary of last meeting

The Study Panel members met, with all members present, on Thurs, Elul 21-Sept. 4.
The following unanimous decisions were reached:

1. The Study Panel is in no position to make any recommendations on any of the roof organizations other than the SCA, having had no time to study their respective structures and operations and the role in UOJCA does and should play in them.
2. Concerning the SCA, the Study Panel did not reach any unanimity, nor did any preponderance of opinion develop which could be labeled a consensus, concerning the advisability of the UOJCA's continued membership in this body. In the clear absence of such unanimity or consensus, no vote was taken.

Instead, it was unanimously agreed that two members of the Panel, namely Rabbi Ralph Pelcowitz and Mr. Lawrence A. Kobrin, should be entrusted with writing a joint precis of the written communications received by the Study Panel and of the oral testimony heard by it, embodying into this synopsis the cogent points on both sides of the argument which impressed the members of the Study Panel as having weight and merit.

To this precis, Rabbi Pelcowitz and Mr. Kobrin will add their individual positions, covering such points which in their opinion were not sufficiently clarified or were not touched upon at all by the written or oral testimony.

3. This precis is to be submitted to the Board of Directors, in lieu of a recommendation, so that the members of the Board may have sufficient material for a well informed, intelligent choice, it being the unanimous opinion of the Study Panel that the Convention Resolution which calls for the Study Panel also calls for action by the Board of Directors. Thus, the Board of Directors should vote, after having received the precis, whether or not the UOJCA should continue its present membership in the Synagogue Council.

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With this summary, I consider the function of the present Study Panel ended. I want to thank all members for their efforts and cooperation and the remarkably high level of their interrogation of witnesses and internal discussions. I also want to thank Rabbi Joseph Karasick and Dr. S. R. Weiss who ex officio attended all our sessions and were of great help to our proceedings.

Since the Convention Resolution calls for a permanent Study Panel, it now becomes the task of the President, upon receipt of this memorandum, to appoint a successor panel.

May I extend warmest wishes for a Kethiva Vechathima Tova.