

UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS
OF AMERICA

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

BEEKMAN 3-2220

5 Iyar 5721
April 21, 1961

ב"ה

Dear Norman:

I have read with interest copies of the letters which you sent me dated March 23rd - one from Robin Gilbert of the JDC and the other from A. Menasseh.

A familiar pattern is emerging here. We are being enmeshed in the gibberish of JDC channels. The only logical outcome must be the elimination of the orthodox community from the distribution of JDC funds. Certainly, the Orthodox can only expect to be a very small minority in the JDC set-up. There are two alternatives:-

(1) The setting up of a welfare association within the orthodox community. Regardless of how small, this will entitle the orthodox community to representation, according to the gibberish of JDC channels. Menasseh can be instructed to organize the committee immediately, giving it the gibberish name that makes it mandatory for the JDC to include them.

(2) The assumption of leadership of the welfare agencies by orthodox people, such as occurs rarely. The only example in the Western community I know of is Antwerp, in part. This does not seem possible for India, according to my limited knowledge of the situation.

It is important that we crystalize our thinking very quickly before the JDC operation in India assumes too much precedence and formality. Please let me have your thoughts on the matter.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Moses I. Feuerstein

Rabbi Norman Lamm
Jewish Center
131 West 86th Street
New York, N. Y.