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Mr. Maurice Wizenberg
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Dear Maurice,

This letter is directed to your congregation members and Board of Directors requesting their consideration of the donation of the two TORAH SCROLLS that are housed in your basement. This is conditional to our successfully placing the items that we have purchased from the Titusville Synagogue interior with an active or new Congregation.

To repeat, my son David Segel attended the auction sale of the contents of your synagogue and was quite taken by it's classic design. On hearing another buyer remark while pointing to the ARON KODESH, "Would'nt that make a great gun cabinet!" David resolved to prevent this. He bid and purchased most of the furnishings of the synagogue interior -- the Ark, Ner Tamid light, Bema, Ahmed, reader's table, Menorah and most of the pews. On returning, David excitedly retold the happenings saying, "Marc can find a place for these -- Its too beautiful to be scrapped." Our older son, Marc Kalman Segel, is an experienced architect who has an office in downtown Chicago, the "Loop". His specialty is Synagogue Architecture, designing and directing the building of their interiors.

During the next week, David engaged qualified carpenters to dismantle and match mark the contents of your synagogue now housed in our warehouse. We have resolved to find a place for re-erecting the interior of the Titusville Shul and have made initial inquiries in Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Chicago. This is, of course, without a profit motive.

We suggest it would be most appropriate to donate the two Torah Scrolls to be given together with the synagogue artifacts we now hold, thereby perpetuating a Titusville Shul with a rich history in another location.

May we ask for your consideration in this matter, for the next several months, conditional on our finding a site and a group ready to establish an active congregation. It would be most meaningful and a real Mitzvah for all of us!

Mssers Levinson, Greenwald, and I appreciated Dianne and your kind hospitality. We enjoyed scanning the early records of your congregation's activities and were so impressed in

seeing the 120 year old Charter authorizing a Synagogue in Titusville, Pennsylvania. We would also appreciate having any additional information on the early history of your synagogue. Please forward to me the address of Ms. Barbara Joseph who may have such data.

Yours truly,

HARRY SEGEL