

Warren Hebrew Congregation

Warren, Pennsylvania

February 21, 1955

Rabbi Avrech  
Yeshivah University  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Avrech:

I am writing with regard to the weekend services held here by your applicant, Rabbi Seymour Zahn, held here two weekends ago. We did regretfully decide against hiring your very personable young man after considerable discussion.

A divided opinion ruled that we should first consider other applicants possibly Conservative. Unfortunately, Rabbi Zahn was not quite aggressive enough in his opinions to convince our members that he should remain. And too, his almost complete absence of voice would have required us to still hire a Cantor for the High Holy Days which together with the salary of a Rabbi, our budget would not permit.

We very much appreciate your interest and service to our community and hope that we may have the pleasure to call upon you again in the future.

Very truly yours,

Harry Segel  
President  
20 Redwood Street

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Rabbi Kellman  
Personnel Placement Director  
United Synagogue of America  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Kellman:

Several weeks ago I had the pleasure of speaking to you regarding the acquisition of a full time Rabbi for our community.

It was your suggestion that our community which has been a Orthodox one up to the present time, should join the United Synagogue of America and receive its program to be administered by our own membership until such time as a Rabbi would be available to us.

Kindly advise the requirements of our community which consists of thirty member families to obtain membership in the United Synagogue of America and if such membership is necessary for obtaining your program material.

We will appreciate your answer at your earliest convenience inasmuch as we are having a meeting March 1st and would like to be able to offer information received.

Very truly yours,

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