

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

August 17, 1953

Mr. William Frank
117 Liberty Street
New York 6, New York

Dear Will:

First I want to congratulate you on your grandchild. I already wrote Margery congratulating her and wishing the child well.

I am writing to you about another matter. You know that the Hebrew Union College conducts the American Jewish Archives, gathering historic material valuable to the history of Judaism in America. Your grandfather's diary is important. The College has the English version but this is clearly an English translation from a German original. If the German original could be found the College would photostat it and return it. Do you think you can help us out in this matter? It is of considerable historical importance.

Please give my greetings to Mary and my wishes to her on her new enterprise.

Sincerely,

Solomon B. Freehof

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August 27, 1953

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, D.D.
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenue
Pittsburgh 13, Penna.

Dear Dr. Freehof:

Thank you for your nice letter of August 13th.

I have never seen the original of the autobiography of my grandfather. Possibly some of the family have it and I will inquire of Gertrude when she returns to New York this Fall.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Freehof,
I am,

Sincerely,

William K. Frank

P.S.

Kindly note the above
address for your records.

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October 30, 1953

Mr. William Frank
Hotel Webster Hall
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

Dear Will:

Welcome home to Pittsburgh!

I have to bother you in the following matter: Dr. Jacob Marcus of the American Jewish Archives, in Cincinnati, is publishing his memoirs which will be a historical chronicle of Jewish history in the United States. He would like permission to publish "less than five pages of the autobiography of William Frank." He, undoubtedly, will publish quotations from a number of autobiographical essays. Could I have your permission?

If Lillian knew I was writing to you, she would join me in best wishes to Mary and to you.

Sincerely,

Solomon B. Freehof

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(Forwarded to New York)

November 5, 1953

Rabbi Solomon E. Freehof, D.D.
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenues
Pittsburgh 13, Penna.

Dear Dr. Freehof:

Thanks for your letter of October 30th which followed me from Pittsburgh to New York.

Certainly you may give Dr. Marcus permission to publish excerpts from the autobiography of William Frank.

I have just today reached Gertrude Frank with reference to the original of the autobiography. She also has no recollection of ever having seen it. I am afraid it is lost.

Mary's new play TEA AND SYMPATHY merits a trip to New York. If you and Lillian are coming this way please let us know and we should be able to help you get tickets which, thank goodness, are very hard to get.

With kindest regards to you both, I am,

Sincerely,

William K. Frank

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November 8, 1953

Mr. William K. Frank
787 Fifth Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Will:

Thank you very much for the permission to Dr. Marcus to publish excerpts from William Frank's autobiography.

Lillian and I are delighted at the many reports we see and read about Mary's new play TEA AND SYMPATHY. I know that you are sharing her happiness at this achievement and this promise. Please extend our congratulations to her.

I take grateful note of your willingness to get tickets for Lillian and me when we get to New York. Maybe we will get to New York around the latter part of December. If so, I shall ask you to fulfill your kind promise.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Solomon B. Freehof

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