

Pittsburgh, Pa., May , 1972

TO: The Board of Directors of Chofetz Chaim  
5807 Beacon Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217

and

The Board of Directors of Bonai Israel - Young Peoples Synagogue  
6401 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217

This memo confirms the meeting held on Tuesday evening, April 18, 1972  
(5 Iyar 5732) at the premises of Congregation Chofetz Chaim at which the  
following persons were present:

from Chofetz Chaim : Mr. H. Saltzman  
Mr. B. Baumann  
Mr. I. Rudeyman

from Bonai Israel : Mr. S. Deutsch  
Mr. W. Vogel  
Dr. C. Neuman

The purpose of this meeting was to lay the basis of an agreement in principle  
for the proposed merger between Chofetz Chaim (hereafter referred to as "CC")  
and Bonai Israel (hereafter referred to as "BI"), it having been discussed during  
previous meetings that on the surface thereof, such a merger would be both  
beneficial and desirable for the two congregations.

It was agreed that:

1) a new corporation would be formed, operating under a new charter,  
incorporating the names of both Congregations, CC and BI.

2) the new corporation would receive all the assets of the two merging  
congregations.

3) a new building would be erected on the site now belonging to CC, the  
financing of which would basically be an obligation of the present BI membership.  
It is understood that this item is of sine qua non importance and that if it  
proves impossible to provide for the building and/or financing of the new structure  
by BI, the agreement in principle for the merger would have to be reviewed and  
possibly cancelled. It is further understood that the cash reserves of CC may  
not be considered for collateral, down payment or any other purposes to help  
secure the financing of the new building.

4) the religious and congregational practices of BI will be adopted by  
the newly constituted congregation, it being stated and accepted that all  
religious services of BI at this time, and of the proposed merged congregation  
in the future, are now and will be in accordance with the Code of Jewish Law,  
the "Schulchan Aruch" and of the Aschkenas Nussach. It is also accepted that  
a "Mechitza" will be in place during all religious services.

5) the officers and board of directors of the new congregation will be

elected by the members of the new corporation, it being affirmed that all members in good standing of both CC and BI will automatically have their membership transferred to the new corporation after it will have been formed and activated. Once the merger is consumated and the new corporation is activated, but not necessarily before the election of the officers and board of directors, a constitution of the new corporation will be written, embodying the constitutions of the two merging congregations.

6) there will be established a list of members from among the present CC membership. Persons on this list will enjoy full membership privileges in the new corporation for the duration of their lives but they will be exempted from paying membership dues except as will be determined and fixed at the time this list is constituted. This list, once completed, will not be subject to any alterations in that no names will be removed except through the death or resignation of the members on the list, and no additions will be permitted at any time.

7) upon signature of this memo by the representatives of both congregations, BI will initiate the necessary steps leading toward the eventual financing and construction of the new building as mentioned in point 3 of this memo.

8) the histories and memorabilia of both CC and BI will be preserved by the new corporation and congregation.

The above 8 items, representing the essential aspects of the agreement in principle for the merger of CC and BI, the representatives of both congregations who were present at the meeting on April 18, 1972, affix their signatures to this memo, to signify their approval and recommendation that the boards of directors of the two congregations, and in due course that the memberships thereof, approve and ratify this agreement in principle, and that implementing actions then be taken as efficiently and as rapidly as possible.

For Chofetz Chaim

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B. Baumann

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I. Ruderman

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