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"I shall light a candle  
of understanding in thy  
heart, which shall not  
be put out."

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*Please return to Pauline*

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May 5, 1958.

Mrs. I. H. Wachs  
B'nai Israel Sisterhood  
1353 Cordova Road  
Pittsburgh 6, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Wachs:

I am delighted to hear the good news that your sisterhood will begin its first braille class this October with Mrs. Lowenthal as teacher and yourself as chairman and assistant teacher. It is with the utmost pleasure that I answer your questions:

1. You will let us know ~~the~~ number of books that you wish to do. You may submit a list to us for a clearance in order that we check to see whether any of the books on your list have already been put into braille or are now being transcribed. If these books are not duplicated, then you will be able to do them. If you wish us to select a number of books for you, let us know the amount and we will select them. The books may be obtained directly from the publisher gratis or at a discount.

2. You may select your own proofreader provided he or she is qualified. If you do not have such a proofreader in your community, we will be happy to choose one for you.

3. All expenses including materials, proofreading, purchase of books, are paid for by ~~the~~ sisterhood allocation. After your ladies have been brailling for a while, and their work is proficient, they can proofread one another's books if they so wish. Proofreading is a means of livelihood for the certified blind person who does it and the charge of five cents a page is nominal.

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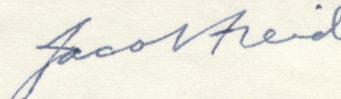
4. The Braille Bindery of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, 5 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, Long Island, New York, will bind your manuscripts free of charge and then send them on to the Institute for circulation.

Braille costs involve the individual's paying for her slate, metal guide, stylus and eraser. Each individual pays for these materials and her braille textbook. These materials generally come to about \$7.00 per person. You may write directly to Mr. Bernard Krebs, New York Guild for the Jewish Blind, 1880 Broadway, New York City, New York for copies of his Braille Transcribers' Guide. These are gratis when ordered directly by the sisterhood. The braille paper in the course of a year should come to about \$8.00 for every thousand sheets. The costs, apart from the individual slates, should be no more than \$100. a year for a sisterhood to conduct an active braille project. This should include paper, proofreading, and the purchase of books.

I hope this information has been helpful.

With warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
JACOB FREID

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