

February 18, 1947.

Dr. D.W. Senator
American Friends of the Hebrew University
10 East 40th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Senator,

I was very glad to gather from your letter of February the 7th that the University had a good chance to be included for an increased sum within the United Jewish Appeal, and also that progress was being made in straightening out differences between the Friends and Dr. Wechsler's Committee.

I am enclosing herewith copies of two letters which I have written to Mr. Wertheim, whom I have asked to act as my proxy at the meeting of the board, as also of a letter to the Rector on the question of honorary degrees.

Dr. Yassky is expecting to leave in two days direct for America, and Professor Fekete will be leaving on March the 6th. Professor Adler and Dr. Ben-David have left. There should, therefore, be a very good meeting in connection with Medical School developments.

I am sorry not to be able to agree with you that no decisions on the proposed Constitution should be come to. Whatever be the attitude of the meeting towards the rest of the Constitution, I would ask you and Mr. Wertheim to convey to the meeting my anxiety that the paragraphs on the President or Chancellor, as I have outlined them in my letter to Mr. Wertheim of February the 17th, be discussed and acted upon. I should not want any misunderstanding to prevail here when Sir L. Simon returns. Nor would I want this matter to be deferred to a meeting where the two or three English gentlemen (and I am not referring to Dr. Weizmann), who have been in control of the affairs of the Board for years past, should again have their say without an adequate representation of the American Governors. This has been the situation in the past, and it may, unfortunately, remain the situation for the future. But I would not want this to be the decisive factor in my own case.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

J.L. Magnes