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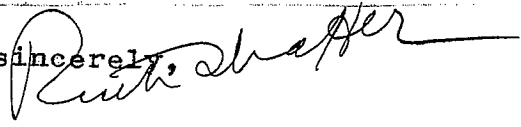
Dear Rabbi Grollman:

Thank you for your letter of February 27, from which I understand that you would like to have one of the Memorial Scrolls (legible but not kasher). This I can certainly do.

It is difficult for me to give a description of the scroll, as to size most of them are on the large side approx. 27" or 28" parchment height without taking the Etz Chaim into consideration. None of the scrolls have covers etc.. They are sent out as we received them except that they have been examined and sewn where necessary and the wooden rollers repaired etc..

On hearing from you I will be happy to send one of the Special scrolls on permanent loan air-freight-collect.

Yours sincerely,


Honorary Secretary

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Scroll No. 878
is the Hebrew Pentateuch and has been
saved from the Nazis in Czechoslovakia.
This Scroll has been assigned on perm-
anent loan by Westminster Synagogue to:
Rabbi Jerome W. Grollman, United Hebrew Congregation
225 So. Skinner Blvd. St. Louis, Missouri 63105
USA

This Scroll is of emotional and senti-
mental consideration and is used in
Synagogues for religious and educational
purposes.

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MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

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When a Memorial Scroll is entrusted to a congregation on long term loan, it is on the understanding that the congregation makes a long term commitment to give this Memorial Scroll a prominent and meaningful role in the spiritual and educational life of the congregation. This requires the rabbi and the leaders of the congregation to pledge to dedicate one Shabbat every year to the Jews of their Memorial Scroll – the people, their community, their fate and their heritage. Each Scroll is a messenger from a martyred community that depends on its new congregation to ensure that they are remembered as individuals, and that their local Jewish heritage is cherished.

Conditions of Loan

The Czech Memorial Scrolls remain the property of the Memorial Scrolls Trust while they are on long term loan to the designated recipient institution to which they are allocated. It is the policy of the Trust to issue Scrolls only to institutions and not to individuals. It is a condition of the loan that they revert to the Trust in the event of the closure or merger of the designated organisation to which the Scroll is specifically allocated. In the event that a recipient wishes to transfer a particular Memorial Scroll to another party, the Trust must be informed, so that it can consider whether to sanction the transfer or to reclaim the Scroll.

A Scroll that reverts to the Trust can then be re-issued to a congregation which commits itself to build the heritage of that Memorial Scroll into a distinctive role in the life of their synagogue.

The conditions under which a Scroll is issued on loan are:

1. The Scroll is the property of the Memorial Scrolls Trust
2. The Scroll is issued exclusively to a designated congregation or institution on long term loan, on the basis that the loan will normally be renewed every five years provided that the status and identity of the recipient remains unchanged and the Scroll can be shown to be playing a prominent and meaningful part in the religious and educational life of the original recipient.
3. It is a condition of the loan that the recipient provides the Trust every 5 years with a condition report.
4. The Scroll may not be transferred to any other organisation, and must be returned to the Trust in the event of the closure or merger of the designated organisation.
5. The recipient is responsible for the safekeeping of the Scroll, and for its condition.
6. The recipient must arrange and pay for any repairs or restoration that may be necessary while the Scroll is in their care.
7. Before any repair or restoration work may be undertaken on the Scroll, advance notice must be given and permission needs to be granted by the Trust. The specified work must be undertaken only by or under the close supervision of a nominated certified scribe approved by the Trust.
8. Where the Etz Chayim are replaced, the **MST brass plaque with the Scroll's identification number must be preserved and reaffixed on the inside surface of the lower right hand disc** of the new stave. Any discarded elements (pieces of Etz Chayim or parchment) remain the property of the Trust. The Trustees must be informed of the details, so that a decision can be made whether to reclaim the elements or authorize their disposal.
9. Under no circumstances whatsoever may the Scroll be buried. If a synagogue considers that the condition of a Memorial Scroll is no longer acceptable, The Trust should be contacted so that arrangements can be made for the return of the Scroll.
10. The recipient must maintain adequate insurance against normal risks, and the Trust's ownership of the Scroll must be endorsed on the insurance policy.

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November 8, 1978

Rabbi Jerome W. Grollman
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Dear Rabbi Grollman:

I am sorry not to have replied to your letter sooner but have been away from the office owing to an accident. I am now better and back at my desk.

Unfortunately I do not have any specific information about Scroll No. 878 other than it is one of the 1,564 scrolls rescued from Czechoslovakia. I am enclosing our last leaflet which tells you about our work and more about the Czech Memorial Scrolls.

Yours sincerely,

Honorary Secretary

Scroll No. 878

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ABOUT THE COVER DESIGNED BY OUR STUDENTS
FOR THE HOLOCAUST TORAH

The background of the cover is black, the color of death and mourning, but all of the other colors are vivid and speak of life.

The central motif is the Star of David, worked in light blue. The star is a symbol of the Jewish People, and the six points of the star remind us of the Six Million. In the center of the star, against the black background, is a lamp, an eternal light, a Ner Tamid. The flames remind us of the Holocaust but are also part of an older symbol, and carry all the symbolism of the eternal light. The star and lamp are framed by olive branches, leaves of peace.

A border of Hebrew words is embroidered at the top and bottom of the Torah cover. Across the top are the words, "Sh'ma Yisrael." The phrase at the bottom is "Am Yisrael Chai, "... "The People of Israel live."

This Torah Scroll came to our Congregation on permanent loan from the Westminster Synagogue, London, England, in memory of Bernard Stern.

The Torah cover was designed and made by the following members of the ninth grade class in 1979:

FRAN FISHER
TERRI KRAVETZ
LINDA LEVY
ELISE LUBOWITZ

NANCY NEWMARK
DOUG SACHS
ELLEN STERN
SHELLEY WEISS

- And by their teacher, Martha Senior