

Cincinnati February 13<sup>rd</sup> 1873

To the Honorable President and  
Board of Trustees at T. & R.  
B. G. Cincinnati

Gentlemen

Being convinced  
that in order to promote the  
welfare and to perpetuate the  
doctrines and the blessed  
teaching of the religion of  
Israel, it is essential to  
establish a "Jewish Theological  
Faculty" I therefore propose  
to deposit with the congregation  
you have the honor to represent  
the sum of Ten Thousand  
Dollars, who shall hold said  
amount in trust for the pur-  
pose of endowing a Jewish  
Theological Faculty, which  
shall be organized under the  
direction of three or more  
congregations of this or other  
places of the West ~~and~~ South  
West of which there or more  
congregations than <sup>four</sup> Contra-  
faction shall be held, but  
during the time that said  
ten thousands dollars are  
under your care, I on my dear  
wife Fradchia Miller, if she  
should survive me shall  
receive the sum of ~~six~~ <sup>eight</sup> per



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Cent interest per annum  
payable semi annualy  
on the aforesaid sum of  
Ten Thousand Dollars.

As soon as a Jewish  
Theological Society is  
organized and under the  
care of a duly elected  
Board of Trustees, you or  
your successors are to pay  
over to said Board the  
sum of Ten Thousand  
Dollars, who shall receive  
it with the understanding  
to pay 6% per cent interest  
per annum payable  
semi annualy during  
my life and the life of my  
dear wife Madeline, after  
my death or the death  
of my dear wife to pay  
only ~~the~~ 3% per annum  
payable semi annualy,  
after the death of both  
me and my dear wife  
said Ten Thousand  
Dollars and all the  
interest thereof shall  
for ever belong to said  
Jewish Theological  
Society and be placed

in the sinking fund of  
said Institution and  
the interest thereon to be  
expended for the bene-  
fici of said place of  
learning.

In case the  
Congregations aforesaid  
should fail to organize  
the said Jewish The-  
ological Faculty within  
three years, from date  
than said sum of ten  
thousand Dollars, should  
be returned to me, or  
in case of my death and  
the death of my esteemed  
wife, to my heirs who are  
to dispose of said money ac-  
cording to my last testa-  
ment.

If this trust is  
agreeable to you, I request  
you Honorable Board  
to appoint a committee  
with full power to execute  
the proper documents  
and to receive of me

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the sum for the purpose  
and conditions are  
mentioned.

Hoping that  
you will favor this  
communication with  
an early attention, I  
am Gentleman, with  
great respects  
James Dury  
Henry Alter