

May 5, 1942

Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine
240 Center Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

You are undoubtedly aware of the fact that on Tuesday, April 28th, the Zemach Zedek Temple at 30 West 115th Street was broken into and a number of sacred scrolls and other properties were destroyed.

Coming at the present time, when enemy agents are seeking to stir up hatred among various sections of the American people in order to weaken us in our war effort, this outrage must receive most serious consideration from our city Administration.

The National Committee of the Jewish-American Section, International Workers Order, representing thirty-three thousand members of which twenty-one thousand live in the City of New York, is confident that you will have this incident thoroughly investigated and the responsible persons severely punished. Measures must also be taken to guard against such occurrences in the future.

Respectfully yours,
Jewish-American Section
International Workers Order,

R. Saltzman
National Secretary

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