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Mr. Rubin Saltzman
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New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Saltzman:

You are undoubtedly familiar with the plan for the organization of a permanent, democratic, representative Jewish body to succeed the American Jewish Conference. The plan, drafted by the Conference Committee on Future Organization, headed by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, is regarded as containing the essential elements of a practical union of all American Jewish forces to cooperate and carry on Jewish endeavors. It will be presented for adoption to the Fourth Session of the American Jewish Conference which will assemble in Chicago, November 29 - December 1.

Meanwhile, local Jewish communities are now expressing their opinions on the plan at regional conferences and public hearings, which have thus far been held in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Los Angeles, St. Paul-Minneapolis and Philadelphia. These hearings clearly indicate an unmistakable sentiment in favor of establishing a permanent organization. The project is also under consideration by the national Jewish organizations.

We are eager to receive the reaction of Jewish leaders in the Greater New York area which, with a Jewish population far surpassing that of any other Jewish community in the world, has a large and definite stake in this project. For this purpose, a public hearing on the plan is to be held Sunday, November 16, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel New Yorker, at 1 p.m. Dr. Eisendrath, Dr. Israel Goldstein and the undersigned will lead the discussion. The floor will then be open for full comments by lay leaders, representatives of organizations, editors and the general public. I trust that you, who took part in the creation of the Conference, will attend the hearings.

Prior to the public hearing there will be a "Brunch" meeting of Conference delegates and other prominent Jewish leaders in the Greater New York area for an informal discussion of the problems facing the Conference, the various aspects of the plan, and final preparations of the public hearing to follow.

I look forward to seeing you at the "Brunch" which is to be held at the Hotel New Yorker at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 16. Here you will have an opportunity to discuss with your colleagues the most decisive step now being taken in the history of American Jewry.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Lipsky

Louis Lipsky, Chairman
Executive Committee

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P.S. Please return the enclosed card as soon as possible indicating that you will be present at both the "Brunch" and hearing.

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