

RECORD

**LERNER FAMILY CIRCLE MINUTES  
OCTOBER 27, 1935--JULY 5, 1936**

Oct 27. Sunday Eve. The Lerner Family Circle was formally organized with the immediate family group present at the home of Anna and Isidore Laufer. The members present were as follows.

Sara Lerner.  
 Clara Shwam  
 Lottie Savitsky  
 Adolph Savitsky  
 Rose Fink  
 Ray Steinberg  
 Sol Steinberg  
 Anna Laufer  
 Isidore Laufer.  
 Lillian Scheisel  
 Leo Lerner  
 Lillian Gash  
 Charles Gash  
 Ann Silverman  
 Samuel Silverman  
 Ida Friedman  
 Ben Friedman  
 Rose Cook  
 George Cook  
 Mac Shwam  
 Daniel Shwam  
 Manny Weiss  
 Goldie Steinberg  
 Leroy & Chas. Laufer.

The meeting was opened by Sister Sarah Lerner with a plea to God to bless us and foster our growth and that success would crown our various purposes for which we were joining. Brother Lerner was then called upon to explain these purposes and discuss the immediate object and cause of our organization. In a simple and direct address, he explained the way and means of bringing Morris Lerner and his family from Germany to America. This desire, all the members were in deepest accord with, and is in fact, the inspiration for which we organized. He also expressed the hope and belief that in time, we would develop into a true benevolent society, from which we would all derive great benefit and enjoyment.

Nomination and elections followed. These people were elected unanimously in the following order.

Leo Lerner - President: It will be his duty to conduct our meetings with dignity and order and act in good faith with the L. F. C. at all times.  
 Ann Silverman - Secretary.

It will be her duty to keep an accurate record of all business conducted on the floor and act in good faith with L. F. C. at all times.

Anna Laufer - Treasurer: It will be her duty to be responsible for all moneys entrusted to her and to keep a clear record of them.

Clara Shwam and Lottie Savisky were appointed Trustees. It will be their duties to assist the treasurer when necessary. Their signatures will be required on all withdrawals of moneys from the L. F. C. Acct.

Geo. Cook made a motion that Sister C. Shwam be elected Hon. Vice. Pres. for the Honor of being having all her children, <sup>namely</sup> which include four daughters, four sons-in-law,

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and two sons, as members of the L. F. C. This Motion was unanimously carried. Sister Sara Lerner was elected the Honored Mother of the L. F. C. and we all hope that she will be with us for many, many years.

President Lerner proceeded to new business. He explained that we would need six hundred dollars immediately for our purpose of bringing the Morris Lerner Family to America. 500.00 is to cover the cost of passage and 100.00 to cover the cost of borrowing 5000.00 temporarily. This is necessary to comply with the rules in applying for visas. He informed us that Mother Sara Lerner was donating 300.00 and that he personally was donating 100.00 which leaves a balance of 200.00 to be raised by the remainder of the family.

The following members pledged themselves to give

the following amounts.

- Clara Shwam - \$25.00
  - Lillian Scheisel - \$10.00
  - Mr. & Mrs. Savitsky - \$15.00
  - Mr. & Mrs. Steinberg - \$10.00
  - Goldie Steinberg & Manis Wise - \$5.00
  - Mac Shwam - \$10.00
  - Daniel Shwam - \$5.00
  - Leroy Laufer - \$2.00
  - Chas. Laufer - \$0.50
- Total \$82.50

This leaves a balance of \$117.50 to be raised and pledged by the remaining members. This was promised to be done at the next meeting.

An open discussion followed concerning the payment of dues in which all the members took part. The motion was made <sup>to cook</sup> and carried unanimously that \$1.00 per couple be paid monthly and \$.50 per single member. Recess was held for the collection of dues. A total of \$16.00 was collected. A motion was made by Ann Silverman

that the usual amount of \$10.00 be sent to Europe to the Moris Lerner Family from this fund and that one dollar be spent for necessary writing and mailing materials. This motion was seconded by Anna Laufer and carried. The cost of mailing the ten dollars to Europe is one dollar (making a total of twelve dollars expense and leaving a balance of \$4.00 in the treasury.)

A general discussion of membership then took place. Sister Scheisel made a request that Jewish be spoken for the benefit of Sister ~~Sister~~ <sup>Mother</sup> Sar Lerner. But it was decided that the business on hand would move much faster if conducted in English. It was suggested that someone sit near her and explain the different matters as they come up. The question of limiting the members by age was tabled until the next meeting.

at which we hope a larger group will be present to decide this question.

The next discussion was pertaining to where and when to hold our meeting. It was decided that the last Sunday of each month was convenient. The motion was made by Ray Steinberg and seconded by Rose Cook.

The President Terner requested that all the members make an effort to think of ways and means to raise the balance of the required amount of our purpose, and present any plans that they may have for the next meeting.

A vote of Thanks was extended to Sister and Brother Laufer for the very lovely table that they took the trouble to prepare for the gathering. Sister Savitsky volunteered to have the next meeting, but due to illness, it was changed to



the home of Sister and Brother Shwam. The meeting was adjourned at 10 o'clock and a social hour followed at which a grand time was enjoyed by everybody (note.) The matter of a constitution was tabled until our organization has developed further and we will know along what lines we want our constitution to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Silberman, Sec.

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Nov 24. Members present were as follows

Leo and Lily Lerner.

Sara Lerner.

Clara and Mois Shwam.

Lottie " Adolph Savitsky

Ray and Sol Steinberg.

Anna and Sidore Laufer.

Rose Fink.

Lillian Scheisel

Lillian & Chas. Gash.

Ann & Sam Silverman

Ida & Ben Friedman

Rose & Geo. Cook.

Goldie Steinberg

Mannie Weiss

Moce Savitsky

Esther Neysten

Mac Shwam

Daniel Shwam

Chas. Laufer.

Nov 24. Sunday Eve. a meeting of the Lerner Family Circle was held at the home of Morris and Clara Shwam. 80 Willard Ave. Sw. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion made and seconded that they be accepted. President Leo Lerner called a discussion of old business in order. The very important matter of bringing Morris Lerner and his family from Europe was the first subject. President Lerner informed the members that prospects were not as bright as we had anticipated. Due to the very great restrictions placed upon German Refugees to America, our hopes for immediate immigration were dampened. The main drawback of attaining our object is the fact that a great amount of cash is necessary to show the government that we are well able to care for the family and they will not be a burden to the community in which they settle. Although we had made every effort to get all the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~possible~~ <sup>possible</sup> in the

family and were also prepared to show a bank acct. of 5000. it seems that this will not be sufficient.

However, President Lerner tells us that we have every reason to be optimistic and that he will have a further report to make at the next meeting which he sincerely hopes will be more encouraging. The members all agreed that this work could not be done in a day and that we have every hope and expectation of attaining a reunion of the Lerner Family with his dear ones in this country. The President was <sup>they</sup> thanked for his very good work. ~~and~~ Morris Savitsky stated that these difficulties were just spurs to drive us on to success. The President thanked him.

Ben Friedman questioned the quota Laws. Pres. Lerner informed him that these Laws of the U.S. Government are being overlooked in favor of German

refugees just now provided that the other requirements are met. However these " are so great that there is very little danger of the quota being filled. Moe Savitsky questioned the exact amt. necessary. Pres. Ferner was not prepared to answer this question at this time.

The President then called for the pledges of the remaining members who had not pledged for our cause at the last meeting. The following members pledged as follows.

Anna & Sidore Laufer	\$15.00
Lillian and Chas. Gash	\$15.00
Anna and Sam Silverman	\$10.00
Ida and Ben Friedman	\$10.00
Rose and Geo. Cook.	\$10.00
Total	\$60.00

including \$82.50 pledged at the last meeting, totaling \$142.50  
 Added to our pledged fund of \$400.00, making a grand total of \$542.50 of pledged funds.

We then proceeded to new business. Ways and means for raising the balance of the money necessary <sup>was in order</sup> an open discussion took place in which some good suggestions ~~took place~~ <sup>were made</sup>. Anna Laufer suggested a New Years Party for the entire family as a means of raising money. Morris Savitsky thought another evening would be more suitable for a party of this sort. Lillian Gash suggested a movie theatre party. Ray Steinberg informed us from previous experience that there was no profit in it. Ansel Silverman suggested a Jewish theatre party to be held in New York for the entire family. This plan seemed to find favor with the majority. The motion that this plan be adopted was made by Clara Shwam and seconded by Rose Cook. Pres. Lerner appointed a committee of two to bring in a report to the next meeting.

The committee consisted of Lottie Savitsky and Lillian Scheisel.

A suggestion by Ann Silverman was made that a good way of raising a sum of money at each meeting was to charge 5¢ for a chance on a small gift to be donated each month. This idea was not in favor at the present time.

Recess was then held for the payment of dues. Contributions were given very generously for a member in emergency distress. The President Lerner closed the meeting and a social hour followed which everyone enjoyed. We now take the opportunity of giving Clara and Morris Shuman a note of thanks for the very lovely <sup>supper</sup> table that was ~~very~~ much enjoyed by everyone with the exception of Rose Fink who was stricken ill suddenly and was unable to be present in the meeting.

this opportunity of wishing her good health from now on and may we never have our gatherings shadowed by sickness or sorrow hereafter. Congratulations are in order at this time for Adolph and Lottie Savitsky in honor of their sons' <sup>new</sup> marriage to Esther Neustien. We take this opportunity of wishing the young couple good luck and a happy future. The young Savitskys have just joined our organization and we hope that they will always be with us and last but not least we have the great

Respectfully Submitted  
Ann Silberman Sec.

pleasure of announcing that Lottie and Adolph Savitsky have reached the 25th year of their happy marriage and we wish them every happiness and good health may we gather together this way for their 50th Ann. True cheers for them

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Dec. 29. Sunday Eve. a meeting of the Lerner Family Circle was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. Savitsky. 2866-20th. St. Coney. I. The members present were as follows.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Savitsky

Mrs. Mois Savitsky

Mr. Max Savitsky

Mr. & Mrs. M. Shuman.

Mrs. Ann Silverman

Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Gabb.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Friedman

Mrs. & Mrs. G. Cook.

Daniel Shuman

Mr. & Mrs. J. Laffer

Mrs. & Mrs. S. Steinberg

Mr. & Mrs. R. Frink

Mr. & Mrs. L. Scheisel.

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Lerner.

The meeting was opened by Pres. Leo Lerner. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion made that they be accepted. The President then gave us a report on old business. The report was very much brighter and more hopeful than last month. He told us that a new set of affidavits had

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been made out. The previous affidavits were too weak and of very little help. With legal aid, an entirely different set has been sent and we all hope that the desired results will soon be evident. This matter will be explained more fully at the next meeting. In the meantime, the organization takes this opportunity to thank our president for his wonderful work in behalf of his efforts to bring the Moris Lerner family from Germany to America. Ann Silverman also had a report to make concerning our object. She succeeded in contacting and interesting an organization called "The Council of Jewish Women" who helps in many ways, the immigration of German refugees. Ann Silverman and Anna Laufer went to this organization in Newark. They promised to help us in any way possible. In fact,

the head executive wished to come to our meeting in Coney Island to talk to us. In view of the fact that the weather was very bad that night, she sent a telegram instead and said that she would be glad to come to our next meeting. However our President tells us that it won't be necessary since the new affidavits have been sent to Europe. Let us hope that we will soon attain our object, but if not, the Council has again assured us that they will help us to proceed with our efforts.

New Business. The President Lerner then announced that our meeting was also in honour of Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Savistky's 25th. Ann. and in honour of their sons marriage, to Esther Neustien on Thanksgiving day. He voiced the good wishes for health and happiness of the Lerner Family Circle to both couples. Hon. name

Vice President Clara Shwan had the honour and pleasure of presenting Lottie and Adolph Savitsky with tokens of our affection for them. Lottie Savitsky was presented with a wrist watch and we hope that all her time may be passed in good health and success. and Adolph Savitsky was presented with a wallet which we hope he uses in good health and may be always keep it filled with money. Lottie S. thanked us with much appreciation in behalf of her husband and herself and said it was her great pleasure to be with her family at all times.

President Lerner then called on the committee for the Report on the theatre party. Lillian Scheisel had taken care of this project. She explained that she had had to use her judgement by herself because she had the opportunity of distributing the tickets.

at a family wedding which she attended. She purchased \$100.00 worth of tickets at the cost of \$32.50 for Feb. 15. Sat. night. Although it was a surprise to the Circle to learn that the tickets had already been purchased, it was approved and credit given to Lillian Scheisel for using good judgement. She questioned whether \$5.00 donation be accepted from Tarnita Clara. It was decided that we would accept it and send her tickets if there were any left. The tickets were distributed amongst the members and hopes hoping that it will be a good success and enjoyed by everyone. Lillian Scheisel took the largest share of the tickets and we take this opportunity of thanking her for her very good work.

Max Sabitsky who has just become a member

possible to change the day or hour of our meetings, voting the opinion that Saturday night was better. It was promised that this matter would again be taken up and decided in favor of the majority. The matter of a constitution was also tabled until the next meeting. This matter should be taken up with the members, so that they should all decide along what lines they would like their constitution to follow. The by-laws of a constitution cannot be changed, so that is important to decide exactly what these bylaws shall be.

Recess was held for the payment of dues. As usual, \$11.00 was sent to Europe. The Treasurer was asked to have a report ready for the next meeting. Before the meeting was adjourned, the host and hostess was given

a note of Thanks for the marvelous supper that was very much enjoyed by all the members and guests of the former Family Circle. We take this opportunity to express our regret for the members who were unable to be present and had to miss a most enjoyable meeting.

The meeting was adjourned until Jan 26. 1936 the last Sunday of the month at the home of Mr. & Mrs. S. Steinberg 131 Schulyer Ave. Newark.

Respectfully submitted  
Ann Silberman, Sec.

Dec 26. A meeting of the Lerner Family Circle was held at the home of Mrs. Mrs. S. Steinberg 131 Schulyer Ave. Newark. The meeting was attended by the following members.

Mrs. & Mrs. Leo Lerner.

Mrs. Sara Lerner

Mrs. & Mrs. M. Shwam.

Mr. & Mrs. I. Laufer.

Mrs. & Mrs. S. Steinberg

Mrs. A. Savitsky

Mrs. Rose Fink

Mr. & Mrs. C. Gash

Mr. & Mrs. S. Silverman

Mrs. & Mrs. B. Friedman

Goldie Steinberg

Mannie Weisz

Mac Shwam

Daniel Shwam.

President Lerner opened the meeting with the request that the minutes be read. A motion was made, and seconded that they be accepted. Old business was then in order. The President asked for a report on the



theatre party. The chairman  
 of the committee, Lillian Schusel  
 was not present, but a dis-  
 cussion took place in which  
 it was decided that all the  
 tickets that had not been  
 sold as yet, were to be  
 mailed to her, not later than  
 Feb. 28. 8th. The tickets seemed  
 to be going fairly well, and  
 we have every hope of having  
 a success. The President  
 requested that if there was  
 any member who had cash  
 for tickets, they would please  
 turn it over to our treasurer.  
 as we wish to return it  
 to Mother Sarah Lerner  
 who had laid out the  
 initial payment for them.  
 This was done during the  
 payment of dues.

The President then gave  
 a general report on our  
 project of bringing the Morris  
 Lerner Family to America.

He explained that due to  
 the fact that the second

batch of affidavits were  
 so much stronger, that there  
 was every likelihood of  
 hearing a good report very  
 soon. In fact there had  
 been mail from Germany  
 in which Morris Lerner in-  
 formed him that the affidavits  
 had reached the consul's office  
 and he had been interviewed,  
 but because some of <sup>the</sup> names  
 of the signers were strange  
 to him, he could not explain  
 the relationship properly and  
 was writing for information.  
 This was perfectly natural  
 as a member of Lily Lerner's  
 family had undersigned  
 a \$300,000 affidavit, which was  
 absolutely unknown to him. He  
 has yet to have the pleasure  
 of meeting our charming Mrs.  
 Leo Lerner and her family.  
 With this affidavit and also  
 President Lerner's affidavit showing  
 a bank acct. of \$2200.00, we  
 expect that the second inter-  
 view, with the consul which is

to take place, about Feb 17. will culminate in a successful close and the Morris Lerner family will be given the necessary visas. Which brings us to the all important matter of our pledges. President Lerner reminded us, that as our work of bringing the Lerner Family to America, draws on, the time of making our pledges good draws nearer. He urges that we all bear in mind that the time will soon be here in which it will be necessary to collect them.

The President asked that new business be called to order. A general discussion took place on the matter of a constitution for our organization. Morris Shwartz suggested that we wait for about 3 months and then work on this matter. He said that as

we had organized for the one purpose, we should wait and see how we would proceed later on. This did not meet with the approval of the general membership. The President explained to such members that had not attended our first meeting that we had organized for more than one purpose, and when this purpose was accomplished we would proceed along other lines. In the meantime, a constitution was necessary and would be a great help in deciding along what lines we should follow. The members agreed with this. Lillian Gash suggested that as it takes quite a little time to work out a constitution, and that it would be necessary to see other beneficial societies constitutions, we should get started at once on this

work. Mac Shwan volunteered to get the proper information and asked that he be permitted to select his own committee to help him with this work. He was given permission to do this and he selected Lillian Gash and Ann Silverman. They will meet during the month and present some sort of constitution with which the membership can work on.

Recess was then held for the payment of dues. As usual, \$10.00 was sent to Germany and one dollar for cost of mailing.

President Lerner asked for a report from Treasurer Ann Larfer. This was given and accepted.

We now take this opportunity of thanking our Host and Hostess of the evening Ray and Sol Steinberg for

the very lovely supper which was enjoyed by all the members and guests. The meeting was adjourned by President Turner at 11:00'clock.

A social period followed which was immensely enjoyed by all those who remained to participate in it. Mac Shivan entertained the guests and a good time was had by all. We also take this opportunity to voice regret that for the ~~some~~ members who were unable to attend an account of ill health and sincerely hope that they will all be with us at the next meeting which will be held at the home of Leo and Lilly Turner.

1950 Andrews Ave. Bronx N.Y.  
on Sunday, Feb 23.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ann Shivan Sec.

Feb. 23. Sunday Eve. a meeting of the Lerner Family Circle was held at the home of Pres. & Mrs. Leo Lerner, 1950. Andrews Ave. Bronx and was attended by the following members.

Pres. & Mrs. Leo Lerner.

Clara Shuman.

Isidor & Ann Laufer.

Sam & Ann Siferman

Lottie & Adolph Savitsky

Lillian Gash.

Ida Friedman

Rose Cook.

Moe & Esther Savitsky

Mac Savitsky

Mrs. Lillian Schreisel

Mother Sara Lerner.

LeRoy Laufer.

There were also guests present who were heartily welcomed by all.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion made by Lillian Gask that they be accepted. Seconded by Sam Silverman. Pres. Lerner then asked for old business. A report on the theatre party was made by Lillian Scheidel, Chairman. The Theatre party was held Feb. 15. Sat. Night and was a fair success, due to the hard work of the chairman and members. The members that were present turned in their money and remaining tickets. However, the chairman was unable to give a complete report on account of some members being absent and the money outstanding. The final report will be given at the next meeting.

Pres. Lerner took time out to reprimand the Sec. for not sending notices of the meeting by mail to all members. He requested that this be done at all times. The Sec.



promised to do so.

Pres. Lerner called for a report from the committee on the constitution. Lillian Gash made the report in the absence of the chairman Mac Shwam who was unable to be present. However he had a working copy of a constitution that was presented to the members.

A discussion took place in which it was decided that we table this matter for the present until a larger membership would be assembled at the next meeting. It is very important that all members be present so that each one should have a voice in the matter of what rules and regulations we should abide by.

Pres. Lerner then made a report on the matter which is nearest our hearts.

had come from Germany in which Morris Lerner had explained that he needed 30.00 for visas.

I expected to get them for himself, his wife and son. The oldest <sup>is</sup> going to Palestine and it will be necessary to provide visas and passage for 3 not 4 people. Mother Lerner and President Lerner send this money immediately on their own responsibility. The members all agreed that good judgement was used in this matter as any unnecessary delay would have been very unwise. The ~~total~~ cost was thirty five dollars for the visas. 1.50 for sending it by radio and 5.00 for the notary public. bringing the total amount to \$36.50 which was taken out of the proceeds of the Theatre Party Profits. Mother Lerner expressed her faith that the Morris

Lerner family would soon be with us. She said that as soon as they would arrive, she would make the circle meeting and it would be a most momentous occasion. We are all looking forward to this great reunion with all our hearts and with Gods. Will it should soon be here.

Pres. Lerner is waiting to receive word from Mord Lerner as to whether he has successfully procured the Visas. If he has <sup>the Pres.</sup> will immediately inform the Secretary and she will notify each member to make good their pledge at the next meeting.

As there was no further old business, the Pres. proceeded to new business.

Anna Laufer suggested that we increase the membership of the circle. There are a number of people who are

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related that might be interested in joining. In an open discussion that took place, it was decided that this matter be taken up at a later date when our constitution will be completed. In the meantime, it was felt that any new members would not be vitally interested in our great cause and would only result in conflicting interests.

Lillian Gash made a motion that our regular date of every last Sunday of the month be changed to every last Saturday night of the month. It seems that some of our younger members felt that Saturday night would be much more convenient. It was decided that this new meeting might be tried and if proving more successful

than Sunday, it would be permanently adopted. The motion was seconded and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 o'clock.

We now take this opportunity of giving a vote of thanks to our charming host and hostess, President Leo and Lillie Jerner for the delicious dinner that was served and very much enjoyed by the members and guests. The members that I did not attend, certainly missed a lovely time and we hope that they will be with us at the next meeting, which will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. S. Scheisel 200 E. 7th. St. N. Y. C. Sat. Night. Mar. 28. at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Rose Fink will be Co. Postess of the evening. Hoping that all is well with everyone and that there will be 100%.



April 4. Saturday Eve. a meeting of the Lerner Family Circle was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. S. Scheisel. 200 E. 7th. N. Y. C. at 7:30 o'clock. It was attended by the following members.

Mather Sara Lerner.

Clara Shivan

Anna Laufer.

Ann Silverman

Ida Friedman

Rose Cook.

Adolpt Savitsky

Lottie Savitsky

Rose Fink

Lillian Scheisal

Sol Scheisal

Leo Lerner

Lillian Lerner.

Ray Stienberg

Sol. Stienberg.

Mrs. Rose Fink was Co. Hostess of the meeting and assisted Lillian Scheisal in every way.

The meeting was called to order. The minutes were read and a motion made that they be accepted. The Pres. called old business to order. The final report was given on the theatre party. A total of \$39.50 profit was made of which ~~22.50~~ \$7.00 is still outstanding. This was promised to be paid up soon. Treasurer Anna Laufer gave a report on the finances of the Circle up to date. The report was accepted as read. A bank Acct. was opened in the name of the Circle and a motion was made that only one signature of our two trustees be necessary upon withdrawal of any funds. This was done because both trustees do not live in the same town with the treas. and should a withdrawal of funds be needed in an emergency, it would be very inconvenient to get both sig

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natures. This motion was made by Ida Friedman and seconded by Clara Shwam.

There was also a motion made by Lottie Savitsky that Mother Lerner be paid back the money that she layed out for theatre tickets. This motion was seconded by Rose Fink and passed.

The matter of a constitution was again tabled for the next meeting at which it was hoped that a larger majority would be present.

Pres. Lerner announced that having been asked to give a complete report on our project of bringing Morris Lerner and family to America, he was prepared to do so. He was forced to tell us that the outlook was dark on account of the latest developments.

As has been reported before in this record, the affairs of the immediate family were far too weak and our President

succeeded in getting affa-  
 darts from friends and  
 influential people. He him-  
 self showed a bank acct. of  
 2000.00 which was borrowed  
 at a cost of 55.00. Lily Lerner's  
 family showed 3000. and 5  
 pieces of property. (Uncle Issy  
 Rosenstock). There were alto-  
 gether 14 affidavits from re-  
 sponsible people. President  
 Lerner was able to prove by  
 statements of banks and so  
 forth that his business was  
 worth between 15000. and 20000.  
 dollars. He had also sent  
 all receipts of money sent  
 previously to Mois Lerner to  
 prove that we had assisted  
 him financially for years.  
 He had gone to Washington  
 to see someone who might be  
 of influence. He was accompan-  
 yed by his lawyer, but only  
 succeeded in learning that what  
 was needed was cash money  
 and at least about 20000 of it.  
 In order to issue 4 visas

to a family, the consul would have to be convinced that there was plenty of wealth to take care of them. Mail was read from Morris Lerner in which he says to try to borrow about 20,000 for a while to be able to show, but of course he does not realize how impossible that is. The President feels that he has done everything in his power and has tapped every resource available. He has already gone to the expense of \$25,000. which he claims he wishes no return of.

- \$ 55.00 for the loan of 20000.00.
- \$ 45.00 expenses for himself and lawyer to Washington and
- \$ 30.00 fee for his lawyer. total
- \$ 130.00 inc.

We had learned too late that originally our mistake was in asking for a complete family of 4 people. The restrictions upon issuing visas

have become greater each day. We do not know exactly how much cash it is necessary to show in order to bring them, but it is certain, it is a great deal more than we can possibly ever show.

Ann Silverman gave a report in which she gave a few facts about the almost impossible task of procuring visas for the entire family. She got these facts from the Council of Jewish Women in Newark and Pres. Lerner asked her to go to them for further help, but explained that the only way in which they can really help is in showing us a way to show more cash money amongst the relatives of Mois Lerner. All the other suggestions had already been carried out. In a general discussion that followed it was agreed to suggest to the Lerner family

that either the boys be sent to Palestine and they come here or else to send the boys here and the Parents join them in the future. The Pres. asked Lilly ~~James~~ <sup>Scheisel</sup> to write and suggest this proposition. If he answers <sup>favorably</sup> by the next meeting we will proceed along those lines. In the meantime, Pres. Lerner says that the only thing that remains to be done is to see certain people who may be of help. He will try to get help from Congressman Sirovitch who has aided many people in this respect. Al Scheisel claims to know this congressman and will arrange to see him with Pres. Lerner before this next meeting. He will also see Leon Scharf, a man who is known to be the <sup>intermediary</sup> ~~person~~ in these cases and try to get some help from him. Let us hope that they may be able to throw some light on our

difficulties and that our efforts may not go unrewarded. When Pres. Lerner also visited the Hebrew Org. but they gave no hope unless very much stronger assets could be shown.

Ida Friedman & Rose Cook volunteered to be the next hostesses. A general discussion took place on the subject of changing the meetings back again to Sundays. In view of the fact that the attendance was very poor at this meeting held on Sat. night, the majority voted to switch back again to Sunday. Most of the husbands cannot attend Sat. nights and it is also known, that parties, dances and most social affairs usually take place on Sat. night and, therefore, keeping the younger element from attending the meeting.

We now wish to extend a vote of thanks to our Host & Hostesses of the

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evening Mr. & Mrs. A. Scheisel & Mrs. Rose Fink. The refreshments were very much enjoyed by all, especially the delicious cake baked by ~~the~~ Rose Fink. Everyone joined in the fun that followed the meeting and a hilarious time was had by all.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Friedman, 39 ~~Schuyler~~ <sup>Spring</sup> Ave. Newark Sunday Eve. April 26. at 6 o'clock. Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Cook will be Co-Host & Hostess.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ann Silberman Sec.

Members present were as follows.  
 at the home of Mr & Mrs. Friedman  
 Mrs. Sara Turner.  
 Mr & Mrs. Morris Shuman.  
 Mr & Mrs. A. Savitsky  
 Mr & Mrs. Scheessel  
 Mrs. A. Laufer.  
 Mr & Mrs. Stenberg  
 Mrs. & Mrs. Leo Turner.  
 Mr. Max Savitsky  
 Mr. Max Shuman  
 Mrs. Daniel Shuman.  
 Mrs. Mrs. Gosh.  
 Mr & Mrs. Silverman  
 Mr & Mrs. Friedman  
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April 26. A meeting of the Lerner Family Circle was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ben. Friedman, Irving Ave. Newark. Sunday Eve at 7 o'clock. Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Cook were Co. Host & Hostess of the evening. The President was occupied with Miss Glazer of the Council of Jewish Women and in his absence the Honorary Vice President opened the meeting. She appointed Max Shuman as Chairman to assist her. The minutes were read and a motion made that they be accepted. The Chairman asked for reports on old business. Sol Scheitel gave a report on the matter of seeing Congressman Sirovitch at his Club in reference to giving us aid in obtaining passports for the Lerner family. He reported that he was unable to reach the Congressman as he was out of town. However, he said, that around election time, he was sure to be in town and that he would surely see him at that time and would

be given some information. Lillian Scheisel reported that as yet no answer was received from Brother Turner in reference to the fact that we wished to know his reaction to the knowledge that he must separate his family. She said that his answer was unduly delayed and that she was worried, having always received prompt action replies heretofore.

The chairman accepted both reports and called for a recess to pay dues. After recess we proceeded to way and means. The chairman asked for suggestions for raising a few dollars. Clara Shuman suggested that we each have a card party in our own homes. This was discussed, but not received favorably. An Laufer suggested giving donations in the form of a pledge and anyone giving such a donation would be entitled to some small treat such as a luncheon

from part of the funds. This idea is carried out in numerous organizations and is very popular way of raising money. Ann Silverman suggested a Picnic for the entire family at which admission could be charged and some money raised. Geo Cook said that transportation to the picnic grounds would be too much of a problem. Adolph Savitsky said that he believed that a tax levied on each member would be the best way to get some extra money without any trouble on anyone's part, and that we had ~~to~~ time to do that when we needed the money, and that in the meantime, there was no necessity of raising any more money to keep in the ~~out~~ balance than what we needed to send monthly. The Chairman asked that we table all these suggestions for the next meeting and discuss them again when we had

definite knowledge of how & when we were to proceed with our work.

The Chairman asked for a report on the constitution that he had prepared for the Circle to work on. Unfortunately the secretary had neglected to bring it with her and it could not be discussed at this time.

The Chairman then suggested that we give President Lerner a rising vote of thanks for all the time, effort and money that he has expended in behalf of our work and for which he wishes for no return. This was heartily given although he was not in the room at the time.

President Lerner announced that he and Miss Glazer were now ready to make their reports. Miss Glazer was presented to the group by Am Silverman who is associated with her in the Council of Jewish Women

President Lerner took over the meeting and Miss Glazer gave us a talk and expressed everything very clearly and to the point. She explained that there was no need to get discouraged or think that we must give up. But we must proceed along entirely different lines. To get passports from the American Consul is the hardest thing to tackle. She suggests that he or possibly he and his wife get passports from the British Consul to England and from there to travel to Nassau, an island in the West Indies. From there, there would be no difficulty in getting passports to America as the Council would be able to help with their influence. Miss Glazer says that it would not cost so much and that we would surely have success. She says also that in asking for passports, we must stress the fine moral character of the applicant and that

is what counts. We need no lawyers or politicians as they are of no help. She said that Canada was out of the question. She also spoke of the Kerr Coolidge Bill which is at present before Congress and is unfavorable to all aliens. She asked that we all write to our representatives and ask they veto this bill for the sake of the many innocent foreigners that would be deported if this bill were passed.

President Lerner thanked her for her kindness in trying to help and she left us to face the <sup>new</sup> situation and give our thought to her suggestions. A general discussion took place in which it was decided that we can take no action of any kind until we hear from Morris Lerner and know what he wishes us to proceed. Mocher Lerner then asked for the floor and gave us a very touching speech of

how much pleasure she gets from the fact that we are all working together for such a cause and how gratified and proud she was of all of us. She was applauded and I'm sure that all the members were inspired to feel that if we could make her so proud and happy, then indeed our year of work was not wasted and that we will continue to try and succeed in our effort to realize her heart's desire, which is to be reunited with her eldest son and family, while God still spares her <sup>and</sup> which we hope will be for many years to come.

President Turner asked for a report from the treasurer <sup>W. Taylor</sup>. She gave the following report. \$11.00 sent to Germany as usual and a balance of \$15.75 in the bank. The report was accepted as read.

The meeting was then adjourned and was followed by a social hour which was

enjoyed by all. at this time, we wish to give Ida & Ben Friedman, & Rose and Geo. Cook for the wonderful meal which was heartily enjoyed by everyone, a note of thanks for their grand hospitality. They sure are good cooks for such youngsters and we must give them great credit.

Ann Silverman volunteered to be the next hostess and the next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Silverman 76 Chester Ave. Dr. Sunday May 31.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ann Silverman Sec.



May 31. A meeting of the Lerner Family Circle was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Silverman 76 Chester Ave. Dr. Members present were as follows.

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Lerner.

Mrs. M. Shuman.

Mr. & Mrs. I. Laufer.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Savitsky

Mr. & Mrs. S. Stinberg

Mr. & Mrs. S. Schieff

Mrs. Rose Fink

Mr. Max Shuman

Mr. Dan Shuman.

Mr. & Mrs. Gach.

Mr. & Mrs. Silverman

Mr. & Mrs. Friedman

Mr. & Mrs. Cook.

The minutes were read and a motion made that they be accepted. Pres. Lerner then took the opportunity of complimenting the secretary upon her good work and also upon the occasion of her 10th. wedding Ann. Sec. Am Silverman expressed.

the fact that she was grateful that her efforts were so much appreciated and also thanked the circle for their sincere good wishes on her. Ann. Mr. Silverman also expressed his thanks.

The President then proceeded to old business. Once again the matter of the constitution was tabled. A report was asked for from the Treas. and given. It was decided that a finance meeting be held sometime during the month at which the trustees were to go over the book and bring a report to the next meeting.

Pres. Lerner then gave a report on the latest action upon the matter of Morris Lerner and family immigration to America. Mail was received from the Dept. of State to the President's Lawyer in which the answer to our request for reasons

for the refusal of visas to the family were given. A long and detailed acct. was given of which I will here relate the gist of the matter. Mainly, they charge that the funds shown by the family were insufficient. They give a detailed acct. of the respective health of Mois Lerner and his wife in which they find various diseases and explain that due to the condition of the couple, they would eventually become public charges, and the funds shown would be inadequate to care for them completely.

Pres. Lerner expressed the thought that these reasons were merely excuses and had not these deficiencies defects been found in the health of the persons concerned, some other reasons would be found. Upon receipt of this letter

The Pres. called upon the Council of Jewish Women in New York, the organization that we had had in contact before and was told that considering the fact that four people were asked for and the refusal was given due to the health of the elders and no mention made of the younger, then we should proceed to ask for the boys and perhaps later, there would be a better chance of the parents joining the children. A letter to that effect was sent by the Council to the American Consul and an answer is eagerly awaited. Lotie Savitsky suggested that one boy be asked for at a time and perhaps the chances would be better, but it was agreed that it was best to try for both boys.

Mail was received from Germany in answer to Lily Scheidel's letter in which she

told Mrs. Lerner the difficulties of bringing the entire family and asked him his thoughts on this subject. His long delayed answer is that he was willing to separate from his family and come alone. Unfortunately the decision no longer rests with him and some excuse will be offered to him as a reason for getting the boys out of Germany first.

Pres. Lerner then called for a recess to collect dues. After the dues were collected and the report from the treas. given the Pres. said he would have to ~~have to~~ say a few words on the subject of the monthly remittance of \$10 sent to Germany that Mother Lerner had asked him to say. She felt that it was totally inadequate to care for a family of 4 and that an

effort should be made to increase this amount. This does not mean increasing the dues, but merely that there would be no balance or very little balance left each month from the collection of dues. About \$17.00 is collected each month of which heretofore \$10 was sent at a cost of one dollar. It was agreed, after a discussion amongst the members, that Mother Jerner was wholly right in this respect and hereafter a sum of \$15.00 will be sent each month including the cost of mail. It was decided to ask Mother Jerner for all the receipts that she had on hand so that we may make a record of them. Lillian Scheisel said that she would tell Mother Jerner and would have them for the final meeting.

A discussion took place on the subject of how to arrange to pay dues for the en-

suming three months of the summer in which meetings will not be held. Lillian Gosh suggested that at the next meeting the members pay up for the 3 months, but this was not agreed upon. Some method of collection will have to be arranged and a chairman appointed for that purpose. This matter was tabled until the following meeting which will be the final one of the fiscal year and will take place at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lhos. Gosh, Irving Ave. Newark the last Sunday of June.

We now take the opportunity of giving the usual thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Sam Silverman for the meeting and refreshments that were enjoyed.

The meeting was adjourned until the last Sunday of next month.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Mrs Silverman Sec.

July 5. A meeting of the Lerner Family Circle was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Gash, 39 Irving Newark. The meeting was attended by the following members.

Mrs. Mrs. Chas. Gash.  
 Mrs. Mrs. Mois Shwan  
 Mr. & Mrs. D. Steinfeld  
 Mrs. G. Tarfer.  
 Mrs. Mrs. H. Frink  
 Mr. & Mrs. Geo Cook  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ben Friedmar  
 Mr. & Mrs. Sol Cheisal  
 Mrs. Sara Lerner.  
 Mrs. & Mrs. L. Lerner.  
 Mr. Max. & Dora Shwan.  
 Mrs. Mrs. S. Shwan.

The Treasurer was asked for a full and final report of the entire year. It was given and found satisfactory and accepted. The President then spoke and summed up our work for the entire year and on the whole, it was agreed that we had accomplished a good deal toward our purpose and although we did not succeed as yet, there was no reason to give up hope and that we would



continue our work and keep right on trying. He reported that the National Council had advised that in view of the fact that the American Consul had refused Visas for the elder Lerner, that we write and apply for the Lerner Boys, for which they had no expense in their lengthy document that was sent from their office. A letter was sent to Germany. No reply has been received as yet and a second letter has followed the first. If we get a satisfactory reply, we hope to get the boys here and perhaps there will be more chance for getting the parents to join the children. The President also reported about a new contact in Canada. However it would take a great deal of money and further details on this matter will be given later.

Grandmother Lerner then asked for the floor. She made a very touching speech in which she thanked us all

for our efforts and especially made mention of Clara & Shwam's children and praised them highly, for which they were duly gratified.

An Laufer then asked for the floor. She spoke once again of our constitution and how important it was to get this matter settled. This was agreed upon as so many important details such as delinquent members - enlarging our membership and many other vital points must be decided upon. It was decided to wait for the opening of next year's meetings and then our constitution Committee would definitely work these things out. We already have a constitution which was procured by Max Shwam, but we must work it out along the lines our Family Circle wish to follow.

Recess was then called for collection of dues. \$15.00 was collected as usual. A dis-

ussion took place in which we decided how to collect the dues for the summer months when we would not meet. Clara Shwan, Vice Pres., will collect the dues from the Newark members and Lillian Scheissel will do the collecting for the New York members. Both will see that the money gets to Mother Lerner who will take care of the mailing.

Mother Lerner once again requested that Jewish be spoken on the floor. Much as we would like to accommodate her in this respect, it was decided that the business of the meeting would be considerably slowed up on account of the inability of some of our young members to speak the language fluently. However, it would not hurt if those who can speak Jewish well, would do so. As we all understand it and Ray Steinberg should sit near Mother Lerner and

interpret those, who must  
speak in English

The meeting was then  
adjourned with best wishes from  
all the members to all the  
members for a very happy  
summer and may we all  
meet again next year for  
a bigger and better Family  
Circle.

A delicious supper followed  
the meeting and a most  
enjoyable social hour  
was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ann Liberman Sec.