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September 10, 1936.

Nathan

Mrs. Elsa M. Weinschenk,
824 S. Halstead Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Weinschenk:-

We are trying to assist a Miss Ella Nathan, formerly residing at 3127 West 15th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and who is now stranded in our City.

She claims to have been on Federal Relief in Chicago, and we are trying to check up on her. She gave as one of her close friends Mrs. Theresa Meyers, 522 S. Londale Ave., Chicago. If it is possible for you to investigate and see what you can find out about this case, we will very much appreciate it, otherwise please turn this letter over to some other agency, as we are very anxious to help the girl and possibly send her back to Chicago, her home.

Thanking you for your assistance, and with kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

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September 10, 1936.

Federal Relief Agency,
Johnstown, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

We are trying to assist a Miss Ella Nathan, who formerly resided at 3127 West 15th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and who is now stranded in our City.

She claims to have a brother, Samuel Nathan, residing at 36 River Avenue, and a sister Mrs. O. Kaminsky, residing at 14 River Avenue, Johnstown, Pa., and we would very much appreciate your contacting them and urging that they assist their sister.

Thanking you for whatever assistance you may render in connection with this case, and awaiting your response, we are

Yours very truly,

EL PASO SECTION,
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN,

BY

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky, Field Executive.

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PLEASE ADDRESS ANSWER ATTENTION OF DISTRICT #9.

Sept. 23rd, 1936.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive,
National Council of Jewish Women,
El Paso, Texas.

Re: NATHAN, Ella,
3127 W. 15th Street.

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:-

Your letter addressed to the National Council of Jewish Women of Chicago was referred to us for reply. We had some contact with Miss Nathan as did the Cook County Bureau of Public Welfare, who closed their case in July of this year. The following is a brief summary of our record:

Miss Nathan was referred to our agency in February, 1932 by the landlord of the building in which she lived, as she had been out of work for a year and at the time was recovering from an operation on a tumor. We assisted her with food during March and April, after which she did not appear to be in need of further assistance, and we closed our case as of July, 1932.

On June 13th, 1934 she again applied for help, stating that the landlord at the rooming house had died. She was referred to the Service Bureau for Women, which was caring for unattached women. They transferred her to the Cook County Bureau of Public Welfare, which organization assisted with food and rent until July of this year. During the time that the Cook County Bureau of Public Welfare was assisting Miss Nathan, she approached the Jewish Social Service Bureau and wrote to innumerable people in the community, asking that she be assisted with fare to go "West" for her sinus condition. She was advised that the organization could not assume the responsibility for sending her on to another community where she might need assistance, but she indicated that she would continue her efforts to leave Chicago as she was convinced that there was no other way in which she could recover her health.

Miss Nathan was born on 4-24-1900 in Russia and came to the United States in 1905. Her parents died when she was young and she was sent by relatives to a brother and sister in Johnstown, Pa.

where she graduated from public school and found work as a salesgirl in a department store. In 1918 she came to Chicago. During our contact with Miss Nathan in 1932, we communicated with her brother and sister, Sam Nathan and Mrs. Rebecca Kaminsky, through the Family Welfare Society of Johnstown, Pa. At that time Sam Nathan resided at 36 River Avenue and Mrs. Rebecca Kaminsky at 14 River Avenue. Both the brother and sister were willing to provide a home for Miss Nathan if she returned to Johnstown, but stated they could not send her any money nor provide transportation. Miss Nathan, however, was not interested in returning to Johnstown as she stated she had few social contacts there.

Should you wish to have detailed information as to the contact of the Cook County Bureau of Public Welfare with Miss Nathan, we will be glad to obtain it from their record for you.

In the event that you wish to return Miss Nathan to Chicago, you will have to communicate the Cook County Bureau of Public Welfare, Transportation Service, 758 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois. This is the agency which determines questions of residence and gives permission for the return of residents to the city.

Very truly yours,

JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU.

Rebecca April
DISTRICT SUPERVISOR.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
STATE EMERGENCY RELIEF BOARD

RELIEF DIVISION
Area # 18

Swank Building - Johnstown, Penna.

September 28, 1936.

Mrs. Frank Zlobovsky, Field Executive
El Paso Section
National Council of Jewish Women
El Paso, Texas

Re: Ella Nathan
El Paso, Texas

My dear Mrs. Zlobovsky:

We wish to advise that we have contacted both Mr. Nathan and Mrs. Kaminsky, brother and sister of the above named, and find that neither is financially able to offer any assistance at this time.

Both the Nathan family and Kaminsky family suffered considerable loss due to the flood disaster and although receiving awards from the Red Cross, they did not receive a sufficient amount to cover the extent of their loss. The income from children in both families, at this time, is only adequate for their needs.

Mrs. Nathan stated that from time to time her husband has sent a small sum to his sister and several months ago sent five dollars (\$5.00). Shortly after this he received a letter from Miss Nathan in which she returned the money, stating that probably they were in need of it more than she. Mrs. Kaminsky, too, stated that often times she assisted her sister by providing clothing and also sending a small amount of money. However, she has not been able to do this recently.

We also learned from Mrs. Kaminsky that it would not be advisable for her sister to live in the east as the climate is not conducive to her good health. It seems that Miss Nathan is suffering from a sinus condition and several other minor complications which makes it impossible for her to work. For this reason Miss Nathan has gone west and feels that her condition will improve to the extent that she will be employable.

We hope this information will be of some assistance to you in making a plan for Miss Nathan. Should you wish any further information, we will be glad to forward the same.

Very truly yours,

D. A. Walker

(Miss) D. A. Walker,
Visitor.

V. B. Spuhler

(Mrs.) V. B. Spuhler,
Junior Supervisor.

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Area # 18
Swank Building - Johnstown, Penna.

September 25, 1936.

Mrs. Frank Zlobovsky, Field Executive
El Paso Section
National Council of Jewish Women
El Paso, Texas

Re: Ella Nathan
El Paso, Texas

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Very truly yours,

(Miss) D. A. Walker,
Visitor.

(Mrs.) V. B. Spuhler,
Junior Supervisor.

DAW/as

October 22, 1936

To the Council of Jewish
Women;

Mrs. Oscar Frensky,
14 River Avenue
Johnstown, Pa.,

We were notified by the Emergency Relief of Johnstown, Penna., that my sister is in El Paso, Texas asking there for relief. The investigator called at our house to look into our circumstances.

He explained our inability to help here in any manner financially. She can't stay in Johnstown on account of the climate. We have tried in past years to help her but now it is an impossibility as we are just recovering from flood loss and we having nothing to offer her.

He would like to know where she is staying and the condition she is in, because we didn't know where she was. He

would appreciate it very much if you
could send us ~~her~~ her address so
that we could find out how she is.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Kunzsky

W. L. C. ^{Mrs. Zborovskiy.}
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EL PASO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

310 SAN FRANCISCO STREET
EL PASO, TEXAS

September 4, 1936.

MY DEAR MEMBER:

The first meeting this Fall of the Woman's Department of the Chamber of Commerce is to be a very lovely affair, and I am looking forward to seeing you then.

This meeting is to be a reception at which Congressman and Mrs. R. E. Thomason and commissioned officers of Fort Bliss and William Beaumont Hospital and their wives will be guests of honor. Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Schwartz it is to be held in their beautiful garden at 1105 Prospect Avenue, Tuesday, September fifteenth, at eight o'clock.

It is the purpose of the Woman's Department this year "to take stock" of El Paso's assets. Surely chief among them, both socially and commercially, are Fort Bliss and William Beaumont Hospital, and it is our privilege to honor their present personnel.

While we are honoring Mr. Thomason as our congressman who has accomplished so much toward the enlargement and improvement of Fort Bliss, he in his own inimitable manner will give verbal expression to Fort Bliss of our friendship for them and of our appreciation of their presence in El Paso.

You will come and bring your husband or other escort, will you not? And won't you try to make each officer and his wife feel the warmth of your welcome? It is only this personal effort of each of us that will make our reception the perfect evening we desire it to be for our honored guests.

Since Mrs. Schwartz wishes to know the approximate number expected, I am asking you to 'phone your reservation to the Chamber of Commerce, Main 3006. Please do not fail to do this.

Most cordially yours,

Elizabeth Y. Neal
Mrs. Joseph Neal, Chairman-Director
Woman's Department

TELEPHONE
MAIN 3006

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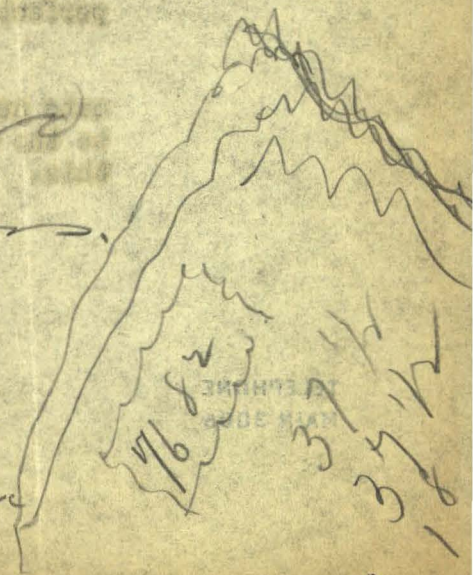
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