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MRS FRANK ZLABOVSKY

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN 1016 OLIVE ST

GUSTAVE GOTTDINNER CANNOT RAISE BOND FOR MOTHER HAS SENT ASSISTANCE

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN
Dear Miss Razovsky;

From time to time I have been in communication with you in regard to the above case but I want to send you a brief survey of the case so you may know what we have done and a bit of warning that we would like to have you pass on to the New York Council.

This Mrs. Gottdinner is the Mother of five small children in Mexico City and the, too is Mr. Gottdinner who has recently suffered from a stroke. She came to our border town of Juarez wishing to be admitted to the U.S. so she might go to New York to see her American born son and daughter and incidentally seek medical aid as she has been a desperately sick woman and badly in need of relief.

Mrs. Gottdinner did not have the necessary bond of $500. to admit her and we were in communication with her son, as you know, trying to get him to send the money. The boy did not have the cash nor did he seem able to raise it and while waiting for word from him his Mother became so desperately ill that we were forced to bring her to El Paso where we had her operated upon. She was in the Sister's Hospital here for seven weeks and was given the very best of care and attention. We have a day and a night nurse for her and one of our foremost surgeons performed the operation.

The surgeon feared that she would not survive the operation as the poor woman had suffered so long and had been such a busy mother at home but she responded beautifully though the operation did not prove to be a cure. The Surgeon confessed that the case was just beyond medical science in El Paso and advised that she be sent to New York to seek further aid. This was also her desire but as her son could not raise the money for her bond and transportation we were forced to call upon some of our good citizens to sign her bond and to advance us money for her transportation.

We had gone so far with the case and we felt our work would have been in vain to have sent her back to Mexico City where she would have the responsibility of her family and not have a chance to recuperate, and further more the medical aid she had received here was inadequate to cure her. While it certainly proved a great relief.
Miss Razovsky, I wired you that Mrs. Gottdinner was to arrive in New York to-day. I want to ask that you notify the Council of her arrival and her history with us as we do so much want them to carry on as we feel this is a deserving case. Please see that she has medical care to cope with her case for as I have stated before her mission to get to New York was to get well and to see her children. We also want to call your attention again to the fact that this is a bonded case and we want Mrs. Gottdinner back in El Paso not later then February the first as we do not want our kind citizens to have to forfeit the bond which they so kindly signed for her and she knows she was only to remain her five months allotted to her on a visitors passport.

We want to thank you for your co-operation in the past and, if you will please pass this information on to the proper authorities. Though a few days late we want to extend our sincere good wishes for the New Year and may the coming year bring nothing but health, happiness and big achievements.

Yours very truly,
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COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN 1016 OLIVE ST

BOND AND MONEY FOR GOTT DINNER BEING SENT TODAY CARE FIRST NATIONAL
BANK

DEPARTMENT IMMIGRANT AID
Sadie Gott dinner 
760 Ford St. 
Bronx N. Y. 

Tues. Sept. 
Your mother left here last night. 
Will reach N. Y. Oct 20. 10 P. M. Pennsy. 
station on Friday. Please be there to meet her. Friday Sept 21, 28

Cecilia Rosangely, 
199 Rainbow Sept 7 Immigrant Aid

Successed in getting the bond and have sent Mrs. Gott dinner 
N. Y. will reach New York on Friday at twelve P. M. 
Pennsylvania station - Please notify the Council in regard 
to this case + see that she does not become a public 
charge.

Wire
Application for admittance on a visa was granted upon mother. Case opened tomorrow. Must have return air fare whether or not you will furnish bond and transportation. Case rests in your hands. Without a favorable reply from you by tomorrow morning will be forced to return your mother to New York where early death is inevitable. Be coming to New York her life may be prolonged indefinitely. We must have an immediate reply before we can proceed with the case.

[Signature]

Mr. Frank Zlabovsky
1616 Olive
m. 8579
We are sending you another report on Mrs. Gottdinner. The case is indeed sad and I guess there is nothing to hope for. You will notice in the last paragraph of New York's letter they request that you get them the doctor's diagnosis from your city. Can you tell us whether the family in Mexico realize how serious her condition is?

MH: C
Encl.
October 8th, 1928.

From......... Augusta Mayerson, New York Section
To........... Merle Henoch, Headquarters
Subject..... Esther Gottdinner.

We have learned from Montefiore Hospital where Mrs. Gottdinner is attending the Radium Clinic, that she is suffering from cancer of the ovaries, but that her condition is so widely spread, that there is no hope of a cure. The treatments which she now receives, are to make her more comfortable and to prolong life.

We have made application for her entrance to the hospital, and hope that this can be effected soon, as she finds it very difficult to travel to the hospital for necessary treatments. Her niece Mrs. Gottdinner, with whom she is now staying, is pregnant, and therefore finds it impossible to care for her adequately.

When you next write to El Paso, will you kindly get the doctor's diagnosis from them? There is no mention of it made in their letter of Sept. 21st.
3505 Rochambeau
Oct 15 1928
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Zlabowsky

I have written a letter to you last week asking for my statement from the operation what Dr. Steelman have operated on me. Ito very important because the Dr. (of) is asking for it. Please be kind enough to send me the statement soon as possible.

I am in the same state yet how I left Mexico. But I am having treatments done, and already that helped a great deal. They took water
out of me once.
I hope that your family
is in best of health.
Wish my daughter & son
I am sending you my
regards. Please be kind
effort to give my
regards to Mrs. Miss
Mrs. Esther Goodine.

Again thanking you
beneath hand for your kindness
your friend

P.S.
My add. 3505 Rochambeau ave.
New York.
October 16, 1928.

Miss Merle Henoch
Dept. of Immigrant Aid
799 Broadway
New York N.Y.

Re: Mrs. Gottdinner

Dear Miss Henoch:

Yours received today concerning the diagnosis of Mrs. Gottdinner in this city but regret to say the attending physician is out of the city so it is impossible to get the same at this time.

Our physician here diagnosed the case the same as the New York doctors though he felt that higher science available in your city would be better qualified to cope with the case.

When the Doctor operated upon Mrs. Gottdinner he found many cists but though that a cancerous condition was present.

We did not tell Mrs. Gottdinner her real trouble before she left as we felt we might spare her this until it was a certainty and she requested that her family in Mexico not be informed of her condition. Therefore, the family does not realize the seriousness of her illness.

We want to thank you for your interest in this case. We are deeply interested in it and are anxious to hear of any development. It is a worthy case and certainly touching;

Yours very truly,

1016 Olive Street
Chairman Immigrant Aid
Council of Jewish Women
WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT  J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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PAPERS REGARDING GOTTDINNER MAILED IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS EL PASO

FRIDAY LETTER IN MAIL

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRANT AID

1929 JAN 19 AM 10 29

WD EL PASO, TEXAS

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE
Mrs. Gottdinner is still receiving treatments at Montefiore Hospital. A recent report from them states that the results are "quite satisfactory". The hospital recommends an extension of her stay so that she may continue her treatments.

Mrs. Gottdinner seems to have improved somewhat. She now has no pain, and she does not have to be tapped as frequently as before.

We are making application for another extension for her. We have also helped the citizen son fill out application for a visa for his father, and Mr. Gottdinner, Sr., is now awaiting a visa in Mexico City.
FROM Cecilia Razovsky
TO Mrs. Frank Zlebovsky
El Paso, Tex.

DATE June 25, 1929.
SUBJECT Esther Gottdinner

You will be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter received from our New York Section. We are glad to note that the woman's health is improving slightly.

CR:ER
Enc.
Gustave Gottdinner is very much worried. He says his Mother's extension expired August 16. He made application for further extension which he sent to El Paso but received no reply and is very much concerned that the bond may be forfeited. Will you kindly look into this and advise at once what has happened.

MH: HW
Rowhberry Case
Clow Sept 39

Cold dinner, case investigated
the next morning, his stay was granted
I am sure you will be grieved to hear the news that we received from our local Section regarding the above. We are enclosing their report.

MH: AW
enc
Augusta Mayerson

Moeleii Henoch, headquarters

Mrs. Gottdimmer is now very ill. There seemed to be a sudden breakdown a few weeks ago. At present, the poor woman is home in bed, and we are attempting to get her hospital care, so that her short time here may be as comfortable as possible.

The entire situation is very tragic.

Zucker/B0
Augusta Mayerson

Merle Henoch, Headquarters

Mrs. Gottdinner was in Montefiore Hospital for about 3 1/2 weeks where she received a blood transfusion. The children paid the entire cost of the transfusion that the hospital charges. They had to borrow money to do this.

Mrs. Gottdinner is now home again. She feels somewhat stronger as a result of the transfusion, but her condition is very poor. She is in bed and seems to be suffering pain.
FROM Merle Henoch

TO Mrs. Frank Zlobovskv
El Paso

DATE November 26, 1929

SUBJECT Esther Gottdinner

Just to keep you advise on the above case, we are sending you the last report from our local section.

MH:G
Encl.
April 9th, 1930.

From............. Augusta Mayerson, N.Y. Section
To................. Merle Henoch, Headquarters
Subject........... Mrs. Gottdinner.

Mrs. Gottdinner died at Montefiore Hospital on March 27th. We are enclosing a death certificate so that you may send it on to El Paso and have the bond cancelled.

Mr. Gottdinner arrived on Sunday, April 4th, and is being held at the Ellis Island Hospital for an examination. We have reported the case to Mrs. Shimberg who is in contact with the children.

Glazer/B0
April 12, 1930.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,
Dept. of Immigrant Aid
799 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:  
May we have by return Air Mail a certified copy of the death certificate of Mrs. Esther Gottdinner. This is necessary before the Immigration Authorities will void the bond but up by our two bondsmen.  

Thanking you in advance for this favor,  

Yours truly,  

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas.
Re/ Gottdiner Case

Upon investigation we find that the department of immigration granted a six month extension on this case. The reason for delay was due to the fact that the bondsmen in this case were out of the city when the application was filed.

Yours very truly,
Isaac L. Rosefsky
Gen'l. Manager Hebrew Sheltering Aid Society
425 Lafayette St., N.Y.

Full resume of Batdorim case

In our visits we are forced to operate in El Paso, understand how trying to assimilate financially has its pros and cons. Requirements $500 and transportation. I am in touch with boy and help for races here. Mr. Albert Roseblatt visited refugees in El Paso. Conditions on border.
Gustave Galt Dinner
N.Y.

In answer to your letter, Mather is getting along very well, much better than we expected.
We expect to keep her in the hospital for one month, at the end of which time if you mention finances her trip to N.Y. and finishing sculpture under Spring and your parents gave it would help her in facing up battle [Life after]
the return to Met. City.

The operation, special nurses and hospital fees will cost $400 here. We realize your financial condition. At any time you feel you could reply this long at your leisure O.K. But I now
concentrate in financing
Mother's trip

Pay to the order of

The State National Bank of El Paso
El Paso, Texas 88-6

Early reply, please.
While your mother was operated on passed thro' the crisis of 12 on the way to recovery the operation is only temporary relief.

Our medical perceptive is inadequate to cope with her case. To send her to N.Y. City would be foolish. Perhaps you could get a bond issue company to float a bond for her. Only 3% would help with transportation here.
Interview Gustav Gottlieb, age seven
nine years old. One person. Fifth Fourth
Admitted under five hundred
Dollars bond. Very sick wants to come to New York for medical
aid. Have non refund bond to First
Nat'l Bank and one hundred fifty
additional for transportation.

Mrs. Frank 8/5/79
Muriel 8/5/79
Z. Rabovsky
We are in receipt of your letter, which is
bitter evidence of the great hardship that we have undergone since the war began.

The condition of the U.S. army is
very bad, and the suffering is great.

We have not received any
news from you, and we hope that you are doing all
possible to help those who need it.

We are in need of clothing,
food, and other supplies.

Dear Sir,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jenkins, 12th U.S. Infantry
I sent you a telegram and we agreed with them to have you go to N.Y. You refused to leave and realize that we have many obligations to meet. Cannot care for this case for you.

If you can pick up the freighted $500 bond + $150 for transp. to N.Y. we will be glad to keep her on her way to destiny otherwise it will be necessary for you.
Send her transportation
jute to Mex. City as she
does not care to have it
furnished her with Div. from
El Paso.
Wire

Mr. Merle Henoch
Dept. Immigrant Aid
799 Broadway
New York.

Notify Gustave Gottdinner that his mother's illness was such that it was necessary to put her under the care of an El Paso physician. She will be operated upon tomorrow at a local hospital. We hope for a speedy recovery and will notify you of her condition.

Write

Mr. Martin Gottdinner
Callejon Miscalco 41
Mexico City.

Write of wife's health and tell him of operation and that Council of Jewish Women are giving her the best attention they can obtain.

Write

Cecelia Razovsky
799 Broadway
Wish her a speedy recovery from her operation.
Notify Gustave Gottdinner that his mother's illness was such that it was necessary to put her under the care of an El Paso physician. She will be operated upon tomorrow at a local hospital. We hope for a speedy recovery and will keep notify you of her condition.

Mrs. Frank Labovský