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AGREEMENT made by and between Beth Haknesses Anshai Sfard, a religious corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Maine and located at Portland, in the County of Cumberland and said State of Maine, United States of American and, Marcos Hara, now commorant of ~~Mexico~~ City, Mexico,

WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the said religious corporation is in need of the services of an Orthodox Hebrew Rabbi, Teacher, and Chazan and

WHEREAS, the said Marcos Hara has entered into negotiations with the said religious corporation for his services as Rabbi, Teacher, and Chazan,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises hereinafter contained, the said Beth Haknesses Anshai Sfard does hereby engage the said Marcos Hara in the capacity of Orthodox Hebrew Rabbi, Teacher, and Chazan for a period of two (2) years commencing on or about January 15, 1930, but not later than February 15, 1930, to render such services as is generally performed in an Orthodox Hebrew Synagogue in the aforesaid capacities.

And the said Marcos Hara hereby agrees faithfully to perform the services required in an Orthodox Hebrew Synagogue as Rabbi, Teacher and Chazan during the aforesaid period of service.

In consideration of the foregoing services the said Beth Haknesses Anshai Sfard hereby agrees to pay the said Marcos Hara the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per week, and in addition thereto said Marcos Hara shall be entitled to receive such fees and emoluments as he may derive from services at weddings, births, deaths, and other religious functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Beth Haknesses Anshai Sfard has caused these presents to be subscribed and its seal affixed by Myer Cope, its President, and Isaac Levine, its Secre-^{tary} both thereunto duly authorized by vote of the Board of Directors, this nineteenth day of December, 1929.

In presence of
Emanuel Korman

Beth Haknesses Anshai Sfard

By

Myer Cope
President.

Isaac Levine
Secretary.



FROM THE LAW OFFICES OF
ISRAEL BERNSTEIN
97 EXCHANGE STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE

In reply refer to
File No. 811.11
WBD/NLS

American Consular Service

Ciudad Jurarz, Mexico August 5, 1930

Mr. Irving M. Hara,
c/o P & H Specialty Shops,
35 S. 7th St.
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Mr. Hara:

With reference to your letter of Aug. 1, 1930 in regard to the applications for quota numbers of your parents, I take pleasure in informing you that the Consulate has today received the petition executed by you and approved by the Department of Labor. A letter is being directed this date to the Syrian quota control office at Beirut requesting first preference numbers for the use of your mother and father.

I shall be glad to inform you further when this office has a reply from the Consulate at Beirut.

Very respectfully yours,

William B. Douglas, Jr.
American Vice Consul
Charge Quota Visas

P. & H. SPECIALTY SHOPS
35 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Aug. 13, 1930

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
1016 Olive St.
El Paso, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

I wanted to write you a while ago, but I have been waiting to hear from Mr. Douglas and have just received a letter from him, copy of which I am enclosing herewith.

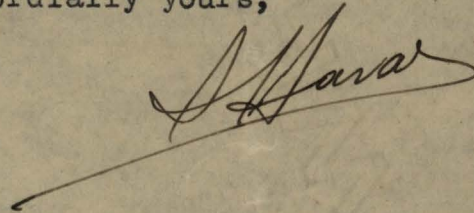
I want at this time to tell you that I appreciate your courtesy and interest that you have shown in this matter and I shall always remember your kindness.

Please know that my visit with you is one that I will never forget and I also want you to know that I am deeply grateful to you for all that you have done.

I want to be remembered to your charming daughter and hope she is well.

With kind personal regards and shall appreciate a line from you at your convenience.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Hara", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the left from the bottom of the signature.

August 19th, 1930.

Mr. Irving M. Hara,
% P & H Specialty Shops,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Hara:-

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst., I wish to inform you that Mr. Douglas sent to Beirut, Syria, for the necessary preferred quota numbers for your parents, and we hope to have a very early reply.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Douglas has been removed from this office, and sent to Spain, but we hope that he will be replaced by one with as equal a sympathetic understanding that he had.

I called on your parents and sisters, and found them in much happier frame of mind than heretofore. I will continue my visits with them as often as my time allows, and will keep you posted on any further developments.

With kindest personal regards from both my daughter and myself, I am

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Service for Foreign Born.

1016 Olive St.,
El Paso, Texas.

FZ:LG

September 12, 1930.

Mr. Irving M. Hara,
% P & H Specialty Shops,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Hara:-

I am making arrangements for your younger sister to be enrolled in the El Paso schools, subject to your approval. The tuition charge is \$6.00 a month, but believe it would be well worth while, not only thru the advantage of American schooling, but by removing her from the unpleasant environments existing in Juarez.

Trusting that this meets with your approval, and that I hear from you by return mail, I am

Very truly,

Chairman, Service for Foreign Born.

FZ:LG

September 16th,

Mr. Irving M. Hara,
% P & H Specialty Shops,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Hara:-

This is in reply to your letter received this morning. Should you wish to communicate with the American Consul with reference to your parents, just address your letters to William P. Blocker, who is our American Consul at this Border, and he is at present taking charge of all foreign cases.

I called on the American Consul yesterday in behalf of your sister Elisa to make arrangements to enter her into the Vocational school in El Paso. The Consul promises to issue a Visa at a cost of \$10.00, and as stated in my former letter, the tuition charges are \$6.00 a month. Your father thinks the expense is rather exorbitant, but I feel that you would want your sisters to get American schooling, since the opportunity presents itself. I am further informed that I can get a similar visa for Sarah, your older sister. I am awaiting your instructions with reference to this matter. In looking over the file at the consulate, I find that up to the present time, they have received no reply from the Syrian quota control office at Beirut. As soon as they receive any word from there, I will be glad to communicate with you further. I called on your parents and found them well, and much happier in their present surroundings. They are much more comfortably situated than they were in their former residence.

Sincerely yours,

P. S. Ruth was delighted with your package and she no doubt will write you personally.

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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

COPY.

El Paso, Texas,
September 17th, 1930

Irving M. Hara,
% P & H. Specialty Shops,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Understand you have your sisters passport. Rush same to us.

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky

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Collect

P. & H. SPECIALTY SHOPS

35 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Sept. 17, 1930

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky, Chairman,
Service for Foreign Born,
1016 Olive St.
El Paso, Texas.

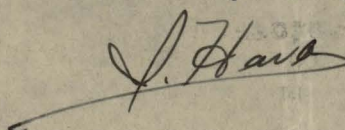
Dear Mrs. Zlakovsky:

Your favor of the 12th.
at hand and noted what you say, all of which
is in order and which is much appreciated.

Enclosed please find Passport
and you may go ahead with the arrangements as
set forth in your letter.

Thanking you for past favors
and with kind personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,



P. & H. SPECIALTY SHOPS

35 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Sept. 19, 1930

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky

Your letter received and contents carefully noted. Enclosed please find two checks, one for the visa and the other for the monthly school charge.

I really dont know how to express my appreciation for taking such an interest in this matter. In regard to the older sister, I am now thinking of her future this way.

If we could take her to some New York school and in the meantime she will meet people of her kind and possibly she will get married, whereas if she goes to an El Paso school, I dont believe we can accomplish anything outside of the educational.

As a matter of fact, I am now planning to go to New York in or about 10 days. If the above mentioned seems reasonable to you, possibly I could be of some help in New York, locating a connection for my older sister.

~~I~~ I will appreciate an immediate answer and your advice on this subject.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

J. Harb

Eda Coal Ref.

Poland.

1924 Nov.

Mexia

H. L. Freebinger
820 N. Broadway
5th floor

Los Angeles.

Sister

Mr H Bernstein
1101 Staunton Blvd.
Staubenville Ohio

September 25, 1930.

Mr. Irving M. Hara,
% P & H Specialty Shops,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Hara:-

I have today succeeded in getting your sister Alicia's Visa and Border Passport for school purposes. She enrolled in the Vocational School in order to study the English language. I paid for this matter with the two check you so kindly sent me, and am sure the money will be well spent. I want to assure you that I will keep the girl under my personal supervision.

With reference to your sister Sarah, I am afraid that you will have great difficulty in getting this girl admitted into the United States because of her illiteracy. I have used every argument to make her understand the importance of learning how to read and write, and your father is just as anxious as I am that she should learn something. Even should an opportunity present itself that she get married, the illiterate test would debar her.

Perhaps a letter from you to her would bring about a better understanding in this matter. The Consul has as yet heard nothing from Syria.

Thanking you for your prompt reply, I am

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Service for Foreign Born.
1016 Olive St.,
El Paso, Texas.

FZ:LG

P. & H. SPECIALTY SHOPS

35 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Oct. 17, 1930

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky,
1016 Olive St.
El Paso, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Received your letter dated
Sept. 25th. and thank you for obtaining a school
visa for my sister Alicia.

I meant to write you sooner
but my trip to New York caused the delay, I have
received a letter from dad telling me that you were
over to see them and you mentioned that a reply from
Burut on hand, but the Consul has written again for
further information.

Dad failed to understand the
meaning of the Consul writing again and he asked me
to write you and get full information.

Thanking you for past favors,
and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

J. M. Hard

P. & H. SPECIALTY SHOPS

35 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Monday

Mrs F. Zlabowsky
1016 Olm St
El. Paso Texas.

Dear Mrs Zlabowsky.

Just few words to let you know that
we took the liberty on sending a package on
your address containing medicine for dad.

Please when you see Alicia have her take same
home.

Hoping same will not cause you any
inconvenience & surely will appreciate it.

Thanking you for past favors. Sam

Sincerely Yours
Living M. Hard

P.S.

Under separate cover Sam sending you a little
remembrance & please accept same and use it with
best of health.

Nov. 7, 1930.

Mr. Irving Hara
P. & H. Specialty Shops
35 South Seventh Street
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Hara;

Your letter received and also, the two packages. I appreciate the beautiful purse more than I can tell you and I shall keep the coins as good luck pieces.

With reference to your parents and sisters, I find that your parents are greatly discouraged because of the unpleasant reply from their home country with reference to the preference quota.

I am pleading with them to have patience on the grounds that the "Dickstein Bill" will pass at our next Congressional session. As you may perhaps know the Dickstein Bill provides that parents of Naturalized citizens (if the parents exceed the age of 55) may be permitted into the U.S. without a preference quota number. What I want you to do is to write to your Congressman from Minn. pleading his support of this bill. You may go into any library getting full information with reference to this bill before making your plea.

Meanwhile I have appealed to our American Consul in Juarez for a reconsideration in your Father's cause asking him if it is possible to recognize the Rabbinical contract which your Father holds. It is possible that I may succeed but I do not want you to bank too much on this possibility. I will make every effort along these lines.

Alacia is proving herself an apt student at our vocational school and comes to my house every Sunday morning and goes to Sunday School with my daughter Ruth. We find Sara well and as content as the surroundings permit.

Again my sincere thanks for the beautiful bag and I will advise you of any further development. Yours truly.

Chairman Service to the Foreign Born
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas.

COPY for Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky's information.

December 1, 1930.

Honorable George H. Winters,
American Vice Consul,
American Consular Service,
Mexico City, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

The case of Rabbi Marcos (Mourad) Hara and family, consisting of his wife, Mizha, and daughters Sara and Rahya has been brought to my attention.

Upon personal investigation, I find that Rabbi Hara's claim to be a Rabbi is legitimate. He has held such a position in Syria, the land of his birth, as well as in Mexico City where he had for four (4) years been the spiritual leader of Congregation "Sociedad de Beneficencia Abariza Monte Sinai" - 4a Justo sierra #63.

Spanish Portuguese Rabbis of the type of Rabbi Hara are scarce in the United States. Therefore, Congregation Beth Haimeth Anshe Sfard of Portland, Maine, whose membership is composed of Spanish Portuguese Jews, wishes to engage Rabbi Hara and has sent him a contract as your records will reveal.

Rabbi Hara would be an asset to any country. Through a happy combination of scholarship and piety as well as character and personal magnetism with which Rabbi Hara is equipped, he would wield a tremendous influence for good upon the Congregation and community fortunate enough to secure his services.

Permit me to urge you, as strongly as I may, without offense, that you permit the American Consul, Honorable William P. Blocker, at Juarez, Mexico, to use his discretion with reference to this case, and that, if, upon investigation, he finds Rabbi Hara's claim to be legitimate and meritorious, that he issue the necessary visas.

I appreciate the courtesy and interest that you will take in this matter, and remain

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) JOSEPH M. ROTH

JOSEPH M. ROTH, Rabbi,
CONGREGATION BETH ZION.

JMR:MKR

P. & H. SPECIALTY SHOPS

35 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Dec. 10, 1930

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky,
1016 Olive St.
El Paso, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

I take pleasure to inform you that a letter from dad on hand with blank of Affidavit of Support to be filled in, which I have done and am returning same to him.

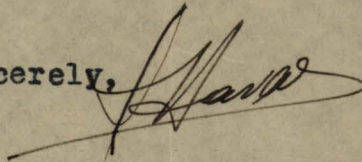
It looks now as though we are getting somewhere and am in hopes that it wont be long now before they are with me. However, I am still relying on you to continue to help me in this matter.

I would have written you sooner but, as you know, it is our busy time now or at least it should be, and I have delayed writing you. You know as always that I am deeply grateful to you for your help in this matter.

If there is anything further to be done, please let me know.

Kindest regards to you and
yours,

Sincerely,



P.S. I am sending Affidavit of Support to my father and I have filled same out as I thought the information would apply. However, I have left personal belongings blank as I feel that what I have said will give them an idea that I am capable of taking care of my folks.

December 15, 1930.

Mr. Irving Hara
P&H Specialty Shop
35 South 7th. Street
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Irving; Replying to yours of the 10th. I called on your parents this morning and examined the affidavits sent by you and your brother, Ezra. Your brother's affidavits would be very harmful if shown at immigration headquarters and I therefore instructed your Father to write to him at once asking for a more favorable affidavit.

If it were known to the department that your family in Juarez were receiving support from members of their family in the U. S. they would be debarred on the possibility of becoming public charges. You must therefore assist me in getting such affidavits that will show that your parents were at no time dependant upon you or any member of your family.

While at the Consulate this morning I was informed that a favorable reply came in answer to the appeal made to the city of Mexico and I am going to Juarez tomorrow to see what further action can be taken toward helping your parents and sisters to obtain visas.

I may be forced to use telegraphic communication and will ask you to answer me immediately your response by telegram.

Yours truly,

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas.

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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Received at 104 South Florence Street

1930 DEC 22 AM 11:21

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MRS F ZLABOVSKY=

1016 OLIVE ST ELPASO TEX=

RECEIVED YOUR LETTER AND WILL CALL YOU TONIGHT AT EIGHT
THIRTY=

IRVING HARA.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

DAY LETTER

El Paso, Texas. February 1, 1931

Myer Cope, President
Congregation Beth Halmesses Anchi Sfar.
Portland, Maine.

Can obtain non-quota visa for Rabbi Marcus Hara provided we receive immediate telegraphic confirmation from you that your congregation officially engages Rabbi Hara as its Rabbi Teacher Chazen stop your previous contract has expired and you must send official word by wire that you still wish to engage him stop we must get this by tomorrow Please wire collect. Stop have wired Ezra Hara.

Signed Rabbi Joseph M. Roth.

DAY LETTER

El Paso, Texas. February 1, 1931

Ezra M. Hara.
566 Congress St,
Portland, Maine

Kindly forward to home address.

~~Have recommended to certain foreign consulates~~

Non-quota visas will be granted your father together with mother and sisters provided we receive immediately telegraphic confirmation officially from Congregation Beth Hakhnesses Anchi Sfar that they engage your father as rabbi stop previous contract they have sent him expired and new one must be granted stop we must get assurance officially from the congregation by tomorrow that they will engage your father as Rabbi please Rush. Have wired Myer Gope.

Signed Rabbi Joseph M. Roth.

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MRS F ZLABOUSKY=

1016 OLIVE ST ELPASO TEX=

RECEIVED ALL WIRES DOING BEST OBTAIN NEW CONTRACT SENDING
SAME FOLLOWING WEEK=

IRVING HARA.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

P. & H. SPECIALTY SHOPS

35 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Feb. 21, 1931

Mrs F. Zlabovsky
1016 Olive St.

El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

In reference to our telephone conversation, I am enclosing two post. dated checks of \$100.00 each.

One to be deposited the 15th of March, and the other the 31st of March.

Due to the unfavorable business conditions, I am compelled to ask you to do the above mentioned. Trusting that this arrangement is satisfactory to you I remain

Sincerely

John McFarland

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Deposited by Mrs. Fannie Zlabovsky

Your No.

Address 1016 Olive St.

Your Date

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Due

3/15/31

Drawn by
I. M. Hara

Payer

Northwestern National Bank

Report
by No.

No. A 27162

Amount

\$ 100.00

Interest

\$

Total

\$

Exch. or Coll. \$

Net Total

\$

REMARKS

Please hold until
due.

& advise

By

Illinois for our credit

P. & H. SPECIALTY SHOPS

35 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

March 10, 1931

J. Zlabovsky
1016 - Olive St.
El. Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs Zlabovsky:

Spoke to Mother and Dad the other night and it surely was good to hear their voices once again. Of course Mrs Zlabovsky, we've no one to thank but you for enabling my parents to get to this country and words can't express our feelings of gratification for all that you've done for us. Let us hope that some day we'll be able to be of service to you.

You've done so much for us now, that I hate to ask another favor from you, but just once again I'll ask again.

P. & H. SPECIALTY SHOPS

35 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

I needn't go any further than to tell you that business has been terrible and I've had a lot of financial setbacks. What I want you to do for me is to hold those checks that I sent you for just a little while longer. The one dated March 15, hold until April 1 and the one dated April 1 hold until the 15th of April.

I know this is a great deal to ask from you, but won't you do this for me? I'll surely appreciate it very much.

Hoping this finds you and your daughter in the best of health, and again let me thank you for all your kind deeds.

Very Truly Yours,
Irving M. Hara

24012 VTJAC72 H 3 4
32 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
Your check was returned
unpaid unless I receive the
money by wire tomorrow
I will return check with
draft attached. please be
prepared to honor it.

I think you are very unfair

New York March 10th 1931

Mrs Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Madam,

I wish to advise that I arrived here safely with my family and will soon go to Portland, Me.-

I cannot thank you enough for all the courtesy and trouble allowed me and wish to appreciate all what has been done for me.-

With my kindest regards, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Marcos Hara

From:
Marcos Hara
2172-63rd Street
Brooklyn, N Y

This item, deposited by you, has been

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Report
by No.

No. A 27526

Deposited by Mrs. Fannie Zlabovsky

Your No.

Your Date

Due

Amount

\$ 100.00

Interest

Total

Exch. or Coll. \$

Net Total

REMARKS

Drawn by

Payer

Mrs. Fannie Zlaboosky

S.M. Hara

By

Advice

Remit Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. Chicago, Illinois for our credit and

ELLIS BROS.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF EL PASO.

88-4

EL PASO, TEXAS,

March 27 1931

27526

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

The First National Bank of El Paso, Texas

\$100

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One hundred

DOLLARS

VALUE RECEIVED AND CHARGE TO ACCOUNT OF

WITH EXCHANGE

TO

L. M. Hara

35 South Seventh St

Northwestern Natl Bk -

Minneapolis, Minn

Mrs Fannie Zlabovsky

(NO-PRO)
88-4

Customers Draft

Walter M. ...
John ...
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 3/30/1910
 4/10/31 12500
 Check full amount 10
 ANY BANK, BANKER OR TRUST CO.
 TO THE ORDER OF
 OR COLLECTION ONLY
 88-4
 OF EL PASO, TEXAS
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 12/10/10

88-4

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF EL PASO, TEXAS

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF EL PASO, TEXAS

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF EL PASO, TEXAS

March 25, 1931

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

I received your telegram and am sorry to inform you that both my stores and my bank account have been closed so there is nothing for you to attach. You say that I am unfair, but if you stop to realize that I have lost almost every cent that I had you will not condemn me too severely. My creditors have attached everything.

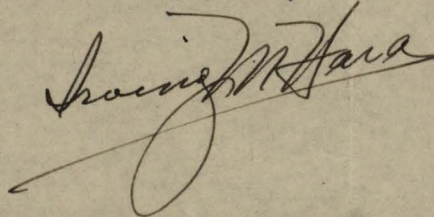
Inclosed is a cashier's check for \$50.00. Later on when I am in a position to do so I will send you the balance.

Please realize that I have a family to take care of too, and I am in a position now where I don't know how things are going to end.

I am very sorry to cause you all this inconvenience but hope that you will understand how things stand at the present time.

Kindly do not deposit the checks as it will only cost you the protest fees, etc. As I mentioned before will send it to you as soon as I am able to do so.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Irving M. Hara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the bottom of the name.

H:A

NEW YORK OFFICE
1 WEST 34TH STREET

EXCLUSIVE LINEN STORE
566 CONGRESS STREET
PORTLAND, ME.

March 20/31

My Dear Mrs Glabovsky

Just a few lines to let you know
that everybody here filling fine
hoping you same

Sometime ago I have send you
letter and you never answer I hope
nothing wrong Regarding this country
the weather here as cold and snow
I hope you filling fine Please
from now on let us here from you
all the time so we cant be sure
you all right all the time nothing more
to say Please forward my Best
Special regard to your husband and
Extra Special regard to your mother and
Best regard to Mrs Rabbi Roth Best
regard to all from all Very truly yours
P.S Please send your letter
to care of the above address Marcos Hara

March 31, 1932.

Mr. Isidore Hirschfield
1115 Connecticut Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C.

Re: Marcus Hara and Wife
Daughters Sarah 17
Alicia 15

Dear Mr. Hirschfield;

For your information about March 10, 1931 I represented and secured non quota visas for a family of Syrian Jews at the American Consulate in Juarez. The man claimed to be a Rabbi and had a contract from a congregation in Portland, Maine. The Consul General in Mexico City had refused this case sometime previous to their coming to Juarez and considerable correspondence took place between the Juarez Consul and that of Mexico City.

Mr. Blocker, our Consul at this port, finally consented to recognize the case and in doing so said, "I am giving you, Mrs. Zlabovsky, these non-quota visas not these people". It seems that the Department in Washington is now checking up on this case and find that Rabbi Hara never filled his contract. They sent for information from the Consulate in Juarez. Mr. Blocker feels that he really issued these visas against his better judgement and as he says because of my implicit faith in these people.

The latest address of these people is 5813, 21st. Ave. Brooklyn New York A son in law Jack Prichot address 1 West 34th Street New York.

Of my personal difficulties in this case I had at the request of the son Irving Hara. I advanced this family \$200.00 for which he sent me the enclosed checks and when the checks were not honored I wired and told Irving. He sent me \$50.00 on account and I am still in the red \$150.00 which I can ill afford to lose. Have you any suggestion to make as to how I can collect this money due me?

However the thing uppermost in my mind is just what will be the outcome of this case should the Department of Labor find this Rabbi an imposter and how will it affect our American Consul at this port of entry.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply,
Yours very truly,

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April 4, 1932.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Your letter of the 31st ult. in re Marcus Hara and family at hand.

If the Department, as a result of its investigation, believes that Rabbi Hara and his family were not entitled to a non-quota status on the ground either that he was not a rabbi within the meaning of the statute or on the ground that he was not coming here "solely for the purpose of carrying on the vocation of minister of a religious denomination", a deportation proceeding against them will probably be commenced. Should this happen and should they ask the intervention of our Society, the case will be referred to this Washington Bureau and we shall give it all necessary attention. We cannot, of course, in advance of a deportation proceeding and the hearing therein, give our opinion as to the outcome of the case. If he never was a rabbi or had not been practicing as such for the two years preceding the granting of a visa, he and his family clearly were not entitled to non-quota visas; if he merely did not continue such vocation in the United States, it would depend very largely upon his intention when he came here, the facts and circumstances that brought about his entering a different occupation, etc., etc.

As to the effect upon the American Consul at Juarez, we do not see how it may affect him at all. If Rabbi Hara was not a rabbi at all or had not been practicing such for the two years preceding the issuance of his visa, the Consul was merely imposed upon but could probably show that he used all diligence in ascertaining the facts. If it develops merely that Rabbi Hara has failed to follow such vocation after his admission to the United States, the Consul surely cannot

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Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky - #2
Re: Marcus Hara and family

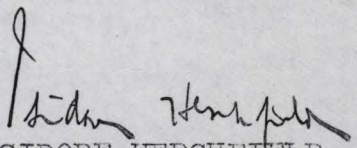
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be blamed.

We are returning herewith the two checks which accompanied your letter. Our only advice is that you put the matter in the hands of an attorney in Minneapolis to bring suit and collect this money by law.

We are very sorry for your sad experience, and particularly your financial loss. But these things will happen and cannot be avoided.

Very truly yours,


ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
Counsel

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