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AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

COUNTY OF HOWARD,
STATE OF TEXAS.

I, Morris Prager, age 45, residing at 208 Dixie Street, Big Springs, Texas, being duly sworn, depose and say:

That I am a naturalized citizen, having been naturalized on the ____ day of _____, 19____, in the United States District Court held at Dallas, Texas; that my certificate number is _____.

That I served in the United States Army during the World War, receiving an honorable discharge at Camp Bowie, Texas, on the ____ day of _____ 19____, army serial number _____.

That my regular occupation is that of merchant, being sole proprietor of the business known and operated as "The Army Store", 203 Main Street, Big Springs, Texas, and that my business interest is approximately Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars; that my annual income exceeds Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars. That my dependents are, my wife Nettie and three children, ages 17, 14 and 12.

That it is my desire to have my niece, Sara Mendelsohn, age 23, born in Kaunas, Lithuania, who is now in the United States on a visitors visa and visiting relatives at 26 Geraud Avenue, N. Plainfield, New Jersey, U. S. A., to change her status and be permanently admitted into the United States and make her home with my brother Isador Prager in Midland, Texas.

That I am willing and able to maintain and support said alien, guaranteeing that she will at no time become a public charge, nor will she at any time seek labor.

That I have been a resident of the United States since 1908 and that I have always been law abiding. At no time have I been affiliated with any group or organization whose principles have been contrary to organized government.

That this affidavit is made for the purpose of inducing the American Consul issue a visa to Sara Mendelsohn, who is my sister's daughter, to admit her permanently into the United States.

Signature of Deponent

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County of Howard, State of Texas, this ____ day of July, 1937.

My commission expires May 31, 1939.

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

COUNTY OF MIDLAND,
STATE OF TEXAS.

I, Isador Prager, residing at 401 North A Street, Midland, Texas, being duly sworn, depose and say:

That I am a naturalized American citizen, having been naturalized on the 11th day of November, 1920 in the United States District Court held at Fort Worth, Texas; that my certificate number is 1016931.

That I served in the United States Army during the World War, army serial number 3987023, and received an honorable discharge at Camp Travis, Texas, the 26th day of November, 1918.

That I am 41 years of age, and have resided in the United States since September 18, 1912. That my dependents consist of my wife, Rose Prager and three children ages 10, 6 and 2. That my regular occupation is that of merchant, operating under the firm name of Prager Brothers controlling a chain of three stores in the following towns: Midland, Texas, Big Springs, Texas and Jal, New Mexico, this being a co-partnership consisting of my two brothers, Philip, age 37, Robert age 30, and myself (Isador Prager). That the two brothers aforementioned are single and have no dependents. That our annual income exceeds Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars.

That it is my desire to have my niece, Sara Mendelsohn, born in Kaunas, Lithuania, age 23, now visiting relatives at 27 Geraud Avenue, N. Plainfield, New Jersey, U. S. A., to permanently enter the United States and make her home with us in Midland, Texas.

That I am willing and able to receive, maintain and support said alien and hereby assume such obligations, guaranteeing that she will never become a public charge on any community or municipality of the United States, nor will she ever seek labor.

That I am and always have been a law abiding resident of the United States, that I do not belong nor am I in any way connected with any group or organization whose principles are contrary to organized government.

This affidavit is made for the purpose of inducing the American Consul to issue visa to the above mentioned relative who is our sister's daughter, to admit her permanently into the United States.

Signature of deponent.

We, Philip Prager and Robert Prager, wish to attest our signatures to the above affidavit, guaranteeing that our niece, Sara Mendelsohn, will be received by us, assuming any and all responsibility if necessary assuring the United States Government that we will at no time permit her to become a public charge on any community or municipality of the United States, nor will she seek labor. We are well able to support her.

Sworn to before me, this _____ day of
July, 1937.

Notary Public in and for Midland
County, Texas.

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63 Mercer Avenue
N. Plainfield, N.J.

Sent: May 19, 1937
Rec'd: May 20, 1937

Miss Celia Razovsky:
National Council of Jewish Women
221 West 57th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Razovsky:

Several months ago, Mrs. Newmark and myself visited you at your office on behalf of Miss Sarah Mendelson, who was then ill. You have been very kind in taking an interest in this matter direct and thru Miss Dukore.

Miss Mendelson has since been operated upon in the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital and is well on the road to recovery. Her entire expense was taken care of by her relatives from Texas, the Pragers, who have been very liberal in their attitude and she is now recuperating at her great aunt in Plainfield.

You will kindly find enclosed a copy of a letter Miss Mendelson received from the Department of Labor granting an extension of her temporary admission to the United States until September 19, 1937. She is of course desirous to get permission to remain permanently, if possible, and to become naturalized and we, her friends in Plainfield, as well as her relatives in Plainfield and Texas are anxious to help her attain this end.

We would therefore greatly appreciate any information and assistance you may be able to give us. Is it in any way possible for her to be allowed to remain permanently on the basis of the Lithuanian "Quota", and what will have to be done? As we previously mentioned to you, Miss Mendelson is a charming young lady of more than ordinary intelligence, educated and gifted, and should be an asset to any Jewish Community in this country.

While her aunt and uncle with whom she stayed in Brooklyn are not sympathetic to her remaining in this country, her other relatives are. Unfortunately, her Brooklyn aunt misrepresented the financial situation to Miss Dukore, claiming to have paid Sarah's bill in the hospital, which was actually paid with funds received from the Pragers of Texas, Mrs. Mendelson handling the sum previously given her for safe keeping by Sarah, but not being called upon to make a personal contribution.

We feel that their attitude should be entirely overlooked in this matter and would greatly appreciate anything you can do to bring about Sarah's remaining permanently in this country on the quota. We would also appreciate information as to the departmental rules or laws in the matter.

With sincere thanks for your kind cooperation,

Very truly yours,

Julius J. Newmark

221 West 57th Street

June 9, 1937

Mr. Julius J. Newmark
63 Mercer Avenue
N. Plainfield, N. J.

RE: Sara Mendelsohn

Dear Mr. Newmark:

You, of course, know that in order for Miss Mendelsohn to enter this country permanently, it will be necessary for her to leave the United States and apply elsewhere for her immigration visa. Because she has close relatives in Texas, we feel that it would be advisable for her to go to Mexico for her change of status. The Pragers should get in touch with Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky, El Paso Section, National Council of Jewish Women, 1916 Olive St., who can give them a good deal of assistance in preparing the necessary affidavits and handling the matter generally, in sending the girl to Juarez.

You undoubtedly know that affidavits of support are required in the case of every person who wishes to emigrate by the American government to guarantee that the emigrant will not become a public charge. It would be very helpful too if you and other relatives can also furnish affidavits indicating your desire to support Miss Mendelsohn until such a time as she is self-maintaining. The Lithuanian quota is not full so Miss Mendelsohn should meet no difficulties on that score. However, it will be necessary for her to have a physical examination at the office of the American Consul in Mexico. She should be in as good physical condition as possible at the time. It would be of course, inadvisable for her to mention her past illness to the physician.

We are enclosing affidavit blanks which must be made out in duplicate and notarized and also instructions for corroborative documents. You may write Mr. Prager that Mrs. Zlabovsky will help him make out his affidavit. If you wish you may send your papers when they are completed and we can forward them to Mrs. Zlabovsky, so that all papers can be mailed together to Mexico.

If you have any further questions. Please get in touch with us.

Sincerely yours,

Cecilia Razovsky
Associate Director

E. Perlman:rh
enclosure



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

INCORPORATED

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NEW YORK

TELEPHONE · CIRCLE 6-3175

CABLE ADDRESS · COUNJEW · N. Y.

221 W. 57th St.

June 15, 1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
 National Council of Jewish Women
 1916 Olive Street
 El Paso, Texas RE: SARA MENDELSON

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

The case of the above named came to our attention on Feb. 24th of this year. Miss Mendelsohn, a 22 year old girl, has been visiting relatives in the United States for about two years. She comes from Kovno, Lithuania. During the time she has been here she has been ill and has been hospitalized several times. Now she is greatly improved and her relatives are interested in having her remain in the United States permanently.

Miss Mendelsohn has relatives in Plainfield, N. J., with whom she has been living. She also has an aunt and uncle, Rose and Ben Zimmerman in Ft. Worth. We recently received the enclosed letter from Mr. Newmark, her relative in Plainfield. We are also enclosing copy of our reply to Mr. Newmark. The Fragers who are mentioned in Mr. Newmark's letter are probably also relatives who are living in Texas.

We are sending you this information since the family will undoubtedly get in touch with you. As soon as we know Mr. Newmark's plans for Miss Mendlesohn, we will let you know.

Sincerely yours,

Cecilia Razovsky
 Associate Director

E. Perlman:rh
 enclosure

FIFTEENTH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION, PITTSBURGH, PA., JANUARY 23-28, 1938

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

June 27th 1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1916 Olive St.
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky;

I am in receipt of a letter from Cecilia Razovsky Associate Director of the National Council Of Jewish Women, advising me to get in touch with you concerning a niece of mine who is visiting this country,.

Will you kindly advise me by return mail, whether or not you will be at home on Wednesday or Thursday of this week, so that I could drive over to El Paso and talk the matter over with you.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,
I am,

Yours very truly,


I. J. PRAGER

August 9, 1937.

Miss Ceelia Razovsky,
221 West 57th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:-

Re: Miss Sarah Mendelsohn.

We assisted the Pragers in preparing affidavits and if her papers are complete, have her take them to her uncles in Midland, Texas. They will bring her to El Paso and we will be pleased to assist her in obtaining her visa.

Thanking you, we are

Yours very truly,

El Paso Section,
National Council of Jewish Women,

By:



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

INCORPORATED

~~1810 BROADWAY~~

NEW YORK

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221 West 57th St.

August 25, 1937.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
National Council of Jewish Women
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

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RE: Sara Mendelsohn

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

We spoke recently with Miss Mendelsohn and she advised us that she has not as yet received her police certificate from Lithuania. If she doesn't receive it within the next ten days or two weeks, we feel that it would be best for her to go south and wait there until it arrives.

As soon as she is ready to leave, we will send all her documents to you.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Perlman
Emily Perlman
(in Miss Razovsky's absence)

EP:rh

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221 W. 57th St.

August 26, 1937

REGISTERED R.R.R.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
National Council of Jewish Women
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

RE: SARA MENDELSON

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Miss Mendelsohn has finally received her police certificate from Lithuania and is planning to leave for Fort Worth Sunday, August 29th. She will arrive in Ft. Worth sometime on Tuesday, August 31st. Miss Mendelsohn, herself, will inform her relatives as to the exact time of her arrival.

We are enclosing the following documents for Miss Mendelsohn:

Police certificate from Lithuania
Police certificate from New York City
Extensions from Department of Labor
Birth certificate
Police certificate from North Plainfield, N.J.
Personal Identification - Civilian File (fingerprints)

We believe it will be necessary for a photostat copy to be made of her police certificate. Since there is no time for it to be done here, we think it can be done in Ft. Worth.

It was suggested by Miss Mendelsohn's relatives that she travel by bus from New York to Ft. Worth but we feel that

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Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky

RE: SARA MENDELSON

this is inadvisable in view of the fact that she was ill not so long ago.

We trust that no difficulties will arise in this case and that you will be able to help her secure an immigration visa.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Perlman

Emily Perlman
(in Miss Zlabovsky's absence)

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ERU BOND
GOLDEN BOND

El Paso, Texas,

September 13, 1937.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,
221 West 57th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:-

I am pleased to inform you that Sarah Mendolsohn has been legally admitted into the United States and left today to join her uncles in Midland, Texas. We experienced no difficulty in this case.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

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