

Simon: Pardon my typing. b f.

Friday Dec. 11.

Dear Simon:

After ~~much~~ much soul searching, I have decided it would be best for the Jewish Voice and myself that I disassociate myself from the Jewish Voice because of the basic differences of opinion and philosophy ~~is~~ between ~~me~~ Morris Lapidos and myself.

I see Lapidos as a career man, intent upon fulfilling his obligation to insure the raising of a million dollars or more for the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and myself, as a newspaper man concerned about the publication of a newspaper for the Delaware Jewish community.

Lapidos, a newcomer to Delaware, has already expressed ~~an~~ uncomplimentary views on what has not, in his opinion, been accomplished in the Delaware Jewish community and I, ~~on~~ on the other hand, have many favorable views on what has been accomplished.

Lapidos has his own ideas as to what the Delaware Jewish community is entitled to know what's going on in the community; and I have mine.

I believe the Delaware Jewish community is ~~not~~ mature enough to know what is needed, what is failing, and what must be done. Lapidos, however, has a philosophy that the community should not know any of this until corrective measures or what he thinks are corrective measures have been undertaken.

As I view his concept of a Jewish community newspaper, it amounts chiefly to an ~~elaborate~~ elaborate publicity ~~house~~ house organ, devoted chiefly to the Jewish Federation and its campaign for funds.

The mast head of the Jewish Voice states I am "assistant ~~editor~~ editor". Just what does that ~~mean~~ mean? Lapidos seems to be irritated when I call Karen Moss and ask what's on page one for the ~~next~~ next issue?

~~The meeting~~ The meeting we had yesterday convinced me that Lapidos and I ~~could~~ never but never see eye to eye on many things.

I feel, too, as I expressed it yesterday that the Catholic Dialog of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington is more honest with its constituency ~~than~~ than the Jewish Voice is ~~with~~ with the Delaware Jewish community.

However, ~~Harold~~ Lapidus seems to be the boss, supported by the hierarchy of the Jewish ~~Religious~~ Federation and its large ~~main~~ contributors.

Well, I've been through the flow of such high ranking executives of the Jewish Federation for about half a century--50 years-- and I don't think I want to continue under their thumb of any more of them. As I have told you before, I would never in the world ~~want~~ want to work for the Jewish Federation of Delaware or its officials or chief executives. It's not their fault. They are chiefly driven by the importance of raising money. And while this is important, it's not conducive to my way of life. I ~~believe~~ believe firmly in the importance of balancing the whole picture and I for one do not want to be part of an organization or instrument of the Jewish Federation, dedicated to patting certain people always on the back because this may bring in more money.

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Finally, this constant bickering about the function of the Jewish Voice has ~~just~~ about ~~me~~ me to the end of my endurance, patience, and peace of mind.

I also resent the way you have been pushed ~~me~~ into the background.

I resent being called to a meeting after meeting in which the strangest ~~kind~~ kind of financial picture is outlined and discussed.

And I resent being affiliated with a so-called newspaper that violates over and over again the basic ~~concept~~ concept of journalism.

Hence, there ~~is~~ is no role for me on or with the Jewish Voice.

And this is final. Let Lapidus run the Voice as he wants to run it and lots of luck.

By the way, this is absolutely final,

Yours very sincerely,

Bill Frank

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