February 24, 1941.

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany, New York

Dear Governor Lehman:

Will you join with me as a member of my Sponsoring Committee for our Fifteen Dollar Donor Luncheon at the Hotel Astor on Wednesday, May 14, 1941? We hope to have more than a thousand women at this Luncheon.

ORT has for the past sixty years been engaged in Eastern and Central Europe in training and retraining Jewish people. The overwhelmingly tragic situation of the Jews in Europe has accelerated the rehabilitation program of ORT.

Today, four million Jews are imprisoned in Nazi-dominated Europe. Some will be able to escape through emigration, but even they will need a skill in order to enter a country of refuge. Most of them will have to stay where they are. Only a trained hand will enable these victims of Nazi oppression to eke out a subsistence today.

To provide this skill, ORT maintains trade schools, co-operative workshops and agricultural settlements in seven countries on the Continent and in Great Britain. In cities, in towns, in villages, and even in internment camps, ORT is throwing this life-line to the European Jews and giving them an opportunity to reshape and reconstruct their lives.

Through an exchange system used by many American agencies doing overseas work, no American dollars go to Nazi-dominated countries; no machinery or merchandise of any kind leaves this country for ORT training centers, and hence we do not interfere with the British blockade.

We believe that your participation on the Sponsoring Committee will help to make this Luncheon the success which it so deserves. May I hear from you?

Cordially yours,

DOROTHY KENYON
Chairman, Sponsoring Committee

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