



Letter from Max Bredig to Georg Bredig, April 3, 1936

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English Translation

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Dear Father,

I'm sorry that you unnecessarily worried again because my "lousy" letter was not followed by a second one. On the other hand, I was just expecting an answer to this one. Moreover, if you're worried, you can let me know with one sentence on a postcard. However, I spent all of last Sunday with Mr. Spring Sunshine at the typewriter working on my doctoral thesis and publication, and I'm far from finished. There is – thank God – nothing new to tell you about my situation, April 1st passed without my dismissal, so that I have to be paid through October 1st anyway. Whether they would initially let me go if I would have found another suitable position is uncertain, but it's quite possible!

H.H.F tried to get clarification from the higher authorities but has been unsuccessful so far. He was sent from one person to another, and no one wanted to personally assume

responsibility. Above all, he was told the matter was no longer urgent. However, I believe it will remain urgent for me, less because of my precarious situation in the company, which is quite normal at the moment, but more because of my future prospects! It may even be too late now. Sch. told me that he received a nice reply from Ms. London but with minimal prospects. Donnan is also supposedly already settled and the Acad. ass. Council has also been informed.

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Dr. Heimann went to Haifa voluntarily in 1933. All the others probably left more or less involuntarily. Dr. A.R.F., his secretary, and I are the last of the Mohicans in the entire company!! Dr. A.R.F (and probably his secretary as well?) will, as it is rumored, retire at the end of the year because he will turn 65. This could also be a reason to get rid of me, but also a reason to keep me because of the "great downsizing" won't occur until ? I agree with the sentiment of your letter to Pf., thank you very much! Only the passage " "One" is already beginning to inquire about their heritage" is not correct. It's actually official - I am listed as a "Jew" in the files. Everyone knows who I am, and I since I never made a secret of it, there was no need to ask! What kind of factory is mentioned in A.'s postcard? I will return the copy of your letter to Pf. with the next letter. I might want to include him in improving my "resume."

With regards to your conversation with Pf., it must be said that I should act as if I was already dismissed, especially since H.H.F personally considers my efforts to be correct and necessary! I will send the new list of publications etc. as soon as my work schedule allows me to do so.

Marianne has arrived safely and is very happy with Ms. B. Otherwise there is nothing new from us. Best wishes to you and Aunt Idel.

Max