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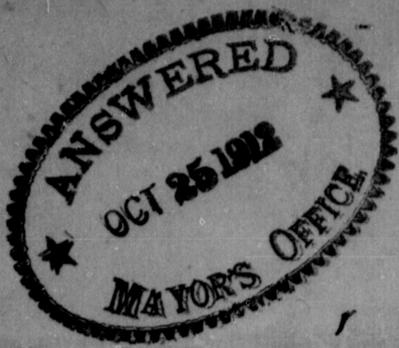
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**Petitions-Pushcart
Peddlers**

1912-1913; ud



Bklyn New York, September 30th, 1912.

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, please find copy of letter sent to *Dr. Lederer*,
Commissioner of Board of Health.

We are taking the liberty of sending you a copy of this,
knowing the keen interest you take in all civic affairs,
and hope you will be so good as to take this up with the
right department and help us in our fight for cleanliness
and decency.

Yours very respectfully,

Hamp Spiegel

344 Grand St Bklyn

S. Kailow 146 Horwinger St. Bklyn

B. Wojilensky 146 Horwinger St

Samuel Jaffe 140 Horwinger St

Wm Kellner 261 So 2nd St. (owner)

John Shulman 128 Horwinger St

New York, September 20th, 1912.

Dr. E. J. Lederle;
Hon. Com. Board of Health,
Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, do hereby take the liberty of registering a ^{vigorous} protest against the invasion of the residential section of Williamsburg, covering Havemeyer Street from Grand Street to South 3rd Street, and South 2nd Street from Roebling Street to Marcy Avenue, by hordes of peddlars who come from the lower East Side of New York, and by their disgraceful conduct keep the whole neighborhood in an uproar from 4.00 A. M. till midnight.

They are most profane and insolent, resenting any sort of a protest whatsoever, and place their carts with utter disregard of anyone's wishes. They cast filth into the street, which naturally has a very bad effect on the health of the community, decaying and breeding germs, and causing rather unpleasant odors.

We are not immune from these public nuisances even on Sundays, as they treat this day as any other day. They use, also, most indecent language, and some of them stand at their carts partially disrobed, making it exceedingly disagreeable to say the least, for any women or children who happen to be passing. It is almost impossible to walk on the sidewalk as they display some of their wares thereon. The police, it seems, are not able to cope with the situation.

Hoping you will see fit to take early action in this matter, and thanking you in anticipation, we beg to remain

Very respectfully yours,

Edward Lipschultz
261 S. 2nd St.

B. Appelman
274 S. 2nd St.

274 S 2nd St

Mr. Kellner (owner)
261 S. 2nd St.

Sol Raplow

120 S 1st St

M. M. Seidel

#67 Havemeyer St

Harry Spergel
344 Grand St

S. Rudom 146 Havermeier St. Bay

M. Carano 255 S. 2nd St

Samuel Ostrowski 234 So. 2nd St

B. Wojilensky 146 Havermeier St.

Samuel Jaffe 140 Havermeier St.

John Schulman 178 Havermeier St.

New-york. Feb. 17th 1913.

Honor William J. Gaynor
Mayor of the City of New-york.

Your Honor:-

We the undersigned beg
your honor to investigate a certified
complain, based on the folling points.

On the Section of 1st Ave
and 74th Str, we have established since years
our Bussinesses, and owing to the high rent
we have to pay for our localities, we have
met since a few months a big opposition
by peddlers in front of our establishments,

As we are hurt in our
Bussines by these peddlers to a very high
extent, we beg your honor to put a stop
to this action.

Thanking your honor in advance
for your kind attention given and complaint,

we beg to remain

faithfully
yours.

Alois ¹¹ Konecny 400 East 74 St.

D. Goodman 409 East 74 St

Hyman Krans

Vera Tokuk 480 E 74 St

Ludwig Morak Crocuris 425 E 74 St.

~~Alvin~~ Friedman 427 E 74 St

Frank Kasper 484 E 74 St. City

John Augusta 403 E 74 St

Stretch

Sal Caplet 402 74 St. xxx

A. HERZFELD,

MANUFACTURER OF *Table Covers, Table Shelf & Stair Oil-Cloth*

AND JOBBER IN *Carpets, Rugs, Oil-Cloths and Linoleums*

4 First Avenue.

Branch Store, 194 Rivington St.

TELEPHONE. 5898 ORCHARD

New York, June 2nd. 1913.

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To His Honor,
William J. Gaynor,
Mayor of the City.

Sir:-

We, the undersigned, being business-people on Avenue A., between East Houston Street and Second Street, desire to interplead in behalf of the peddlers who over three years had had their pushcarts in front of our stores and had been selling their goods, and we beg that they be permitted to continue to earn their living as heretofore and not be interfered with as they do not in any way interfere with our business, nor do they interfere with the traffic as the Avenue is wide enough, nor do they interfere with the Public Health.

We make this request in good faith, and we would be indebted to Your Honor, if our request be granted in behalf of those poor peddlers who for so many years had been permitted to eke out their living there unmolested.

In Witness whereof we have all signed our names the above written date:

Abe Herzfeld

Max Singer

Jacob Stein

A. Selman

M. Charon

2 First Ave

#. 8. First Ave

18 First Ave

18 First Ave

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New York,

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Morris Christman 28 First ave
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MAYOR:

Some weeks ago a communication was received at this office signed by Merchants and Storekeepers on First Avenue between Houston and Third Streets, asking that the pushcart peddlers who stood lined up at the curb on that thoroughfare be told they must get off the Avenue and stand elsewhere. This communication stated that the request was prompted by the constant squabbling going on among these peddlers and the congestion which they caused on First Avenue. The matter was referred to the Police Commissioner and as a consequence the peddlers were told they must locate on some of the side streets.

The attached petition is now presented, signed by many of those whose names were attached to the previous communication. They have apparently repented of their action, as they find the pushcarts have taken the trade with them and that the stores on First Avenue do less business now than when the peddlers used to stand there. They ask, therefore, that the order now ~~enforced~~ be rescinded and that the pushcart peddlers be permitted to return to the stands they formerly had on First Avenue.

MEYER GREENBERG,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
99 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK
TELEPHONE { 4628 } CORTLANDT.
 { 4629 }

June 7, 1913.

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor of the City of New York,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter is in charge of the district between Houston and Third Streets on First Avenue known as the Third Election District of the Tenth Assembly District of New York County, and is the captain of the same.

The citizens and residents of this section have requested that he speak for them to your Honor to restore to them the privilege which they heretofore enjoyed, - that of maintaining push carts in front of the stores of business men in this portion of the city.

I hope that you will give him whatever consideration you think the matter is worthy of, and I shall deeply appreciate anything that may be done for these good people.

MG/MB

Sincerely yours,

Meyer Greenberg

To His Honor, William J. Gaynor,
Mayor of the City of New York.

We, the undersigned business men and property owners on First Avenue between Houston Street and 3rd Street hereby petition Your Honor, to restore to us the privilege of maintaining push carts in front of our premises as heretofore to exhibit our wares and sell the same to the public.

The undersigned have at some previous time complained against the continuation of maintaing such push carts, but the same was brought about by a mis-understanding. It seems there was a faction in this locality who were making a lot of trouble for the people of this section and this faction organized a committee more out of rivalry than from a desire to create order.

Therefore many of the undersigned did under such mis-understanding request the removal of these stands. Since then, however the true situation has been ascertained and a great hardship has existed among the people on the East side both among the stand keepers and the neighbors and we now pray that Your Honor grant permission to again maintain such stands.

All of the persons signing this petition have signed the prior petition which evidence of good faith on our part that the previous petition was signed under mis-apprehension. There are also a great many names attached to this petition of those who have not signed the previous petition.

Dated, New York, June 7, 1913.

Abraham Herzfeld

Marc Singer

4 First ave

2 first ave

Isidore Gold 8 1/2 Ave

Jacob Stein # 8 1st Ave
Leather Store

Louis Weiss 12 1st Ave

Abraham Lederman 18 1st Ave

M. Charop 18 First Ave

Joseph Struella 22 First Ave

The Berkowitz 26 Ave

M. Grossman 28 First Ave

Isidore Fisher 28 First Ave

Lippman

Abraham Geintzman

Abraham Silberberg

1/2 First Ave

Isidore Jansner

1-3 First Ave

Hyman Kleiner

15 First Ave

New York, August 1, 1913.

Hon. Mayor Gaynor
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, do respectfully beg that you will take some measures to rid the neighborhood of 141st St., Beekman, Crimmins and St. Anns Aves., of pushcarts. It is not only an eyesore to the residents, but is a great detriment to the business people, who pay heavy rents.

It is difficult enough to make a living, inasmuch as this is a neighborhood, where there is no traffic, and we are dependent on the home trade, without having to compete with peddlars, who, for a few dollars a year, are enabled to take the business away from us.

The police have thus far been powerless to stop this nuisance, as they cannot be all over at once.

Trusting you will heed our petition,
we are,

Yours most respectfully,

A. Galdi Barber
571 E. 141st
Luise Caccione
571 E. 141st.

B. Fensterheim
573 E. 141st.

A. Baisi
613 E. 141st St

B. Senecator
591 E 141st

C. Gulezick
571 E 141st

W. Wagner
571 E. 141st.

William
375 Bushman ave

G. Wells
573, 141st

Antonio Prezioso.
579. 3141.

J. Livourts.
573 E. 141st.

J. Meyerson
600 E. 141st

John P. Koch
355 Crumms Ave

H. Zwin
604 E. 141st.

J. Stoller
604 E 141st

Edward Fitzpatrick
339 Crumms Ave.

James. Masun
300 St Ann's Cr.

Geo. Saar
341 St. Anns Ave

Becky Mazeloff
345 Beekman Ave.

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Sep. 6. 1913

Honorable Mayor Gaynor

I hope that you will grant
our appeal and instruct your
Commissioner to investigate our
grievances,

We are four small business
people in the fruit retail business
and we have our store on the
block known as 161 ^{1st Union} ~~St~~ Ave.
No 817 East. 161 - and other
we have to struggle hard to make
our living, to pay our rent,
Not to mention for the

last 5 weeks a crowd of
Peddlers that stand most
of the day in the block where
we have our business, and
undersell us, as they do not
have to pay any rent, and it is
no longer for us to make
our house and pay our rent.
Will the honorable Mayor
please, look into our position
as we are all married people
with by families to support and
those peddlers are running us
financially. Thanks you in advance
we remain your obedient servants

x Jacob Taback

x McE Bours
x Michael Bronetzky
x L. Schwarz.

Dear Sir:-

We the undersigned are property holders of 113th St., between Park & Madison Avenues and protest against having the push carts standing in front of our property; as they are a public nuisance and a menace to public health; besides lowering the valuation of our property.

The desirable tenants of the neighborhood will not put up with the nuisance of the noise disturbing their sleep at an early hour of the day nor with the disorderly appearance of the neighborhood and consequently threaten to move if the push carts are not removed, which would certainly mean a great loss to the owners of the property.

We therefore beg of you to remove the push carts from the block between Park and Madison Avenues on 113th St.

Respectfully Yours

Frederick Kirchhoff 68 East 113th St.
 Mrs. Matilda Quest 61 E. 113th St
 George Hammond 58 E 113th St.
 Lotta Quest 74 E 113th St
 Charles Lowe 84 E 113th St
 William Turner 1576 Park Avenue
 Frederick Hodges 1576 Park Avenue
 Edward. Mee 1576 " "
 Mrs L. Truckenbroeth 1576 " "
 Edwin F. Gould 86 East 113th St.
 Mrs J. J. Ogle 85 E 113th St.
 Julius Brennel 75 " 113th St
 Sophie Brennel 1642 Park Ave
 Mrs. B. 67-69 E. 113th St.) 21 Bway
 J Heister 64 E 113 St
 Mrs James Scott 87 E. 113th St.
 O'Kelly & Sahu agents 71 E 113th St.
 Vogel - 78-80 E 113th St
 P. H. Horneman agent 60 E 113 St

Stores/Depos

Grocery Store J. Chrumick

61 E. 113 St.

Ferris Schumatz 1713 Madison

Bianchini Giuseppe 1103 Mont coal st

W. Grounby 77 East 113 St Taylor

{ W.M. Coleman 87 E 113 St }
manager J. J. Wealey Green

W. J. West 77 E. 113 St

A. Charlif 67 E 113 St

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Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor,
Mayor, New York City,
New York, N.Y.

Honorable Sir:-

We, the undersigned citizens and merchants of First Ave. between 8th and 14th Sts., do hereby appeal to you, in the name of fair play, (knowing you to be an exponent of same) to see to it that the city ordinance with reference to push carts keeping their stands at stated hours on both sides of the streets in designated markets, to be enforced.

Why should push carts remain on one side of the street, thereby making that side the main thoroughfare for shoppers, and thus depriving the merchants on the other side of the street of their rights, made them by that city ordinance.

Why should one set of merchants reap the benefits at the expense of their less fortunate neighbors? Competition of the Life of Trade, and that is what we seek.

Won't you exercise your power, Mr. Mayor, and see to it that we get fair play?

We appeal to your sense of fairness in this matter, and we only ask what is just.

Very respectfully yours,

M. Mach 222 1st Av.

L. Silberman 224 1st Ave

Anthony Yulco 224 1st Ave

Edward Maffellone 216 First Ave.

Anthony De Luca 220 First Ave.

Nathan Simberg 220 First Ave.

Osidore Wachtel 226 1st Ave

Isidor Moscovitz 226 First Ave

Samuel Wolf 220 First Ave -

Max Cannon 220 First Ave.

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Hon. Wm J. Gaynor,
Mayor of New York City

Dear Sir:

We beg of you to give this letter your careful consideration as we are sure you will give us justice. We the undersigned are peddlers on Orchard St between Delancey & Rivington Sts. and we all have licenses. We are old men and we have been peddling on Orchard St for a good many years.

Our complaint is that there are some peddlers on Orchard St who have no licenses and some who have fake licenses and they hired some gangsters to drive us old men out of our places and let them in. We told the officers on post about it but they wont give us any Relief. We also went to the Inspectors office with a letter which I.

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enclose a duplicate and the inspector ordered us out of his office saying he had nothing to do with that matter. The reason we are writing to you is that we know that you are a just man and that you will help us. We are good citizens and always obey the law. We are too old to look for any other employment so we ask you to do a worthy act and help us old men. Hoping you will give us some help and thanking you in advance for anything you may do for us, We remain,

Respectfully Yours,
Morris Slosky
Isaac Goldman
Moses Siegel
Sirkus

Duplicate of letter to Inspector
To Inspector of 1st Inspection District.

Dear Sir:

We the undersigned and residents of the East side - Morris Stofsky 55 years Isaac Goldman 54 years M. Fonger 54 years - Moses Seigel 72 years Citizens + push cart peddlers at Orchard St Between Delancey + Rivington Sts ask you respectfully to give us our right to have our pushcarts stand as they used to be, because we are old men and it is impossible for us to look for another trade. Years we always used to stay with our pushcarts and no policemen had driven us from our places. If we ever stay there a few hours some of the peddlers who have no licenses and are no citizens drive us away. because they give something to the stock-keepers and it only comes to a fight. We do not like to be fighting around. We hope you will give us your permission so that the policemen will not chase us any more.

Trusting in you to have pity on us old men, we remain

Respectfully Yours.

Morris Stofsky

Isaac Goldman

M. Fonger

Moses Seigel

M. Fonger

Mr. Sirkus.
They threw Mr. Sirkus under a pushcart and he was arrested after he was assaulted.

TO THE
HONORABLE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NEW YORK.

PETITION.

M. MILTON GEWERTZ
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
36 GRAHAM AVENUE
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

TO:-

HON. WILLIAM J. GAYNOR,

City Mayor of the City of New York.

We, the undersigned, tax payers, citizens and business men, all desirous to uphold and see that the Laws and Ordinances of the City of New York are upheld and adhered to, and realizing that the Health and Sanitary Laws and Ordinances are made for the production of the People of this City, do make this petition to the Honorable Mayor of the City of New York.

That we are all residents of the Williamsburgh Section of Brooklyn, and as such have noticed for some time past an Ordinance and Laws of the Department of Health greatly violated, to wit:- the fish pedlars who sell their wares out of wagons, pushcarts and baskets, invariably do so in the open street, without having the same properly or at all covered or otherwise in a sanitary condition, and continually throw the refuse material from the fish on the side-walks and gutters and permit the same so to remain without placing it in a proper receptacle therefor, and more especially is this violation practiced in the thickly populated sections of Williamsburgh covered by Police Precincts Nos. 158, 159 and 163, respectively. In warm weather especially, does the situation result in foul odor, positively a disease breeder, and now that the Jewish Holidays are approaching, before which there are several market days when fish are sold, should the aforesaid offenders be made to uphold the Health Laws and Ordinances strictly and thereby prevent a practice, which is a menace to the Community, and the

petitioners will forever pray.

Dated, B'klyn, N. Y. April 14, 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Melnitzky

for Lapaden

Jacob Goldwasser
I Wiedler

M. Greenberg

his signature

Abraham (1731118101210) Schneider
in Yiddish

or Spodick

M. Finkelman

M. Nesenson

David Schenker
J. Mankelberg.

D. Antonten

Abraham Subman

Nathan Willenstein

Sam Epstein

Sam Bernman

123 120
Solomon Goldstein

H. Schichter

J. Jegerling

M. Schneider

Abraham Brodie

Max (Louis) (Louis Rosenberg)

his
Max (+) Freeman
max

his signature in Russian
(сieur Дегригорьевич)

Sam Bernstein.

Jacob Kirger 3

P E T I T I O N

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:

We, the undersigned storekeepers and business men doing business on Ann Street in the block between Broadway and Nassau Street, do respectfully request that no permits be issued during the holiday season, or any other period, to street venders, push cartvenders or others, to do business on this thoroughfare. We respectfully call your attention to the following facts:-

(1) That this street is very narrow and is frequently congested with the heavy traffic which passes through; and

(2) That at the present time part of the street is torn up owing to the excavations at the National Park Bank building; and

(3) That with the further impediment of a row of push carts on either side of this already narrow street traffic will be hindered and accidents liable to happen;

(4) That within the past two years all business men whose store fronts encroached a few inches on the sidewalk have been compelled at great expense and loss to themselves, to have their buildings remodeled to conform to the requirements of the City, and therefore it is both unjust and unreasonable to allow push cart venders to occupy many feet of street space to run their business rent free while storekeepers who pay rent have been prohibited from using a few inches of the same street.

For these reasons we ask your Honor not to issue permits for push cart venders and other street venders to transact their business on this busy street; and we also request that all such permits which have been issued be re-

voked and the police authorities be notified that such street vending is prohibited on this street, in order that the street remain open for foot passengers, vehicles and all legitimate traffic.

<u>SIGNATURE.</u>	<u>BUSINESS.</u>	<u>ADDRESS.</u>
J. Jacobson	Post Cards	5 Ann St.
L. Berustein	Notion Nocties	11 Ann St.
Gall & Adler	Hosiery Neckwear	7 Ann St.
H. S. S.heim	Stamps	1 Ann St.
Leo Fruch	Cigars	1 Ann St.
Wunderman Jewelry Co. Jewelry Co.		1 Park Row on Ann St.
Manquian St. w. co	Restaurant	20-22 Ann St.
Dick Fitzgerald		18 Ann St.
E. White	Wigto Restaurant	74 & 76 Ann St.
Leon Pollakoff		97 Ann Row
Lowenfeld Bros. mens furnishing		32 Ann St.
Isaac Mendoza		15 Ann St.
ISAAC MENDOZA BOOK CO.		17 " "

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