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American Jewish Tercentenary, 1954-1955.

May 12th, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Our forthcoming exhibit, which will be nationwide in scope, will open on December 1, 1954 and will be on display until May 1955. For the month of May it will be at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C.

In our exhibit we should very much like to include some of the historical objects connected with the establishment of the State of Israel. I am now writing to you for your kind consent to lend us any objects that you may have, such as a pen, etc. that were connected with that historic occasion.

Please let me know whether you can let us borrow such items, and if so, I shall later on let you know when to send them to us.

I shall be most grateful if you are able to help us in this matter.

With all good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

Stephen S. Kayser,
Exhibit Director

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The AMERICAN JEWISH TERCENTENARY

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

One of the highlights of the forthcoming nationwide Tercentenary observance of the settlement of the Jews in this country will be a mass celebration to be held in Carnegie Hall in New York City on Sunday evening, November 14th, 1954. This celebration will correspond to the great meeting in Carnegie Hall fifty years ago at the time of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the Jews in the United States, and will be one of the major events of the Tercentenary observance.

The gathering will be sponsored by the Committee on Religious and Educational Participation of the American Jewish Tercentenary and by the Synagogue Council of America, in cooperation with the New York Board of Rabbis. It will be the opening event of the Synagogue Council's 1954 General Assembly whose general theme will be "The Synagogue Speaks."

We are happy to extend to you the invitation of the Program Committee of the sponsoring organizations to deliver a major address. The time allotted for your address, in view of the overall program, is twenty minutes.

We sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation and make the contribution which we know you can to this important and historic event. We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer, we are

Simon G. Kramer

Simon G. Kramer, Chairman,
Committee on Religious and
Educational Participation
American Jewish Tercentenary

Cordially yours,

Abraham J. Feldman

Abraham J. Feldman, Chairman,
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August 11

1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted to tell you that the national Tercentenary dinner will take place on Wednesday evening, October 20, 1954, in New York's Hotel Astor. This advance information is given to you now to help you make your personal and local committee plans.

Many months have been devoted to preparations for this historic event. It will be the outstanding activity of the Tercentenary period to call attention of the nation and the world to this great occasion.

This is a nation-wide and not a New York affair, and the national committee hopes that all members of the committee of 300 throughout the country will attend this dinner. Without making a specific commitment until we send you full details later, can you let me know as quickly as possible if you expect to come to New York for this dinner. Your response will help us as we work out final details. ✓

As quickly as possible, we will write you full details of the October 20 event. Meantime, please let me know if you can be with us at the New York dinner.

Sincerely,

Joseph Willen
Chairman, Dinner Committee

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August 18, 1954

Mr. Joseph Willen, Chairman
Dinner Committee
The American Jewish Tercentenary
Three East Sixty-fifth Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Willen:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of August eleventh informing me of the National Tercentenary Dinner which will be held on Wednesday evening, October 20, 1954 at the Hotel Astor.

I hope to be able to attend this function, and I shall make every effort to be present.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was my privilege on August 4th to send you a letter inviting you to be the guest speaker at the Carnegie Hall meeting celebrating the American Jewish Tercentenary. This meeting will take place Sunday evening, November 14th. It will correspond in large measure to the great meeting held in Carnegie Hall fifty years ago, when the 250th anniversary of the Jewish settlement in America was observed.

This gathering is sponsored by the Committee on Religious and Educational Participation of the American Jewish Tercentenary and by the Synagogue Council of America in cooperation with the New York Board of Rabbis.

To this date, we have not yet heard whether you will be able to be with us on that momentous occasion. Please let me know as soon as possible that you will be able to be in New York at that time and that you will deliver the message of the Tercentenary at that large meeting. I do hope to hear from you very soon.

My best wishes to you and to your dear ones for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Simon G. Kramer
Rabbi Simon G. Kramer, Chairman
Committee on Religious and
Educational Participation

SGK:fgw

September 3, 1954

Rabbi Simon G. Kramer, Chairman
Committee on Religious and
Educational Participation
The American Jewish Tercentenary
3 East 65th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Rabbi Kramer:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of August 4th. I have been away from Cleveland most of the time, and my correspondence has unfortunately lagged.

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation. I have already accepted quite a number of engagements for community Tercentenary celebrations in various parts of the country and hesitate to take on additional commitments. I would appreciate if you let me know more about the nature of the program before I give you a definite reply.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 22nd,
1954

To the Committee of 300:

As you know, the national Tercentenary dinner will be held Wednesday evening, October 20th, at the Hotel Astor in New York City, and it is most gratifying of course that the President of the United States is to be our guest of honor. Governor Dewey and Mayor Wagner will also be our guests that evening and will bring greetings from the State and City where the first group of Jews arrived in 1654.

My purpose in writing today is to urge that you send your early word of the dinner reservations that you desire. I say this on two counts: First, we of course hope to have the entire Committee of 300 in attendance, together with their wives and friends, for this dinner is one of the high spots of the celebration and it seems to me important that national Committee attendance should be large. Second, we are particularly anxious to have a good number of out-of-town Committee members and guests at the dinner so that it will be national in every sense of the word and not merely a New York event.

I think I can promise you that the dinner in every detail will be highly successful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Ralph E. Samuel
Ralph E. Samuel
Chairman

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October 1st, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Since I have not heard from you, I assume that my letter of May 12th did not reach you properly and I am pleased to enclose a copy of it.

In addition to the items we requested then, I would be grateful if you could lend us the manuscript, or at least one or two pages of it, of the inauguration prayer that you offered when the President took the oath of office.

I would be most appreciative if you could help us in this regard, and we would like to receive these items as soon as possible. All items for the exhibit will be insured in full value under the policies of The Jewish Museum, on whose premises they will be exhibited.

I hope that you and your family are fine, having entered the New Year in good health and good spirits.

Mrs. Kayser and I extend our best wishes

Very cordially yours,

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September 27th, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the American Jewish Tercentenary Committee,
I am happy to extend to you our very cordial invitation to
be seated on the Dais at the National Tercentenary Dinner
on Wednesday evening, October 20th, at the Hotel Astor, in
New York City.

As you know, this Dinner will be the major national gathering
for the observance of the American Jewish Tercentenary, the
300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in the United States.
The President of the United States will be the principal
speaker, and the occasion will receive world-wide attention.

I would greatly appreciate it if you will let me know as
soon as possible that you are accepting this invitation,
so that we may go ahead promptly with our Dais arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Willen
Chairman, Dinner Committee

JW:mh

October 4, 1954

Mr. Joseph Willen
Chairman, Dinner Committee
The American Jewish Tercentenary
3 East 65th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Willen:

Thank you for your kind note of September 27th and for your gracious invitation to me to be seated on the dais at the National Tercentenary Dinner on October 20th. I shall of course be most happy and honored to do so.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

*On the Occasion of the
Three Hundredth Anniversary
of Jewish Settlement in the United States*

*The Committee of 300
of the
American Jewish Tercentenary*

cordially invites you to

The National Tercentenary Dinner

to be held in the

Hotel Astor, New York City

on Wednesday evening, October 20th, 1954

promptly at 7:30 P. M.

*The President of the United States
will be the Guest of Honor*

Dress:

Black Tie

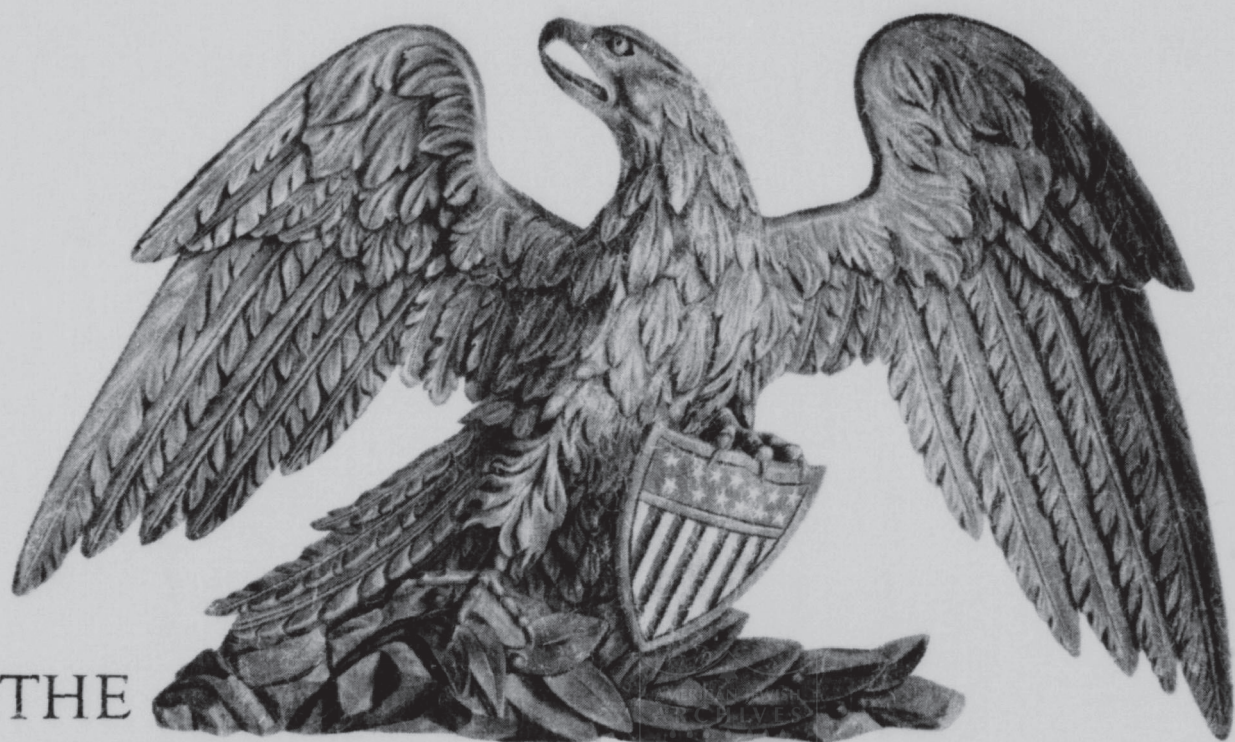
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In order to meet security requirements, all tickets must be paid for in advance and presented at the entrance to the Grand Ballroom.



*Man's Opportunities and
Responsibilities Under Freedom*



THE
TERCENTENARY DINNER
MARKING THE THREE HUNDREDTH
ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1954 • HOTEL ASTOR, NEW YORK CITY

In the autumn
of 1654, twenty-three
people arrived in the Dutch
colony of New Amsterdam.

They were the first group of Jews to settle
in what is now the United States. In the
three hundred years that have passed since
their arrival, Jews have been a part of the
making of America. They have helped

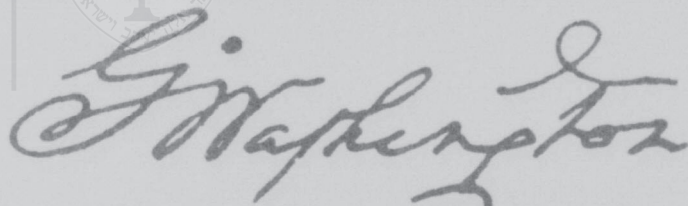


build her cities, her industries, and her commerce. They have fought in her wars. They have written songs and stories, and have probed the recesses of scientific knowledge. They have worked with their hands, and have helped organize great labor unions. They have served the community, through great communal and philanthropic institutions and in the various branches of the government. They have maintained and strengthened their ancient faith. They have had a share in making this nation, of which they have so long been a part, a leader of nations in a time of greatness.

All this—the arrival and the participation—we celebrate now in the American Jewish Tercentenary. The view is vast: the whole panorama of America's history, from the earliest colonial days up to the present time. The theme is universal: Man's Opportunities and Responsibilities Under Freedom. The meaning is personal: the devotion and dedication of the individual American Jew to the country of which he is a citizen and to the faith to which he adheres.

"The Citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to Mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy, a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise, of their inherent natural rights. For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support. . . .

"May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants, while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. Washington". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the date and location of the document.

To the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, 1790

P R O G R



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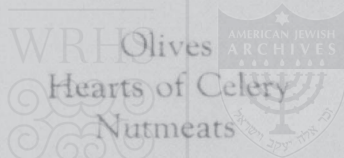
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Traditional Stuffed Fresh Water Fish
Cucumbers Windsor
Sauce Sauterne



Olives
Hearts of Celery
Nutmeats
Roast New Amsterdam Turkey
Early American Dressing
Cape Cod Cranberries Glacés
Crown of Yams
Tiny Stringbeans and Mushrooms Sautés

Colonial Harvest Salad

Frozen Soufflé Alaska
Jubilee of Strawberries

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THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF

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Wednesday, June 1, 1955, Carnegie Hall, New York City





With this public assembly, the nationwide celebration of the American Jewish Tercentenary comes to a close. For some nine months, American Jews and their fellow-citizens of other faiths have observed an anniversary of deep meaning to all of us. When the first group of Jewish settlers arrived in New Amsterdam in 1654, they opened a new page in the American story. Bringing to these shores an ancient faith, an abiding insistence on the priceless worth of the human person, a burning sense of justice, a militant love of peace, and a tradition of learning and inquiry, they played a respectable role in the American drama from the outset. In more recent generations, with the arrival of great numbers of Jews from Central and Eastern Europe, their ideas and their spirit have inevitably had an especially deep impact on the American people of whom they are a part.

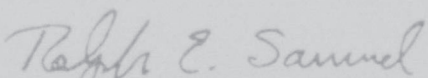
We believe that the American people are better off because the Jews have been part of that people. We believe, too, that the Jews of

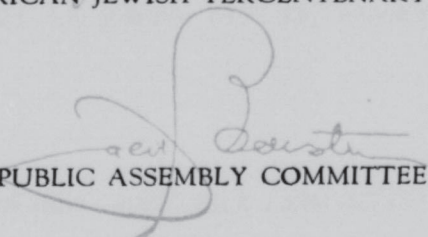
this nation have enjoyed opportunities which made it possible for them to give of their best to the United States, to their fellow-Jews in other lands, and indeed to the whole world. In this spirit, the theme of the Tercentenary observance has been a sermon in brief: "Man's Opportunities and Responsibilities Under Freedom."

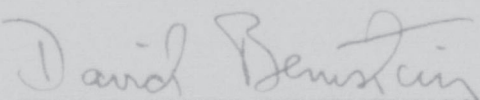
This Public Assembly is therefore, in its way, a historic rededication by American Jews to the ideals of Judaism and to the aspirations of American freedom. In the words of our first President:

"May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants, while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy."

New York City, June 1, 1955


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PROGRAM

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM: *Miss Jennie Tourel*

PRAYER: *Rabbi Simon G. Kramer*

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THE MESSAGE OF JUDAISM: *Dr. Nelson Glueck*

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FROM THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE: *Dr. Israel Goldstein*

AN APPRECIATION FROM ISRAEL: *His Excellency, the Ambassador of Israel*

THE UNFOLDING FUTURE: *Mr. Jacob Blaustein*

MUSIC NOTES: The musical program has been arranged to illustrate the many ways in which Jewish composers have shared in the creation of American music. In "Sephardic Melodies," Mr. Landau has arranged for orchestra several of the melodies brought by the predominantly Sephardic Jews who settled here in the seventeenth century. Stirred by Hitler's persecution of the Jews, Leonard Bernstein's "Jeremiah Symphony" translates into an abstract musical idiom the ancient message of the Biblical prophet, with its mixture of lamentation and hope. Since music knows no boundaries, Max Helfman's two songs, "Kol Kara" and "Ki Mitziyon," are examples of the interest in Jewish life in Israel, just as Ernest Bloch's "Nigun" recalls Hassidic life in Eastern

CONCERT: I *Sephardic Melodies*

ARRANGED BY SIEGFRIED LANDAU

Brooklyn Philharmonia, Mr. Landau conducting

II *Jeremiah Symphony, last movement* BY LEONARD BERNSTEIN

III a. *Kol Kara (A Voice Called)* } BY MAX HELFMAN

b. *Ki Mitziyon (Out of Zion)* } ORCHESTRATED BY MR. LANDAU

SOLOIST: *Jennie Tourel, mezzo soprano*

IV *Nigun*

BY ERNEST BLOCH

SOLOIST: *Roman Totenberg, violin*

v a. *The Man I Love*

BY GEORGE GERSHWIN

b. *What Good Would the Moon Be?*

BY KURT WEILL

SOLOIST: *Miss Tourel*

VI *Excerpts from Concerto Grosso*

BY ERNEST BLOCH

Brooklyn Philharmonia



THE MEANING OF THE TERCENTENARY:

The Hon. Herbert H. Lehman

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Europe. George Gershwin's "The Man I Love" is one of the many songs written by a large group of distinguished Jewish composers who have greatly enriched the popular music of this century, which has already become the folk-music of the American people. Such composers have often sought to create an indigenous American musical theatre; Kurt Weill's "Street Scene" was a landmark in these efforts, and "What Good Would the Moon Be?" is from the score of that "American opera." Ernest Bloch's "Concerto Grosso" has become a classic in contemporary musical literature; its objective was to recreate a baroque art form which had been virtually forgotten by the nineteenth-century composers.

A word of thanks

As the national observance of the American Jewish Tercentenary comes to a close, it is fitting to express the thanks of the Committee of 300 to all those who have helped make the celebration so great a success as to be history-making itself. On behalf of the Committee, I write this word of appreciation—

TO THE SPIRIT and the people of America, and to the ancient traditions of the faith we maintain.

TO THE AMERICAN JEWS, present and past, whose share in the making of this nation has permitted the Tercentenary to be celebrated with dignity and stature.

TO THE STAFF of the Tercentenary Committee, headed by our resourceful and tireless Executive Director, David Bernstein; to Mr. Bernstein's colleagues, Henry Schapper, associate director; Charles M. Segal, publicity director; Hanna F. Desser, assistant to the executive director; and Milton E. Krents, radio and television; and to the clerical staff, the research workers, the consultants, and the other men and women who have worked on the observance.

TO THE FEDERATIONS, Welfare Funds and Community Councils in cities throughout the United States, and to the individuals, foundations and organizations, in New York and other cities, whose financial contributions have made the celebration possible. All who have helped, in large degree or small, have made a sincere investment in the American and the Jewish spirit, and all deserve the thanks of the community as a whole. The following individuals deserve the special thanks of the Committee and of the entire community: Jacob Blaustein, Jacob A. Goldfarb, Albert M. Greenfield, David W. Klau, Benjamin Lazrus, Leon Lowenstein, Henry L. Moses, Lessing J. Rosenwald, William Rosenwald, Aaron Straus, and Mrs. Felix M. Warburg.

TO THE CHAIRMEN of the various working committees, listed elsewhere in this program, who have given unstintingly of their time and talent in bringing to fruition the many projects of the celebration; to the hundreds of private citizens who, in one way or another, have contributed their services to the observance; and to the small group of devoted volunteers who have time and again assisted the staff in the day-to-day work of organizing the observance.

TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, the local Tercentenary committees, the press, the radio and television networks and stations, the writers and composers and artists, the public officials, the officers and legislative bodies of the Federal, State and local governments, and all others who have played a role in marking the anniversary.

AND TO THE SAVING QUALITY OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT, which makes it possible for us, as we recall the past, to face the future with courage, with trust, and with hope.

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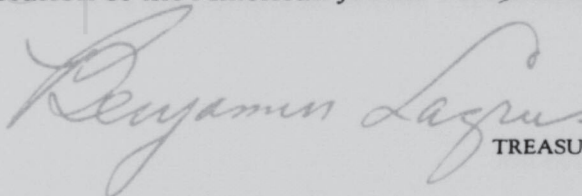
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The success of the Tercentenary celebration, in New York and in more than 500 cities throughout the United States, has been truly remarkable. We have carried the Tercentenary message, through all appropriate media, to the entire American people. We have reminded American Jews of their deep roots in this land, and we have reminded all Americans of the rich and varied origins from which our nation has sprung. We have strengthened America and we have strengthened Judaism in the conduct of this observance, and we have done so, on the record, in a manner befitting the importance and dignity of the anniversary itself.

This observance could not have been brought to successful completion without the expenditure of funds. It has been conducted on a strikingly low budget. However, as we conclude the celebration tonight, the Tercentenary Committee faces a substantial deficit. Since the Committee must end its activities within the next thirty days, we must appeal urgently to all who feel that the cause of America and the dignity of American Jews have been strengthened by the observance. We ask you to mail this coupon, accompanied by your check for whatever amount you can afford, to the Tercentenary office tomorrow morning. We appeal particularly to those who have not thus far been given the opportunity to share financially in the burden of conducting the celebration. For we feel that many persons whom we have not otherwise reached will want their names to be recorded, for the recollection of future generations, as among those whose hearts are full of gratitude, of devotion, and of self-respect on the occasion of the American Jewish Tercentenary.


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Among the many individuals and firms which have been helpful in organizing this Public Assembly, the following are mentioned as Supporters in particular: Joe Lowe Corporation, Charles L. Morrison, Louis Rubin, Martin E. Segal, Jacob Sperber, and Irving G. Trattler.

This program, together with all other important documents of the American Jewish Tercentenary observance, will be deposited for preservation in trust for future generations, and for historical reference.



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1954

Dear Friend:

We are informed that the requirements of Section 483 of the Social Welfare Law of New York State, and Rule 24.1 of the New York State Board of Social Welfare Rules, require us to obtain the written consent of all persons in whose name the American Jewish Tercentenary Committee seeks to obtain funds for the conduct of its work.

As you know, in most parts of the country, the bulk of our funds comes from Federations and Welfare Funds. In New York City, however, we raise funds through individual solicitation. Since your name appears on our letterheads, the interpretation can be made that we are using your name when we send out occasional fund-raising letters.

For this reason, I am enclosing a consent form which it would be most helpful if you would sign and return in the enclosed envelope.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

David Bernstein

David Bernstein
Executive Director

*Signed form
12/2/54*



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Tercentenary Steering Committee

FROM: David Bernstein, Executive Director

At the Steering Committee meeting on January 12, 1955, considerable attention was paid to a proposal for a new concept of the closing ceremony of the Tercentenary observance. The Committee agreed that a major event should be arranged to wind up the celebration, that it should be held in New York rather than in Washington, and that it should not be exclusively religious in character. The Committee also agreed that, after informal consultations with the Chairman and other Tercentenary leaders, I should prepare a new concept for the closing event.

Accordingly, it is now proposed that the final Tercentenary event should take the form of a public assembly at Carnegie Hall, in New York City, on Wednesday, May 18th.

At this meeting we would pay tribute, in a thoughtful and appealing way, to the basic concepts which have made America great and in which American Jews have played a healthy role. Among these concepts are:

- 1) The Spirit of Liberty. This would be discussed by a speaker like Adlai Stevenson.
- 2) The Spirit of Community. Discussed by a speaker like Herbert H. Lehman
- 3) The Spirit of Inquiry and Education. Discussed by a speaker like J. Robert Oppenheimer, Selman A. Waksman, Buell G. Gallagher, Nathan C. Pusey, or Senator J. William Fulbright.
- 4) The Spirit of Religion. Discussed by a prominent rabbi of national reputation.
- 5) The Spirit of Enterprise. Discussed by a distinguished industrialist like John J. McCloy, Jacob Blaustein or David Sarnoff.
- 6) The Creative Arts. Reflected, not by oratory, but by music, with the participation of an outstanding symphony orchestra, soloists, and perhaps a choral group.

7) If the above-listed ingredients do not overcrowd the evening, there might also be a dramatic reading or presentation.

8) The presentation of Tercentenary medals to a limited number of persons who have been instrumental in making the observance itself a success.

An evening along these lines would provide a fitting close to the observance, and would without doubt attract a capacity audience. The importance of the speakers, and the nature of their subject matter, would make it possible to assure the attention of the nation and indeed of the world.

Since time is pressing heavily upon us, it will not be possible to arrange another meeting of the Steering Committee to consider this plan. This memorandum is therefore being sent to you instead. Please let me have your comments immediately. Unless a significant number of members of the Steering Committee object to the plan, Mr. Samuel and I will assume that we have your approval in principle and that we can go ahead with the particulars -- on which we should of course also welcome your comments and suggestions.





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Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver:

On behalf of the American Jewish Tercentenary Committee,
I am happy to extend to you, as an officer of this Committee, a
very cordial invitation to attend an informal reception following
the Public Assembly which will bring the observance to its close
on Wednesday evening, June 1st. The reception will be held at
11:15 p.m., immediately following the gathering itself, at the
Chateau Room, Hotel Savoy Plaze, Fifth Avenue and 58th Street,
New York City. We are also inviting the participants on the
program of the Public Assembly, including Governor Stevenson,
Senator Lehman, and Ambassador Eban.

I have instructed our office to make complimentary
tickets to the Public Assembly available to you, in the event
that you need them. In such case, would you please drop a note
to Mr. Bernstein right away, so that he can make the necessary
arrangements to see that you receive these tickets in time?

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Blaustein
Chairman
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