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THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
WOOSTER, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
VERGILIUS FERM, Ph.D. (YALE '25)
B.D., M.A. (YALE '23)

Dr. A.H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th str and Ansel Rd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:-

I write to approach You in a matter which has gotten a hold of my enthusiasm. Briefly it is this: I have just completed the reading (as a class text) the two volumes entitled "Contemporary American Philosophy" edited by Adams and Montague. Each volume, You know, consists of about eighteen essays by conspicuous American philosophers, each stating in his own way his principal philosophic beliefs, the reasons supporting them and the manner in which these have been reached. The essays (on the whole) make wonderful reading, written as they are in an autobiographical manner and are of unique value to the understanding of contemporary philosophic thought.

It has come to me: why should there not be a similar book (say, one volume) on "Contemporary American Theology" consisting of contributions by conspicuous American theologians representing various shades of opinion and written with a similar content and in an autobiographical way. To my knowledge no such volume exists. The usual run of symposia are limited to topical treatment of limited subjects and not frankly autobiographical (e.g., "My Idea of God" edited by J.F. Newton, G.B. Smith's "Religious Thought in the last Quarter-Century", etc.)

For some weeks I have been expressing this enthusiasm by means of correspondence to a number of men with the result that I have been encouraged to undertake the gathering together of material for such a book. Dr Garrison of "The Christian Century" writes me among other things: "I think you have a whale of a good idea"; Professor Rufus Jones: "I believe it is an admirable thing to carry through." Dean Shailer Mathews, Professor Macintosh, Professor Ames and others have given me similar encouragement. I plan some twenty contributors with such added names as E.S. Brightman, W.A. Brown, W. Horton, Knudson, Wieman, J. Baillie, E. Lyman, etc.

Although I am in correspondence with a publisher I am yet in no position to offer anything definite in the way of financial returns to those who contribute; except this, following a concrete suggestion, to guarantee an equal share in the royalties (assuming the usual 10 % basis). Of course, better terms might be secured from a publisher.

Dr A.H.Silver #2

May I ask, what do You think of all this? Assuming that the project will shape itself along the lines suggested (which now seems highly probable) would You be willing to have a part? The essays will be frankly theological autobiographies, the contributor tracing the influences and turns of his theological thinking showing how he came to hold what he holds. A short prospectus will be prepared.

I shall appreciate very much to hear your reactions. The date of the manuscripts is being tentatively set at August 1st. I may say that your name has been strongly commended to me as representative in such a symposium.

Realizing that I am quite unknown to You I am inserting two circulars which may serve as an introductory card.

With cordial regard, .

May 5 1931

Reginald Fero



PROSPECTUS

OF THE

WOOSTER PRESBYTERIAN CONVOCATION WEEK

OF THE

SYNOD OF OHIO

TO BE HELD IN WOOSTER
JUNE 19-26, 1931

Co-operating Groups

THE SYNOD OF OHIO
THE SYNODICAL SOCIETY
THE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

*A Unique Opportunity
for Presbyterian Fellowship*

"But she aint"

The mountains are our help. We simply must climb to high inspirations now and then to keep our souls alive. That's what our Wooster Presbyterian Convocation Week has come to mean to a lot of us, more and more of us every year. Synod used to be a clatter of ecclesiastical machinery, a wearisome routine, but we have found out how to combine business with inspiration and it is a great discovery. Kipling puts it for us in one of his poems:

"If England was what England seems,
And not the England of our dreams,
But only putty, brass an' paint,
'Ow quick we'd chuck 'er,—but she aint!

Now we go to synod to attend to the "putty, brass an' paint" of multifarious and necessary business, but we no longer starve our souls, we keep our dreams, we sit at the feet of men and women who have the gift of prophecy, we lift our hearts to the vision splendid. If the church was what the church so often seems, and not the church of our dreams, but only reports, and statistics, and quotas and deficits, and endless promotion—"only putty, brass an' paint"—verily, brothers and sisters, "ow quick we'd chuck 'er. But she aint." No, thank God, "She aint."

Entertainment

Synod will hold its own meetings in the chapel, the Synodical in Holden Hall, and the School of Missions will have its study classes in Kauke Hall. The joint meetings will be held, as usual, in the chapel. Hoover Cottage and Holden Hall will lodge the women, and the new Douglas Hall and Kennarden will furnish attractive lodgings for the men. Meals will be served in Douglas Hall for men and in Holden Hall for women. The rate for board and room will be: Day rate, \$2.50; 4 days or more \$2.00 a day. Applications for rooms are to go to Mrs. J. C. Talbot, 317 N. Bever St., Wooster, Ohio.

That red Circle

Now get out your date book and draw a red circle around these important dates, June 19-26, 1931. Beginning Friday of one week, ending Friday of the next. We find this the most satisfactory time schedule. The women come first, and then on Monday the men arrive. Most of the study classes begin Tuesday so as to give the men a fair chance.

Earlier Opening of Synod

At 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon, June 22, Moderator Hugh Ivan Evans will call the synod to order and the first session will begin. The new moderator will be elected and Moderator Evans will at once retire to private life. As the retiring moderator he will preach the sermon at the evening session that day, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

This change is to give synod an earlier start with the business of the week and make it possible to dispense with the usual business session of Friday afternoon. This applies to the Synodical Society also.

The Crowning Event

The week is planned to culminate Friday noon, June 26, in the great Jubilee Anniversary Banquet in the college gymnasium, followed by the anniversary pageant. It is fifty years since the Synod of Ohio was organized, and everyone will wish to see the anniversary given a notable celebration.

The Jubilee Banquet

The only room large enough is the "gym," and Mrs. Talbot and her helpers agree to serve the banquet there, so that we may all be together, men and women, for a really great occasion. A selected speaker chosen by the moderator will give the historical address for synod, and another will speak for the synodical society. It will be an hour crowded with great memories going back to pioneer days and many a heroic figure in Ohio Presbyterianism.

The Jubilee Pageant

Following the banquet, we shall go out doors and see a colorful pageant in which some of the historical incidents recalled by the anniversary will pass before our eyes in dramatic form. Rev. James A. Verburg, who has a deft hand at pageantry, will wield the wand by which all this magic will come. With the stirring scenes of this pageant our eighth annual convocation week will come to an end.

Notable Guest Preachers

The "vision splendid" will be opened to us by great preachers as in other years. Happy indeed are we to announce the coming this year of Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, retiring moderator of the General Assembly, and Dr. Justin Wroe Nixon, of Brick Church, Rochester, New York.

Dr. Kerr will conduct the morning Bible hour, Tuesday to Friday inclusive, which is enough to assure us that each day will begin on a high level of inspiration. Through his pulpit and his radio messages Dr. Kerr has become one of the best known of American preachers.

Dr. Nixon is a newcomer to Presbyterian circles but as pastor of our Brick Church in Rochester, and as author of "An Emerging Christian Faith" which came from the press a few months ago, is adding to the high reputation he already had as one of the foremost Baptist preachers and as a distinguished professor in Rochester Theological Seminary. He will give a series of sermons closing the day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Dr. Nixon's Discussion Group

In addition to his evening sermons Dr. Nixon will conduct a discussion group during the morning study period Tuesday to Thursday inclusive, taking up topics suggested by his new book, "An Emerging Christian Faith," and writes that he will look forward to this discussion period with special pleasure.

A Great Scientist

Taking the place occupied last year by Professor Kirtley F. Mather of Harvard, the geologist, we are to have with us this year Professor Arthur H. Compton, of the chair of physics in Chicago University, who will bring us a series of three lay messages dealing with religious implications in the field of science. Professor Compton has a great name as a scientist and was awarded the Nobel prize in 1927. He is a son of Professor Elias Compton of Wooster College.

Evangelistic Forum

Dr. Adelbert P. Higley, chairman of our Ohio department of evangelism, will have charge of a discussion group on evangelism during the study period. On successive days the group will discuss mass evangelism, visitation evangelism, the loyalty crusade, and the Ohio fellowship plan with reports of personal experiences with each.

Kagawa Silent

Our urgent invitation to Toyohiko Kagawa, the great Christian leader of Japan, to spend Friday with us and address us on his Kingdom of God movement, has had no reply as yet. We have written again, and still have some hope though Dr. Mott's office in New York tells us Kagawa is in poor health and his American engagements are being canceled in part.

A Woman Leader of the Church

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett of New York City has long been one of our foremost Presbyterian women. Our women are delighted that she is to be with us at Wooster, and her messages will do much to enrich the week.

Small City Discussion

Dr. William P. Shriver will conduct a discussion group on Ohio's Small Cities in which will be presented the data assembled in the study. Rev. Henry D. Jones has been making this winter of five typical small cities,—Hamilton, Middletown, Newark, Zanesville and Warren, with additional material from Dayton and Columbus. Dr. Shriver will present a stereopticon lecture to illustrate this material.

Study Classes

Some other groups in the study periods, running 10:00-11:00 and 11:00-12:00 each day, will be:

The Foreign Missions text book, "Christ comes to the Villages," taught by Mrs. Andrew Todd Taylor of Chicago. It is the book of the Federation of Women's Foreign Boards.

The National Missions Text book, to be selected and taught by Dr. Hermann N. Morse, recently promoted to be the administrative secretary of the Board of National Missions.

A Class in Christian Education, to be again taught by Mrs. Eugene W. Pocock, of Cleveland.

Board Days

The order will be: Monday, National Missions; Tuesday, Foreign Missions; Wednesday, General Council and Pensions; Thursday, Christian Education; Friday morning, National Missions.

Communion Service

The Convocation Communion Service will be held Thursday evening, following the sermon of Dr. Nixon, and all arrangements will be in charge of the local committee of which Rev. Curtis R. Douglass is chairman.

The Sunday Morning Sermon

The convocation sermon in the chapel at 11:00 a. m., Sunday, June 21, will again be preached by

President Charles F. Wishart whose great messages have so distinguished our gatherings in other years.

Business Sessions

The hour 9:00-10:00 a. m., Tuesday to Friday inclusive, will be a joint session of Synod and Synodical. Both Synod and Synodical will hold business sessions 2:00-4:00 each afternoon except Friday, except that Synod will meet 3:00-5:00 on Monday.

Luncheons

Good fellowship will reign at the luncheon hour, the men in the new Douglas Hall, the women in Holden, with after luncheon speakers to be selected by the local committee of arrangements.

Exceptional Music

Professor A. A. Johnston, dean of the faculty of music for the summer session of Wooster College, has offered the services of the faculty to provide the musical features of our convocation week, which assures us of delightful music.

Recreation

Two hours, 4:00-6:00, each afternoon, are left open for the enjoyment of the unusual opportunities Wooster offers for recreation. Golfers, through special arrangements of President Wishart with the Country Club, have the privilege of playing over the beautiful nine hole course on the hills.

Women Please Take Notice

Appoint early from your societies your delegates to the School of Missions.

To pastors, church officers, Sunday School workers, missionary societies, and all our Ohio laymen and women we say, Come early to this great Wooster Presbyterian Convocation and refresh your soul. Get up an auto load and drive to Wooster over the splendid roads.

HUGH IVAN EVANS

MRS. CHAS. T. MOKE

CHARLES L. ZORBAUGH

For the Program Committee.

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E. 105th str and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:-

I write to renew the invitation sent You on the
5th to participate in the proposed symposium on
"Contemporary American Theology". Since writing
You I have had acceptances from most of the
men approached as well as confirmations of the
due-date of August first. We expect to have
a most interesting group of papers from men
of significant standing in the field of theology.
I hope that You will find it possible to join
us in this venture. .

With cordial regard,

May 16 1931

Vergilius FERM

May 19th, 1931

Dr. Vergilius Fern,
College of Wooster,
Wooster, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Fern:-

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I am very much interested in your proposed Symposium on "Contemporary American Theology" and I should be happy to contribute an article to the volume. I am afraid, however, that I shall not be able to do that by August first. I have already undertaken to do one or two articles during the summer months and I do wish to have a little time for relaxation.

Should your plans call for a later date of publication, please let me know. In the meantime I shall think about the subject.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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Dear Dr Silver:-

Thank You so much for your letter of the 19th and your willingness to have a part in the symposium. I am herewith enclosing the prospectus which is being sent around.

Yes, indeed, the matter of the due-date is difficult to settle since all the men are so busy. I have, however, made soundings and have received confirmations on the date. Professor Macintosh of Yale writes me that it is upsetting his summer work-schedule quite a bit but that he will try to work in with the program. Similarly, Dean Knudson of Boston University, Professor Wieman of Chicago, Horton of Oberlin, Rufus Jones of Haverford, Brightman, and others. I realize that the date is unmercifully early; but there is this argument: that such an essay will not require the time usually associated with a piece of research; and, too, an undue procrastination is bound to bring serious difficulties. May I ask that You kindly try to come as close to that date as You can. I am very anxious to have your contribution.

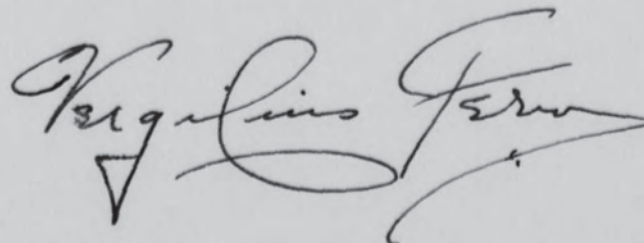
The fact is, I feel guilty in asking for such an early date, realizing that your program must be heaped-to-the-full. The responses to the project have been wonderful. We shall have a book, I feel sure, that will be mighty interesting and certainly valuable.

Will You kindly drop me a note saying that You have received the prospectus - there is always the worry over the possibility of a letter going astray. And, too, kindly let me know how your plans are working out.

I appreciate your interest in the project more than I can say.

With cordial regard,

May 21 1931



Prospectus of a Symposium on CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN THEOLOGY

General Character of the Symposium.

(The following is set down to insure a certain uniformity of perspective.)

This symposium aims to bring together some representative names among contemporary American theologians, especially those who are on the frontier lines of theological thought and those who in some conspicuous way represent an important turn of religious thought as it is being developed out of clearly discernible heritages.

The essays will be frankly "theological autobiographies" in which the contributor will survey the development of his theological thinking, tracing the varied influences (circumstances, experiences, situations, temperamental sympathies and prejudices (!), personalities, events, books, etc.) which have played into his thinking, bringing, from time to time, readjustments and modifications - all leading up to and throwing light upon his present principal theological beliefs and theories.

It is expressly urged that the contributor will not attempt to shy at the personal pronoun as a kind of a plague to be avoided, as savoring of bad taste, but to regard himself from a "stand offish" point of view as an object of real interest, contemplating not only what he regards as mistakes along the way but frankly evaluating his achievements. He may well, from this point of view, point out the prophetic note in his thinking especially as it relates to the onward movement of religious and theological thought.

Since variety makes for interest each contributor is asked to set forth his story according to his own taste. The essays in the volumes on "Contemporary American Philosophy" edited by Adams and Montague (after which this symposium is patterned) and those in "Contemporary British Philosophy" edited by Muirhead afford many interesting suggestions.

Detailed Suggestions.

1. On a separate sheet please state: date and place of birth
present official position
also, list: principal publications (including magazine articles) giving titles, names of publishers and date of publication (in case of articles: titles, issue number and pages).
2. Formulate a suggestive title for the essay. Such a title may well indicate the general direction of one's theological thought or the characteristic feature of one's particular theological theory or major theological interest.
3. Length of Essay:
Three considerations play into the matter of space: sufficient elbow-room for an adequate expression; general uniformity; and the grace of a publisher. While no rigid rule can or ought to be set up, it is suggested that the essays might well revolve about 8000 words as a norm.
4. Due-date: August first 1931 (subject to confirmation).

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Dear Dr Silver:-

I am writing around to make sure that the men have received the prospectus which I mailed out some time ago and to say that the project is going forward as planned. If You would kindly drop me a card saying that the prospectus has been received and meets with your approval, I shall appreciate it greatly. In case a second volume is found possible, would You have any names to propose?

With cordial regard,

June 6th 1931

Vergilius Fermo

June 15th, 1931

Dr. Vergilius Fern,
College of Wooster,
Wooster, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Fern:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 6th and for the prospectus which you sent me. I read it with a great deal of interest.

While I should very much like to contribute to the symposium I find, as I stated to you in my letter of May 19th, that I shall not be able to contribute such an article during the summer.

I am going to take a complete rest this summer for I stand in great need of it. I have not had a real vacation in some years. I do not wish to take on any additional tasks other than those to which I have already pledged myself.

I should not wish to delay the publication of your work but as things now stand with me I shall probably not be able to write such an article much before October or November.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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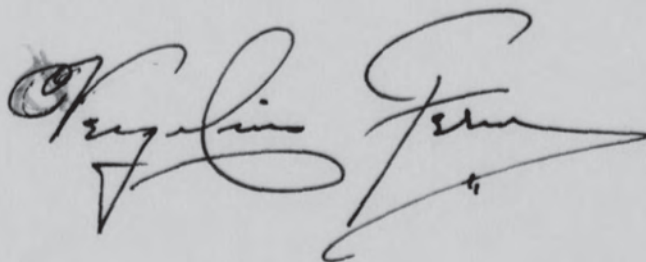
Dear Dr Silver:-

Thank You for your letter of June 15th. In reply I
may say that the project is now being planned on the
basis of two volumes and I should like so much if You
could plan to have a part in the second. These later
group of manuscripts are being gathered together
(as we hope) in October.

I can well appreciate your need for a rest this summer
and that this would preclude your preparation of an
essay at this time. However, I hope that You will
plan to join us. Will You drop me a line before You go
away so that I may know if I may expect your contribution
and about what date? I appreciate your interest in it
very much.

With cordial regard,

June 18th 1931

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vergilius FERM". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "V" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:-

Just a line to say that the symposium on "Contemporary
American Theology" is coming along, with ten of the
essays already in and the remainder promised for some
time in October.

Also, to say that I am counting on a contribution
from You. I trust that You have had a good summer
and that You feel somewhat rested up.

With cordial regard,

Sept 5 1931

Vergilius FERM

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JACOB GINSBURG.

Just

Sept. 23d, 1931

Mr. Jacob Ginsburg,
The Jewish World,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Ginsburg:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind telegram.
I am happy to know that you enjoyed our radio service. We
have received a very gratifying response from all parts of
the country.

At your request I am sending you a copy of
the sermon which I preached at that time.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

ISAAC ROSENGARTEN

Editor

The JEWISH FORUM

The Leading Jewish Monthly in America Published in English

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October 9, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

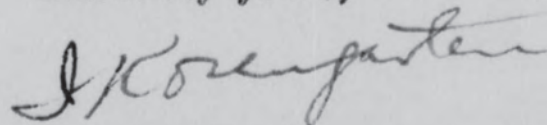
The importance of having a united front before the Mandatory Government in Palestine as well as the League of Nations, has brought leaders in Jewry to closer attention to the problem of unity in Zionist ranks.

What in your opinion should be done to bring about this much needed unity?

As we are planning a symposium on this subject for the November issue of THE JEWISH FORUM to appear before the Zionist Convention in November, will it be possible for you to have a brief statement in our hands on or before October 22nd?

With Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,



EDITOR.

Filed
10/28/31

October 20, 1931.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Ansel Road & East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi;

We, the members of the Bonivir Club, are publishing a monthly paper--BONI-VIEWS--a copy of which is enclosed. This paper is distributed free of charge to every young Jewish person in Cleveland who is a member of a fraternity, sorority or club of any kind.

For our next issue, which goes to press within ten days, we should like to conduct a symposium on the subject "Dogmatism and the Young Jew". We are approaching those men who are best equipped to honor us with their personal viewpoints. Will you kindly favor us with a brief contribution on this subject; its publication is guaranteed.

If our task is successfully completed this month, the way to club and inter-club discussions on topics of interest to the youth of Cleveland Jewry will be definitely paved.

Thank you very kindly in advance for your courtesy in complying with this request.

Sincerely yours,

BONIVIR CLUB

Morris Levine

Literary Director

ML

3448 East 149th St.

Washington 2770

P.S. We should also appreciate your offering us a few lively suggestions on topics of current interest to the Jewish youth of today, so that we may enter into a general discussion of same.

Declined

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Dear Dr Silver:-

I am writing this brief note to say that the symposium on "Contemporary American Theology" is a real "go" now and to say that I shall be expecting your manuscript (as per your letter of June 15th) about November.

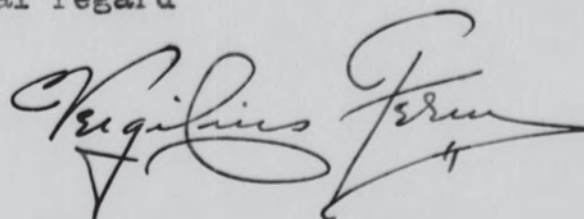
You will be interested in some of the essay titles:
D.C. Macintosh: "Toward a New Untraditional Theology";
Rufus Jones: "Why I Enroll with the Mystics"; A.C. Knudson:
"A Personalistic Approach to Theology"; J. Gresham Machen:
"Christianity in Conflict"; H.N. Wieman: "Theocentric Religion";
J.W. Buckham: "From Philosophy to Theology"; E.S. Brightman:
"Religion as Truth"; B.W. Bacon: "Enter the Higher Criticism";
H.F. Rall: "Theology, Empirical and Christian"; S.J. Case:
"Education in Liberalism"; W.M. Horton: "Rough Sketch of
a Half Formed Mind".

A letter from Professor William Adams Brown assures me of his paper in a couple of weeks; Professor Lyman of Union has promised his for the 15th of this month. Also, I have just received Professor E.F. Scott's essay. All are "theological autobiographies". Dean Shailer Mathews has assured me of his the latter part of this month. I am also expecting essays from Professors A. Eustace Haydon and Ames.

This, then, to report to You of the developments and to say that I am counting strongly on your contribution. As I believe I stated in one of my earlier letters those who have been counseling with me in this project have strongly urged that we seek a paper from You in this collection. May I hear again soon?

With cordial regard

November 7th 1931



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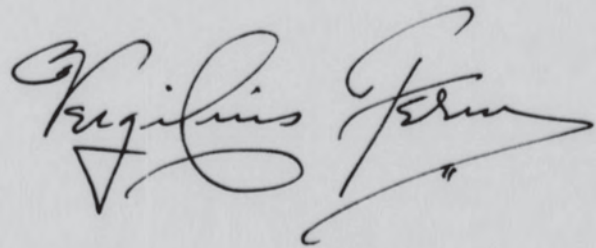
Not having heard from You for quite some time I am becoming somewhat anxious relative to your contribution to the symposium on Contemporary American Theology. A contract covering the publication of these papers has already been signed with the Ray Long & Richard Smith, Inc., the papers to be published in two volumes with a total number of twenty-three contributors. Volume I has already been prepared for the press.

Will You not kindly let me know if I should count on your paper and if so when I may expect it? Professor Lyman's paper came in this week; also, one from Professor McGregor of Western Theological Seminary.

Thanking You for your interest in this project,

With cordial regard,

December 11th 1931

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vergilius FERM". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
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Dear Rabbi Silver;-

The Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs has introduced a Division of Religious Education into its program of work and by so doing has placed itself in the pioneer group among State Federations. The State of Washington has a Division of Spiritual Education in its Department of American Home, but Iowa seems to be the first to include a Division of Religious Education in its Department of Education.

We find the women tremendously interested and likewise tremendously "hungry" for everything we have to offer them. Religion as a "Way of Life"-a living, vital something, -possessed, may I say, of "less sentiment and more iron" is what we are seeking.

In the January issue of the Iowa Club Woman, the official publication of our 35,000 federated club women, we would like to present a "Symposium of Thought" on the subject of Religious Education. If, from out the busy moments of your life, you would be willing to give to our needs just that portion of your time and thought, that would result in at least one good paragraph for our magazine, it would be greatly appreciated. Permit me to say that we are dealing with the subject only as it relates to adults.

This same request is going to ^{nine} leaders in religious thought in the United States.

It would help us greatly if your reply reached us not later than January the tenth.

Sincerely
Eugene M. Cutler
Mrs. Eugene Cutler

THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
WOOSTER, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

VERGILIUS FERM, PH.D. (YALE '25)
B.D., M.A. (YALE '23)

Dr. F. H. Silver
The Temple
E.
105 St. - Canal rd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I write to ask how soon I
may expect your promised manuscript for
the volumes on Contemporary American Theology?
Material for the first volume is already in;
the second volume is now in preparation.

I trust that nothing will
stand in the way of your contribution.
May I hear soon?

Cordial New Year's greetings

Vergilius Ferm

Chicago, Ill.
Dec 31 '31

Jan. 8th, 1932

Mrs. Eugene Cutler,
5321 Shriver Ave.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mrs. Cutler:-

Complying with your request contained
in your letter of Dec. 16th I am sending you herewith
a brief statement for your Symposium. I trust that
you will find it satisfactory.

With kindest regards and best wishes
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION

1133 BROADWAY

NEW YORK

CHELSEA 3-2335

January 18, 1932.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Hillel Silver:

It is with much pleasure that I read your book "Messianic Speculation in Israel", on which, in fact, I wrote a rather lengthy review. And I have since read with genuine interest your book on Religion, and have naturally always followed closely the remarkable service that you rendered our cause.

I know you have on several occasions expressed yourself ready to assist Avukah, but Avukah I imagine was often deterred in asking your assistance because we know how busy a man you are. But this year we are about to publish an Annual, which, by special permission, is being dedicated to Justice Brandeis on the occasion of his 75th birthday. The Annual will contain articles by some of the most eminent Jewish personalities throughout the world.

I trust that in spite of your numerous activities as the leader of Cleveland Jewry and as a forum lecturer very much in demand, and above all as a scholar who seeks the seclusion of his study, nevertheless I trust that you will find a moment's time to write an article for our Annual, which will be, I believe, of unusual merit this year.

As a subject, I might suggest the role of the rabbi as a champion of Zionism in his own community. Naturally you are at liberty to write on any other subject that is close to your heart, and that you think will be of interest to university men and Zionist intellectuals.

Hoping that you will be able to comply with my request, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Shubow
Joseph S. Shubow
Editor, Avukah Annual

JSS:HR

P. S. I shall be most grateful to you if you will send the article in not later than the middle of February.

*Dec 10/32 - Hillel Silver
Hillel Silver*

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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
VERGILIUS FERM, Ph.D. (YALE '25)
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Dr. A.H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th str and Ansel rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

No news, they say, is good news. I am thus optimistic about your writing for the symposium. Most of the material for the second volume is in; and the first volume is now in type. Here are some further contributions since last writing You: "Seeking Beliefs That Matter" by William Adams Brown; "The Religious Education of a Protestant" by Dean Weigle; "The Moral Will and the Faith That Sustains It" by William L Sullivan (formerly a Catholic priest and now minister of a Unitarian Church in Philadelphia); "Confessions of a Transplanted Scot" by John Baillie; "A Believer in Churchianity" by Daniel McGregor (Episcopalian); etc. All of the essays are frankly autobiographical.

May I hear soon of the progress of your manuscript?

With cordial regard,

January 21 1932

Vergilius Ferm

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Akron, O., Feb. 5, 1932.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

That the Plain Dealer may be covered adequately on Sunday, Feb. 14, when you speak at Akron Jewish Center, I am writing to ask if I may have an advance on your address, which I believe is to be on "Some Lessons to be Learned from the Depression."

If I may have a copy either of the address, or a digest of the highlights, to reach me through the mails before that date, it will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Chas. M. Conaway
CHAS. M. CONAWAY,

Plain Dealer Akron Bureau
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Feb. 9th, 1932

Mr. Joseph S. Shubow,
Avukah, 1133 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Shubow:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I should very much like to write the article for your Annual but I am afraid that you are not giving me enough time. I could not send you the article this month. When is the latest date when you must actually have the manuscript?

With kindest regards and best wishes permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION

1133 BROADWAY

NEW YORK

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February 11, 1932.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I assure you it was a great satisfaction and joy to us all to receive an affirmative reply from you, which was, however, conditional. I write this note to remove any ground for such a proviso for we shall wait for your article, hoping, of course, that you will have it by the first week in March. That will give you about a month's time to write it in.

I am glad to see that you take this opportunity so seriously. It makes us feel that our leaders are, after all, vitally concerned about the younger generation of Zionist leaders and workers.

Assuring you that we look forward with great interest to your article and expressing to you our anticipatory gratitude, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Shubow
Joseph S. Shubow
Editor, Avukah Annual

JSS:HR

Feb. 11th, 1932

Mr. Charles M. Conaway,
Plain Dealer Akron Bureau,
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Conaway:-

I regret very much that I can not send you an advance copy or outline of the address which I am to deliver at the Akron Jewish Center next Sunday. I will probably not get to work on the lecture before Saturday.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. A.H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th str and Ansel rd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Here is the situation with reference to the volumes on "Contemporary American Theology".

The first volume is in press. Material for the second volume is now accounted for. Most of this material is in. Dean Shailer Mathews has his ready according to a letter just received. Professor Ames of the University of Chicago in a letter to-day assures me of his within the next couple weeks. This means that I shall have all the material (with, perhaps, yours excepted) very shortly.

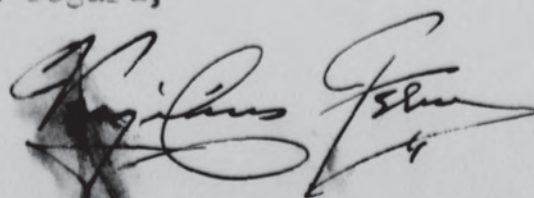
Will it not be possible for us to agree on a date when I may expect yours?

As You know these volumes are autobiographical in character. The sub-title is "Theological Autobiographies". The contributors mention their early home influences, teachers, important books that have influenced them, personalities, why such and such a book was written, their work, episodes, etc., - all leading up to and throwing light upon their present religious and theological position. Professor Ames, for example, has written that he expects to give an account of his church as a working out in a practical way of his social point of view. His essay, he tells me, is to be called "Theory in Practice". The books are patterned after the "Contemporary American Philosophy" series (recently published by Macmillan).

If, for any reason, You think it impossible to have your essay ready in a reasonable time will You not kindly let me know at once?

With cordial regard,

Feb. 18 1932



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for Musical Publications.

March 3, 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D. D., Litt. D.,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

This is a routine reminder concerning the article, "OUR DEBT TO MOSES," which we asked you to write for The Westminster Uniform Lesson Teacher. On April 21, 1932, you wrote that this would be in our hands by March 1, 1932. Very likely this letter will cross the manuscript in the mails.

To be absolutely sure, however, may I give here the paragraphs from the original letter of request:

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OUR DEBT TO MOSES. This article should be confined to 1500 words. It will be of great interest to have from you a message on this theme. I covet the opportunity of giving it to our readers. There are close to fifty thousand Sunday-school teachers and other leaders, including pastors, who read the magazine.

While this statement means nothing to you, as is my practice when asking for articles from those who are not accustomed to our method I wish to say that payment is made for all material we use in our periodicals.

Will you please bear in mind that we like to have manuscripts come to us in duplicate, double spaced, and with generous margins.

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Yours cordially,

John T. Faris

March 15th, 1932

Dr. John T. Faris,
420 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Faris:-

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter.

I have been somewhat tardy in completing my article on Moses. You will, however, receive it by the end of the week or the early part of next week.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

March 16th 1932

Mr. Joseph S. Shubow
Editor, Avukah Annual,
1133 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Shubow:-

I am enclosing herewith the short article for the "Avukah" Annual which I promised you.

I am sorry that I have been delayed in transmitting it to you. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time during the last few months and much of my work has lagged.

With kindest regards and best wishes permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

March 16th, 1932

Dr. John T. Faris,
420 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Faris:-

I am enclosing herewith the article "Our Debt to Moses" which I undertook to write for you. I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

Should you decide to make any revisions or changes in the article I would request that you submit it to me for final approval.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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March 18, 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D. D., Litt. D.,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for letting us have the article, "Our Debt to Moses." I like this, though it is a little long. You have written two thousand words, instead of 1500 words. I feel we must limit ourselves to the original amount.

I am therefore suggesting omissions. While these are largely for the sake of space, I wonder if you will not be willing to omit them. How would it do to begin on page two, with the question, "Who was Moses," omitting then what I have indicated, and making changes. I would like to see these changes made, if you can agree to them.

It will not be necessary to recopy the manuscript. It will be sufficient to return this to us exactly as I send it to you. Any notes you may wish to add can be placed in the margin.

I am sorry to give you this added work at what must be an especially busy time for you.

Yours cordially,

John T. Faris

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Dr. A.H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th str and Ansel rd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Since last writing You the promised contributions from Dean Shailer Mathews and Professor Ames have come in for the second volume on "Contemporary American Theology".

I am hoping now that it will not be long before your essay is ready. Please feel free to write "at length"; the average length of the essays for the second volume are 26 - 32 typewritten pp.

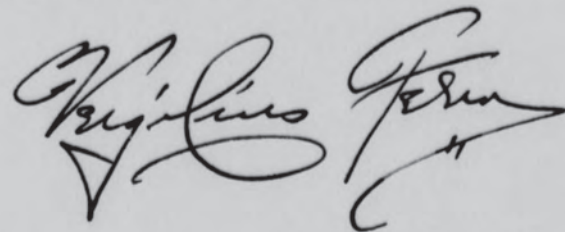
You will be interested in some of the essay titles: Ames: "Theory in Practice"; John Baillie: "Confessions of a Transplanted Scot"; William Adams Brown: "Seeking Beliefs That Matter"; Dean Shailer Mathews: "Theology As Group Belief"; E.W. Lyman (of Union): "Christian Theology and A Spiritualistic Philosophy"; W.L. Sullivan (ex-Catholic and now Unitarian): "The Moral Will and the Faith That Sustains It"; Dean Weigle: "The Religious Education of a Protestant"; etc.

All the essays are frankly autobiographical. The development of one's theology is traced: influences, (parental, etc), books, experiences, teachers, educational experiences, - all leading up to and throwing light upon one's present religious and theological outlook.

Hoping, soon to hear again from You,

and With Cordial Regard,

March 21 1932



March 21st, 1932

Dr. John T. Feris,
420 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Feris:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of
your kind letter of March 13th.

I am sorry that the article was too long.
This can be easily remedied. But there is another very
vital matter which compells me to withdraw the article.

From your suggested revisions I am lead
to the conclusion that you want an orthodox traditional
statement on "Moses." I am not orthodox and I can not
give such an interpretation.

I can agree to the omission of page one and
the four lines on top of page two for the sake of cutting down
the length of the article. Also to the omission of the
four lines on top of page four. Otherwise I can not consent
to any changes or omissions.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Article in mss. file

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March 23, 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D. D., Litt. D.,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

It is too bad I gave you all the trouble of preparing the article on "Our Debt to Moses."

Yes, we are orthodox, and it did not enter my head that we would have anything from you but an orthodox statement. You will appreciate our difficulty. It is impossible for us to give to the young people and their teachers in the Church School anything but an indication that God was working with Moses, revealing himself to Moses, and guiding the people through him.

It is due you that I send to you also the duplicate of the manuscript.

I hope that at some later time it will be possible for you to give us a message that will be satisfactory both to you and to us.

Yours cordially,

John T. Faris

April 8th, 1932

Mr. David Brown,
71 West 47th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Brown:-

Thank you very much for your kind
letter.

I have just completed a fairly good
short article called "Our Debt to Moses". I wonder
whether you would care to print it in the Passover
issue of the American Hebrew. It might be rather
appropriate.

With best wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

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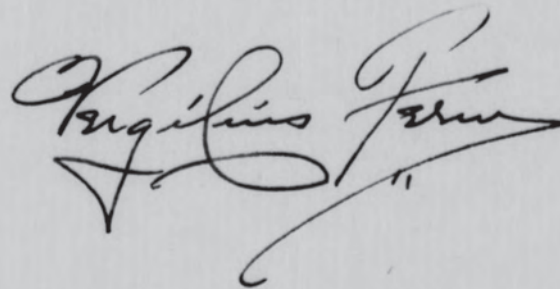
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The Temple
East 105th - Ansel rd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I have been watching the mails almost daily for
your promised contribution to the symposium. I trust
that by this time You have it well under way
and that it will not be long now until I receive
it. The material is ready for the press except for
your article. Will you not send me an encouraging
word?

With cordial regard,

May 5 1932

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vergilius FERM". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "VERGILIUS FERM" which is faintly visible in the background.



THE NATIONAL JEWISH DAILY
183 East Broadway, New York

May 21, 1932

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to thank you for the copy of your
address which I received, and which we shall be
glad to print in our next issue.

Sincerely yours,

S. Margoshes
Dr. S. Margoshes
Editor

SM:PK

DAVID A. BROWN :- 71 West 47th Street :- New York City

President and Publisher
AMERICAN HEBREW
and
JEWISH TRIBUNE

Beth Israel Hospital
New York City

May 23, 1932

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

Dear Abba,

Your letter of May 19, was delivered to me at the Hospital where I have been for the past two weeks, making a quick and successful recovery from a minor operation, which was not urgent yet I wanted it to be cared for at this time. The chances are I will be out of here even before this letter reaches you.

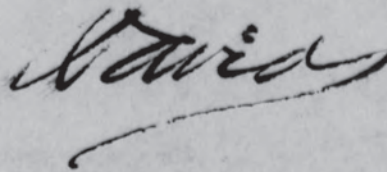
I read the manuscript with a great deal of interest, as I read the news items that appeared shortly after you made the address. I immediately called our Mr. Rittenberg and told him to get it ready for publication. While I can not tell you at the present moment when it will appear, it certainly will be shortly.

I am not at all surprised at the reception accorded this paper and sense that many would like to see it in print.

Let us know just how you would like to have the reprints: either copies of the paper if you require a limited number, or if a large number, we can have our usual reprints made.

Thanks very much for your consideration and with kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



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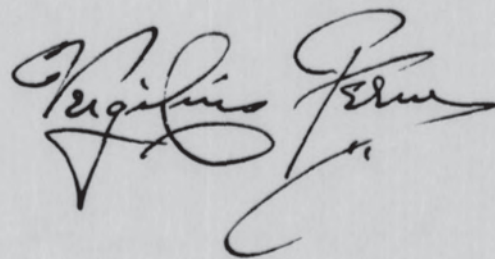
Dr. A.H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel rd at 105th str
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I am highly anxious to send in the material
to the publishers right soon so as to get
the proof reading off my hands this summer.
May I not expect your contribution very soon?
Volume One has been in press for some time
and its publication is announced for the latter
part of August, though advance review copies
will be available before then.

Cordially yours,

May 27th 1932

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vergilius Ferm". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "VERGILIUS FERM" in the header.

May 29th, 1932

Mr. Louis Rittenberg,
Managing Editor, The
American Hebrew,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:-

When I was in your office about five or six weeks ago you asked me for a statement on the election of Mr. Alfred Benesch to the Presidency of The Cleveland Board of Education.

I dictated such a statement in your office to a stenographer. I don't know whether that was ever published in your paper. If so, I would appreciate very much receiving a copy of it.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

DAVID A. BROWN :- 71 West 47th Street :- New York City

President and Publisher
THE AMERICAN HEBREW

June 8th, 1932

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

Dear Abba:

Shortly after I received your manuscript, I wrote you stating that we would arrange to publish it, and asking that you let me know how many copies you wanted when the article was printed.

I have been looking forward to seeing it in one of our issues, but in talking with Mr. Rittenberg, he informed me that it would be run some time this month -- possibly in next week's issue.

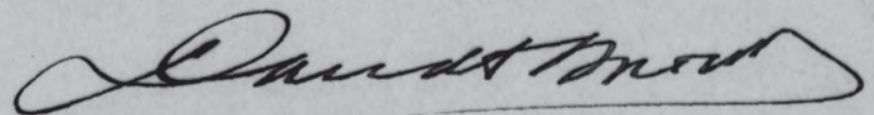
We have been pretty well crowded during the past few weeks, and he felt it was the kind of an article that would keep, in which I agree with him.

I am anxious to know whether you received my letter, and whether this arrangement is satisfactory to you.

By the way, we carried a very nice editorial on you in last week's issue (June 3rd).

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,



THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
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Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th str and Ansel rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Not having a reply to my recent enquiries concerning the progress of your proposed contribution to the symposium on "Contemporary American Theology" I have come to the unavoidable conclusion that your contribution will not be forthcoming. May I suggest that if You still plan to have a part I may know in a few days. Not hearing from You soon I shall understand You to confirm my conclusion.

Very cordially,

June 8 1932

Vergilius FERM

*Phila
address*

June 9th, 1932

Mr. David A. Brown,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Brown:-

Thank you so much for your kind letter
of June 8th.

I am happy that you will publish the
article in the American Hebrew as I have already received
quite a number of requests for copies of it.

If you will send me, say fifty copies,
I will be very grateful to you.

Your editorial in last week's issue on
my Philadelphia address was beautiful and I appreciated
it profoundly.

I shall be in New York on the 22d and
23d of this month and shall give myself the pleasure of
calling on you.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
I remain

As ever yours,

AHS/IR
P.S.

Were you by any chance able to print that little
tribute to Alfred Benesch which Mr. Rittenberg requested
and which I dictated to his stenographer? I think that
Mr. Benesch would be greatly pleased with a word of
commendation in the American Hebrew.



THE NATIONAL JEWISH DAILY

183 East Broadway, New York

June 16, 1932

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

With the situation critical in the Zionist Organization of America on the eve of the National Convention in Philadelphia, THE DAY is soliciting the opinions of thirty outstanding figures in American Zionism on this subject:

WHAT CAN SAVE THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA?

I should be very much obliged to you if you were to be good enough to give us your thoughts on this subject in a statement not exceeding five hundred words.

As the time is short, I would appreciate your sending me your statement at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely yours,

S. Margoshes
Dr. S. Margoshes
Editor

SM: PK

June 24th, 1932

Mr. Louis Rittenberg,
Managing Editor, The American Hebrew,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:-

I trust that you have received the
corrected proofs which I sent you from my hotel in
New York.

May I also request that when you publish
the interview with Mr. Benesch that you do not fail to
include my tribute to him which I dictated to your
stenographer.

With best wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

The American Hebrew

A MAGAZINE FOR AMERICAN JEWS

71 WEST 47TH STREET
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OFFICE OF THE
MANAGING EDITOR

June 30th, 1932.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just a line to acknowledge receipt of the galley proofs read by you, and to say that I shall make an effort to publish the story complete in an issue during the month of July.

The article on Mr. Benesch has just reached me and you may be sure that your tribute will be included in the layout of that story.

Faithfully yours,

Louis Rittenberg
Louis Rittenberg
Managing Editor

R:F

The American Hebrew

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MANAGING EDITOR

July 15th, 1932.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It is thoughtful of you to send us
the July copy of the Liberal Jewish Monthly as well as
the tear sheet out of the Jewish Tribune of 1927. The
likelihood is that we shall wish to make use of both.

Incidentally, I am wondering how soon
you will be goaded into that counterblast which we
discussed during your visit to our office. I notice that
the Congress group in Cleveland held a meeting Wednesday.
Were you asked to attend and, if so, what did you come away
with? In any case, what have you been hearing concerning
sentiment in Cleveland on the "orld Jewish Conference and
Congress?

Sincerely yours,

Louis Rittenberg
Louis Rittenberg
Managing Editor

R:F

August 17th, 1932

Mr. Leo Weidenthal,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weidenthal:-

Please pardon the delay in sending you my
New Year's message. I have been away from the city a
good deal of the time.

I trust that you will find the message
satisfactory even though a little long.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Review and Observer will publish its annual New Year Edition on September 30th, 1932.

In it we greatly desire to include a message from you to the Jews of Cleveland and northern Ohio.

If you comply with this request, will you kindly forward your message at your earliest possible convenience?

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, we are

Yours truly,

THE JEWISH REVIEW AND OBSERVER.

Howard M. Skerthamer
Managing Editor.

HMW/EKR

Aug. 24th, 1932

Mr. Howard Wertheimer,
The Jewish Review & Observer,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Howard:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of
your kind letter of Aug. 23d.

I am enclosing herewith a New Year's
message to the Jews of our community which you request.
I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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September 14, 1932.

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

Dear Abe:

The dark clouds of panic and depression, I believe, have begun to dissipate, and we may look forward hopefully to the return of more normal economic conditions. Unfortunately, there has been no rift in the clouds of hunger and need, of persecution and discrimination, which hang so heavily over the lives of the Jews of Eastern and Central Europe.

The Jews of America can feel reassured that they have carried their triple burden in supporting our local Jewish philanthropies, general domestic unemployment relief, and at the same time keeping alive the hopes of our brethren in Europe. In this period of business depression, the activities of the Joint Distribution Committee have naturally suffered. Nevertheless, we have been able to safeguard the investments of millions of dollars which American Jews have so generously contributed to the credit cooperatives, the Free Loan Societies, the child care institutions and the many medical and hygienic organizations which receive aid from the Committee. We have been able to do this through the cooperation of the leading Jews of this country.

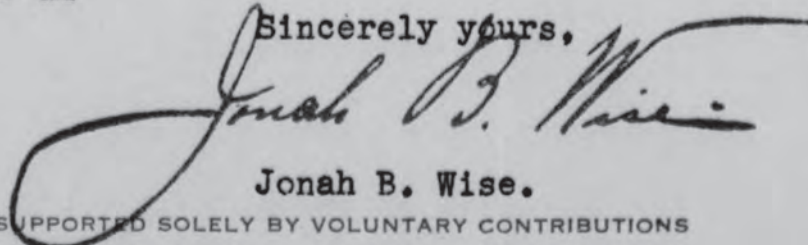
The members of our National Council, the recognized leaders in each community, have the responsibility of not permitting these tremendous assets to be dissipated through lack of support. We are prepared, with your cooperation, to go ahead and protect our people in Europe and the millions of dollars which we have invested there.

You will be happy to learn that the members of our National Council are agreed that the life saving work of the Joint Distribution Committee must go on. We must keep up the courage and morale of our brethren abroad in the face of the most trying conditions since the World War.

We look to you to confer with your fellow members of the Council and with other outstanding men and women of your community, to consider this problem, to take immediate steps to meet the situation. Please advise me as soon as possible of the results of your discussions.

With the season's greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Jonah B. Wise.

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September 19, 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

What is being done in the matter of the supplementary campaign in Cleveland for the Chest. I am in hopes that the Joint Distribution Committee will be able to secure some assistance. We are sorely pressed and not one of the demands made upon us can decently be set aside. Anything I can do, or this office can do to help the campaign in Cleveland will be gladly offered.

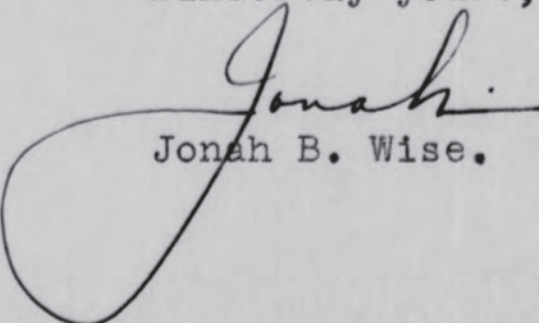
I know you are preparing to go away and I hope you have a restful and healthful vacation. I wish I could go with you, but I fear it is something which is very far in the distance.

Nathan is no better as far as I know, although he has been away near Atlantic City all summer.

I am going to Columbus on Friday to install Gup, but have no knowledge as to his successor or probable successor in Providence.

It will give us pleasure to see you and your family in New York before you sail. Until then, I wish you and yours a happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,


Jonah B. Wise.

JBW:JG

Sept. 26th, 1932.

Dr. Jonah B. Wise,
7 Hanover Street,
New York City.

My dear Jonah:-

In reply to your letter of September 19th I am happy to report that the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland has already begun its supplementary campaign to raise additional funds for its beneficiary agencies for 1932. I hope that it succeeds and that the Joint will receive something out of the fresh money raised.

We are sailing on the Contegrande, Saturday noon, October 15th. If we have a day or two in New York prior to our sailing I will try to communicate with you.

Wishing you and your dear ones a very Happy New Year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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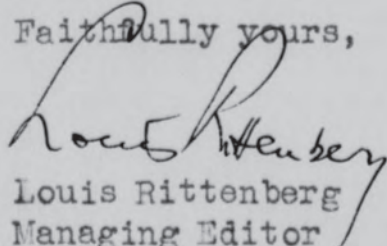
George Bernard Shaw, misconstruing the intent of our invitation to a symposium, by leading minds of the world, on the broad subject of "The Future of the Jew," responded as follows:

"This craving for bouquets is a symptom of racial degeneration. The Jews are worse than my own people, the Irish, at it. Those Jews who still want to be the chosen race -- chosen by the late Lord Balfour -- can go to Palestine and stew in their own juice. The rest had better stop being Jews and start being human beings. The day of races and nations is over; the future belongs to the citizens of the world who know that they are no better than other people.

"Let the great human community swallow up the Hittite as the Hittite swallowed up the Canaanite; both are now anachronisms. Why should I encourage their contempt for me by flattering them? Do not accuse me of Juedenschmerz: it is a more weakening disease than Juedenhetze. Fishing for compliments and playing for sympathy will not cure either of them."

Knowing how deeply you are interested in the fostering of better human relations as a means to international amity, we would appreciate your reactions to Mr. Shaw's astonishing attitude.

Faithfully yours,


Louis Rittenberg
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January 4, 1933.

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

Dear Abe:

We have just lived through a disastrous year. I am sure no one needs statistical proof of that statement. Satisfaction can be had, however, out of the difficulties we have surmounted. I am convinced that we can look forward confidently to the coming year. Fundamental strength was demonstrated in 1932. We Jews pray to God on our New Year, "Keep far from our country sickness, war and famine." 1932 was a year of good health, general peace in our country and Europe. Our problem for the immediate future is not a physical one entirely. It is largely one of morale. Our first concern is to maintain at the highest point of efficiency every agency of encouragement and relief in our communities. We are consecrated to that by our tradition as Jews, our human fellowship and our American citizenship. All the institutions which have to do with morale are entitled to our first loyalty.

There is no stopping the progress of humanity. Science does not halt and our Government is stable. We have lost none of the advantages piled up in the thousands of years of human experience. Capable leaders must inspire one and all with a sense of the real securities of our day. They can abate by example and precept the cries of fear which have become so harassing.

Charity has met its obligations in most instances. Its duty is to relieve need and prevent despair. Since we have as yet no better method of adjustment in times of crisis, those who concern themselves with charity must redouble their efforts. Charity has assumed a place in our public program today second only to organized government. It is no longer a matter of the luxury of good feeling but is as much a duty as is the service to the country through the payment of taxes and enlistment for war.

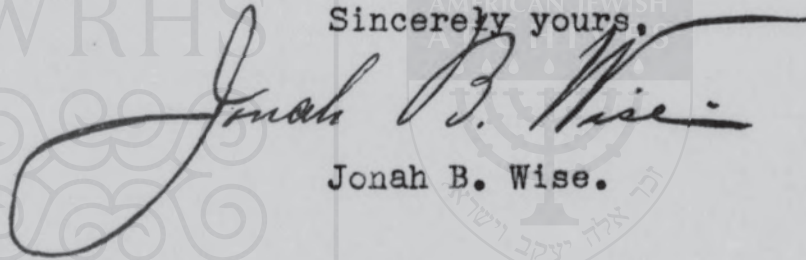
The morale of our Jewish people would be profoundly impaired by the breakdown of our local charities and the stoppage of our contribution to the existence of Israel abroad. I have a knowledge of the activities of our Jewish communities throughout the United States, however, which is reassuring and which promises even more salutary activity despite the increased difficulties.

The Joint Distribution Committee is acquainted with the whole picture of local needs and the larger picture of the problem of the whole of Jewry. The essence of the situation is a spiritual one. We must maintain these institutions, both at home and abroad, which minister to our people, strengthen their courage and sustain their faith in themselves.

I therefore feel that it is a great privilege in these times of stress to act not only for our local communities, but also to project the courage and resources of our American life into the frightful debacle facing the Jews of Eastern Europe.

I wish you a very happy New Year. I join with you in the prayer that God will send guidance to us and to all our fellowmen so that by a greater enrichment of the spirit, we shall be able to bring relief to the oppressed and a saving courage to men and women wherever they may be.

Sincerely yours,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jonah B. Wise". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned over a faint, circular seal of the American Jewish Archives. The seal features a star at the top and Hebrew text around the perimeter. The signature is written over the words "Sincerely yours," and the printed name "Jonah B. Wise.".

Jonah B. Wise.

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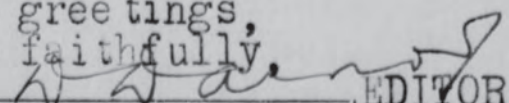
Dear Rabbi Silver,

I wish to draw your attention to the forthcoming publication of the special Rosh Hashonah Annual (5694) of the "Zionist Record". The issue will contain a large number of messages and contributions from the pen of the greatest in world Jewry.

I desire to invite you cordially to send for publication an article of Jewish interest from your pen. This action on your part will, I assure you, be very deeply appreciated by the Jewish community in this country.

In view of the time which elapses before your contributions can reach this country and as we have to go to press on this enlarged and illustrated issue, will you please send us your manuscript without delay.

With Zion's greetings,
Yours faithfully,


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

May 24, 1933.

Dear Abe:

In view of the campaign now organized in your community to raise funds for the Joint Distribution Committee program of relief, I am sure that you, as an outstanding leader, will be interested in the pertinent facts which I can now give you regarding other campaigns throughout the country and their relation to the national appeal.

The report that I brought back from Germany and which was embodied in part in my letter of the 18th, has been received with great interest and sympathy throughout the country. New York City has increased its original goal of \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 and has enlisted the support of Mr. Dudley D. Sicher, former President of the New York City Federation as Chairman and Mr. Frederick M. Warburg as Chairman of the Special Gifts Committee.

In Newark, and this is confidential at this writing, Mr. Louis Bamberger made a personal contribution of \$25,000 at an organization meeting last week. His nephew, Mr. Edgar Bamberger, will be the Chairman of the drive. In Baltimore, two leaders contributed \$15,000 each and one \$10,000.

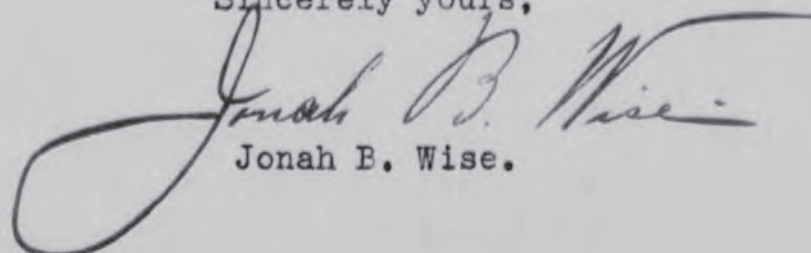
Throughout the nation we are being made aware of this deep and intense desire to help us in the German emergency relief campaign. We have assumed a national quota of \$2,000,000 for the United States and Canada.

I have a conviction that, given the practical leadership by one or two men in each community, we can go a considerable distance towards our goal and raise the funds required.

We are calling on each community to revise whatever quota it had assumed prior to my return from Europe and to enlarge it generously on the basis of this tremendous, new and increased burden brought on by the calamity in Germany.

I feel that you would want to have these facts as a basis for the appeal which you are making in your community.

Sincerely yours,



Jonah B. Wise.

June 7, 1933.

Don Wilder,
The Cleveland Press,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wilder:

As per your request I am enclosing herewith
a short statement for your paper. I trust that you
will find it satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland,
OHIO.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I trust you will forgive my reminding
you of your promise so kindly given to me when we met
in Palestine to contribute an article for our Rosh Hashona
Annual.

We are getting very busy with this
Annual now, and I am hoping you will be good enough to
let us have your article about the end of July or the
beginning of August.

For your guidance I might state that the
article should be about 1500 words in length and, of course,
I need hardly add should have a Jewish theme as its subject.

I hope that you and Mrs. Silver are both
well, and that your trip to Eretz Israel has not yet faded
so far away into the past as to have dimmed your pleasurable
recollections of it. As for myself, I returned to South
Africa this week, and as you see am already in harness,

although as yet I hardly feel as if I have returned.

With very kindest regards to you and Mrs. Silver,
and hoping to hear from you soon,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Marcia Gitten
EDITOR.



OPINION

A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters

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August 8, 1933

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The fate of German Jewry becomes increasingly tragic. Despite the protests of civilized mankind, the Nazi government seems determined to destroy politically, economically and spiritually the life of the 600,000 Jews in Germany. In view of this situation, it has, as you know, been widely urged that a world boycott against Germany be officially instituted and maintained until that nation adopt a humaner and juster policy toward all its citizens.

The justification and necessity for such action, the likelihood of achieving its objective and the means by which, if adopted, it may be implemented—are questions of far reaching import. In view of them, OPINION will publish in September a symposium by leaders of American and Jewish life on the theme: Shall We Boycott Germany?

To this symposium I earnestly invite you to contribute a statement of approximately five hundred words. It is my hope that through such public discussion will come clarification of thought and action on this all important issue. I shall anticipate your own expression of opinion.

Very cordially yours,

James Waterman Wolf

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Dr. Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
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My Dear Dr. Silver:

We are going to press next month with the Annual NEW YEAR'S and GOOD WILL EDITION of THE WESTERN JEWISH ADVOCATE, which will be circulated in the homes of all the Jewish families in the Rocky Mountain Region, a great number of non-Jewish families in this region, and a considerable number in all sections of the nation. As you probably know, the Advocate brings to the attention of the reader messages from leading clergymen of various denominations, on Tolerance and Goodwill. Once a year we concentrate on a large issue, devoted exclusively to dissemination of this ideal.

Realizing the deep and urgent need of a greater brotherhood between people of all races and creeds if we are to attain our spiritual ideal, THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN, --we are requesting you as the leader of the Temple in Cleveland to send us a short article on Tolerance and Goodwill, particularly in view of the Hitler atrocities in Germany, or on any other subject you may see fit. We would appreciate a word of greeting and encouragement for the Western Jewish Advocate, speeding it on its mission.

We feel that your contribution to our columns will be effective assistance in the promulgation of those aims which we all cherish, and will be appreciated by both our Jewish and non-Jewish readers.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy,

Respectfully yours,

THE WESTERN JEWISH ADVOCATE

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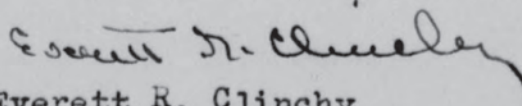
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to express my appreciation of your article in the Jewish Daily Bulletin for February 4th entitled "Social Gleichschaltung." It is well done.

I wonder if you could not revise the material slightly and do a similar criticism with a Christian audience in mind, for the Christian Century? I happen to know that Charles Clayton Morrison is open for an argument on the point Mr. McAfee made. You really have a responsibility to express your convictions on this point!

Cordially yours,


Everett R. Clinchy

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February 6, 1934.

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, Director,
The National Conference of Jews and Christians,
289 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

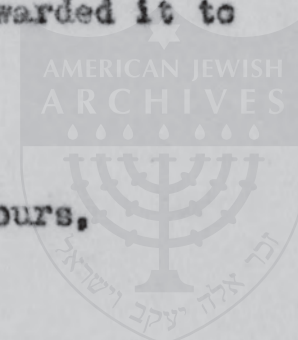
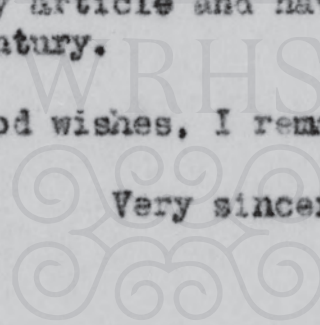
My dear Dr. Clinchy:

Thank you so much for your letter of February 5th.
I have revised my article and have forwarded it to
the Christian Century.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



February 6, 1934.

Editor,
The Christian Century,
440 So. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Will you permit me to comment on the article of Joseph Ernest McAfee which recently appeared in the Christian Century under the title "Jewish Solidarity in America."

The space of a letter does not permit a seriatim refutation of the doctrines propounded by Mr. McAfee. They are very reminiscent of the opinions of another Christian friend of the Jews, Mr. Alfred William Anthony which was also expressed in the Christian Century a few months ago.

Suffice it to indicate at the outset that Mr. McAfee's contact with Jewish life and thought must be very circumscribed if he could not find any Jews to agree that the Jew himself bears a share of the responsibility for the unfortunate social clashes which have existed and do now exist. He need not peruse our voluminous literature of the past for abundant evidence of national self-reproach and castigation. He need only scan present-day Jewish literature and periodicals to discover how mercilessly and almost morbidly the Jew analyzes himself and shoulders responsibility for private and national delinquencies, even when these do not actually exist. Our share of the guilt, however, is not where Mr. McAfee locates it -- in our strong group consciousness. Rather it is to be found in our frequent apostasy from the high ethical ideals of our faith, and from acts of disloyalty to the soul and destiny of our people.

Mr. McAfee is clearly opposed to the existence of varied social groups in American society. He takes it for granted that the American society (which he never defines)

has suffered "social woes" because of it. But how? He makes no attempt to explain or to specify, nor does he indicate on what basis of history or theory of American democracy he posits his dogma that there must be only one social group in America nor does he enlighten us on what he understands by "one social group."

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~~Nor does Mr. McFee take the trouble to prove his con-~~
~~tention that the self-consciousness of the Jewish community~~
in this country has been "socially baneful". Wherein? Have the Jews failed in their political or civic duties? Have they refused to participate in the political life of this nation as citizens? Have they refused to send their children to the public schools of the country and its institutions of higher learning, preferring to isolate themselves in parochial schools or in denominational colleges? Are they not represented largely in all the cultural activities of American life, in literature, the arts, the sciences and the professions? Are not Jewish business men eager to join all the "characteristic" American business groups, the lodges and fraternal organizations wherever they are admitted? Have Jews ever refused to join non-Jewish social clubs, or professional associations, when invited? Have Jewish workmen not joined in the labor movement in this country? Have not Jewish communities pooled their philanthropic efforts in many of our large cities in common community chests? Have Jews not shared in all the national movements making "for the enrichment of our common life?"

Wherein has the group consciousness of the Jews in America been "socially baneful"? What socially desirable activities in American life have Jews refused to share in? Wherein is the Jew holding back?

In what way does the desire of the Jew to care for his own dependents because he understands them best, or to organize in defense of his persecuted brethren throughout the world, or to teach his children the language, history, and literature of his race along with those of the country, or to assist in the rebuilding in Palestine of a homeland for his people where the homeless of his race and the culture of his race may find a haven, or to preserve the beautiful customs of his people which are at one and the same time both religious and social in character (for no distinction between the purely religious and the social ever existed in Judaism) -- in what way are these "focal centers of rebellion against common and wholesome social tendencies", and in what way do they interfere in "the common life of the community"? Why has not the Jew or any other individual or group of individuals in a free democracy the right to live his own life in his own way, so long as, to quote John Stuart Mill, "he does not

as some are charged; -

attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it." *F.A. (rephaser)*

Mr. McAfee thinks of the Jews only as a religious community, and allows them only the right of religious freedom. If the Jew would surrender everything except his "personal religious views" -- all would be well with him. The anti-Semitic disease would then disappear. *Hyen* The German Jew for decades practiced the very theory of assimilation which Mr. McAfee now prescribes for the American Jew. They tried in all ways not to be different. Their group consciousness had dwindled to a vanishing point. Inter-marriage was widespread among them. There was very easy egress from the group and no ingress to speak of.... Many joined the Christian church or became "konfessionals". And yet -- such is the patent bankruptcy of the whole thesis of Mr. McAfee -- the most virulent anti-Semitism developed in Germany, and in place of a self-willed "difference" -- a legal, prescriptive and discriminating "difference" was forced upon them as a mark of shame. Even non-Aryan Christian clergymen who certainly never suffered from excessive Jewish group-consciousness have been "differentiated" and stigmatized in the land of classic Jewish assimilation. *SW*

One wonders whether Mr. McAfee is not unconsciously hankering after an American social and cultural gleichschaltung after the model of Nazi Deutschtum, an American species of "national concentration" of the variety which is devastating the free life of Europe today?

✓ "Social unity" or "cultural unity" is just as dangerous a slogan to raise in modern society as "racial unity". In fact the one inevitably leads to the other. In Nazi Germany they have quite naturally, been "coordinated" into one German-Nordic-Aryan dogma of infallibility.

✓ Too many noble ideals of mankind are being broken on the wheel of totalitarian obsessions in the world today for liberal churchmen who value individualism and exalt personality to permit themselves to become champions of "unification" crusades in American life. Some do it in the name of theology. Others in the name of anthropology. Still others, like Mr. McAfee, in the name of sociology. Their ~~inspiration and~~ *all lead to the* their objective are, however, the same. "Juda Verrecke"!

same end:

February 6, 1934.

Mr. Charles Clayton Morrison, Editor,
The Christian Century,
440 So. Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Morrison:

I hope that you will find space in your
valued publication for the enclosed letter. I
believe Mr. McAfee's article is of sufficient
moment to be answered and I hope that I have not
made the letter too long.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Enc.

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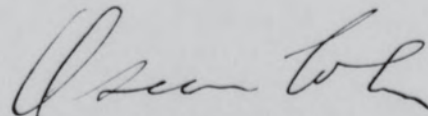
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Passover issue of The Jewish Standard will be published on March 30th and will contain articles by leaders in Jewish life in Canada and the United States.

I am particularly anxious to have you contribute to this issue and if you could possibly write something between 1500 and 3000 words within the next month, I am sure it would be read with intense interest by the Jews of this country.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know if you will be in a position to contribute an article for our Passover issue on any subject suitable to you.

Sincerely yours,



Oscar Cohen,
Managing Editor.

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P. S. Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of our Passover issue of last year.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Morrison wishes me to acknowledge
your communication to The Christian Century dealing
with the McAfee article.

He asks me to say that he tried very
hard to get it into the issue now going to press,
but it was impossible to do so because the space
had been previously mortgaged to other matters. It
will, however, appear the week following, that is
in our issue of February 28.

Very truly yours,

Gertrude Linstead

Secretary to the Editor

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March 7th
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Dr. A.H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am a candidate for the editor-
ship of THE WHARTON NEWS, and I welcome this opportu-
nity to invite you to contribute to the editorial con-
tents of the April Issue.

We have made it a monthly feature
to publish symposiums on certain very pertinent and con-
troversial questions which our government is faced with
at the present time. Each month, eight men are invited
to submit their views on the problem propounded.

Dr. Clarence Callender, Wharton Pro-
fessor of Law, has suggested the following question:

"Do the best interests of the United States
call for a policy of increased or decreased
preparation for war?"

We should consider it a privilege
to include your comment of approximately two-hundred
words. Your opinion should reach our offices no later than
March 25th, and in the meantime, a word to the effect that
we may count on you will be appreciated.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs.
Silver and yourself, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

THE WHARTON NEWS

Carl S. Liebenthal
Carl S. Liebenthal

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March 13, 1934.

Mr. Carl S. Liebenthal,
The Wharton News,
3417 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Carl:

Thank you for your letter of
March 7th. I shall be very pleased to
contribute a comment to your paper and I
shall send it to you before March 25th.

I hope that you are well and en-
joying your work. With all good wishes,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The United States needs not more armament but less armament. Any increase in our naval armament leads inevitably to a corresponding increase in the naval armament of all other naval powers. Our real strength is therefore not increased by building additional warships. The Vinson Bill has already stimulated a most ominous naval competition among the great powers of the world. The only people who are interested in increasing armies and navies are the munition builders and the military cliques whose interest and prestige lie in increasingly large armies and navies. The tax-payer will not pay the terrific cost of armament unless he is propagandized into a war mood and stampeded by a war scare. And that is exactly what is being done all over the world today. Drain the profits out of the manufacture of munition and there will be far less war talk and patrioteering in the world.

March 19, 1934.

Mr. Carl S. Liebenthal,
The Wharton News,
3417 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Carl:

I am enclosing herewith the short
statement which you requested and I hope
that you will find it satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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March 20, 1934.

Dr. A. H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have your letter of March 19th,
in which you enclose your very excellent ideas con-
cerning the subject of war preparation.

I want to thank you very much for your kind
cooperation and it will be my pleasure to forward a
copy of the magazine upon its publication date.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Yours most sincerely,

THE WHARTON NEWS

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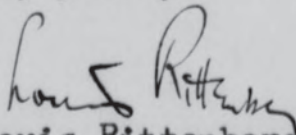
My dear Dr. Silver:

Two or three weeks ago we invited your reactions to the formation by Jews in Brooklyn of a political organization along religious lines. We have not received your answer and I am writing to inquire whether or not we may expect an expression of your opinion.

You are probably not unaware that outstanding Jews and non-Jews including men like Governor Lehman of New York, Governor Meier of Oregon, Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick and others have already roundly condemned this attempt as something un-American.

In the current issue of the American Hebrew we also print condemnatory expressions from Jewish editors from coast to coast. We feel, therefore, that your own views would aid in routing those who, for ulterior motives, would plunge our brethren in Brooklyn into a movement of incalculable harm.

Sincerely yours,


Louis Rittenberg
Managing Editor

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

April 2, 1934.

Mr. Henry Montor,
Seven Arts Feature Syndicate,
News Bldg.,
220 E. 42nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Let me thank you for your letter of March 22nd. I think that it would be better for the time being at least to let the matter of the interview as well as the contribution to the Seven Arts Syndicate ride. The head of your organization is again launched on his sniping activities and I am afraid that any contact between me and your organization at the present time is quite out of the question. It would be embarrassing all around.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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HENRY MONTOR

April 7, 1934

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am extremely sorry about the way you feel with regard to the Seven Arts. I assure you that I shall do what I can to see that further references to you of the kind you refer to shall stop.

Don't you think it possible to reconsider your view with regard to possible articles? After all, the Seven Arts does have a very wide circulation, the very biggest, in fact, of any Jewish news agency in this country. There is no reason why your views should not get to as many people as possible.

I know that you will appreciate the spirit that motivates this insistence.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor

302 WEST TWELFTH STREET
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April 9, 1934

Dear Abba:

I want to quote you in my book in connection with your criticism of Jews for not contributing to the colleges which exist largely by endowments and contributions. I think I remember the conversation rather well and of course I shall not quote you without sending you a copy of what I say. But if you have written anything on the subject or if you have used it for a sermon, I wonder if you could let me have a copy from which I could make the quotation?

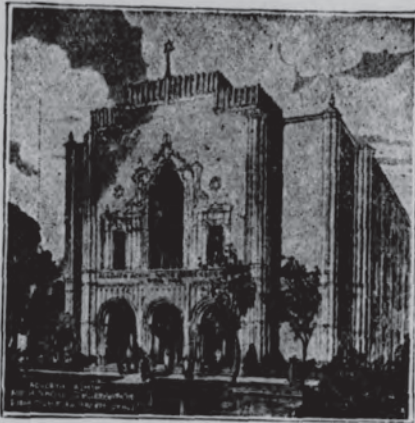
I am sorry that I did not see you when you were in New York last, and please give my regards to your wife whose hospitality I enjoyed so much.

Faithfully yours,

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George E. Sokolsky

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some months ago, I took the liberty of inviting you to contribute a Pentecost Sermon to my forthcoming book "The Festivals of Israel" in which twenty-four of the outstanding Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Rabbis will participate. That letter contained the names of the Rabbis solicited, who definitely promised to submit a sermon. Most of them have already done so.

Due to the tremendous amount of work with which you are taxed, you undoubtedly failed to indicate whether or not you would submit this sermon. In accordance with the old Hebrew maxim, *אניני חסד לא יתקדמו*, I assume that you have agreed to do so.

Will you, therefore, be good enough to inform me at what date it will be convenient for you to send this article? Macmillan and Company are to publish this book.

Needless to state, I am particularly anxious to have a sermon submitted by the foremost Reform Rabbi in the country grace this compilation. I would also appreciate receiving a favorite cut or photograph of yourself to precede your sermon in the book.

With kindest wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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April 12, 1934.

Mr. George E. Sokolsky,
302 West Twelfth Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear George:

I was glad to hear from you. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the editorial which appeared in the Jewish Daily Bulletin of March 11th and which treats of the subject mentioned in your letter. I hope that you will find it helpful for your new book.

I shall look forward with great eagerness to your book. I hope that you will pardon me if I make one bold suggestion. Perhaps you have anticipated my suggestion yourself. You have been away from the American Jewish scene for a goodly number of years and you have probably not had the opportunity to keep in close contact with Jewish problems generally in the same way as you have studied the problems of the peoples of the Far East. Might I suggest that you have the book read by one or two men whose judgment you value and who are intimately acquainted with Jewish life. The times are so critical and we should all want a book about Jews coming from you to be altogether accurate, fair and helpful.

Of course I do not know what phase of Jewish life you plan to treat in your book. But whatever it is, I am confident that you will bring to your discussion of the subject your capacity for clear thinking and your fine talent for writing.

With best wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

302 WEST TWELFTH STREET
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April 20, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Abba:

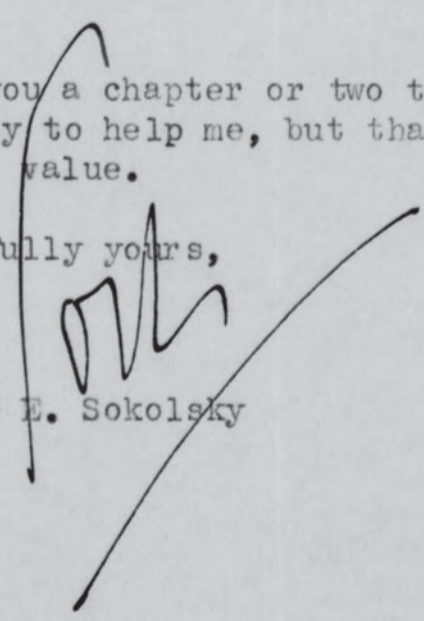
Thank you so much for your letter of April 12 and
for a copy of your article.

I am frightfully worried about this book and have
not only delayed its publication but even delayed writing it.
I am now settling down to the task of writing it.

Most books that are written about Jews are really
written for Jews. Publishers always say that no matter what
the author has in mind, only Jews buy Jewish books. I have
in mind a book that will be read by Gentiles. I do not want
to be apologetic nor have I any desire to be aggressively
antagonistic to those who misunderstand us. My purpose is
rather to state a case, as objectively as I can. If I can
succeed in achieving an objective study, I think that the
book will be of value.

I am sure that if I send you a chapter or two to
criticize, you will not only be happy to help me, but that
your criticism will be of tremendous value.

Faithfully yours,


George E. Sokolsky

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and 105 Street
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I express my thanks to you for
the splendid article which you con-
tributed for the May issue of our
magazine.

I appreciate your interest, time,
and effort, and hope that in the fu-
ture you will consider contributing
again.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer Louis

Elmer Louis
Editor

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Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers
N. C. P. T.



5/21, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Ansel Road Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear sir;

In my work in Missouri, as State Chairman of Parent Education, I use papers for study groups throughout the state where there are no competent trained speakers. There are twenty four topics in our high school course, and I would much like to use your paper on Educating children for the new deal which appeared in the April number of the Journal of the National Education Association. I feel sure that it would be very helpful to all the high school parents in our groups for such parents.

Could you give your consent to allow us to mimeograph it for this purpose? We should be very grateful.

Yours truly,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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East 105th Street,
CLEVELAND.....U.S.A.



Dear Rabbi Silver,

I wish to draw your attention to the forthcoming publication of the special Rosh Hashonah Annual (5695) of the "Zionist Record". The issue will contain a large number of messages and contributions from the pen of the greatest in world Jewry.

I desire to invite you cordially to send for publication an article of Jewish interest from your pen. This action on your part will, I assure you, be very deeply appreciated by the Jewish community in this country.

In view of the time which elapses before your contribution can reach this country and as we have to go to press early on this enlarged and illustrated issue, will you please send us your manuscript without delay.

With Zion's greetings,
Yours faithfully,

H. W. D. D.
EDITOR.

May 24, 1934.

Mrs. E. R. Weeks,
3408 Harrison,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Weeks:

In reply to your kind letter of May 21st,
permit me to say that you have my permission to
mimeograph my address "Educating Children for the New
Deal" and to distribute it to your parent groups
of high school children.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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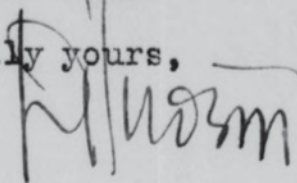
Dear Abba:

My friend, Stephen H. Fritchman, has told me he has written you asking for an article on The Family for the Christian Register.

This is merely to say if you have a little time at your disposal for writing such an article, I would appreciate very much your words appearing in our weekly paper.

Helen and I still speak of the delightful evening we had with you and your wife.

Faithfully yours,



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Thanking you in advance for your kindness in this matter.

Yours very truly,

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Community Center of Binghamton publishes annually a special New Year's complimentary journal containing a record of the activities of the past year and program and plan for the coming year.

We are inviting a number of Nationally prominent Jewish leaders to send us their New Year's greetings.

We would appreciate highly a New Year's message from you to the Jewish Community of Binghamton.

Sincerely yours

JLG:BA

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Ans. Aug. 19
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Mooselookmeguntic House,
Haines Landing,
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

FRIDAY, the magazine of Jewish Life, is planning an especially enlarged and elaborate edition for the Jewish New Year season.

In this publication, we are desirous of including a New Year message from the rabbis of the community, and we would be grateful if you would write one for us. The length of such a message is approximately 500 words.

If this may be arranged, may I request that it be in our editorial offices by August 15, so that we may have sufficient time to send it along to the printer.

Hoping that you will consider this request favorably and thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Yours very truly,

THE JEWISH REVIEW AND OBSERVER

Per *R. M. Wertheimer*
Editor.

*Arthur
Isidore*

August 18, 1935

Mr. R. M. Wertheimer
The Jewish Review and Observer
310 Lakeside Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Wertheimer:

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I have your letter of August 13 addressed to Rabbi Silver, and wish to advise you the Rabbi is now in Russia. May I suggest that you communicate with him at the following address, and I am sure that when he returns to Switzerland on August 20, he will be very happy to comply with your request.

His address is:

Hotel Savoy
Lausanne
Switzerland

Sincerely,

HAL:RB

Harry H. Levy

August 15, 1934.

Mr. Elmer Louis, Editor,
Friday Publishing Company,
514 Empire Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Louis:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send you the
enclosed New Year's Message which you requested of him.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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August 15, 1934.

Mr. Leo Weidenthal, Editor,
The Jewish Independent Publishing Co.,
Film Bldg.,
21st St. and Payne Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weidenthal:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send you the
enclosed New Year's Message which you requested of him.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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17th August, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
CLEVELAND.
U. S. A.



Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of your favour of July 10th enclosing article for publication in our special issue. This has already been set up in type and will appear prominently.

We very much appreciate your courtesy in sending us this article.

We have pleasure in placing you on our mailing list and you will receive a copy regularly.

May I ask you whether you would be interested to come to this country to undertake a few months cultural lecture tour. Last year Mr. Maurice Samuel came and addressed crowded audiences. I think

/you

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

17th August, 1934.

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you will find a few months sojourn in this
country extremely interesting to you.

With Zion's greetings,
Yours faithfully,

W. D. Dancy

EDITOR.



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7th September, 1934.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street,
CLEVELAND.....U.S.A.



Dear Mr. Silver,

I have pleasure in sending you under separate cover copy of this special issue containing your illuminating article entitled "Race Obsession", for which please accept the thanks of the Editorial Board and myself.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you and your congregation a happy and prosperous New Year.

With Zion's greetings,
Yours faithfully,

W. W. Dawson
EDITOR.

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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Day, national Jewish daily, is preparing a large edition marking the twentieth anniversary of its founding, which occurs on November 4th. For that occasion we are seeking expressions of opinion from the outstanding leaders in the contemporary world on problems and currents that affect the Jewish people and their future.

I am submitting to a number of outstanding American thinkers and public figures the following questions.

1. Are you in favor of a world Jewish congress as an instrument to mobilize all Jewish forces for a united front against anti-Semitism?
2. Are you in favor of the anti-Nazi boycott carried on in many countries by Jewish and non-Jewish organizations who believe that economic pressure on Germany will accelerate the downfall of Hitler?
3. What measures would you suggest as an effective means of combatting the spread of anti-Semitism throughout the world especially in America?
4. How can world Jewry safeguard the minority rights of Jews in such countries where these rights are seriously threatened?
5. How can we salvage Jews who are economically doomed in Central Europe, Poland, Rumania, etc.?
6. Do you believe that the League of Nations should be asked to establish a special bureau to combat anti-Semitism as a social disease--this international bureau to deal with anti-Semitism on the same basis as specific bureaus in Geneva deal now with white slave traffic and opium?

We would be very grateful to you for an expression of opinion on this matter, inasmuch as you could help clarify an issue which is in the forefront of public attention at this time.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Brainin, Editor

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November 28, 1934.

Rabbi Abba. Hillel Silver,
Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the December issue of OPINION containing an article by Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan, "A Challenge to Jewish Federation." Dr. Kaplan here advocates the organization of the Jewish community on the basis of an enlarged and re-orientated Federation. In order to secure a cross-section of Jewish opinion on this vital issue, we are sending the enclosed questionnaire to a number of leaders in various Jewish fields.

While the questions can be answered by either Yes or No, we should be happy to have a fuller expression of your views on any particular question or on the whole questionnaire. I trust that you will let us have the benefit of your judgment on this fundamental problem with which Professor Kaplan's article deals, and I shall look forward to receiving your reply.

Very cordially yours,

James Waterman Wise

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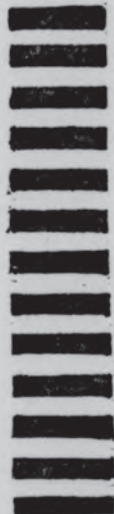
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1. Do you favor the survival of the Jews as an identifiable group whether religious or cultural?
YES NO
2. Is the Jewish Community idea formulated by Dr. Kaplan in his article in OPINION desirable in America?
YES NO
3. In projecting the Jewish Community idea what forces should be drawn into the development?
 - a. Has the Federation a place in the Jewish Community?
YES NO
 - b. Has the Synagogue a place in the Jewish Community?
YES NO
 - c. Have organizations based on Jewish Nationalism a place in the Jewish Community?
YES NO
 - d. What other forces do you suggest have a place in the Jewish Community?
 - e. Are any of the above forces mutually antagonistic or mutually exclusive so as to make their co-ordination in a community program impossible?
YES NO
4. Is the Federation the logical agency to initiate the Community?
YES NO
5. In case the civil authorities, city, state, or nation, take over philanthropic activities, should Jewish Federation and Welfare Agencies direct their efforts toward economic, social, and cultural needs of the Jews?
YES NO
6. Do you believe that an organized Jewish Community should seek to mitigate at least the economic difficulties under which Jews labor by reason of their being Jews?
YES NO
7. Would a community alliance between Jewish workers and Jewish capitalists lose for the workers whatever solidarity they have managed to achieve with the non-Jewish masses?
YES NO
8. Would the establishment of a Jewish Community in which all groups and classes were represented, further the achievement of social justice?
YES NO

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(Your name and your answers to the above will be considered confidential if you so desire)

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February 16, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Ansel Road Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In your address before the Department of Superintendence at Cleveland in 1934, you said some things and expressed a philosophy of education which we want very much to emphasize in the May issue of New York State Education, official publication of the New York State Teachers Association. The theme of the discussion is "Keeping Faith with Youth." The tentative plan follows:

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The American tradition (of universal education)
Have we broken faith? (Statement of facts concerning education today)

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Guiding youth in health
Guiding youth in recreation
Guiding youth in civic-social-moral development
Guiding youth in vocational needs

We should like to have you join us in the discussion.
Will you write on "Guiding youth in civic-social-moral development"?

Articles should not exceed 1200 words and should be in not later than March 20. That we may know how to plan, may we hear from you?

That you may know the nature of our publication, we are sending several copies under separate cover.

Very sincerely,

D. Emma Wilber
Assistant Editor

DEW:CR

February 19, 1935.

Miss D. Emma Wilber, Assistant Editor,
New York State Education,
152 Washington Ave.,
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Miss Wilber:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of February 16. I shall be very happy to contribute an article on "Guiding youth in civic-social-moral development" to the May issue of the New York State Education. I shall try to send you the article before March 20:

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BE

March 18, 1935.

Miss D. Emma Wilber, Assistant Editor,
New York Stated Education,
152 Washington Ave.,
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Miss Wilber:

I am enclosing herewith the article which you requested. I do not know whether it is exactly what you had in mind. I believe, however, that there are enough points of contact between my article and the theme which you suggested to make it acceptable.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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March 19, 1935

Dr Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
at Ansel Road
Cleveland - Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:

Thank you for "How Youth Faces the
New World." It will I know be an inspiration
and challenge to our teachers and through them
to the children of New York State.

Most sincerely,

D. Emma Wilber

Assistant Editor

DEW:TB

April 25, 1935.

Miss D. Emma Wilber, Assistant Editor,
New York State Education,
152 Washington Ave.,
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Miss Wilber:

Kindly send Rabbi Silver six copies of
the issue in which his article "How Youth Faces the New
World" appeared.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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May 20th, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hiller Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am about to prepare a pamphlet on the Hashomer Hatzair Movement, and should like to make use of the articles in the Hatzioni Hakloli. I shall therefore appreciate immensely, if you will be kind enough to have the copies which I left with you forwarded to me.

With kindest personal regards,

Respectfully yours,

SMZ:NB



May 28, 1935.

Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky,
Mizrachi Youth of America,
1123 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Zambrowsky:

Under separate cover I am mailing you the
copies of the Hatzioni Haklolo which you were kind
enough to let me read.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Sir:-

In view of the intense interest of the entire world in the Italo-Ethiopian dispute, the Jewish Examiner is conducting a symposium among leading rabbinical figures throughout America to ascertain the sentiment of our religious leaders with regard to the merits justice, background, etc. of the quarrel.

Would you be kind enough to comment in brief form on the situation taking either side and voicing any opinion on the situation you see fit?--for publication in a forthcoming edition. I should greatly appreciate a prompt response to this request.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

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Managing Editor

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ASHER ISAACS, PH.D.
EDITOR

July 15, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In connection with the New Year's issue of The Outlook the latter part of September, we would appreciate receiving a short article or greeting from you to our readers. Our paper is widely read in western Pennsylvania and the neighboring states, and you will be honoring us by writing a greeting.

Will you be kind enough to advise us if you will be in position to do this, and if so, may we expect your contribution before September 1st?

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Yours very truly,

Asher Isaacs
Asher Isaacs
Editor

AI:k

July 15, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Weyne, Managing Editor,
Jewish Examiner,
186 Joralemon Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Weyne:

In reply to your letter of July 12, permit me
to state that Rabbi Silver is abroad on his vacation and
will be gone until the middle of September.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

July 17, 1935.

Mr. Asher Isaacs, Editor,
The American Jewish Outlook,
608 Union Bank Bldg.,
Fourth Ave. and Wood Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Isaacs:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 15.
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Very sincerely yours,

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Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

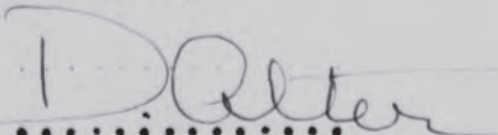
As in the past, this year again we are planning a special Rosh Hashonah issue of The Jewish Criterion. Since in September we shall also be celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the paper, we are anxious that this number be an even finer and more elaborate one than usual. Because of this and because I know of nobody nearer to the hearts of the Pittsburgh Jewish community than you are, I am going to ask you if you will be kind enough to write some sort of an article for the New Year edition.

Your visits to Pittsburgh are always occasions for our people, and the crowds that attend your lectures and the enthusiastic response always accorded them is adequate evidence of the fondness the Jewish men and women here have for you. I know that any written message you may have for them will be equally eagerly received by them, so I trust that both they and I may look forward to word from you. ~~Certainly~~ no man has more emphatically and adequately revealed himself as a worthy defender of the Jews everywhere.

I should appreciate your sending us your article by the first of September. May I take this opportunity of assuring you now as always of my warmest friendship toward you, - and of extending my kindest personal greetings to you.

Cordially yours,

DA/L


.....
David Alter

July 31, 1935

Mr. David Alter,
The Jewish Criterion,
Clark Bldg.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Alter:

In reply to your letter of July 29, permit me to state that Rabbi Silver is abroad on his vacation and will be gone until the middle of September. It would therefore be impossible to send you a New Year's message in ample time for publication.

Perhaps at some future time he may be of service to you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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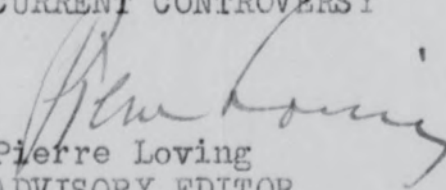
The editors of CURRENT CONTROVERSY, a new monthly magazine which will appear on the newsstands September 25, have asked me to invite you to contribute an article in your special field.

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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The New Palestine is desirous of obtaining the opinion of leading Zionists throughout the country with regard to the program adopted by the Zionist Organization of America defining its attitude on the problems confronting the next Zionist Congress. It is our intention to print this comment in the forthcoming issues of The New Palestine, so as to reflect the views of the leaders and active workers in the American Zionist movement on the vital Zionist issues of the day.

You are accordingly invited to send us a statement of about 500 words incorporating your views on the subject. A copy of the program is herewith enclosed.

Cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky
Louis Lipsky

Chairman, Editorial Board

Encl.

April 23, 1935.

Mr. J. F. Jones,
23 Waverly Place,
Utica, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Jones:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of
your kind letter. You have my permission to reprint
the article which appeared in the New York State Educational
Journal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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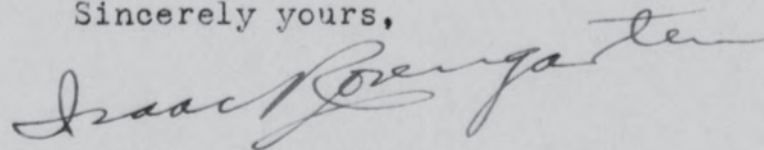
Dear Rabbi Silver:

In view of the danger threatening the up-
building of the Jewish Homeland by the formation of separa-
tist parties within Zionist ranks, it becomes important to
clear the atmosphere of prevailing misunderstandings.

What, in your opinion, will check the harm-
ful tendency and bring about a more united effort?

In the next issue of THE JEWISH FORUM, we
intend to publish brief statements on this question by re-
presentative Zionists. Will you find it convenient to send
us yours in just a few paragraphs, if possible, of only one
to two hundred words, on or before May 15th?

Sincerely yours,



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April 1, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. and East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The JEWISH REVIEW AND OBSERVER intends to issue an elaborate Passover Edition on April 19th. In this edition, we plan to publish Passover Messages from local rabbis and from various Jewish communal leaders.

With conditions in world Jewry as they are at present, we feel sure that you have a vital message for Cleveland Jewry.

Will you kindly forward to us your Passover Message as soon as it is conveniently possible. Our forms close on April 11th, so we trust that your message will be here before that date.

Assuring you of our appreciation, we are

Very sincerely yours,

THE JEWISH REVIEW AND OBSERVER

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

On several occasions our subscribers have evidenced the desire to see some message or article from you in The Jewish Criterion, as the expression of a leader in the communal and religious life of this country.

We have already begun working on the issuance of our New Year Edition, which will be published about the first week of September, and in considering the articles to be used, we felt that something from you on any of the current topics of the day, religious, social or economic, would be of immeasurable interest to our reading public.

We are therefore writing to ask if we could expect an article for the New Year Number, as well as a photograph, and if we might have it by the end of July.

With our best wishes for a very pleasant summer, and assuring you of our deep appreciation of any courtesy you may extend us, we are

Very truly yours,

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May 22, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Congregation Tifereth Israel,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As a leader in Jewish life we would like very much to receive from you a short expression which we are desirous of featuring in our Rosh Hashanah special annual number. This edition will be issued the first week in September and will be devoted principally to promoting a better understanding between the Jew and non-Jew. It will contain messages from prominent nationally-known men and women and we are confident that a message coming from you will be received with a great deal of interest.

Thanking you in advance for your kind co-operation, we remain

Very gratefully,

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October 20, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:-

The Jewish Independent which carries news of interest for every member of your congregation each week, is in the midst of a campaign for new subscriptions. A score of valuable merchandise prizes and cash awards are being offered participants in a vote-getting contest, based upon the number of subscriptions brought in.

In view of the fact that we are always ready to be of service to you and your congregation, we would appreciate at this time, your kind co-operation.

Respectfully yours,

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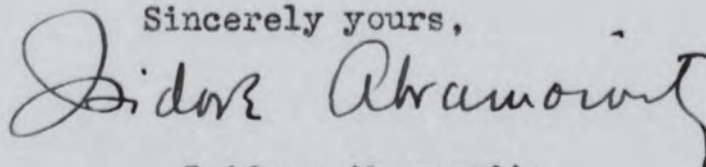
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Editors of the Jewish Frontier, a new monthly magazine, are now reading manuscripts for early publication. We would be pleased to examine any finished material you may have on hand which would appeal to a body of readers interested in resolving the new relation of Jews to imminent social, economic and cultural change.

Among other features to appear in the next few months, we are planning a symposium of viewpoints on Jewish responsibility in the present crisis, with special attention to the problem of alignment by Jews with Marxist groups, and with radical programs generally. We are asking the cooperation of Dr. Horace M. Kallen, Waldo Frank, Ludwig Lewisohn, Maurice Samuel, Marvin Lowenthal, William Zuckerman, Matthew Josephson, Morris Cohen, Rabbi M. M. Kaplan, Robert Nathan, and others. We want very much to have your contribution also. Will you write and say if we may count on you? And how soon?

As you can see from the enclosed prospectus, we hope our magazine will develop through contributors and reviewers like yourself into a courageous agent for fearless examination of Jewish position and responsibility. We are planning several issues in advance and look forward to having you with us. Do let us hear from you immediately.

Sincerely yours,



Isidore Abramowitz
ASSOCIATE EDITOR, THE JEWISH FRONTIER

November 6, 1934.

Mr. Isadore Abramowitz, Associate Editor,
The Jewish Frontier,
1225 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Abramowitz:

Let me thank you for your kind note of October 23rd apprising me of the new publication which the League for Labor Palestine is about to issue. ARCHIVES

I am also appreciative of your invitation to write for your magazine. I am a very busy man -- all too busy for my own good. The little time which I can spare from rabbinical duties and from my studies I am devoting to writing a weekly editorial for the Jewish Daily Bulletin. I am afraid, therefore, that I cannot undertake any additional responsibilities at this time. If at any future time, I have an article which I think will fit into your magazine, I shall be very pleased to send it to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

November 19, 1934.

The Jewish Independent Publishing Co.,
731 Bolivar Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of
Rabbi Silver from ~~which~~ you may make a cut.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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PITTSBURGH, PA.

November 9, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Next month will mark my twenty-fifth anniversary as owner and publisher of The Jewish Criterion in Pittsburgh. During a great many of those years I have enjoyed your friendship, as well as your interested cooperation. For this reason and because I regard your opinion as that of one of American Jewry's outstanding figures, I should very much like to have from you some brief expression of your estimation of The Criterion's and my value. You know that it has always been my earnest desire - both through my paper and through my personal efforts - to further what is to the best interests of the Jewish people; and I hope that in some measure I have succeeded.

Since I am anxious to be able to publish your letter in our December Good Will issue, I should appreciate your replying as soon as possible. I know that you will want to join with me at least in spirit on the occasion of my anniversary.

Please accept my sincerest personal greetings.

Cordially yours,

DA/LH

November 14, 1934

Mr. David Alter,
Jewish Criterion,
Clark Building,
Liberty Ave. at Seventh Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Friend:

I have just learned that next month you will celebrate your twenty-fifth anniversary as owner and publisher of the Jewish Criterion and I hasten to extend to you my heartiest felicitations. For twenty years out of these twenty-five, I have been a reader of the Jewish Criterion. Much has happened in Jewish life and in world affairs in that time. But always and consistently your paper has stood steadily and undeviatingly for all that was fine, constructive and of abiding value. Your paper was never swept off its feet by a passing fad or by one of those emotional storms which, from time to time, sweep over the Jewish group. Your paper always spoke the strong and courageous word in behalf of the sanctities of Jewish life, the eternal values of our great faith and the noble traditions of our race. You encouraged the development of the philanthropic institutions in your own city and you assisted effectively in the larger national and international Jewish causes.

A quarter of a century of such service should give any man a sense of gratification. I am persuaded, however, that you will not be content to rest upon your past laurels. The Jewish Criterion, I am sure, means to move on to ever larger fields of service and usefulness.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Boston Evening Transcript

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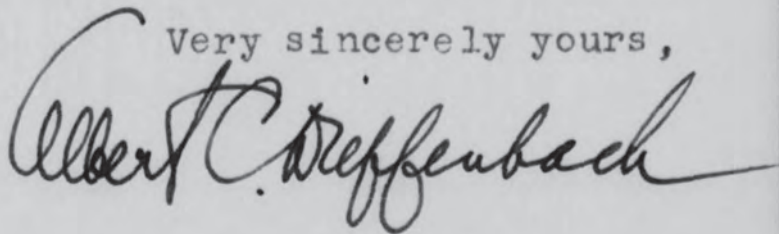
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

In preparation for the Easter issue, Saturday, April 20, we are much interested in the statement of one of our distinguished preachers who says that people have been so "preoccupied with the terrible struggle for subsistence and the improvement of the economic system" that interest in the "great spiritual subjects has practically vanished."

Will you please tell our readers, in about 300 words, if this is true especially with reference to immortality? Will Easter be less significant this year? Or will it mean more than it ever meant? Your comment will be greatly appreciated, and will you kindly send your Ms. by Tuesday, April 16?

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Albert C. Dieffenbach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "A" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Albert C. Dieffenbach

April 16, 1935.

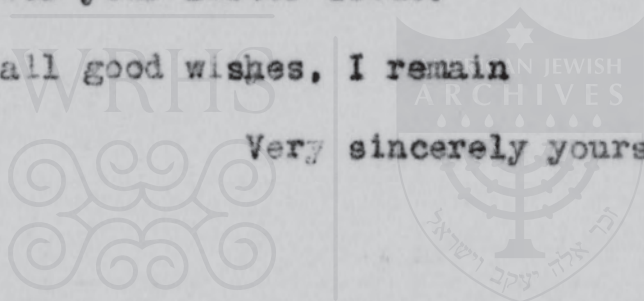
Dr. Albert C. Dieffenbach,
Boston Transcript,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Dieffenbach:

I hope that the enclosed statement will not
arrive too late for your Easter issue.

With all good wishes, I remain
Very sincerely yours,

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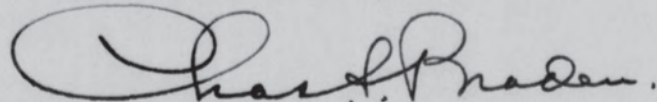
Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret very much indeed your inability to participate in my symposium on "The Goal of Religion." I so much appreciated your book "Religion in a Changing World" that I thought immediately of you when this project occurred to me.

Everyone who has heard of the plan of the book seems to be much interested in it. I look for it to have a rather wide circulation and am certain that it will be a valuable landmark in the field of the history of religion in America.

Regretfully yours,



Charles S. Braden

CSB/hs

November 7, 1934.

Dr. Charles S. Braden,
Department of History and Literature of Religions,
College of Liberal Arts,
Northwestern University,
Evanston, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Braden:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 26th, and for the invitation which you extend to me to contribute a chapter to a book which you are editing under the title "The Goal of Religion."

I appreciate the honor of your invitation and I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately this season will be an unusually crowded one for me and I have not been entirely well. My congregational duties are many. For part of the year I shall be without an assistant for my present assistant is leaving me by the first of the year. Furthermore, I have already committed myself to a number of other tasks which will consume considerable time.

The project of your book is a very interesting one and I shall look forward to its publication with real anticipation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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October 26, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have arranged with Willet Clark and Company, Chicago, the publication of a book which we shall probably call "The Goal of Religion", to which a group of prominent religious leaders like yourself are being asked to contribute. It is hoped by this means to represent a cross-section of the thinking in present day America with reference to probably the most fundamental question which can be asked regarding religion, namely: what is it basically that religion has to offer men? The general background and purpose of the book is expressed at some length on a separate sheet herewith enclosed. This with some modifications doubtless will form the foreword of the book.

In order that a certain degree of uniformity may be registered in the various chapters and that they may be in some measure at least comparable, I enclose a sheet of questions and suggestions which each contributor is asked to make use of in preparing his chapter. You are not asked, however, to follow it slavishly in one, two, three order, but only to be sure that in your own way at least the questions be answered in the course of the chapter. Indeed it is highly desirable that stereotyped uniformity be avoided. This, you will know well enough how to do. Unfortunately the space allowable to each contributor is limited. Since the book ought not to exceed about three hundred pages and since there are to be sixteen writers the chapters ought to average around four thousand words. This limit will, of course, call for a considerable degree of condensation of your thought, but I believe within that limitation you can make clear your basic position on these matters.

The whole plan of the book has been agreed upon by the publishers and publication is assured if the cooperation of the proposed list of contributors is secured. I have acceptances from Dr. Ernest F. Tittle, Evanston, and Dr. Edward S. Ames of the University of Chicago. Others who are being asked to contribute take equally high rank with these. The financial returns from such a book are not apt to be great, though a proportional sharing of the royalties may bring something. It is to be clearly understood, however, that the reward for this labor will be chiefly in the satisfaction that comes from representing a point of view to a group (we hope a large one) of intelligent people who are asking some very fundamental questions of religion just now. With the Willet Clark and Company imprint, a wide circulation is practically assured.

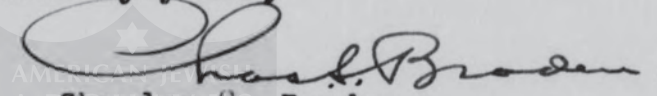
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If for any reason you find it impossible to collaborate in this symposium, please let me know as soon as possible. The book is to be an early fall publication. If you do find it possible to contribute a chapter, it will be necessary to get it to me by April 1. I made bold to suggest that you could probably make use of the questions as the basis of a lecture or sermon and thus get its preparation into your regular work budget.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to have a part in this which the publishers agree with me in thinking ought to prove a significant and salable book.

As a means of identifying myself to you I take the liberty of enclosing a circular issued by The MacMillan Company in connection with my recent book "Modern Tendencies in World Religions". The back page gives some information about the writer.

Sincerely yours,


Charles S. Braden

P.S. As editor I shall probably add a brief final chapter in which I shall make some general observations as to the range of ideas expressed, not from a partisan standpoint but as an objective historian of religions. A copy of the chapter will be submitted to each contributor for his criticism and approval before publication.

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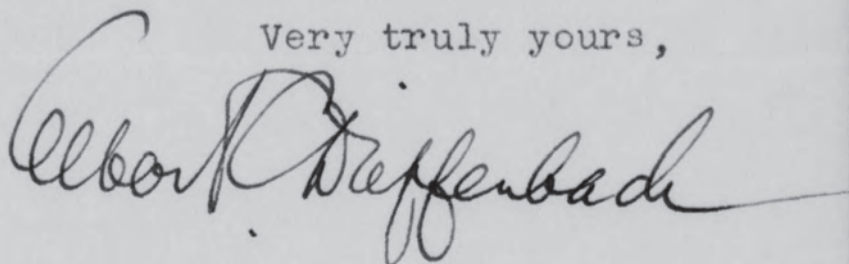
April 23, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thank you sincerely for your vital contribution to our symposium on "These Times and Immortality." Very many persons have commented upon the value of such a present question and the pertinence of the replies by distinguished religious leaders.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Albert C. Dieffenbach". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Albert C. Dieffenbach

September 7, 1934.

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Editor,
American Hebrew,
215 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I received your telegram of September 7th
and I am enclosing herewith a tribute to Mr. Louis
Marshall.

With all good wishes for a very happy new
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January 29, 1936

Mr. S. Solodar, Editor,
Derenu,
436 South Central Park Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Solodar:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and your gracious invitation to contribute an article to the excellent Hebrew monthly which you edit. It is many many years since I have written Hebrew for publication and I would not attempt it at this time.

You are publishing a very attractive magazine and I hope that you will be successful in increasing its circulation. Please put The Temple Library on your mailing list and send us a bill for a year's subscription. Please also enclose a bill for the volumes which you sent me.

I shall try to interest some people locally in your magazine. With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours.

AHS:BK

April 6, 1936

Miss Gertrude Hirz,
Jewish Review and Observer,
310 Lakeside,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Hirz:

I am enclosing herewith Rabbi Silver's
"Passover Message" as per your request.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You, I am sure, recall the interview you gave me last June in Atlantic City during the Zionist Convention. It was published in our cooperative paper, a copy of which you will find enclosed.

May I at this opportunity tell you that I have followed your appearances in Lucerne very closely, and may I also say that they have "met always with my approval." Particularly, I am satisfied with your attitude towards the so-called transfer treaty with Germany.

There is, however, another reason for my disturbing you, and this is --- we would like to have a contribution (not in money) from Rabbi Silver in the form of an article on any subject you may choose. We are a cooperative group, and knowing your radical views, we are only too glad to give you the freedom of the press, at least of The Jewish World in Philadelphia.

I hope that you, Mrs. Silver, and the rest of the family are all in good health and with wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain,

Cordially yours,

M. Rothenstein

P.S. Should Rabbi Silver desire to offer his valuable and generous spiritual creations from time to time, our doors and columns are wide open.

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March 19, 1936

The Temple
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Gentlemen:-

On April 3rd, the Jewish Independent will Celebrate its 30th Anniversary. Many business institutions are demonstrating their admiration for our publication by inserting congratulatory messages.

We are devoting several pages to congregations, clubs, fraternities, and societies in alphabetical order. Space, three columns by five inches, is charged at Twenty-five Dollars. Enclosed herewith is an order blank with space on lower half for your copy.

In view of the fact that we have cooperated with you for a number of years in the matter of publicity, we believe that the occasion has now arisen wherein you can show your appreciation.

Your cooperation and prompt return of enclosed order, properly signed, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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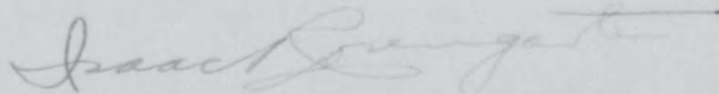
My dear Rabbi Silver:

May we take the pleasure of informing you that THE JEWISH FORUM, which has been in existence for eighteen years, is being re-organized and will be managed by Dr. Dimitri Marianoff, son-in-law of Professor Albert Einstein. Among the new associates on the Board of Editors is also Dr. Rudolf Kayser, former Editor of the "Neue Rundschau" of Berlin.

Dr. Marianoff takes over his duties with the publication of the next issue. Many of the world's outstanding authors and writers have promised to participate in making this monthly magazine one of the great literary periodicals. This magazine will serve as a medium of expression for the thinking Jew and Jewess, young and old.

We hope that you will cooperate with us by taking this occasion to send a word of greeting to Dr. Marianoff and his associates upon assuming charge of the new JEWISH FORUM. Will you find it convenient to do so on or before May 1st?

Yours very truly



Isaac Rosengarten
EDITOR

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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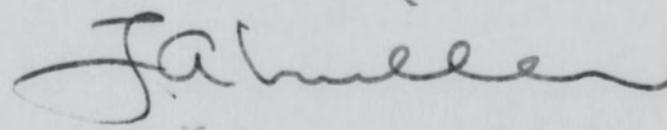
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Again, with the approach of the
Rosh Hashana holidays, we are planning to issue
our annual special edition.

We are therefore taking the liberty
of calling on you for your annual New Year message
which is always received with great pleasure by our
readers.

Assuring you of our appreciation of
your past favors and with best wishes, we beg to
remain, gratefully yours,

Yours very truly,
THE JEWISH TIMES


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July 8, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In a recent issue of the JEWISH TIMES, during my absence from the city, an editorial appeared which certainly would not have been published would I have been here.

This was only called to my attention when we wrote you for your annual Rosh Hashono message. I can appreciate how you felt when you read this editorial and want to assure you that I regret this matter very much. Please accept my apology.

My expression to you, I hope, will be received favorably, as I do want our friendship to remain on the same basis as heretofore.

Trusting you will pardon the oversight and that you will be good enough to favor us with your contributions in the future, we gratefully remain

Yours very truly,
THE JEWISH TIMES

Mgr.

Jam:f

September 24, 1935

Mr. J. A. Miller, Manager,
The Jewish Times,
306 N. Charles Street,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Miller:

Your letter of July 8 reached my office during my absence abroad. I have just returned from Europe and I was pleased to read your communication. I suspected that some oversight must have taken place in your editorial office. I know that many of the editorials appearing in Jewish periodicals are syndicated from the New York office and that the editor of the New York syndicate has been particularly hostile to me. He has strong personal likes and dislikes which frequently evidence themselves in his editorials.

Let me assure you that my sentiments of friendship and good will toward you and your paper remain unchanged. With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

CHRISTENDOM

A Quarterly Review

Edited by
CHARLES CLAYTON MORRISON

Published by
WILLETT, CLARK & COMPANY
440 South Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

February 27, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Would you not like to review for the next issue of Christendom the following books if we send you copies and allow you 1500 words in which to deal with them?

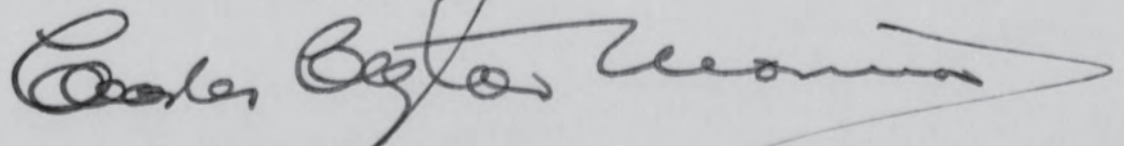
Judaism in Transition by Mordecai Kaplan
The Jew of Rome by Lion Feuchtwanger
Rebirth: A Book of Modern Jewish Thought

I am assuming that you have some acquaintance with Christendom, two issues of which have already appeared, and that it is not necessary for me to explain the general manner in which such a review is to be handled. Christendom has already achieved the most significant constituency both in numbers and leadership of any quarterly published on either side of the water.

We want your review by March 20. We can send you the books immediately on receipt of a line from you saying that we can count on you for this cooperative help. There will be no pay.

Please let me hear from you if possible by return mail.

Very sincerely yours,



Editor, Christendom

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February 28, 1936

Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, Editor,
Christendom,
440 South Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Morrison:

Thank you for your letter of February 27.
I wish I were free to comply with your request to
review the three books which you mention for "Christendom".
I am sorry that the pressure upon me at the present time
makes it quite impossible for me to devote time to the
reading of these three books and to writing a review of
them. I have numerous out of town lecture engagements
for the next few months in connection with various
relief campaigns and other causes.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of
service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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NEW YORK, N. Y.
Oct. 8, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would very greatly appreciate if you could let us have an article or statement about your impressions in Europe, particularly on the Zionist Congress and the Agency meeting. You will recall that you promised to contribute, not a weekly column, but from time to time, and I would be very much obliged if you could see your way clear to comply with this request.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Landau
JACOB LANDAU,
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NEW YORK, N. Y.

Sept. 24, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I am sending airmail today to the Jewish Welfare Federation.

It would be most helpful to us at this time if you could urge the committee to send us the remainder of the allotment, \$250.00, as we are sorely pressed.

Mr. Landau returns today, but will need a few weeks to get straightened out, and in the meantime we need all the aid we can get.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ida Landau
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OPINION

A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters

122 EAST 42nd STREET

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Office of the Publisher

March 14, 1936

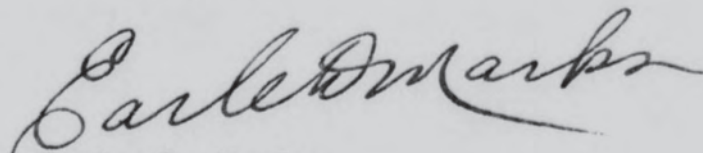
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I know that you will be deeply interested to learn that beginning with the April (Passover) issue, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi of the Free Synagogue and President of the American Jewish Congress, will assume the editorship of OPINION - A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters.

The editorial policy of the magazine will continue to demand Jewish rights and uphold Jewish ideals; to present accurately and without partisanship news of importance to the American Jew; to interpret the Jew to the non-Jewish world and the non-Jewish world to the Jew.

We plan to publish, in the Passover issue of the magazine, a number of comments from leaders in American and Jewish life on Dr. Wise's assumption of the editorship of OPINION. I should deeply appreciate your personal expression on this subject, and your continuing interest in this significant development to the American Jewish community.

Cordially yours



Earle D. Marks

Rabbi Abba Hiller Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

March 18, 1936

Mr. Earle D. Marks,
Opinion,
122 East 42nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Marks:

I was very happy to read the announcement that beginning with the Passover issue, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise will take over the editorship of Opinion. Let me congratulate you most heartily on the distinction which thus comes to your periodical. Most Jewish periodicals in America are headless and spineless. Nobody seems to edit them and no one particularly "gives a damn". Dr. Wise will give your Paper both the gifts of mind and of courage. Under his leadership Opinion may become a forceful instrumentality for molding Jewish opinion and for guiding national action.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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July 9th, 1935.

Dear Mr. Silver,

I wish to draw your attention to the forthcoming publication of the special Jewish New Year (5696) Annual of the "Zionist Record". The issue will contain a large number of special messages and contributions from the pen of the greatest in world Jewry.

I desire to invite you cordially to send for publication a special article from your pen. This action on your part will be very deeply appreciated by the Jewish community in this country. As this Annual is a festive issue, I would appreciate if you would kindly eschew any subject of controversial political texture.

As we are already going to press on certain sections of this enlarged and illustrated issue, we would appreciate if you would send us your manuscript without delay and see that same is forwarded to us per airmail postage.

With Zion's greetings,
Yours faithfully,

EDITOR.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street,
CLEVELAND. U.S.A.

July 26, 1935.

D. D. Arnold, Editor,
The Zionist Record,
Progress Buildings,
Corner Commissioner and Von Weilligh Streets,
Johannesburgh, South Africa.

My dear Mr. Arnold:

In reply to your letter of July 9, permit me to state that Rabbi Silver is abroad on his vacation and will be gone until the middle of September. It would, therefore, be impossible to get a New Year's message to you in ample time for publication this year. Perhaps at some future time Rabbi Silver may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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April 20, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Temple of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

May I ask you to be good enough to let me have a transcript of the speech which you made before the University of Chattanooga, and which I would like to publish in the monthly magazine "Brith Abraham", which is issued by the Independent Order of Brith Abraham, and of which I enclose a copy of the April issue.

Thanking you for giving this your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Max F. Wolff'.

Max F. Wolff

MFV:SK

April 24, 1936

Mr. Max F. Wolff,
Curtis-Johnson, Inc.,
49 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wolff:

We have no transcript of the address
which Rabbi Silver delivered at the University
of Chattanooga. The address was made from notes.
We regret that we cannot be of service to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

WORLD ORDER

A MONTHLY MAGAZINE

Editorial Office

119 Waverly Place, New York

June 2, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As the international problems come to a climax, I feel sure that you have given careful thought to some aspect of the situation which would make a very interesting and helpful article for our readers. We will welcome greatly any contribution you care to send.

Among the subjects we would particularly like to deal with are: The promotion of Inter-American amity; New developments in education which respond to the needs of the time; Recovery of ethical values; Proposed measures to solve the race question; Constitutional and cultural foundations for world order; A spiritual program for cooperation between Orient and Occident; Constructive movements and plans for world peace.

In making this request for your help in developing World Order Magazine I am pleased to let you know that a few back numbers of World Unity are still on hand, and if you lack any copies containing your contributions, we will send them to you with our compliments provided those numbers are still available. I might also add that the distribution of World Order is more than double the subscription list of World Unity.

Hoping to receive a manuscript before July first,

Yours sincerely,

Horace Holley

May 28, 1936

Samuel M. Schmidt, Editor,
Every Friday,
American Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Schmidt:

When I was in Cincinnati, I gave you the manuscript of the Baccalaureate Address which I delivered at the Hebrew Union College. Please return it to me via Special Delivery.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

House of Israel Congregation

FIRST STREET
WARREN, OHIO

LEON STISKIN
RABBI

June 3rd, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

The burning question among Zionists today is how to solve the Arab-Jewish problem in Palestine. The recent disturbances in Jaffa and other parts of the country have not come as a rude shock. The atmosphere in Palestine has been heavy with tension for some time. Many leading historians are of the opinion that there is a vigorous Pan-Arab movement afoot which may eventually prove disastrous to the upbuilding of Palestine as a Jewish National Homeland.

For many years I have been interested and have written many articles on this subject in various newspapers and magazines. I am now turning to seventeen leading Zionists in this country to take part in a symposium, "How to Solve the Arab-Jewish Problem", which I hope to publish in book form during the early part of next month. As one who has given much thought to Zionism and has a definite share in the upbuilding of our Homeland, I am inviting you to participate in this symposium and to formulate your frank solution to this vexing problem. What can be done to restore peace in Palestine? What means should the Zionist Organization employ to bring about a better understanding between Arab and Jew? What should be our attitude toward the British submissive policy in Palestine?

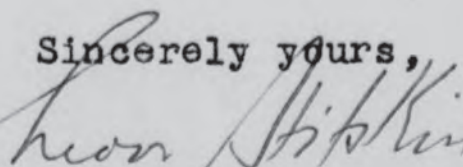
The rank and file of Jewry has been asking for years what our leaders have to say about this matter. I am hoping that my book will furnish the opportunity for frank discussion on this subject by some of our distinguished Zionist thinkers and leaders.

May I ask you to please limit your essay to five hundred words? I should also appreciate hearing from you as to whether I may have your article by the 25th of this month. For your convenience I am enclosing a post card which I hope you will mail back to me as early as possible.

With many thanks for your courtesy,

I am,

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Leon Stitskin

DL:LS

June 5, 1936

Rabbi Leon Stitskin,
House of Israel Congregation,
First Street,
Warren, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Stitskin:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 3.
I am afraid that I will not be able to contribute
an article for your symposium. I am making final
arrangements to leave for Europe with my family and
I am terribly crowded for time. I must also keep
a few out of town engagements in the next two weeks.
Hence my inability to comply with your request.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 1, 1936

Miss Daisy Rubinstein,
Jewish Review and Observer,
310 Lakeside Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rubinstein:

Enclosed is the statement which Rabbi Silver has prepared for you. I am enclosing, also, the New Year greeting which you requested.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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July 24th, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Review and Observer intends to issue an elaborate New Year Edition on September 17th. In this edition, we plan to publish New Year Messages from local rabbis and from various Jewish communal leaders.

With conditions in world Jewry as they are at present, we feel sure that you have a vital message for Cleveland Jewry.

Will you kindly forward to us your New Year Message as soon as it is conveniently possible. Our forms close on August 30th, so we trust that your message will be here before that date.

Assuring you of our appreciation, we are

Very sincerely yours,

THE JEWISH REVIEW AND OBSERVER

BY

Daisy Rubinstein
Editor

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CHRISTENDOM

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April 22, 1936

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have agreed during Dr. Morrison's absence in Europe to undertake the preparation of the section on Contemporary Books for the summer number of Christendom. My mind at once turned to you as just the person to gather together in review the following books:

Baker, Hayes and Straus: "The American Way" (Willet,
Clark)
Silcox and Fisher: "Catholics, Jews and Protestants"
(Harper)
E. R. Clinchy: "All In The Name of God" (John Day)

I assume that you have some acquaintance with Christendom and recognize that the movement represented by these books is one of the important things which Christendom must interpret to the leadership and scholarship of the Jewish and Christian communities, among which it already has so wide a circulation.

I want the review by June 1 and can allow you 900 words for it. There will be no pay. The books will be sent on receipt of a line from you saying that we can count on you for this cooperative help.

I am

Faithfully yours,

Arthur Cushman McGiffert

McG:K

April 24, 1936

Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr.,
Christendom,
440 South Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. McGiffert:

I wish I were free to comply with your request and review the books indicated in your letter for Christendom. Unfortunately, I shall be unusually busy in the next few months and I shall not have time to read these books and to review them. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Argument

205 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

A TIMELY MAGAZINE OF DISCUSSION

October 25th, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We have noticed your interesting statements on the Jewish question and developments in Palestine and know that your views would be most interesting to our readers. Won't you kindly summarize your thoughts for us, in a 400 to 500 word letter, for publication in ARGUMENT?

ARGUMENT is a new idea in the magazine world - a magazine written and run by its readers - consisting wholly of letters from readers with authoritative comments by well-known men and women. The first issue will appear shortly. Its pages will be an open forum for frank discussions of every kind, and lively debates will be encouraged between readers of every class, on all subjects.

We hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you shortly and know the resulting discussions will be most enlightening.

Very truly yours,

ARGUMENT

The Editor.

June 23, 1937

Mr. Leo Weidenthal, Editor,
The Jewish Independent,
Film Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weidenthal:

I have been asked for copies of the enclosed broadcast which I made on the occasion of the Jewish War Veterans and I thought that you may be interested in publishing it and thereby also saving me the necessity of sending copies to those who have requested it. The matter, itself, is, of course, of sufficient importance to warrant widespread publicity.

I am leaving with my family next Wednesday for Europe, sailing on the Normandie. I wish you a very pleasant summer.

Very cordially yours,

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October 22, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are acquainted with the Young Judaeon Magazine and the fact that it is the outstanding Jewish juvenile periodical in this country. We are now making efforts to extend its circulation and usefulness, and in this connection are issuing a small leaflet with commendations from leading Jewish educators.

We would be pleased to have a short paragraph of commendation from you that we could include in this leaflet. I trust you will favor us in this regard and will appreciate an early response.

Yours very truly,

THE YOUNG JUDAEAN

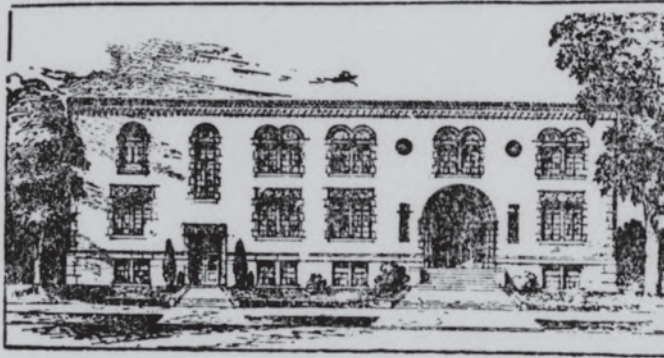
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June 28, 1937

Rabbi A.H. Silver
The Temple
Ancel Road & E. 105 St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You may be interested to know that you have many friends in Akron who would be very happy to receive a New Year's greeting from you during the High Holy Days. The Akron Jewish Center is now preparing to publish its annual Year Book which reaches all the Jewish people in Akron and vicinity on Rosh Hashonoh.

This Year Book goes to press by August first. If you could possibly send us a message of greeting together with a photograph of yourself by then we would appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

Cyril Slesnick,
Executive Director.

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Myer Wise

July 20, 1937

Rabbi A.H. Silver
The Temple
Ancel Road & E. 105 St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

On the 28th of June we wrote to you explaining that the Akron Jewish Center is preparing to publish its Holiday Edition of the Akron Center News. This Year Book reaches all the Jewish families in our community and carries greetings from not only the members of the Jewish community but from their many friends as well.

We feel that our Year Book would not be complete unless it contained a message of greeting from you to the Jewish community of Akron and vicinity.

As our Book goes to press next week we would appreciate having your message reach us in time to be included in this Year Book.

Respectfully yours,

Cyril Slesnick
Cyril Slesnick,
Executive Director.

July 21, 1937

Cyril Slesnick, Executive Director,
The Akron Jewish Center,
220 South Balch Street,
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Slesnick:

In reply to your letter of July 20, permit me to state that your request for a New Year Greeting from Rabbi Silver arrived after Rabbi Silver's departure for Europe where he is spending the summer. I did forward your letter to him but as yet have received no New Year's Greeting. Should it come in by next week, I shall be pleased to send it on to you. If not, we'll have to let it go for another year.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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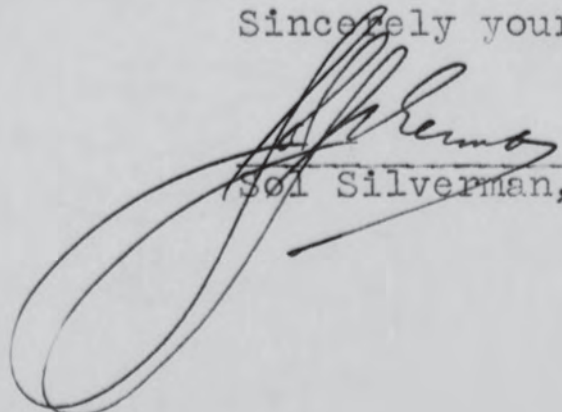
Dear Doctor Silver:

I read with keen interest some of your remarks at the New Orleans convention. I was particularly concerned with your observation that the function of the rabbi was not to fight anti-semitism but rather to help establish a social order which would have for its foundations principles of brotherhood, equality and justice. I was interested in the implications of that statement. I gathered from it that you meant that it was the peculiar province of a spiritual leader to build a society which was so constituted that it would prevent rather than call for a combat or racial friction.

We, on the west coast, are very much interested in that subject and I know that our thousands of readers will be happy to have a message from you on this subject, which I would like to publish in the Passover number of the Emanu-el and Jewish Journal.

Would you indicate in your manuscript in just what manner the rabbi can help to develop the higher social order to which you allude? Hoping to be honored by your manuscript in any length you desire on or before March 1st, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Sol Silverman, editor.

MAX SILVERSTEIN
Grand Master

MAX L. HOLLANDER
Grand Secretary



Independent Order Brith Abraham

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March 16th, 1937.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your favor of the 12th inst., enclosing an article to be published in our Golden Jubilee Book, received, for which please accept my sincere thanks.

As soon as we receive the first proof from the printer, I shall send it to you for your approval.

I have read the article with a great deal of pleasure. It will be read, I am sure, by an appreciative and grateful people.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, Golden Jubilee Com.

LS:CS

March 12, 1937

Leon Sanders, Chairman Golden Jubilee Committee,
Independent Order Brith Abraham,
37 Seventh Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Sanders:

I am enclosing herewith a short article which
you requested for the volume which your organization
is publishing in connection with its Golden Jubilee.
I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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MAX SILVERSTEIN
Grand Master

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Grand Secretary



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March 1st, 1937.

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On January 15th, 1937, I wrote to you, asking you to be kind enough to write an article to be published in the Golden Jubilee Book of the Independent Order Brith Abraham.

To this date I have not received a reply.

As we are about prepared to go to press, I would like to know whether we can expect a favorable reply.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Leon Sanders

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Chairman, Golden Jubilee Committee.

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Rabbi A. Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Independent Order Brith Abraham, the largest Jewish Fraternal Order in the world, having its lodges and members located in every part of the United States, will on June 6th, 7th and 8th, 1937, respectively, celebrate in New York City and in other parts of the United States where its lodges are situated, its Fiftieth Anniversary.

In connection with such celebration there will be issued a leather bound souvenir book, which will contain the history and accomplishments of the Order since its organization and a record of the things accomplished in the arts, sciences, discoveries, inventions and other phases of human life, which has benefited humanity and has brought civilization to its highest peak in the last fifty years.

We are asking men like yourself, who are recognized as standing highest in their particular profession, to write an article, showing what Jews have accomplished in their particular line of endeavor for the betterment of mankind in the last fifty years.

This book is intended to be an answer to the attacks made upon the Jewish people in Germany, Poland and other countries where anti-semitism seeks to create the impression that the Jews are a dangerous element and a liability to any country in which they live.

We intend not only to disprove by this book the foul charges made against us, but at the same time, prove that the Jews have been not only an asset to the people in the country in which they live, but a benefit to humanity the world over.

I know that you are a very busy man and that your time is usefully occupied, nevertheless, I must ask you to spare a little of your time and write an article, briefly

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stating what the Jewish Ministry and the great men in it have done for the enlightenment of the world and to foster the belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men within those last fifty years. Copies of this book will be sent to every public library in the United States and everywhere where the same will produce the greatest amount of good to the cause that we represent.

If you will be good enough to send us your manuscript, a copy of the same, after being printed and before insertion in the book, will be forwarded to you for correction and changes, if you so desire it. This book will go to press no later than April 1st, 1937. Will you be kind enough to let me know at your earliest convenience whether you are willing to comply with our request.

Thanking you in advance, I am with very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

LS:CS

Chairman, Golden Jubilee Committee.

March 4, 1937

Mr. Leon Sanders, Chairman, Golden Jubilee Committee,
Independent Order Brith Abraham,
37 Seventh Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Sanders:

Let me thank you for your kind letter
of March 1. I have been extremely busy but I
shall try to send you an article for your Golden
Jubilee publication within the next ten days.

Very cordially yours,

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June 21, 1937

Mr. Louis Rittenberg, Editor,
The American Hebrew,
48 West 48th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:

I thought that you might be interested in
the enclosed statement in reply to the Rev. Dr. E. A.
Freking which I broadcast last evening on the occasion
of the State Convention of the Jewish War Veterans
of Ohio.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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August 11, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Congregation Beth Israel of Hartford, of which our editor, Abraham J. Feldman is rabbi, will dedicate its new Temple on Rosh Hashonah eve, September 16.

In honor of this event, the Jewish Ledger of Hartford will issue a special dedication issue. In connection, therewith, we should like to publish a statement of greeting from you if you will be so kind as to give us one.

We ought to have it by August 22. Appreciating your kindness, we are,

Sincerely yours,

THE HARTFORD JEWISH LEDGER

Frank Dubinsky
Frank Dubinsky
Managing Editor

August 18, 1936

Frank Dubinsky, Managing Editor,
The Jewish Ledger,
206 State Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Dubinsky:

On returning from my vacation, I found your letter requesting a statement of greeting from Rabbi Silver for the special dedication issue of the Jewish Ledger. I regret that it will not be possible for Rabbi Silver to send one to you. He has been spending the summer in Europe and is not expected back until the early part of September. Perhaps at some future ^{time} he may be able to be of service to you.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

September 1, 1936

The Jewish Independent Publishing Co.,
Film Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is Rabbi Silver's
New Year Message which you requested.

BJK
Enc.

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Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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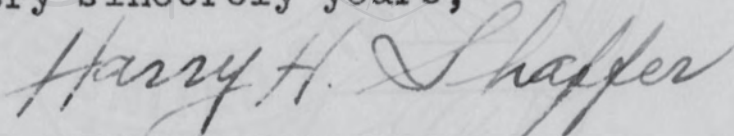
November 25, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Earlier today I wrote to you requesting you to prepare an article for our December issue of "The Jewish Veteran". I now find that, due to a stenographic error, my letter asks for an article "between twelve and fifteen words". This should be "between twelve and fifteen hundred words".

Very sincerely yours,



HARRY H. SCHAFFER
Commander-in-Chief,
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Nov. 25, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I am wondering whether it would be imposing on you too much to ask you to prepare an article for our December issue of "The Jewish Veteran".

The subject could be any that you desire, and the article should be between twelve and fifteen words. Perhaps you might care to write on what the Jewish War Veterans can do to aid our Jewish people in this country, or perhaps you prefer to write an article on the significance of Chanukah. However, I leave the subject entirely up to you, as I know that anything you will write will be of great interest to all of the comrades throughout the country.

During my administration as Commander-in-chief, I am trying to make our monthly magazine an instrument for the furthering of our organization, and in order to accomplish that, we are striving to obtain articles of interest, written by nationally known figures; for instance, during this coming month Senator Copeland is writing a special article for us with reference to his recent trip to Palestine. David Brown is also writing an article for us.

I trust that you will be able to write this article for us, and would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, as I am reserving space meanwhile. The magazine will not go to press until December 7th, and the article should be mailed to Louis Falk, Editor-in-chief of The Jewish Veteran, 16 Hudson Place, Hoboken, N.J.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry H. Schaffer

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March 8, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On March 26, the California Jewish Voice is celebrating its Fifteenth anniversary. For the past decade and a half we have served the Jewish community in every conceivable way.

I am sure that you are aware of the important part the California Jewish Voice has taken in the stimulation of local Jewish life, as well as its active participation in Jewish national and international enterprise--especially in the great task of upbuilding Palestine as a national homeland.

I would, therefore, appreciate from you a word of greeting on this occasion.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Max Rothenstein
Max Rothenstein

Editor



March 10, 1937

Max Rothenstein, Editor,
California Jewish Voice,
429 San Fernando Building,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Rothenstein:

I understand that the California Jewish Voice is about to celebrate its fifteenth anniversary. I should like to join your host of friends throughout the country in felicitating you upon this occasion.

I have been a constant reader of the California Jewish Voice ever since its publication and I have been greatly impressed with its vigor, its courage and its high devotion to the essential Jewish causes of modern times. Your Paper has championed the cause of Palestine. You have been a mouthpiece for all movements making for the protection of Jewish life throughout the world and for the enrichment of the content of Jewish community life. I congratulate you heartily and I wish you continued success.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 11, 1937

The Jewish Review and Observer,
310 Lakeside Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Attention: Miss Rubenstein

My dear Miss Rubenstein:

Enclosed herewith is Rabbi Silver's
Passover Message which you requested.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

*The***MODERN VIEW**

Printing and Publishing Company

5156 Delmar Boulevard

Saint Louis July 17, 1936.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I do not know whether you are cognizant of the fact that Temple Israel of this city is celebrating its 50th anniversary during October of this year. However, at that time, "The Modern View" will dedicate an issue to this particular celebration. Temple Israel's success throughout the years has been due a great deal, of course, to its rabbis - the late Drs. Rosentreter and Harrison and the present rabbi, Ferdinand M. Isserman. I was wondering if at this time you would care to send us a short statement of congratulations so that we might carry it in this special issue. I feel that such statements from those who occupy prominent pulpits will be quite in keeping with this special edition.

Trusting I will hear from you, beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

THE MODERN VIEW

Joe B. Cohn

Editor

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July 20, 1936

Joe B. Coh, Editor,
Modern View Printing and Publishing Co.
5156 Delmar Blvd.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Cohn:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 17. Rabbi Silver is spending the summer in Europe and will be gone until the early part of September. I shall, however, be happy to forward your letter to him.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

January 17, 1937

Mr. Edward H. Levi,
The Reform Advocate,
7 South Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Levi:

Your letter of January 13 arrived during Rabbi Silver's absence from the city. When he returns from New Orleans, the end of next week, I shall be happy to refer your letter to him.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105 th st. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

As you know, my father has been ill for the past three months and has been unable to write his editorials for the Reform Advocate. He is now convalescing, but is still unable to perform that task.

The Advocate has suggested that some of his friends and colleagues might be willing to contribute articles to occupy the editorial page during my father's convalescence. I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to write such an article to occupy the editorial page. I know that your message would be read with interest by the readers of the Advocate, and I further know that it would make my father very happy if you would consent to do this.

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. Levi
Edward H. Levi

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March 1, 1937

Miss Jean Ackerman,
Harvard Hall,
Athens, Ohio.

My dear Miss Ackerman:

Let me thank you for your kind note of February 13. I am sorry that I have delayed answering it but I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

I am enclosing herewith a thought which might prove acceptable to your group for their Lenten Booklet.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

Athens, Ohio

Feb, 13/37

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I am writing to you in behalf of the Y. W. C. A. of Ohio University. This year, for the first time, we are publishing a Lenten Booklet to be issued the week before Easter. It will be sent to all of our members and will contain a thought for each day of Holy Week. We are writing to seven ministers, asking each to contribute a thought for one day.

Would you be willing to assist us by writing a thought for one day? I realize that I am asking a favor

of a very busy man;
however, our group would
like very much to have
you represented in this
booklet.

I am enclosing a
self-addressed envelope.
May I hear from you
soon?

Sincerely yours,
Jean Ackerman.





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May 24, 1937

Joseph H. Biben, Publisher
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Without impugning the good intentions of Lord Melchett, whose mission in this country has received extensive support in our own columns, we feel that his zeal may be playing into the hands of those who would expel millions of Jews from their present habitat in Europe. We have particular reference to a statement the persuasive Briton made in the course of an address to a banquet tendered in his honor under the auspices of the United Palestine Appeal on Thursday evening, May 20th, in New York. He said, and unfortunately this statement is also being stressed in the releases by the U.P.A.:

"Palestine has a potential capacity for another 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 people and, if Transjordan be included, there is no reason to suppose that there is not room eventually for another 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 inhabitants in these territories, apart altogether from the industrial opportunities, to arise from so large a population. The possibilities, therefore, of transplanting 3,000,000 Jews from Europe to Palestine is by no means an idle dream but a practical proposition."

Many among those present at that dinner, who are lovers of Zion and at the same time acutely aware of the precarious situation of millions of our brethren in Poland, Roumania, Lithuania, Germany and elsewhere, must have been deeply pained at this utterance at a time when Poland and Germany have been openly advocating the expulsion of more than 3,000,000 Jews; at a time, moreover, when the very future of Palestine demands more rational and tactful procedure, especially before the issuance of the report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry and while fatal passions are still smoldering on soil but recently drenched with Jewish blood.

It seems to us that the sacred cause of Palestine, to which Jews of every shade of opinion may fervently dedicate themselves, has a strong enough appeal without the broadcasting of such provoking utterances as were expressed by Lord Melchett, who happens to be also Chairman of the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

We invite for immediate publication your reaction to what appears to us to be part of an important public appeal that must, in the long run, prove detrimental to that very appeal as well as to the present status of vast numbers of our harried brethren in many lands. The practical ideals of Palestine may be attained without aggravating the perils of our fellow Jews in and out of the Holy Land.

Faithfully yours,

Louis Rittenberg
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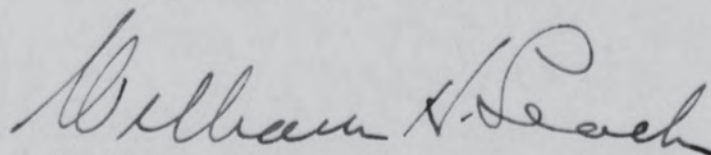
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Through an arrangement with the National Conference of Jews and Christians News Service, this office will act as a clearing house for Cleveland items which might offer possibilities for syndication. This news service goes generally to the religious press, and to a great many of the city dailies in the country which depend on it for the interpretation of the religious events in the changing world.

If, at any time, you are releasing statements in sermons, or otherwise, which deal with social or political questions of religious significance, I would appreciate advance copies for possible inclusion in this service. Unusual programs in these fields, and inter-faith movements, will also be of interest.

Please keep this in mind.

Very sincerely yours


William H. Leach, Editor

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