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CINCINNATI, OHIO

September 25, 1929.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Jewish People's Institute,  
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Dear Sir:-

In accordance with instructions of  
the Executive Committee, Constitution Grand  
Lodge, I.C.B.B., we have arranged to have a  
free subscription to the Jewish Daily Bulletin  
sent you. You will receive this publication  
for one year beginning October 1, 1929.

If you do not receive the Bulletin  
regularly, kindly notify our office and we  
shall take up the matter.

Sincerely yours,

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December 3, 1929.

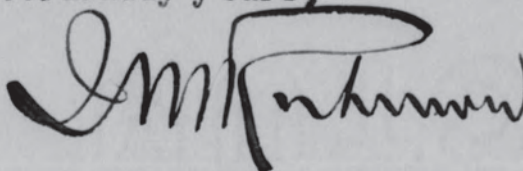
Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road & East 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Dr. Louis L. Mann, Acting National  
Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations,  
has asked me to advise the members of the Hillel  
Foundation Commission that the meeting which was  
postponed on account of his illness will now take  
place on Monday morning, December 16th at ten  
o'clock at the Standard Club, Chicago, Illinois.

I sincerely trust that you will be  
able to be present at this important meeting and  
hope to have your reply in the affirmative at your  
early convenience.

Cordially yours,



I. M. Rubinow  
Secretary.

IMR/SR



Dec. 9th, 1929.

I. M. Rubinow, Secretary,  
I. O. B. B.,  
Electric Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rubinow:-

I wish I were in a position to attend the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation meeting on December 16th at Chicago. I am, however, scheduled to address the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration of the National Child Labor Committee in New York on that same day. I trust that I may be able to be present at the next meeting.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the great work which you have undertaken, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION  
COMMISSION, HELD AT THE STANDARD CLUB, CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 16, 1929.

Pursuant to call by the Chairman, of which notice was given all the members, a meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission was held December 16, 1929 at the Standard Club, Chicago, Illinois beginning at ten-thirty o'clock A.M.

There were present: Alfred M. Cohen, Chairman; Dr. Louis L. Mann, Acting National Director; Rabbi Solomon Goldman, Isaac Kuhn, Philip Seman, Morris Waldman and Dr. I. M. Rubinow, Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting as transmitted to the members of the Commission were read by the Secretary and approved.

The Chairman of the Commission extended a welcome to the members present and officially informed them of the death since the last meeting of its well beloved Secretary, Dr. Boris D. Bogen, whose loss is felt as a personal bereavement by all who had relations with him.

The Chairman announced that Dr. I. M. Rubinow, successor to Dr. Bogen, was present and added that in the few weeks that Dr. Rubinow has had charge he has in a masterly way embraced the duties of his position.

Dr. Mann, Acting National Director, reported on various matters and action was taken on them as follows:

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation in the University of Texas at Austin will be opened for actual work immediately after January 1st. The Director of the Foundation is Rabbi Jacob Weinstein, a member of the last graduating class of the Hebrew Union College, who after being chosen to direct the Foundation accepted a call from the Temple at Austin to become its Rabbi. The salary of Rabbi Weinstein as Director will be \$3600. The congregation at Austin will pay \$3600. a year to the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission as compensation for services rendered by Rabbi Weinstein to the Congregation. Rabbi Weinstein entered upon the duties of his position with the congregation with the recent Fall Holy Days and has been doing work preliminary to the opening of the Foundation among the students at the University. In this work some money had to be expended and on the recommendation of the Acting National Director, \$500.00 had been appropriated therefor.

It was moved and carried that all of the foregoing recommendations with reference to the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Austin be approved.

It was moved and carried that the selection of quarters for the Austin Foundation and the furnishing and equipping thereof be referred to the Acting National Director with power to act.



Applications for increase in salary were received from:

a. Mr. Morris Sostrin whose salary beginning with January 1, 1930 was fixed at the rate of \$5000. a year.

b. Rabbi Solomon Landman. The application on motion duly carried was not granted.

c. Dr. A. L. Sachar whose salary beginning with January 1, 1930 was on motion duly made and carried fixed at the rate of \$8000. a year.

d. Dr. Lee J. Levinger whose salary beginning with January 1, 1930 was on motion duly made and carried fixed at the rate of \$7500. a year.

e. Rabbi Samuel H. Baron whose salary beginning with January 1, 1930 was fixed at the rate of \$1500. a year.

f. Mr. Bernard Selove, director of student activities of the West Virginia Foundation, whose salary was fixed at \$100. per month beginning September 1, 1929.

The following letter from Dr. A. L. Sachar, addressed to the Chairman, was read to the Commission:

"In line with our conversation last Sunday, I should like to present the matter of our building requirements for the consideration of the Commission.

"Our present lease which was signed in 1925 expires in September of 1930. We have been paying a rental of \$225. a month, or \$2700 a year. The present quarters were planned when the Foundation served approximately 300 students. Today there are 960 Jewish students on the Illinois campus. Our quarters are quite inadequate, not only for larger occasions, but for the ordinary ones as well. The place is very depressing looking, and students who are accustomed to nice homes and pleasant fraternities and sororities look upon the Foundation as a sort of settlement. It would increase the efficiency of our work, and it will enable us to accommodate with comfort all the students on every occasion, if we go into better quarters.

"We have two renting possibilities: On the corner of Sixth and Green Mr. Jerome Sholem and Mr. Walter Stern will put up a building for us twice as large on a ten year lease at a rent of \$350. a month, or \$4200. a year; our present landlords will put up a third story for us at a rental of \$450 a month. At a meeting of our local Trustees last month, when the entire matter was thoroughly discussed, it was unanimously agreed that the most farsighted plan would be to put up a modest building of our own. Mr. Kuhn is holding a location for us on Fourth and Daniel Streets, which is ideally situated. For a sum between \$60,000 and \$70,000 we could supply all of our needs, including expansion possibilities for the next 20 years.



"We already have pledges amounting to \$11,000. I count upon the local student body for \$3,000 and upon our local townspeople for \$6000 more, which will give us approximately \$20,000 with which to start the campaign. In line with your suggestion, we would limit ourselves to the alumni and the Dads of the students who have been here during the past seven years. There will, therefore, be no extensive campaign, which is likely to interfere with the needs of the Wider Scope. Pledges would be given with the condition that a sufficient amount is raised to proceed with a building. We will commit ourselves in nowise so that if we fall short of our expectations we shall have assumed no responsibility.

"We earnestly request that the Commission extend to us the authority to proceed immediately with this project. By February 1st we shall know whether we can count upon a building, and there will be time enough until March 1st to plan the actual building operations.

"Mr. Kuhn is planning to attend the Commission meeting, and he has a complete knowledge of our local situation and will, I am sure, present adequately all aspects of the situation."

After discussion it was moved and carried that Dr. Sachar be advised that if he secures pledges within the ranges named in his letter in the time limit set by him therein, in the aggregate of not less than \$40,000, the Commission will undertake to furnish the remainder of the amount within the limit set by him.

It was moved and duly carried that in view of the fact that Dr. Sachar is officiating as Rabbi of Congregation Sinai at Champaign, Illinois, the congregation be requested to contribute to the Commission \$1000.00 as compensation for the services of Dr. Sachar to the congregation.

Communications were received from Rabbi Isidor Hoffman, Director at the Cornell Foundation, stating that the Board of Directors of the Cornell United Religious work had unanimously voted to invite him to membership in the staff of the Cornell Religious Work to take charge of the Barnes Hall library, and that the Hillel Foundation had been invited to participate in the Cornell United Religious Work. It is proposed to change the name of the auspices under which work is done at Barnes Hall from Cornell University Christian Association to Cornell United Religious Work, and that there be two Jews upon the Board of Directors of control of the Association.

On motion duly made and carried the entire matter was referred to a committee consisting of the Acting National Director, the Chairman and Secretary of the Hillel Foundation Commission with power to act.

Communications were received from Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin and Mr. I. Irving Lipsitch of Los Angeles, California, requesting the establishment of a Hillel Foundation in connection with the University Religious Conference in what has been known as the Southern branch of the University of California and which is now known as the University of California at Los Angeles, where all groups except the Jewish group have their student advisors. There are approximately seven hundred Jewish students at this branch University.



On motion duly made and carried a committee composed of Messrs. Waldman, Seman and the Acting National Director was appointed to obtain further information on the subject.

Applications for the establishment of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations or extension Foundations in the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania and the University of Nebraska, were submitted.

On motion duly made and carried the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the applicants and say that at this time the Commission is not in a position to arrange for the establishment of additional Foundations.

A communication was received from Rabbi Solomon Landman, Director of the Wisconsin Foundation, requesting a check for \$125.00 for five hundred subscriptions to the Hillel Review. On motion duly made and carried the request was declined.

The subject of the weekly publications by the individual Foundations was brought up for discussion. After very full consideration it was moved and carried that it is the sense of the Commission that these weekly publications be discontinued at as early date or dates as may be practicable, and that the Directors of the Foundations be notified to that effect.

It was moved and duly carried that the editors of the B'nai B'rith Magazine be requested to devote space in the Magazine to be known as the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation section, if such be not inconsistent with the policies of the Magazine.

It was moved and duly carried that as far as possible the Forum engagements of the various Foundations be made through the Acting National Director.

A motion was made and duly carried that the Commission hold regular meetings on the fourth Mondays of February, May, October and December.

The Secretary presented budgets for the various Foundations. A motion was made and duly carried that these be referred to a committee consisting of the Chairman, Secretary and Acting National Director with power to act, having regard for such action as has heretofore been taken by the Commission.

No further business being presented, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.



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January 16, 1930.

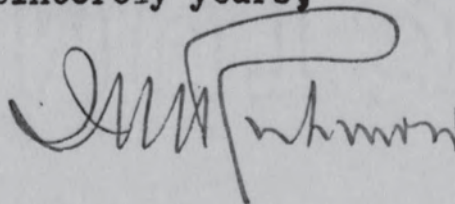
Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road & East 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is to advise you that the members of the  
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission have decided  
that the fourth Monday of February, May, October and  
December is agreeable to them as the meeting day for  
the Commission.

You will, therefore, kindly mark on your  
calendar the following dates: February 24th, May 26th,  
October 27th and December 29th. Due notice will be  
sent you as to the time and place of the meetings.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary.

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February 3, 1930.

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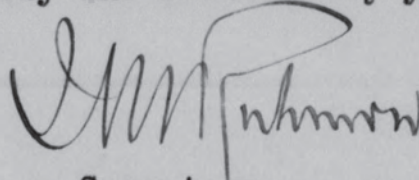
Rabbi Abba Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Rd. and East 105th,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

This is merely a reminder to set aside the date  
of Monday, February 24th for a meeting of the B'nai  
B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission. The meeting will  
be held in Chicago and I shall inform you later on as  
to the time and place of meeting.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

  
Secretary.



Feb. 4th, 1930

Dr. I. M. Rubinow,  
Ind. Order B'nai B'rith,  
Electric Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Rubinow:-

I regret very much that I shall not be able to attend the meeting of the Hillel Foundation Commission on Feb. 24th. I am scheduled to deliver an address in Newark on that day.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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February 7, 1930.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am extremely sorry to learn that you will not be able to be present at the next meeting of the Hillel Foundation Commission on February 24th. We missed you a great deal at the last session and the next meeting at which we will not have so much routine business to transact, there will be a very good opportunity to discuss some of the more fundamental problems confronting the Foundation.

In order to assure as good an attendance as possible, the Commission adopted the suggestion made by Rabbi Goldman that definite dates be set for four meetings throughout the year in the hope that the members will reserve those dates. I know full well that the entire country is clamoring for your time and that you very generously give of yourself to all important public causes, Jewish as well as non-Jewish. May I hope that you will place the dates of the remaining three meetings for the year 1930 on your calendar and reserve them for us because your counsel is very much needed. The dates are -- May 26th, October 27th, and December 29th.

Sincerely yours,

*L. M. Rubinow*  
Secretary.

IMR:S



LEWIS DRUCKER  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
818 GUARDIAN BUILDING  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

February 8th, 1930.

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

My dear Rabbi,

I received the telegram which was sent you by Herman Bernstein. As soon as I got word from you I communicated with Leo Weidenthal who wrote direct to Mr. Bernstein.

Will you please let us know what the charges are on your telegram so that you may be properly reimbursed.

May I at this time ask the privilege of inviting you to sit at the speaker's table on the night of the banquet, February 23rd, at 6:30 P.M., at Hotel Cleveland.

As soon as we learn when Herman Bernstein arrives we will advise you.

LD/L

Sincerely yours,

Lewis Drucker



Feb. 13th, 1930

Mr. Lewis Drucker,  
818 Guardian Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Drucker:-

Thanks for your letter of February 8th.  
I shall make every effort to be at the B'nai B'rith  
dinner on February 23d. But I am afraid that I shall  
come quite late.

It is just lately that it was brought  
to my attention that the High School of the Temple is  
meeting the High School of the Pittsburgh Temple in a  
debate in Mahler Hall that same evening. I shall there-  
fore have to divide my time between the two functions.  
I hope to get down to the Cleveland Hotel in time to  
hear Mr. Bernstein.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION  
COMMISSION, FEBRUARY 24, 1930, STANDARD CLUB  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Pursuant to call by the Chairman, of which notice was given to all the members, a meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission was held on February 24th (being the fourth Monday in February) at the Standard Club, Chicago, beginning at 10:30 A.M.

There were present, Alfred M. Cohen, Chairman; Dr. Louis L. Mann, Acting National Director; Rabbi Solomon Goldman; Rabbi James G. Heller; Isaac Kuhn; Morris D. Waldman; and I. M. Rubinow, Secretary.

1. The minutes of the last meeting as transmitted to the members of the Commission were read by the Secretary and approved.

2. The budgets of all the Foundations for the academic year 1930 as prepared by the Acting National Director and the Secretary, in accordance with the resolution of the preceding meeting of December 16, 1929, were presented to the Commission and approved. These budgets are as follows:

	Ill.	Wisc.	Ohio	Mich.	Cal.	Cornell	W.Va.	Texas
<b>A. Plant</b>								
a. Rent	\$2700.	3000.	2100.	1986.80	2400.		1800.	2100.
b. Janitor	725.	800.	350.	500.00	650.		384.	400.
c. Maintenance	700.	800.	500.	900.00	750.	50.	450.	400.
d. Rental of Halls								100.
e. Other Rents				300.00				
<b>Total of Plant</b>	<b>4125.</b>	<b>4600.</b>	<b>2950.</b>	<b>3686.80</b>	<b>3800.</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2634</b>	<b>3000.</b>
<b>B. Salaries</b>								
a. Director	8000.	6500.	7000.	5000.00	6000.	6000	1500.	3600.
b. Ass't Director	1200.		1800.		1500.		1000.	
c. Secretary	800.	1200.	500.	1300.00	500.	900	400.	450
d. Part Time Worker					175.			
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>10000.</b>	<b>7700.</b>	<b>9300.</b>	<b>6300.00</b>	<b>8175</b>	<b>6900.</b>	<b>2900.</b>	<b>4050.</b>
<b>C. Office</b>								
a. Office expenses	500.	500.	300.	200.00	200.	125.	150.	150
b. Library	200.	200.	100.	150.00	125.			200.
c. Magazines	75.	75.	75.	60.00	50.			40.
d. Travelling Exp.	150.	150.	100.	75.00			300.	150.
<b>Total Office Exp.</b>	<b>925.</b>	<b>925.</b>	<b>575.</b>	<b>485.00</b>	<b>375.</b>	<b>125.</b>	<b>450.</b>	<b>540.</b>



	Ill.	Wisc.	Ohio	Mich.	Cal.	Cornell	W.Va.	Texas
D. Activities								
1. a. Religious & Educational Ser.	400.		550.	800.	750.	885.	400.	250
b. Religious & Educational & Open Forum		1300.						
c. Open Forum	500.		350.	500.	300.	500.	500.	500.
d. Menorah	50.		150.		75.			75.
e. Avukah				100.	50.			
2. Publications & Publicity	500.	900.	600.	600.	500.	350.	500.	400.
3. Literary & Social, Etc.								
a. Social	400.	400.	400.	500.	400.		400.	350.
b. Dramatics	500.	400.	400.	300.	150.			200.
c. Student Council	75.	200.	225.	200.	200.	375.		75.
d. Social Welfare	75.	150.	100.	150.	150.		75.	50.
e. Athletics		50.	50.	100.				
f. Music	400.		400.	100.	200.			
g. Student Forum						365.		
Total for Activities	2900.	2400.	3225.	3350.	2775.	2475.	1875.	1900.
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET	17950	16625.	16050.	13821.	15125.	9550.	7859.	9490.

3. The following letter from Brother Charles Kline, Allentown, Pa. was presented to the Commission:

Hon. Alfred M. Cohen  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Brother Cohen:

I believe one of the finest contributions to Judaism is being made today by the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith through the establishment of Hillel Foundations at our leading colleges and Universities.

The future of Judaism is in the hands of our youth. Unless our sons and daughters are properly ground in the thorough knowledge of our faith, its beautiful traditions, its fine influences on our civilization, our faith must suffer.

In order to encourage the work of the Hillel Foundations, I take pleasure in offering a prize of \$100.00 to be awarded, through the Hillel Foundation Commission, in an essay contest open to all the Hillel Foundations in the country. Enclosed please find my check for the above amount.

This award is to be made under conditions which the Commission may deem advisable.

Fraternally yours,

Charles Kline (Signed)



Upon motion duly made and seconded it was resolved that Brother Kline's offer be accepted and the acting National Director was instructed to communicate with all Foundations and to work out the necessary conditions for this contest.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was resolved that this prize be awarded only in case the essays presented are of sufficiently high quality to merit the award.

4. A communication was presented from Judge Joseph L. Kun of Philadelphia suggesting that an appropriation be made for the Sigma Lambda Pi Fraternity, organized at Muhlenberg College, to provide them with current Jewish magazines.

The request was referred to the Wider Scope Committee.

5. A communication was presented from Rabbi Solomon Landman, Director of the Foundation at Madison, Wisconsin, requesting that the Commission approve preliminary arrangements entered into between him and the Postal authorities at Madison, Wisconsin for obtaining second class mailing privileges for the Hillel Review upon payment by the Commission of the amount of \$125. for 500 subscriptions for that publication.

Upon motion duly made and seconded this request was referred to the Secretary with power to act and with instructions to request Rabbi Landman to obtain from the Postal authorities at Madison, Wisconsin, a statement in writing as to the proper legal requirements for obtaining this privilege.

6. A communication was presented from Rabbi Max J. Merritt, Director of the Foundation at Berkeley, Cal., to the effect that he has been invited to join the Berkeley Rotary Club to which the heads of other Foundations at the University of California belong. The initiation fee is \$50.00 which he asked the Commission to bear, he to pay the annual dues and other expenses.

It was resolved that Rabbi Merritt be authorized to pay \$50.00 initiation fee out of the appropriate item in the budget for 1930. It was further resolved that it is the sense of the Commission that this should not be construed as establishing a precedent for payment by the Commission of any membership dues or club dues of the Directors of various Foundations.

7. A communication was presented from Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, Director of the Foundation at Austin, Texas saying that there seems to be some misunderstanding as to the proper procedure in sharing of payment by the community of Austin, Texas in the salary of the Director of the Foundation in return for his services as Rabbi to the local congregation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to pay Rabbi Weinstein's salary from the head office and the matter of adjustment of accounts between the head office and the community of Austin, Texas, be referred to the Acting National Director.

8. A request from Rabbi Weinstein for an increase of salary, after due consideration was declined.



9. A communication was presented from Pisgah Lodge No. 34, Detroit, Michigan, protesting against the holding of a debate between the Foundations of the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois, under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Club of Temple Beth El at that Temple in the City of Detroit, instead of in the B'nai B'rith building.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Pisgah Lodge and explain that in arranging for this debate the Director of the Foundation at Ann Arbor, Michigan was acting in accordance with the usual procedure, since it appears that the debate was held upon invitation of Temple Beth El.

10. A communication was presented from Rabbi Solomon Landman, Director of the Foundation at Madison, Wisconsin, inquiring whether the Foundation would participate in the summer school of Religion to be held at the University of Wisconsin, during the period of summer school at that University in the summer of 1930.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the communication of Rabbi Landman be answered in the negative.

11. Upon recommendation of Rabbi Solomon Landman and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the salary of Miss Beatrice Kasdin, Secretary of the Foundation at the University of Wisconsin, be advanced from \$1200. to \$1500. in view of her giving full time to the services and in consideration of her assuming wider duties as Director of student activities at that Foundation.

12. Upon request from Rabbi Solomon Landman, it was resolved that he be authorized to employ the student assistant who is at present engaged from time to time in doing clerical work for the Foundation, at the rate of \$10.00 per week for the remaining part of the academic year for half day services.

13. Upon motion duly made and seconded the request of Rabbi Landman for an increase in salary was declined.

14. The Chairman presented to the Commission, various communications in reference to the work at the Foundation at Madison, Wisconsin, mainly from George Laikin and Morris W. Levine, two students at the University of Wisconsin; Brother Morris A. Goldberg, member of the Lodge in Milwaukee; Brother I. B. Padway, member of the General Committee of District No. 6.

The contents of these communications were carefully considered. No action was taken thereon.

15. The Secretary presented a communication from Rabbi Landman requesting special subvention for various furnishing to improve the appearance of the headquarters of the Foundation at Madison, Wisconsin and upon careful consideration of the request the Commission approved the desirability of these improvements and instructed the Secretary to ascertain whether the appropriation of \$800.00 for maintenance did not contain the necessary balance to cover these expenditures out of this item in the



budget, but if, upon examination of the financial reports from the Wisconsin Foundation, it should appear that there was no balance available, he was authorized to transmit the necessary amount.

16. The Chairman presented a communication from Mr. William A. Boyd referring to the Foundation at Cornell University, and also informed the Commission of a verbal report thereon made by Mr. Morris Sostrin.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Waldman was requested to make a personal study of the work at the Foundation at Cornell. Mr. Waldman consented to do so.

17. The Secretary reported that on April 15, 1930 he visited the Foundation at Champaign, Illinois and that while there he discussed with Dr. Sachar the problems involved in the publication of Foundation periodicals issued by each of the Foundations, which publications the Commission at its last meeting had ordered discontinued at the earliest practical date, and the Secretary stated that he had opportunity to discuss the same subject with others. The consensus of opinions of those consulted was that the best interest of the Foundations would be served by permitting a continuance of these publications which are student enterprises, though they should be by tactful cooperation of the respective Directors with the students, under the close scrutiny of the Directors.

It was duly moved and carried that the action of the Commission at its last meeting to discontinue the weekly publications at the Foundations be reconsidered.

On motion duly carried the Secretary was instructed to arrange by cooperation with the Directors of the Foundations to secure uniformity in the size of these publications and call to the attention of the Directors that the publication of the Foundation at the University of Illinois is almost self-supporting through the printing of a limited number of acceptable advertisements and that doubtless all publications might be made practically self-supporting by the adoption of this means of obtaining revenue.

The Secretary was also instructed to call the attention of the Directors to the fact that while these publications are in charge of student committees, nevertheless the final responsibility of guidance and avoidance of objectionable material must remain with the Director. The problem is one of wise guidance by the Directors in a spirit of cooperation.

18. A communication was presented from Rabbi Isidore B. Hoffman, Director of the Foundation at Cornell University, requesting that an appropriation be made for the employment of an Assistant Director at the Cornell Foundation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Secretary was instructed to inform Rabbi Hoffman that at the present stage of development of the Cornell Foundation, an assistant director was not necessary.

The matter was referred for further investigation to Mr. Morris D. Waldman.



19. The Secretary presented a statement from Mr. Morris Sostrin, field representative of the Commission, at present engaged in organization of the Foundation at Austin, Texas, concerning the expenses in furnishing the Foundation already incurred and to be incurred amounting to \$3,317.

The expenditures were approved.

20. The Chairman presented a communication from Dr. A. L. Sachar, containing information as to the organization of classes in Jewish History and Elements of Religion conducted by himself under the auspices of the Foundation and given credit by the University. It appears that already over 100 students have registered for these courses as a part of their credit of the regular work at the University.

The report was received and approved.

21. Applications for positions as Directors of Foundations were received from Rabbi David Gross of New York and Mr. Max M. Gilbert of Paterson, N.J.

The application of Mr. Max M. Gilbert was referred to Mr. Waldman for investigation.

22. Requests for establishment of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and the University of Vermont, Montpelier, Vermont were submitted.

On motion duly made and carried, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the applicants and inform them that at this time the Commission is not in position to provide for additional Foundations.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.



ALFRED M. COHEN  
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Managing Editor

# B'nai B'rith Magazine

THE NATIONAL JEWISH MONTHLY

70 Electric Bldg. . . . Cincinnati, Ohio

March 24, 1930.

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

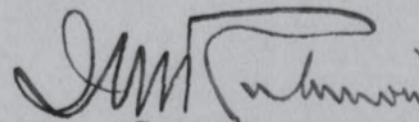
Dear Dr. Silver:

Perhaps you have heard that the Quinquennial Convention of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith will be held in Cincinnati at the end of next month. In connection with it we expect to publish a special issue of the B'nai B'rith Magazine devoted to an account of the Order during the last five years and also containing a general birds-eye view of development in Jewish life in America as well as in Europe during the same period.

President Cohen joins me in a very earnest request to you that you undertake to contribute to that special issue a brief article, say from one thousand to two thousand words which will be the leading article in the Magazine giving us a general birds-eye view of Jewish life in America during the last five years.

I know that you are an extremely busy man and I always hesitate to ask you to break into your regular work. At the same time I feel that this, our request, is of sufficient importance to merit your consideration. The 60,000 families into which the B'nai B'rith Magazine is going will read your message with the greatest of attention. I need not tell you how deeply gratified I shall be personally if you can see your way to granting us this request.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary.

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March 25th, 1930

Mr. I. M. Rubinow,  
B'nai B'rith Magazine,  
70 Electric Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rubinow:-

Thank you very much for your letter  
of March 24th.

I am a very busy man, overwhelmed with  
work but I shall do my best to give you an article for  
the B'nai B'rith Magazine. When is the latest date  
that you can give me for it?

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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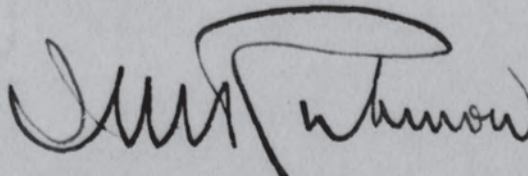
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I need not tell you that I am delighted to have your note of March 25th. Of course we are most anxious to get your manuscript and shall hold our pages open until the last possible moment. Mr. Grusd, our Assistant Editor, informs me that April 7th is the very last day if we are to turn out our Magazine before the Convention.

After all it isn't a factual study we expect and the time to do it is now. Do make a contribution of an evening to the Order of B'nai B'rith.

Cordially yours,



Managing Editor.

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April 7, 1930.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You remember your promise to give us an article on the general bird's eye view of Jewish life in America during the last five years. We have not received your manuscript yet and it is becoming almost too late to use it for the April issue but we should be nevertheless very happy to have the manuscript and use it in the next issue.

Sincerely yours,

*I. M. Rubinow*  
Managing Editor.

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Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Rd. & East 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation  
Commission will take place at the headquarters of the B'nai  
B'rith, 40 Electric Building, Cincinnati, Ohio on Monday,  
May 26th, at ten o'clock A.M.

Will you kindly inform us whether we may expect  
you as we are anxious to have as full attendance of the  
members of the Commission as possible?

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*I. M. Rubinow*  
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Secretary.

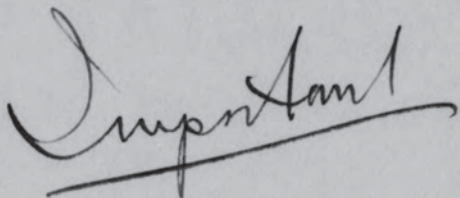
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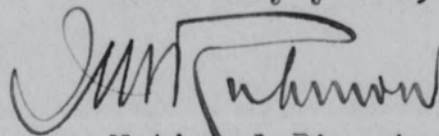
May 6, 1930.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Though you are a very busy man I hope you will take a quarter of an hour to read through carefully the correspondence enclosed herewith. It deals with a very serious and unfortunate situation which has developed in Detroit. My reason for sending it to you is a double one both because you are a member of the Hillel Foundation Commission and the Hillel work depends entirely upon the Wider Scope Campaign and also because as I see you have been invited to open the Campaign in Detroit. I believe that the action of the Detroit Federation in excluding the Wider Scope from an almost inclusive communal drive is indefensible and incomprehensible. It implies a lack of confidence in the work, which I hope wasn't intentional but was nevertheless very damaging. As you see I am insisting upon a conference. If it is not granted before the drive perhaps you may see your way of expressing your views on the subject to the leadership in Detroit.

Sincerely yours,



National Director.

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CATHAY BOND



May 6, 1930.

Mr. Henry Wineman, President,  
Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit,  
51 West Warren Ave.,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Brother Wineman:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. in reply to President Cohen's telegram leaves the whole problem in a very difficult position. May I remind you of the situation in regard to the Wider Scope Campaign in Detroit during the last three years? The Wider Scope Campaign began in 1927. In a great many cities independent campaigns were held but in others an agreement was arrived at by virtue of which a definite allotment was granted to the Wider Scope out of the local Jewish Federation or Jewish Community Chest in return for which the Wider Scope has agreed to hold no independent campaign. This of course is in harmony with the modern tendency of preventing duplication of effort.

Our records seem to indicate an allotment of \$25,000 for five years or an amount of \$5,000 per annum. We received from the Jewish Welfare Federation \$5,000 on account of 1927 and \$4,750 on account of 1928 and nothing as yet on account of 1929. As to these facts our records agree as Dr. Slawson in his letter of January 24th has stated, "I note that we have paid you in full the 1927 allotment and still owe you \$250 on the 1928 allotment. We have paid you nothing on the 1929. We hope to be able to pay you the \$5,250 still due you on the \$15,000 appropriation in the course of time as collections permit us to do this."

Though our understanding was that the annual appropriation of \$5,000 was to continue for five years, Mr. Waldman in a letter to this office pointed out that after three years the matter would have to be resubmitted to your Board for further consideration. In view of this statement, I wrote Dr. Slawson on January 21st calling his attention to the desirability of including the Wider Scope in the budget of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit. Dr. Slawson replied on January 24th and while he was not very encouraging he stated, "Your letter together with the request contained therein for renewal of appropriation will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Federation which meets soon. I will then inform you of their action."

Immediately upon receipt of this letter I again wrote to Dr. Slawson asking that I be given the privilege of explaining the Wider Scope program and particularly the Hillel Foundation under your Federation and on February 5th Dr. Slawson wrote, "I shall be glad to notify you when the next meeting of the Committee will be held and if you find it possible to come here the Committee and I will be very happy to have you with us." However, since some time had elapsed and I had not heard from Dr. Slawson further, I wrote him again on February 28th and Dr. Slawson stated that he would be glad to notify me of the next meeting of the Committee. He also wrote, "Prior to the campaign this year we are not committing ourself for specific appropriations."



As the correspondence above will indicate we had reason to believe that the Wider Scope will be taken into consideration or at least its claim be discussed with an opportunity for us to present it before the present campaign has been launched upon. But it now appears that in the present campaign every imaginable agency was included but the Wider Scope was left out.

Your letter on one hand states that it is impossible to include the B'nai B'rith Campaign in the Allied Jewish Campaign and on the other that you will be pleased to present our request to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. If the exclusion of the B'nai B'rith from the list of beneficiaries of the Campaign is definite and cannot be corrected at this time then it appears that nothing can be accomplished by presenting our request to the Board of Trustees after the campaign is over. But if action is still possible after the Campaign, perhaps a corrected statement before the Campaign would accomplish more.

It is a little difficult to present in a letter the entire case for the Wider Scope. It is for this reason that I have pleaded for over three months for an opportunity of a conference which opportunity has been readily promised to me by Dr. Slawson. In face of these promises the President could not help expressing his surprise that a campaign was launched without giving us any opportunity to be heard. This virtually forces us to organize independent drives in your city, a situation undesirable both for us and for the Federation particularly in view of the leadership of the community of Detroit in joint drives. The inclusion of a long list of agencies, some of them of minor importance, only underscores the exclusion of the Wider Scope and besides the material lost to us may be interpreted as a condemnation of the work of the Wider Scope. As far back as 1927 Mr. Waldman's attitude was expressed as follows: "We will be glad to give you \$5,000 a year for three years and if at the expiration of that time you have demonstrated the worthiness of your cause I may recommend to the Board of Directors of the Federated Charities that they add your quota to the forthcoming drive." Since then practically every leader in American Jewish life of national standing has given record as approving the work of the Hillel Foundations which consumes nearly two-thirds of the Wider Scope budget.

In view of the fact that there is a Hillel Foundation at the University of Michigan, within a stone's throw from your city and that perhaps more than one-half of the Jewish students at that University come from the city of Detroit, it is exceedingly difficult for us to understand this attitude towards our work. I want to believe that this was not the intention of the Federation even though it might be interpreted as such.

In addition may I point out that the Detroit Lodge of the Order with a membership of nearly 700 must play a substantial part in the communal activities of your city. Members of the B'nai B'rith undoubtedly are on your various Boards and campaign teams. In fact of the thirty two members of your Board of Governors or twenty eight if the women are excluded, as many as 17 including your good self are members of the Order. It is incomprehensible to us how such a Board could



virtually condemn the work of the Wider Scope if the matter was properly presented to them. The budget of the Order for the various activities undertaken must be met and we have no right to relieve the city of Detroit from participation in this budget. Thus the Order will be forced to conduct a separate Campaign and to that extent destroy the efficiency and economy of a joint welfare drive. It seems to me that the situation is sufficiently grave to require an immediate consultation before the beginning of the Campaign.

I shall be ready to come either Wednesday or Thursday to Detroit for this purpose.

Sincerely yours,

National Director.

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Detroit, Michigan.

May 8, 1930.

Mr. I. M. Rubinow,  
B'nai B'rith Wider Scope Committee,  
70 Electric Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Rubinow:

Your letter of the 6th has just come to hand, and in reply, wish to advise that we are in the very midst of our campaign, and as you no doubt have gone through many such campaigns yourself, you will appreciate how very busy we are in trying to put it over.

As soon as we are through with the campaign, we expect to have a meeting of our Federation Board, and at that time I will be pleased to submit your request to our Board.

I assure you that it will be given careful consideration, the same as all your former requests.

Respectfully yours,

Henry Wineman



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Respectfully yours,

Henry Wineman (signed)

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May 20, 1930.

Mr. Henry Wineman,  
People's Outfitting Co.,  
Michigan Ave. at Shelby St.,  
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Brother Wineman:-

Since writing to you on May 6 I had to take a rather extensive trip east from which I returned only yesterday. I was most anxious to know the developments in reference to the problem we have been discussing and I was glad to find yours of the 8th inst. My failure to reply to it is, as you understand, due to my absence from the city.

Of course, I had not the slightest intention of interfering with the progress of your campaign and I can well understand how busy you must have been. By this time your campaign is probably over. It seems to me absolutely necessary that we get together on this matter as soon as possible.

I have been very frank in my statements and want to continue to be so. The situation briefly is this:

1. The activities of the B'nai B'rith must be continued and they require a regular income outside of dues of \$200,000 this year with the gradual increase to \$300,000 within the next five years.
2. These activities are of national importance. Our membership is a national membership. We have, therefore, a right to appeal to all the important communities throughout the country.
3. Believing in efficiency and economy of fund raising, we are in hearty sympathy with Community Chests, but wherever a community chest will, for some unexplained reason, fail to recognize our modest claims we shall be forced to run independent campaign which, undoubtedly, will prove both expensive and irritating to those communities in which Community Chest drives have been conducted with a promise that duplication will be avoided.
4. Your city is in that situation and I believe it is not saying too much that we have a moral right to expect recognition from the Community Chest.

We definitely feel that this moral claim should have been given recognition at the time of organization of the Community Chest drive, but since this did not happen, we must urge an early consideration of the whole matter so as to enable us to make our own plans for the future.



#2 Mr. Wineman

May I add just one word? It seems to me that over and above all these considerations I have a right to appeal to your loyalty to the great organization of which yourself and so many other leaders of your Community Chest have been members for so many years.

Cordially yours,

National Director.

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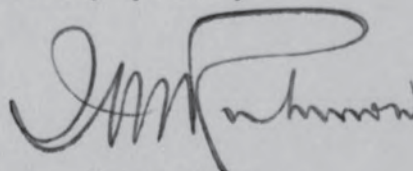
My dear Dr. Silver:-

I very much hope that you will find it possible to be with us at the next meeting of the Hillel Foundation Commission. There are two or three important problems to be considered and this, as you know, is the last meeting before the closing of the present academic year.

I am equally anxious to have an opportunity to discuss with you the problem of Detroit. You will remember that some two weeks ago I talked to you over long distance in reference to it, just before you were going to Detroit to open their Temple. I was away most of the time since then. Upon my return I found a letter from Mr. Henry Wineman, chairman of the Detroit drive, copy of which I am enclosing herewith. The letter is somewhat noncommittal. It contains no more than a promise of careful consideration. I am anxious to know whether you had an opportunity of discussing this matter with Mr. Wineman and what sort of impression you received as to their intentions.

I am also enclosing a copy of my last letter to Mr. Wineman. With the general tendency towards Jewish Community Chests the work of the B'nai B'rith will be greatly handicapped and even jeopardized unless we are included in those chests because independent campaigns for the modest amounts which we expect from various communities are frightfully expensive and irritating to the communities as well.

Cordially yours,



Secretary.

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May 21st, 1930

Dr. I. M. Rubinow,  
Electric Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Rubinow:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to Rabbi Silver in connection with the meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission on May 26th.

The Temple is celebrating its eightieth anniversary on May 26th with a banquet and it will therefore be impossible for Rabbi Silver to attend your meeting.

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With kindest regards, permit me

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



May 22d, 1930

Dr. I. M. Rubinow,  
Electric Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Rubinow:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of May 20th with reference to the Hillel situation in Detroit.

I spoke to Mr. Wineman on the occasion of the opening of the Campaign. He stated that the quotas had been set definitely before the Hillel Foundation matter was called to the attention of the committee; that Detroit had been supporting the Hillel Foundation in the past and intends to continue to do that in the future.

I suggested the possibility of setting aside a sum for the Hillel Foundation from the surplus should the Campaign go over the top. It seemed at the time that the Campaign would go over the top. I have not received the latest information about the success of the Campaign. I believe that if you will keep at Mr. Wineman you will probably win your point.

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With kindest regards, permit me

Very sincerely yours,

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P.S. Just received a wire stating that Detroit Drive went over the top by \$20,000.



B'NAI B'RITH WIDER SCOPE COMMITTEE

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

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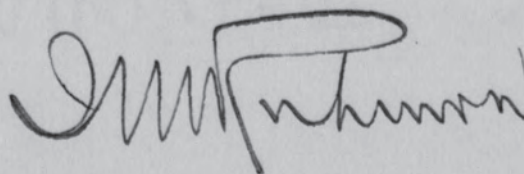
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very grateful to you for your letter and your efforts on behalf of the Wider Scope. I confess that as I read your letter and came to the statement that a sum would be set aside for the Hillel Foundation in case the campaign goes over the top, I was not very hopeful, for this is hardly a time when one expects campaigns to make the hurdle, but your footnote gave me a good deal of encouragement.

I am terribly sorry you cannot be with us during the next meeting of the Hillel Foundation Commission. There are so many problems on which your opinion would be extremely valuable.

Cordially yours,



National Director.

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C O P Y

May 29, 1930.

Mr. I. M. Rubinow,  
B'nai B'rith Wider Scope Committee,  
70 Electric Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Rubinow:

In answer to your letter of the 27th, wish to advise that because of our Drive, we have not yet had a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Welfare Federation. I intend to call a meeting to be held sometime the week of June 2nd, and will be pleased to advise you what action we take.

I note that you wish to stop over in Detroit for a few hours on your way East, but I do not think it would be of any benefit to you, as I do not see what you could accomplish.

Sincerely yours,

H. Wineman



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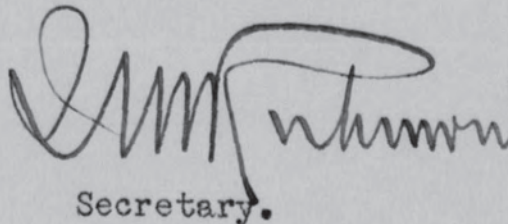
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Ansel Road, and  
East 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

May I thank you heartily for your thoughtful-  
ness in sending us the reproduction of the splendid  
bronze bust of yourself? I only wish it hadn't come  
too late for us to use it in the June issue of the  
Magazine but I am sure we shall find space for it in  
the next, July, issue.

Cordially yours,



Secretary.

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June 4, 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Ansel Road and East 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sure you will be interested in the latest development in Detroit. After receiving your letter, in which you told us that you had had a conference with Wineman, and after it was publicly announced that the Drive went over the top by \$20,000.00, I wrote to Wineman again, offering to stop over in Detroit for a few hours on my way east, for the purpose of discussing the whole matter. I am inclosing herewith a copy of his rather curt reply. I don't know whether it means a refusal. It sounds like one but there may be the ghost of a chance that it isn't.

Frankly, I am somewhat nonplussed. I am absolutely at a loss to understand the attitude of a Jewish welfare fund which claims to include every national appeal yet would deliberately exclude the Wider Scope, particularly in the face of the existence of a Hillel Foundation in the suburbs. I have recently looked a little more carefully into the whole situation of welfare funds. I find that already in 1929 we received from seven or eight such funds nearly \$50,000.00, or over 25% of our total Wider Scope income. These funds, as you know, are becoming more popular throughout the Jewish communities and I think they offer the best solution to our problem of raising the modest amount of about a quarter of a million dollars a year. In this way we could save all the expense which in independent campaigns for small amounts becomes very heavy. The difficulty, however, is that unless we assert our rights, Jewish community chests or welfare funds are likely to neglect us. A situation similar to that in Detroit has already arisen in Chicago, where the amount involved is very substantial, namely, \$21,000.00.

Unfortunately, our Lodge in Detroit seems to have been neglected for a long while and doesn't command very much influence. As a result we have the curious situation that though the majority of the members on the Executive Committee of the Welfare Drive

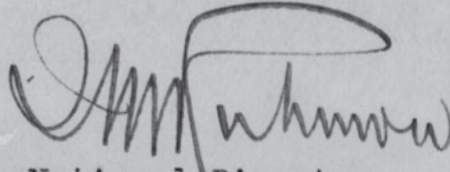


are members of the B'nai B'rith, they are, nevertheless, disinclined to admit us.

My only reason for troubling you with all these details is my conviction that you are deeply interested in the success of our Hillel work, which depends entirely upon our ability to raise the necessary funds.

Did you get the impression, when discussing the matter with Wineman, that he was at all inclined to consider our case, or did he show any definite prejudice against it?

Cordially yours,



National Director.



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June 6th, 1930

Dr. I. M. Rubincw,  
70 Electric Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Rubincw:-

The Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation  
is planning a joint drive in the early Fall. If you have  
not communicated with them as yet about the Hillel Foundation  
I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Sam Goldhamer  
at once.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Ansel Road and East 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

On June 4th we sent to you from this office a letter from Dr. Rubinow together with the copy of a letter from Mr. Wineman. Unfortunately, the enclosure you received was not the one meant to be sent. Enclosed please find copy of the letter that was originally intended to be forwarded to you.

Cordially yours,

(Miss) H. Schreiber

Secretary to Dr. Rubinow.



B'NAI B'RITH WIDER SCOPE COMMITTEE  
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I. M. RUBINOW, NATIONAL DIRECTOR

CINCINNATI, OHIO

June 10, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. At Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of the 6th instant, which was received in Dr. Rubinow's absence from the city. It will be referred to him on his return next week.

Very sincerely yours,

WIDER SCOPE COMMITTEE

Per *Sophia Zaritsky*



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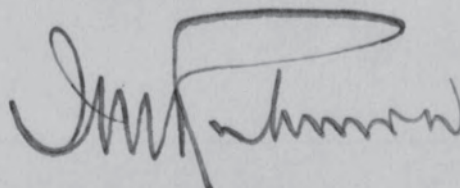
June 18, 1930.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Upon my return from a rather extensive trip I find your letter of June 6th in reference to the Cleveland Welfare Federation. I very much appreciate your interest in the matter. Am sorry I didn't know about it when I was in Boston and saw Goldhamer. I shall of course take it up with him immediately because I am deeply convinced that through this method of joint welfare funds money can be raised most effectively and at the lowest possible cost. I know that I can count on your cooperation.

Cordially yours,



Secretary.

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June 24, 1930.

Mr. Sam Goldhammer,  
2158 Westminster St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Goldhammer:

I have your kind letter of June 20th and I deeply appreciate the spirit of cooperation. I am glad to give herewith a brief statement of the activities and financial condition of the Wider Scope Committee and of course I yield to your judgment that a personal presentation of the case is unnecessary at this time. However, I am so firm a believer in the efficiency of welfare federations as the best and least expensive method of obtaining the funds for the multiplicity of national movements and agencies, that I am most anxious that the B'nai B'rith join in every such federation throughout the country. It may be that at some future date when the lists of agencies to be included is to be determined upon by your Board of Trustees, an opportunity to present the case for the B'nai B'rith orally may be more effective than a mere communication. I hope therefore that when the time arrives you will not refuse to inform me and make arrangements for an opportunity to make such an oral presentation which I assure you will be brief and not too extravagant.

The Wider Scope Committee has been organized by the B'nai B'rith sometime in 1927 as a result of a resolution adopted at the convention of the Order in Atlantic City in 1925.

Its function is to gather funds for extra budgetary activities of the Order. The normal budget of the Order is based upon a membership dues totaling only \$2.50. Out of these dues substantial appropriations are made to several institutions. Namely the Jewish National Consumptive Hospital and the Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital (\$12,000 per annum to each), Emergency Relief is granted whenever occasion arises, a monthly magazine is published and the general international administration of the Order is paid for. In fact when the emergency fund and the special subscription to the Magazine is taken out of the membership dues, only \$1.50 remains for these general purposes.

For other activities comprising the wide social program of the Constitution Grand Lodge of the Order special funds are gathered under the direction of the Wider Scope Committee and these activities are known as the Wider Scope activities of the Order.

The scope of such activities can perhaps be best illustrated by giving a statement of the expenditures during the last five years, June, 1925 to December 31, 1929.



Hillel Foundations	\$364,058.78	
Anti-Defamation League	127,094.36	
Relief to Jews in Mexico under the B'nai B'rith Mexican Bureau	127,192.21	
Subvention to Aleph Zadik Aleph	27,946.31	
Other educational activities	<u>12,102.49</u>	
Total expended for activities		\$658,394.15
Publication of B'nai B'rith Manual	\$ 13,839.50	
Organization and management of cam- paigns and expenses of collections	<u>124,494.01</u>	
Total expenditures of the Wider Scope Committee		796,727.66

The program of the Wider Scope has only begun to develop in 1925. While the total expenditure for activities during the five years were some \$658,000 or at the rate of some \$138,000 per annum, there has been a considerable increase; perhaps the figures for the year 1929 are more significant. They were as follows:

Hillel Foundations	\$107,753.44	
Anti-Defamation League	24,758.48	
Mexican Relief	23,920.00	
Aleph Zadik Aleph	11,946.31	
Other educational activities	172,072.78	
Campaign and collection expenses	<u>17,815.48</u>	
Total expenditures		\$189,882.26

1. B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.- These are institutions for religious and cultural development of the Jewish students in colleges and universities. Eight institutions of this kind have been organized by this time, namely at the universities of Illinois (Champaign, Ill.), Wisconsin, (Madison, Wis.), Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio), University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.), University of California (Berkeley, Calif), University of Texas, (Austin, Texas), University of West Virginia (Morgantown, W. Va.) and Cornell University (Ithica, N. Y.). The average annual cost of a Foundation including the salary of the director who is usually a person with high rabbinical training, the rent of the headquarters and the cost of various student's activities, runs approximately \$15,000. The value of these institutions has been very generously recognized by the greatest Jewish leaders throughout the land as well as by the presidents of universities at which these institutions are located. The Order has received a number of applications for establishment of additional foundations but is unable to meet the demand for lack of funds. Already as the figures indicate, over 2/3 of the total budget of the Wider Scope is devoted to this activity and on the basis of this work alone many welfare funds have included the Wider Scope in the list of their participants.



2. The Anti-Defamation League in existence some 25 years is recognized throughout the country as the organization defending the fair name of American Jews against attacks of the press, (newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, circulars, advertisements, etc.) on the stage and screen, and radio; complaints of unfair treatment of the Jew and defamation of his character, reach the office almost daily and are handled in a very diplomatic way, in most cases with signal success. In the President's Message, copy of which I take pleasure in forwarding to you, you will find some very striking illustrations of the work of the Anti-Defamation League, an integral part of the Order.

3. Mexican Relief.- During the last 7 or 8 years, the Order has done a piece of work of historic importance in organizing not only relief but constructive care of the recent Jewish immigrants to Mexico who otherwise might have been forced to obtain entrance to the United States in a surreptitious way. The work which has cost some \$150,000 and in which the Emergency Relief Fund through Louis Marshal and David Bressler participated has been so successful that at present it is in the process of binding up and the expenditures on this score for the future may not be quite as great as they have been in the past. Unfortunately the economic crisis in Mexico has made it impossible to withdraw during this year as we have originally planned. A loan society has been organized by the local Jewish community with a substantial participation of the Order. The story of the work of the B'nai B'rith Mexican Bureau represents a very proud chapter in the history of the Order.

4. The A.Z.A. is a national order of young men between 16 and 21 which tries to do for the non-college boy what the Hillel Foundation is doing for the college students. Organized only a few years ago it has already a membership of over 3000 with 120 chapters, located mainly in smaller communities, with a program which is religious, cultural and educational.

For the next quinquennial period the last convention held in April, 1930 at Cincinnati has adopted the following budget.

Hillel Foundations	\$750,000.00
Anti-Defamation League	150,000.00
Aleph Zadik Aleph	100,000.00
Mexico	25,000.00
For educational activities	25,000.00
Campaign and collection expenditures	100,000.00
Miscellaneous	50,000.00
Total	\$1,200,000.00

or a gross income of \$240,00 per annum to cover both the activities and the cost of campaigns.

As the figures above indicate, the administrative expenses of the Wider Scope Committee during the last year were only 9% because no large campaigns have been held. Independent campaigns are undoubtedly expensive and it is the hope of the Committee that through participation in the various Jewish welfare funds and community chests the cost of campaigns and collections may be reduced to a minimum.

A campaign in Cleveland was held in May, 1927. The quota assigned for five years was \$75,000 which is not excessive considering that the same quota was assigned to Cincinnati and fully subscribed. Unfortunately the amount of subscriptions in Cleveland fell short of the assigned quota and amounted only to \$36,000. We feel, however, that with a large and prosperous Jewish community



of Cleveland an assignment of \$10,000 per annum out of the welfare fund would not be excessive. Undoubtedly a large number of young men and women are receiving their education at Ohio State University with a budget of some \$17,000 per annum. That institution alone would therefore be ample justification for asking an appropriation of \$10,000 even disregarding for a moment the activities of the Anti-Defamation League, the Mexican Bureau and the Aleph Zadik Aleph movement.

In the above statement I have tried to be very brief and only indicated the most striking facts. As I stated before I should deeply appreciate the opportunity of expressing more fully to your Board or to your Finance Committee the nature and the quality of the work and would be ready to furnish any additional information you may desire.

Sincerely yours,

National Director.

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B'NAI B'RITH WIDER SCOPE COMMITTEE  
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I. M. RUBINOW, NATIONAL DIRECTOR

CINCINNATI, OHIO

June 25, 1930.

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

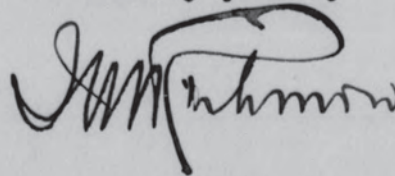
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Acting upon the information which you so kindly furnished, that the Cleveland community is preparing for a joint drive, I wrote to Mr. Goldhammer, Director of the Federation, urging inclusion of the Wider Scope. Mr. Goldhammer replied, asking for information as to our activities and finances. I am enclosing herewith copy of my letter complying with his request.

I very much hope that you will not fail to represent us and to defend our interests before the Board of Trustees of which you are a member, when the proper time comes. I am gratified to find that of the thirty-eight officers and trustees of the Jewish Welfare Federation as many as twenty are on our list as members of the B'nai B'rith.

I have asked for \$10,000.00 per annum which, in view of our budget for \$240,000, and in view of the importance of the Cleveland community, does not appear to be excessive. Incidentally, Cincinnati has been furnishing \$15,000.00 per annum, though the Jewish community of Cincinnati is less than one third of that in Cleveland.

Cordially yours,



National Director.

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July 29, 1930.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Temple,  
Ansel Rd. & 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:-

Enclosed herewith I am returning the  
photo of yourself which was used in our June issue.

Appreciating your courtesy and interest  
and thanking you for your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

*Frieda Schiff*  
Editorial Secretary.

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF B'NAI B'RITH  
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ALFRED M. COHEN  
PRESIDENT

August 4, 1930.

Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

It has been a pleasure for me to  
appoint you as a member of the B'nai B'rith  
Hillel Foundation Commission for a term of  
four years, and the Executive Committee has  
confirmed my action.

Looking forward to future meetings  
with you in promotion of our worthwhile under-  
taking, I remain

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

*Alfred M. Cohen*  
President.

AMC/R



August 6th, 1930

Mr. Alfred M. Cohen,  
Independent Order of B'nai B'rith,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cohen:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of August 4th. I am pleased to know that you have reappointed me a member of the Hillel Foundation Commission. I shall be very happy to serve. It is one of the truly worthwhile movements in American Jewish life today.

With kindest regards,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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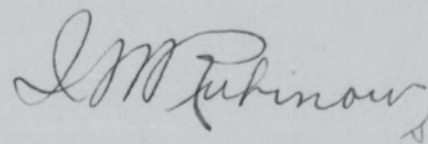
Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is an advance notice to you that a meeting  
of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission will be  
held on Monday, September 8th and will probably continue  
the following day.

Will you kindly, therefore, reserve the dates of  
September 8th and 9th? A week or so before the meeting  
you will receive notice as to the time and place it will  
be held.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary.

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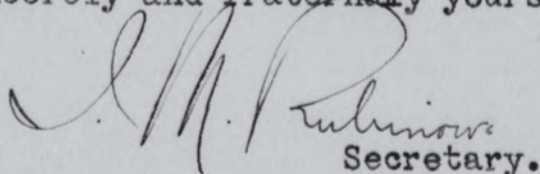
In my letter of August 8th giving you an  
advance notice of a meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hillel  
Foundation Commission, I stated you would receive word  
as to the time and place it will be held.

This is to inform you that the meeting will  
begin promptly at ten o'clock on Monday, September 8th  
and will be held at the headquarters of B'nai B'rith,  
40 Electric Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

This is the first meeting of the new Commission  
and your attendance is of utmost importance.

Kindly indicate on the enclosed postal card  
whether we may expect you.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

  
Secretary.