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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
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My Dear Rabbi:

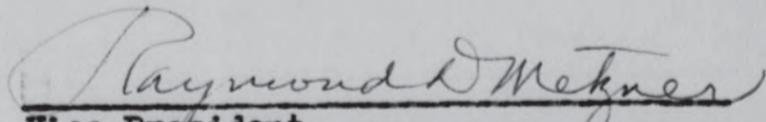
During the approaching holidays you will have occasion to talk to the members of your congregation, to take stock as to the present condition of world Jewry, and to discuss with them the provisions which are to be made for the future. Will you have time to answer the call of B'nai B'rith and to say a few words on behalf of this 90 year old organization?

B'nai B'rith is a brotherhood which never halts in its service to Jews everywhere and in its fight for tolerance and justice to all mankind. You are familiar with the work of the anti-defamation league, the Hillel foundation, the A.Z.A., and with the wider scope work of our Order. You know of the great things which we have been doing with respect to the Nazi anti-semitic movement. Can you, in some manner, convey these things to your congregation?

Cleveland Lodge is 80 years old. We can continue to exist and to serve only if we have members who are willing to sacrifice some of their time and to work with us. We need your cooperation in stimulating interest in our organization, and we trust that you will deliver our message on behalf of B'nai B'rith.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year, I am,

Yours very truly,


Vice President,

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October 12, 1933

Rabbi Leon Feuer
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Leon:

I would be delighted, of course, to come for your symposium on January 17th. I am a little worried, however, by the assignment of subject to me. What do you mean by the "Economic Readjustment of Jewish Life in America"? Am I supposed to develop the effects of the depression upon Jewish institutional life and suggest some way by which we could apply the lessons of the past three or four years? I warn you that economics is the most dismal of all sciences and far from my field of dramatic interpretation of history. If you're still not frightened, I'll be glad to come and participate.

Would it be very vulgar to ask about Tachlis? And one other consideration. I am now negotiating with Brickner's group for a seminar or institute to be spread over a number of evenings in which the whole problem of Jewish history and literature will be discussed. If it should fall approximately about the same time, the priority belongs to the Brickner group, and in fairness there, and to you for that matter, I would not be able to come on January 17th. However, it looks now as if the negotiations will fall through. They are having a difficult time in arranging the finances, and perhaps the fee is a good deal higher than they can handle. I will know, however, definitely about the matter within a week or ten days, and I can then write to you again.

Needless to say, it will be a joy to be with you and Hortense again even for a few hours.

With every good with to you and Hortense and kindest regards to Rabbi Silver, I am,

Ever yours,

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

It has been some time since I have heard from you, though of course I follow all the interesting things you have to say in the Jewish Daily Bulletin. Much has happened since I have seen you or heard from you. I believe your last letter came from Europe and I remember your saying that the German brethren were not as much worried about the coming Hitlerism as we were in America, which may go to show that one may be a first class rabbi without necessarily being a good prophet.

While I was in London I had heard about your very strong statement in criticism of the appointment of the High Commissioner. I was a little sorry you had taken that attitude because it was not shared by anyone in London. As far as I could tell all the one hundred delegates from eighteen different countries thought that McDonald's Commission could accomplish a great deal of good even if the League of Nations didn't go as far as we should have liked it to. In view of subsequent events, Germany leaving the League of Nations as well as the Disarmament League, it would seem that the League went as far as it could go in its desire not to precipitate too many international conflicts. However, these weighty matters are not at all the immediate purpose of my writing to you. Let me come down to a very much more earthy matter, and that is the action of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland with regard to the Wider Scope. I am sure you know what demands have been made upon us for work and expenses as a result of the distressing events in Germany as well as in this country. We find that the Jewish communities are beginning to respond to our requests for support. Last week I spent a few days in several cities of Virginia. We raised over \$2500. A community like Richmond, with only two or three thousand Jews in one evening subscribed \$1200 and promised to work it up to \$1500. Under the circumstances, Cleveland is certainly not doing its duty.

You know that I am a firm believer in the joint welfare fund idea. I have induced B'nai B'rith to support this idea in every community. It is a much saner and more economic way of

raising funds than for every organization to send its own meschullochim. The understanding is of course that when an organization becomes a constituent of a joint welfare fund it foregoes its right for independent campaigns but there ought to be at least a reasonable quid pro quo. The Cleveland Federation has been systematically reducing the contribution from year to year. The appropriation for 1933 was \$1250. As a matter of fact, we didn't even get that much, but only about \$1,000. Surely we cannot carry on our Anti-Defamation, Hillel and other work, in connection with the German situation, etc. on such a basis. If I could raise \$1200 in one evening from a small group of a hundred people in the city of Richmond, a similar performance could probably be duplicated on a larger scale in Cleveland, but is that the best way?

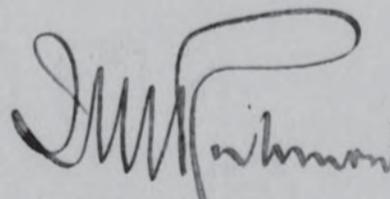
The Cincinnati Welfare Fund has included us in their budget for \$5500 in a total of \$140,000. We didn't quite make the grade but we shall get about \$4,800. Surely, \$5,000 is not an excessive demand to ask from Cleveland.

I have been communicating with Goldhammer about it. He is rather non-committal except to say, "It is a little early for us to know what our plans or campaign goal can be for the current year 1934." The trouble is that if we do not make our claim early we shall be told later on that it is too late to increase it. Frankly, I do not think we would be justified in accepting any such appropriation as was made last year, though I hate like poison to break away from the Jewish Welfare Federation.

I want your advice on this matter; I want your help in taking the matter up with Goldhammer and I do not believe it is too much for me to ask that I be given an opportunity to present the matter personally to the trustees of the Jewish Welfare Federation.

I don't need to tell you what a time we had during the last two or three years, how ruthlessly we had to cut our budgets, but general conditions are improving and Jewish communities are becoming more alive to their responsibilities. Now it seems to me is the time for us to make a claim for what we are rightfully entitled to. Will you help me?

Cordially yours,


Secretary.

January 19, 1934.

Dr. I; M. Rubinow, Secretary,
B'nai B'rith,
Electric Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Rubinow:

I was very happy to receive your letter of January 18th. I shall of course take the matter of the proper allocation of the Wider Scope up with the authorities of the local Jewish Welfare Federation at once, although it is a bit too early as no discussions have as yet taken place about the 1934 campaign. You are right in what you say about the meager sum which was set aside for the Wider Scope. But you must bear in mind that the Fund raised altogether \$90,000, and by far the major part of it had to be allocated to German relief, Palestine and the local Bureau of Jewish Education. Economic conditions in Cleveland are a bit better and if they continue to improve we should be able to raise a larger sum in the 1934 campaign.

Of course I am not a prophet. But when I wrote you that the German Jews were not as much worried about Hitlerism as we were in America, it was absolutely true. They weren't. They were, of course wrong. But I could only report what I actually heard and saw. Not only were the German Jews wrong but every political group in Germany with the exception of the Nazis was wrong.

It is too early to say whether my criticism of the action of the League of Nations contained in my editorial "Still Blundering" was wrong. Please re-read the editorial if you have it and then in about six months or a year, write me about it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

Thanks for your interest in the fortunes of the Wider Scope in the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Drive. My reason for starting the ball rolling so early is because I don't want to be too late. At least we in Cincinnati take action on budgets sometime before the actual drive is initiated. All I want to assure myself is that we will not lose out because of lack of alertness on our part and on the part of our friends.

Moreover, it may be a little conceited on our part, but my experience in a number of cities, and I have been chasing all over the country recently, teaches me by injecting the B'nai B'rith program such as Anti-Defamation, the matter of anti-semitism, and even college centers, as fighting units so to speak for Jewish rights, we can stimulate the joint campaign and help it along. Thus, for instance, in Cincinnati where we use that complicated method of designations, the B'nai B'rith came out considerably better than many other agencies though, of course, it was the German and Palestine items that were over-subscribed.

I am willing to trust the matter to your hands and would only ask that you discuss the matter with Brother Benesch. I know he is terribly busy, but I also know how sympathetic he is to our work and that his word with yours will count for a good deal with the Council of your Federation.

Cordially yours,

National Director

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Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing copy of my letter to Goldhamer, which I believe is self-explanatory. Frankly, I am willing to take my chances and send someone down to Cleveland to organize an independent effort and come down there personally as well, and I am sure I couldn't do worse than raise \$750 from a community the size of Cleveland if I could raise \$1200 in Richmond. Of course, I do not cherish the idea of appearing as trying to break up the harmony existing in a joint welfare drive, particularly since I have been preaching community organization for so many years, but "if I must, I must". I would appreciate it if you would drop me a line and give me your reaction. I know that you are interested in seeing that our Hillel and Anti-Defamation work does not break down. They are needed now more than ever before.

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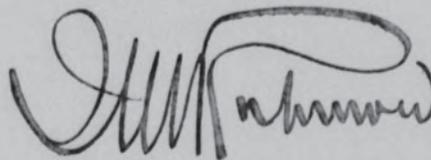
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Cordially yours,



National Director.

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January 24, 1934.

Mr. Sam Goldhamer,
1900 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Goldhamer:

I hope you will not consider me impatient or too persistent for dwelling at this time on the possibilities which the Wider Scope Fund may look forward to in your Joint Welfare Campaign. When I raised the question with you about two weeks ago, I also communicated with my good friend, Mr. Alfred Benesch, who is very much interested in our program and in the past had done a great deal to help us with the Wider Scope Fund in your city. I have today a note from him, enclosing your letter of the 19th to him, in reference to the same matter. I would not want to appear too insistent. The reason for my raising this issue at this time is a two-fold one. Since you state that your fiscal year begins on March 1, I would think that a month or five weeks in advance isn't any too early to give the matter of allotments in a joint welfare fund serious consideration and, secondly, because it is most important for us, as it is for every national agency, in planning our activities for the year to have some definite idea as to what the possibilities are in the way of joint welfare fund contributions. I feel it safe to assume that you are as enthusiastic in favor of such joint drives as we are and the important meeting in Chicago two weeks ago has, I hope, given all of us greater faith in the efficiency of organized effort as against complete anarchy in fund raising. Notwithstanding all the business reverses of 1933, the income of the Wider Scope Fund from joint welfare federations amounted to some 40% of the total, and you can see what a saving in waste this accomplished.

Of course, I fully realize that no joint drive can give absolute guarantee that the full quota will be raised and distributed. That is fully understood, and in so far as we participate in joint welfare drives, I am ready to make the necessary commitment of foregoing the right of independent fund raising efforts in a community and taking my pot-luck as to what proportion of the goal will be raised.

But I believe you will agree that as a constituent agency of the Joint Drive, we are justified in getting definite information as to what our allotment is going to be in proportion to the total goal. Not knowing definitely for what month you are planning your Drive, I cannot tell whether I have raised the issue much too early or not but I suppose it is better to be much too early than a day too late.

I realize that there may be some force in your hesitancy to arrange for a personal appearance of representatives of various national agencies before the Budget Committee or the Board. This may become a burden if all the smaller agencies which receive nominal contributions were to make such personal appearance, but I do not believe that such rule should apply to the more important national agencies, among which B'nai B'rith must necessarily be counted. A Jewish welfare fund which includes national and international causes may, I believe, follow the rules of a community chest or of a Jewish federation, where budget committees as a matter of fact grant hearings to representatives of participating agencies because only in such a way can the programs of the agency be presented satisfactorily. The Wider Scope Fund of B'nai B'rith is now engaged in most important activities, which are matters of deep concern to American Jewry. My own experience shows me that in no community have the committees in power failed to be impressed by the importance of this program.

You know my deep devotion to the principle of joint fund raising and I know that Cleveland in the past made some very substantial contributions in support of the Wider Scope, but I am frank to say that I could not see my way of foregoing the right of a direct appeal to the Jewish community of Cleveland for the sake of a participation equal to that of last year, of \$1,000. I have quoted a few illustrations of what other communities have done in my letter of January 10. Surely, the Cleveland Jewish population, four times the size of Cincinnati, cannot consider that it is doing its duty towards our Hillel Foundations (even if only the Foundation in Columbus were considered) and towards the work of our Anti-Defamation League by contributing one fifth of what Cincinnati gives. I feel morally certain that your Board and your Budget Committee could see the merit of my contention and I am very hopeful that you will support my suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

National Director
Wider Scope.

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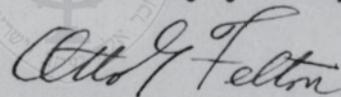
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Committee on Publicity is actively at work and would like to have you send us a gloss photograph of yourself for the purpose of making cuts for publicity material.

Appreciating your prompt cooperation,

Very sincerely yours,



Otto G. Felton
Secretary

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February 8, 1934.

Mr. Otto G. Felton, Secretary,
B'nai B'rith, District Grand Lodge No. 6,
130 North Wells Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Felton:

As per your request of February 7th,
I am herewith enclosing a glass photograph of
Rabbi Silver.

With all good wishes, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Enc.

Sec'y to Rabbi Silver.

P.S. Kindly return photograph to The Temple.

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February 20, 1934

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:-

I was terribly sorry that you were out of town when I was in Cleveland last Thursday but, of course, I know that you were engaged in a very important task in New York on that day. The cooperation with the American Federation of Labor is a matter of tremendous importance.

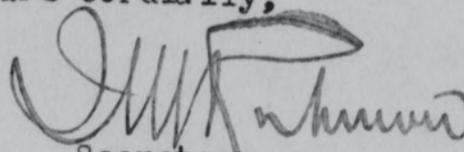
Unfortunately, I could not remain in Cleveland for another day as the work accumulates very rapidly on my desk. I suppose you had no difficulty in guessing the purpose of my visit to Cleveland. As usual, it was the unpleasant task of negotiating for a larger contribution from the Welfare Fund. You and I discussed that matter frequently during the past four or five years. There was a time when I talked about \$10,000 and you thought that \$5000 should satisfy us. And you know what the actual facts are -- the appropriation was gradually reduced to \$1000. In view of the size of the community, our B'nai B'rith membership, the needs of the Wider Scope and contributions made from other funds in much smaller cities, it is absolutely impossible for us to accept \$1000.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I sent to Mr. Salmon Halle today. He was extremely courteous to me at the hearing and I appreciate it. At the same time, on the basis of definite sympathy on the part of several members of the Budget Committee, Mr. Halle's point of view was freely expressed -- that there were three preferential claims on the sums raised in the campaign (if the weak efforts made by the Federation can be dignified by the name of the campaign) and that the B'nai B'rith would have to share, to some extent, in the residue over and above these three budgets if there will be any residue. I tried to convey, in my letter, that we could not accept an allotment of \$1000 and certainly could not accept any such provisional conditional promise and much as I dislike it, we may be forced into organizing in Cleveland an expensive and tedious separate fund raising effort. I sincerely hope that the Board, which I understand has the right to final action, will see the merit of my contention and give us a fairer appropriation which I figure ought to be \$5000 not, of course, a guaranteed amount but an allotment of \$5000 and the right to a proportionate share in the total proceeds whatever they may be.

#2 Rabbi Silver

I hope that you will help us in the effort. I think you will find both Mr. Nathan Loeser and Edward Baker very sympathetic to my claim. At least, so they showed me during the hearing.

Yours cordially,


Secretary.

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Enc.



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February 20, 1934

Mr. Salmon Halle,
1900 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Halle:-

Heavy accumulation of work which I found on my desk upon my return from Cleveland, Friday morning, prevented me from writing to you sooner to express to you my appreciation for the courtesy shown to me by your good self and by the Budget Committee and the liberal allotment of time given to me. I really did not intend to consume so much time if it had not been for the questions asked by the various members of the Committee which, of course, I was anxious to answer.

May I repeat that I fully realize all the problems which the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation is facing in approaching the new drive for national and international agencies. Yet in face of those difficulties, may I say that our experience in Cincinnati and information from many other cities gives us all a right to look forward with greater optimism to the results of the drive as compared to last year.

No one has a greater appreciation of the needs of the campaigns for relief of German Jewry whether they be in Europe or Palestine, than I after the active contact I had with representatives of the Jewish communities of all the European countries during my recent visit to London. These needs certainly justify larger allotments to the J.D.C. and to the Palestine Fund, and as a member of the Board of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cincinnati, I strongly support such increase of allotments for both purposes.

At the same time, may I say quite frankly, that it would be entirely inconsistent with the spirit and principles of a joint welfare drive to make these or any other funds preferential claim upon the total amount raised and distribute among other agencies only the residue left after these two funds and the Bureau of Education appropriations have been made. With all my faith in and enthusiasm for the principle of joint fund raising I could not, as a Director of the Wider Scope fund of the B'nai B'rith, agree to any such indefinite arrangement. It is a matter of principle that the B'nai B'rith is not merely one of the many beneficiaries of the joint drive in many cities, but an active participant both in the efforts and results of such joint funds.

I shall not impose upon your time and patience to recite the importance of the program of the two activities, the Anti-Defamation League and the Hillel Foundations which are financed by the Wider Scope. I trust that both these activities are too well-known to every leader in American Jewry to require additional evidence.

I shall deeply appreciate if you will be kind enough to let me know of the decision arrived at by your Budget Committee for, as you may well understand, the planning of our work is necessarily based upon a fairly accurate estimate of our possible income.

Yours sincerely,

National Director.

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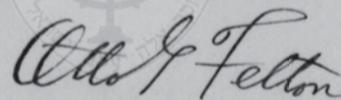
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

As requested, we are returning herewith your
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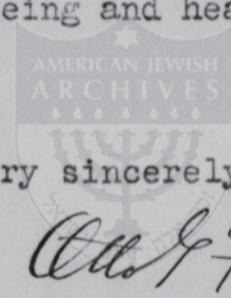
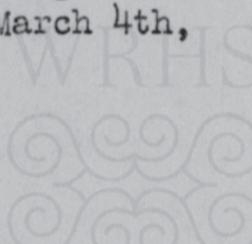
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on March 4th,

Very sincerely yours,



Otto G. Felton
Secretary

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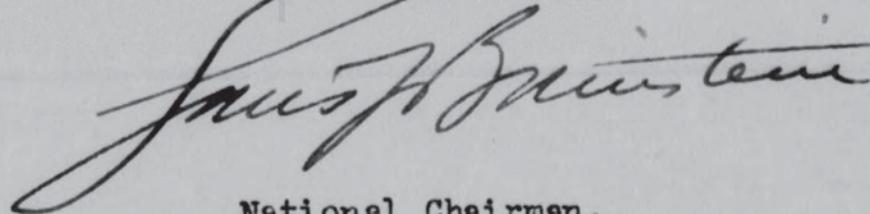
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
E. 105th at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

To save time and labor, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter to Mr. Benesch, which is self-explanatory. May I urge you, as forcefully as I can, to add your voice to that of Mr. Benesch on behalf of a fair allotment to the Wider Scope Fund?

Sincerely yours,



National Chairman.

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Mr. Alfred Benesch,
912 Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Brother Benesch:

Dr. Rubinow has given me a complete report of his negotiations with the Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland, in reference to the appropriation to the Wider Scope Fund out of the Campaign for the current year. I am familiar not only with the program of the Wider Scope activities and its needs but also with the record of contributions from Cleveland, which in the year 1933 had dropped to the insignificant amount of \$1,000.

As you may know, the increased demands upon the Wider Scope Fund, as a result of the situation in Germany, as well as in this country, have forced upon us a tremendous increase in our activities and demand upon our budget and while the task of raising the necessary money is not an easy one, I am gratified to find a much better response from the Jewish communities this year than a year or two ago.

Of course, I do not have to argue that an allotment from joint welfare funds is the most economical and effective way of meeting our budget as well as that of many other organizations but that holds true provided the allotment is within reasonable limits. I confess that I am deeply disturbed about the situation in Cleveland, which with its very large Jewish community, has gradually reduced its contributions to a meager \$1,000 in 1933 as compared with the amounts of \$4,000 to \$5,000 in other communities of much smaller size, such as Washington, Baltimore, St. Louis, Kansas City, or even Cincinnati, with one fourth of the Jewish population of Cleveland.

Dr. Rubinow tells me that he has presented the matter to the Budget Committee of the Federation but no decision has been rendered. I am, therefore, writing to you personally to urge you to use your very best efforts to induce the Welfare Federation Board to grant to the Wider Scope an appropriation commensurate with the importance of our work and the

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importance of the Cleveland community. I am frank to say that unless the Federation sees its way of complying with our necessary demands I shall be forced into the unpleasant position of having to decline to participate in the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund and organize an independent campaign of our own. Only a week or two ago Dr. Rubinow reported to me that at one meeting, in the small city of Richmond, Virginia, in a small group of a hundred people, he raised \$1200. Can Cleveland claim that it can do less than a handful of Jews in Richmond, Virginia?

Will you please confer with the friends of B'nai B'rith and with the important members of the Budget Committee and the Federation Board in reference to this matter?

Sincerely yours,

WRHS
National Chairman.



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

This is just a note to recall to your attention a letter which Dr. Rubinow wrote you on February 21. He feels sure that your address at the B'nai B'rith banquet on Sunday will contain material that could be worked into a good article for the B'nai B'rith Magazine. I sincerely hope you will keep this in mind and either send us a copy of your address in advance, or a copy of the stenographic record of it.

Yours sincerely,

Edward E. Grusd
Ass't. Editor.

EEG:FS

March 5, 1934.

Mr. Edward E. Grusd, Ass't Editor,
B'nai B'rith Magazine,
70 Electric Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Grusd:

I have no copy of the address which I delivered at the B'nai B'rith Banquet in Chicago. I do have, however, a copy of what I said of President Roosevelt and I am pleased to send it to you. You may make whatever use of it that you wish.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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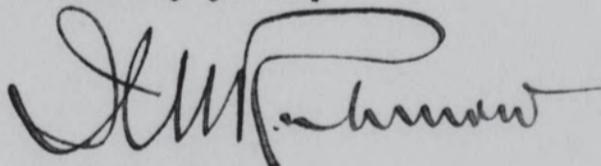
Dear Dr. Silver:

An important meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission will be held at ten o'clock A.M. on March 19, 1934, at the Standard Club, Chicago, Illinois. Because of the vast accumulation of matters to be presented, it will be well for you to also set aside the day of the 20th in case the business of the meeting is not completed in one day.

Kindly arrange to stop at the Hotel Morrison.

I will appreciate hearing from you at your early convenience whether we may expect you at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary.

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March 6th, 1934.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The plight of our German brethren forcibly emphasizes the urgent need of B'nai B'rith. If ever in the long and turbulent history of our people there was a need for this organized instrumentality for service to our cause, this is the time. And let us not beguile ourselves into a sense of security on our own shores. Remember, even in the United States there are very definite organized groups, such as the Silver Shirts, busy fomenting anti-Semitism.

We cannot sit idly by and permit these attacks and yet it is unfair to expect the B'nai B'rith to shoulder the burden without having the active support of all Jews whose battle it is fighting.

Now as never before B'nai B'rith should number within its rolls every Jew interested in maintaining his self respect and sustaining our unfortunate brethren abroad.

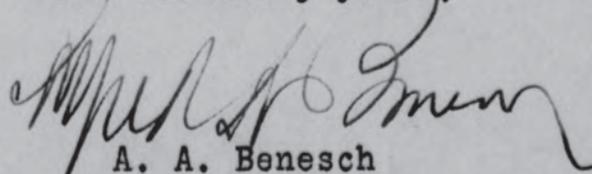
For the purpose of increasing our membership in Cleveland, we anticipate making a drive. We desire to have a campaign committee head this drive whose names will mean much in our community. We will not ask them to do any work unless they voluntarily desire to do so.

Won't you please permit us to add your name to this membership campaign committee? We assure you by doing so you will aid us in our work immensely and it will be deeply appreciated by our entire membership.

We are enclosing a card and will ask you to kindly sign and return same at your very earliest convenience, as we desire to have this campaign go forward immediately.

Thanking you in anticipation of your attention to this matter, I beg to remain,

Most cordially yours,


A. A. Benesch

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness and cooperation in sending in the abstract of your address in Chicago on March 4. Unfortunately, we are unable to make use of it, since we necessarily confine ourselves to subjects of Jewish interest.

During my more than five years association with the B'nai B'rith Magazine we have not numbered you among our contributors and this has been a source of regret to us all. I hope in the very near future you will find the time to prepare an exclusive article for us on a subject of general Jewish interest, or else will be willing to prepare an article upon our specific suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

Edward E. Grusd
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March 7, 1934

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I believe that you have already received an invitation from President Cohen for the next meeting of the Hillel Foundation Commission which will take place at the Standard Club in Chicago beginning at ten o'clock in the morning of March 19th.

I hope that you will make every effort to attend. This meeting will be one of the most important that the Commission has ever had and involves many questions of policy which will determine the future status of the Hillel Foundations in this country. I know how busy you are and how heavy the pressure of outside engagements is upon your time, yet I hope you will be able to give this day to us.

I look forward to greeting you again on the 19th.

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

A. L. Sachar
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March 8, 1934.

Dr. I.M. Rubinow, Secretary,
B'nai B'rith,
Electric Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rubinow:

I regret that I will not be able
to attend the meeting of the Hillel Foundation
on March 19th. Why don't you arrange a meeting of
the Foundation sometime in Cleveland?

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Copy for Dr. Abba H. Silver

March 9, 1934

Hon. Alfred M. Cohen
B'nai B'rith
Electric Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear President Cohen:

There are two important matters which I shall want to submit to the attention of the Hillel Foundation Commission when it meets on March 19th. I want to present them briefly to you now so that you will have an opportunity to think of them. They concern an expansion of the service which the Hillel Foundations can render.

You know, of course, what a serious problem is developing in this country as a result of the overcrowding of Jews in certain professions and occupations. I am wondering whether the Hillel Foundation could not render a constructive service by maintaining a bureau of statistics on occupational distribution of Jews. The bureau could advise young people about professions and occupations that are not crowded and where Jews would have a better opportunity.

Certain universities in this country are receiving many more Jewish students than they can absorb without difficulty. Hillel could make a survey of the general university situation in America and help to divert some of this student group to university centers which are not as disproportionately crowded with Jewish students.

I had been thinking of these matters for quite sometime. At a recent Wider Scope meeting in New York I had the pleasure of a long talk with Dr. Hellman who is one of Felix Warburg's kinsmen. He suggested that if such a service could be rendered by Hillel Foundation, it would not only be of immense service to American Jewish life, but it would enlist the support of many thoughtful Jewish citizens who have been worrying about the problem. They have seen with dismay the consequences of Jewish occupational distribution in European countries and they are uneasy about the rising tide of pressure in this country. Such a service could be handled from the National Hillel Office, and it would be, in my estimation, a healthy expansion of our Hillel program.

I am only briefly sketching it now. It will be necessary to elaborate, of course, when the projects are presented at the Hillel Commission meeting.

Cordially yours,

A. L. Sachar

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March 12, 1934.
(Dictated March 9)

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very sorry indeed that a heavy cold which I have been trying to fight off the past week made it necessary for me to cancel my trip to Cleveland tomorrow. I had hoped until last night that I might be able to come out, notwithstanding my cold, but the doctor has strictly prohibited it. I spoke to Miss Magee this morning and explained to her my point of view, that we are in danger of missing a great opportunity if we postpone decisive action awaiting the success of the Wagner Bill.

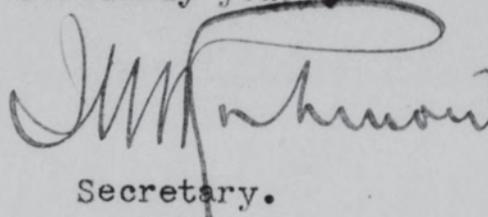
Perhaps I may be able to come out next Saturday if I can make arrangements for someone else to accompany President Cohen to Chicago for the meeting of the Hillel Commission.

May I add that I am very sorry indeed that you find it impossible to come to the meeting on March 19. It is not impossible that in view of the fact that we have held no meetings for over a year there may be enough work to last for two days and I wonder whether you could come to Chicago on the 20th. I could, of course, let you know towards the end of the biggest day on the 19th, whether we are going to meet the next day or not.

Why do we not arrange for a meeting in Cleveland? That is a hard question to answer. One might fall back upon the Jewish habit of meeting that with the counter question, Why should we, since there are several members of the Hillel Commission in Chicago? Incidentally, though of course this is not your fault, we really think Cleveland deserved it, considering the kind of treatment they have given us. I believe I wrote to you one or two occasions that Detroit has promised \$5,000. This morning I have a letter from St. Louis, informing me of their coming Joint Jewish Welfare Fund Drive and that a similar allotment of \$5,000 was made to the Wider Scope. Do you believe we would be justified in accepting from Cleveland either last year's allotment of \$1,000 or even less than that, a mere promise that we shall get something if there is money left over to distribute it.

I hate to be forced to do it but it looks very much as though we shall find it necessary to withdraw officially from the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland and organize a fund raising effort of our own. if we do that we shall, of course, not wait until the Federation Drive is over and the cream has been taken off. It may mean an unpleasant conflict but for that the leadership of the Federation must assume responsibility.

Cordially yours.



Secretary.

IMR/NS



March 12, 1934.

Mr. William Sultan,
B'nai B'rith,
130 North Wells Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Sultan:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of
transcript of speech delivered by Rabbi Silver
in Chicago on Sunday evening, March 4th.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BK
Enc.

Sec'y to Rabbi Silver.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE B'NAI B'RITH
HILLEL FOUNDATION COMMISSION, HELD MARCH 19, 1934,
STANDARD CLUB, CHICAGO, ILL.

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 March 19, 1934, at the Standard Club, Chicago, Illinois, beginning at ten o'clock A.M.

There were present: Alfred M. Cohen, Chairman; Dr. A. L. Sachar, National Director; Fred Bernstein, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 6; Rabbi Solomon Goldman, Rabbi James G. Heller, Morris D. Waldman, Dr. Louis L. Mann, appointees of the **President** of the Order; Dr. Philip Seman and Dr. Nathan Krass, appointees of the Commission; and Dr. I. M. Rubinow, Secretary.

Absent: Albert Cohn, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 1; Edwin J. Schanfarber, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 2; Joseph L. Kun, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 3; Edgar C. Levey, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 4; Rabbi Edward L. Israel, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 5; A. B. Freyer, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 7; Dr. Abba H. Silver, appointee of the President of the Order and Dr. David de Sola Pool, appointee of the Commission.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Commission, held on May 9, 1933, were approved as transmitted to the members by mail.

The Chairman of the Commission greeted the members present and said that the National Director would submit a report which would indicate the topics which will be acted on later.

Dr. Sachar thereupon read the following report, which he stated was in two parts - the first part reporting on what had been done since he assumed the National Directorship, and the second part suggesting changes or readjustments and making recommendations:

PART I.

On March 16, 1933, the great honor was done me of appointing me National Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. One year has passed since I undertook this stewardship and it is with great pleasure that I report to the members of the Hillel Commission. On the whole it has been a year of marked improvement in general economic conditions which, in turn, have reacted favorably upon the morale and development of the Foundations.

1. Finance

The year that has passed has been one of strenuous retrenchment. The budget adopted at the beginning of 1933 sweepingly cut all operating expenses, and the budget was set at \$35,000. It was felt that the first necessity was to live within income. Operating on such a budget has not been easy. Salaries have been drastically reduced. Rent reductions have been made necessary and the responsibility for the major portion of the maintenance budget has been placed upon each Director. This is not an ideal situation. Nevertheless I am glad to report that our budget has been balanced; nearly all bills have been met and our schedule is just about up to date.

The National Office contributed \$35,000 for the operation of its nine Foundations. This has been supplemented by approximately \$10,000 raised through the efforts of the Directors themselves. The principle was adopted that support for maintenance should be solicited from the students, alumni and dads, groups who profit directly from the operation of a Foundation. It was feared that a problem might be created through competition of such fund raising activities with the appeals of the Wider Scope. On the whole no such competition developed because on every campus the fund raising efforts have been limited to the special groups of students, alumni and dads, and in no instance has there been a general appeal in any community.

Illinois, California, Texas, West Virginia and Cornell raised supplementary budgets which amply covered operating needs. The Directors of each of these Foundations have reported that these supplementary funds enabled them to carry through their program without curtailment. In some instances a healthy reaction has occurred because of the fact that a sense of responsibility has been developed in the state for the Foundation and the students have appreciated more the activity which they have themselves developed and supported. Wisconsin reports that activities have also not suffered. The only item of distress came in the necessity for dispensing with secretarial assistance. Only Ohio and Michigan have failed in the past year to create a sufficient supplementary budget to operate efficiently. At Michigan this will be rectified next year because of an admirable arrangement made with the Jewish Community Chest of Detroit whereby a material sum will be given for Michigan student needs. The Ohio situation will be discussed more fully later.

2. General Visitation

I am glad to report that I have been able this year to visit every one of the Foundations except Texas and California, which are situated at too great a distance for a personal survey. Cornell was visited twice. A meeting was also held in Chicago of all the Midwestern Foundation Directors together with

the Chicago Hillel Commissioners. These visitations have been carried on with no expense inasmuch as it was possible in every instance to combine the visit with a nearby engagement which covered all costs.

3. Cultural and Religious

In developing cultural and religious activities Hillel has always been guided by three principles: 1. The development of an active and virile Jewish leadership. 2. The development of intelligent laymen. 3. The development of serious interests of a general nature supplementing the university activity. The first has been of supreme importance because until a decade ago the college man had very little Jewish influence brought to bear upon him, and he was, therefore, usually lost for Jewish institutional life when he returned to his community. A great hemorrhage, therefore, has occurred through the loss of this important element. The mass program has also been important because it is perfectly plain that not every student is a potential leader. The vast mass of students go back to their communities and fit into the rank and file. These, however, must be won for a sympathetic understanding of Jewish values. They will later sit in the pews and will be called upon to support Jewish institutional life with time and effort and money. Finally, Hillel in cooperation with every other extra-curricular agency must help to supplement university work by developing the character and the intellect of the student body. This is done through stimulating their more serious and mature interests.

In this threefold program Hillel has been generally successful. Lack of funds to carry on activity has been compensated by a more serious student body chastened by the effects of the depression and the understanding that parents are genuinely sacrificing to give their children the college opportunity. The "lounge lizard" and "jelly bean" have pretty nearly disappeared.

In most Foundations the cultural program has been best carried forward through classes and discussion groups. At Illinois an unusual situation exists and, therefore, its opportunities are greatest. All courses offered at the Foundation are credited by the University. Four courses are taught. "A History of Jewish Civilization," "The Fundamentals of Religion," "Religion and the Social Life," and "Historic Philosophies of Living." During the first semester approximately 300 students and during the second semester more than 400 students have been registered. Enrollment has not been decreased this year even though a registration fee of \$1.00 has been imposed. Approximately 40% of the student registration is non-Jewish, drawn from every denomination on the campus. At Cornell several classes are taught at the Foundation by the Director and conspicuous among them are two Hebrew speaking groups, one for elementary students and the other for those who have a speaking knowledge of the language. At Wisconsin, too, the class program of Dr. Kadushin is gratifyingly successful. There is an advanced Hebrew speaking group numbering a dozen students and also a class in Talmud. At California the classes are of a general nature. Rabbi Merritt has been negotiating with the University officials to win credit for these courses and is much further advanced this year than ever before. The California authorities have been studying the Illinois system, and it is likely that classes for credit will be offered there next year. In the other Foundations religious and historical classes are everywhere present. Attendance varies with the personality of the Director, but in all of the nine Foundations the program is the most impressive feature of Hillel work.

Every Foundation also conducts religious services and all report gratifying improvement in attendance. Services are usually held on Sunday morning, this being the most convenient day. Friday night, naturally more in the Jewish tradition, is a difficult time for services because the week end is the only social opportunity that students have. Nevertheless, on every campus minyan services are conducted even where the main service is Sunday morning. Wisconsin and Michigan have been working hard to develop the Friday evening service and report fair success. Michigan has a very beautiful ritual and, though the number of attendants is small, the service is a model of spiritual inspiration and aesthetic ritual.

Every Foundation also has developed a series of discussion groups. In some, as at Wisconsin, these meet in the home of the Director. At Illinois they are conducted on Friday evening at the Foundation Fireside. In some Foundations the Directors go to the fraternities and sororities to lead discussion groups there.

The Forum program has been severely curtailed because of financial stringency. In previous years an allowance was granted for each Foundation to import outstanding speakers. At Illinois the Forum continues on a self-supporting basis. Season tickets are sold to the campus and more than 800 attend. The Forum has become the University lecture series. Texas also has developed a self-supporting Forum and Cornell has utilized the services of speakers who pass through or who are lecturing in nearby communities.

Dramatics naturally have also been severely curtailed during this past year. Nevertheless the fine dramatics tradition has been maintained. Ohio, which is noted for its excellent dramatics group, scored with one of Nordau's great plays and Michigan rendered a service to the cultural life of the campus by a beautiful production of "The Dybbuk". Illinois staged "Street Scene" with admirable success. In every Foundation emphasis is placed upon plays of Jewish interest, although other plays also are presented in order to develop an esprit de corps among students who have talent in this direction.

The library and magazine facilities in each Foundation have suffered disastrously during the past year. Very few Foundations have been able to afford new books and magazine subscriptions have been curtailed. This is unfortunate because the more serious bents of the students make them more eager this year than ever before to follow the newest volumes. In some Foundations the difficulty has been met by interesting special groups in making contributions. At Illinois the unhappy death of the Student Vice-President brought an endowment from his parents and his fraternity, and a Myron David Gutmann Memorial Library has been created. At Cornell the Director handles the library for Barnes Hall and is able to choose a good number of volumes which have special interest to the more serious-minded Jewish group.

Summarizing cultural and religious activity the year has been a very useful one, despite curtailed budgets and the threefold principle of Hillel has been, on the whole, carried through. The development of an earnest corps of Jewish leaders, the stimulation of interest among the general student body and the development of intellectual interests as a supplement to general university work,

4. Social Service

Every Foundation has developed instruments to assist in problems of social welfare. The chief aid is a student loan fund, usually built up by student contributions, managed by the Director and operated as a rotating fund. Neither

collateral nor endorsements are required, but every student case is investigated and a confessed judgment note is signed for repayment without interest after graduation. The need has been greater this year than ever before. Illinois has a student loan fund which totals \$6,000, a fund gathered in the first few years of the Foundation's history by student contributions. During the past year more than 50 students have been assisted in the payment of their tuition fees, doctor bills or imperative living expenses. In West Virginia the State Sisterhood has placed a fund at the disposal of Rabbi Kagan. In California the Ladies Auxiliary has similarly made possible a loan fund. In other Foundations the drives among students during the early years of the Foundation's history have built up modest loan funds. In most Foundations the fund is operated with fine business efficiency. Delinquencies occur, but they are being reduced to a minimum and graduates who are in the field of law usually assist without charge in the collection.

Foundations have helped at the beginning of every semester in placing students in homes where they are welcome. The housing problem is serious on every campus because of the prejudice against Jewish students. Hillel has built up a register of rooms and these have become very useful, especially in the case of newcomers who have not adjusted themselves to the realities of university life. The employment service of Hillel has not been very effective during the past year. This has been due first to the paucity of jobs and second because practically every university has now established an employment service of its own. There has been considerable distress among Jewish students, many of them have suffered in health and morale. Fortunately in the past few months a change for the better is taking place, with the tie up between C. W. A. and F. E. R. A. and the needy students at the university.

The Illinois plan of writing books in Braille for the blind has been expanded this past year. A tie up has been established with the Jewish Braille Institute, and other Foundations have been asked to develop similar programs. Several have already responded and next year it is likely that every Foundation will have its own Braille class.

Some Foundations have developed speakers' bureaus and have offered the services of talented students to sisterhoods, brotherhoods, B'nai B'rith lodges and other Jewish groups for programs. This serves a threefold purpose. Hillel is contributing to the program of Jewish organizations. It develops youngsters for the tasks of Jewish leadership and it publicizes the Hillel Foundation in a most effective manner. The program has been best carried through this season in Texas, Illinois and West Virginia.

5. Defense

During the past year Hillel has had to develop in a new direction on account of the rise of anti-Semitic propaganda in university centers. The German exchange student has become a serious problem. There are 48 in the United States and a number of them function very efficiently in universities where Hillel Foundations operate. Members of the German faculty also have been a problem. It has been perfectly natural for German born and bred academicians, many of whom would have been thrown out of Germany if they lived there, to come to the defense of their fatherland. And there have been many propagandists who have visited university centers as itinerant lecturers either under university auspices, the service clubs or before church groups. The Foundation

Directors have done yeoman service in combating such propaganda. Everyone of them watched carefully the situation on the campus. Rabbi Merritt reports encounters with a number of such propagandists, and he has been especially effective in following them up. A number of Nazi speakers were routed and their influence vitiated at West Virginia. The offensive has been taken in a number of instances and Directors have accepted invitations throughout the state in order to present a fair view of Jewish life and especially of the German and Eastern European situation. More than 150 addresses have been delivered in this manner by the nine Foundation Directors.

6. Social

The social activity of a Foundation is an important element. Teas, smokers, dances, bridge tournaments, in themselves have no intrinsic value. They are usually merely bait to bring the average student to a Foundation in order later to interest him in the more important cultural and religious program. There is, however, a positive side to social functions as well. They help to break down clannishness and the snobbishness of Jewish life. All too many campuses through their fraternity and sorority systems have split up Jewish life and destroyed its essential unity. Hillel social functions offer the only common meeting ground for the organized and unorganized, the socially elite and the lowly untouchables, the Cadillac, the Chevrolet and the wheezing student contraption.

The social program at Hillel this year has, of course, been vitally affected by lack of financial resources. Most affairs have been veritable hard time parties with volunteer orchestras, carefully rationed biscuits, diluted punch and well worn decks of cards. The spirit has been fine, however, and students have evidently not minded the drastic economies.

Summary

All in all it has been a year of earnest effort and remarkably healthy achievement. Our Foundations have been serving 5,750 students, a huge congregation. Most of the youngsters have lived away from home, uprooted from any Jewish contacts. The cost to the National Office has been \$35,000. Very few Jewish institutions have made so little go so far. In the past few months there has been a decided improvement in general economic conditions and the funds for the Wider Scope have been increased gratifyingly. We may, therefore, look forward to the year that is to come with a great deal more optimism. The lessons of the severe depression period have been very valuable and will be applied in the new year when, it is to be hoped, the Foundations will become stronger economically and will function with increased vitality and efficiency.

PART II

RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to carry through improvements in the year that is to come the following recommendations are offered to the members of the Hillel Commission:

1. The Foundation at Morgantown, West Virginia, should be closed. I recognize the seriousness of such a step and the effect that it has on morale. Nevertheless, apart from general budgetary considerations, the situation in Morgantown itself has changed materially in the six years that the Foundation has functioned. The student body today is the smallest it has ever been. Its numbers altogether 117 students which represents a decrease of nearly one half. Furthermore, only 58 of these 117 students are from West Virginia. Nearly all of the others come from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Already last year the closing of the Foundation was seriously considered, but inasmuch as there was a five year lease on the premises and \$1,200 had to be paid anyway an additional \$500 was added to the budget and the Director was asked to raise all of the funds with which to operate. It will be impossible this year to function with only \$1,700 (the usual budget has been about \$4,000), and there are a great many more important places in the country where a larger investment can be utilized. From the point of view of B'nai B'rith activity in West Virginia it is important to note that the entire state numbers now seven lodges and the majority of these are defunct. Rabbi Kagan has made an earnest attempt to interest the local community in organizing a state board of governors to finance the Foundation if a small budget is allowed by the National Office. The local community, however, has proved quite apathetic and Rabbi Kagan writes that probably not more than \$500 would be forthcoming from the entire state if the Director devoted himself considerably to personal solicitation.

If the Foundation is closed, my recommendation would be that the National Office help to readjust the student body by generally supervising a student organization and helping to bring in outside speakers occasionally. The name, Hillel Foundation, would no longer be applied but the actual assistance can be rendered to an autonomous student government.

2. A Hillel Foundation should be organized at Penn State which is situated at State College, Pennsylvania. This should be done not only to compensate District No. 3 for the loss of the West Virginia Foundation. Penn State offers an admirable opportunity for building up a very strong Foundation. It now has nearly 250 Jewish students. The state legislature has in the past few years taken an ever-increasing interest in the University. It has been cutting down its subventions to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Temple and has been gradually increasing its subventions to Penn State. Those who know the Pennsylvania situation predict that within five years the University will double its registration, and the Jewish student body has been growing by leaps and bounds in the past few years.

During the past few years the State Sisterhood has been expending a few hundred dollars to finance the visits of a number of rabbis who have come in to conduct occasional services. This support has not been withdrawn because such student activity has been found ineffective. The Jewish student group is, therefore, left without any Jewish influence at all. A Foundation would add

immensely to the vitality of Jewish student life. It would be welcomed by the University, and it would have an enormous effect in the state of Pennsylvania.

To be sure, there are several thousand Jewish students at the University of Pennsylvania and at Temple, both situated in Philadelphia. However, there is a Jewish student house there. Both of these universities are "trolley car" universities where the great majority of students leave for home after classes, and there is considerable Jewish life in Philadelphia for those who are interested.

From a practical point of view, the establishment of a Foundation in the state of Pennsylvania would intensify the renewed interest that the East is taking in Wider Scope activities. I have every confidence that the contributions from Pennsylvania would easily compensate for the investment at Penn State. This would come to approximately \$4,000, \$1,800 for salary, \$1,200 for rent, \$600 for maintenance and about \$400 for initial furnishing and equipment. The investment for equipment would be much larger, but I would recommend the transfer from West Virginia to Penn State of all equipment which is useful, such as furnishings, addressograph, typewriters, mimeograph, office supplies, etc.

3. I report with considerable regret that Ohio State is the least efficiently managed Foundation and requires immediate action. There is no student interest and the difficulty seems to be definitely in the Director. He is personally a loyal and devoted individual with many admirable qualities. But apparently he is not meant for Hillel work which requires special talents. He is not an effective leader. He has not the confidence of the student group. His classes and services are not attended. I have been very careful to interview every type at Ohio State in order to make certain that the complaints do not come from particular groups. The local community, especially the chairman of the Advisory Board, has suggested that new leadership would revitalize the Foundation. Representative students have similarly expressed themselves, including both independents and fraternity and sorority groups. The Director is held in high esteem by members of the faculty, but the Foundation is not functioning primarily for the Ohio State faculty. It is established on a campus to serve the Jewish students. It is significant that Ohio has been unable to raise any supplementary budget. For there is little loyalty among students or alumni. I recommend that the Commission earnestly consider the problem at Ohio State and take action to improve the efficiency of the Foundation.

4. Northwestern was established a year ago as a new experiment in Hillel technique. It was to be a Foundation with a volunteer Director, its finances to come from a local advisory group. Northwestern has functioned for a semester and the results of the experiment can be pretty well judged. It appears to me now that the Foundation has become too important to leave to purely volunteer effort. Dr. Jacob Singer is a very efficient and able person, but is naturally unable to give more than odds and ends of his time to the Foundation. In fairness to him he should have adequate assistance. But adequate assistance would mean an outlay that could as well go to a full time Director. "A Friend of Northwestern" has tried valiantly to raise the funds for the work, but though there has been enough response to meet the minor Foundation expenses, not enough has been forthcoming to make possible the employment of a full time Director.

However, in the semester of the Foundation's existence its need has been surely demonstrated. The Jewish student body totals nearly 800. It is a fine, wholesome group, drawn from an unusual stratum. My recommendation would be the

appointment of a full time Director, the salary to be paid by the National Office, the local group to be responsible for rent and maintenance. The total investment for the National Office would be \$1,800. It is worthwhile for the maintenance of an efficient Foundation in a center as large as Chicago.

5. The financing of the Hillel Foundations for the past decade has been dependent upon Wider Scope drives. Naturally budgets have fluctuated violently in relation to the success or failure of Wider Scope campaigns. During the past four or five years budgets have been drastically reduced. The dues of B'nai B'rith members have not been used in the smallest part for the support of Hillel or any other Wider Scope agency.

It appears to me that the time has come to place Hillel on a more permanent and logical basis. Hillel has become an integral part of B'nai B'rith and no longer is simply a supplementary function. I recommend that district conventions this year be asked to consider the problem of Hillel financing and at the International Convention, to be held in April of 1935, a new method be adopted which will stabilize Hillel's budget.

6. I recommend a much closer tie-up between the Jewish student group and the home community. The rabbis and social workers in every community should be urged to communicate with the Director of a Foundation calling attention to students who have been trained by them. Directors can then watch these students more carefully and continue the work where the rabbi or the social worker has left off. Furthermore, after graduation the student should not be lost sight of. Directors should communicate with the rabbi of the community in which the student returns, describing the student's activities at Hillel, his talents and capacities, and the institutions of the home community should be urged to utilize these developed talents in sunday school teaching or in the general institutional life of the community. In this way there will be one continuous development of the student from home to school and back home again.

7. I recommend the development of syllabi, pamphlets, reading lists and advice bulletins to be sent to Jewish groups in the universities throughout the country. There are only nine Hillel Foundations but nearly a hundred universities where student groups should be reached. Hillel has not the economic capacity to reach out to all of these groups, but relations can be established with them through the National office in an advisory capacity and their interest in Jewish cultural values can be stimulated by judicious guidance. There are agencies such as Menorah, Avukah, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Sisterhoods which do some of this work. Where it is efficiently done it need not be duplicated, but there are a great many centers which need guidance and where Hillel can perform a very useful function.

8. One of the most difficult problems in America has developed as a result of undue concentration of Jewish students in certain university centers. Much of this is natural inasmuch as there are a number of great Jewish population centers. Numerus clauses unofficial and official have been developed to reduce the number of Jewish students in certain universities. Hillel could perform a very useful function in developing a bureau of statistics on university population and advice can be offered to families all over the country on university operation, especially in centers not thickly populated by Jews. This would be a service to young people who are anxious for an untrammled university opportunity, and it would also help to mitigate the rising tide of anti-Semitism in American Universities.

Another useful function can be performed through a bureau of statistics on Jewish vocational concentration. Certain professions and occupations have been unduly crowded. However, this task has now been undertaken, I understand, by A.Z.A. and if it is efficiently performed there is no need of Hillel duplicating it. But no agency is in a better position than Hillel to offer advice on University operations, and I recommend the establishment of such an agency.

9. I recommend the appointment of an associate at the University of Illinois Foundation. The burden has become increasingly heavy. In addition to managing the Foundation, including its full time teaching program, the tasks of National work have grown especially in a period of diminished budgets when more supervision has been required. Furthermore, Wider Scope has been utilizing the services of the National Director for money raising purposes. If recommendations that have been made at this meeting for an expansion of the Hillel program are accepted there will be additional duties involved.

An associate will not be expensive. One can be procured for \$1,800. He would not only help to develop much more efficiently the local direction at Illinois, but his training would serve him in good stead to take over some other Foundation if a vacancy should occur. In this way, Illinois would become a training ground for future Hillel Directors.

It will also be necessary to add \$500 to the budget for maintenance and secretarial assistance. All national expenses have been paid this year out of the local Illinois budget which has been a very modest one and makes no provision for a secretary. This additional sum would make possible more efficiency in promoting the national program.



After hearing the first part of the report, the Chairman stated he was sure the members of the Commission had received with a good deal of gratification the report of the National Director.

Dr. Rubinow suggested that the first part of the report of the National Director be printed, with some modifications, so that it will be available for general distribution. The Commission concurred in this suggestion and Dr. Sachar agreed to edit it for such purpose.

The Commission next considered the recommendations contained in part 2 of the National Director's report.

1. Recommendation that the Foundation at Morgantown, West Virginia be closed.

After due consideration it was moved, seconded and carried that the recommendation of the National Director with reference to the discontinuance of the Morgantown Foundation on July 1, 1934, be adopted.

2. Recommendation that a B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation should be organized at Penn State, which is situated at State College, Pennsylvania.

By consent, it was moved, seconded and carried that action on the recommendation of the National Director to open a Foundation at Penn State University be postponed until later in the meeting.

Recommendation 4 of the National Director's report was next considered.

The members of the Commission residing in Chicago who had been in close touch with the Northwestern Foundation since it began to function, concurred in the views expressed by the National Director.

It was therefore moved, seconded and carried that the recommendation of the National Director that a full time Director for the Northwestern Foundation be appointed beginning with the academic year 1934-35, the salary to be paid by the national office, the local group to be responsible for all other expenses in running the Foundation, the total investment of the national office of B'nai B'rith to be \$1800.00, be adopted.

The members of the Commission residing in Chicago stated they wished to record their appreciation of the services rendered by Rabbi Jacob Singer as the volunteer Director of the Northwestern Foundation.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that a communication be sent Rabbi Singer informing him that the Hillel Commission feels deeply indebted to him for his conscientious and efficient service in launching the Hillel Foundation at Northwestern University, and advising him that the Northwestern Foundation has developed to the point where a full time Director is needed, and expresses the hope that Dr. Singer will continue his interest in an advisory capacity.

Recommendation 9 of the National Director's report was taken up for action.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the recommendation of the

National Director in regard to the engagement of an associate Director for the Illinois Foundation, at a cost of not to exceed \$1800.00, be approved.

It was further moved, seconded and carried that \$500.00 a year be allotted in the budget of the Illinois Foundation for clerical services rendered the National Director.

Recommendation 5 of the National Director's report was next considered.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the National Director's recommendation with reference to financing the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations be referred to the Executive Committee of the Order for its consideration.

It was suggested that in order to increase the interest of Wider Scope subscribers in the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, that bi-monthly reports be sent to the leading Wider Scope subscribers. This suggestion was concurred in by the Commission and it was moved, seconded and carried that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a list to whom these regular reports shall be sent, Dr. Sachar to prepare the reports, which are to be sent out from the headquarters of the Order.

The Chairman appointed Dr. Sachar, Rabbi Heller and Dr. Rubinow as such committee.

In connection with the National Director's report, under "Recommendation 7", the National Director requested an expression from the Commission as to whether it should be interpreted as part of the task of Hillel to help Jewish student groups in university centers who want assistance in the development of their Jewish cultural and religious life, where the university is too small for a Hillel Foundation to come in, it being understood that where other groups are performing their function, we have no desire to compete.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that it is the sense of the Commission that this become part of the Hillel policy.

The attention of the Commission was called to the fact that there has recently been formed at the University of Chicago an organization called "The Jewish Foundation of the University" and that there has already been some confusion of this Foundation with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, occasioned by the use of the word "Foundation." It was the sense of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission that Rabbi George Fox, who is the Director of the Foundation at the University of Chicago, with the consent of his constituents of Jewish activities, be requested to substitute some other name, and that the Chairman of the Commission communicate this to Rabbi Fox.

The National Director presented the following requests for B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations:

1. University of Syracuse, Syracuse, New York. (600 Jewish students)
2. Military School, Bluefield, West Virginia (30 Jewish students)
3. University of Indiana (170 Jewish students)
4. Lincoln, Nebraska (150 Jewish students)
5. Penn State, State College, Pa. (250 Jewish students)
6. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark. (100 Jewish students)
7. Montreal Canada (2 universities. 492 Jewish students. Want to make local B'nai B'rith Lodges responsible)
8. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
9. University of Georgia.
10. New England States want Foundation.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that in connection with the positions of Director of the Northwestern Foundation and associate Director of the Illinois Foundation, that the National Director and two members of the Commission residing in Chicago be selected as a committee of three to make nominations, which when made shall be submitted to the Chairman for transmittal to the members of the Commission.

In further reference to the National Director's recommendation that a Foundation be established in Penn State University, it was suggested that Dr. Sachar obtain detailed facts about the University of Alabama, and that after having such facts, he and Mr. Waldman are to present them to Judge Kun and his associates, leaving to the Pennsylvania brethren the decision whether they will accede to the request of the University of Alabama for a Foundation, in which event the promise will be given that Penn State will be given the next Foundation. If the Pennsylvania brethren insist upon having the Foundation at Penn State, then the Alabama brethren will be told that they are to have the next Foundation when established.

The budget of the Foundations for the next scholastic year was next considered.

The National Director read a letter from Rabbi Pekarsky, Director of the Cornell Foundation, in which an increase in salary was asked for.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Rabbi Pekarsky's salary be increased to \$2100.00 for the year commencing September 1, 1934.

The National Director presented the request of Rabbi Bernard Heller that his salary be increased.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that beginning September 1, 1934, the salary of Rabbi Heller, Director of the Michigan Foundation, be increased to \$4,000, the \$400.00 increase to come out of a fund contributed by the Detroit Community Chest to the Michigan Foundation.

The National Director presented a request from Rabbi Kadushin for an increase in salary.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Rabbi Kadushin's request for an increase in salary be postponed until after the National Director and Rabbi Goldman have had a talk with him in relation to his work and duties as a Hillel Foundation Director.

The National Director presented a request from Rabbi Baron for an increase in salary.

It was moved, seconded and carried that beginning September 1, 1934, the salary of Rabbi Baron, Director of the Texas Foundation, be increased to \$3,000, of which amount \$1200.00 is to be paid by B'nai B'rith.

The following budget was on motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Budget for September 1934-September 1935.



B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION BUDGET

September 1934 - September 1935.

Illinois 1
 Salary \$4,500
 Rent 1,200
 Main. 1,300
Total \$7,000

Texas 4
 Salary \$1,200
 Rent 900
 Main. 500
Total \$2,600

Wisconsin
 Salary 3,600
 Rent 1,000
 Main. 1,000
Total \$5,600

Cornell
 Salary 2,100
 Main. 600
Total \$2,700

Michigan 2
 Salary 3,600
 Rent 1,440
 Main. 1,600
Total \$6,640

Northwestern
 Salary 1,800
 Rent & Main. 5
Total \$1,800

Ohio
 Salary 3,600
 Rent 900
 Main. 750
Total \$5,250

Penn State or Alabama
 Salary 1,800
 Rent 1,200
 Main. 600
 Furnish 400
Total \$4,000

California
 Salary 3,600
 Rent 1,200
 Main. 850³
Total \$5,650

National
 Secretary 500
 Associate 1800
Total \$2,300

Total Budget \$43,940

1. Plus \$1,620 from Illinois Hillel League
2. Plus \$400 from Detroit Community Chest
3. Plus \$600 from Berkeley Community Chest
4. Plus \$1,800 from Austan Jewish Community
5. Total to come from friends of Northwestern



In view of the fact that the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation is just now ten years old, it was moved, seconded and carried that the time is opportune for a complete report of the respective Foundations for as long as each has been in existence, and that the National Director request each of the Directors to compile these reports and submit them to him. On their receipt the National Director shall coordinate them so that they present a composite picture. Each Director is to be asked to define what he believes the purposes of the Hillel Foundations are and the answers are to be sent to each Commissioner and presented to the next meeting of the Commission.

The National Director brought to the attention of the Commission that the West Virginia Foundation had a very nice collection of books which he thought the University of West Virginia would appreciate having in its library. It was therefore moved, seconded and carried that the books at the West Virginia Foundation be given to the West Virginia University on condition that they be kept in an alcove under the name "B'nai B'rith."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.



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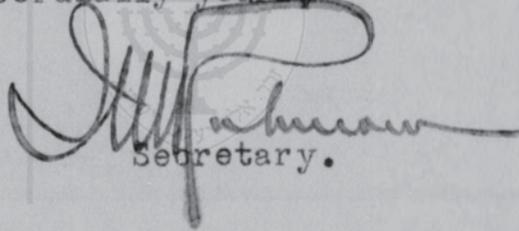
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Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd. & 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:—

If the weather continues to be favorable I expect to spent the weekend in Cleveland as Mrs. Rubinow is anxious to see our relatives in your city. This might be an opportunity for us to get together for a little while, perhaps Saturday afternoon, in regard to the unemployment insurance situation. We shall be stopping at the Carter Hotel.

Cordially yours


Secretary.

and

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April 4, 1934

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

My Dear Rabbi:

As you know, B'nai B'rith has been much more active this year, both nationally and locally in anti-defamation work, than ever before. This necessitates an increase in the membership and prestige of Cleveland Lodge.

Coming to the presidency of Cleveland Lodge this year, I am made aware of the fact that the organization needs encouragement and inspiration from the spiritual leaders of our community.

Without asking you to take on any added work in your already full program, may I respectfully request an appointment for the purpose of discussing B'nai B'rith with you within the next few days?

Thanking you for the courtesy of a reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

RDM:HV

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National Director B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations

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CALIFORNIA Grape Fruit

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Musical Director American Boy's Commonwealth

JACK GREENFIELD

Member American Boy's Commonwealth

At the Piano



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SELECTIONS **Chausow Trio**
OSCAR CHAUSOW DOROTHY BLOOM JAMES KANN
(Violinist) (Pianist) (Cellist)

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FRED BERNSTEIN Toastmaster

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DER FREILACHER SHNAIDEREL Jassenowsky

WILBERT LEIBLING, Vocalist

JACK GREENFIELD, at the Piano

SICILIANO AND RIGAUDON Francoeur - Kreisler

HEBREW MELODY Achron (Rearranged by Auer)

SIGEINERWEISEN (Gypsy Airs) Sarasati

OSCAR CHAUSOW, Violinist

DOROTHY BLOOM, Accompanist

ADDRESS "Chalutzim"

RONALD FRIEDMAN, of Waukegan, Ill.

(Winner of District No. 6 A. Z. A. 1934 Oratorical Championship)

REMARKS

SIGMUND LIVINGSTON, Chairman B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League

PERSIANKA In Russian

OSO BOIKER In Hebrew

VICTOR VICTOROFF, Vocalist

ADDRESS

DR. ABRAM L. SACHAR, National Director of the B'nai B'rith
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1209 Sherwin Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

June 15, 1934.

Hon. Alfred M. Cohen,
Electric Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear President Cohen:

After a series of meetings, participated in by Dr. Mann, Dr. Goldman, and myself, members of the committee to fill the vacancies in the Hillel Foundations for next year, selections were unanimously made, to be recommended to the members of the Hillel Foundation Commission. Rabbi Morris Kertzer is recommended for the post of Assistant Director of the Illinois Foundation. Rabbi Samuel Cook is recommended for the post of Director of the newly organized Foundation of the University of Alabama. Rabbi Martin Weitz is recommended for the post of Director of the Northwestern Foundation.

Rabbi Kertzer is a graduate, in this year's class, of the Jewish Theological Seminary. He hails from Toronto where he received his early training. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1930, specializing in Philosophy. During his years at the Jewish Theological Seminary he taught in Newark at Oheb Shalom Congregation and according to Rabbi Leon Lang, with conspicuous ability. He was highly recommended by Rabbi Louis Finkelstein of the Seminary, our newest Hillel Commission member. In a recent trip to New York I asked Rabbi Finkelstein to name the student who, in his judgment, would be the best available material for Hillel. He named Rabbi Kertzer. Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan also endorses his application and urges his appointment.

Rabbi Samuel Cook is evidently one of the ablest students ever graduated by the Hebrew Union College. He received his undergraduate training at Haverford College, Pa., won Phi Beta Kappa honors, was awarded a graduate fellowship for 1927-28 created the Cooperative store and managed it through his University years, and managed the baseball team in 1927. He spent six years at the Hebrew Union College, was president of the Student Body, active in Avukah, director of Young Judaea for 3 years, and managed the cooperative store. He is highly recommended by President Julian Morgenstern of the Hebrew Union College, Dr. James Heller of our Hillel Commission, Professor Jacob Marcus and a number of his Haverford professors. Our selection committee felt that he was the outstanding applicant among the 26 considered.

Rabbi Martin Weitz is also a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, class of 1934, and has been unusually successful in the literary field. He edited the Hebrew Union College Monthly and, since its inception three years ago, the Youth Leader. He was enthusiastically recommended by Rabbi James Heller, Mr. A. L. Segal of the American Israelite, Horace Kallen, Rabbi Joshua Liebman, Rabbi Henry Cohen of Galveston, Rabbi Felix Levy of Chicago, Professor E. L. Talbert of the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Henry Englander and many others. Rabbi Edward Israel of Baltimore, one of our Hillel Commissioners, writes of him, "He has a fine social conscience....He has had far above the average amount of practical experience with young people... If my congregation could afford it financially, Martin Weitz is the one person whom I would like to have come to Baltimore with me."

While the Hillel Commission is being circularized about the Selection Committee's recommendations, I am taking the liberty of writing to Rabbi Morris Newfield and the Tuscaloosa Congregation about Rabbi Cook. We owe it to them to get their formal approval, of the young rabbi who is recommended for Alabama. I am also writing to Rabbi Jacob Singer, the sponsor of the Northwestern Foundation and to the chairman of the Friends of Northwestern group, for the same reason.

I would appreciate it very much if the members of the Hillel Commission were notified of the Selection Committee's recommendations, so that the official appointments, if full approval comes, can be made and announced.

I should add that the committee had great difficulty in choosing for there was genuinely a profusion of talent. We had hoped to add a representative from the Jewish Institute of Religion **but**, unfortunately, the two strongest applicants became unavailable by virtue of other appointments.

Cordially yours,

A. L. Sachar

B'NAI B'RITH

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ALFRED M. COHEN
PRESIDENT

June 18, 1934.

Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

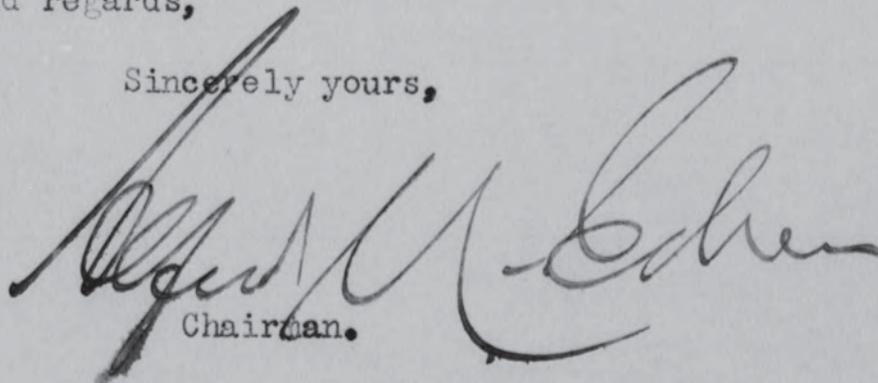
At the last meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission held in Chicago last March 19, it was resolved that a full time Director for the Northwestern Foundation be appointed, beginning with the academic year 1934-35; also under certain circumstances that a Foundation be established at the University of Alabama, and that the selection of nominees for Directors for these two Foundations, as well as that of an Associate Director for the Illinois Foundation (previously authorized) be made by the National Director and two members of the Commission residing in Chicago, and these nominations when submitted to the Chairman be transmitted to the members of the Commission for their approval.

I am just in receipt of a letter from Dr. Sachar, National Director, copy of which is herewith enclosed, in which he reports that the Committee recommends the selection of Rabbi Morris Kertzer to be Assistant Director of the Illinois Foundation; Rabbi Samuel Cook as Director of the University of Alabama Foundation; and Rabbi Martin Weitz as Director of the Northwestern Foundation.

May I ask you to promptly communicate to me your views concerning these appointments?

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Chairman.

June 20, 1934.

Mr. Alfred M. Cohen, President,
B'nai B'rith,
Electric Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

In reply to your letter of June 18th,
permit me to say that I approve of the three selections
made by your committee for directors of the Hillel
Foundations.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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October 23rd, 1934.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thank you very much for the announcement Sunday
of the B'nai B'rith campaign. It reaffirms again the feeling
of all that know you that you can always be depended upon.

Sincerely yours,

Philmore J. Haber

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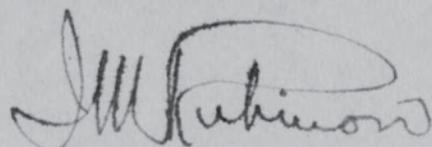
Dr. Abba H. Silver,
Ansel Road at 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hillel
Foundation Commission will be held on Wednesday,
January 9, 1935, at the headquarters of B'nai
B'rith, 40 Electric Building, Cincinnati, Ohio,
beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Please make every effort to attend.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary.

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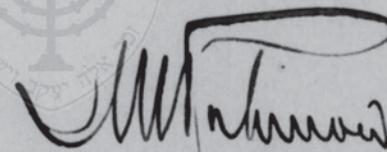
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Dr. Abba H. Silver
Ansel Rd. at 105th
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Kindly take notice that it has been found necessary to change the date of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission meeting from Wednesday, January 9, to Tuesday, January 15. The meeting will be held in Cincinnati at the office of B'nai B'rith at 10 A. M. I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend this meeting.

Cordially yours,



Secretary

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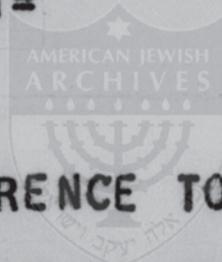
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January 14, 1935

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE B'NAI B'RITH
HILLEL FOUNDATION COMMISSION, HELD JANUARY 15, 1935.
CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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 January 15, 1935, at the headquarters of B'nai B'rith, Cincinnati, Ohio, beginning at ten o'clock A. M.

There were present: Alfred M. Cohen, Chairman; Dr. A. L. Sachar, National Director; Rabbi Edward L. Israel, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 5; Fred Bernstein, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 6; Louis Cohen, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 7; Rabbi James G. Heller and Morris D. Waldman, appointees of the President of the Order; Dr. Philip Seman and Dr. Nathan Krass, appointees of the Commission; and Dr. I. M. Rubinow, Secretary.

Absent: Judge Albert Cohn, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 1; Edwin J. Schanfarber, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 2; Judge Joseph L. Kun, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 3; Edgar C. Levey, representative of District Grand Lodge No. 4; Rabbi Solomon Goldman and Dr. Abba H. Silver, appointees of the President of the Order, and Dr. Louis Finkelstein, appointee of the Commission. Excuses were received from all who were not present.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Commission, held on March 19, 1934, were approved as transmitted to the members by mail.

The Chairman of the Commission greeted the members present and said that the National Director had prepared an agenda, which unless the Commission otherwise decided, would be followed. The first item on the agenda was the report of the National Director, which was as follows:

FINANCE

It is a great satisfaction to plan the national Hillel program of 1935 in a very different mood from that which dominated the planning for 1934. The economic situation, while by no means secure and stable, is vastly improved. Wider Scope collections have substantially increased, and in consequence the commitments and obligations undertaken by the national Hillel Commission have been promptly met. Of course, the budget is still a minimum emergency one. It is 40% lower for each Foundation than it was several years ago. It is to be hoped that very soon readjustments can be made so that salaries and maintenance can be restored to a more equitable level. In the meantime it is a satisfaction to report that we have been operating on a balanced budget and entered the new year without any accumulated obligations.

As a means of supplementing the limited maintenance budgets supplied by the National Office, each Director has attempted to raise funds from amongst students, dads, alumni, and friends of Hillel. Great care has been taken to avoid conflict with Wider Scope appeals. A total of \$5,000 to \$6,000 has been raised in this way, mostly from student contributions or affairs held by alumni. Ultimately the relationship will have to be worked out between independent fund raising and the general Hillel budget. It has indeed been useful to bring in student support for Hillel maintenance. This has tended to end pauperizing the

student body. But the ideal situation will exist only when the National Office raises all of the funds, supplies adequate maintenance to the various Foundations and students' contributions are utilized solely for student activity.

In order to improve the appearance of the Foundations, refurnishing and renovating have been undertaken for the first time in many years. Ohio State has moved into new quarters and is much more attractively housed. Illinois has been completely refurnished partly through a \$680.00 outlay by the National Office, but mostly through the efforts of a number of B'nai B'rith Auxiliaries in Chicago. Michigan has also been completely redecorated and refurnished and is perhaps the most attractive, physically, today of all the Foundations. These expenditures are indications of the better economic situation and have amply justified themselves in the increased efficiency of the various units.

LADIES AUXILIARIES

The cooperation of the B'nai B'rith Ladies Auxiliaries is an important development of 1934. The Auxiliaries have been searching for a program which would make them more than an incidental adjunct of the mens' groups. Mr. Fred Bernstein and the National Director appeared at the District No. 6 Convention of the Auxiliaries and explained the usefulness of tying up some of the efforts of the Auxiliary groups with Hillel by helping in refurnishing and redecorating and by creating Loan Funds and Scholarships for worthy and needy students and by such other activity which might be expected from mothers who are vitally concerned with student life. The National Director also appeared at the Auxiliary District No. 2 Convention for the same purpose. Response has already been quite gratifying. The Auxiliary of Pisgah Lodge, Detroit, has refurnished Michigan. Ramah Lodge Auxiliary of Chicago, has supplied three hundred yards of beautiful carpeting for Illinois. Adolf Kraus Auxiliary of Chicago, has furnished twenty-four sections of mahogany bookcases. Austin Lodge Auxiliary of Chicago, has supplied lamps and desks. Through the efforts of Ramah Auxiliary, Mr. Henry Rose of Chicago, has furnished beautiful drapes and curtains. The National Director is now working through the program of collaboration with Mrs. Sigelbaum, President of District No. 2 Auxiliary, for the creation of Scholarship and Loan Funds. As this program becomes national, Hillel will gain the enthusiastic cooperation of the virile Auxiliary groups, earnest women who can help immensely to keep the Foundations attractive and who can materially build up the social welfare program of the Foundations.

WEST VIRGINIA

Since the last meeting of the Commission, its mandate with reference to closing West Virginia Foundation has been carried through. There was no problem with reference to the Director, who became Assistant to Rabbi Solomon Freehof of Pittsburgh. Furnishings and equipment were transferred to the new Foundation unit at the University of Alabama. Naturally there have been many petitions and appeals received from many individuals and organizations from the State of West Virginia for the Foundation to be continued. The State Sisterhood Convention went so far as to raise the equivalent of a \$5.00 per capita for every Sisterhood member if the Foundation were again installed. But the Jewish student body remains at a little over 100 in number and the decision of the Commission has been met by the approval of the more responsible leadership that realizes that a \$4,000 investment is not worthy in a University which has such a small student body when there are numerous requests at each Commission meeting from much larger institutions for the establishment of a Hillel Foundation.

ALABAMA FOUNDATION

Following the mandate of the Hillel Commission with reference to a new unit of Hillel at either Penn State or Alabama, the National Director conferred in May in Philadelphia with Judge Kun and the District No. 3 leaders. The difficult situation at Alabama was outlined and the District leaders graciously yielded precedence to Alabama, realizing how much greater the need was there for a Foundation. The new unit was therefore opened at Tuscaloosa, Ala. in September, 1934. It has a Jewish student body of 450, the majority from out of the State, especially New York. The Foundation was placed under the direction of Rabbi Samuel Cook, the class of 1934 Hebrew Union College, who was selected by the Committee appointed by President Cohen. The local Jewish community undertook to cover \$1,000 of the Director's salary, in return for which he is to serve as local Rabbi in an arrangement similar to that which prevails at the Foundation in Texas. The Foundation was opened by Rabbi Cook in September. The National Director installed him in October in a service which was participated in by students and townspeople. The dedication was held in December in an impressive ceremony in which President Cohen participated. The warmest cooperation was promised to him by President Denny of the University of Alabama. Rabbi Cook, during this first semester, has already built a fine esprit de corps, has won faculty respect and has established contacts throughout the State which are helping to revitalize Wider Scope interests.

NORTHWESTERN

The Foundation at Northwestern University which functioned under the volunteer sponsorship of Rabbi Jacob Singer in the academic year of 1934, was placed under the full-time direction of Rabbi Martin Weitz, class of 1934 Hebrew Union College, who was selected by the Committee appointed by President Cohen. The Friends of Northwestern Hillel Foundation continue to supply funds for rent and maintenance while salaries are furnished by the National Office. The Foundation has moved from its totally inadequate one room office into much more spacious headquarters which are only two blocks from the campus. The task of Rabbi Weitz is different from that of all the other Directors, since he functions in a University where the students do not live on the campus but leave for their homes after classes. He is developing a new technique for this type of "trolley car" University, which should be watched with considerable interest.

An Assistant was selected by the Committee appointed by President Cohen, to serve at the University of Illinois. Rabbi Morris Kertzer, class of 1934 Jewish Theological Seminary, is the new incumbent, who has taken over student activity and who has been especially active in building up the traditional side of the Foundation's activities, Sabbath services, holiday celebrations, Hebrew classes, etc.

DEFENSE

The increased anti-semitic propaganda in this country, percolating into American Universities, has required increased vigilance on the part of Hillel Directors. Nazi propaganda has changed its technique. American professors are now invited to give courses in German Universities, exchange students are welcomed and extended every courtesy. During their sojourn in Germany they are shown only what is favorable to Nazi interests and all too often they return as ambassadors of good will, immensely more effective than the clumsy propagandists in the past years. Every Hillel Director has been called upon to make replies, to discredit lies, to prepare factual material and to be on guard so that each University sanctuary may be kept unpolluted.

CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT

I am glad to report that considerable progress has been made in the past semester in deepening the cultural and religious programs of the Foundations. The continued depression has evidently sobered students considerably and they are much more vitally concerned with these programs. The Foundations, too, better established, no longer need to over emphasize social as bait and better preparation has been developed.

At Illinois the four credit courses have now drawn well over 400 students. Two Hebrew classes under Rabbi Kertzer have also been organized for elementary and advanced students, and negotiations are now under way to obtain full credit for these. There is every likelihood that the application will be favorably received. At Wisconsin, the program of religious education includes not only Hebrew and history, but a class in Talmud, which has grown in effectiveness this year. At Michigan Rabbi Heller has launched a whole series of classes which include history, literature and Hebrew, and he reports an enrollment of 185. He plans to grant degrees of Ben Torah and Bas Torah to those who follow a regular curriculum through every college quarter. At Cornell the courses in history and Hebrew have doubled since registration. Four courses are conducted by Rabbi Weitz at Northwestern with an initial registration of about forty. Most gratifying has been the developments at the new Foundation in Alabama. Rabbi Cook has been added to the University faculty and will teach two courses for credit in Bible and Hebrew, beginning with the second semester.

In all there is a tremendous intensification of interest in worthwhile Jewish cultural values. It has not been easy to develop this aspect of student activity but at the end of a decade of patient building this work is solidly grounded and has taken its place as the most important aspect of the Foundation's work.

The National Director's report was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

A request was presented from the President of the West Virginia Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and from Mr. M. Brile of Fairmont, West Virginia, that the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, be re-established.

Dr. Sachar reported that the Jewish student body at the West Virginia University totals a hundred -- fifty-eight from the State of West Virginia and the rest from outside. He recommended to the Commission that an autonomous student organization be created for the purpose of guiding the Jewish student life on the campus, and said that he, as National Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, would render every assistance to this group through advice on program and technique, without, however, officially tying up this local unit with the national Hillel setup.

After due consideration of the subject, it was moved, seconded and carried that the recommendation of the National Director, set forth above, be adopted and that the Secretary write those requesting the re-establishment of the Foundation, that the Commission does not see its way clear to grant the request so long as the number of Jewish students remains so few.

The National Director said that the Cornell Foundation, since the installation of the new Director, has functioned very successfully and is now one of the strongest units in Hillel. The present Director, Rabbi Pekarisky, has won the cooperation of the faculty, student body and certain parts of the townspeople.

There is one difficulty, however, with which the Director is confronted. When the townspeople of Ithaca built the synagogue, they appealed all over the United States for funds, on the score that it was a national need because of the presence of a large body of Jewish students, and interested a number of people in guaranteeing the payment of a heavy mortgage indebtedness. This indebtedness is largely unpaid and the guarantors except one are unable to meet the obligation. The amount owing is \$38,000. When the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation was opened at Cornell, the then Director, acted as Rabbi for the Ithaca community and conducted his student services in the synagogue, and the activities of the Foundation were centered there. The present Director, Rabbi Pekarsky, believes that the synagogue is too far from the campus of the university and the students will not go that far to attend services or engage in other activities. He, therefore, has been conducting his services in Barnes Hall on the campus and has not been using the synagogue. The Ithaca Jewish community wants the active cooperation of the Hillel Foundation in obtaining funds to liquidate the indebtedness of the synagogue.

After due consideration of the subject, it was moved, seconded and carried that the committee representing the Synagogue in Ithaca, New York, be assured that the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission will not in any way hinder the campaign which they are undertaking for the Synagogue, the purpose of the campaign being to elicit support from Jews all over New York, especially Cornell alumni and parents of the Jewish student body. However, the Director of the Cornell Foundation is to be encouraged to continue his activities as at present and if inquired of as to whether the Synagogue serves the Jewish student body, he is to give the facts as they are.

The National Director stated that application had been made by two Hillel Directors for permission to issue a Hillel Quarterly Magazine, to be the organ of all the Foundations, not to take the place of the local Hillel publications, but to be a journal, containing literary contributions and articles by students on Jewish subjects.

It was moved, seconded and carried to defer action on the request and that meanwhile the National Director investigate the financial cost and possibilities of such a publication and report to the next meeting of the Commission.

The National Director suggested that the precedent established in certain other groups of observing a National Day, could be adopted by Hillel for the purpose of crystallizing attention on the Foundations. He stated that it could be celebrated by having services all over the country in which students would participate, occupying pulpits, etc.; having addresses by students at various meetings such as lodges, Sisterhoods, Brotherhoods, etc.; having debates and symposiums or celebrations on the campus.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Commission favors the recommendation made by the National Director that a National Hillel Day be established, and the Chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to devise ways and means to carry it into effect.

Referring to the report of the National Director in which he stated in detail the splendid cooperation of the B'nai B'rith Women's Auxiliaries, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the Hillel Commission go on record as recognizing the efforts of the Women's Auxiliary Lodges named in the Director's report, and that the Chairman of the Commission shall address the officers of those Lodges expressing to them the gratitude of the Commission for so generously contributing to the needs of the Foundations.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the National Director be asked to prepare for publication such part of his report as he believes is of general interest, and upon receiving the manuscript that it be printed in the B'nai B'rith Magazine and circulated.

The following applications were presented for B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations and given due consideration:

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Duke University, Durham, N.C.
University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.
University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.
University of Indiana, Bloomington, Ind.
University of Iowa, Iowa City.
University of Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y.
University of Schenectady, Schenectady, N. Y.
McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
Penn State, State College, Pa.
Southwestern University, Los Angeles, Cal.

Also some arrangement was appealed for by Rabbi Rosenblatt of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., whereby his courses at John Hopkins would receive the approval of the National Hillel Commission, in order that he might raise the funds in Baltimore necessary for maintaining these courses.

Request was also received from Rabbi Morris Silverman of Hartford, Conn., suggesting that the National Hillel Commission undertake to cover traveling expenses involved in his going from Hartford to the Connecticut State College, where he gives courses in Semitics.

In view of the action taken at the last B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission meeting that if the Pennsylvania brethren would accede to the request of the University of Alabama for a Foundation, that the next Foundation established would be at Penn State, State College, Pennsylvania, a motion was made, seconded and carried that there be opened at Penn State College a Foundation, beginning with the academic session in the Fall, after conference with the authorities of Penn State College, and obtaining from them their acquiescence for the establishment of the Foundation. It was further moved and carried that Judge Joseph L. Kun be asked to confer with the authorities of Penn State College for such purpose.

The National Director read letters from various B'nai B'rith leaders in Canada, urgently requesting that a Foundation be established in Canada.

After careful consideration of the requests, it was moved, seconded and carried that the application for a B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, be granted as soon as financial conditions permit.

Dr. Sachar informed the Commission that Rabbi Samuel Cook, Director of the Alabama Foundation was within call, and if the Commission desired, would give a short resume of his work at the Alabama Foundation. The Commission welcomed Rabbi Cook who in the course of an interesting talk said that the Alabama Foundation has been functioning for four months. At the University there is an influx of Northern students -- a ratio of three Northern to one Southern student, and seven or eight boys to every girl. Besides working with the students, program and case work, he is Rabbi of the congregation at Tuscaloosa, and beginning January 28 he will give a course at the University in Hebrew for credit. He has been giving lectures in

surrounding communities which he calls "extention work" as in each instance he tells them of the theoretic work of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, and he predicts that this extension work will cause a revival of B'nai B'rith interest in the South. He has plans for a forum with outside speakers. At present the forum has had only speakers from among the university faculty. He conducts classes in Hebrew - elementary and advanced; a Jewish studies group. He has organized a debating committee and a dramatic committee, the latter group have already given two plays very successfully. He conducts temple services and every Saturday night has a "social night."

The Commission thanked Rabbi Cook for his recital which was given with much enthusiasm.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Chairman appoint a committee to receive applications for the positions to be open the next semester in the various Foundations where there will be changes in the Directorships, and make recommendations to the National Commission.

The following budget was on motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Budget for September 1935-September 1936:

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rent</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>Total</u>
Illinois	\$4500.	1600.	1300.	7400.
Wisconsin	4000.	1000.	1300.	6300.
Michigan	4000.	1440.	1800.	7240.
Ohio	3600.	1380.	750.	5730.
California	3600.	1200.	850.	5650.
Texas	1200.	900.	500.	2600.
Cornell	2400.	200.	900.	3500.
Northwestern	1800.	--	--	1800.
Alabama	800.	900.	900.	2600.
Pennsylvania State	1800.	1200.	1200.	4200.
Director's office	1800.		500.	2300.
Home Office			1000.	1000.
	<u>\$29,500.</u>	<u>\$9,820.</u>	<u>\$11,000.</u>	<u>\$50,320.</u>

It was moved, seconded and carried that a meeting of the Commission be called in Washington, D. C. in May, 1935, coincident with the holding of the Constitution Grand Lodge Convention.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

DAVID COPLAND
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
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February
27th
1935

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.,
City.

My dear Dr. Silver:-

Each year during the past several years the B'nai B'rith has taken an active interest in the Memorial Services for the Jewish War Veterans.

This year it was my thought to have joint Memorial Services for the Jewish War Veterans and the B'nai B'rith. I understand, in conversation with Mr. Kapf, who is the Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, that arrangements have been made for holding Memorial Services at your Temple on Sunday, May 26th.

If this is so, can you please tell me if it would be convenient to have such Memorial Services not only for them but for and on behalf of the B'nai B'rith, Cleveland Lodge?

I will deeply appreciate your kind consideration of this matter.

Very cordially yours,

DC:EA

David Copland.

March 1, 1935.

Mr. David Copland,
Standard Bank Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Copland:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 27. As far as I am concerned I shall be very happy to have such a joint Memorial Service as you indicate in your letter on May 26 at The Temple, if it is agreeable to the Jewish War Veterans. I would suggest that you communicate with them.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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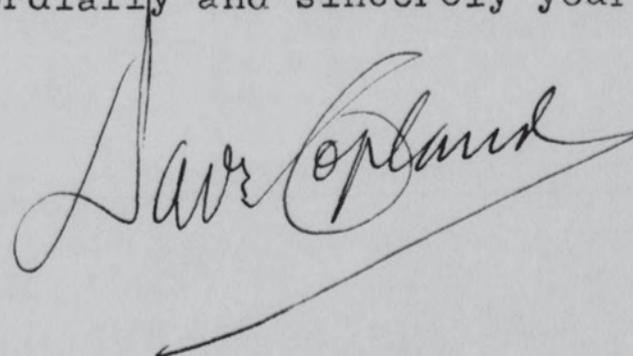
Dr. A. H. Silver
Ansel Road Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

In order that there may be proper co-ordination during the Memorial Services of the Jewish War Veterans and the B'nai B'rith on May 26th, I have prepared what in my humble judgment may appear to be an appropriate address on behalf of the B'nai B'rith, and am enclosing same for your perusal, suggestions, and advice.

If this meets with your approval you can best determine at what stage of the proceedings of the services I should make this talk.

Most cordially and sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Copland". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name. A long, thin horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature, extending from the left side of the signature towards the right.

DC:C
enc.

May 10, 1935.

Mr. David Copland,
Standard Bank Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Copland:

In the rush of the Campaign I haven't had time to answer your letter of May 1st. It was thoughtful of you to send me the draft of what you plan to say at the Memorial Service. I have no suggestions to make other than that you shorten it. As you probably know, we plan to have our regular Sunday Morning Services in connection with the joint Memorial Services of the Jewish War Veterans and the B'nai B'rith. Our service last forty-five minutes. There remain, therefore, forty-five minutes for everything else on the program including my address. We must be out by twelve o'clock.

I would also suggest that the congregational rising marked in your address be omitted as there will be considerable congregational rising during the services.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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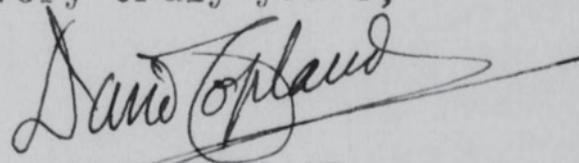
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 105th
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

This acknowledgement is rather belated, nevertheless sincere.

I want to thank you on behalf of Cleveland Lodge B'nai B'rith for your kindness and co-operation in participating so beautifully in the Memorial Services recently held.

Very truly yours,



DAVID COPLAND

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September 24, 1935

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

Dear Abba:

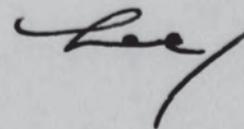
I have recently read of your arrival and hope that you are back for another busy and effective year in your great community. My new work in the Research Bureau is developing great possibilities, both for ~~new~~ knowledge and for increased service.

The first project of the Research Bureau is a census covering the number of Jewish students, their distribution into male and female, their distribution according to various professional schools and colleges, and their distribution by home residence when that is available. The second study will be based on a questionnaire which is now being perfected and will be tried out on a small number at Ohio State University before sending out large numbers of copies. The third will be a study of Jewish organizations and facilities in all important centers. These three together should give a fairly complete picture of Jewish student life the country over, together with an approach to its chief problems.

I have no representative as yet in the Cleveland area, where there are so many important schools. Western Reserve University gave me a figure for the Jewish students in its two Arts colleges, but for none of the professional schools. There are other colleges and professional schools still unaccounted for. I wonder whether you can suggest a Jewish faculty member in Cleveland to be my local representative from the Cleveland area? Ordinarily, a man in the social sciences would be most interested in our type of study, but anybody with Jewish interests might be willing to cooperate.

With best wishes from house to house for a Happy New Year.

Cordially,



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NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH WOMEN

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Goldsboro, N. C.
 Oct. 4, 1935

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For the past two years this organization has been working with the N. C. Association of Jewish Men for the establishment of a Hillel Foundation at the University of North Carolina. We had the privilege of conferring with your director, Dr. A. L. Sachar, in May, at which time Dr. Sachar made a study of our local needs and problems.

At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N. C., there were during the past session three hundred Jewish students, most of them men, of whom less than one-fourth were residents of North Carolina. The fact that a majority of the Jewish boys come from Northern states --notably New York and New Jersey--makes their problem a double one, adjustment to the South as well as to the student body of 2,500. President Frank P. Graham of the University is an outstanding friend to all Jews and this knowledge brings more Jewish students every year. Some planned work of a religious and social nature is urgent, since the Jews are the only religious group without a spokesman on the campus. Less than a dozen Jewish families reside in the University community.

Only twelve miles away from Chapel Hill is Duke University at Durham with one hundred Jewish students, and twenty-eight miles away are two other colleges in Raleigh with two dozen or more men each. A program centered at Chapel Hill could be made to touch the lives of many hundreds of young people, whose lives need the enrichment that a Hillel program can bring.

You have no doubt received one of our Association Year Books which will indicate our attitude toward this work. We hope that you and the other members of the Commission may see fit to set aside an early appropriation for the establishment of a Hillel Foundation at the University of North Carolina.

Very truly yours,

N. A. Edwards

Mrs. N. A. Edwards, Pres.

SIDNEY J. STERN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
GREENSBORO, N. C.

October 8, 1935

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

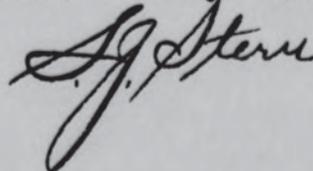
District #5 I.O.B.B. has for years been loyally supporting Wider Scope always hoping and expecting that a Hillel Foundation would be established somewhere in the District. If and when a survey is made for that purpose I have no doubt that it will definitely appear that the logical place for it will be at the University of North Carolina.

The North Carolina Association of Jewish Men has appointed me Chairman to solicit funds to tender to your Commission for the purpose of establishing this Hillel Foundation, and I am now actively engaged in organizing the State and have no doubt that within the next few weeks I will be in a position to tender to your Commission the minimum sum of \$4000 in cash, upon condition that a Hillel Foundation will be established at Chapel Hill not later than the fall of 1936, preferably January 1, 1936. In fact, I have now in sight approximately \$2500 and feel that the chances of raising \$5000 are exceedingly good.

I have no authority to make a definite commitment for its future maintenance and support but feel reasonably sure that you can count on the Jews of North Carolina to do their part. As a matter of fact, both the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women are enthusiastically behind this movement and will no doubt loyally support it during the years to come, and I hope that at the next meeting of the Hillel Commission you will give due and careful consideration to the establishment of a Hillel Foundation at our University.

With compliments of the Season, and very best wishes,
I am

Yours very truly,



SJS:M

October 16, 1935

Mr. Sidney J. Stern,
Attorney At Law,
Greensboro, N.C.

My dear Mr. Stern:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 8 and for the information contained therein. It is very gratifying to learn that you are taking such a vital interest in the work of the Hillel Foundation and that you are so eager to have a Hillel unit established at the University of North Carolina. I shall keep in mind what you have written and I am sure that the matter will receive very careful consideration at the next meeting of the Hillel Commission.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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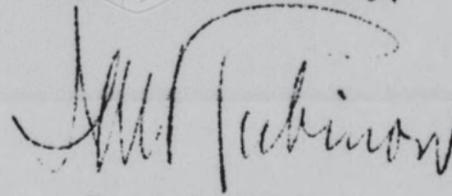
PRESIDENTS OF ALL
AMERICAN DISTRICTS

Dear Brother:

I am pleased to enclose herewith my second "Secretary's Chat with the Members". I hope that you were one of the many who read my first chat at the meeting of your lodge, and I trust you will do likewise with this one.

I was gratified at the favorable response to my last effort and hope this will meet with equal success. May I remind you that a great deal of the interest in this chat rests in the manner in which it is presented at the lodge meeting. I would appreciate it if you would either read it yourself in a very peppy way or assign its reading to one who is especially qualified to do so.

Yours fraternally,



Secretary

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The Secretary Chats with His Members

No. 2

Well, I have had my first chat, and believe me it was not altogether a one-sided one. The replies are still coming in.

Needless to say, I welcomed the criticisms as well as the compliments.

"What are you doing about the German situation?" is a question that is put to us almost every day. Now I don't want to begin with alibis and apologies.

The truth remains, however. B'nai B'rith has not solved the problem of the German Jew, and neither has anybody else. Well, the League of Nations has not yet stopped the war between Italy and Ethiopia but we still hope that the war may be stopped.

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Speaking very seriously, for three years, even before Hitler became Dictator, the German situation has been the main pre-occupation of your national officers. We have attacked the problem on many fronts. We have had a few successes and perhaps many more failures. It would do no particular good to advertise noisily our failures, but for reasons not so difficult to understand, we were prevented from saying too much about such success as we had, and that difficulty must remain so long as our enemy is 60,000,000 strong and so long - lest we forget - as he has 500,000 hostages in his possession.

Well, what did we try to do in so far as telling is permissible?

First, our brothers must understand that their executive officers, the President and Secretary, are not self-appointed dictators, but are responsible to the Executive Committee and to the Convention. There are policies made by the Order which the officers must carry out.

On the other hand, the Supreme Lodge has met at intervals of five years and only for the future has the term been reduced to three. Even the Executive Committee meets only once a year unless a special meeting is called. In an emergency, therefore, the responsibility for action necessarily remains with the officers.

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Now what, in the main, have been the general principles laid down by the Executive Committee with reference to the German situation?

First, B'nai B'rith shall not try to exploit the misfortunes of our brethren in Germany. Within reasonable limits, publicity may be given to our activities but there must be no noisy advertising.

Secondly, great and important as is the Order, it does not pretend to represent all of the Jewry in this or any other country. The German situation is or should be the concern of all Jews, and B'nai B'rith must and will do everything possible to achieve cooperation with other important Jewish organizations, for the purpose of uniting forces, preventing waste, duplication of effort, and unseemly competition.

And thirdly, B'nai B'rith cannot for a moment forget that it has, or had, over 100 lodges with some 15,000 members in Germany. It cannot disregard their

interests, nor even their wishes and ideas, though it need not always pledge itself to follow them without critical judgment.

To these three fundamental principles may be added a fourth, that no service is too small for us to render to our brothers overseas, even if it helps but one human being achieve freedom.

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United action in a serious crisis facing the Jewish people is not always easy to achieve. Yet there has been more united action between American Jewish organizations in this German crisis than for many years past, and it is a matter of historic record which no one will deny, that the initiative and persistence to achieve this unity came primarily from the President of B'nai B'rith. A conference of the leading organizations was called by him some weeks before Hitler's victory. Once or twice this joint conference broke down because of internal difficulties and misunderstandings, and it might have disintegrated altogether except for the influence of B'nai B'rith, always wielded on behalf of unity. There is now a Joint Council as a result of this policy. There is an organ that can go to Washington any day and talk on behalf of American Jewry and be listened to. And it has done so on many occasions, beginning with a personal interview with the Secretary of State, Mr. Hull, on March 23, 1933, and many other conferences since then.

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Yet cooperation does not mean that B'nai B'rith is shorn entirely of its initiative. There was, for instance, the petition presented to the President of the United States in the fall of 1933. That was our task. The quarter of a million signatures, Jewish and non-Jewish, included those of some of the most influential men in American public life. Incidentally, there would have been ten times as many signatures if every Brother had done his utmost to collect them.

It is true that B'nai B'rith did not clamor for notoriety through Jewish protest meetings and parades, in the matter of a boycott. B'nai B'rith insisted that there were definite dangers to the Jews, not only in Germany but in this country, in a specialized Jewish boycott. Because of this caution, the wisdom of which was later silently acknowledged by the most militant leaders of the boycott movement, the impression was created -- which definitely is not in accordance with the facts -- that B'nai B'rith was opposed to the boycott. Whoever has read the Magazine editorials and the President's Page knows that this is not so. If the boycott at present has become more and more non-sectarian, a good deal of credit for this may be given to the influence silently wielded by B'nai B'rith.

One of the reasons why B'nai B'rith did not grow enthusiastic about protest meetings and parades was the conviction that a much more pressing task than fighting Hitler and the Nazis was, for us, the duty to help the suffering Jews in Germany and the refugees who began to flow into all other countries. Only too many of our American Jews kept their mouths open and their pockets shut tight, and perhaps the reverse policy might have been of greater assistance.

When a world conference was called for in London to consider the needs of the German refugees, B'nai B'rith took a very active part in its work. Your President and Secretary went to London and there were many B'nai B'rith delegates from England and the Continent. The active part which B'nai B'rith played at that conference and in formation of its policies was amply recognized at the time. Also, it gave the President the opportunity to meet the leading B'nai B'rith in Europe, including Germany, to learn of the conditions and of the needs at first hand.

Of course, there was and still remains, a constant appeal for money. There is little one can accomplish by words alone to help our brothers, those who remain in Germany and those who have succeeded in leaving it. Money is desperately needed. If B'nai B'rith had a million dollars stored in the bank it could easily dispose of it in a month by responding to all legitimate applications for help. Unfortunately, the million dollar reserve is not there, and very careful consideration and consultation with other organizations engaged in European relief convinced us that it would be a mistake for B'nai B'rith to initiate special drives for the benefit of our brothers in Germany. Instead of that, all of the influence of the Order is being used to help joint drives throughout the country, of which the lion's share justly goes to Europe and to Palestine. A good Ben B'rith can render no greater service to the Order than by becoming an active worker in his community for the joint drive.

Yet there are special obligations which we have to our own B'nai B'rith brothers in Germany. The President made an appeal to all lodges for voluntary self-assessment to the amount of \$1.00 per member for this special purpose. Some lodges acted promptly; we are still waiting for others to act. But there is a constant stream of help from our Cincinnati office to our brothers in Germany. We only wish it could be greater.

Nor was sending money -- which was so pathetically appreciated -- the only way in which we tried to help them. It is significant that while the Masonic organization was destroyed nearly two years ago, B'nai B'rith still exists in Germany. In this matter, we are not inactive, but the brothers must understand that even in this personal chat the details of the story cannot yet be told. Apparently notwithstanding all our efforts, grave danger threatens our B'nai B'rith organization in Germany. Many lodges have already been closed. Some of the more important officers have been kept for some time under arrest under false charges. The First Vice President for a few weeks last year. Our beloved District President for one day on last Yom Kippur. What a day for a great Rabbi to be kept in a police prison! One can only hope for the best. Our difficulty now is that we are asked not to interfere, lest we make things worse.

There are many other ways in which we try to help, but time does not permit me to go into detail. There is the effort to bring Jewish children from Germany into the United States. B'nai B'rith did not jump forward with loud promises to bring in a thousand children or ten thousand or 20,000, but it was one of the group of agencies which organized the difficult steps to bring in the first consignment, assumed part of the financial burden and used its large organization to find families and homes.

B'nai B'rith cooperated closely with High Commissioner McDonald in his efforts to help the German refugees throughout the world. With its branches in 29 foreign countries, particularly in such outstanding countries as China, Argentina, Brazil, we were able to get together valuable material from those on the spot and familiar with conditions.

And last but not least, recognizing the important part which history has put upon Palestine in the saving of German Jews, B'nai B'rith, irrespective of any political view either for or against Zionism, has thrown its influence in favor of reconstruction efforts in Palestine, and the President of B'nai B'rith has played a prominent part in this phase of our activity.

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Cleveland Heights, A. Z. A.

Chapter 177

Junior B'nai B'rith

Cleveland Heights, Ohio



AARON ROSENBERG, ALEPH GDDOL
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JERRY DEUTSCH, ALEPH GIBBOR

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO

1030 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

November 18, 1935

Harry Levy
Secretary The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E 105 St
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brother Levy:

With all the aid you have all ready given us for our coming Eastern Ohio Council Meeting to be held December 26 to 29 we wonder if we could ask you for one more favor in our behalf.

We think that it would be a splendid idea if we could read a communication of greeting to the delegates from a local outstanding and inspirational civic and Jewish leader.

There is no one who can better take care of this than Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Would you be kind enough to ask Rabbi Silver for a letter which would be read during the meeting when we will conduct the oratorical and debate contests. Incidentally the winners of both these events will go to St. Louis for the Finals.

It would be quite an honor for our chapter to have such a communication and it would further inspire the fellows as they would know that they have the good wishes of the finest in Jewry.

We greatly appreciate your efforts for us and trust that we have not all ready imposed too much on your graciousness.

Sincerely,

Cleveland Heights A Z A

Emanuel N. Stern, Advisor

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THE B'NAI B'RITH
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AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
46 Sixteenth Avenue
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December 11, 1936

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

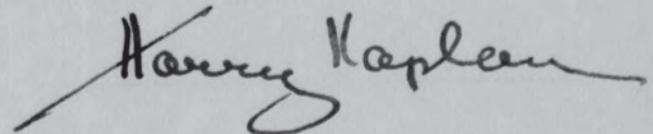
Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Saturday evening, December 26, The Hillel Players of our Foundation are to present in Cleveland, Clifford Odet's "Awake and Sing", the well known study of a modern Jewish family. This performance, which is to be given at the Hanna Theatre, is to be sponsored by the Cleveland Lodge B'nai B'rith Auxiliary and the proceeds are to be divided equally between the Hillel Foundation and the other B'nai B'rith causes sponsored by the Cleveland Lodge.

I am sure that both the sponsoring group and our Foundation would be deeply appreciative of any cooperation you could offer in announcing the play and stimulating an interest in this production. Your kind efforts will help us to present our work before the Cleveland community and to strengthen our program of service to the Jewish student body, one-third of whom come from your community.

Thanking you, I am, with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



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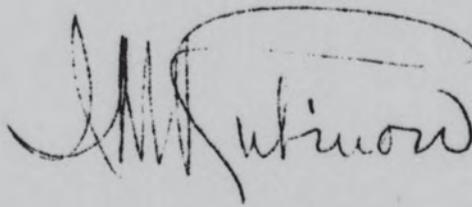
December 13, 1935

Dear Brother:

For many years the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith has cooperated very closely both financially and in every other way with the Committee of Goodwill of the Federation of Churches of Christ in America and also with the National Conference of Jews and Christians, both of these organizations cultivating justice and understanding among all religious groups. During the last two years this work has been concentrated largely in the National Conference of Jews and Christians, of which organization Honorable Newton D. Baker of Cleveland, Ohio, and Professor Carlton J. H. Hayes of Columbia University, New York City, and Mr. Roger W. Straus of New York, are Co-Chairmen, representing the three religious denominations.

Because of this close cooperation B'nai B'rith may justly consider the splendid achievements of the National Conference of Jews and Christians as a part of the fulfillment of the B'nai B'rith program, and I take pleasure to transmit herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of that National Conference, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, as to its activities during the year 1935.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,



Secretary

Executive Committee

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, DR. EVERETT R. CLINCHY
The National Conference of Jews and Christians
To the Executive and Advisory Council
November 22, 1935

A chief twelve month aim was: to encourage association of American Protestants, Catholics and Jews in local communities with the purposes to

- (1) put a picture in people's minds of cultural pluralism with its democratic implications, as more salutary and useful than any cultural totalitarianism, with insistence upon uniformity;
- (2) educate for the idea that on doctrines and dogma the three major religious faiths can be as separate as the fingers of an outstretched hand, while on neighborhood standards and social tasks they can be as united as a man's clenched fist;
- (3) re-sound the tested American principles of religious freedom, free assemblage, free discussion, free press, that in the tensions of this world crisis the civilized gains for the individual and his religious or culture group shall be preserved in the United States.

The current infringement of human rights in Mexico, Germany and elsewhere makes the National Conference work all the more important as a safeguard in this country.

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1,000 villages, towns, cities heralded the idea of the National Conference of Jews and Christians with public meetings this year. Brotherhood Day celebrations, week of Washington's Birthday, 1935, second year of the observance, increased threefold. Eleven N.B.C. and Columbia broadcasts, with scores of local radio programs (some extending over a series of weeks as in Providence, Baltimore, Madison, Wis.) marked the period. Many permanent local Round Tables were formed as a product.

The summer of 1935 sent two young clergymen, a rabbi and a Methodist minister, through the smaller towns of Ohio and Indiana for popular youth and adult meetings.

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Outstanding event in the year's work was the Williamstown Institute of Human Relations, attended by 700, in August. No mere goodwill meeting, no get-together for mutual admiration; Williamstown was a serious convention of statesmen, religious, educational, business, labor, farm and general community leaders, both men and women, to deal with the causes and cures of intergroup prejudices and inherited hostilities which disfigure and distort U.S. business, political, social and religious relationships. Novel characteristic of this conclave of religious citizens: scientific approach to problems. Social scientists heard, included historians, anthropologists, psychologists, sociologists, economists, from ten universities. Supplementing the analysis, philosophers, educators, social workers, churchmen and laity synthesized. Explored: possible range and methods of co-operation among American Catholic, Jewish, Protestant citizens.

Book to come, January 1st, "E PLURIBUS UNUM, The American Way in Human Relations" based on the Williamstown sessions.

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100,000 man-miles of travel were involved in the total program of speakers and discussion leaders in the educational work of the National Conference of Jews and Christians during 1935. This transportation item, getting ministers, rabbis, priests, school teachers, college professors, other professional and community leaders to regional meetings, set going local year-around enterprises engaging local church, school, college, and civic leaders in every State of the Union. 4,500 North Carolina students heard a Winston-Salem trio of priest-rabbi-and minister, which addressed high school assemblies this autumn for successive weeks as a part of the program of the Round-Table there.

Such projects have been carried out in numerous hamlets and cities.

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Niagara Falls: The National Council of the Y.M.C.A. in annual meeting voted to cooperate with the program of the National Conference of Jews and Christians. The Y.W.C.A. so decided a year ago in their Philadelphia meeting. The National Conference of Jews and Christians holds that it will succeed in its task to the degree that it canalizes its idea in the organizations with which people normally associate and by which they are motivated. This fall the National Federation of Women's Clubs, through a committee on ethical human relations, initiated correspondence about inclusion of the National Conference idea in its program. The Progressive Education Association is taking up the National Conference's school education in human relations started by Quaker Rachel Davis DuBois seven years ago in Philadelphia. The social action agencies among the three faiths are incorporating the National Conference of Jews and Christians' point of view in a variety of ways. The International Council of Religious Education is cooperating not only in preparation of materials to immunize youth against Klan-like attitudes, but also in suggesting a united front of Christian and Jewish youth on social ideals. The Drew University researches in Sunday School teachings about human relations are being continued.

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Steadily growing is the N.C.J.C. NEWS SERVICE. Religious news-scribes now send in from every large American city, special convention center, and 10 foreign lands, accurate and appreciative interpretations of what is going on in the Catholic, the Jewish, and the Protestant religious world. Important articles, weekly and daily columns by qualified experts, weekly religious question-box, and other features are released regularly. Many daily newspapers and religious journals take the entire service at a non-profit rate, and other publishers buy selected items. The N.C.J.C. NEWS SERVICE is designed to counteract prejudice and to promote understanding among religious people, and at the same time promote the cause of religion as against irreligion. The Service is increasing American attention to religious concerns; it is raising the tone of the treatment of religious themes in the daily press.

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In any period like this one of speeded-up social change, tensions and strains in human relations can swiftly become acute. With this in mind the National Conference of Jews and Christians asks for the serious attention of thoughtful Americans, and the earnest participation of its members and friends in the interest of its objectives.

Everett R. Clinchy,
Director.

RABBI HARRY KAPLAN
DIRECTOR

THE B'NAI B'RITH
Hillel Foundation

AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

46 - 16TH AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OHIO
PHONE - UN. 4457

NATHAN KABER
PRESIDENT, STUDENT COUNCIL

Dec. 26, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am planning to be in Cleveland this coming Sunday and Monday for an A.Z.A. convention. I am hoping at that time to develop some contacts in your city in behalf of our Hillel foundation. Would it be possible for you to see me for a few moments on Monday, December 30th? I would greatly appreciate this courtesy.

Since it will probably be too late to receive an answer by mail, I shall telephone your office for a response.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry Kaplan

January 7, 1936

Dr. A. L. Sachar, Director,
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation,
University of Illinois,
625 East Green Street,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Sachar:

I am sorry that I will not be here to welcome you. I am, myself, barnstorming down South. I feel confident that you will enjoy your stay here. The officers of the Men's Club will look after you as well as Rabbi Harris and Rabbi Sherman.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you here soon again, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Woldman

CLEVELAND LODGE No. 16
B'NAI B'RITH



CLEVELAND, OHIO

Office of the Financial Secretary
EDWARD S. KLEIN
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January 10th, 1936.

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

Dear Brother Silver:

Cleveland Lodge, B'nai B'rith, starting its eighty-third year of activity, is faced with a number of problems of vital concern to the whole Jewish community, and which only B'nai B'rith with its long experience, prestige and national and international connections can handle.

The Advisory Board is the mainspring of our local organization. It is the group which adopts policies and formulates ways and means of promoting the best interests of our people.

I would like to have you serve as a member of this board.

A meeting of this committee will be held at the Oakwood Club, Wednesday, January 15 at 8 P. M.

A number of important matters will be discussed.

Your participation and advice will be of great assistance in perfecting the organization of this group. If for any reason you do not care to serve, or if you do wish to serve but cannot attend this meeting, I would appreciate your notifying me to that effect.

Counting on your co-operation to make the eighty-third year the most successful of our long history, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Albert A. Woldman

President
1826 Standard Bldg.
CHerry 2311

B'NAI B'RITH INSTITUTIONS

Anti-Defamation League
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Levi Memorial Hospital, Hot Springs
Hillel Foundation in Colleges: Chapels

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Junior B'nai B'rith A. Z. A.
B'nai B'rith Magazine
Citizenship and Americanization
Relief to Jewish Refugees

Homes for the Aged
Social Service in Penal Institutions
Home Building in Palestine
Aid in Catastrophies
Better Understanding Program

January 13, 1936

Mr. Albert A. Woldman,
1826 Standard Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Woldman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of January 10 and for the invitation to join the Advisory Board of the Cleveland Lodge I.O.B.B. If it is the use of my name that you wish, I have no hesitancy in granting it to you. But if it is work and attendance of meetings - you know how over crowded I am with committee work of all kinds in this city and I am sure that you would not wish to burden me with additional responsibilities.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to hearing you next Tuesday, I remain

Very cordially yours;

AHS: BK



Cleveland Lodge No. 16, B'nai B'rith

extends to you an invitation to attend the

Annual Dinner and Dance

Celebrating its Eighty-Third Anniversary

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Saturday Night, February 1, 1936

at Seven O'clock

Hotel Hollenden Ball Room

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**In conjunction with the initiation of a
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Dedicated to

Bros. Alfred A. Benesch and Max E. Meisel

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International Vice-President of the B'nai B'rith

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I will attend the Eighty-third Anniversary Banquet of Cleveland Lodge No. 16, on Saturday night, February 1, 1936, at the Hollenden Hotel.

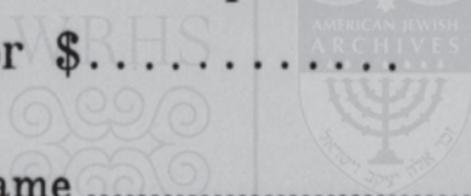
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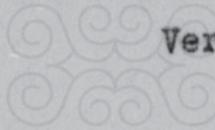
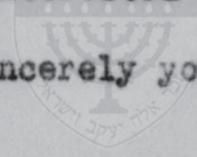


February 4, 1936

Mr. Alfred A. Benesch,
Deshler-Wallick Hotel,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Benesch:

I regret that due to a misunderstanding as to the date of the B'nai B'rith celebration honoring you and Mr. Meisel, the enclosed telegram was unfortunately sent on Sunday instead of on Saturday. It had been dictated by Rabbi Silver on Friday before he left for the Washington Conference. I thought that you would be interested in knowing this.

 Very sincerely yours,


BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
COLUMBUS

ALFRED A. BENESCH
DIRECTOR

February 5, 1936.

My dear Rabbi Silver, -
I am very grateful for
your "delayed" message of the B'nai B'rith
celebration of last Saturday evening. Be
assured that I accept the gift for the need.
I myself almost erred in two parts where -
I thought, too, that the dinner was a Sunday
and that it was to be held at the Hotel -
Columbus?
There are for coming
Helen joins me in kind greetings to you,
Virginia and the children.

Cordially yours

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My dear Rabbi:

Cleveland Lodge B'nai B'rith is sponsoring a testimonial dinner to Leo Weidenthal Editor and publisher of The Jewish Independent, in appreciation of the honor conferred upon him as the recipient, this year, of the Charles Eisenman award.

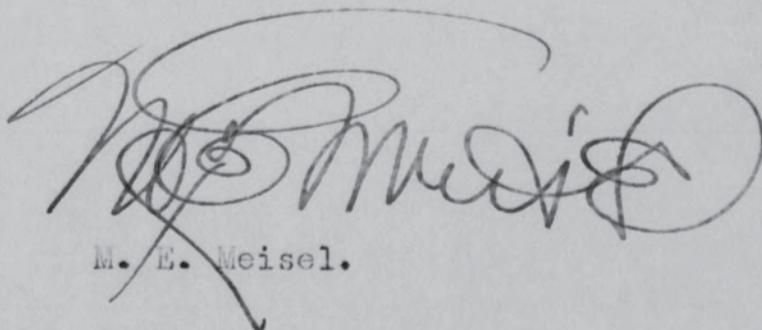
His fine and outstanding position in our community amply justifies this tribute and I know that your presence will enhance the measure of his happiness upon this joyous occasion.

May I ask that you participate with us.

The dinner will be held at the Allerton Hotel on Sunday, March 29th, at 6:00 P.M. and the cost per plate is one dollar and twenty-five cents.

With all best wishes, believe me

Cordially yours,



M. E. Meisel.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 17, 1936

Mr. Max E. Meisel,
The Leader Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Max:

Thank you so much for your note of March 16.
I plan to attend the Weidenthal Testimonial Dinner on
Sunday evening, March 29. However, I shall have to
cancel another dinner engagement which I have for that
evening.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

B'NAI B'RITH

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RABBI PAUL RICHMAN
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

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May Eleventh
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

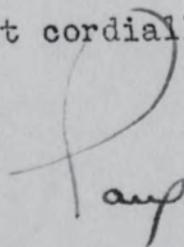
Dear Rabbi Silver:

You may be aware of my appointment as Director of the newly created Membership and Cultural Bureau, established January 1st. The task, of course, is tremendous but it is gratifying to find the opportunities equally great. At the present moment I am engrossed in a new B'nai B'rith project, calculated to complete the cultural program of B'nai B'rith, which thus far has been concentrated in the Hillel Foundations, Anti-Defamation League and A. Z. A. The project is described in the enclosed reprint from the May issue of our Magazine.

I was wondering whether you favored this movement and if so whether you would please be good enough to lend your name endorsing our efforts. Instead of awaiting your arrival Monday, when I understand you are to address B'nai B'rith District No. 2 Convention, I write to you at this time so that your endorsement might give this project tremendous impetus and prestige which your name implies. Please know that your statement will have my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude and will at the same time greatly help to fulfill a deeply felt need in our country.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Silver from both Miriam and myself, I am

Most cordially yours,



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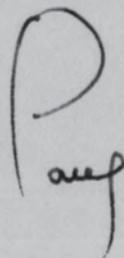
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am herewith enclosing copies of letters sent me by Rabbis James G. Heller and Solomon Freehof endorsing B'nai B'rith's sponsorship of Institutes of Jewish Study. I realize how many interests occupy your time and energy but I trust I am not asking too much in making a request for your endorsement of this project, which I might use for publicity purposes.

It was most enheartening to see you again even for a brief moment or two, but your most magnificent message delivered at H. U. C. is still warming my heart and will continue to inspire me for a long time to come.

With every good and kind wish, I am,

Cordially yours,



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THE ISAAC M. WISE TEMPLE
Cincinnati, Ohio

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May 19, 1936

Rabbi Paul Richman
B'nai B'rith
Electric Bldg.
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Richman:

I was delighted to read your article about the new Institutes of Jewish Study, which the B'nai B'rith is thinking of launching. For a long time, it has been my belief that a wise policy on the part of the Jews of America would be to build up their own Jewish knowledge and Jewish loyalty. We must have this rock to stand upon.

Among the great services that the B'nai B'rith has already rendered to American Jewry, none would -- in my opinion -- be comparable to the achievement of this. I feel certain that synagogues throughout the land will be eager to cooperate, and that you will meet a response from your membership and from Jewish communities in general that will astonish you.

With very friendly greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

James G. Heller

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Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, D. D.
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenues
Pittsburgh, Pa.

May eighteenth
1936

Rabbi Paul Richman
Electric Bldg.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Paul:

Our great problem in American Jewish life is adult ignorance of Judaism and Jewish history. Our child education is improving rapidly; our adult education is still in its beginnings. There is room for every organization to find plenty of useful work in this field, the Synagogues, the Y's and now, in accordance with your suggestion, the B'nai B'rith.

I hope that the B'nai B'rith will succeed in carrying out this magnificent proposal. The more successful it will be the more it will help towards the creation of a Jewishly cultured laity. Good luck to you.

Very sincerely,

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B'NAI B'RITH LAUNCHES NEW PROJECT



*Institutes of Jewish Study
To Be Organized From Coast
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Program of Adult Jewish Education*

Lodges Promote Jewish Study

B'nai B'rith Launches A New (Old) Defense Against Anti-Semitism

By PAUL RICHMAN



FROM his seeming vantage point, the American Jew surveying the gloomy world scene of his co-religionists cannot but be apprehensive about his own future. It is not only because more than half of his fellow-Jews are shackled with mediaeval disabilities but even more so because disturbing events are casting foreboding shadows upon countries steeped in religious and political freedom. Though attempts to throttle the liberty of the Jew in these havens have and are being thwarted, the signs of the times do not point to any surcease. This constant hammering against our first line of defense, a defense diplomatically commandeered, chiefly by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League in our country, is stirring many of us to wonder whether a larger battle may not be looming ahead.

Our leadership in the United States, having proved itself wanting neither in courage nor vision, finds itself in utter dismay not alone because unity is lacking in its ranks, but more because too few can be counted upon to stand up mentally and spiritually disciplined as Jews. As in Germany, if the first line of defense is penetrated, little effort will need be exerted to demoralize us completely. We are totally unprepared to withstand the slightest breach into our status as Americans.

Our land with all of its protection and comforts has not proved to be a soil productive of Maccabees. The achievements of B'nai B'rith, unsurpassed in its relatively brief history by any other organization of its kind in the records of our people, should inspire many more thousands of members to share its multiple responsibilities. Our luxurious synagogues greet us with vacant and ominous stares. Rabbis plead in vain to dead timber. Scholars who have escaped the bread line are grateful for a mere pittance in exchange for their wares. Numbers of institutions and organizations form a weighty superstructure imposed upon masses of Jewry who

neither know nor care much about Jewish tradition or culture. When, if ever, have our people been as unenlightened and unappreciative of their heritage as in present-day America? In the face of a desperate world Jewish scene, and in supposedly the largest and strongest Jewish center, this situation should be of grave concern to all who are aware of its consequences.

This problem might be unanswerable to a people for whom the lessons of history did not contain the secret of survival. Fortunately for us, Jewish experiences abound with precedents which throw light in the direction in which we must travel. Notable and illuminating is the example of Johanan ben Zakkai who, when the last bulwark of Israel was falling, with the permission of the enemy established his harmless school in Jabne, upon which later rested the entire structure of Jewish life. Exemplary, too, are the lives of our forbears, haunted and hounded in dark caves and dismal forests, whose Torah became for them a citadel through which no poison arrow could dart. Poring over the earlier pages of our history, it is enheartening to note that it was laymen who instituted and gave impetus to the synagogue movement. Self-enlightenment has always blinded our enemies.

B'nai B'rith, which in its epoch-making history has exemplified the best traditions of Judaism, in aiding the widow and the orphan, the aged and the helpless, is now called upon to meet a more difficult situation. Our formal entrance into cultural fields, with the establishment of Hillel Foundations among the youth at colleges, and A. Z. A. among the adolescent, has taught us that we have only touched the periphery of the problem. The Anti-Defamation League is valiantly attempting to enlighten the non-Jew as to the heritage and the culture of the Jew. What is most essential is that the Jew himself be guided by and sheltered under the protecting rays of his own Menorah.

The time has come when he must rely more upon his own inner light than upon the good will of others.

On the opposite page is described the pioneering efforts of Denver Lodge No. 171 to meet the new challenge of the times. The plan of its College of Jewish Studies has not only been singularly successful, but one which can well be emulated by other lodges in the larger communities of the country. The constituent lodges of District 7 have been urged to adopt such schools for Adult Jewish Education at the San Antonio Convention. Districts 2 and 4 have this project as one of their main items under consideration at their respective annual Conventions. Already, individual lodges in Louisville, Fort Wayne and Philadelphia are discussing plans for the opening of such classes during autumn.

Undoubtedly many others will follow the lead of those who recognize the many values accruing to the lodges and members who accept this responsibility. This venture will transcend the borders of denominationalism in Jewish life in keeping with the various phases of the beliefs of members which make up our Order. As in Denver, the member may himself benefit from and participate in a B'nai B'rith enterprise and he can well be proud of his affiliation with an organization which among other services rendered is fulfilling a deeply felt need in his community. It will most logically and naturally complete the cultural program by which B'nai B'rith has brought honor unto itself.

And finally, in sponsoring these institutes, B'nai B'rith will not only enhance its unifying policy by soliciting the cooperation of the rabbis and educators of their communities, but will also bolster up a defense sorely needed in these precarious days. Where can we gain more strength and inspiration than from the heroic struggles of our people and the priceless gems of our literature?

Denver College of Jewish Studies

By EDWARD E. GRUSD



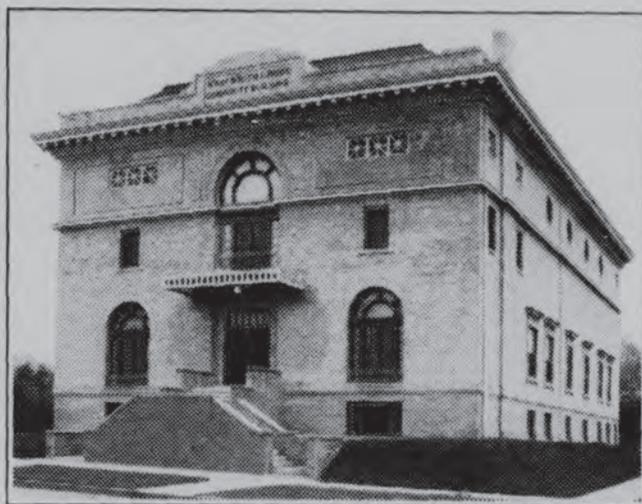
SINCE the winter of 1934, Denver Lodge No. 171 has been sponsoring one of the most vital and worthy Jewish projects in its city—The College of Jewish Studies. It is the pioneer institution of its kind in B'nai B'rith, and today a rapid movement is under way to establish similar ones in many parts of the country.

It was Rabbi C. E. H. Kauvar, of Denver, who suggested the project to Dr. Eli A. Miller, who was chairman of the B'nai B'rith committee on Jewish Education of the local lodge. Dr. Miller's committee enthusiastically launched the College, with Israel Friedman as registrar. From the beginning, the sessions have been held in the beautiful B'nai B'rith-I. Rude Community Center. All the other Jewish organizations in the city endorsed the College.

The three English-speaking rabbis of the community, and one of the Yiddish-speaking rabbis, offered courses of four lectures. Prof. A. D. H. Kaplan of the University of Denver, and Mrs. Henry J. Schwartz, also gave four lectures each. The lectures lasted 45 minutes each, two to the evening, at 8 and 9 o'clock, from February 5 to April 23. Twelve lessons in Hebrew were given that term, by Mr. Friedman and M. Breslaw. Fees were nominal, averaging about twenty cents per lecture, and half that much for students in high school or college. Unemployed, or those unable to pay, received complimentary tickets. Non-Jewish guests were admitted without charge, and a number of them attended.

Fees were a minor consideration, but were charged because it was felt that the courses would be appreciated more if they were paid for. The lecturers, all local people, were paid in proportion to the numbers enrolling in their courses.

Two hundred people attended during the first term. The College was publicized not only in the local Jewish weekly, but in many other ways. Announcements were made at



The B'nai B'rith-I. Rude Community Center, home of the Denver College of Jewish Studies.

the meetings of all the larger Jewish organizations; printed folders were sent to all the members of Denver Lodge (which means to at least the majority of Jewish homes in the city); members of women's organizations were contacted by telephone; the College was mentioned in the pulpits of the city's synagogues; and a large mass meeting was held by the lodge, at which most of the lecturers gave a preview of their courses.

The lodge not only furnished its beautiful lecture hall for the use of the College, but appropriated a subsidy to make ends meet. It was understood that the College was an activity of the lodge for the benefit of the entire community.

The second season (1934-35) was opened with a three-day lecture series by Dr. A. L. Sachar, National Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. In addition to the same lecturers of the previous season, outside speakers were brought in, and new courses were added. The term was a huge success, although the expenses were greater than the income; the lodge met the deficit.

The present season (1935-36) has just ended. It began with another series by Dr. Sachar, and several well-known outside speakers were also on the program. Fees remained the same. Although attendance was not quite up to the standard of the previous season, the sponsors feel that the success of the College is growing every

year. During the coming sessions next winter, it is planned to bring speakers of national repute to the institution. The deficits have always been small, and the value of the College to the Jewish community cannot be estimated. Hundreds are receiving an insight into and a knowledge of Judaism and Jewry that would not otherwise have been possible in Denver.

The number and variety of the courses offered have grown steadily. An idea of what has been taught at the Denver College of Jewish Studies may be seen from the attractively printed schedule of courses of the just-ended term.

Prof. Frederick A. Bushee spoke on "Problems of the Far East"; Prof. Ben M. Cherrington, on "America's Foreign Policy, What Shall it Be?" and "Can a Democracy Have a Planned Economy," which was a discussion in dialogue form between the speaker and Prof. Kaplan. It can thus be seen that the College did not limit itself entirely to subjects of Jewish concern, although the majority of its courses and lectures were of strictly Jewish interest.

Rabbi William S. Friedman's topic was "The American Jew: Is He Secure?" Prof. Kaplan introduced a number of topics in his classes: a study of Alexander Hamilton, Jewish pioneers in America, the history of the Schiff and Straus families. Rabbi Kauvar taught Jewish literature, from the Book of Ecclesiastes to the poetry of Bialik. Rabbi Manuel Laderman lectured on Sabbatai Zevi, Moses Montefiore, the Gaon of Vilna, and Don Isaac Abarbanel. Mrs. Schwartz reviewed outstanding books of Jewish interest, including Thomas Mann's "Young Joseph," and Stefan Zweig's play, "Jeremiah."

Hebrew was taught by Messrs. Breslaw and Friedman; courses included studies for beginners as well as advanced students.

As a result of the College, Denver's Jewish community is Jewish culture-conscious.

June 10, 1936

Rabbi Paul Richman,
B'nai B'rith,
Electric Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Richman:

I read with great interest the announcement which you sent me concerning the Institute of Jewish Studies which the B'nai B'rith plans to organize as part of the Order's program of adult Jewish education. This is gratifying news. There is great need for this type of education among our people. Some communities have pioneered in this field and they have established such institutes. Others have classes for adult Jewish education in connection with temples and synagogues and YMHA's. B'nai B'rith might be able to coordinate these activities. However there are many cities where no such program has been initiated and you will be rendering a great service to the cause of Judaism through this new project which you have launched.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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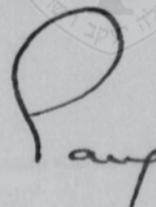
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am grateful to you for your gracious letter endorsing the B'nai B'rith Institute of Jewish Study. Your endorsement will be most helpful in furthering this project throughout the country.

With kind personal regards to yourself, Mrs. Silver and the children from Miriam and myself,

Most cordially yours,



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EASTERN OHIO COUNCIL CONVENTION
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IRVING SPIEGEL, CHAIRMAN, 3290 E. 116 STREET

June 29, 1936

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

My dear Rabbi:

The Cleveland Chapter of A.Z.A. is host to the Eastern Ohio Council Convention, which convention will terminate with a banquet at Guild Hall in the Builders Exchange Building on Sunday evening, July 5, 1936, at 6:15 P. M.

We extend to you and your wife an invitation to attend this banquet as our guests in order that you as a prominent member of B'nai B'rith in Cleveland, may become better acquainted with the activities and programs of A.Z.A., not only in Cleveland and Ohio, but all over the world.

Inasmuch as reservations must be made in advance, will you please fill out and return the enclosed card as soon as possible?

Fraternally yours,

Louis A. Weinberg
Advisor,
825 Engineers Bldg.,

July 1, 1936

Mr. Louis A. Weinberg,
825 Engineers Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weinberg:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of June 29. Rabbi and Mrs. Silver will not be able to attend the banquet of the Cleveland Chapter of A.Z.A. which is to be held on Sunday evening, July 5. Both Rabbi and Mrs. Silver are spending the summer in Europe.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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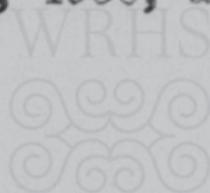


Mr. Louis A. Weinberg,

825 Engineers Bldg.,

Cleveland, Ohio

Please reserve _____ places for me at the banquet
of the Eastern Ohio Council Convention for Sunday
evening, July 5, 1936, at 6:15 P. M.



(Name)

The Municipal Court of Cleveland

DAVID COPLAND, ASSOCIATE JUDGE

December 4, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

In the wide scope of activities of the B'nai B'rith, there is none that means more to the welfare of Jewry than the Hillel Foundations. Before these foundations were established, over 50% of our Jewish students denied their religious affiliation. Today, where these foundations are established, less than 1% of our Jewish students deny their religion. This is but one tangible result of the efficacy of this movement. After all, from the youth of today will spring our Jewish leaders and leadership of tomorrow.

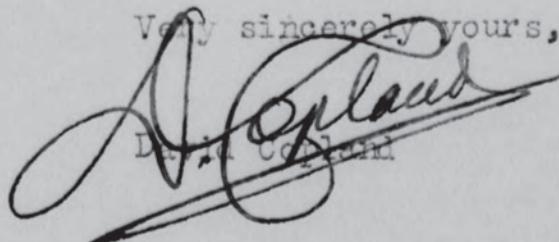
The Hillel Foundation at the Ohio State University is handicapped in its scope of activities by lack of funds. With so many of our students from Cleveland attending Ohio State, I think we here, in Cleveland, should interest ourselves more actively in this matter.

And so, the Ladies Auxiliary of the B'nai B'rith is sponsoring the play, "Awake and Sing," at the Hanna Theatre - for one night only, December 26, 1936. The entire cast is made up of The Hillel Players, who are really experts in this line, and it is for the benefit of The Hillel Foundation.

Might I hope for your kind assistance in this venture? We want to raise \$1000.00. I recently promised Rabbi Kaplan that we here in Cleveland would do this. I will deeply appreciate it if you will make mention of this matter in the bulletins between now and December 26; and if I may make so bold as to make this suggestion, if you would, in some way, make a suitable announcement from the pulpit for a Sunday or two, it would help tremendously. However, I do not desire to have you do anything that may be embarrassing to you.

Assuring you of my deepest appreciation for your cooperation in this matter, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,


David Copland

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February 2, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that when I had the pleasure of seeing you last, we had a discussion of the comparative merits of the play, "Awake And Sing", and its appropriateness for a Jewish dramatic group. I had hoped that I could further discuss this matter with you, but the occasion did not present itself. When I came to Cleveland again a few weeks later, you were away to the New Orleans convention. Since the issue which presented itself was not merely incidental to our production of this play, but is involved with the whole question of dealing with the situations of modern Jewish youth, I shall appreciate it greatly if you will allow me a few moments through the medium of this letter.

I recognize that there is a legitimate difference of opinion as to the merit, the character and the degree of radicalism in the play. Thus, as I intimated, I cannot share your reaction to this production as a "communist play." The grandfather in the play is definitely a radical type and does speak of the coming revolution. In the actual presentation of the play, however (at least in the version as given by Hillel) the other family problems stand out in such bold relief and the comedy lines interpose so frequently, that the audience is by no means left with a predominant revolutionary message. This may be the weakness of the play, and I realize that Odets would probably not agree with my interpretation.

Be that as it may, what concerns me primarily as a Hillel director and as a worker with young people is first of all, shall we definitely rule out plays of this nature from the repertory of groups such as our Hillel Players and secondly, are we ready to ask Jewish groups to definitely refrain from producing plays like "Awake and Sing" for fear that our detractors will identify us with the radical cause? I raise this point because it is no longer an academic question in our line of work. I need

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not point out to you that many of our capable and sensitive young Jewish people are flirting with the radical cause, both socialist and communist. They are naturally attracted to the modern drama and to the problems of social struggle with which it deals. To many of them, rightly or wrongly, Odets is a minor deity. The Players suggested last year, for example, that they wanted to do "Waiting for Lefty." I had to veto the proposition because this play is definitely left and would compromise the position of Hillel. This year they proposed "Awake and Sing", and after careful consideration, I withheld a veto, because the production deals so effectively with other major problems (beside the radical one) in the lives of middle class Jewish families. The traditions of Hillel stress student self-government and autonomy, subject of course to the policies consistent with progressive Jewish life. The director is there to guide, advise and counsel. His veto power, to be effective, must be used rarely and wisely. Were I to set the precedent of forbidding all plays with a radical trace, or with a strong social justice message, I would immediately stamp the Hillel organization as reactionary and would lose some of the finest spirits and best minds in the student body.

Our students understand definitely that by no means, can we as a Jewish organization ally ourselves with leftist or communist causes, through the drama or otherwise. To carry this prohibition, further into the other social justice fields would be to frustrate our approach to many of our most valuable students. To prevent, likewise, the production of this play in a community like Cleveland, with its strong liberal traditions, would likewise be most embarrassing to the liberal traditions for which we Jews stand.

You will appreciate the dilemmas which face us in Jewish student work during this great social crisis. There is no hard and fast rule which we can follow, if we are to be effective with the modern student.

I may say that in its years of production, the Hillel Players have presented practically every one of the great Jewish plays available in the English language, including the "Dybbuk." In addition, they sponsor each year a creative play writing contest of plays on a Jewish theme. These are produced during the spring quarter. During the past ten years an extensive original library of Jewish plays

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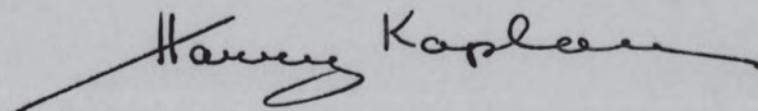
has been created through these contests and are being used by our Players and by similar groups throughout the country.

I have gone at length in this matter, because I would greatly appreciate your advice as an older colleague in this situation. I know full well the tenuous position facing the Jewish people even in this country and you can be assured that Hillel uses every precaution not to endanger the status of Israel. On the other hand, we are faced too with the liberal, democratic tradition of freedom, through which we try to steer our craft these days. If this be violated, we are handicapped at the start with some of the finest in our Jewish student bodies.

I would greatly appreciate your reactions, as I am seriously concerned about this problem and as I am anxious to check my philosophy with those more experienced in public affairs.

With best wishes for the New Year and kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Harry Kaplan

HK:DG

February 3, 1937

Rabbi Harry Kaplan, Director,
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation,
46 Sixteenth Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Kaplan:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 2. I am sorry that I did not have a chance to discuss the matter which you raise in your letter with you personally as a personal conversation is far more helpful than letter writing. One never expresses oneself as fully as one wishes to and one's statements, with the best intentions in the world, are frequently misinterpreted. Perhaps when you are next in Cleveland you will drop in and see me. I may be in Columbus in another few weeks and we may perhaps meet there.

With all good wishes, permit me
to remain

Very cordially yours,

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February 15, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

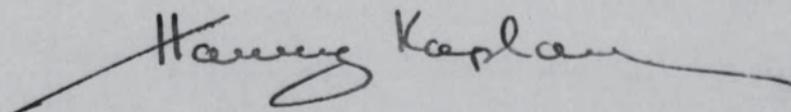
I deeply appreciate your kind note of February 3. I shall look forward to the possibility of a conference as you suggest.

May we have the pleasure of welcoming you to the Foundation when you come to Columbus as you mention? I would be most anxious to have you see our Hillel house and would appreciate being advised when you plan to be in our city. We would be most grateful if your program would permit an address on our campus.

I am,

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,



Rabbi Harry Kaplan

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District Grand Lodge, No. 2, B'nai B'rith



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Leonard H. Freiberg,
Secretary

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CINCINNATI June 7, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed are pages 70 to 80, inclusive, of the stenotype report of the Convention in Cleveland to which you contributed so much. Will you kindly return the pages to me as they are, with such corrections and emendations as you desire to make.

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

Cordially and fraternally yours,

Leonard H. Freiberg
Leonard H. Freiberg,
Secy., D.G.L. No. 2, B'nai B'rith

LHF:BP
Enc.

June 10, 1937

Mr. Leonard H. Freiberg,
1603 First National Bank Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Freiberg:

I am returning herewith the corrected copy of the brief address which I delivered at the Convention of the B'nai B'rith. I am sending the part which you will use if you plan to print it and distribute it to the B'nai B'rith Lodges.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

District Grand Lodge, No. 2, B'nai B'rith



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Secretary

1603 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.

CINCINNATI June 11, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi:

This acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the corrected manuscript and its redraft, which will be used in the printed Proceedings.

Cordially yours,

Leonard H. Freiberg,
Secy., D.G.L. No. 2, B'nai B'rith

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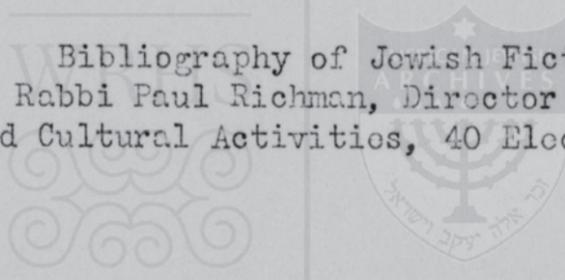
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