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Bureau of Jewish Education, 1924-1925.

March 28th, 1924.

Mr. S. Goldhammer,
Guaridan Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Goldhammer,

I shall be pleased to serve
on the committee on recreation and also
as chairman of the committee to organize
a Board of Jewish education.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

May 14th, 1924.

Dr. A.H. Friedland,
2491 East 55th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Friedland,

In conversation with Mr. Goldhammer, yesterday, he suggested that it would be well to wait for the final report of the survey on education before we call our next meeting. This he indicated will be issued within a few days. I shall call a meeting immediately after that.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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June 13, 1924

LOUIS WOLSEY, Rabbi
D. S. NATHAN, Assistant Rabbi

Rabbi A H Silver, Chairman

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My dear Rabbi Silver:--

Kindly withdraw my name from the
"Proposed Personnel of the Board of Jewish Education". I
am very sure that as you have constituted the Board, my
presence is altogether superfluous.

Very sincerely yours

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Louis Wolsey

COPY
June 17th, 1924.

Rabbi Louis Wolsey,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey,

I have just received your letter in which you beg to be relieved from membership on the Board of Jewish Education on the ground that "As I have constituted the Board your presence is altogether superfluous". I shall submit your letter to the next meeting of the Board as well as this, my reply.

Your letter contains a gross misrepresentation of the facts as well as a gross insinuation. The latter of course I shall overlook. The facts are that two meetings of the provisional committee as constituted by the Federation were held, one on April 16th and one on May 29th. You were invited to both meetings. You did not attend the first but you attended the second. At the first meeting of the provisional committee all the members were requested to send in by mail, lists of names of candidates for membership on the permanent Board of Education. You were called up by the Federation office and requested to send in such a list. You did not send it in nor did any of the other men except Dr. Friedland. At the meeting on May 29th, at which you were present, the list of Dr. Friedland as well as a list hastily drawn up by Mr. Goldhammer on his own initiative for the benefit of the committee were presented. Each name was discussed individually and you participated in the deliberations. Other names not on these two lists were suggested by those present. You suggested some yourself. Your statement therefore that the Board was constituted by me is, to say the least, unwarranted.

Sincerely yours,

Euclid Avenue Temple

8206 EUCLID AVENUE

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Louis Wolberg
RABBI

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

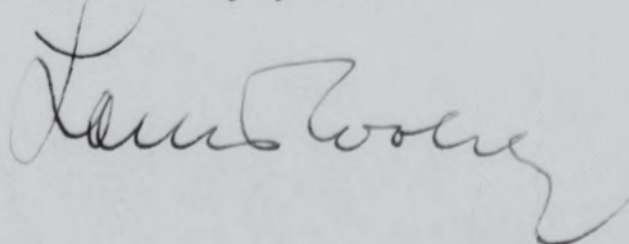
My dear Rabbi Silver:

In reply to your letter, let me say that my letter was neither "a misrepresentation," nor "an insinuation." At the second preliminary meeting which I attended, the proposed names were read by you, for the purpose of obtaining reactions of those present, to the nominations. Where objections were offered by anyone, the names were dropped. Where there was any doubt as to the advisability of placing any such name upon the proposed Board, there was a discussion of the name.

I offered objections to one name. There was no discussion, whatsoever, following my objections, and of course I was surprised to note in the tentative list which was mailed out, the name of the person to whom I had offered objections.

You, as the Chairman, must assume responsibility for sending out the proposed list. You have included on that list, the name to which I objected, and in doing so, you have either overlooked or disregarded my objection. Therefore, my conclusion is a perfectly logical one, namely: that my presence on the Board is altogether superfluous. If my counsel in the matter of the organization of the Board, is not respected, then it seems to me my presence is perfectly negligible and unnecessary.

Sincerely yours



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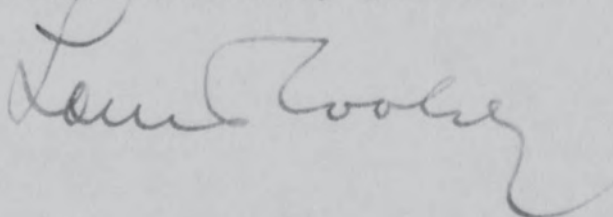
Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to report to you that Mr. Julius Tuteur offers a donation of \$1000 to the Jewish Board of Education, for the purpose of providing facilities for religious instruction of Jewish boys and girls in Cleveland.

I am saying in a purely personal capacity to Mr. Tuteur, that if the program of the Jewish Board of Education should be pretentious, and would require many buildings with a large operating expense running into large figures, I am hoping we may be permitted to solicit him later for still greater support.

Very sincerely yours



LW:HS



It would be difficult to name in the entire city of Cleveland a more consistent design, both in form and in color, than this handsome structure. It rests on its lot with perfect dignity and eternal calm.

This Temple in its appearance is the embodiment of the very spirit of the race. Solid, of enduring material, venerable looking, richly colored, bright eyed, imperturbable, calm as the top of Nebo, it sits in its place on busy, noisy, restless Euclid Avenue, like Simeon of old, in Jerusalem "Waiting for the consolation of Israel."

*Dean Henry Turner Bailey
in Plain Dealer,
March 23, 1924*

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C-O-P-Y

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I should like very much to have every member of the newly organized Board of Jewish Education present at the first meeting which will be held on Monday evening, July 28, at 8:00 o'clock at the Excelsior Club, 11111 Euclid Avenue.

The meeting will be given over largely to a preliminary and general discussion of the subject of Jewish Education and its place among Jewish communal activities in Cleveland.

Please return the enclosed card at once, indicating if you can attend.

Very sincerely,

A. H. Silver

Chairman,

Provisional Committee.

Rabbi A H Silver
The Temple
E 55th St & Central Ave
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July 24, 1924.

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The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute

2491 East 55th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

August 21, 1924

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The following is an outline of a working program which in my opinion is the most feasible and practicable under our present local conditions:

TWO DEPARTMENTS

The board is to operate through two main departments which though linked and interrelated in many ways, are still in many aspects independent and directed each by its own executive secretary. One is to be called the financial department and is to be supervised by the financial or administrative secretary, the other is to be known as the educational department and is to be headed by the educational director.

REASONS FOR THE PREFERENCE OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT

The reasons why the present conditions warrant such an arrangement can be stated briefly as follows:

- 1 According to this arrangement the board could have the services of two persons instead of one, with hardly an additional expense at any rate during the first year.
- 2 The educational end being taken care of, the board will have a better chance to find an expert for the financial administration. For it is almost impossible to find one man who combines within himself the general pedagogic training and ability, Jewish knowledge, experience in the conduct of Hebrew schools and Sunday schools and be a financial expert besides. The board, however, can without much difficulty find a financial expert who has had experience in conducting campaigns and raising funds. Such a man will easily acquaint himself in a general way with the educational problems of Jewish education in a measure that he will need it.

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- 3 It will take a year or two to put this Board on a financial basis. And even then, the problem of educational extensions and school buildings will persistently arise so that the financial administrator will be held busy with raising funds and will be unable to devote sufficient time and attention towards the solution of the more intimate and professional aspects of the educational problem; whereas now, while the administrative secretary will be busy with finances, the educational director will look after the other needs of education in the community.
- 4 The members of the Board, many of whom have until now, known very little of Jewish education, will at once be plunged into the raising of finances without having the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the educational needs, ideals, and visions which alone will invest them with active zeal and energy needed in order that they may render effective service to this Board. It will be the function of the Educational director to report to the Board on the various educational activities carried on in the community, to dwell upon their need and import and thus to awaken and to deepen in the hearts of the members a more active interest in this communal undertaking.

THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

- 1 The financial administrator will supervise the raising of funds in the forms of:
- a An annual campaign
 - b Membership
 - c Occasional building drives
 - d Memorial gifts and bequests
 - e Scholarship and students' loan funds
 - f Endowment

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- g Contributions by organizations, institutions, and auxiliaries
- 2 The distributions of funds and various disbursements.
- 3 The preparation of budgets
- 4 The planing and direction of buildings
- 5 The financial publicity and propaganda

THE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

- 1 The educational director will have under his supervision in an official or advisory capacity the various Jewish educational institutions in this community.
- 2 Conduct a bureau of education for the purposes of:
 - a An annual survey or census of the Jewish school population
 - b Help in the co-ordination of various educational activities in the community
 - c The arrangement of lectures, organization of reading circles, study and discussion groups, courses and institutes for the advancement and growth of the teachers in service
 - d The collection and distribution of supplementary, instructional material in the form of:
 - pamphlets
 - outlines
 - typewritten material
 - reprints etc.

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- e The collection and filing of all literature for entertainments, celebrations, etc., such as

playlets
dialogues
recitations
tableaus
pageants
music
dances
games etc.

- f Educational Propaganda through:

- 1 Articles in the Press
- 2 Lectures, sermons and addresses
- 3 Leaflets and circulars
- 4 Educational exhibitions
- 5 Displays of Jewish school works
- 6 Public graduations and parents' meetings
- 7 Neighborhood celebrations of Jewish festivals
- 8 Concerts and musicals for neighborhood school children

- 3 To organize a system of extensive Jewish education through:
 - a The organization and supervision of clubs, study circles, additional Sunday and Sabbath classes
 - b Training of club leaders
- 4 Make provision for adolescent education by:
 - a Organizing classes for highschool students
 - b Organizing adolescent clubs
 - c Organization of a "League of Jewish Youth"
- 5 Provide for the education of 1500 Jewish children scattered in the community whose numbers are not sufficient to enable the opening of a class,-- either with the help of bosses or home-study-groups under the guidance of a volunteer or paid instructor.

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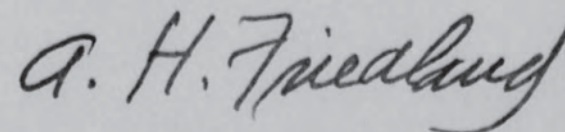
- 6 To encourage Jewish students in the pursuit of Jewish interests through:
 - Public contests
 - Debates
 - Prizes
 - Scholarships
- 7 To encourage the acquisition of Jewish libraries by synagogues, schools and other institutions.
- 8 To encourage the buying of books and Jewish interest on the part of the public libraries and Jewish homes.
- 9 To encourage the organization of forums and lecture courses of adults in various synagogues.
- 10 To open evening and Sabbath courses in different Jewish subjects for adults.
- 11 To co-ordinate and further the attempts of the organization of a teachers'--training school, with departments of teachers for:
 - 1 Hebrew schools
 - 2 Congregational schools
 - 3 Sunday and Sabbath schools

CONCLUSION

To be sure it may take a long time until the program outlined above will be carried into effect. But the beginning can be made now. The plan suggested here will therefore be to my mind a step in the right direction.

In the hope that this plan may go towards solving the most momentous problem in our community, I remain

Sincerely yours,



October Seventeenth
1924

Mr. Nathan Loeser,
National City Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Loeser,

I am enclosing herewith copies
of the correspondence which you requested to
see. As soon as you are through using it,
please return it to me

I am sorry that you could not
see your way clear to join our Bureau of Educa-
tion.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

There will be a meeting of the Board of Jewish Education on Friday, afternoon, October 24 at 2:30 o'clock at the Federation office, 1537 Guardian Building, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee charged with the selection of an executive director;--- it is hoped that a director may be engaged at this meeting.

Will you please try to be present?

Very truly yours,

A. H. Silver
Temporary Chairman,

Board of Jewish Education.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St & Ansel Rd.,
City.

October 23, 1924.

P.S.-- May I request you to send a check for your loan of \$100.00 to the underwriting of the initial expense of the Board to Mr. S. Goldhamer pending the selection of the treasurer. These funds will be needed for the preliminary outlay of the organization.

check
mailed
11/3/24
\$100.00

Bureau of Jewish
Educ

October 23rd, 1924.

Mrs. A. Tuteur,
Oakwood Drive,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Julius Tuteur
12624 Cedar Rd.

My dear

As temporary chairman of the Bureau of Jewish Education, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous contribution to our cause which we have just received. As it is the first contribution which we have received you can readily understand that it has encouraged us very much in our work. I see no problem confronting the Cleveland Jewish Community in the next decade more important than the problem of educating our children in the faith, ethical ideals, literature and history of their people and I know of no cause which ought to command the interest and devotion of public spirited men more worthy than this.

I want you to know that you have helped us very much and that we are grateful.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER CO. INC.
CLEVELAND, U.S.A.

Nov. 4, 1924.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Upon my return from a trip East, I find your very thoughtful and much appreciated letter of October 23rd.

I fully agree with you that the paramount question for the Jews of America, is to educate the coming generation, as outlined by you in your letter.

If I can be of any service to you in the future, in any way at all, I shall be glad to help you.

Very cordially yours,

Julius Tuteur

JT:O

*surely ought to be on
the Board, don't you think?*

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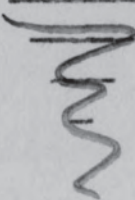
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your check for \$100.00, representing your loan to the Board of Jewish Education in underwriting the initial expense, as outlined in our recent meeting.



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Very sincerely,



S. Goldhamer
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple,
Ansel Rd
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November 5, 1924.

November 12th, 1924.

Mr. Julius Tuteur,
Electric Vacuum Cleaner Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Tuteur,

At the last meeting of the Board of Jewish Education it was the unanimous expression of the Board that an invitation be extended to you to become a member of this Board. The Board is composed of thirty-five representatives of all the agencies in Cleveland interested in Jewish education. We feel that you would be a valuable addition to our group and we would appreciate very much if you could see your way clear to join us.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

The Federation of the Jewish Charities

1537 Guardian Building

Cleveland

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

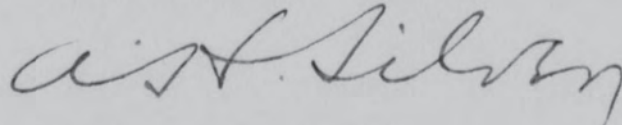
Why Jewish Education?

This question is going to be asked again and again by those whose interest the Board of Jewish Education will seek to enlist in its development in this Community.

Mr Herman Bernstein, famous editor and journalist, answers this question most convincingly in the enclosed reprint of an article used last year in the New York Campaign for Jewish Education.

It is worth your reading.

Very sincerely yours,



Temporary Chairman,

The Board of Jewish Education.

Rabbi A H Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd & E 105th St
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November 13, 1924.

ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER CO. INC.
CLEVELAND, U.S.A.

Nov. 14, 1924.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Please bear in mind that while I am enthusiastic about your educational work, my experience has been so limited that I do not feel I can be an asset to your organization.

I do not want you to feel, however, that I am shirking my duty as a Jew, and if, after the above explanation, you feel that I ought to become a member, I will accept your judgment.

Very truly yours,

Julius C. Teter.

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November 20th, 1924.

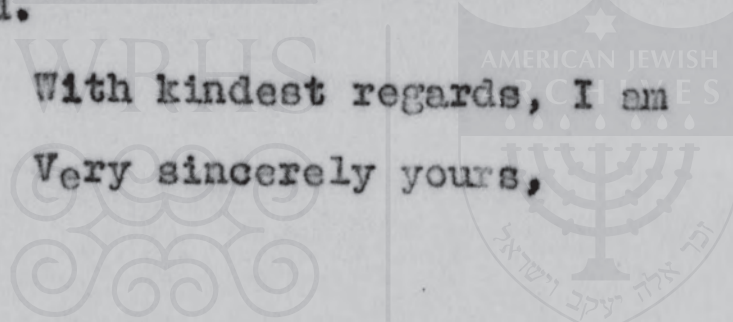
Mr. Julius Tuteur,
Electric Vacuum Cleaner Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Tuteur,

Permit me to acknowledge
your kind letter of November 14th.
We are all so sure that you will
be an asset to our organization that
we are taking the privilege of putting
you on our Board. I hope you will find
time to attend our meetings and acquaint
yourself with enterprise in which we are
engaged.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Bd. Jewish Education

B'nai B'rith Congregation

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November 21, 1924.

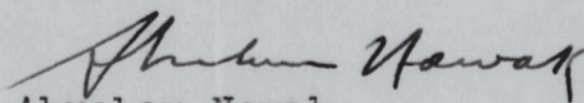
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Chairman of the Board
of Jewish Education,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry that I was not present
at the meeting of the Board of Jewish Education
held on Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. I
received the notice on Friday morning.

Be assured that I will do all in
my power to further the movement,

Very sincerely yours,


Abraham Nowak,
Rabbi.

AN:HH

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1537 Guardian Building

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My dear Rabbi:

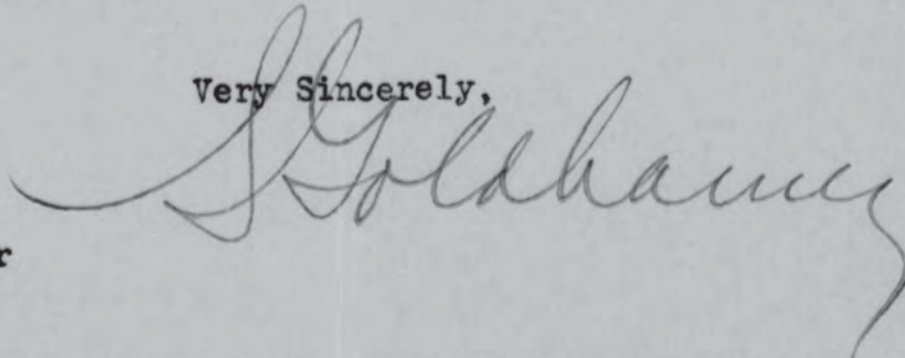
At the meeting of the Board of Jewish Education, held on Thursday, November 20th, the following actions were taken:

1. The Executive Officers were instructed to engage Mr A H Sachs as Executive Director of the Board at a salary of \$4,200 a year, his services to begin on December first;
2. The following officers for the Board were duly elected: Rabbi A H Silver, Temporary Chairman, Dr S L Bernstein and Mr M D Shanman Vice Presidents, Mr Louis Bing, Jr. Secretary, and Mr Max Rosenblum, Treasurer;
3. The Chairman was requested to appoint an Executive Committee composed of the Executive officers and three other members of the Board and the following additional members were appointed: Nathan Loeser, Sol Ulmer and Julius Tutuer.

With your approval, I have arranged with Mr Sachs for his service as Executive Director and Mr Sachs left Friday evening for New York on his own account, to secure what advice and information he can from the Jewish Education Association and others relating to this work.

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be called for Friday, November 28th, at 1:30, at the Federation office, when further organization plans can be taken up.

Very Sincerely,



Rabbi A H Silver
The Temple
City

November 24th 1924.

Messrs.

Copy of letters to: Louis Bing Jr., and Sol Ulmer; with postscript to the following: M. D. Shanman, Max Rosenblum, Nathan Loeser, Julius Tuteur, M. D.

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Dear Dr. Bernstein:

This will advise you of your election as Vice President of the Board of Jewish Education and also of your appointment as a member of the Executive Committee with Messrs. Louis Bing, Jr., Nathan Loeser, Max Rosenblum, M. D. Shanman, Rabbi A. H. Silver, Julius Tuteur and Sol Ulmer.

This will also advise you of an important meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Friday, November 28 at 1:30 o'clock at the Federation office. Plans for the projection of the work under the direction of Mr. Alfred H. Sachs, the new Director, will be taken up for consideration and attention.

Will you please try to be present at this first meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Temporary Chairman,

The Board of Jewish Education.

Dr. S. L. Bernstein,
Anisfield Bldg.,
City.

November 24, 1924.

P.S.-- For your approval of the action taken by the Board at its last meeting and at which a quorum was not present, we ask you to please sign the attached memorandum of the meeting and return it for record.

Copy of letters to: Messrs: B. Arsham, E. M. Baker, Alfred A. Benesch, Rabbi B. Gittlesohn, Mrs. W. Greenbaum, Clarence Hays, Mrs. Sieg Herzog, P. W. Jaffa, David S. Kohn, Sigmund Korach, Ben Lowenstein, Rabbi A. H. Nowak, Mrs. Joel Rice, Harry Simon, Henry Spira and Eugene Wolfe & Rabbi Louis Wolsey.
(Copy to Rabbi Silver)

C O P Y
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Dear Mr. Arsham:

In order to expedite the business of the Board of Jewish Education, action was taken on matters before the Board for consideration at its meeting held on November 20th, despite the fact that a quorum was not present, but with the understanding that these actions would be subject to the approval of the absent members.

Will you therefore, please sign the attached memorandum of the meeting to indicate your approval and return same for record.

Very truly yours,

Temporary Chairman,

The Board of Jewish Education.

Mr. B. Arsham,
2510 W. 28th St.,
City.

November 24, 1924.

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Mr. Louis Bing, Jr., Secretary
Board of Jewish Education,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bing:

I am in receipt of the copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Jewish Education, held on Thursday, November 20, 1924. I regret very much my inability to sign the memorandum, indicating my approval. Likewise do I challenge the action of the meeting, on the ground that there was no quorum, and also that the call for the meeting was received only upon the day of the meeting. The action of the Board is, therefore, illegal, and I hold that signatures of the absent members do not make the meeting valid.

Very truly yours

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PLANNED PUBLICITY SERVICE

103 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

December 2nd, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver,

I am writing this letter both to you and Goldman because I believe that both of you are interested in the Board of Jewish Education in Cleveland and in the contemplated campaign for the support of Jewish educational facilities in your city.

I am writing to both of you, first, because of our intimate friendship, and secondly, because to neither of you am I put under the necessity of "selling" my ability.

It is my firm conviction that the contemplated campaign could make very good use of my peculiar fitness for the sort of publicity that this effort will require. And, just because I am writing to you and to Goldman I cannot write very much, because if I added to what I have just said, I would be carrying coal to Newcastle.

But this I do want to say - that we are constantly looking for business, and the business of developing interest in the support of Jewish educational facilities is one with which we have become rather well identified, as vide by our work for the Jewish Theological Seminary, Jewish Education Association of New York and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

I put my interests, or rather the interests of the Planned Publicity Service, in the hands of both of you, feeling confident that they will be well taken care of.

With best wishes,

Very cordially,

TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 9140

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A. H. Fromenson

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Jewish Education will meet at the office of the Federation of Jewish Charities on Monday, December 8th, at 4:00 P. M.

We are very anxious to get started immediately, and want to outline all preliminary steps at the Executive meeting, also arranging at the same time for a general Board meeting within the immediate future.

I trust you will be able to be present.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. H. Silver

Acting President,
Board of Jewish Education.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
City.

December 5, 1924.

Copy of letters to Constitutional Committee:

Mr. A. A. Benesch,
Dr. S. L. Bernstein
Mr. Louis Bing, Jr.,
Mr. A. H. Friedland.

COPY TO RABBI SILVER.

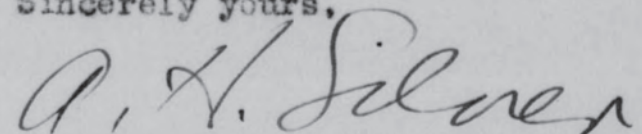
Dear Dr. Bernstein:

Please be advised that at an Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Jewish Education held on Monday, December 8, at the office of the Federation of Jewish Charities, you were appointed a member of the Constitutional Committee.

In order to facilitate matters, and to expedite our work, it was arranged for this Committee to hold its meeting this Friday, December 12, 1924, at 3:00 P. M. at the office of Mr. S. Ulmer, 700 Ulmer Bldg., when the proposed constitution will be examined and discussed, and recommendations decided upon which will, in turn, be submitted at the General Board meeting for final adoption on Monday, December 15, 1924.

You are urgently requested to make it your special point of business to be present at this very important meeting and to participate in the discussions of the Committee.

Sincerely yours,



Acting President,

Board of Jewish Education.

Dr. S. L. Bernstein,
Anisfield Bldg.,
City.

December 9, 1924.

Copies of letters sent to Budget Committee:

Mrs. Wm. Greenbaum
Mr. Samuel Garber,
Mr. Nathan Loseser
Mr. Julius Tutenr
Mr. Sol Ulmer.
Mr. Max Rosenblum.

Copy to Rabbi Silver.

Dear Mr. Rosenblum:

Please be advised that at an Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Jewish Education, held at the Federation office on Monday, December 8, 1924, you were appointed a member of our very important Budget Committee.

In order to facilitate the work of the Board and to expedite matters, the Executive Committee has requested this special Budget Committee to function during the week and submit the results of its study and discussions together with its recommendations to a General Board meeting to be held on Monday, December 15 at the office of the Federation of Jewish Charities, 1537 Guardian Building.

For that purpose, you are urgently requested to be present at the meeting of the Budget Committee to be held at the office of Mr. Max Rosenblum, 321 Euclid Ave. on Thursday, December 11 at 3:00 P. M.

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Silver
Acting President,

Board of Jewish Education.

Mr. Max Rosenblum,
321 Euclid Ave.,
City.

December 9, 1924.

Following postscript to Mrs. Greenbaum:

In view of the fact that we are trying to accomplish quite a bit of preliminary work during this week and in order to facilitate matters, you are requested to submit to this Budget Committee meeting, an exact or approximate budget for 1925 for the Council Sabbath Schools, same to be considered at that meeting in connection with other matters of similar nature.

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Dear Mr. Silver:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Jewish Education met last Monday, December 8, at the Federation office and acted upon several important propositions for the immediate consideration of the Board. Committees were appointed to draft a permanent constitution for the Board, and to study in detail the budgets of the Board and affiliated institutions.

In order to facilitate and expedite this work, the Committees were instructed to function during this week and to bring in comprehensive reports upon which the General Board will be able to act immediately.

For that purpose a Board meeting will be held at the office of the Federation of Jewish Charities, 1537 Guardian Building, on Monday, December 15, at 4:00 P. M. You are urgently requested to be present at this meeting and assist us in our endeavor to carry through an active and fruitful campaign in the very near future for Jewish Education in Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Silver
Acting President,

Board of Jewish Education.

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

December 11, 1924.

Note:- Due to insufficient secretarial facilities at the Federation office, these letters are again mailed two days late. May this be the last time.

A. H. Sachs

December 12th, 1924.

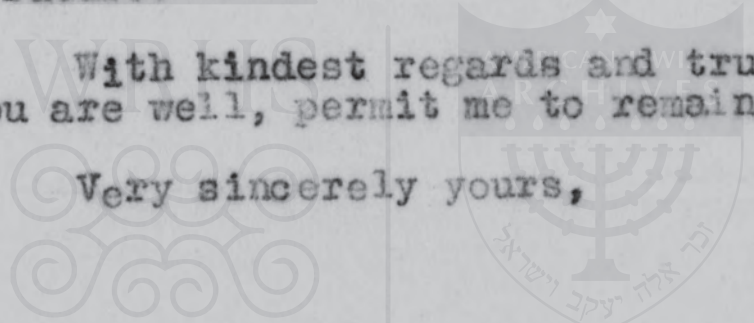
Mr. A.H. Frominson,
103 Park Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Fromenson,

Permit me to thank you for
your letter of December 2nd. The
Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education
has engaged a local man to run ~~the~~
campaign this year, but I shall be very
pleased to keep your publicity organization
in mind should occasion present itself
in the future.

With kindest regards and trusting
that you are well, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



LOUIS POPKIN

A. H. FROMENSON

ZELDA F. POPKIN

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103 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

December 16th

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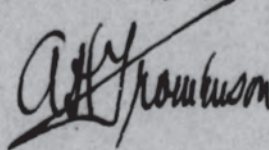
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your note of December 12th, in which you inform me that the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education has engaged a local man to run its campaign this year. I had looked forward to coming into Cleveland for a while, for what I conceived would be a very interesting and constructive effort.

I note your kind assurance that you will bear this organization in mind for future occasions.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,



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TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 9140

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December 26, 1924

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you probably know, the Board of Jewish Education is now making preparations for the launching of a campaign for the support of Jewish education in Cleveland, such campaign to commence Sunday, January 25th and to run on until Tuesday, February 3rd. We know that this work has your wholehearted support and would, therefore, request you to reserve the first day of our campaign for a sermon on Jewish education. We are going to do our best to awaken sufficient interest amongst the Jewish people for this great cause, and are relying very much upon the co-operation of the pulpit for the successful accomplishment of our task.

Thanking you, we are

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

By _____
Acting President

Rabbi Silver:

Letters similar to the above have been sent to Rabbis Goldman, Wolsey and Nowak.)

1. News to Juedep
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4. Letter to Juedep

December 28th, 1924.

Mr. Nathan Loeser,
National City Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Loeser,

I am enclosing herewith a
draft of a letter to be sent to the
Reform Jews of our city, in behalf
of the Bureau of Jewish Education.
Please revise it and altar it as you
see fit.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



*This letter sent to
Nathan Roese.*

December 29th, 1924.

Dear Friend,

The undersigned are desirous of bringing to your attention the following facts relative to the condition of religious education in our community.

The survey which was made a few months ago by the Federation of Jewish Charities, brought out the startling fact that twelve thousand Jewish children in our community are receiving no religious training whatsoever, either in Sabbath schools, Hebrew schools or through private instruction. We regard this as a very dangerous situation. These boys and girls are to be the future citizens of our city and the fair name of Israel and our position in this community will depend upon the moral and religious temper of the coming generation. We are denying them the full opportunity to develop into fine citizens when we deny them religious guidance and moral instruction.

A group of citizens alert to the situation have organized a bureau of Jewish education. The bureau will apply itself:

1. To the establishment of religious and Hebrew schools in all parts of the city where they are needed.
2. To the training of Sabbath schools and Hebrew school teachers.
3. To the support of existing Jewish educational institutions in need of support.

In a word, the bureau will function as a Federation of Jewish Educational Agencies in our city.

We solicit your active interest in and support of this work. As a public spirited citizen you will undoubtedly wish to contribute your share

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December 29th, 1924.

to the cause of giving every Jewish boy and girl in Cleveland a thorough, modern and helpful religious training.

During the week of January 26th, an appeal will be made for funds in the form of annual subscriptions to carry on this work. We trust that you will respond to the full measure of your ability.

With kindest regards, we beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

680 OLD ARCADE

CLEVELAND

January 2, 1925

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Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

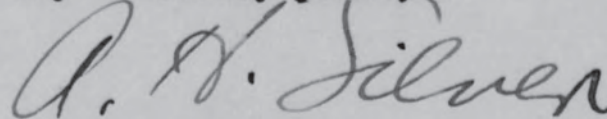
Inclosed is a copy of the proposed constitution of the Board of Jewish Education. We wish you would give it your careful consideration and prepare your criticism for the final discussion on it.

A very important general Board meeting will be held in the form of a dinner on Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:00 P.M. at the Sovereign Hotel, second dining room.

We shall then adopt a constitution and discuss many other matters of immediate importance to our cause. A meeting of the Campaign Committee, which will include representation from all the temples, synagogues and other local groups, in addition to our own Board, will be held at 8:00 o'clock the same evening and at the same place.

We are relying upon the whole-hearted co-operation of every member of our Board, in our endeavor to put over a successful campaign in January. It is very important that every member of the Board attend this dinner meeting.

Very sincerely yours,



Acting President

BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

January Third, 1925

Rabbi Louis Wolsey,
The Euclid Avenue Temple,
East 82nd Street and Euclid,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December twenty-ninth.

At the outset, I must call your attention to certain misstatements in your letter:

First: It is not true that in every instance the notices for meetings of the Board were received by members two hours before the meeting was held. The same letters which you received, I received, and in most instances they reached me two days before a meeting was held. The Board has up to this time held approximately eight meetings, of which you attended only one.

Two: It is not true that at the meeting which you attended that existing organizations were excluded from the plans of the Board of Jewish Education.

Third: It is not true that the campaign which we are now launching is to be for the support of Talmud Torahs exclusively. It is among the prime objects of the Bureau to assist existing Talmud Torahs to financial independence. For the next few years this may involve meeting their annual deficits, which amounts to about \$25,000. Beyond that, the Bureau wishes to take over the financing of the two free Sabbath Schools now existing and to found as many more during the coming year as its funds and the availability of Religious School Teachers will permit.

The Board, furthermore, has been discussing the establishment of a City Normal School, for the training of both Religious and Hebrew Teachers.

If you will read the proposed constitution, which you undoubtedly have received, under Article I, Section 2,

you will find the objects of the Board stated in full, which objects coincide with those projected at the first meeting of the Bureau. I am quoting herewith the section referred to:

Article I, Section 2:

"The object of this Bureau shall be to promote, extend and improve Jewish education in the City of Cleveland; to create adequate support and to make necessary propaganda for the Jewish educational institutions which now exist or may hereafter be created; to plan extension of education, aid in the training of teachers, and scientifically provide for the educational needs of the Jewish community, awakening and maintaining by proper publicity and propaganda a general interest in Jewish education in the city."

Fourth: The Bureau refuses to accept any responsibility for any article written by Mr. Eidelsberg or any other publicist. I fail to find anything objectionable in the statement made by our Director in the Jewish Independent of December 26th.

Clearly, you are confused about the purposes of the Jewish Education Bureau. We are not espousing in the Bureau any theory of education, Nationalistic or anti-Nationalistic, Zionistic or anti-Zionistic. Our object is to provide schools for the Jewish children of Cleveland. The parent is to determine the kind of education his child is to receive. It is the business of the community to provide facilities and to see that these schools, be they Orthodox or Reform, are conducted properly and systematically, and that they are making good American Citizens. Surely you do not mean to say that the Bureau of Education was called into being by the Federation to establish Reform Religious Schools only. If that were so, it would be preposterous to invite Orthodox Jews into the Bureau.

We do not propose to have this unreal and fantastic issue introduced into our work, and I am surprised to find that you have so completely misunderstood our effort. The Bureau of Jewish Education will function as the Federation of Jewish Charities functions. It does not intend to interfere with the internal autonomy of its constituents, nor does it intend to lay down a theological creed. It proposes to leave all Nationalistic sword play for the pulpits.

I trust that you will reconsider your decision to

resign from the Board (your second resignation) an action which is bound to be misinterpreted in the community, to your hurt and to the hurt of the Board of Jewish Education.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

This Board is in need of some effective publicity in support of the cause of Jewish Education and all its ramifications. Our aim is to awaken public sentiment to the importance of a Jewish moral and cultural education for every Jewish boy and girl in Cleveland.

May we request you to prepare for us an article or a statement for publication during the next two weeks? We are planning a campaign for \$75,000 in annual subscriptions in order to subsidize the present existing Jewish educational institutions in this city and with which to promote and expand this work further. It is important that we have this publicity at hand immediately.

We are inclosing a list of suggested topics and should appreciate if you would write for us on any of these topics or any other angle of the same field that you may see fit. May we hear from you in the near future?

Thanking you for any assistance, we are

Sincerely yours,

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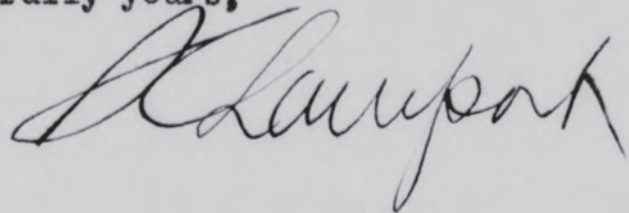
My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have learned from our mutual friend, Mr. Bernard Semel, that you are actively launching on a program of propaganda for Jewish education. This is in line with what I had always hoped you would start, and I want to tell you that you have a right to look forward with a great deal of confidence to the results you will accomplish.

Here in New York we have been quite successful in stirring up our community, and I feel quite positive that with your dynamic inspirational force the movement will spread rapidly, not alone in your locality but throughout the West. More power to you! "CHAZAK CHAZAK V'NITH CHAZAIK"!

Incidentally I might advise you that I am leaving for Palestine February 17th. I am getting a plethora of blessings from the laity but would appreciate one from a real rabbi.

Faithfully yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

1/9/25.

Louis Marshall,
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Cleveland Jewish community is launching its first campaign for Jewish education with a dinner on Monday, January 26th. The entire community is united in this enterprise. This is our initial year and it is a critical one for the success of all of our future work. Will you not assist us by visiting our community and being our guest of honor that evening. You will render a tremendous service.

Abba Hillel Silver.

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CABLE ADDRESS "MELPOMENE" NEW YORK

January 10, 1925.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your telegram of the 9th instant, in which you invite me to deliver an address at the dinner to be given by the Cleveland Jewish community on Monday evening, January 26th, at which its first campaign for Jewish education is to be launched.

I expect to be in Chicago on January 25th, where I am to deliver an address in the evening in connection with the opening of a campaign for the Seminary, the Emergency Committee for Jewish Refugees, the Jewish Publication Society and Ort. I had intended to leave on the following morning directly for New York. On inquiry I find that I can leave Chicago at 10.30 a.m. and reach Cleveland at 7.20 on the evening of the 26th. Assuming that the trains will be on time, that will probably enable me to accept your invitation. I feel under deep obligation to you and am therefore desirous of complying with your request.

Will you kindly inform me whether you will be willing to take the chances of the regularity of trains on the New York Central Railroad at this time of the year, and, also, whether arrangements can be made which will enable me to leave Cleveland on the night of the 26th so that I may be in New York in time to meet certain engagements that I have for the evening of the 27th.

With best regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Louis Marshall

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 55th and Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

January 11th, 1924.

Dr. A.H. Friedland,
2491 East 55th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Friedland,

You have a very crowded program for Tuesday evening. It is absolutely essential for the success of our campaign that the program be strictly limited. Your reports should not exceed five minutes each. Lomsky should not talk more than twenty-five minutes and Zemil, twenty minutes. I will limit myself to about ten minutes. The rest of the time should be devoted to the actual solicitation of subscriptions.

Please see that the meeting starts promptly at 8:15 regardless of the number of people there are in the hall. We are placing a great deal of hope upon this meeting. If it fails to materialize a respectable amount it will dampen our entire work. I am leaving this matter entirely in your hands hoping that there will be no slip up in the matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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January 12, 1925

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Dear Friend:

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The undersigned are desirous of bringing to your attention the following facts relative to the condition of religious education in our community.

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The survey which was made a few months ago by the Federation of Jewish Charities, brought out the startling fact that fourteen thousand Jewish children in our community are receiving no religious training whatsoever, either in Sabbath schools, Hebrew schools or thru private instruction. We regard this as a very dangerous situation. These boys and girls are to be the future citizens of our city, and the fair name of Israel and our position in this community will depend upon the moral and religious temper of the coming generation. We are denying them the full opportunity to develop into fine citizens when we deny them religious guidance and moral instruction.

Answering the call of the Federation of Jewish Charities, a group of citizens alert to the situation have organized a Bureau of Jewish Education. The Bureau will apply itself

1. To the establishment of schools in all parts of the city where they are needed, for the study of Jewish religion, history and culture in the light of American ideals and citizenship.
2. To the support of those existing Jewish educational institutions which are not now entirely self-supporting.
3. To the training of Sabbath school and Hebrew school teachers.

In a word, the Bureau will function as a Federation of Jewish educational agencies in our city.

We solicit your active interest in, and your support of, this work. As a public spirited citizen, you will undoubtedly wish to contribute your share to the cause of giving every Jewish boy and girl in Cleveland a thorough, modern and helpful religious training.

During the week of January 26th, an appeal will be made for funds in the form of annual subscriptions to carry on this work. We trust that you will respond to the full measure of your ability.

With kindest regards, we are

Very sincerely yours,

Em Baker
Solomon Zelman
Bertha B. Herzog.
Nathan Lauer
Max Simon
M. D. Dooly!
Max Rosenblum

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January
Thirteenth
1925

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In response to your letter of the third inst., let me say that I think we can come to some definite and amicable conclusion, by talking the matter out. I, therefore, hope we can see each other very soon. In the meantime, I would advise that you do not present my letter of resignation, until we have seen one another.

Very sincerely yours

LW:HS

Louis Wolsey



January 13th, 1925.

Mr. S.C. Lamport,
509 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Lamport,

I was delighted to receive your letter and the good wishes which you convey. We begin our drive for education on the 26th of this month. I have just received word from Mr. Marshall that he will be with us on that occasion. I feel confident that our campaign will be successful.

I wish I could go with you to Palestine next month but I am afraid I shall have to wait until the summer. The privilege of making a pilgrimage to Palestine is a blessing in itself and you really need no others, however I want you to know that the good wishes of Mrs. Silver and mine go with you on your forthcoming journey. I feel confident that you will bring back from our Home increased inspiration and enthusiasm for our common cause.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

January 13th, 1925.

Mr. Louis Marshall,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Marshall,

I am delighted to learn that it will be possible for you to be with us on Monday evening, the 26th of January. We are arranging a large banquet for that evening which will open our campaign for Jewish education in Cleveland. Our entire community is united in this project. We are anticipating a very fine response.

The trains from Chicago are nearly always on time and you can take the 10:30 train out of Chicago and get here in the evening or if you care to travel on the sleeper you can leave Chicago at midnight and get into Cleveland at eight o'clock the next morning. It will also be possible for you to leave Cleveland on the night of the 26th and get into New York in time to keep an evening engagement. Please wire me from Chicago as to what train you will take.

I need not tell you that the whole community is grateful for the trouble that you will take in coming here to help us in our work.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

January 16th, 1925.

Mr. A.H. Sachs,
Board of Jewish Education,
680 Old Arcade,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sachs,

1. I had a meeting this morning with twenty women of The Temple. They have organized a \$10.00 women's club. I also had a meeting this afternoon with representatives of the Euclid Avenue Temple, The Jewish Center and the B'nai Jeshurun Congregation. The work was explained to them thoroughly. Each Congregation will take care of the solicitation of its own sisterhood women. Please send two thousand subscription blanks to the above mentioned Congregations and to mine. I would use the women of the other organizations whose names you will receive in response to your letter, either to do similar work in their sisterhoods, or to engage in house to house collections.

2. There will be a meeting of the Alumni of the B'nai Jeshurun Temple this coming Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and of the Center Sisterhood this coming Tuesday at 2:30. Please arrange to be present and talk about the campaign or have someone represent you.

3. Let me remind you again that your big work during the coming week is to organize teams. If necessary, interview ten or fifteen people personally to get them to act as team captains. I shall be out of the city until next Friday and shall not be in a position to help you in this work but Nowak and Goldman who will be in the city, might.

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January 16th, 1925.

Please send a letter to each member of the Board of Jewish Education urging upon them the importance of attending the Marshall dinner and of bringing their friends with them.

I have approached Mr. Ulmer about going into the \$1000 class. He is to give me an answer soon.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



January 16th, 1925.

Rabbi Louis Wolsey,
Euclid Avenue Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey,

I was very pleased to receive
your letter and I shall be happy to
discuss the matter of the Bureau of Jewish
Education with you, perhaps during some
spare hour in St. Louis.

Our campaign is gaining headway.
We have received word from Mr. Louis Marshall
that he will be our guest and speaker on the
occasion of the formal opening of the campaign
on Monday, January 26th.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

January Seventeenth
1925

Mr. Charles L. Richman,
1600 East 55th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Richman,

Mr. Sol Reinthal has sent to me, as Acting Chairman of the Board of Jewish Education, your check for \$25.00. I am grateful for the fine spirit of co-operation which prompted your action. I am eager to call your attention to the larger scope which the work has assumed and to solicit your larger interest in the work.

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. We must provide schools and teachers for the 14,000 thousand children who are today receiving no religious education in Sabbath schools or elsewhere. The Board of Jewish Education was called into existence by the Federation of Jewish Charities and has assumed this work, and for the coming year has set its minimum budget at \$75,000.00. Our campaign for this amount will open on Monday, January 26th. Mr. Louis Marshall of New York will be our guest of the evening.

If you agree with us that this cause is of tremendous importance to the future of our community, I should appreciate it if you and your Brother would become annual contributors to the Bureau in an amount which your own generosity will determine.

With kindest regards and trusting you are well, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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January 25, 1925.

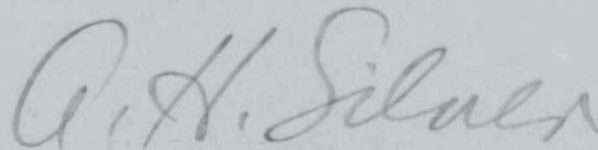
Rabbi A H Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Bernard Semel, one of the foremost American leaders in the movement for Jewish education, will address the Board and its guests at a dinner to be given at the Jewish Center restaurant on Tuesday, January 13, 1925, at 6:00 P.M. Reverend H. Masliansky of New York will also be our guest.

We hope that you will be able to be present at the dinner and should appreciate if you will make a special effort in that direction. It is necessary that Cleveland Jewry be well informed of the elements involved in the local movement for Jewish education, and we are very eager that everyone who is on our Board and everyone who will co-operate with this Board in our campaign be with us Tuesday evening. There will be no solicitations whatever.

Very sincerely yours,



Acting President

BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

January
Twenty-fifth
1925

Mr. E. M. Baker
Federation of Jewish Charities
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Baker:

I regret very much my inability to attend the dinner given in honor of Mr. Louis Marshall, but I will be out of the city tomorrow, and therefore cannot avail myself of the privilege of being present at the dinner. Nevertheless, I wish in my behalf as well as in behalf of those whom I represent, to express my gratitude to Mr. Marshall for his willingness to come to Cleveland to speak a word in behalf of Jewish education.

The activity which he comes to encourage, has my enthusiastic endorsement. The Jewish community of Cleveland has a responsibility and a duty, in making adequate provision for the education of thousands of Jewish children who are, after all, the charges of our community. We ought to build up an effective institution in our midst, that will guarantee to all children, their proper educational birthright.

The Bureau of Jewish Education is entitled, therefore, to the support of the entire community.

Very sincerely yours

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January 26, 1925

Dear Friend:

What guaranties are we providing for the future of Jewish citizenship in America?

To what extent will you help us give our boys and girls an opportunity to develop into fine American citizens with proper Jewish religious and moral guidance?

Only one out of every three Jewish children in Cleveland receives religious training or any instruction in the culture and ethics of the Jewish race. Only 7,000 out of 20,000 Cleveland Jewish children are receiving any spiritual guidance at the Hebrew or Sabbath schools.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

We, You and I, everyone of us, can help to meet this situation by subscribing promptly and generously to the cause of Jewish education—to the maintenance of present schools and to the establishment of others.

New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Pittsburgh and Detroit have organized their support of Jewish education—Cleveland can and will do it.

The Amount Needed for 1925 is \$75,000

WILL YOU DO YOUR SHARE?

Send Your Answer Quickly and Generously!

SEND YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TODAY

Sincerely yours,

Board of Jewish Education

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P. S. Your subscription may be paid semi-annually or quarterly if you choose

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*What guarantees
are we providing--?*

The Federation of Jewish Charities

extends to you and your friends

a cordial invitation to attend a Dinner

in honor of

Mr. Louis Marshall

Monday Evening, January Twenty-sixth

— Nineteen Hundred Twenty-five

at Six Thirty o'clock

Hollenden Hotel Ball Room

Mr. Marshall, known to us all as the leading spirit in the affairs of American Jewry and a champion of the cause of his people the world over, comes to Cleveland to tell us why he and others prominent in American Jewish life, have so ardently espoused the cause of Jewish Education, and his message should prove both an enlightenment and an inspiration.

No Funds Will Be Solicited

Dinner will be One Dollar Fifty Cents per plate. Dress informal. The Capacity of the Hotel Dining Room is limited and reservations should be made at once.

Board of Jewish Education

Dear Friend,

Mr. Louis Marshall, the great American Jewish leader, is coming to Cleveland on Monday, January 26th, 1925 at the request of the Bureau of Jewish Education. We are anxious to have Mr. Marshall meet a limited number of Cleveland representative Jews in order that he may present to them a problem of supreme importance touching the life of our community.

We are inviting you to attend this dinner which will be given in honor of our distinguished visitor, at the Hollenden Ball Room, Monday evening, January 26th at 6 o'clock.

There will be no solicitation for funds.

The Reception Committee for Mr. Louis Marshall:

E. M. Baker
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February 4, 1925

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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All orders are taken subject to approval of credit department.
All agreements are contingent upon strikes and other causes unavoidable or beyond our control.
Goods proving defective will be replaced, but no claims for damage or labor will be allowed.
All claims must be made within five days from receipt of goods.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your favor of the 2nd instant and am
pleased to enclose herewith my check for \$100.00
as my contribution to the Bureau of Jewish Edu-
cation.

Yours very truly,

Matt W. Miele

WMW-G
Encl

February 9th, 1925.

Mr. Julius Feiss,
Joseph and Feiss Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Feiss,

Your name has been referred to me by the Bureau of Jewish Education in connection with its campaign now going on. I need not explain to you the purposes for which the amount of \$75,000 is now being solicited. You undoubtedly read our literature and judging from your contribution of last year to the cause of Jewish education, you are in thorough sympathy. We would deeply appreciate any assistance which you would render us.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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February 10th, 1925

Mr. Solomon Ulmer,
% S. Ulmer & Sons,
Ulmer Building,
CITY.

My dear Mr. Ulmer:-

I have your letter of the 9th following our conference of last Friday. I have the deepest respect for your earnestness and zeal in the matter of Jewish Education, but I do not follow you in your conclusions.

I do not think a Jewish education essential to my idea of good Jewish Citizenship. My Jewishness is racial - not religious. I believe the Jew who has a well rounded liberal general education, including physical training, and who mingles freely with his fellows regardless of race or creed, who sticks to the essentials of his belief and discards the non-essentials, including in the non-essentials such forms and customs as have clung to the religion long after they have lost their appeal to reason, is not less self respecting or less desirable a citizen than he who feels that the language and lore of his forefathers are the essentials.

I have no quarrel with those who think otherwise. We are both working in the same direction, but pursuing different paths. I am more interested in the material side, and you are more interested in the religious side. It may well be that you have chosen the better path, but I cannot now see it that way. I have profound respect for your sincerity and for your earnestness, but feeling as I do that you are working in the wrong direction, I cannot change the opinion I expressed when you were here.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

M. J. Mandelbaum

MJM.GH

See - over - please

How can Education be LIBERAL and well rounded
exclude religion - language + folk Lore!

10:30:30

I am glad that I do not KNOW this man Mandelbaum personally-- I do not like to number even amongst my acquaintances people with such a limited scope of thought.

This man undoubtedly calls himself TOLERANT-- that much abused word which folks who are very very ignorant like to apply to themselves when they do not shoot their neighbors who might have made a study of any topic in which these "tolerants" are disinterested.

This letter was thrown into the wastebasket by S. Ulmer- because he felt that Mandelbaum apparently was not worth tinkering with. To my mind- one person with such EMPTINESS OF THOUGHT who dares ~~himself~~ ^{term} himself a "good citizen" or GOOD ANYTHING ELSE is more dangerous than an army of KU KLUXERS and he should be dealt with OPENLY and not DIPLOMATICALLY.

Personally I think this a pretty fair representation of our- so-called "upper classes" today-- dare I use the word GERMAN--or would that sound intolerant?

"Racially" he says - he's a Jew- well I for one ardently wish that there were some remedy for that--

Rotation

*If you agree with S. Ulmer
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February 12, 1925

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

Dear Friend:

In answer to your favor of the 9th inst., I beg
to state that I will not contribute anything this
year to the purpose for which you sent me the
enclosed card.

Yours very truly,

Julius Feiss

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Feb. 17th, 1925.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have not reached our goal yet. Will you help us put this campaign across ??

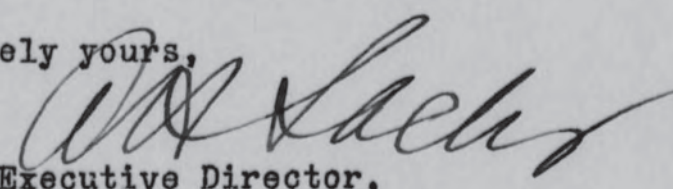
This is the week of weeks. We owe it to ourselves, to the cause of Jewish Education, and to the people sponsoring and working for the success of our Movement to make a herculean effort this week - to reach our goal, and to submit a report at Friday's luncheon that will surprise and encourage the captains and workers in our ranks, and especially our devoted leader - Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

The Jews of Cleveland favor our cause - they willingly contribute. But they must be seen and solicited. There are still TEN THOUSAND Jewish families who did not subscribe to the Jewish Education Fund, nor were their subscriptions solicited.

You are urgently requested to invest AT LEAST TWO FULL DAYS of your time this week for our Cause. You know it merits your sacrifice. Please call the office for more cards, and solicit all your Jewish friends, neighbors and business acquaintances. Only through your concerted efforts shall we succeed.

PLEASE DO NOT DELAY - SEE YOUR PROSPECTS TODAY!

Very sincerely yours,


Executive Director,
BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

P. S. - PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR FINAL CAMPAIGN LUNCHEON
AT HOLLENDEN HOTEL
FRIDAY, FEB. 20TH, 1925 AT 12:30

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March 3, 1925

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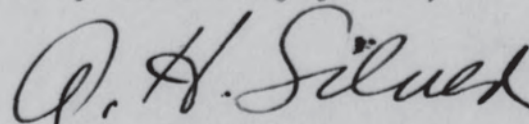
Dear Rabbi Silver:

A general meeting of the Board of Jewish Education will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 1925, at 12:30 P.M. at a luncheon in the Hollenden Hotel.

The results of our recent campaign, future plans of the Bureau and other matters of great importance to our movement will be discussed at that meeting. The constitution of the Board, as proposed and amended by the Committee on Constitutions, will be submitted at that meeting for final adoption.

We trust you will consider the importance of this meeting and will make a special effort to be present. It is only thru the co-operation and the active assistance of every member of the Board that the Bureau of Jewish Education can hope to become a vital matter in the social life of Cleveland Jewry. Please make an extra effort to be with us at that meeting.

Very sincerely yours,



Acting President
BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

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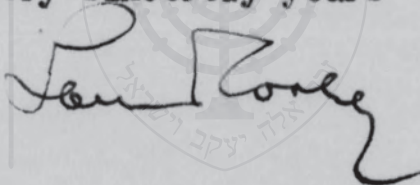
March
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Rabbi A. H. Silver
680 The Old Arcade
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It will be impossible for me to be present at the meeting of the Board of Jewish Education on Tuesday, March 10. That is the day of the meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education, of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in Cincinnati, and I presume you also will be present at that meeting.

Very sincerely yours

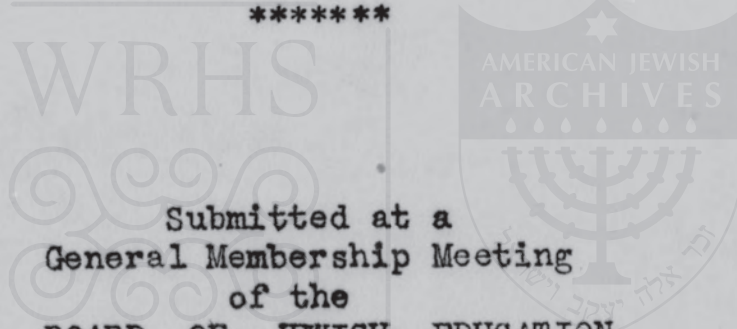


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(Including Complete Financial Statement)
Dec. 1, 1924 to Feb. 28, 1925.

Submitted at a
General Membership Meeting
of the
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on
Tuesday, March 10, 1925
by
ALFRED H. SACHS
Executive Director



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P R E F A C E

Cleveland Jewry, being confronted with the "spiritual bareness" of our youth, has organized the Board of Jewish Education for the purpose of studying the immensity of the problem and to provide means for the inculcating of the spiritual traditions, the religion and culture of Israel in the souls of the growing generation. Past experience has shown that Judaism cannot be obtained for our children cheaply and that nothing short of a community undertaking will bring adequate solution to this momentous problem confronting American Jewry today.

The period up to December 1, 1924 was mainly a period of planning. During the first three months after the organization of the Bureau, definite attempts were made by the Board of Jewish Education to find itself and, in turn, to be linked with the social life of the Jewish community of Cleveland. A good deal has undoubtedly been accomplished during this short space of time - sufficient to reveal to us the importance of the problem and the tremendous task and duty that is confronting the Board of Jewish Education during the next two or three years.

With the funds available and the prospective possibilities for the balance of 1925, the Bureau of Jewish Education could undoubtedly not aspire to revolutionize the Jewish educational system of Cleveland immediately. There is, however, a great deal of work on hand which must be accomplished preliminary to greater activities of the Board and which could be successfully carried on at comparatively small expenditures. A careful study of this outline of the first three months of activity of the Bureau of Jewish Education should prove helpful in our attempts to go thru with the program of educational pioneering.

1. PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATION

Immediately following the appointment of an Executive Director for the Board of Jewish Education, a membership meeting was held on December 8, 1924. General problems of the Board were discussed and a campaign to raise funds by annual subscriptions to subsidize Jewish Education in Cleveland, to take place the end of January, was decided upon. A committee to draw up a constitution for the Board that would express the interests of the Board and the institutions to be affiliated with it, and a Budget Committee to make a study of the budgets of the affiliated institutions and the Bureau of Jewish Education were appointed.

One week later, another General Board meeting was held, when the budget of the Cleveland Hebrew School was discussed. The chairman of the Budget Committee urged that a special effort at economy be made at the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute and that tuition fees be increased. He further urged that the existing \$43,000 deficit of these schools be funded by loans to be repaid in several years, or thru endowments for that purpose. The goal of the January campaign was set as \$75,000 in annual subscriptions. A loan of \$15,000 to be made by the Board for the purpose of extending immediate relief to the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute and to cover the campaign expenses of the Bureau was decided upon. Appropriations for the renting of an office and the purchasing of equipment were authorized. The Director was instructed to proceed immediately with preparation for the coming campaign and the establishment of the Bureau.

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION

On December 17, 1925, the Bureau of Jewish Education was formally opened. Office furniture and equipment, stationery, etc. were purchased during the succeeding few days, and tangible efforts were made for the linking of the Bureau with the social life of the community. Plans for newspaper publicity were initiated and other means of establishing the Bureau firmly were adopted. Work on the building up of a comprehensive mailing list to represent all the factors of the Jewish Community of Cleveland had begun immediately. This work went on thruout the entire campaign and some of it, especially the rechecking and re-filing of certain sets of cards in order to avoid duplications and eliminate the wrong items, will probably not be completed before the beginning of April. The list as now constituted represents the conglomeration of

- (a) a list of Jewish subscribers to the Community Fund
- (b) a list of 7000 miscellaneous Jewish names
- (c) membership lists of the Jewish Center
- (d) membership lists of the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute
- (e) membership lists of the Temples and the Council of Jewish Women.

A Board meeting was held on December 24, at which only ten members were present. A meeting was set for January 6, to which a call addressed to a group of prominent men representing all the temples, synagogues and other Jewish factions in Cleveland, was issued. In reference to publicity, the following suggestions were made to the Executive Director:

- (a) that orthodox rabbis and Yiddish newspapers be requested to make public statements on behalf of the cause of Jewish education. This was meant particularly in order to awaken the

- interest of the orthodox Jews of Cleveland.
- (b) that a letter stating briefly the aims and purposes of the Bureau of Jewish Education, over the fac-simile signatures of several prominent Jewish men and women, be mailed immediately to approximately 4000 Jewish contributors to the Community Fund.
 - (c) that plenty of publicity be had in all the Jewish papers and, if possible, in the dailies; and thru mail circularizing until the close of the campaign.
 - (d) that the reform rabbis be requested to deliver sermons on Jewish education before the commencement of the campaign and that, later on, subscription blanks be distributed in the pews of the temples and the synagogues.
 - (e) that a mailing campaign be conducted concurrently with personal solicitation, for the purpose of reaching the great number of people whom the solicitors will be unable to see.

A complete system of bookkeeping, showing the records of income and disbursements in a double-entry system and classified according to the types of disbursements was installed by the Director, with the assistance of an accountant. Communications were established with various Bureaus of Jewish Education in other Jewish Centers in the United States. Subscriptions to a great many Jewish newspapers all over the United States were entered, mostly gratis. Proper equipment for the future systematic management of the Bureau of Jewish Education was installed. Books for the preservation of publicity clippings, as also for the systematic recording of all minutes, were purchased.

III. CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY

Approximately 150 people chosen with the advice of the rabbis from the lists of membership of their respective congregations, including the leading workers in Jewish communal work, members of the Federation of Jewish Charities, a group of Jewish attorneys and the entire Board of Jewish Education were invited to a preliminary campaign organization meeting, which was held Tuesday, January 6, at 8:15 P.M. at the Sovereign Hotel.

In the absence of Rabbi Silver, Mr. Edward M. Baker introduced the subject for discussion to the conference, giving a brief outline of the history of the movement to provide religious and cultural education for the Jewish youth of Cleveland. Mr. Baker's appeal was eloquent and persuasive. It was, perhaps, the most comprehensive address made during the entire period of the campaign. Messrs. Ulmer, Loeser and Friedland spoke after Mr. Baker, calling upon the Jewish community of Cleveland to get together on a common platform of "a Jewish education for every Jewish child in whatever school is suitable for its parents, and in accordance with the curriculum taught in that particular school." Mrs. Bertha Herzog pledged the support of the Jewish women of Cleveland, and all the thirty men and women present promised to become workers in the education campaign.

On January 13, at the Jewish Center Hall, the annual meeting of the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute took place. Bernard Semel, pioneer of Jewish education in New York, and Rev. Masliansky, great Jewish orator, addressed an audience of 800. Approximately 1000 pamphlets issued by the Bureau of Jewish Education, entitled "Shall Our Children Remain Jews?", were distributed, together with regular campaign subscription cards. Workers for that evening, who were chosen from those attending a small dinner given by the Board of Jewish Education that same evening in the Jewish Center Restaurant in honor of the New York guests, succeeded in obtaining 138 subscriptions amounting to approximately \$3000 from the orthodox group present.

A joint meeting of the Board of Jewish Education and the prospective Campaign Committee was called for Thursday, January 22, at the Federation office. Mr. E. M. Baker was chairman. Only eight or ten people attended. In view of the proximity of the campaign, it became clear that there was not sufficient time between the establishment of the Bureau and the commencement of the campaign for real organization of the forces that were to work in that campaign. A meeting of the representatives of women's organizations, held the same day at the office of the Jewish Social Service Bureau, met with approximately similar success.

The Executive Committee of the Federation of Jewish Charities and of the Board of Jewish Education met Tuesday afternoon, January 13, 1925, to make arrangements for a dinner to open the campaign and at which Mr. Louis Marshall would address the guests. Invitations were immediately printed and mailed out, together with reservation cards, to approximately 4000 Jewish subscribers to the Community Fund. Thanks to considerable assistance given by Mr. Goldhamer, 275 people attended the Marshall dinner on Monday evening, January 26, 1925, in the Hollenden Ball Room. Addresses were made by Mr. Baker for the Federation, by Mr. Loeser for the Board of Jewish Education, in view of the absence of Rabbi Silver on account of illness, and by Mr. Louis Marshall. Letters endorsing the movement were received from Rabbi Goldman and Rabbi Wolsey, the former being ill and the latter being away in Washington on important business. Representatives of all the congregations, of the Jewish educational institutions, Mr. E. M. Baker for the Federation, Mr. Loeser and Mr. Sachs for the Board of Jewish Education and Rabbi Nowak occupied seats with the speaker at the front table. No solicitation for funds was made. Altho the speakers were met with great applause and enthusiasm, Mr. Loeser's appeal for workers in the campaign met with only one or two replies.

On Tuesday, January 27, immediately following the Marshall dinner, a meeting of a few of the more active workers of the Board of Jewish Education and several members of the Federation of Jewish Charities met at the office of the Bureau to receive assignment cards of the prospective contributors of Class A. Mr. Nathan Loeser undertook to take charge of this small group of workers, in view of the absence of Rabbi Silver on account of illness. Of the 2000 assignment cards bearing the names and records of larger Jewish subscriptions to the Community Fund, which were assorted into districts, approximately 1500 were gradually assigned during the following week to 35 men and women who were interviewed by Mr. Sachs on personal visits at their offices and who undertook to cover these cards during the period of the campaign. Unfortunately, a great number of these prospective workers never found time to take care of these cards and had to return them unsolicited at the end of the campaign.

Seven campaign luncheon meetings were held at the Hollenden Hotel on Thursday, January 29; Saturday, January 31; Tuesday, February 3; Friday, February 6; Tuesday, February 10; Friday, February 13, and Friday, February 20. At each meeting, reports of subscriptions were made in greater or lesser amounts. Only two or three of these luncheon meetings were well-attended. It is not an exaggeration to state that practically only ten men and women gave this campaign the kind of sacrifice in time and devotion that successful drives depend upon. Reports of the workers indicated a pretty warm response on the part of the community to the problem of Jewish education and that, altho it is true that comparatively few people had actually been solicited, it is also true that there have been very few definite refusals from prospective subscribers. A great number of prominent Cleveland Jews who might have come in with large subscriptions were out-of-town, in many cases spending their winter vacations in Florida and California and, even with the postponement of the date of the closing of the campaign until February 20, it was still impossible to get these subscriptions. Several of these out-of-town prospects have been wired to and, in some cases, subscriptions were thus gotten by mail.

Under the direction of Rabbi Silver and with the assistance of Mr. Sachs, a Women's Ten Dollar Club was organized during the campaign. Many of the 16 Jewish women's organizations in Cleveland promised to become active in this undertaking. The original plan was to obtain 1000 subscriptions from the women in \$10 denominations which would be additional to the regular campaign fund and which would also be of special benefit in the creating of sentiment for Jewish education in the home thru these women preachers. The Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood, The Temple Sisterhood, the Judea organization and the Keren Haysod Club have been most successful in getting results under this club arrangement. Approximately \$4000 came in thru these subscriptions. Altho the general campaign might have been partly injured by the solicitation of subscriptions from men by several of these women workers, which subscriptions were in this manner underquoted, this sum of money so raised and the amount of sentiment so created should not be under-estimated.

At the final campaign committee luncheon, the total subscriptions obtained for the period of the campaign amounted to approximately \$50,000, representing 2000 subscriptions, of which 1400 were new subscriptions obtained by the Bureau, and 600 renewals of the Cleveland Hebrew School annual dues-paying members. Most of the subscriptions obtained were given on an annual basis. A small proportion expressed a desire to have same recorded as their 1925 contribution, with the privilege reserved for similar contributions to be made from year to year. Of the 823 Cleveland Hebrew School dues-paying members who subscribed approximately \$12,000 to the Hebrew School in 1924, 638 did not renew their subscriptions but were relisted for 1925, giving a total of \$7,686; while 185 of these members increased their subscriptions from \$4,472 to \$10,455, thus bringing the total income from Cleveland Hebrew School dues-paying members up to \$18,000 - an increase of \$6000 from 1924. Approximately \$10,000 in cash, paid on account of the subscriptions obtained, came into the office before March 1, 1925. Bills to all the new subscribers and the Cleveland Hebrew School dues-paying members were mailed out during the last week in February, together with acknowledgments of partial or full payments on such subscriptions and including a card of thanks to subscribers for their contributions, calling upon them to become preachers for Jewish education. Present indications as to the promptness of payments made on these bills are quite satisfactory. In view of the fact that the time for the

establishment of the Bureau, the organization of the campaign and the running of same was considerably short, the amount of expense incurred in connection with the campaign and the preparation for same may seem disproportionate to the amount of subscriptions actually obtained. Considering, however, the brief space of time into which all of the publicity, paid and unpaid, had to be crowded in, in the effort to create the necessary sentiment in the community; and, further, in view of the fact that there were certain items of preliminary organization, as, for instance, the preparation of mailing lists and the general establishment of the Bureau, which had to be undertaken before the actual campaign work could be commenced; the amounts so invested will no longer appear unwarranted.

IV. PROPAGANDA

A. Newspaper Publicity

The Jewish Independent and the Jewish Review & Observer have co-operated very closely with the Executive Director of the Bureau in bringing the message of Jewish education to Cleveland and in preparing the community for the campaign. The publicity, altho written up by the Director at the Bureau, was given front-page select positions most of the time. Editorial comment was also given our work by these Jewish-English newspapers. The Jewish World has taken a special interest in the work of this Bureau. Twice, Mr. Rocker commented editorially. All our news items were featured on the front page. Two articles by Mr. A.H. Friedland in Yiddish on the aims and purposes of the Board of Jewish Education and the work of the Bureau were published by the Jewish World, and an article on Jewish social ideals by Mr. A. H. Sachs in the Jewish Independent.

The religious and social editors of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland Times, News and Press have been interested to a great extent in the work of this Bureau. Arrangements have been made with them for constant publicity for our work on the pages of these daily publications, to continue even after the closing of the campaign.

Newspaper reporters were present at several of the larger meetings conducted under the auspices of the Board of Jewish Education. The other items of news were written and continue to be written at the office of the Bureau and are issued for publication at least once a week to all the newspapers in town.

B. Mail Publicity

A plea for the support of Jewish education, printed on the stationery of the Board of Jewish Education and bearing the fac-simile signatures of seven prominent Jewish leaders of the community, was mailed on January 12 to all the Jewish subscribers of the Community Fund.

On January 20, an eight-page booklet entitled "Shall Our Children Remain Jews?", issued by the Bureau of Jewish Education, was mailed to approximately 13,000 Jews.

A one-page folder prepared by the Federation of Jewish Charities at

our expense and entitled "Why We Endorse the Movement for Jewish Education" was sent, together with the Bureau's booklet, to the 4000 Federation members who composed part of the 13,000 mailing list.

On January 27, a two-page folder, signed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Jewish Education, was mailed to the same list of 13,000, together with subscription pledge cards and return envelopes. This folder was entitled, "What Guarantees Are We Providing for the Future of Jewish Citizenship in America?"

On January 31, a post-card bearing pictures of a little boy and a little girl was sent to the same list of names, and the text of this card was, "Help Us get a Modern Education in Jewish Religion, History & Culture-- Contribute to the Jewish Education Fund - Return Your Subscription Card Today".

On February 3, 850 printed letters addressed to Cleveland Hebrew School dues-paying members, explaining the relation of the Bureau of Jewish Education campaign to the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute and soliciting their increased subscriptions were mailed.

On February 25, approximately 600 printed letters were mailed to those Cleveland Hebrew School dues-paying members who had not increased their subscriptions, requesting them to double their present dues for which bills were mailed to them from the Bureau.

C. Paid Advertising

On Friday, January 23, twelve street signs painted in English and Yiddish were displayed and posted in front of various Jewish synagogues and schools. These signs announced the opening of the campaign and solicited the support of the entire Jewish community. The total cost of these signs was \$117.

On Sunday, January 25, a half-page advertisement appeared in the Jewish World, and on Friday, January 30, similar half-page ads appeared in the Jewish Independent and the Jewish Review & Observer. These paid advertisements had the same purpose in view as the signs and, in addition, they were an expression of courtesy to the Jewish newspapers of this city. for the many pages of free publicity given this Bureau during the campaign.

D. Pulpits

During the week end January 16-18, addresses on behalf of the cause of Jewish education were made in several orthodox synagogues by the many Hebrew teachers who were guests in Cleveland, attending the Mid-western Convention of Hebrew School Teachers. Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan addressed a tremendous gathering at the Jewish Center on the problem of Jewish education.

Appeals for the support of Jewish education in general, and for the subscriptions in the campaign specifically, were made by the rabbis from their respective pulpits during the week preceding the opening of the campaign and the week following it.

E. Organizations & Societies

The support of the following organizations was solicited by the Bureau of

Jewish Education thru addresses made by Alfred H. Sachs, Executive Director, at their respective meetings:

Monday, Jan. 12, at 1:00 P.M. - Sovereign Hotel
Co-operative League of Jewish Women's Organizations in Cleveland

Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 2:00 P.M. - Jewish Center Hall
Jewish Center Sisterhood

Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 8:00 P.M. - Sovereign Hotel
Meeting of Big Brother Organization.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 8:00 P.M. - Home of Mrs. Dolinsky
Executive meeting of Judea Organization

Thursday, Jan. 22, 1:00 P.M. - Jewish Social Service Bureau
Conference of representatives of women's organization

Saturday, Jan. 24 - 8:00 P.M. - Jewish Center
Directors of the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute

Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 8:00 P.M. - Jewish Center
General membership meeting of the Judea Organization

Saturday, Jan. 31, 7:00 P.M. - Zionist Hall
Meeting of teachers of Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute

Sunday, Feb. 1, 3:00 P.M. - Ohab Zedek Temple
Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ohab Zedek Temple

Monday, Feb. 2, 2:30 P.M. - Martha House -
Meeting with Council of Jewish Women

Friday, Feb. 13, 8:00 P.M. - West Side Synagogue
weekly forum of West Side congregation

V. ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORTS

In view of the pressure of time and the general conditions under which the campaign was undertaken, the entire time of the Executive Director during the first three months of the existence of the Bureau of Jewish Education, was consumed by matters of routine, preliminary organization and office administration.

With the exception of the insertion of publicity in the local press and the preparation of pamphlets and circulars for the mailing campaign, very little work of constructive promotion was accomplished during that period of time. The entire time and efforts of the Director were devoted to the following major undertakings:

Preliminary study of existing Jewish schools

Establishment and organization of Bureau of Jewish Education

Compilation and checking of mailing list
Preparation of newspaper publicity
Supervising the printing, addressing and mailing of publicity
Preparation for, and attendance at, meetings of Board
Soliciting support of organizations and interviewing individuals
Classification, assortment and distribution of assignment cards for campaign
Supervising the work of solicitors during the campaign
Controlling the incoming subscriptions and recording the cash income
Installing of an accounting system for the control of all the income and expenditures
General supervision of Bureau of Jewish Education

VI. SUMMARY

The experience of the first three months of positive activity in movement for Jewish education in Cleveland brought clearly to the surface the following observations:

1. Co-operation

As anticipated and as predicted by some of the leaders in the movement for Jewish education in other cities, the work of this Bureau would be progressing slowly. In order to achieve success in the work of furthering the cause of Jewish education in Cleveland, our own Board would have to be so organized as to be able to boast of a membership of people who are, in the first place, well sold on the idea of Jewish education and who are willing to sacrifice considerable time and efforts for the accomplishment of our purpose and for the fulfillment of our goal; and, in the second place, would be representing more truly the different sections of our community to the extent of being able to create further enthusiasm for our work amongst the constituents they represent.

2. Communal Support

The Jewish people of Cleveland respond to our cause, as to most other philanthropic appeals, very easily and with readiness to do their share whole-heartedly. There are very few Jewish people in this city who are against the idea of Jewish religious, moral and cultural education in principle. There are, however, many thousands, indeed, who are disinterested and uninformed as to the significance of the problem. It might be safe prophesying to venture a prediction that after two or three years of promotion by the Bureau of Jewish Education, both thru the expansion of the education program of the schools and the increase of the enrollment,

also thru definite publicity thru the press and Bureau bulletins, there would be not only a total fading-away of this so-called indifference to Jewish education but there might thus be created a genuine interest in the movement amongst the present disinterested parties. With ten active workers, we have thus far raised \$50,000. There is no question but that with an additional and similar number of workers, we could have raised at least \$50,000 more. It is not too hard nor impossible to raise additional \$25,000 in annual subscriptions during this year, under the direction of the Bureau and from people who are quite ready to contribute for the cause of Jewish education, provided they are approached properly.

VII FUTURE PROGRAM

1. Reorganization

The Board of Jewish Education should invite several selected Jewish communal leaders or prospective leaders, who are able to represent, and who are influential amongst, different Jewish groups, to join the councils of the Board. The Board, as presently constituted, should undertake to bring into its folds actively more people who are or ought to be interested in Jewish Education.

The orthodox groups of this city, led spiritually and socially by such men as Rabbi Epstein, Rabbi Krislow and Rabbi Roth, ought to be made an important factor in our movement. They are with us in principle but are rather unorganized. Altho very few subscriptions in great sums could be expected to emanate from these groups, liberal contributions in very great numbers could be had from these sources, provided that the message of co-operation in the movement for communal support of Jewish education be conveyed to them. The first step towards the accomplishment of this task ought to be the invitation to half a dozen influential men representing the orthodox synagogues to join the Board of Jewish Education.

2. Raising of Funds

It is necessary to make immediate provision for the raising of additional funds thru many hundreds of subscriptions to the Bureau of Jewish Education from many prospective subscribers who should be interviewed during the year and whose support should be solicited. Many of these were out-of-town during the period of the campaign.

A standing committee on campaign should be created immediately. The members of this committee should co-operate with the Executive Director in soliciting the support of prospective contributors gradually and systematically. It is possible that by the end of the year a greater number might be interviewed in this manner than during the short period of the campaign. It should not be impossible to raise \$25,000 more in that manner. Standing appointments should be made by these committee members with the Executive Director and definite afternoons every week should be spent by them with the Director in that work. The Director could thus devote part of his time on that work, at least within the next two or three months, while the members of the committee take their turns in co-operating with him in this work of solicitation. This committee might also succeed in raising the subscriptions of very

many people who have not given the subject of Jewish education sufficient consideration and whose generosity and ability to contribute exceed very much the extent of their present subscriptions to the cause of Jewish education.

3. Educational Efforts

Newspaper publicity should be kept up weekly in the form of news items from the Bureau, Jewish articles on education by prominent Jewish leaders, and editorial comment. A monthly bulletin ought to be issued by the Bureau of Jewish Education which should in the first place, reflect the activities of the Bureau generally; in the second place, inform the subscribers of the manner in which the funds of the Bureau of Jewish Education are disbursed and the benefits derived thereby, and, in the third place, serve to create propaganda for Jewish education in Cleveland and to be the established forum of Jewish clubs and organizations on the problems of education.

Jewish high school children should be organized into study circles and discussion groups. Forums on matters of Jewish life should be established for the adolescent and the adults. Holiday festivals on a city wide scale ought to be arranged for as many Jewish children as possible. These groups would finally become a recruiting ground for the schools for Jewish education. This work could be undertaken with very little expense to the Bureau. The moral influence derived from these undertakings would be both stimulating and educational for the entire Jewish community.

4. Survey of Existing Schools

Before entering upon any plans for the extension of Jewish educational institutions in this city, it is absolutely important to determine scientifically

- (a) the present facilities for expansion without extra cost.
- (b) The economy practiced in the management of the present schools.
- (c) The number of Jewish children that would actually be interested immediately in joining Jewish schools.

For the ascertainment of these facts, a thoroughgoing study of the Jewish schools and their budgets should be made immediately. If possible, a census of the Jewish children who would be eager to join a modern Jewish school ought to be taken.

It is not impossible to organize schools for Jewish education on a complete self-paying basis. Under such a plan the housing of such schools ought to be taken care of by the existing temples and synagogues, many of which have excellent school facilities. Negotiations with the Boards of these religious institutions ought to be entered into immediately. Such schools ought to bear all the characteristics of an American school. Three or four hours weekly instruction in Jewish religion, history and the Hebrew language

ought to be a satisfying program to the educators, the children and their parents. The supervision of these schools ought to be vested entirely in the Bureau of Jewish Education. The efforts for the enrollment of pupils and for the administration of such a school would be well compensated. Such a chain of American Jewish schools could be organized gradually in all the sections of the City of Cleveland where Jewish people reside and where school housing accommodations are available. Such a school system would probably be looked upon with a good deal of respect by those who hitherto were suspicious of Jewish education. Such schools would be a compromise between the meagre Sunday School program and the thoroughgoing and, perhaps in some cases, burdensome all-Hebrew education.

A. Council Sabbath Schools

The Council of Jewish Women Sabbath Schools have, for a while, been running short of funds for the maintenance of their schools, whereupon the Temple Sisterhoods have appeared on the scene and guaranteed their deficiencies. After the sisterhoods have done their best to assist in the recent campaign to raise funds for Jewish education in Cleveland, they ought to be relieved of that burden of financing the sabbath schools. The sabbath schools have not made any distinct efforts during the last couple of years for a radical increase in the enrollment registers. This ought to be done immediately under the supervision and with the assistance of the Bureau. The officials of the Council are very anxious to confer with the Bureau about these matters, as well as matters of expansion of curricula, supplying of books to the children, etc. The Bureau of Jewish Education ought to spend some time in directing these schools, bringing them up to their full capacity and developing all their possibilities. After a study of the Council schools, some funds ought to be appropriated as communal subsidy for their maintenance.

B. West Side School

The West Side Congregation, consisting of a handful of socially-minded Jewish men and women, are maintaining a small daily school for their children. This school has possibilities for a much greater enrollment and need for a more wholesome supervision in management and curricula. It should be given assistance from the Bureau of Jewish Education. This school might easily be reorganized on a financially self-paying basis in its own school-house, with perhaps a doubling or trebling of the register (it now has about 40 pupils). It could be operated under the supervision of the West Side Congregation, as a branch of the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute, or directly under the Bureau of Jewish Education.

C. Oheb Zedek School

The Oheb Zedek Congregation now conducts a small daily school for about 35 children of the members of that congregation, under the supervision of one teacher. That temple has facilities for a much greater number of pupils, which could be turned into a real school for Jewish instruction. A couple of hundred, perhaps, of the children living in that district and whose parents are not members of the Congregation could be brought into the school if the temple

authorities were to consent to such an arrangement. Under such a reorganization that school might become of greater benefit to the 35 pupils attending it at the present time and to the other hundreds of that same district who are kept away from a Jewish school mainly on account of the lack of school facilities in that particular district; for children of school age are not very eager to run much out of their way to attend school for the second time in one day and subsequent to their regular public school hours.

D. Yeshivas Adas B'nai Israel

This institution bears the name of a school of higher Jewish learning. As a matter of fact it is only an ordinary 'Talmud Torah'. It is orthodox, inasmuch as the supporters of that school are orthodox. It probably lacks organization. It has, however, approximately 300 pupils who get a daily Jewish education. A school building on E. 105th Street has recently been purchased by the Yeshiva supporters.

If proper negotiations were undertaken with the trustees of this institution, there is no doubt but that affiliation with this Bureau would ensue. The benefits of a better system in the management of this school would accrue to it. The total annual cost of running that school is approximately \$10,000, of which a great portion is raised through tuition fee, and the balance through voluntary contributions. Separate campaigns for the support of that school in competition with the nine branch schools of the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute could be eliminated through the affiliation of that school with the Bureau. Such a new arrangement would be beneficial to all parties concerned.

It is possible that upon reorganization of that school, the lower grades could be joined with the present classes of the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute that are held in the same district and at very little additional expense. The higher grades of this school, where classes in Talmud and higher Jewish learning are held, could, perhaps, be turned into a nucleus of a Hebrew high school in Cleveland.

E. Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute

At the very first meeting after the organization of the Bureau of Jewish Education, discussions were had on the question of raising the income of the Cleveland Hebrew Schools through increases in tuition fee and through possible economy in administration. Not one per cent. of the children attending these schools are paying the \$4 a month that it costs to provide that education for them. It seems that a flat increase of 20% of the tuition fee of all the children could easily be made and that those parents who have been paying \$1.00 a month for a child would not object paying \$1.20, etc. Such an increase would amount to \$7000 extra income annually. It is possible to make a drive to increase the register, especially of those branches that are running at greater deficits, thus

providing new income at almost no extra expense.

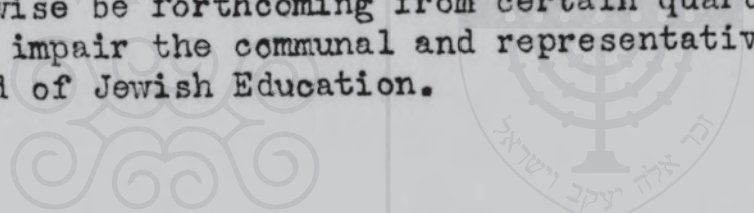
Although the school authorities are not prone to admit the possibilities of further economy in administration expenses, it seems that a detailed and scientific study of the management of each branch and of the central office, especially in comparison with such similar schools in other cities in the United States would be of great benefit. Now that the Bureau of Jewish Education is taking care of the collection of the entire annual dues, certainly some saving ought to be effected in the office of the Hebrew School & Institute by virtue of that alone. The central office is being run at a cost of \$10,000 annually in salaries for supervision and clerks. This is in addition to \$6000 annually spent on the educational superintendence, which is, undoubtedly, the all-important function. This sum of \$16,000 spent on supervision is also besides the ordinary office expenses in the line of stationery, printing, office equipment, etc. It is highly probable that with an expense of \$16,000 for an institution handling approximately \$57,000 income a year, some form of saving might be provided if a real effort for economy were made, and if the consideration of such economy were met with the whole-hearted and frank support of the heads of the Cleveland Hebrew School system. Consideration must be given to the fact that 2000 children, approximately the same number as are attending the nine branches of the Cleveland Hebrew School, are getting a similar education in seven schools under the supervision of the Jewish Education Committee of Chicago, at an annual expense of \$76,000, while the total expense of running the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute amounts to \$100,000 in 1925. Altho the extra expenditures may be justifiable on the ground of better education, etc, etc., nevertheless, a detailed study of these facts on a comparative basis ought to be undertaken.

In view of the many circumstances which make it impossible for the Board of Jewish Education to provide sums of money immediately in payment of the \$44,000 deficit that the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute now has, there ought to be found some way of funding this entire deficit for three or five years, payable in smaller sums annually. If this should not be accomplished, the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute will still be constantly owing three or four months' salary to its teachers and be in debt otherwise. Its work will be hampered again, just as if the subsidies from the Bureau of Jewish Education would not have been forthcoming. The Board of Jewish Education should confer with the Board of the Hebrew Schools and lay out such a plan, making the support of the Bureau provisional upon the acceptance of that plan by the Cleveland Hebrew School officials. Part of this deficit could be met immediately by a sale of \$5000 worth of vacant lots that the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute owns in Mt. Pleasant, and by the use of approximately \$10,000, of 'building fund money' which the Institute now has, as there will probably be no building undertaken within the next year or two. By that time the Board will probably be strong enough to raise

funds for that purpose. In the meantime, it should be used to relieve the school from financial distress. The balance of the money might easily be gotten through loans on mortgages on the real estate of the Institute.

F. Yiddish Folk Schule

The Yiddish Folk Schule has a couple of hundred pupils in Mt. Pleasant and is run by the Jewish Workmen's Circle. Their program is entirely Yiddish, yet they do accomplish something in the direction of acquainting the Jewish child with traditional Jewish culture. There is a movement going on now amongst the radical Jewish groups for the introduction of the Hebrew language and, thereby, also the religious phase, into the curricula of their schools. Although the Board of Jewish Education cannot undertake the solution of all the problems at once, it would be advisable to enter into friendly negotiations with that institution, with a view of co-operation and advice. That school is self-supporting and its affiliation with the Bureau would probably not entail any further expenditures. It would, however, do away with certain rumours that the "stand-patters" of the 'Jewish Forward' of this city have been spreading, to the effect that the Bureau of Jewish Education represents only Hebrew education and is not interested in any other form of Jewish culture, rumours which might perhaps deprive the Bureau of certain financial and moral support that might otherwise be forthcoming from certain quarters, and which might impair the communal and representative character of the Board of Jewish Education.



OPERATING STATEMENT
BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION
Cleveland, Ohio
December 1, 1924 to February 28, 1925.

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INCOME:

Received from Subscription Account	\$9,618.97
" " Personal Loans	925.00
" " Bank Loan	15,000.00
" " Interest on Deposits in Bank	9.12
Discounts on Bills Paid	23.17

DISBURSEMENTS:

Interest on Bank Loan		\$225.00
Equipment (furniture - mailing machinery - (filing cabinets, office supplies, etc.)		761.24
Executive Office Expense		1,792.71
Salaries	1,287.27	
Rent	165.00	
Telephone	26.38	
Prntg. & Stationery	143.67	
Subsc. to Publications	30.50	
City Directory	22.50	
S. Goldhamer, Traveling	69.46	
Misc. Supplies	34.00	
Advertisement	.68	
Towel Service	2.75	
Door Lettering	10.50	
Promotion Expense		3,102.06
Compilation of Lists		451.87
Stenographers	216.05	
Prntg. & Stationery	235.82	
Campaign		2,650.19
Stenographers	90.00	
Prntg. & Stationery	1,182.52	
Newspaper Ads.	226.99	
Signs	120.00	
Postage	972.13	
Misc. Items	19.70	
Luncheon Deficit	27.00	
Typewriter Rental	11.85	
Accounting & Collection		135.35
Billing		
Stenographer	45.00	
Prntg. & Stationery	90.35	
Subsidies		
Cleve. Hebrew School & Institute.		11,500.00
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED		17,291.36
Accounts Unpaid		170.68
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		17,120.68
CASH IN TREASURY		8,230.58
Cash on Hand	2.00	
Petty Cash Fund	25.00	
Bank Balance	8,230.58	
		25,576.26
		25,576.26

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION
Cleveland, Ohio.
March 1, 1925.

* * * *

ASSETS:

Cash on hand	\$ 2.00
Petty Cash Fund	25.00
Balance Guardian Bank, checking acct.	8,203.58
Office Equipment	761.24
Uncollected Subscriptions (Approx.)	40,000.00

LIABILITIES:

<u>Accounts payable</u>	
Atlas Printing Co.	\$10.25
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Plain Dealer	.68
Randolph Desk Co.	1.32
Resnick Sign Co.	3.00
Reynolds Envelope Co.	45.00
Schonberg Printing Co.	11.00

\$170.68

<u>Loans payable</u>	
Louis Bing, Jr.	100.00
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Sam Garber	100.00
Mrs. W. Greenbaum	100.00
N. L. Holstein	100.00
Dave S. Kohn	100.00
Rabbi A. H. Silver	100.00
Max Rosenblum	200.00
Rabbi A. H. Nowak	25.00

925.00

<u>Notes payable</u>	
The Midland Bank	15,000.00

Surplus (Approximate)

\$48,991.82	32,896.14
\$48,991.82	\$48,991.82



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March 11, 1925

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to advise you that at the general meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, March 10, 1925, you were appointed a member of the temporary Functional Relations Committee.

We trust that as problems of administration present themselves to the Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, you will be able to give him the benefit of your advice at such Functional Committee meetings as may be called from time to time.

Very sincerely yours,

BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Alfred H. Sachs
Executive Director

RABBI A. H. SILVER
CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 18th, 1925

Mr. Sigmund Korach,
2400 Superior Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend,

Preparatory to carrying on effectively its work next year, the Board of Jewish Education is about to reorganize itself. There have been some members on the Board who have consistently failed to attend the meetings and so have been out of contact with our work. I am taking this occasion to ask you whether you will be able to attend the meetings regularly in the future and thereby lend your much needed support to our enterprise. Should you feel that you have not the time to give to the work this coming year, I would appreciate a word from you.

It may interest you to know that we are now working out a plan for the establishment of a very large free Sunday school to be opened next September.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Goldman, Rabbi Sol.
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Gross, Jonas
X Hays, Clarence
Herzog, Mrs. Sieg.
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Loeser, Nathan
X Lowenstein, Ben
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DR. S. L. BERNSTEIN
328 ANISFIELD BLDG.
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March 19 1925.

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
City.

My dear Rabbi,

Very glad to have your letter.

I admit my negligence in the work on The Board of Jewish Education but I informed you in advance not to give me an office.

I find it utterly impossible to be of any service, as my time is occupied with my own work, therefore in your reorganization please do not consider me.

Very sincerely yours,

SLB/MEF.

S. L. Bernstein

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March 20, 1925.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter under date of
March 18th, relative to the Board of Jewish
Education, at hand.

In reply, beg to say that I
am apparently one of those who have not at-
tended the meetings of the organization, the
reason being that most of the meetings of
which I was advised took place during the
noon hour, and other engagements or work pre-
vented my attendance.

I shall, however, be glad to
cooperate with you in the future, but if there
are any others who have rendered service and
should be on the Board by reason thereof, I
shall be only too glad to step out as a member
of the Board. However, I assure you of my
cooperation at all events.

I shall be pleased to serve in
any capacity which may be for the best inter-
ests of the cause.

Very truly yours,

Eugene E. Wolf

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Edison.

Rabbi A. H. Silver.

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In reply
to your letter of recent date
would like to state that in
view of the many many
meetings held regularly for

various organizations, I find it is
is not always possible to attend
meetings of Board of Jewish Education
as regularly as I should like.

I have attended a goodly number however
and so far as the future is so
far as my family commitments. I
however, you should like to have some
other person take my place when you
few will devote more time to the work
it will be satisfactory to me
Yours
Sincerely Yours
Rev. Isaac Rice



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Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o Euclid Ave. Temple
E 105th St. & Ansel

Dear Friend:

Replying to yours of the 18th, it will be impossible for me to attend any meetings and would prefer to have you appoint some one in my place.

I am not trying to shirk, but being at St. Clair & E 105, I waste too much time going back and forth.

Truly yours,

David S. Kohn

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CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION
As Adopted on March 24, 1925, at a
General Meeting in The Temple
after a Final Vote on Each Article
as Drafted and later Amended

ARTICLE I
Name and Object

- Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Board of Jewish Education.
- Section 2. This Board shall maintain a Bureau of Jewish Education and shall use such means as it may see fit to extend and improve Jewish Education in the City of Cleveland and its suburbs.
- Section 3. No provision herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the internal programs of the beneficiary institutions of the Board as long as same be consistent with the aims and purposes of this organization.

ARTICLE II
Organization

This organization shall be a corporation of not more than fifty (50) members of which the charter members shall be the following:

B. Arsham	N. L. Holstein	Samuel Rocker
E. M. Baker	P. W. Jaffa	Julius Tuteur
J. Bassichis	Isaac Joseph	Solomon Ulmer
Alfred A. Benesch	Sigmund Korach	Eugene Wolf
Louis S. Bing, Jr.,	Nathan Loeser	Rabbi Louis Wolsey
A. H. Friedland	Ben Lowenstein	Samuel Bloch
Aaron Garber	Rabbi A.H. Nowak	John Anisfield
Sam Garber	Mrs. Joel Rice	Mrs. Marc J. Grossman
Rabbi Solomon Goldman	Max Rosenblum	Solomon Bluhm
Mrs. W. Greenbaum	Miss Ida Schott	Edward E. Schwartz
Jonas Gross	M. D. Shanman	I. F. Freiburger
Clarence Hays	Rabbi A.H. Silver	Lewis Sands
Mrs. Sieg. Herzog	Harry Simon	Max Efros

Additional members, as well as members to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or other disqualification, may be chosen by the majority vote of those present at any regular meeting; the aggregate membership of this Board, however, shall not exceed fifty (50).

ARTICLE III
Officers and Committees

Section 1. Officers

The officers of this organization shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer and an assistant treasurer, who shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the Board and who shall continue in office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. Treasurer

The treasurer shall, together with the secretary and executive director, maintain a complete set of books in which all items of income and expense shall be entered. All moneys received by the Board for the purpose of its work shall be deposited with the treasurer and all checks for the expenditures of the Board and for its appropriations to the institutions shall be signed by the treasurer or assistant treasurer. The treasurer and assistant treasurer shall furnish bonds with surety and in an amount to be approved by the Board.

Section 3. Committees.

The Executive Committee shall be appointed by the president, and shall consist of nine members who shall, in turn, select their own chairman. This committee shall meet from time to time as the Board or its president may determine.

Section 4. Executive Director

The Board shall have the right to appoint a paid executive director, whose duties it shall be, under the direction of the Board, generally to supervise the financial interests of the institutions subsidized by it, to systematize their administration, and to stimulate a general interest in Jewish education in the City of Cleveland and its suburbs.

Section 5. Educational Directors

The Board shall have the right to appoint a director of Hebrew education and a director of religious schools, who, under the direction of the Board, shall carry out the educational aims and purposes of this organization.

ARTICLE IV
Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the third Tuesday in January of each year.

Section 2. General meetings of the Board shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month, and special meetings when called by the President or three members of the Executive Committee. At least five days' notice shall be given of all special meetings, apprising the members of the time, place and object of such special meetings.

Section 3. Nine members shall constitute a quorum to transact business at a general or special Board meeting.

ARTICLE V
Appropriations

Such bodies, as are or shall become financial beneficiaries of the Board, shall submit their budgets annually or oftener to the Board of Jewish Education, which shall define the amounts that shall be appropriated in order to subsidize the respective institutions. The Board shall endeavor to raise the amount necessary for the subsidy of these institutions, for the maintenance of its own Bureau and staff, and for the furthering and expansion of its work. The institutions receiving financial subsidies from the Board shall bind themselves not to increase their budgets or to involve themselves in any debts or liabilities for the expansion of their projects nor to encourage any independent drives for solicitation of funds and popular support without the advice and consent of the Board of Jewish Education.

ARTICLE VI
Amendments

Section 1. No amendments to this constitution shall be made without giving such member at least two weeks' notice in writing of the substance and purpose of the article to be amended and the intended amendment, setting forth the date when such amendment will be acted upon.

Section 2. Two-thirds vote of the membership present at any general Board meeting shall be required to adopt an amendment. In no event, however, shall the vote of less than twelve (12) members be sufficient for such adoption.

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March 25, 1925

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

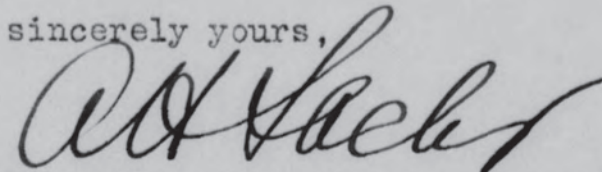
I am enclosing herewith a list of the names that were suggested as prospective members at the last meeting of the Board.

In addition to these names I have added the name of David Seidman because I believe that there ought to be at least one layman on our Board representing the West Side Congregation.

I have also added the name of Lewis Sands. Mr. Sands has subscribed \$400.00 this year and has expressed a keen interest in our movement in a letter addressed to Mr. E. M. Baker shortly before the commencement of our recent campaign.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Executive Director

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March 26th, 1925.

Rabbi Solomon Goldman,
Cleveland Jewish Center,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Goldman,

The Cleveland Federation of Churches has again re-opened the question of week day religious instruction during public school time, and their representative, Mr. Miller, has submitted a program for our consideration. I am very anxious to have this matter thoroughly discussed by the members of the educational committee. I am therefore calling a meeting on Wednesday, April 1st at 12 o'clock at the Hollenden Hotel and I hope that you will make every effort to be present.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

This letter was sent to:
Rabbi Wolsey
Mr. Sachs
Rabbi Horvick
Mrs. Fryer
Mrs. Herzog.

March 26th, 1925.

My dear Mr.

I take pleasure in informing you that at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bureau of Jewish Education, your name was suggested as a member in this Board. You are no doubt familiar with the program of the Bureau. It will apply itself to the immediate task of establishing Jewish Religious schools for the twelve thousand children in Cleveland who are receiving no Jewish education whatsoever. It will furthermore assist in the maintenance of existing institutions that need assistance. We have just completed a successful campaign in which we raised fifty thousand dollars to carry on our work during the coming year.

We would welcome you on our Board because we need your counsel and cooperation. Please let me know whether it will be possible for you to accept our invitation.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

March 26th, 1925.

Mr. Sachs,
Bureau of Jewish Education,
The Arcade,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sachs,

I am enclosing herewith a copy
of the letter which I should like to
have you send to the people whose names
are given on the enclosed sheet. Please
do not send it to any others.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I assume that you will
send an original letter to
each one.

3/28/25

REPORT ON THE SABBATH SCHOOLS OF THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

BRANCH	NO. OF CHILDREN	NO. OF CLASSES	NO. OF TEACHERS
East 55th St. & Quincy	350	17	9
Cedar Ave. & 89th St.	75	4	4
Kinsman Rd. & 117th St.	<u>350</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>
	775	31	18

Although the enrollment approximates 775, the number of children in actual attendance is only 675 weekly. The enrollment of 775 is also not entirely constant inasmuch as very many children drop out during the school year and others are admitted. This practice is not preferable and an active effort should be made to obtain the necessary home co-operation in order to standardize and stabilize both the enrollment and the attendance in these schools.

In the Mt. Pleasant branch the facilities are very crowded and, although the school is situated about ten street corner blocks away from the center of the Jewish population, approximately 200 more children could easily be admitted if there were room to accomodate them. At the present time the housing facilities in that school are inadequate and two sessions are being held with crowded classrooms.

In all the three branches instruction is being given for two hours every Saturday morning, each class getting one hour of actual instruction.

Most of the teachers are also teaching in public schools, and with the exception of 5 they are all giving instruction in the Temple Sunday Schools. The salaries paid range between \$1.00 an hour and \$1.50 an hour.

The entire curriculum is spread over an eight year course wherein the grades are followed parallel with the public school grades of the children. No standard religious school test for admitting children has yet been developed and a lot of repetition is, therefore, indulged in. Many children are compelled to take similar lessons in two or three classes on account of transfers and unscientific enrollment.

The curriculum consists of the Bible stories, legends of the Midrashim, the Prophets and post Biblical history. The lecture system is being employed in most of the grades and there seems to be very little opportunity for the children actually to absorb the facts about Jewish ethics and Jewish civilization to them so conveyed. With very little exception no text-books are furnished the children and none of them are asked to read the Bible. A system ought to be worked out whereby each child be compelled to own a Bible and the proper text-books and manuals as the courses proceed. Some provision should be made for the supplying of such books free of charge to those children whose parents are unable to spend their own money for books. Bibles and text-books could be bought through the Bureau of Jewish Education at wholesale and reduced rates and sold to the children at cost.

There is a great need for the establishment of another Sabbath School immediately in the Mt. Pleasant district and to furnish sufficient accomodation for the existing Mt. Pleasant branch. The neighborhood of Parkwood Drive and Lakeview Road also appeared to have sufficient Jewish population for the formation of a fair sized Sabbath or Sunday School.

There should not be any hardship attached to the question of securing the necessary teachers and superintendents for such newly established schools. The

Temple Normal School as well as the considerable group of Jewish teachers now in the Cleveland public school system ought to supply enough material for that purpose.

The present budget of the three Sabbath Schools is approximately \$2000.00 a year, for which the funds are supplied from the following sources:

Temple Sisterhood	\$ 236.25
Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood	236.25
B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood	131.25
Jewish Center Sisterhood	131.25
Council of Jewish Women	315.00
Federation of Jewish Charities	950.00
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th in which you inform me that at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bureau of Jewish Education my name was suggested as a member of the Board. I appreciate this compliment very much, but believe it would be better for me not to serve, for I am so very busy I fear I would not be able to give it sufficient attention to be of any value to the Board - therefore, I would suggest that you name someone else in my stead.

I know this is a great work and often regret that my business is of such a nature that it keeps my nose on the grind-stone constantly and that I am unable to devote more time to matters of this kind.

Hoping this finds you and Mrs. Silver enjoying the very best of health, with kindest regards I remain

Yours very truly,

Nathan L. Danby

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Board of Jewish Education,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

ATTENTION: MR. SACHS

The following is a form of bequest which
might be submitted to attorneys with the thought that
occasionally they may induce their clients to include
same in a will:

"I give, devise and bequeath to The
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or to such institution as shall succeed to its
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Dollars, whereof both income and principal may
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Very truly yours,

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April 14, 1925

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A regular meeting of the Board of Jewish Education will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 1925, at 8 P. M. promptly at The Temple.

I trust you will be able to be present at this meeting and give us the benefit of your counsel and co-operation.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Acting President

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April 17, 1925

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Executive Committee of the Board of
Jewish Education will meet on Tuesday, April 21, 1925,
at 7:30 P. M. sharp at The Temple.

There are several very important matters to
be transacted by the Committee and you are, therefore,
requested to make it your especial business to be pres-
ent and on time so that these matters can be discussed
and settled prior to the regular monthly meeting of
the Board, which will be held the same evening at
8:30 P. M. at The Temple.

Very sincerely yours,

A. H. Silver
Acting President

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Electric Vacuum Cleaner Co. Inc.
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April 23, 1925.

Mr. A. H. Sachs,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Sachs:-

In going over the figures which you left with me, I find a number of points that I should like very much to have further information on.

What are the reasons for the great differences in expenditure in the conduct of the Philadelphia, Chicago and Cleveland schools? Very material differences exist in expenditures on rent, custodians, supervision, etc., in fact, the total budget of the Cleveland schools seems to be very much higher per capita than those of the other cities.

In the income statement, it seems that the tuition fee of the Cleveland schools might be increased, as the figures you have left with me indicate that only a very small amount of the children pay anywhere near the tuition that the school spends. Would it not be possible to make a flat increase of 25% in this tuition so that those children who now pay \$2.00 would pay \$2.50, those who pay \$3.00 would pay \$3.75, etc.

Inasmuch as I understand that the Finance and Budget Committee is to supervise the income and expenditures of the organization, I believe that a thorough study of both income and expenditures should be made at the earliest date possible. The Committee should investigate the conduct of these schools and see where any improvements can be made on cutting down the expenses. The Philadelphia report shows that their Budget Committee was successful in this respect and we ought to ask them for information as to procedure.

It seems obvious to me that the Cleveland schools are now running under a very heavy deficit, which is always a sign of danger.

Very truly yours,

JT:VG

CC Rabbi Silver.

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April 24, 1925

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have made arrangements for the following meetings to be held at the office of the Bureau:

Sabbath School Committee, Rabbi Goldman, Chairman,
Monday, April 27th--2:00 P. M.

Finance and Budget Committee, Mr. Julius Tuteur,
Chairman,
Tuesday, April 28th--1:30 P. M.

The Building Committee, of which Mr. Clarence Hays is Chairman, will meet with representatives of the Council Educational Alliance Board on Wednesday, April 29th, at 12:00 o'clock at a luncheon in the Hollenden Hotel. The parlor number will be posted on the bulletin board.

I trust that you will be able to attend these meetings and give us the benefit of your counsel.

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred H. Sachs
Executive Director

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Representatives of the Council Educational Alliance, The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute and the Board of Jewish Education will confer regarding plans of co-operation in a building project in the Mt. Pleasant district.

The meeting will be held at a luncheon in the Statler Hotel, Dining Room 341, on Wednesday, May 6, 1925, at 12:30 P. M. promptly.

You are urgently requested to attend this luncheon meeting and give us the benefit of your co-operation and counsel.

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred H. Sachs
Executive Director

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May 13, 1925

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are urgently requested to attend the May meeting of the Board of Jewish Education, which will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 1925, at 8 P. M. promptly, at The Temple. There are some very important matters for consideration, and your co-operation and counsel are especially solicited.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred H. Sachs
Executive Director

P.S. Mr. Isaac Rosengarten, Editor of the Jewish Forum, is expected to be in Cleveland next week. He has consented to address the Board of Jewish Education after our regular meeting. His topic will be "The Menace of the Secularist." You are requested to make a special effort to bring a friend or two along with you and receive a splendid message from a scholarly Jewish educator on a vital Jewish topic.

May 26th, 1925.

Mr. Louis Sands,
Sands Mfg. Co.,
Sweeney Ave. and E.R.R.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sands,

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 25th and the check for \$300 to the Bureau of Jewish Education. I need not tell you that the Bureau and I personally deeply appreciate your earnest interest and your generosity. It is devotion such as you manifest to our cause which will enable us before very long to give satisfactory Jewish training to every Jewish boy and girl in Cleveland.

Trusting that you are well, and thanking you for your good wishes which I reciprocate, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

May 26th, 1925.

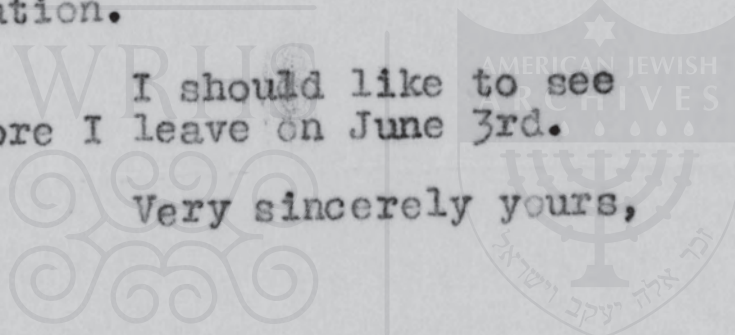
Mr. A. Sachs,
Bureau of Jewish Education,
680 Old Arcade,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sachs,

I have already acknowledged Mr. Sands' generous contribution.

I should like to see you before I leave on June 3rd.

Very sincerely yours,



June 3rd, 1925.

Dr. A.H. Friedland,
2491 East 55th St.,
My dear Dr. Friedland,

I am sorry that you did not return to Cleveland before we left for Europe. I hope that you had a most delightful and informing visit to Palestine and that you have gained a great deal of inspiration for your work in the coming years.

The Bureau of Education has been struggling hard to keep its head above water. At the close of the year we find ourselves in a difficult position. The Talmud Torah is draining our finances. So far we have appropriated not one cent to any Sabbath school in the city or to the organization of any new Sabbath school; and yet in spite of the fact that we have now advanced two sums, one of approximately ten thousand and one of eleven thousand dollars to meet the deficits of the Talmud Torah and are giving the institution fifteen hundred dollars a month, it seems that by the end of the year the Talmud Torah will have a deficit of some sixty-two thousand dollars. If the Board of Jewish Education will be burdened with that deficit, it will not survive another year. The contemplated campaign for next year will fail because many of the givers will have realized that we have done nothing during the year to meet the problem of the hundreds of unaffiliated children and furthermore we have done nothing in behalf of Sabbath schools. At the last meeting of the Board some very important resolutions were adopted and they will be submitted as recommendations to the board of the Talmud Torah. None of them is drastic and none of them will interfere with the efficiency of the Talmud Torah.

June 3rd, 1925.

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They should all be heartily concurred in. I count on you to pilot these resolutions through your board. The Bureau is eager to help the Talmud Torah in every way and to make its future growth and expansion, but it cannot be done on the present basis of reckless financing. It must be done conservatively and intelligently.

The more important members of the Board who represent the Federation element have openly stated at the board meeting that they will be compelled to resign from the Bureau unless the situation with reference to the financing of the Talmud Torah institutions is radically changed.

Please discuss this matter in detail with Mr. Sachs. You will find him a real friend of yours and of the Talmud Torah.

With kindest regards and trusting you will have a very pleasant summer, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

C O P Y

June 4, 1925

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Board of Directors,
The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute,
2491 East 55th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Jewish Education, through its Executive Committee, the Committee on Finance & Budget, and its Executive Director, and with the co-operation of your managing officers, has recently made an exhaustive and detailed study of the financial administration of the nine branches of your school. Our Committees are particularly concerned over the following findings:

A. In 1922 your total deficit was approximately \$12,000. Since then you have undertaken a program of abnormal and financially unprovided for expansion, which has kept your deficit growing steadily until it will reach by the end of this year an approximate total of \$62,000. ✓

✓ In 1923 you have sold a building for \$13,000. In 1924 \$13,500 has been raised for your schools in an emergency special deficit fund by Mr. Sol Reinthal. In 1925 you will be getting \$16,000 more than your annual dues amounted to a year or two before. This makes up a total of \$42,500, and, were it not for these three unusual incomes, you would be facing a deficit at the end of this year of \$104,500. Deducting from it the \$12,000 deficit that you had in 1922, you have actually created a new deficit of \$92,500 during the three and a half years beginning with the middle of 1922 and ending with the end of 1925. Since you have been fortunate enough to get hold of these extra items of income you are still facing a deficit of \$62,000.

B. Your register showed an enrollment of 900 children in 1922, 1,900 children in 1923, and 2,200 children in 1924. It now shows an enrollment of 1,700 children in 1925. This sudden fall in the enrollment is not entirely due to removals since you now have branches in almost every neighborhood that the people move to with the exception of the Heights. This decrease in the register creates a great loss in income with all items of expense remaining the same, and thus adds additional burdent to your administration.

C. It costs approximately \$4.00 per month to educate a child in your schools. Only one-half of 1% are paying that much in tuition fees. Only 18% are paying one-half of the actual cost, and 25% are paying nothing. This Board raises no objection to the education of poor children gratis, but it is opposed to a pauperizing of the community, and the members of the Committees in conference discussing this problem believe that those people who are now able to pay \$3.00 per month should be able to pay \$3.60 and those paying \$2.00 should pay \$2.40. Those paying \$1.00 should pay \$1.20, etc. In other words, a flat increase of 20% to 25% of those fees now paid to you would do harm neither to the parents nor to the cause of Jewish education, and would bring your school an extra income of \$6,000 or \$7,000 a year, which you badly need.

D. With the falling off in your enrollment you are maintaining small schools at disproportionate expenses. Small classes in many cases could be merged to form larger ones to be taken care of by one teacher instead of two without loss to the teaching value. In many of your branches the principals are teaching very little and are giving almost all of their time to supervision. It might not be unwise to assign classes to these principals and ask them to do their supervisory work outside of school hours for the purpose of strict economy. In the Cedar Avenue branch you have 105 children and the teachers there receive \$385 per month. In the Lakeview branch you have 159 children, and the teachers receive a total sum of \$235 per month. Such discrepancies are existent in many of your other branches and there ought to be a way of standardizing these matters and save enormous sums of money annually.

The Board of Jewish Education is well aware of the fact that under the new arrangement you are unable to enter into any campaign for the solicitation of funds for the support of your schools independently. And this Board feels definitely, therefore, its duty to support your schools now and during the coming years, also to assist you in the funding of your enormous present deficit with a view of enabling you to go on with your educational work unhampered by financial difficulties.

The members of this Board also realize, however, that they are acting for the entire community of Cleveland and that this community and especially those people, who contributed and who will continue to contribute to the cause of Jewish education in Cleveland, have in mind more than merely the financing of the nine branches of The Cleveland Hebrew School where at the present time 1,700 children are getting a daily education at approximately \$94,000 a year. These people expect this Board to do something for the expansion and extension of Jewish education in this city at least to 50% of its income in the field of Sabbath school education

and education of adolescents, and to take care of those 14,000 Jewish children in this city who are at the present time getting no Jewish education whatever. This problem we must cope with and do so immediately or we shall lose the sympathy and support of most of the contributors of our community.

In view of this situation, the Board of Jewish Education finds it quite inconsistent to divert most of its funds to your schools and to face simultaneously the piling up of your deficits in addition thereto, and the problem of funding your old deficit which, rightly or wrongly, you have allowed to accrue without the consent or advice of the community which in the long run must be called upon to pay now or later to prevent your institution from total bankruptcy; and yet, as said before, this Board is eager to co-operate with you in the solution of all these problems provided that you will actively also co-operate with us for the benefit of your schools and the Jewish community of Cleveland. We propose the following for your immediate consideration.

A. That your Superintendent and office manager be instructed to meet our Executive Director and whatever other members of our Board as may be appointed to assist him to work together in the putting into effect of the following general recommendations, which our Committees in conference have decided upon and the details of which, subject to certain reasonable modifications, are left to the discretion of the above mentioned administrative officers.

1. Since the Bureau of Jewish Education is now handling the collection of the annual dues of The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute and for several other reasons, two clerks instead of three could do the work of the business office efficiently enough. The office girl, who was discharged after consultation between the Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education and the business manager of The Cleveland Hebrew School, should be considered discharged permanently.

2. All contemplated raises in salary not yet effected should not be made during this year.

3. Expenditure on solicitors, repairs, furniture and fixtures, and postage and printing should be reduced in accordance with the figures mentioned in the report on your schools, submitted to our Finance and Budget Committee by our Executive Director.

4. A new and more modern system of collection should be instituted immediately and weekly reports of all collection cards should be submitted to the manager of The Cleveland Hebrew School, who should follow up all arrears personally and immediately after such reports are so submitted.

5. Tuition fees in all the branches should be raised immediately by 20% to 25%. This should be done with the advice of the Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, and refusals to pay such increases should be followed up by the manager of The Cleveland Hebrew School in person.

6. The Cedar Avenue branch and the Giddings branch should be merged. The amount of income in the Cedar Avenue branch is the lowest and the expense is the highest per capita.

7. The principals of the various branches should be assigned classes and should be requested to do their supervisory work outside of school hours. The superintendent of The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute should also be the principal of the East 55th Street branch, and only one secretary should be employed in the educational office. The librarian, who receives a fair sum in salary and who is well versed in Jewish matters, could give part of his time to assist that secretary.

8/ Classes should be regrouped and teaching staffs rearranged to make possible greater economy in the expenses on teachers' salaries. This should be done in conference between the superintendent of the schools, the office manager, the principals of the branches, and the Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

9. The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute should co-operate with the Council Educational Alliance in a joint housing proposition in the Mt. Pleasant district as proposed by the Council Educational Alliance Board. The plan will entail no financial investment on the part of The Cleveland Hebrew School administration but will allow the housing of a Hebrew school in the Council building to be erected soon on a reasonable rental basis on a lease for several years. This building will probably be erected at 140th Street and Kinsman Road, and a branch established at that location together with the two branches now in existence in Mt. Pleasant ought to be sufficient to cover the needs of the Hebrew schools in that district for the next few years.

B. That for the purpose of funding your deficit and being enabled to start your operations in January, 1926, with a clean slate and with greater economy, we propose the following:

1. That you cancel your building fund loan.-----\$10,500
2. That you carry for another year or so----- 16,000
your bank loan.
3. That you institute some economy imme- ----- 4,000
diately and thereby save during the rest
of 1925.
4. That you borrow from your building----- 19,500
fund all cash available, and that \$50,000
you discount a certain mortgage that
this building fund now owns.
5. Special deficit subsidy by Bureau-----\$12,000
of Jewish Education. TOTAL---\$62,000

Notwithstanding the difficulties stated above, this Board will endeavor to raise, during the month or two subsequent to your adoption of our recommendations, through additional subscriptions a sum of \$12,000 which will be entirely turned over to you for the purpose of settling this deficit completely.

If you adopt this plan, you will have at the end of this year a total deficit of \$36,000 (\$16,000 to the bank and \$20,000 to the building fund) which this Board will endeavor to appropriate for you during the next four years at \$9,000 annually in addition to the regular subsidy to be appropriated annually for your maintenance, thus giving back the \$20,000 to your building fund and paying back the \$16,000 to the bank. We hope you will realize as we do that although this appears to be merely a question of bookkeeping it is absolutely necessary for a proper administration of your institution. We trust that you will take our recommendations in the same spirit of co-operation that they are submitted to you.

As soon as you will make the proper arrangements to have your Superintendent and our Director go into the matter of putting into effect the recommendation submitted herewith and as soon as you will make the necessary financial arrangements with your bank and building fund account as outlined above, this Board will make a special effort to raise the \$12,000 mentioned herein within as short a space of time as possible.

We are, gentlemen,

Very sincerely yours,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
E. 55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Inasmuch as the Commission on Jewish Education endorsed the plan for the establishment of a School of Religion in the State University of Iowa, I am sending you herewith, as transmitted by Rabbi Mannheimer, a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Electors, held at the University of Iowa on Monday, May 12, 1925.

With kind greetings, I am

Sincerely,

David Philipson
Chairman.

DP:MK



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July 17, 1925

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The American Express Co.,
Vienna, Austria.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of June 28th arrived here last week. I trust you will pardon this delayed reply. I have been negotiating on several propositions and wanted to wait until some definite results will come out of them.

Regarding the establishment of the religious school under the supervision of the Bureau, I have had to go about this slowly on account of the housing problem in Mt. Pleasant. The Jewish National Workers' Alliance, who have recently built a center on Kinsman Road, have been favorably inclined towards renting us their quarters for Sabbath school purposes until very recently. Last night I have had a final conference with them and Mr. Goldstein, their national secretary, and Dr. Judah Kaufman of the Yiddish Teachers' Seminary of New York. Notwithstanding all my efforts to convince these people of the desirability in co-operating with us at least to the extent of renting their quarters to us even if for only one year, they have finally rejected the whole proposition in "principle." They seem to believe that Sabbath school education is an assimilationist enterprise and, as such, is contrary to their ideals. I have had numerous discussions with them but have been unable to convince them to the contrary.

Under the circumstances, I have taken this matter up with Mr. Loeser and Mr. Bing, and we have come to the conclusion that the next best thing to do would be to organize a Sunday school in the Mt. Pleasant branch of the Council Educational Alliance at Kinsman Road and 116th Street, where the present Sabbath school is now housed. Under such a plan we should be running a Sabbath and Sunday school in the same building and probably with the same instructors or with different staffs. The question of management of this newly established school and of co-operation with the Council of Jewish Women has been discussed at our last monthly meeting, and I was instructed to invite the Sabbath School Committee of the Council to attend our July meeting for the purpose of discussing the matter in their presence. We shall probably also organize a Sabbath or Sunday school on Lakeview Road and house it in the building owned by The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute. I am co-operating with Miss Goldman, the supervisor of the Council

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Schools, Miss Markowitz and Miss Schott on the question of engaging teachers, and we shall probably complete our work within the next couple of weeks. The chief cause of delay to date has been the matter of negotiating with the Jewish National Workers about their quarters at Kinsman Road and 140th Street.

I am now taking a Jewish educational census of the less well-to-do class of Jewish children with the co-operation of the authorities of Camp Wise, Camp Alliance, The Play School, and the Welfare Association for Jewish Children. The statistics gathered through this census will give me only a qualitative sample of the kind of Jewish education the children are getting *in* the various districts of the city and the kind of education those that don't get any would prefer to have. I hope early in the fall, probably not before your return to the city, to be able to conduct a city-wide census to ascertain the actual detailed standing of Jewish education in Cleveland. Such work will probably necessitate the co-operation of the public school authorities, the Federation of Jewish Charities and one or two women's organizations. Because of the need of getting some information from the public schools, we shall have to be cautious in the matter and I shall, therefore, wait until your return before this will be undertaken.

Regarding the matter of settling The Hebrew School deficit and readjusting their annual budget, especially in view of the recommendations we have submitted to them, I am sorry to say that the Hebrew School Board, especially Mr. Sam Garber and even Mr. A. H. Friedland, have not taken our suggestions in the spirit that they were given and formulated at the last executive meeting, over which you presided. In accordance with your suggestion, a letter containing the recommendations adopted, a copy of which I am enclosing herewith, was drawn up by Mr. Tuteur and myself and sent to their Board. Although the information gathered by me for that report was given by the manager of the Hebrew schools, and notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Sam Garber openly agreed to such an administrative analysis, they now seem to take the view that the Bureau of Jewish Education has no authority even to make a study of the actual management of the schools.

I have had several conferences with Mr. Friedland since his return to Cleveland and, although he admits that some of the recommendations submitted will have to be put into effect to a larger or smaller degree, he still seems to be afraid of being

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robbed of his hegemony and continues to be unfriendly about the entire matter. Instead of discussing the feasibility of the recommendations on their merits, he is having conferences with the individual members of the Board of Jewish Education in an effort to prove to them that the Bureau has acted outside of its scope of authority. Personally I cannot make out the value of such tactics except for the purpose of side-tracking a definitely vital issue by unimportant quibbling. I understand that Mr. Rosenblum, Mr. Ping and Rabbi Nowak have tried to show to Mr. Friedland the folly of his tactics and the demoralizing effect it will have on the Board, and the suspicion amongst the Board members that it will arouse. Mr. Tuteur and Mr. Rosenblum especially are urging me in no way to apologize at our meetings for the Bureau's attempt to systematize the hitherto bankrupt administration of the Hebrew schools. Rabbi Goldman, with whom I have discussed this matter about two weeks ago, commended the tone and contents of the letter sent to the Hebrew School Board very much. Yet Mr. Loeser informed me that Mr. Friedland had arranged a conference between him and Rabbi Goldman and that in that conference Rabbi Goldman seemed to go back on his former remarks made to me. I am waiting for Rabbi Goldman's return from a short vacation, when I shall discuss this matter with him more fully and try to have him assume the role of mediator in the consolidation of the opposing factions of the Board, pending your arrival. Mr. Anisfield, Mr. Hays, and several others are very much disappointed with the attitude of the Hebrew School Board. On the suggestion of that Board we shall have an Executive Committee meeting in the near future, when a special Hebrew School Committee will be present to participate in the discussion. It seems to me, however, that the matter will probably remain unsettled until you will come back and present your attitude to our Board as well as probably directly to the Hebrew School Board. I shall try, however, to do whatever is possible to get the co-operation of Mr. Friedland and the Cleveland Hebrew School members in the meantime. It is surprising that Mr. Bassichis and Mr. Ulmer, who have promised you to put the recommendations across at the Cleveland Hebrew School Board meeting, have evidently failed to do so.

Collections on our subscription have slowed up last month and I had to make a special effort to bring same up again. I am following up the bigger contributors myself and am employing a college student on a ten percent commission basis for the collection of the \$5.00 and \$10.00 subscriptions. Very many of the old Hebrew School dues-paying members are now refusing to continue their subscriptions. In many cases these people claim that they have contributed only once last year and that they never intended to become annual members of the Cleveland Hebrew School, though I have been given their names on the regular list of Cleveland Hebrew School dues-paying members. It

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is mainly to straighten out these little affairs and to increase the income of such small items that I have employed that young man during the last couple of weeks. Mr. Loeser and Mr. Bing have gone through our subscription list with me carefully and have advised me to follow that course. As to new subscriptions, I am seeing many people myself, getting a few subscriptions here and there. About eight of our Board members have taken certain prospect cards from me and are endeavoring to raise some money. In some cases they are writing to these prospects and having me follow them up later on.

I shall try to keep you informed of our doings as much as possible and in view of the fact that letters from Europe are delivered now approximately in twelve days, I should appreciate if you would write to the Board of Jewish Education, c/o Mr. Bing, informing them of your view on some of these matters, provided you ~~deem~~ such attempts at persuasion by correspondence advisable.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, and with best wishes for an interesting and profitable trip, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Abner H. Sachs
Executive Director

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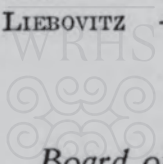
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Versus Assimilation and Segregation

*To the Successfully Concluded Campaign
for Jewish Education*

By BERNARD SEMEL

WE often speak and argue against assimilation. Assimilation amounts to national suicide and is therefore considered high treason against the Jewry of the whole world. The Jews of America cannot and must not submit to assimilation.

But if we have sound reasons for opposing complete dissolution, we also have valid grounds for opposing complete isolation. To withdraw from the current of American life means to become stagnant and withered. No racial group in America refusing to participate in the play of the various forces operating in the new country, can remain a live, active, creative, and self-perpetuating element. The process of isolation, if carried to the limit, would amount to a death sentence for the group that tried to find in it the protecting assurance of a prolonged existence. The stricter the isolation and seclusion of American Jewry, the smaller their vitality and the weaker their chance to continue their existence in their new environment.

And if both assimilation and isolation lead to self-annihilation, then what re-

mains? There still remains the natural law prevailing in all relations among ethnic groups, the way and method of adjustment and adaptation. American Jewry, if it desires to survive and to develop further, must adjust itself to its new environment.

But this adjustment must not be merely a blindfolded following and imitating of everything done by others. It must be based primarily on a complete understanding of America's true character, and must also form a contribution to, and enrichment of, the characteristic qualities of America.

Among a hundred and ten million Americans we, as merely three million additional Americans of Jewish extraction, would not constitute an important factor either in respect of numbers or of social importance. As individual Americans without our Judaism, we would be a colorless, unimportant quantity, not possessed of any particular social physiognomy. But as three million American Jews, as a group with a distinct culture, with specific mental abilities and with traits of character discernible as Jewish *par excellence*,—as such a group, we can aid to a considerable extent in the development of loftier American principles and ideals. Our cultural traditions, our ability to appraise cultural values, our clear concept of justice,—all these are important factors in the elevation of Americanism and in the development of American ideals.

These are truisms recognized in those spheres where the question of the survival of Judaism in America is given serious thought. But now the question is: What

is American Jewry doing to make the Jewish contribution to America a reality, not a mere phrase?

Recently I stood before the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Near me stood a group of Jewish children, admiring the big bell whose thundering sounds had proclaimed the dawn of liberty for the new continent. As I gazed upon the crack in the bell and read the engraved verse of the Bible, which has been an inspiration to liberty-loving Americans: "*Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof,*" I turned to the boys standing near me and asked those who remembered the original Hebrew text of the verse or who knew in what book of the Bible it is to be found, to raise their hands. And how many hands do you think went up at this request? Not one!

Not only do our children not understand the original language of the inscription on the Liberty Bell, but they also grow up strangers to the spirit of liberty, which is the moving spirit of Judaism. Our children do not know that even older than America is the spirit of freedom possessed by the Jewish people.

They do not know that the Jewish spirit of liberty is interwoven with the culture of America; that the ringing of the historical bell proclaiming to the world in general and the American people in particular, the sincere love of freedom and craving for liberty was but an echo of the great law-giving, when freedom was born.

That episode of the Jewish boys at the Liberty Bell I will not soon forget. It is, to my mind, a true indication of our neglect to carry out our good intentions concerning the revival of Jewish culture in America. While we are busying ourselves with propaganda, our chances of doing work of permanent value vanish, without the faintest hope of return.

What, I pray you, shall the Jewish contribution to America be if not a contribution of the Jewish spirit, of ancient Jewish culture toward the making of the New America, the America that is shaping itself before our very eyes? Is not the American State based upon the principles of our Bible? Love of the Bible and its ideals have brought the Puritans from England to these shores. Love of Freedom, as expressed and described in the Bible, was made the ethical foundation of the thirteen colonies which tore away from England and formed the new State. The welcome extended to the homeless wanderer, the immigrant—alas, this virtue is at present not being practised here—was nothing but the hospitality commanded in the Bible. And it was this hospitality, this friendship toward the stranger, which has made possible the enormous growth of the greatest commonwealth in the New World.

To strengthen these moral foundations on which America's security and power rest even unto this day, to help in making them understood by all Americans, to deepen them and lend them strength by firmly rooting them in the realm of reason—all

this ought to be the contribution offered by the three million Jews, as Jews, to America.

In order to be able to make this contribution, American Jewry, particularly its young generation, must be imbued with the spirit of the ancient Jewish culture from whose fountain America drank and imbibed her inspiration in the first stages of her existence. Only a young Jewish generation, inspired with high Jewish ideals and well versed in Jewish culture, would be able and worthy to make this Jewish contribution to America.

But, alas, our young Jewish generation is ignorant. It does not know its own self and cannot make itself understood by the Christian world. They know their own Bible through translations, or not at all. The Bible in its original is for them a sealed mystery.

A generation like this has no contribution to make.

Who is to blame?

The parents are to blame, for they have failed to live up to the maxim: 'ובל בניך למודי ד' "And all thy sons are learned of the Lord." We, the older generation, are to blame, for we have until now neglected our duty to summon the young to the religious schools.

If twenty years ago there had existed an organization like the "Jewish Education Association," to stimulate the parents to action and to summon the children to Hebrew schools, conditions to-day might be much different from what they are. In

these twenty years there might have grown up a generation that could understand and appreciate Judaism and make use of their knowledge, when necessary, to defend themselves against the enemies who have so unexpectedly risen against us in this blessed, liberal, glorious country of ours.

The "Jewish Education Association" has just concluded its official campaign to enrol 10,000 children in the Hebrew schools; but the real campaign has just begun. We shall go on with our great and sacred task. We will not and we must not tire in this work, for we feel that there is no greater nor more sacred task for American Jews to perform.

Perchance, twenty years hence, when I might no longer be able to witness it, Jewish children will stand before the Liberty Bell and will understand that the words inscribed on that bell are part of their Bible, of their Torah, and that their culture and their traditions have furnished the inspiring motto engraved on the cherished Bell of Liberty.

This is our fondest hope. Whether it will come true, the future will tell.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver, Chairman,
City

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Kindly withdraw my name from the
"Proposed Personnel of the Board of Jewish Education".
I am very sure that as you have constituted the Board,
my presence is altogether superfluous.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Louis Wolsey

June 17th, 1924.

Rabbi Louis Wolsey,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey,

I have just received your letter in which you beg to be relieved from membership on the Board of Jewish Education on the ground that "As I have constituted the Board your presence is altogether superfluous". I shall submit your letter to the next meeting of the Board as well as this, my reply.

Your letter contains a gross misrepresentation of the facts as well as a gross insinuation. The latter of course I shall overlook. The facts are that two meetings of the provisional committee as constituted by the Federation were held, one on April 16th and one on May 29th. You were invited to both meetings. You did not attend the first but you attended the second. At the first meeting of the provisional committee all the members were requested to send in by mail, lists of names of candidates for membership on the permanent Board of Education. You were called up by the Federation office and requested to send in such a list. You did not send it in nor did any of the other men except Dr. Friedland. At the meeting on May 29th, at which you were present, the list of Dr. Friedland as well as a list hastily drawn up by Mr. Goldhammer on his own initiative for the benefit of the committee were presented. Each name was discussed individually and you participated in the deliberations. Other names not on these two lists were suggested by those present. You suggested some yourself. Your statement therefore that the Board was constituted by me is, to say the least, unwarranted.

Sincerely yours,

Euclid Avenue Temple

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

My dear Rabbi Silver,

In reply to your letter, let me say that my letter was neither "a misrepresentation" nor "an insinuation." At the second preliminary meeting which I attended, the proposed names were read by you, for the purpose of obtaining reactions of those present, to the nominations. Where objections were offered by anyone, the names were dropped. Where there was any doubt as to the advisability of placing any such name upon the proposed Board, there was a discussion of the same.

I offered objections to one name. There was no discussion, whatsoever, following my objections, and of course I was surprised to note in the tentative list which was mailed out, the name of the person to whom I had offered objections.

You, as the Chairman, must assume responsibility for sending out the proposed list. You have included on that list, the name to which I objected, and in doing so, you have either overlooked or disregarded my objection. Therefore, my conclusion is a perfectly logical one, namely: that my presence on the Board is altogether superfluous. If my counsel in the matter of the organization of the Board, is not respected, then it seems to me my presence is perfectly negligible and unnecessary.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) Louis Wolsey

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Dear Friend:

The undersigned are desirous of bringing to your attention the following facts relative to the condition of religious education in our community.

The survey which was made a few months ago by the Federation of Jewish Charities, brought out the startling fact that fourteen thousand Jewish children in our community are receiving no religious training whatsoever, either in Sabbath schools, Hebrew schools or thru private instruction. We regard this as a very dangerous situation. These boys and girls are to be the future citizens of our city, and the fair name of Israel and our position in this community will depend upon the moral and religious temper of the coming generation. We are denying them the full opportunity to develop into fine citizens when we deny them religious guidance and moral instruction.

Answering the call of the Federation of Jewish Charities, a group of citizens alert to the situation have organized a Bureau of Jewish Education. The Bureau will apply itself

1. To the establishment of schools in all parts of the city where they are needed, for the study of Jewish religion, history and culture in the light of American ideals and citizenship.
2. To the support of those existing Jewish educational institutions which are not now entirely self-supporting.
3. To the training of Sabbath school and Hebrew school teachers.

In a word, the Bureau will function as a Federation of Jewish educational agencies in our city.

We solicit your active interest in, and your support of, this work. As a public spirited citizen, you will undoubtedly wish to contribute your share to the cause of giving every Jewish boy and girl in Cleveland a thorough, modern and helpful religious training.

During the week of January 26th, an appeal will be made for funds in the form of annual subscriptions to carry on this work. We trust that you will respond to the full measure of your ability.

With kindest regards, we are

Very sincerely yours,

Em Baker
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