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THE BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION

813 ULMER BUILDING
CLEVELAND

Telephone, MAin 7857

A. H. FRIEDLAND,
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

September
5
1930

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For your information, Mr. Bing advises me that the Executive Board of the Jewish Welfare Federation has voted to conduct its Campaign for Foreign Relief in January, 1931, and have decided to include local Jewish Agencies as well. Mr. Bing brought to the attention of the Board the needs of the Bureau, and while he tells me that they did not commit themselves to make any motion, it was pretty much the consensus of opinion of those present that the Bureau would be taken care of by the Campaign. He suggested that you get in touch with Mr. Goldhamer for details.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Pearl Saperstein

PS

September 5, 1930

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been wondering whether it would be possible for you to get in touch with the following people from whom I believe we might yet get some additional funds for this year's Bureau activities:

B. A. Spayne (Mr. Spayne was out of town at the time of our Campaign, and Miss Greenblatt has not been successful in securing any funds from him. He was a regular \$100 contributor.)

E. O. Symon (Refused to sign a pledge this year. Gave the Bureau \$100 in 1928, and \$50 in 1929. Resents the idea of an annual contribution.)

Samuel Ungerleider (You were taking care of this prospect, and will know just what is the best procedure.)

Edgar A. Hahn (In 1926 and 1927, Mr. Hahn contributed \$150; in 1928, \$100; in 1929, \$200; and this year reduced to \$50.00, which has already been paid. If I remember correctly, you asked me at one time to remind you so that you might talk to Mr. Hahn about the decrease.)

Dr. Aaron Hahn (Dr. Hahn has been a regular \$50 contributor, but this year reduced to \$25. This year's pledge has not yet been paid.)

I trust you will understand my taking the liberty of presenting these names to you, and sincerely hope that at least \$500 may be realized from your efforts in this direction.

Respectfully yours,

PS

Sent to Samuel Torah
1158 E. 105 St.

Bob JC

Sept. 8th, 1930

Mr. N. Krause,
11320 Whitemore Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Krause:-

In order that we may have the information for the meeting of the Board this coming Thursday. I would appreciate if you would send me the following information:

1. How much money have you collected in tuition fees from Jan. 1st to Sept. 1st, 1930?
2. What other incomes have you had exclusive of the Bureau's subsidy?
3. What is your budget for the teaching staff for the year 1930?
4. How much do you owe to your teachers on salaries covering period Jan. 1st to Sept. 1st, 1930?
5. How much money do you owe the teachers who are now on your staff for back salary covering the year 1928 and 1929?
6. How much money do you owe to teachers who are no longer on your staff?
7. To how many teachers no longer on your staff do you owe back salary?
8. How many members are there on your teaching staff at present?
9. What is your present total enrollment?
10. How many branches do you conduct?
11. Do you owe money to banks? If so, how much and to what banks?

I would appreciate receiving a reply from you by Thursday morning. Please send it special delivery.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Sept. 8th, 1930

Miss Pearl Sapirstein,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Sapirstein:-

I would appreciate very much if you would let me know the actual cash income of the Bureau for the years 1926, 27, 28 and 29 and the income for 1930 up to Sept. 1st. I want this information so that I can present it to the Federation.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

HS/IR

See de Mortgage!

CEDAR 2319

The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute

1158 EAST 105TH STREET

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Sept. 10, 1930.

Bureau

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

S. Rucker
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Manager

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In reply to your letter of the 8th
instant we submit the following information:

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Geo. Klein
Administrative Board

Jonas Gross
Board of Education

S. Rucker
Emergency Fund

Dr. M. Garber
Teachers' Training School

Max Efros
Real Estate & Housing

Ralph D. Hertz
Finance Committee

S. Epstein
Tuition and Parents
Organizations

1. Tuition collected from Jan. 1st to Sept. 1, 1930	13,972.64
2. Other income exclusive of the Bureau's subsidy (\$1058.00 overdrawn matzo profit included in this figure)	17,377.90
3. Budget for Teaching Staff for the year 1930 Total Budget 1930	48,300.00 — 63,123.38
4. Due to teachers on salaries covering period Jan. 1st to Sept. 1st, 1930	7,014.94 —
Due to other employees covering same period	650.00
5. Due to teachers on staff for back salaries covering the years 1928 and 1929	14,381.43
Due to other employees on staff for back salaries covering the years 1928 and 1929	2,160.11
6. Money due teachers no longer on staff	3,156.65 →
7. Number of teachers no longer on staff and to whom we owe back salary	5 →
8. Number on teaching staff	33
9. Vacation Enrollment	1233 .
Average Enrollment	1400 →
10. Number of branches	8
11. We owe \$9000.00 to the Merchants Bank	

Respectfully yours,
THE CLEVELAND HEBREW SCHOOL & INSTITUTE

N. Krause Manager.

Ar Jan. 1454-

1932 Amount subscribed

Again taking the amount actually paid in 1931 as the base, ~~vis., \$156,072~~, the amount of the Pledges upon which no realization was possible (455) was:

126,072
\$ 9,598

Deducted from the total collected in 1931, this leaves of pledges on which renewals were secured \$ 116,474

The amount of these renewals was: \$ 57,986

Percentage of net potential account noted above 50%

Analysis of 1932 Renewals

	Subscribers	Amount
Renewing for same amount as in 1931	602	\$ 22,377
Renewing for lesser amounts	801	33,569
Increased pledges	37	2,040
	<u>1,440</u>	<u>\$ 57,986</u>
New pledges	77	1,002
Total pledges	<u>1,517</u>	<u>\$ 58,988</u>

1932 Further Possibilities on the Basis
of Above Experience

The amount realized for 1932, \$57,986, came from subscribers who pledged \$112,982 in 1931; this represents about a 51% return.

If we deduct the amount of \$112,982 from the total subscriptions of 1931, \$150,693, we have a balance of \$37,711 of 1931 subscriptions which are to produce any additional money that is to be gotten.

On the basis of a 51% return, this should result in further subscriptions of about \$19,000.

However, among the \$37,711 of subscriptions is a total of \$17,959 of pledges in the range of \$100 and over; and of these latter there are \$9,200 worth of pledges on which all or part payments are still due from 1931.

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Sept. 11th, 1930

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

My dear Rabbi:-

I have your letter of Sept. 10th and have already indicated at the Executive Committee Meeting which was held during your absence from the city that the needs of the Bureau of Jewish Education for 1931 would be approximately \$52,000; the matter of an additional amount for deficit was not discussed but should come up in the natural course of our budgeting procedure for the entire Welfare Fund; this will take place of course somewhat in advance of any plans for the Campaign itself and adequate opportunity will be given for a review of the Jewish Education budget.

The amount which we have shown on our tentative record of gifts for the Jewish Education Bureau for 1929 was taken from a typewritten transcript furnished us by the Bureau Office and includes the total contributions except those under \$5 which were omitted from all records on the theory that persons who cannot contribute at least \$5 to a cause annually would not represent a stable addition to any subscription list to the Jewish Welfare Fund; I doubt if the total of these contributions which were omitted from our calculation would account for the difference between our record of \$43,700 and the auditor's record of \$49,330; it may be that Miss Saperstein can account for the absence of the balance of this income from the record of 1929 subscriptions.

With kindest wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

(signed) Sam Goldhamer.

Sept. 12th, 1930

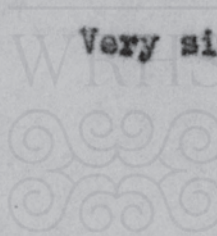
Miss Pearl Sapierstein,
Bureau of Jewish Education,
Ulmer Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Sapirstein:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter
which I received from Mr. Goldhamer. Please let me
have your comments on the last paragraph.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



Financial Standing of Bureau 9/15/30

Balance in Bank 9/1/30

\$ 3323.09

Income

Deposited 9/5/30
10
15

160.50
250.00
179.50

590.00

Add

Interest Earned

4.05

594.05

Total Working Capital

\$ 3917.14

Disbursements

9/15/30

Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute
Pearl Saperstein
Florence Greenblatt
Independent Towel Supply Company
Atlas Commercial Printing Company
H. A. Taylor, Postmaster
H. H. Rosen, Auditor

Subsidy 1451.39
Salary 75.00
Collector 42.89
Services 1.60
Sept. Bills 9.31
Postage 60.18
Services 17.50

Total Disbursements

\$ 1657.87

Balance in Bank To Date

\$ 1259.27



Collector's Report 9/15/30

(Florence Greenblatt)

Archie A. Weiss	\$ 10.00
Sigmund Spira	5.00
Leonard M. Dworken	5.00
S. Goldman	10.00
Rabbi L. I. Feuer	10.00
H. Diamond	5.00
Harry Fisher	10.00
Otto Bloomfield	10.00
Irwin Geiger	2.00
Eagle Cap Company	5.00
Nathan Feldman	5.00
Dr. Bassett	5.00
M. L. Koppelman	10.00
Philip Lustig	5.00
M. Gluckman	5.00
Richard Blum	5.00
Dr. Will J. Klein	2.00
Sam Kaplan	2.00
Markowitz Brothers	5.00
Louis Gallon	5.00
Hugo Gellner	5.00
Henry Cooper	2.00
Max Efros	12.50
M. E. Hersh	5.00
S. E. Boim	5.00
Harry Bayer	5.00

Total Amount of Collections	\$ 155.50
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Commission	10.89
Carfare	2.00
Salary	30.00

Amount of Check Issued \$ 42.89



M. 8400

The Bing Co.

EVERYTHING
FOR THE HOME

514 PROSPECT AVE.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 23, 1930

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

Dear Rabbi:

In reply to your letter of September 16th, which was on my desk upon my return to the store, please be advised that I shall be pleased to assist in the selection of new branches of the Council Sabbath Schools, and will be pleased to serve at your call.

With best personal regards, remain

Sincerely,

Louis S. Bing Jr.

LSBJM





The Bing Co.

EVERYTHING
FOR THE HOME

514 PROSPECT AVE.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 29, 1930

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

Dear Rabbi:

Since Friday I have requested one of our employees who lives in Collinwood neighborhood, to see if he could obtain property for us, and he reports back that the best property available is at 822 Eddy Road, which is owned by a minister named Stein, living at 1326 East 112th Street, who can be reached on the telephone at either Garfield 5198 W or at his office Garfield 8678. This morning I telephoned this Mr. Stein, and he suggested that we see this property before considering the amount of rent, and he further stated that he is also negotiating with other persons to rent this property, for an indoor miniature golf course.

The man who was looking around for me said that he did not see any other property which he would recommend in the neighborhood, but if this project falls through, I will again ask you to look around.

Trusting this information will prove of some value to you, remain

Sincerely,

Louis S Bing Jr.

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Bureau



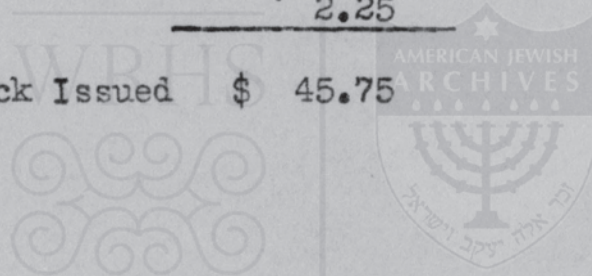
Collector's Report 9/30/30
(Florence Greenblatt)

L. Reobert Levin	10.00
M. L. Bernstein	25.00
J. H. Winkler	5.00
M. Klynn	1.00
Sol Zieve	3.00
A. E. Weinberg	5.00
M. Printz	10.00
S. H. Stecker	5.00
B. D. Gordon	10.00
Dr. P. A. Jacobs	10.00
Dr. H. B. Rosenwasser	5.00
Ruth Eisner	5.00
Dr. Ira J. Goldrich	5.00
Mr. N. Granowitz	5.00
Dr. E. E. Siegel	3.00
David Ralph Hertz	15.00
Dr. M. L. Berman	3.00
I. N. Grossman	10.00
Louis Horwitz	5.00
Rabinowitz & Rimson	10.00

Amount Collected	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
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Salary	33.00
Commission	10.50
Carfare	2.25

Amount of Check Issued	<u>\$ 45.75</u>
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(Florence Greenblatt)

H. A. Skirboll	\$ 10.00
Harry Dickler	5.00
Alex Glaser	5.00
D. Wasserman	5.00
Harry L. Dasch	5.00
Louis B. Spanner	10.00
J. Held	5.00
M. Gutentag	5.00
Lionel Rosenbaum	5.00
Leo M. Ascherman	5.00
Samuel Aron	5.00
Morris W. Kline	10.00
H. Moritz	5.00
Herman Toll	2.00
Morris Window Glass	5.00
Mrs. Rebecca Heller	25.00
Rabbi Leon I. Feuer	5.00
S. Klausner & Sons Co.	50.00
J. Davidson	3.00
Harry Nyer	5.00
S. Zieve	5.00
Eli W. Goodman	15.00
A. E. Trattner	5.00
Simon L. Levy	5.00
Herman Stein	20.00
A. I. Tobias	10.00
Joseph L. Weinberg	10.00
Mrs. Kate Rotter	25.00
Dave Rotter	15.00

Amount Collected	<u>\$285.00</u>
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Commission at 7%	19.95
Salary	33.00
Carfare	<u>2.10</u>

Amount of Check Issued	\$ 55.05
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Oct. 24th, 1930

Mr. A. Lewenthal,
Union Trust Bldg.,
City.

My dear Mr. Lewenthal:-

The Bureau of Jewish Education is down to its last few hundred dollars. Due to economic conditions our good friends have been slow in paying their pledges to the Bureau.

It would be a pity if we had to shut down some of our religious schools because of lack of funds. Will you not help us out by sending me a check for the balance of your subscription for 1930 now?

With kindest regards and thanking you for all past cooperation, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Oct. 24th, 1930

Mr. Melville Liebenthal,
National City Bank Bldg.,
City.

My dear Mr. Liebenthal:-

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to its last few hundred dollars.

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have been slow in paying their pledges to the Bureau. It
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With kindest regards and thanking you for
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Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Oct. 24th, 1930

Mr. Frank Wuliger,
4103 Cedar Ave.,
City.

My dear Mr. Wuliger:-

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to its last few hundred dollars.

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have been slow in paying their pledges to the Bureau. It
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Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Oct. 24th, 1930

Mr. Magnus S. Haas,
Empire Plow Co.,
3140 E. 65th St.,
City.

My dear Mr. Haas:-

The Bureau of Jewish Education is down to its last few hundred dollars. Due to economic conditions our good friends have been slow in paying their pledges to the Bureau.

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Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

COLLECTORS REPORT 10/31/30

(Florence Greenblatt)

Morris L. Berman	\$ 5.00
Max Pevsner	5.00
J. M. Tyroler	25.00
B. Forcheimer	10.00
Frank Volk	5.00
I. Volk	10.00
Judge S. H. Silbert	7.50
Nathan Siegle	12.50
Alfred Steuer	15.00
Dr. B. W. Spero	5.00
J. Rotter	10.00
Dr. Louis A. Wachs	5.00
Dr. L. A. Madorsky	5.00
Nathan Spero	10.00
Harry H. Caplan	5.00
A. Adelstein	5.00
Max S. Fishel	25.00
Eugene E. Davis	25.00
B. J. Waldman	30.00
Edward I. Polster	5.00
J. S. Silber	15.00
M. Marcus	12.50
Nathan Siegel(Contractor)	12.50
H. J. Alperin	10.00
Richard Bondy	5.00
F. W. Jacobson	5.00
Louis Schwartz	5.00
I. Epstein	5.00

Total Collected	\$ 295.00
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At 7%	20.65
Salary	33.00
Carfare	2.85

Amount of Check	\$ 56.50
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COLLECTOR'S REPORT 11/14/30
(Florence Greenblatt)

Max Freiburger	\$ 15.00
Irwin Geiger	8.00
Harry Epstein	5.00
J. D. Rosenbaum	5.00
Maurice M. Gardner	12.50
S. Y. Allen	5.00
Leonard Straus	30.00
Myron Roman	10.00
Henry Toll	3.00
Abe & Leo Stern	10.00
H. Kaufman	10.00
Maurice Klynn	1.00
Dr. A. Marcus	15.00
Charles S. Miller	10.00
J. O. Stein	5.00
M. I. Heller	10.00
F. Zucker	5.00
Nathan Goldman	10.00
C. Perelman	5.00
Dan J. Scheonberger	10.00
Rabbi L. I. Feuer	10.00
H. L. Kollin	7.50
Lloyd Feder	5.00
M. B. Abrams	5.00
Ernest Peiser	10.00
Louis Cooper	5.00
M. Simberg	5.00
Jack Seigel	10.00
Total Amt. Collected	<u>\$242.00</u>
Commission 7%	16.94
Salary	33.00
Carfare	<u>2.25</u>
Amt. of Check Issued	\$52.19



Bureau

Nov. 20th, 1930

Mr. Julius Tuteur,
Electric Vacuum Cleaner Co.,
1734 Ivanhoe Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Tuteur:-

You will recall that at the dinner we both attended at the home of Mr. Sam Wise, we discussed thoroughly the matter of the Sabbath schools and the kind of instruction which should be given there.

At that time, you generously volunteered to maintain a branch school of an enrollment of one hundred children, if the type of instruction would meet with your approval.

Such a school was opened this season at 12411 St. Clair Ave. in a modern building, with very good facilities. The class rooms have been completely equipped from the surplus stock of school furniture of the Temple, which turned over one hundred chairs gratis to this Sunday school.

The curriculum of the school is entirely devoted to religious study, ethics and Jewish history. There is no instruction in Hebrew.

The cost of maintaining the school at an average rate of \$12 per pupil will be \$1200 for the year.

I should very much like to have you visit this school some Sunday morning.

Thanking you very kindly for your sympathetic

Mr. Julius Tuteur,
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interest in the great cause of educating the rising generation
morally and religiously and with best wishes, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 26, 1930.

Rabbi A H Silver, D D
The Temple
East 105th St & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 20th, and have read same with great interest. I will take the earliest opportunity to visit the Sabbath School on St Clair Avenue, and would appreciate if your Secretary would call my office and let me know just what hours the Sabbath School is in session, so that I may go there myself.

I would like to go there personally to see just what is being done, and then have a conference with you after having investigated the working arrangement of the school, before I commit myself.

Very cordially yours

Julius Tuteur

JT/ACA

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November 28, 1930

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am inclosing herewith checks and reports for the second half of November. Total income for the month was \$1528.10.

You will note that I have issued a check to the Council of Jewish Women in the amount of \$500.00, and none for the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute, as I thought that you would probably sanction such action. If this is not satisfactory, however, I shall be glad to correct my records.

When calling several of our Board Members in regard to the Meeting that should have been held today, it was brought to my attention that perhaps an evening Meeting some day next week would be more convenient (preferably Wednesday or Thursday.)

Awaiting further instructions from you, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Pearl Saperstein

PS

COLLECTOR'S REPORT 12/1/30

(Florence Greenblatt)

Philip Abrams	\$ 5.00
B. H. Schwartz	15.00
Fanny Frank	5.00
Nathan Powell	5.00
Selman Benjamin Company	10.00
M. A. Rapport	10.00
Jos. Felder	10.00
J. Sharwell	15.00
Ben Baron	2.50
Henry Rotbart	10.00
H. Liebenthal	10.00
Hyman Blaushield	5.00
M. M. Benesch	25.00
I. Kurtz	10.00
David N. Berris	5.00
A. E. Bernstein	50.00
Dr. I. Milcoff	5.00
Dr. M. L. Akum	2.00
Ben Stein	5.00
Sam Neshkin	5.00
Leonard Berger	5.00
Benj. Lederman	7.50
Milton E. Eckstein	5.00
Joseph L. Weinberg	15.00
J. H. Haas	15.00

\$ 257.00

Commission at 7%

17.99

Salary

30.00

Carfare

2.30

Amt. of Check Issued

\$ 50.29


Bureau

Dec. 12th, 1930

Mr. Sam Goldhamer,
Jewish Welfare Federation,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:-

I thought that you might wish to be informed of the loan which the Bureau of Jewish Education has just made of \$5000 to enable it to carry on its activities during the month of December and the early part of January.

We have in previous years made similar loans around November and December and used part of the larger funds which come in on our January bills to pay off these debts. In previous years we borrowed no more than \$3000. This year because of the general economic conditions we were compelled to borrow \$5000. This deficit will of course have to be covered by the Bureau income in 1931.

Our actual cash income up to now for the year 1930 has been \$39882.50. We still have \$5125 of larger dependable outstanding 1930 pledges due us. Some of this money will probably be paid in within the next two months.

Apart from this \$5000 loan which the Bureau has just made we have no other debts, although we shall probably fall short of the full amount which we undertook to pay to the Hebrew schools by about \$2000.

I should like to have you persuade the members of the Budget Committee that the amount which the Bureau asked for 1931 - \$60,000 - is a minimum one, just enough to cover a minimum budget of activities for the coming year and to pay off the debt which we have now contracted.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Bureau

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*1001 Ambassador
Los Angeles, Calif.*

Dec. 24th, 1930

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

My dear Mr. Tuteur:-

As the year draws to a close the Bureau finds itself at the end of its financial resources. There are teachers salaries to be paid as well as rent.

I am making a personal appeal to the friends of our cause to assist us at this time. You would be conferring an inestimable service upon us if you would send us your contribution now.

You may be interested to know that the Jewish Welfare Fund which has recently been organized by the Federation will include the budget of our Bureau for 1931 so that we shall not have to make any special appeal to the community. Among other things this arrangement will relieve me from much worry and many headaches.

With kindest regards and wishing you a very prosperous year for 1931, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1/16/31
(Florence Greenblatt)

Julius G. Koller	5.00
M. Glucksman	5.00
Dr. E. E. Siegel	2.00
Rabbi Leon I. Feuer	5.00
B. H. Sinks	25.00
A. Kellson	10.00
A. E. Trattner	5.00
N. D. Engelman	5.00
Harry Epstein	5.00
Hyman Kronenberg	10.00
Joseph Nusbaum	5.00
Maurice H. Sacharow	5.00
Harry H. Rose	5.00
Leonard J. Checel	10.00
Maurice Bernon	50.00
Bldr's. Structural Steel	10.00
Sigmund Braverman	5.00
David Perris	10.00
M. Cohen	5.00
Cuyahoga Material Co.	25.00
Wm. Neye	5.00
J. Weingart	5.00

Amount Collected

217.00

At 7%

15.19

Salary

33.00

Carfare

3.00

Amt. of Check Issued

51.19



Bureau

Jan. 21st, 1931

Mr. Julius Tuteur,
Hotel Ambassador,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Tuteur:-

I am sorry to track you down to your happy hunting ground in Los Angeles but I tried to contact with you in Cleveland prior to your departure but without success.

I think that you will appreciate the reason for my writing to you.

Following your kind offer to maintain a new school for the Bureau for one hundred children where they may receive Jewish religious education, I proceeded to rent such a place and furnish it and engage teachers. You visited the place and I am most happy to know that the school is now functioning well under competent supervision and that its enrollment has been increasing.

This new school involved the Bureau in additional expense which it would not have undertaken except as it relied upon your generous offer to pay for the upkeep of this school. The school will cost the Bureau this year approximately \$1200.

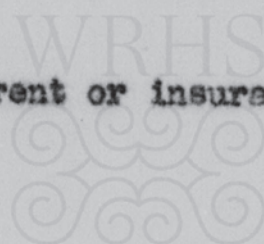
The Jewish Welfare Fund which is being raised by the Federation will not cover this season's expenses which began last September.

Had the Bureau any financial reserves I would not be bothering you. But in December we were compelled to borrow \$5000 on the personal endorsement of five friends of the Bureau. We are sorely in need of funds and you would be conferring a great favor upon us if you would favor us with your contribution to cover the expense of operating the St. Clair Avenue school which you had so generously undertaken to finance.

With kindest regards and hoping that Mrs. Tuteur and you will have a pleasant and joyous vacation, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

1. Cut 10% on all salaries in Elementary School above \$60	Save\$ 1740.
2. Cut of 10% of all salaries in Hebrew Teachers Inst.	" 840.
3. Cut of \$600 in manager's salary	" 600.
4. Cut of 10% in superintendent's salary	" 700.
5. Cut of \$500 - bookkeeper and auditor	" 500.
6. Eliminate clerk in manager's office	" 750.
7. Cut salary of secretary to superintendent	" 240.
8. Eliminate some secretaries in individual schools	" 500.
9. Employ part time librarian in teachers institute	" 400.
10. Cost of auto	" 250.
11. No increase in rent or insurance	" 275.
total	\$ 6795.00



Too much is happening in food distribution for anybody to keep track.

Hebrew Is Back

BIBLICAL Hebrew, dormant language for some 18 centuries, is a living tongue in Cleveland. At least it is spoken on the streets by university trained young men and women as well as children of even pre-school age, but they do it for practice.

The information comes from William Treuhart, head of Tremko Manufacturing, chairman of the paints division of the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. Hebrew, Treuhart says, is fostered by the Bureau of Jewish Education. It maintains nine afternoon Hebrew schools where the language and literature are taught by the conversational method. A teachers' institute has 120. Fifty graduates teach in the bureau and Temple schools. Truly one of Cleveland's educational achievements.

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The Ambassador

LOS ANGELES

1/26/31

Dear Mr Silver.

It was my intention to see you before leaving for my vacation but due to my being exceedingly busy I was unable to do so. After my visit to the school on 1st Clair St. I discussed the whole matter with Louis Bing & both he & I agreed that the above mentioned place was not what you & I had discussed but simply another extension of your regular school. My objection to the action of the Bureau in supporting Hebrew is no less than in the past & I have strongly expressed myself to the members of the Federation

"See America First."



The Ambassador

LOS ANGELES

Only this morning I find a clipping in my mail telling that Bureau maintains nine afternoon Hebrew schools. Now Mr. Silver I can give you the names of 4 men who were at my house a few nights before I left, who absolutely refused to subscribe to the Fund on account of the large amount paid to Hebrew schools.

I myself subscribed but told Mr. Max Meyer of my objection & I think you endanger the whole project by your insistence on the Hebrew schools. If you will discuss with Mr. Bing the idea which is in our mind about a model Sunday school & operate same under his supervision I shall gladly pay for the upkeep. Best regards
"See America First." Julius Titterton

Bureau

Jan. 30th, 1931

Mr. Louis S. Bing Jr.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bing:-

I am enclosing herewith my contribution to the fund which you are raising for the Cleveland Committee for Unemployment Insurance. I hope that your committee will not have much difficulty in raising the necessary funds.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received this morning from Mr. Julius Tuteur. Because he mentions your name I am forwarding it to you in the hope that you will find time to write and explain the situation to him. He is evidently very much confused. I have tried awfully hard to impress upon him the fact that the Council Sunday schools under the auspices of the Bureau are not teaching Hebrew and that the school which he undertook to finance and which we opened up on St. Clair Avenue is not teaching Hebrew.

He resents the fact that the Talmud Torahs are giving instruction in Hebrew. But he knew this fact when he made the definite commitment to subsidize a school of one hundred children at a cost of \$12 per child, where Hebrew would not be taught.

You may have inadvertently confused him by talking to him about an experimental school. When he made his pledge there was no talk of an experimental school.

On the basis of his pledge, we proceeded to rent quarters, furnish the rooms and involve the Bureau in additional expense. It seems to me, that the least that Mr. Tuteur can do is to pay for the maintenance of the school for 1930-31, i. e. \$1200. I have so far failed to make the matter clear to him. Perhaps you will succeed better than I have.

The Bureau is in desperate need of funds. New money from the forthcoming drive will probably not be available for another six weeks. The Federation is reluctant to borrow money to enable us to pay our January and February salaries. Mr. Tuteur's \$1200 would ease the situation up a bit.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1/30/31
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Wm. Kirtz		\$	25.00
S. S. Sanders	\$300.00	$\frac{1}{2}$ credit	150.00
Abe Munstein			5.00
Mrs. Meyer Green			10.00
Dr. Aaron Hahn	25.00	$\frac{1}{2}$ credit	12.50
Dr. T. Messerman			5.00
Alex Bernstein			10.00
B. Lederman			7.50
Philip F. Weiss			5.00
Gus Moss			20.00
M. E. Rudolph			5.00
Dr. Louis Steiner			5.00
Jos. Sperber			5.00
I. Kurtz			10.00
Leo C. Greenberger			10.00
Alwyn S. Klein			5.00
H. Pritzker			10.00
Mrs. Van Goer			5.00
Judge Jacob Stacel			5.00
Dr. S. Milcoff			2.00
I. Epstein			5.00
Maurice D. Sarby			5.00
Louis Freedman			5.00
Chas. E. Nadler			5.00

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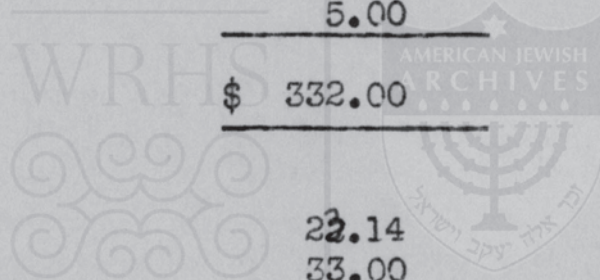
\$ 332.00

Commission at 7%
Salary
Carfare

22.14
33.00
2.75

Amount of Check Issued

\$ 57.89



Copy - Rabbi A. H. Silver

January 31, 1931

Mr. Julius Tuteur,
Ambassador Hotel,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Tuteur:

Rabbi Silver has forwarded to me your letter to him of January 26th, and has asked me to answer it for him.

Before going into details with you, I feel that I had best preface my remarks with something of a frank confession to you; and that is to the effect that in discussing suggested changes and revisions in the School, I evidently established a misunderstanding in your mind regarding the possibility of accomplishing these changes during the present year.

At the time that I spoke to you, I realized that the Bureau of Jewish Education had incurred an obligation at the School, following your conversation with Rabbi Silver, and had signed a lease and gone to other expenses for the present School year. You will recall that the School was already established, and running, before you telephoned me, and before we discussed various other methods of Jewish Education which could be followed.

At that time, I realized quite fully that if these changes could not be made during the present School year, the School would have to be continued during the present School year under its present supervision and curriculum, and that such changes as we would then make, would have to be introduced next year.

When speaking to Miss Lumberg and also Mrs. Reich, it became evident that such changes as we would like to make, could not be made during the present School year, both because the present system was already under way, and also because it would take a great deal of preparatory arrangements to introduce such novel changes.

I feel therefore, that the possible misunderstanding with reference to this year's activities, can rightfully be charged up to the fact that I may have presented my own opinions in such a way as to lead you to believe that these changes could be arranged during the present year.

I trust however, that in explaining these things to you, I can reestablish your interest in the School, as it was before you spoke to me, and that you will support the School during the present School year, and that we can then get together and discuss the type of School which you may wish to support during the next School year. The present School is simply a unit of the Council of Jewish Women's Schools, and I am informed on absolute authority that no Hebrew is taught in the Schools.

If any question remains in your mind regarding the entire situation, will you please write to me, and I shall endeavor to explain any points which I have not sufficiently cleared up.

I trust that you and Mrs. Tuteur are enjoying a pleasant vacation, and look forward to seeing you in good health and good spirits upon your return.

With best personal regards, remain

Sincerely,

LSB:JM

Bureau

LOUIS S. BING JR.
514 PROSPECT AVE.
CLEVELAND

January 31, 1931

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter was received this morning, and for the Unemployment Insurance Committee, I wish to thank you for your very generous subscription to our treasury. Your check is not only a great encouragement at the beginning of our fund raising efforts, but in itself fills so large a part of our treasury, that it very largely dissolves my original anxiety as treasurer of the Committee.

I know that Miss Magee will also acknowledge your subscription in formal manner, but wish to acknowledge in advance its receipt.

With reference to Mr. Tuteur's letter to you, I am answering direct to him, and attaching a copy of my letter, to you.

I trust that my letter will be of some assistance in clearing up a misunderstanding which I have, no doubt, caused in Mr. Tuteur's mind, regarding our arrangements for the present season.

Sincerely,

Louis S. Bing Jr.

LSB:JM
Encl.

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Telephone, MAin 7857

February
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1931

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with your request I am inclosing herewith a check of \$750.00 payable to the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute, together with an addressed envelope to the above Institute.

Respectfully yours,

Karl Saperstein

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of this afternoon, I am inclosing herewith three checks, bearing a "second" signature, together with addressed envelopes and letters to accompany each, as follows:

Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute	\$1650
Council Religious Schools	500
Jewish Teachers Institute	100

With kindest regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Pearl Saperstein

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February 16, 1931

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with your request I am inclosing herewith a check of \$750.00 payable to the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute, which you will kindly sign and attach to the inclosed letter addressed to Mr. Krause.

Thanking you, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Pearl Saperstein

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March
23
1931

A. H. FRIEDLAND,
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

*Copy of this letter
sent Special
Delivery to members
of Committee
3/23/31
P.L.*

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Now that the financial responsibilities of the Bureau have been taken over by the Jewish Welfare Fund, it becomes necessary for us to reconsider the purposes and functions of the Bureau of Jewish Education in the future, and to outline a program of activities.

Acting upon a motion adopted by the Board of the Bureau, I am taking the pleasure of appointing you a member of this Committee. The first meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday evening, March 26, at 8 P.M., at the Board Room of The Temple, Ansel Road & East 105th Street.

I would appreciate it very much if you would make every effort to attend.

Thanking you, I am,

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

AHS*S

President

P.S. The following are members of the Committee:

Rabbi B. R. Brickner
Nathan Brilliant
Rabbi H. S. Davidowitz
Rabbi L. I. Feuer
A. H. Friedland
Geo. J. Klein
Rabbi A. Nowak
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March
24
1931

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A very important meeting of the Finance & Budget Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education will be held next Monday, March 30, at 12:15 P.M., in Room "D" of the Chamber of Commerce.

Your presence is earnestly requested.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
President

PS

Members of Finance & Budget Committee:

Milton P. Altschul	Nathan Loeser
J. Bassichis	Mrs. A. Peiser
Louis S. Bing, Jr.	Rabbi A. H. Silver
Geo. J. Klein	Eugene Wolf

Copy 3/24/31 9.m

P.S.

March 31st, 1931

Bureau

Mr. George Klein,
Chairman Administrative Committee,
The Talmud Torah,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Klein:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education held on Monday, March 30th the matter of the budget of the Cleveland Hebrew School and Institute was discussed and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. To notify the Cleveland Hebrew School and Institute that the Bureau will allow it for the year 1931, the sum of \$30,000 as a subsidy and that no additional funds will be available from the Bureau for the year 1931.
2. To recommend strongly to the Hebrew School and Institute to revise its tentative budget for 1931 which calls for some \$74000. to the figure of \$66,000. to correspond with the contemplated income of the Hebrew School and Institute for 1931. The Hebrew School must not contract any deficit this year and must curtail its budget to live within its income. The Finance Committee of the Bureau therefore voted to recommend to the Finance Committee of the Cleveland Hebrew School and Institute that they put into effect:
 - (a) a minimum cut of 10% in all the salaries of teachers and employees of the Schools. This reduction in salaries is to meet the present emergency and the economic depression prevalent.
 - (b) to dispense with as many clerks, secretaries, etc. as far as possible. The Finance Committee is of the opinion that the Hebrew Schools are over-staffed as far as clerical help is concerned, the managers office e.g. should at least for this year dispense with the services of an extra clerk.
The secretarial work in some of the branch Hebrew schools may well be performed for at least the immediate future by the principals of the branches.

A detailed scrutiny by your Finance Committee of the financial set-up of the Hebrew School and Institute may reveal other possible savings. But under no condition must your budget exceed this year the sum of \$66,000.

March 31st, 1931
Continued.....#2
Mr. George Klein.

If this adjustment is made the Cleveland Hebrew School and Institute will be in a position to pay its teachers their salaries regularly without delay and without default.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



Bureau

March 31st, 1931

Mr. Leonard Levy,
Guardian Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Leonard:-

Memorandum

I dropped in on the Passover celebration at the Uptown Theatre yesterday and I thought that I would give you my impressions of the meeting.

There was a goodly attendance of children present although Mr. Melamed tells me that the attendance is decreasing, that the children are losing interest in these programs and that he has had to promise all sorts of things to the children in order to have them come.

After watching the program I could understand the reason why. It was a very commonplace and ordinary program. Clearly very little thought had gone into its planning. There was nothing outstanding about it, nothing with which to impress the children vividly with the beauty and the poetry of the Passover Festival - just a second rate movie and a comedy with a pianist, hardly audible, playing the accompaniment.

When "America" was to be sung at the close of the program, half of the children were on their way out and there was noise and whistling in the theatre.

It seems to me that if these holiday celebrations are to have any value at all, they must be presented on a far higher and finer scale and that much more thought and planning must go into them. I believe that the experiences of New York should be drawn upon and of other communities where such mass celebrations are truly significant and impressive.

I believe that your committee ought to spend a good deal of time planning these holiday assemblies so that they will have real educational value.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 31, 1931

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Since the meeting yesterday, I have thought somewhat about the problem of the Hebrew Schools, and wish to submit a suggestion to the effect that their schools be put, if possible, on a schedule of three classes a week instead of five. In this way, they could cut down one half of their teaching force, and would make a considerable saving in their expense.

I do not know if this suggestion is practical from the point of view of their curriculum, but feel that it is absolutely imperative that they cease running up annual deficits, and make such adjustments to their assured income as conditions require. I am quite sure that if the community as a whole, knew that the schools were being run at the expense of unpaid salaries of teachers, there would be a general feeling that it would be better to liquidate most of the schools rather than to have this condition continue.

I feel somewhat embarrassed at my bitter outburst of yesterday, but it was probably the accumulation of some five or six years of reaction against the very careless business methods of the Hebrew Schools. I can appreciate that it is easy to give destructive criticism, but from a constructive point of view, I really feel that our community problem with reference to Hebrew education would be much farther ahead, if we were to practically start over from a small system, and again build up as the community became interested, and as funds were available.

With best personal regards, remain

Yours very truly,

LSB:JM

Louis S Bing Jr.



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April 1, 1931

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This notice is to confirm the date of the Meeting of the Special Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education which is to be held on Monday evening, April 13, 1931, at 8 P.M., in the Board Room of the Ansel Road Temple.

Similar notices have been sent to the members of the Committee.

With kindest regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Pearl Saperstein

PS

Bureau

LEONARD S. LEVY
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
817-818 GUARDIAN BUILDING
CLEVELAND

April 3, 1931

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

Dear Rabbi:

I most certainly agree with your criticisms in reference to the holiday celebrations of the Bureau. I have long recognized that the technical and educational experts who are members of the Extension Education Committee, and upon whose shoulders naturally should have fallen the planning and direction of these matters as within their professional field, have shown only indifferent interest, even in the case where they were directly subsidized by the Bureau or its subsidiaries.

I have certain ideas in this matter and perhaps it would be helpful if we could have a luncheon appointment to discuss the situation further.

Very sincerely yours,

LSL:T

Leonard S. Levy

The Temple

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RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

April 29th, 1931

Mr. Louis S. Bing,
514 Prospect Ave.,
City.

My dear Lou:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. George Klein for the Administrative Committee of the Talmud Torah, indicating what their action would be on the resolutions adopted by the Finance Committee of the Bureau. I am also appending my reply to him.

You may also be interested in seeing the enclosed statement of the Hebrew schools with reference to the salaries due to their teachers.

Please return these letters to me after you are through with them.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

AHS/IR

(copy)

April 24th, 1931

Mr. George Klein,
Novelty Lighting Corp.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Klein:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 22d. I shall submit it to the Finance Committee at its next meeting.

I should however, like to remind you of the definite action taken by the Finance Committee at its last meeting, informing you that under no circumstances would the Bureau advance you any more money for 1931 than the \$30,000. allotted.

As regards a possible loan of \$5000, I wish to express to you my personal judgment that such a loan could not be made. The Bureau has already borrowed \$5000 on the personal endorsements of myself and a few other members of the Board. Most of the signatures were very hard to procure. I am certain that the Bureau will not burden itself with an additional loan of \$5000.

I would therefore suggest that your committee proceed to a further study of your financial situation with a view of living within your income for 1931, without the prospects either of a subsidy increase or a loan from the Bureau.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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May 1, 1931

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your kindness in sending me the papers regarding Hebrew School financial accounts. I quite agree with you that this is a problem they must solve for themselves, as I feel that it is unfortunate but true that the community will not advance in excess of \$50,000.00 for Jewish Education purposes for the present.

As I have often said to you, I really feel it would be better for all concerned if we were to start again in a small way to build a solid foundation for Jewish Education, doing those projects in which the community is interested, and which the community will willingly support, and that we await future interest, building as we go.

A mutual friend called my attention to an article in the periodical "Jewish Education" for March, 1931, by Harry L. Comins, which you have no doubt seen. This article describes the type of experimental and progressive Sabbath School education in which I tried to interest Mr. Tuteur.

With best personal regards, remain

Sincerely,

Louis S. Bing

LSB:JM



GEORGE J. KLEIN

May 13th, 1931.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am returning the anonymous letter which you so kindly sent me a few days ago.

Inasmuch as this is anonymous no official action can be taken. However, the thoughts expressed therein might give us something to think about.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Geo. J. Klein
Geo. J. Klein

Dic. GJK:DM
Encl.

Bureau

~ OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ~

THE NOVELTY LIGHTING CORPORATION, CLEVELAND, OHIO

June 5th, 1931

Miss Pearl Sapirstein,
Ulmer Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Sapirstein:-

I should like to have you give me by Tuesday morning a statement covering the following:

1. The amount contributed by the Bureau to the Talmud Torahs annually since the inception of the Bureau
2. The amounts contributed to the Council Religious Schools annually.
3. The amounts raised by the Bureau annually.
4. The number of children registered in the Talmud Torahs every year since the inception of the Bureau
5. The percentage of the Bureau's annual income given to the Talmud Torahs each year
6. The amount of money owed by the Talmud Torahs at the time when they joined the Bureau
7. The number of Talmud Torah branches at the time of their joining the Bureau and the present number
8. The actual total expenditures of the Talmud Torahs since they joined the Bureau

Please send me this information in duplicate form and keep one on file in the office.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute

1158 EAST 105TH STREET

CLEVELAND, OHIO

June 7, 1931.

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

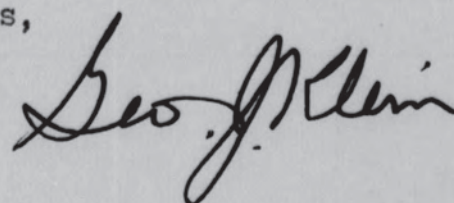
Dear Rabbi Silver:

At a meeting held today by a special committee to study the financial difficulties of the Cleveland Hebrew Schools it was decided to gather additional facts for the purpose of presenting them to the Finance Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education so that we can all have an intelligent picture of the situation. We shall endeavor to complete this study and be prepared to present it to the finance committee within a week to ten days.

As you are no doubt planning on calling a finance committee meeting shortly, I would like to suggest that it be called after the completion of this new study. As quickly as this is finished we shall notify you.

Dr. Rogoff is taking a very active interest in his attempt to familiarize himself with all the details of the Hebrew Schools' operations and this will be of material assistance to all of us.

Sincerely yours,



Bureau

June 8th, 1931

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

My dear Mr. Tuteur:-

You will pardon me for resuming my correspondence with you with reference to the religious school which was established last September after my conversation with you at the home of Mr. Sam Wise. I feel that you ought to know the situation as it presents itself to the Bureau.

Acting upon the understanding which we reached that evening, that you would finance a school of one hundred children under the auspices of the Bureau where Judaism would be taught but no Hebrew, I persuaded the Bureau to open such a branch. When the Board voted to establish this school they knew that the finances of the Bureau would not permit the opening of a new school. Their clear understanding, based on the report of our conversation, was that you would finance this school.

Quarters were rented on St. Clair Ave., equipment was installed and a staff of teachers was engaged. The school has now operated for a full season. The Bureau has been advancing the money from month to month. I am now faced with this dilemma; unless you can see your way clear to cover this item of the Bureau's outlay I shall have to do it myself from my personal funds for I can not permit the Board to feel that I have misled them.

I have carried out our agreement to the letter. There was no Hebrew taught in the school and a very adequate corps of teachers gave a splendid course of instruction to close on to a hundred children who otherwise would have received none.

Mr. Bing has told me about his conversation with you relative to some experimental school. I think that there is a great deal of merit to the suggestion. Perhaps such a school can be established next year. Such a school would require a different setup, a new and carefully worked out curriculum and a different set of instructors. I am personally interested in seeing such an experiment made. But surely when this present St. Clair school was

established there was no such thought in our minds and it was of course, out of the question to reorganize the school in the middle of the term and without due preparation.

My dear Mr. Tuteur, I do not wish to be unduly importunate in this matter. You have been altogether too generous in your support of all worthy causes in our community to need any pressing solicitation. If the treasury of the Bureau had permitted it, I would have had the item covered. Unfortunately the economic depression has seriously affected this, as well as all other institutions. You would be conferring an inestimable favor upon the Bureau and upon me personally if you would contribute to the Bureau the cost of the maintenance of the St. Clair branch for the year 1930-31 which amounted to approximately \$1200.

We will assume that you do not wish the present arrangements to continue for the coming year.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

*Copies
to Dr. Rogoff
& Mr. Guelland*

Bureau

June 8th, 1931

Mr. George Klein,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Klein:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 7th asking for a postponement of the meeting of the Finance Committee. As no definite date for such a meeting has been set it will not be difficult to postpone the meeting for a later date.

May I repeat to you in writing what I said in extenso to you this morning over the telephone:

The Hebrew Schools should not look to the Bureau for any additional subsidy this year over and above the \$30,000 which were allotted to it. Whatever small sums may remain in the treasury of the Bureau after all commitments are paid must be used for the extension work of the Bureau. We have to justify our existence in the community by reaching out to the thousands of unaffiliated children and giving them some form of mass education. The Bureau has failed utterly in this regard. We should also like to put on an enrollment campaign next Fall to reach some of these unaffiliated children and to fill up some of the depleted classes. This involves a substantial outlay.

If attempts are made to force my hand in the matter of additional subsidies from the Bureau I shall be constrained to bring the matter to the attention of the Federation which is now responsible for the raising of the Bureau's funds and the whole unpleasant financial status of the Hebrew Schools will then have to be rehearsed again.

The Hebrew Schools must adjust their budget this year and until the economic depression is ended to a maximum income of \$60,000, one-half of which the Bureau will provide. It must make drastic curtailments and must have the courage to make them. Other educational institutions, Jewish and non-Jewish are doing the self-same thing. With a proper will and determination various ways can be found by which such curtailments can be effected without unduly affecting the work of the Schools. The Schools will not, of course, function 100% efficiently under the curtailed budget. But that can't be helped. When times become better the Schools will be able to return to normal conditions.

It has been suggested that during the summer months when the enrollment is smallest, a material saving can be effected by

Mr. George Klein.
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combining classes and by letting some of the teachers off for two months. It has also been suggested that some of the married teachers, whose husbands are employed, be given a year's leave of absence without pay.

Mr. Bing suggested that in some branches it may be feasible to introduce the three-day-a-week school, thereby cutting down the teaching staff by one-half.

You may find other ways of reducing your budget. If that is done it will be possible for the Hebrew Schools to pay the teachers their salaries regularly and in 1932 we might begin seriously to solve the problem of paying off the Hebrew Schools' huge indebtedness to the teachers - an indebtedness which is a standing rebuke and a disgrace.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S.

Please note that half of the year 1931 is over and that you have been running this half of the year on the old budget. This will make necessary an even more drastic revision of your budget for the remaining six months.

Bureau

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

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 12, 1931.

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

Dear Mr Silver:

Your letter of June 8th greeted me on my return from my trip East this morning and I hasten to answer same.

I am sorry that you and I do not seem to have the same viewpoint of the school I had offered to finance, as to my mind you have done nothing further than to extend your usual activities, to which I have objected from the beginning. The school I visited does not omit the teaching of Hebrew, as was shown to me in the presence of Mr Barnett and Mrs Black.

Furthermore, during the recent campaign of the Welfare Fund, I subscribed \$1500 and permitted my subscription to be applied to the general use of the fund without restrictions, even though, as you well know, I have refused in the past to subscribe for your Bureau of Jewish Education activities. While I have not changed my mind on the subject, I gave this subscription, knowing that the greater part would be applied to the above work, and I, therefore, have no intention of adding any further money.

Whenever you agree that a school can be started under the supervision of Mr Bing and my daughter, Mrs Bernstein, along the lines I have suggested, I shall be glad to finance it and give it my personal attention.

I am sorry that there should be a misunderstanding between your good self and me, and I hope this will not have a tendency on your part to break the cordial relations that have always existed.

Sincerely yours

Julius Tuteau

JT/ACA

Bureau

June 12th, 1931

Mr. A. H. Friedland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Friedland:-

I would appreciate very much if you would let me know at your earliest convenience what definite action you have taken to carry out the recommendations which were made at the last meeting with the teachers.

I should like to have the information prior to the calling of the Finance Committee meeting.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

ANNUAL REPORT

COMMISSION ON JEWISH EDUCATION

June 15, 1931

To the Central Conference of American Rabbis

Gentlemen:

Your Commission on Jewish Education presents for your consideration a review of the publications and other activities of the Commission for this year. The production of books by our Commission is now taken as a matter of course. Time was, and that not so long ago, when every new volume was hailed as an event. Despite the fact that for a number of years we have published three and four books annually, we now receive letters of complaint that books are not published more frequently. It is difficult to maintain this pace for several reasons; first, because we are engaged in developing writers and secondly because this is an undertaking that requires time to develop. There is also a limit to the amount of attention that one man, Dr. Gamoran, can give to the production of books. At the present moment we have more manuscripts awaiting publication than funds available for their production.

From the staff, I receive a different kind of complaint. There are quite a number of rabbis who have not and who habitually do not order our new books. We do not complain that rabbis do not use our books, for in the last analysis, this is a matter in which the rabbi's judgment is supreme as far as his own school is concerned. However, we do ask the members of the Conference to examine seriously the books we are producing and if they find that they do not measure up to their requirements, to give us the benefit of their criticisms. This Commission is the creation of the Conference as well as of the Union. We are here to produce books for your use. We believe we are entitled to your cooperation in this effort.

For this report a table has been constructed to show in graphic form the volumes already published, the volumes that were added this year, the volumes now being printed, the manuscripts in the hands of the Commission, the manuscripts now in preparation, and the manuscripts for which preliminary steps have already been taken or which are in immediate prospect.

This table which forms part of this report and which is in your hands for closer examination, can be added horizontally to indicate what has been or is contemplated for each division of our work. Thus at a glance you can see what books we have already published for the Elementary Department, what volumes we added this year, what volumes are in press at the present moment, what manuscripts are in the hands of the Commission, what manuscripts are in preparation, and what manuscripts are contemplated.

This table can also be summed up vertically so that at a glance we can familiarize ourselves with the work of the past, the present, and the volumes that we hope to add to our present stock in the near future.

(Here chart will be introduced)

I refrain from reading the titles which you can examine at your leisure. The comments that are here appended deal with the general plans of the Commission and with its activities other than book publication.

Bible Readers

A few years ago we began the publication of a series of Bible Readers for children and young people. This set is now completed. It consists of six volumes, the latest "With Singer and Sage" by Mamie G. Gamoran covering the Hagiographa, having been published this year. The volumes are beautifully printed and richly illustrated. While originally intended to serve as Bible history textbooks or as source books related to the teaching of Jewish History, we now find that they will serve even better as textbooks for a course of study in Bible Literature. Two of these volumes have also Teachers' Textbooks. We plan to add others for the purpose of making this set of books available for teaching Bible Literature. An introductory chapter to one such Teachers' Book dealing with methods of teaching the prophets, by Dr. H. L. Comins, is now being circulated in mimeographed form. It is our expectation to have others soon follow.

We are in touch with a writer who is experimenting with selections from post-biblical literature which will be ready for publication ere long.

Jewish History Books

In response to a general demand we are publishing a series of history books. Two volumes have already appeared, "Israel in Canaan" and "In the Days of the Second Temple." A third, entitled "In the Days of the First Temple" will be ready for the next school season. The three books were written by Dr. Jacob S. Golub. They are very well printed, excellently illustrated, and like the Bible Readers, are having a very good sale, indicating that the volumes are meeting the needs of our schools.

We have also published a History of the Jews in America, by Dr. Lee J. Levinger. The first edition of this book is exhausted; it is now being revised for a second printing.

New Types of History Books

In the table given above, it will be noted that two manuscripts by Dr. H. L. Comins entitled "The Social Life of the Early Hebrews."

are in preparation. The manuscripts are practically completed but are being tried out in a number of schools in New York City under the guidance of the author. These volumes depart from the usual textbooks in that they develop a series of projects which seem to be particularly attractive to the children. The pupils are interested in making various objects such as the tents used by our ancestors, the household implements, etc. etc., so as to recreate the social life of our forefathers.

When these volumes are completed, they will undoubtedly compete with some of our own older publications. From a financial point of view this may not be the most business-like procedure. However, as a Commission we are not interested in money making. Our purpose is to develop a variety of material, leaving it to the school principals and teachers to choose the books that will answer their needs best. In doing this we believe we are serving the cause of Jewish education in a way that cannot be pursued by the firms whose interest is purely commercial.

This is one reason why the publication department of the Union is costing a considerable sum of money. At the same time, it is an excellent defense for the department of Jewish education which we are maintaining. In passing, I cannot refrain from directing your attention to the very moderate price at which our publications are sold. It is customary in the book trade to make the initial edition bear the complete cost of publication. For that reason the cost of good books, well printed and abundantly illustrated, is quite high. We reduce the cost of publication by dividing the cost of a book, not over the first edition of one or two thousand, but by dividing it over a problematic sale of ten or twenty thousand. It is needless to say that we are often disappointed. There are books which cannot sell in such quantities. This is a source of loss. Again the Teachers' Books never sell in quantity at all. Teachers keep their books from one year to the next and use them over and over again. However, we continue this practice of selling our publications at moderate prices, charging the loss to the cost of service, rather than to the books themselves.

General Reading Matter

We are particularly poor in general reading matter for our children, although from time to time a number of volumes have appeared from the press of the Jewish Publication Society and others. Probably our most successful effort in this direction is our magazine "Young Israel." A few years ago we published "The Burning Bush" by Joseph Gaer. Another volume from the pen of this writer entitled "The Unconquered" is ready for publication.

Bible Commentaries

For a number of years we have been planning to produce a series of Bible Commentaries for the use of Teachers and adult readers. We all know how great is the need for such commentaries.

Our laymen and women as well as the teachers in our Religious Schools are at present practically without help in this respect. There is not available even a single Commentary on the entire Bible in English from a Jewish point of view. I am pleased to inform you that during this year arrangements have been concluded to undertake the preparation of the first three volumes. One will cover the most important selections from the Pentateuch; a second volume will include the books of Amos and Hosea; while a third volume will contain a number of selected psalms. Whenever these are ready, we shall have one volume for each of the three divisions of the Bible.

New Ventures

At the last meeting of the Commission, the staff was authorized to prepare material for a Cradle Roll Department which is now partly finished. A committee was also appointed with Rabbi Leon Fram as chairman, to make a study of the problem of pre-school education.

Educational Research

We have on our staff a part-time worker, Dr. Julius B. Maller, who is also connected with the faculty of Teachers College, Columbia University. He is engaged in educational research. The table of publications and plans points out that he and Rabbi Jacob B. Pollak have produced for us several valuable tests for determining the progress of our students in the Study of Jewish History. These tests were administered to 3000 children in our religious schools. Based upon these findings Dr. Maller has written a scientific volume on "Testing the Knowledge of Jewish History." Owing to the present financial stringency, the publication of this volume must be temporarily postponed unless we find some one who will pay the cost of the enterprise.

We have long desired to make a serious study of the University work for Jewish Students. From time to time we have requested appropriations for a survey of Jewish university students. These have been granted in previous years but have recently been removed from the budget because of the retrenchments practiced this year. Dr. Maller has produced two tests which will undoubtedly be of great service in making this study. One is called "A Background Test for Jewish Students," and the other "An Attitude Test for Jewish Students." These have already been administered in a number of colleges.

There has been much discussion of the study of Hebrew in our schools notably as to whether certain children should be excused because of their inability to master Hebrew. Dr. Maller has produced "A Hebrew Prognosis Test" for use under such circumstances, patterned after similar tests administered in our high schools, aiming to ascertain the ability of certain students to master mathematics, languages, etc.

Dr. Maller is at work on a volume "The Psychology of the Jewish Child". Chapters from this volume have been published in

scientific journals. The latest on "A Study in the Intelligence of Young Jews" appeared recently. Reprints have been mailed to various institutions and copies are obtainable.

Teacher Training

The table above referred to shows that we have published one monograph and five syllabi dealing with the basic studies for the training of Jewish Teachers. This year 255 copies of our syllabi have been ordered by rabbis and congregations that conduct teacher training classes.

I need scarcely add that our work in this direction links up with the annual meetings of our Teachers' Associations. The various members of our staff are in great demand at these meetings where they conduct institutes devoted to various subjects of interest and value to our teachers. Members of the Hebrew Union College faculty, members of the Commission and many individual rabbis have participated in these meetings. Similarly the members of our staff have visited many Teachers Associations and Educational Conventions in general. It would lead us too far afield, although it would probably not be uninteresting, to list the meetings and the titles of addresses delivered.

Exhibits of our Publications and Educational Material

It will be interesting to the members of the C.C.A.R. to know that we have a number of carefully selected exhibits of books and materials for various types of meetings and conventions. This collection is being constantly enlarged and is at the disposal of those who are engaged in conducting meetings and seminars on educational subjects. A number of exhibits are sent out each year.

Financial Situation

It goes without saying that our organization is not unique in feeling the effects of the present depression. As a result the appropriation for our work has been reduced by about \$11,000. and greater economy may have to be practiced next year. With the funds at our disposal we have carried on as well as we could. There is, however, a great danger that this department may be seriously crippled if congregations continue to delay and to reduce their contributions to our nourishing Mother, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Although it is not our special task to raise money for our purposes as the Commission on Jewish Education yet it surely lies within our province to interest ourselves in this situation and to urge our congregations to meet their financial obligations to the Union. Is it asking too much that each one of us should endeavor to point out to his community the value of this work and the danger that may result to Judaism at large if the cause of Jewish education is not liberally supported?

In conclusion I desire to express the thanks of the members of the Commission to the members of the C.C.A.R. for their unfailing helpfulness whenever called upon to assist in preparation of texts, to conduct Teachers Meetings and to assist in the use of our publications. The Commission records also its appreciation of the readiness of the Staff of the Union to further our work; each and every one of them has proven of valued assistance.

The immensity of the task of Jewish religious education is frequently overwhelming; but we are constantly mindful of the observation of the ancient sage who so wisely said that although it is not incumbent upon anyone to finish a task yet none is exempt from contributing his share towards its furtherance. In that spirit your Commission on Jewish Education is pursuing the all important work that you have entrusted to its care. Yagdil Torah veyaadir!

DAVID PHILIPSON

Chairman.



Bureau

Cleveland, Ohio
June 15, 1931

Rabbi Silver
Spiritual Leader
Ansel Road Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

In regard to Mr. Fridland's suggestion at the Hebrew teacher's meeting last Wednesday and also at a Board Meeting, which is: To exchange two older teachers by two school children in order to save the balance.

It is really a very original plan and he deserves applause for his originality. For no school master I might say in the world would dare to practice such economy. What puzzles me is, how will Mr. Fridland choose his two teachers?

Will he send away two teachers that are the shortest in the employ of the Cleveland Hebrew school? or will he send away two of the higher paid men teachers and retain their wives that at least one of the family could have a job?

How will Mr. Fridland choose his

Personal?

There are many other ways to economize without practicing Mr. Fridland's disgraceful plans. I'll soon mention how \$7000 could be economized in a jiffy, and I am not to be prosecuted for it.

It would be only fair that Mr. Fridland should practice a little economy on himself which will hardly effect him, leave him breadless or butterless.

He should have proposed to stay on a salary of the Public School Scale. Let's say about \$4500 a year, which is a very fair and generous salary for his position and more than the Public School Scale. He should have proposed to cut \$600.00 a year of Krause's salary which will still leave him a salary as high as any teacher receives. Two teachers are leaving shortly and no new ones should be replaced.

No machine upkeep, all these with some contribution by the teachers and office employees will total \$7000.00.

A cut in Fridland's salary	\$2500.00
A cut in Krause's salary	600.00
Machine upkeep about	400.00
Two teachers leaving	1900.00
Contributions by teachers, principal and office employees	1600.00
	<u>\$7000.00</u>

Here are \$7000 without breaking up the school.

answered
July 28-
I have no authority
to interfere.

Bureau

July 18th, 1931.

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

My dear Rabbi:

Knowing well your high sense of justice and love of fair play, I desire to lay before you a case in which both these attributes seem to have been lost sight of - with consequent disastrous effect to my family.

Here is the case:

Some weeks ago the Educational Director of the Hebrew Schools announced a 10% cut in wages. On June 29th my wife received a letter of dismissal, with the explanation that where husband and wife were both employed, it was obligatory due to present conditions, to take such action.

No exception can be taken to this action even though I might mention the fact that there are numerous instances where more than one in a family are yet employed.

Not stopping at this, I now understand that the Educational Director, Mr. A. H. Friedland, has written a letter dismissing me also. With the consciousness that I have given twelve years of faithful service and devoted my entire life to this Cause, I am at a loss to comprehend the reason or the justice of this. The blow leaves me totally unable to cope with the situation.

Under present conditions, especially with my background of educational experience and no other fitness for business, you can readily picture the seriousness of my position. My home, a large part paid for, will be lost and my family made destitute. In addition due to the failure to collect salary regularly, I have contracted debts of over \$2,000.00. Of course, the situation would be somewhat relieved were my salary and that of my wife brought up to date.

I am more than willing to meet conditions in a spirit of fairness. Possibly my salary is higher than can be afforded and an adjustment agreeable to all could be effected. If this is the case, a meeting with Mr. Friedland is suggested. Or, as I recall a suggestion of your own, why could not a month's leave of absence without pay be arranged for all teachers instead of the elimination of one only whose years of service entitle him to greater consideration?

I appeal to you as one having influence, to use it generously in my behalf. I ask only justice, not an exception for a particular case. It is not justice to dismiss both breadwinners in one family, when two in other families are allowed to continue.

May I beg your earnest consideration of my case? And may I also ask an acknowledgement of this letter that I may know you will help to the extent of your ability. A word from you will relieve my present anxiety and distress, which, believe me, my dear Rabbi, is driving me to sleeplessness and distraction.

Yours very truly, *H. Z. Shuster*



File

The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute

1158 EAST 105TH STREET

CLEVELAND, OHIO

July 22, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Mt. Chocorua and Chocorua Lake
White Mts. N. H.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks for your card and the clipping, but let me tell you the truth, I like your card far more than the clipping, although the clipping did not contain anything new that we haven't discussed months and even years before.

I was tempted to send you in return a lecture recently delivered by Bialik; a lecture in which he describes as masterfully as only Bialik is capable of doing, the decline of Hebrew literature in the Diaspora, the disappearance of the Hebrew book from Jewish life there, and its ominous significance. But I did not send it to you simply because I did not want to disturb your well deserved rest and relaxation.

Both the fact that communal Jewish education is regressing in this country and that the conservative Rabbis are, in their discussions beginning to emphasize such imponderables as "attitude" and "atmosphere" at the expense of the Hebrew language and tangible content in general are to my mind, further adjustments to the line of least resistance. And while they make life easier for the individual Jew, the Jewish group as a whole will, I fear, lose more than gain from these developments. However, such discussions belong to December and January rather than to July and August.

In the schools we have carried out the difficult program of retrenchment to the letter. Our vacation started July 17 and will end August 17.

Hoping you and your family will continue to enjoy your vacation,

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Friedland

P. S. By the way, I have just read
in the Bulletin your very sane
and just appraisal of the Congress.

A. H. Friedland

File Bureau

Cleveland, O.
July 27, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Chocoma, N. H.

My dear Rabbi:

Thank you very much for your prompt acknowledgement of my letter.

What you say in reference to the limitation of the Bureau in interfering with the management of the Schools has been noted. I feel, however, that as one vitally interested in the welfare of the Schools, you will surely not consider it presuming on the advantage your high position gives you, to speak a word on my behalf after reading the following.

Six weeks ago I was called out from one of my classes to Mr. Friedland. With every evidence of extreme agitation and anger, Mr. Friedland waved a letter before me - which he did not allow me to read but said was written to you by my wife and by you handed to him - and then with a curious mixture of exaltation and venom, he exclaimed *עכשיו אנחנו רואים, תכנו להתקין סליים וישרים מני*!

Almost immediately thereafter Mrs. Shuster was dismissed. As you know, on plea of economic necessity, this was soon followed by my own dismissal. Now, my dear Rabbi Silver, in view of the above quoted exclamation by Mr. Friedland and also in view of the fact that I had shortly before stated to him my willingness to accept a reduction which would surely make my salary as low or lower than that which would be paid any possible successor, would you say that it was economic necessity or personal animus?

One more fact. To show the extent to which Mr. Friedland would go in consummating my removal, he influenced the committee by showing an anonymous letter blackening my record - which letter I asked to see for the purpose of tracing the source only to be told that it had disappeared.

If Mrs. Shuster did write a letter to you, it was an indiscretion for which she immediately paid by the loss of her position. Should not that have satisfied Mr. Friedland?

Please bear in mind that in all this not a word has been said derogatory to my ability as a teacher, my interest in and loyalty to the work or my years of service. And my offer to accept a marked reduction precludes a legitimate plea of economic necessity. The real economic necessity is my need for the position and my family's need that I have it. Did I not have the consciousness of a work well done and the confidence that I am eminently fitted to continue in the work, the sense of terrible injustice would not rankle so deeply. One can resign oneself to an act of God even though it wipes away a lifetime of effort - and start over without complaint. But the bitterness of loss of position and consequent hardship through unjust persecution cannot go without complaint.

Forgive me, my dear Rabbi, for pouring out my troubles to you but in one's extremity it is natural to turn to the one most able to help if he would. You, of

course, had no premonition of the calamity about to befall me when you handed Mrs. Shuster's letter to Mr. Friedland, else you would not have done so. But it aroused a passion no one could foresee or reasonably expect. Even though I cannot help but thinking of it often, it is only with regret that it had to happen and most certainly not with any consciousness of holding you to blame.

אפי' ופא' נשאר ביתי העלוקות ל"י יחליו אל דאס "אליון", אירם
מאס / מאשרו בתורת-נתינת המאסר המעט והצדק הניקני' ואל"י אשיו
בהביו "ית הכדיון", כי ודאס צה ביה אשכח (וואס מתחת אמהתן
הכנות) האצות אהם פארו מביתא באין משגפ א"י אשה תאמה וקלס לא.
אם אס נמו שגתה.

Hoping that you are enjoying to the fullest extent your summer vacation in historic and beautiful New Hampshire, I am

Yours very truly,

צ'בי סאטור

ו.ק. ויסאח נ"י לי שמועצת נגד בחורתי החפשים מורת האור
הנאם אז מורת ההשגחה האיונה אהסלף ספד מרה קלסו
פנצומה. כי רק אלו אשליך יבדו. אהפד שייסר האז האז שולב
אם אהתיר-ווס יק ושתל וית הכצין אומלת הובלת וית
מפת פרחאוס אמת בציון.
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July 31, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Chocorua, N.H.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

During the month of July I was successful in collecting the sum of \$170.00 on balances due the Bureau of Jewish Education. A great many people on whom I call are away and those who are in are not in a position to take care of their pledges.

I have just completed mimographing and mailing out reminder cards to all those who owe the Bureau money in order to keep the amount of their balances before them.

I have taken care of disbursements according to the checks you had already signed. The Federation was not able to give us a substantial payment on the third quarter's subsidy to the Bureau, but I received today a check of \$1000.00 from them, which I deposited to our account. There will be, after the checks of July 31 and August 1 (Rent) are cleared, a balance of a little over \$300.00 in our account.

I have planned to leave on my vacation beginning Monday August 3 and will return on the 17th, after which time I will resume my efforts to collect some money on the old balances, for I certainly understand the necessity of getting in every available dollar and would not like to disappoint your expectations.

I have during the past two weeks presented to Mr. Goldhamer a complete report for the Council Religious Schools' financial administration and attendance records for the entire year of 1930. (I had formerly given him the 1931 to date.) I also prepared for him a 1930 financial report for the Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute, copied from my files.

I have begun to work on the cards for enrollment, and will try to complete them soon after I return.

With kindest regards to you and your family, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Pearl Saperstein

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Bureau

Cleveland, Ohio

August 17, 1931

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It was Mr. Friedland's theory, expressed last Spring at your meeting with the Teachers of the Hebrew School, that it were better that a minority suffer than that the majority be inconvenienced. This was in contradistinction to your own view that instead of outright dismissal of a few, some system of rotation be conceived whereby all would be retained and accept layoffs from time to time.

Mr. Friedland's theory prevailed but let us see how it worked out in actual practice. Here are some figures; in administrative now in effect, educational staff effective October 11.

Administrative officers salaries, after a cut of 10%.

Friedland	\$6,300.00	
Krause	3,240.00	
Shugerman	1,620.00	
Dryspel	1,080.00	
Mirel	540.00	\$12,780.00

This does not take into account, salaries of collectors, permanent and temporary clerks, Express, auto expense, rent, heat, light, etc. for two offices. In Detroit, Pittsburgh and Minneapolis, offices are combined under one management and thereby effect a considerable saving. They have approximately the same student enrollment as we have in Cleveland.

You will note in the above, there is no working out of Mr. Friedland's theory, no dismissals or considerable cuts in salary and expenses. WHY?

Below is given a list of principals and teachers and their salaries. Note that the total amounts to less than one third of the yearly budget. Can you point out to me any educational system anywhere where the teaching staff expense is so slight a proportion of the total.

Principal Medini	\$2,700.00	Sheinberg	\$432.00
" Lamdin	2,700.00	Epstein	432.00
" Kogen	2,220.00	Paikoff	432.00
Udkofsky	1,350.00	Evens	432.00
Abraman	1,080.00	Schwartz	432.00
Hausman, N.	972.00	Shugerman	432.00
" I.	809.00	Kunin	408.00
" Zam	720.00	Brady	324.00
Barkan	540.00	Splaver	324.00
" Pernikoff	600.00	Bergman	324.00
Cohn	600.00	Amsterdam	162.00

Total \$18,857.00, not including one teacher who resigned on protest and

one whose salary I am unable to state but certainly under \$100.00 per month.

Mr. Friedland's theory comes to life here. Nine teachers eliminated and made jobless at a most critical time - the time of instruction materially shortened and the quality of instruction lessened materially.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, DOES IT APPEAR TO YOU THAT MY DISMISSAL WAS A QUESTION OF ECONOMIC NECESSITY?

If Mr. Friedland put his theory in practice in administrative expense, he would have saved the salary of five teachers; but as put into actual practice, the educational staff and therefore those for whose benefit is the entire machinery of the Hebrew Schools - the SCHOLARS - are the ones to be discriminated against.

A different set of figures or figures rearranged in a misleading way could, of course, be presented by the main office. However, the figures I have given are correct and any way in which they are presented, the proportion of the budget spent for administrative and maintenance expense is entirely out of proportion with that spent for educational expense. If presented to the public and to the donators who really deserve such information, it would result in very unfavorable comment of the management.

As repeatedly stated, I am willing to accept any system of rotation, such as you suggested, or a salary reduction, without complaint. I cannot and I should not tolerate rank injustice without raising my voice. And I look to you, and to others of influence and having your broader and more compassionate view point to assist in furthering my cause.

Yours very truly, *J. Shuster*

P. S. Just one more question. Who, except the management can explain why the office is being administered with approximately the same expense during a period of depression, with an enrollment of about 1300, as it was during the period of prosperity when the enrollment was 2240. Also why is the principal of one school receiving \$50.00 per month and that of another \$225.00 per month, when the time given to instruction by the latter is only twice that of the former?

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August 21, 1931

Card
Rabbi A. H. Silver
Chocorua, N. H.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For the coming year I have been assigned the duty of Program Chairman of the local Junior Hadassah Chapter, and as such, am, at the request of the Executive Board, writing to you at this time.

Our first meeting of this new season will be held on Wednesday evening, September 16, probably at the Wade Park Manor, and it is our fondest hope that you will do us the honor of speaking to us that evening. I feel confident that if it is at all possible you will do this for us.

I might suggest that our girls would be extremely interested in hearing about the recent Zionist Congress.

With kindest regards to you and your family, and with the anticipation of your acceptance, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Pearl Saperstein

P. S. If Thursday evening of the same week would be more convenient for you, we could still change our plans.

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NOTICE OF IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING

A Meeting of the Board of the Bureau of Jewish Education will be held on Tuesday, October 13, at 1:00 P.M., at the Office of the Bureau, 315 Ulmer Building.

This is the first Meeting of the Fall Season, and there are many important questions to be discussed. Please make every effort to be present.

With kindest regards, and hoping to see you next Tuesday, I am,

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
President

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October 23, 1931

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Levy is calling a meeting of the Extension Education Committee for Thursday, October 29, at 1:15 at the Bureau Office. He has asked me to inform you of this Meeting, and would appreciate it if you can find it possible to attend.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

IMMIGRANT JEWISH
ARCHIVES

Pearl Saperstein

PS

135th - Mt Pleasant House

13006 Kinman
Shapero

April 29th, 1931

Mr. Louis S. Bing,
514 Prospect Ave.,
City.

My dear Lou:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. George Klein for the Administrative Committee of the Talmud Torah, indicating what their action would be on the resolutions adopted by the Finance Committee of the Bureau. I am also appending my reply to him.

You may also be interested in seeing the enclosed statement of the Hebrew schools with reference to the salaries due to their teachers.

Please return these letters to me after you are through with them.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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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. ~~X~~ 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:

(Insert Names)

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 any 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 to 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 of 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 individual 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

- Section.1. No amendments to this constitution shall be made without giving each member of the Board 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.