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December
Fifteenth
1925

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

Dear Rabbi Silver;

May I ask you to assist me in completing our campaign organization this week, by getting for me immediately the names of two or three members of your temple who will act as captains and will organize their teams this week if possible?

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred H. Sachs
Executive Director.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with your request I am inclosing herewith
August and September financial statements for the
Cleveland Hebrew Schools & Institute.

With kindest regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Pearl Saperstein

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JEWISH TEACHERS INSTITUTE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

February 8th, 1932.

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

This is to remind you
that the second semester of the Jewish
Teachers Institute will Begin on Tuesday,
February 8th, in Room 206, Euclid Ave. Temple.

We will expect you at 4:30 P.M.,
and the students are looking forward to your
course in "Principles of Judaism " with pleasant
anticipation.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Adeline R. Rosewater
Registrar.



RABBI CHARLES B. LATZ

4 MCCURDY BLOCK
CANTON, OHIO

Friday.
July 26th,
1935.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Answering your last letter, relative to your coming to Canton this fall, Mr. A.M. Luntz of the Canton Welfare Federation is most anxious for you to be the speaker at the opening Dinner of the Canton Welfare Fund Drive which is planned for Monday evening, November 18th, at 6 p.m.

Mr. Luntz was wondering if you could accept this engagement at the same remuneration of 150.00, as I previously suggested in relation to your speaking for the Jewish Community?

In the event of your coming for the Welfare Dinner on November 18th, the Jewish Community Group would postpone your address to them, until the opening of their course for the year of 1936, which would probably be in October of 1936.

Knowing how much the entire Canton Community was moved by your Community Fund address of five or six years ago which as you remember was held in the auditorium of the Knights of Columbus Building, and realizing how grave the social welfare problems are at this time, we are hoping that you will reserve Monday night, November

RABBI CHARLES B. LATZ
4 MCCURDY BLOCK
CANTON, OHIO

18th for a return visit to Canton.

With cordial personal greetings, and hoping for
an affirmative reply to the above, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Charlie Latz



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April 7th, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As an aid in formulating its policies for the future, the Board of the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies decided to obtain what fact it could as to the appointment of its graduates and students in the various Sunday schools of the city.

Will you please answer the following questions as accurately as you can.

1. How many new teachers have you employed in the past three years?
2. How many of these were graduates of the Institute?
3. How many are students working for their certificate at the present time?

Any other facts you can give will be appreciated.

Kindly send your answer to -

Mrs. H. Rosewater, Registrar
1541 Rydalmont Rd.
Cleveland Hts., Ohio

SFH:S

Sincerely yours,

E. E. Wolf

President
Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies

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June 9th, 1936

Rabbi Melbourne Harris
The Temple
Ansel & 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Harris:

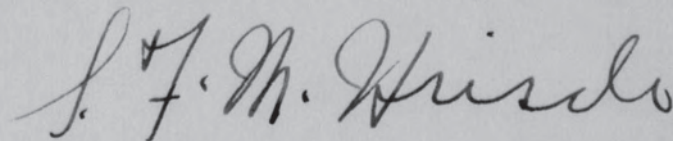
In behalf of the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies, I wish to thank you for the services you rendered during the semester just closed. As we are all working for a common cause, your greatest satisfaction must come from a feeling of a duty well done.

Please accept my personal thanks and I hope you will be in a position to serve us again in the coming years.

SFH:S

Sincerely yours,

CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES



President

October 9, 1936

Dr. S. F. M. Hirsch,
2727 W. Scarboro.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Hirsch:

In compliance with your request, I am sending
you this memorandum.

I am convinced that it is of utmost importance
for the preservation of the Jewish Teachers' Institute, that it
be completely separated from the adult education courses and that
it be returned to the status which it occupied for more than
fifteen years prior to the merger.

The Jewish Teachers' Institute should meet, as in
former years, two afternoons a week. The curriculum of the
Institute which was in operation at the time of the merger may
well serve as the basis for the curriculum in the future. If
there are no classrooms available at the Jewish Center for the
afternoon sessions of the Institute due to the fact that the
Center has Hebrew classes and Talmud Torah classes on in the
afternoons, the Institute should meet this year at the Euclid
Avenue Temple where, by the way, the Institute and adult
education classes should be meeting this year if the arrangement
which was definitely agreed on last year had been carried out.
The merger which you will recall I suggested three years ago
has simply not worked out.

As far as courses for adults in the evening are
concerned, I would suggest that a radically new effort be made
to popularize such courses in the community. I understand that
the B'nai B'rith Lodges of Cleveland are very much interested
this year in the subject of adult education and that Mr. Philmore
Haber has called a meeting of the Rabbis to take counsel with
them as to how adult education can be popularized among the
members of that organization. It may be well to postpone the
opening of the Institute of Jewish Studies until November,
giving the B'nai B'rith a month's time in which to carry on an
intensive campaign among its own members and then re-opening

Dr. Hirsch

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the Institute as the climax of such a campaign. It might even be well if the B'nai B'rith makes adult education a vital and integral part of its activities, to invite that organization to become an active partner in the Institute of Jewish Studies.

Unless something of this nature is done our experiences with the Institute of Jewish Studies lead me to fear that it will peter out before very long.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



June 1, 1937

Dr. S.F.M. Hirsch, President,
Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies,
Keith Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Hirsch:

I received notification that the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Jewish Studies will be held on Thursday, June 3rd. As I am scheduled to be in Albany on that day for a Jewish Welfare Campaign meeting it will of course be impossible for me to attend this meeting. I feel, however, that I ought to give you my impressions about the Institute which may perhaps guide in your deliberations.

First, with reference to the Teachers' Institute - I am of the opinion, as I was last year, that the Institute should be held in the afternoon as was the case for many years. I gave some of the reasons to the committee last year. There is still another. I find it increasingly difficult to set aside twelve to fourteen evenings during a crowded season for this one purpose. I do not under estimate its importance but it would be much easier for me and presumably for some other rabbis to accomplish the same thing in the afternoon.

With reference to the Institute of Jewish Studies - We have had enough experience now to realize that the thing is not working. Whatever the reason may be, it has simply not taken hold in our community. The mountain has labored and has brought forth a mouse. We may continue to give it artificial respiration but the results, in my judgment, do not justify the amount of energy expended on the part of a large faculty. The same amount of effort exerted by each individual rabbi or educator in his own temple will reach far more people. Arrangements can easily be made to admit people who are not affiliated with the temples and synagogues to these study groups held under the auspices of the respective institutions. If the Board still feels that adult education classes are desirable under community auspices, then purely as a matter of tactics, I would suggest the discontinuance of the present Institute for a year or two and then give it a fresh start at some future time and by way of a new approach.

Dr. Hirsch

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June 1, 1937

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



June 15, 1937

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz,
Leader Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sidney:

Two weeks ago, I sent the enclosed letter to Dr. Hirsch who is chairman of the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies. At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, which I could not attend because I was in Albany, this letter, I understand, was read and filed. Instead, a strenuous effort was made by the well-known "group" to destroy the last vestige of the independence of the Teachers Institute and the Institute of Jewish Studies by submerging it completely in the Bureau and by forcing on them Friedland as the permanent chairman both of the Faculty and of the Administrative Committee. Both of these moves are contrary to the constitution of the Institute and to the practice running over a period of many years, even antedating the establishment of the Bureau.

Due to the opposition which developed at that meeting, no action was taken. But a meeting is being called for this Thursday, June 17, at which an effort will be made to force through this piece of impertinent expropriation. Should it succeed, I and my associates of The Temple will, of course, be compelled to withdraw from the faculty and to sever all connections with the Institute. Inasmuch as you represent the Temple on the Executive of the Institute, I thought that you should be informed of what is in the air.

Mrs. Ruetta Gross was asked, some months ago, to make a study of the constitutional provisions relative to the relationship between the Institute and the Bureau. She brought in a report which completely established the fact that the Institute is an independent body - not a subsidiary of the Bureau nor supervised by it. It simply has a formal affiliation with the Bureau due to the fact that it receives a small subsidy from it annually. Mrs. Gross' report was completely ignored. Furthermore, for as long as I can remember, there has been rotation in the offices of the chairmen of the Faculty and of the Administrative Committee. An attempt is now made to foist

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Mr. Weitz

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Mr. Friedland as the permanent and the controlling head of the organization so that he will be able to extend his monopolistic control - which seems to be his major obsession - over all of the educational institutions in the city which he did not build and which for years managed to get along very well without his meddling.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



June 21, 1957

Dr. S.F.M. Hirsch, President,
Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies,
Keith Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Hirsch:

We regret the necessity of withdrawing from
the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies and also the
withdrawal of the Temple representatives from the
Council of the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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10323 SUPERIOR AVE.
CLEVELAND, O.

CHAIRMAN
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
A.H. FRIEDLAND

October 8th, 1937

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

My dear Rabbi:

The Board of the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies, at its meeting last night, instructed me to inform you that:

A. It is an autonomous body affiliated with the Bureau of Jewish Education.

B. That it has rescinded its action to appoint a principal of the school and will operate under an administrative committee of three for this year.

As the courses have been set up for the first semester, you will not be required to teach. We would like to have Rabbi Harris teach a course in history. I will communicate with him by telephone.

I hope that you and Rabbi Harris will be present at our next meeting.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

SFH:S

S. F. M. Hirsch
Pres

C O P Y

Please Return

October 11, 1937

Dr. S. F. M. Hirsch, President,
The Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies,
Keith Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Hirsch:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 8. I note from your letter that the Board of the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies instructed you to inform me that (a) It is an autonomous body affiliated with the Bureau of Jewish Education and (b) That it has rescinded its action to appoint a principal of the school and will operate under an administrative committee of three for this year.

My understanding of the term "affiliated" is that the Institute is an autonomous body and that it is neither under the control nor the direction of the Bureau of Jewish Education, and that it does not carry on its work under the "auspices" of the Bureau as was reported a few days ago in the public press. In this connection, may I call your attention to the fact that the letterhead upon which your letter to me is written, is misleading. It reads CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES (of the Bureau of Jewish Education). It should read (affiliated with the Bureau of Jewish Education). This should be corrected at once.

Furthermore, much of the difficulty in the past has been due to the fact that the publicity of the Institute was sent through or gotten up in the office of the Bureau of Jewish Education. As an autonomous body, our publicity should be handled by our own representatives, either by the registrar or by the chairman of the Administrative Committee.

It would furthermore greatly help matters if you would impress upon the director of the Bureau of Jewish Education who is now a member of the Faculty of the Institute, that as far as the Institute of Jewish Studies is concerned, he is just

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one member of the Faculty and that he is not authorized to plan for or speak for the Institute without specific authorization from the Faculty or the Board of the Institute.

I trust that the position which was taken by the Board and which you conveyed to me in your letter will be faithfully lived up to by all both in letter and in spirit and that the unpleasantness which has marked our Board meetings in the past, will not recur.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver.



Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies

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10323 SUPERIOR AVENUE
CLEVELAND, O.

October 18, 1937

Mrs. A. Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
City

Dear Mrs. Silver:

In response to a number of requests from representatives of various Jewish Women's Organizations, the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies is extending its scope of activities, to include a day course for women. This is to accommodate those who find it impossible to attend evening courses.

Mr. A. H. Friedland, Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, a scholar, teacher, and writer in the field of Jewish culture, has consented to lead this group in a course entitled "Literary Appreciation," with special reference to Contemporary Jewish Literature. Mr. Friedland is a master of Hebrew and English literature as well as of general European literature. His humor as well as his keen and rich sense of human and literary values make his profound discussions most interesting.

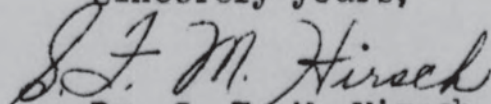
The lectures will be given on Monday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 o'clock beginning Monday, October 25, at the Euclid Avenue Temple.

A special concession in the matter of registration fees has been made for organizations. Any organization enrolling ten of its members gets a group rate of \$5.00 including both registration and the fees for the course. The regular registration fee is one dollar per year which includes one course for one semester.

Registration will be held on Monday, October 18, and Wednesday, October 20, from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M., at the Euclid Avenue Temple where the Institute is being held this year.

Since this is a new experiment the hour is subject to change to suit the needs of the group.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. S. F. M. Hirsch, President
Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies



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Rabbi A. H. Silver
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CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES

Dear Board Member:

An important meeting of the Board of the Institute of Jewish Studies will be held on Wednesday, December 22 at 12:30 P. M. at the Sovereign Hotel.

Business of importance will be transacted. We hope that you will make every effort to attend.

Will you kindly return the attached card indicating your intention to be present.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Norman A. Polster

Secretary

Dear Mrs. Polster:

I shall be present at the Board Meeting of the
Institute of Jewish Studies on Wednesday, December 22,
at 12:30 P. M. at the Sovereign Hotel.

Signed _____





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The Institute of Jewish Studies
Cleveland, Ohio



ANNOUNCEMENT OF COURSES

for the first semester of 1937-1938

All sessions will be held this year at the
Euclid Avenue Temple
8206 Euclid Avenue

Registration: Monday, October 18th and Wednesday,
October 20th, from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M.

Opening Session: Monday, October 25th.

The Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies, which is affiliated with the Bureau of Jewish Education, offers opportunities to adults for pursuing studies in Jewish History, Religion, Biblical and Post-Biblical literature, Hebrew language and literature.

The Jewish Teachers' Institute is the training school for teachers in the Jewish religious schools of Cleveland.



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 MRS. HARRY S. ROSEWATER, Registrar

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Teachers' Course:

1. Graduation from a Jewish High School.
2. Preparing for, or engaged in, the general profession of teaching, or
 Taking such courses in educational theory and practice as designated by the instructor in Pedagogy.

Club Leaders' Course and General Course:

—A general High School diploma, or its equivalent.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Teachers' Training Course . . . 18 credits—3 year course

Club Leaders' Course 15 credits—2 year course

General Course 12 credits—2 year course

One hour per week per semester, shall constitute one credit toward the completion of any course of study.

Registration fee—one dollar per year including one course.

Tuition fee—fifty cents per semester for each additional course.

FIRST SEMESTER, 1937-38

JEWISH TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

SCHEDULE OF COURSES

Monday evening:

8 to 9 P. M.—Co-curricular Activities
 Libbie L. Braverman
 9 to 10 P. M.—Elective.

Wednesday evening:

8 to 9 P. M.—Practices of Judaism
 Rabbi Harold Goldfarb
 9 to 10 P. M.—Post-exilic Jewish History
 Rabbi Melbourne Harris
 (Students enrolled in the General Course may not register for courses in the Jewish Teachers' Institute, except by special permission.)

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

Post-exilic Jewish History.

Jabneh and Spiritual Reconstruction after 70 C.E., later Jewish uprisings, the development of Mishnah and Talmud, the Babylonian Schools, rise of the Gaonate, Judaism in Mohammedan countries, the Karaite schism, the spread of Jewish learning, the Golden Age in Spain, Dark Ages in Europe, the Crusades. Inquisition and the Expulsion in 1492 C.E.
 Wednesday, 9 to 10 P. M. . . Rabbi Melbourne Harris

Practices of Judaism

Ceremonies in Synagogue and home, holiday and festival observance, folk customs.
 Wednesday, 8 to 9 P. M. . . Rabbi Harold Goldfarb

Co-curricular Activities

Problems to be studied, games, story telling, folk dancing, handcraft, dramatics, folk-music, for use in club and class—programs for assemblies and holiday celebrations—suggestions for holiday parties.
 Monday, 8 to 9 P. M. . . Mrs. Sigmund Braverman

FIRST SEMESTER, 1937-38

GENERAL COURSES

SCHEDULE OF COURSES

Monday afternoon:

2:30 to 3:30 P. M.—Literary Appreciation
..... A. H. Friedland

Monday evening:

8 to 9 P. M.—Outstanding Jewish Personalities
..... Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal
9 to 10 P. M.—Jewish Community Singing
..... Libbie L. Braverman
Hebrew I Lillian Kohn
Hebrew II Sarah Palay
Hebrew III Lillian Berman

Wednesday evening:

8 to 9 P. M.—The Jew and The World
..... Dr. Barnett R. Brickner
9 to 10 P. M.—Masterpieces of Jewish Literature
..... A. H. Friedland

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

The Jew and The World

This course will deal with the Jewish conditions in various countries of the world, showing the relationship of the Jewish problem to world forces and conditions. This year, special stress will be placed on the situation in Palestine, the Report of the British Royal Commission, the World Zionist Congress, the great debate that took place at the Congress and Jewish agency meeting with reference to the partition of Palestine, and the possibility of the establishment of a Jewish State.

Wednesday, 8 to 9 P. M. . . . Dr. Barnett R. Brickner

Outstanding Jewish Personalities

A study of the Master Builders who have moulded the course of Jewish History.

Monday, 8 to 9 P. M. . . . Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal

Masterpieces of Jewish Literature

Outstanding works from Hebrew, Yiddish and other languages in which Jewish literature has been written will be analyzed and discussed. Special emphasis will be given to the interrelation of Jewish and world literature.

Wednesday, 9 to 10 P. M. . . . Mr. A. H. Friedland

Jewish Community Singing

Those who enjoy singing, will have an opportunity to learn Yiddish and Hebrew folk songs, as well as present-day Palestinian songs, which are Palestine's most palpable contribution to the cultural life of world Jewry.

Monday, 9 to 10 P. M.—Mrs. Sigmund Braverman

Beginners' Hebrew I

Reading, writing, conversation, rudiments of Hebrew grammar and the reading of simple Hebrew stories.

Monday, 9 to 10 P. M. . . . Miss Lillian Kohn

Beginners' Hebrew II

A continuation of Course I

Monday, 9 to 10 P. M. . . . Mrs. Donald Palay

Intermediate Hebrew III

Hebrew grammar and composition, introducing lessons in Biblical and Modern Hebrew.

Monday, 9 to 10 P. M. . . . Miss Lillian Berman

A DAY COURSE FOR WOMEN

Literary Appreciation

With special reference to contemporary Jewish Literature.

Monday, 2:30 to 3:30 P. M. . . .

Mr. A. H. Friedland

This being a new experiment, the time of meeting may be changed if necessary, to suit the needs of the group.

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THE INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES

CLEVELAND, OHIO

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COURSES FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER, FEBRUARY TO MAY, 1938

JEWISH TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Monday:

8 to 9 P. M.—Elective

9 to 10 P. M.—Practices of Judaism
..... Rabbi Harold Goldfarb

Wednesday, 8 to 9 P. M.

Post-Biblical Literature Nathan Brilliant

9 to 10 P. M.

Methods of Teaching Nathan Brilliant

Jewish History in Europe ... Rabbi Julius Kerman

GENERAL COURSES

Monday, 8 to 9 P. M.

Judaism in The Modern World
..... Rabbi Armond E. Cohen

9 to 10 P. M.

Practices of Judaism Rabbi Harold Goldfarb

Hebrew I Sara Palay

Hebrew II Lillian Kohn

Wednesday, 8 to 9 P. M.

Post-Biblical Jewish Literature ... Nathan Brilliant

A DAY COURSE FOR WOMEN

Monday, 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

Literary Appreciation Ben Zion Emanuel

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

Judaism in The Modern World: The religious, economic and social adjustment of Judaism in the world.

Post-Biblical Jewish Literature: An introduction to Rabbinic literature with discussions of the Midrash, Mishna and Talmud, the Gaonic and Responsa literature.

Practices of Judaism: Ceremonies in Synagogue and home, holiday and festival observance, folk customs.

Jewish History in Europe: Jewish settlements in Portugal, the Netherlands and North Africa. Jewish life and letters under the Reformation and the Renaissance.

Literary Appreciation: With special reference to contemporary Jewish Literature.

Methods of Teaching: A discussion of specific methodology in the teaching of Jewish school subjects. Supervised practice teaching.

Beginners' Hebrew: Reading, writing, conversation, rudiments of grammar, the reading of simple Hebrew stories.

Elementary Hebrew: A continuation of Course I.

Registration Days—Monday, January 31st and Wednesday, February 2nd, from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M.

Opening Session—Monday, February 7th.

Registration Fee—One dollar per year, including one course.

Tuition Fee—Fifty cents per semester for each additional course.

THE FACULTY

LIBBIE L. BRAVERMAN, B. S.

BARNETT R. BRICKNER, Rabbi, Ph. D.

NATHAN BRILLIANT, M. A.

ARMOND E. COHEN, Rabbi, B. A.

BEN ZION EMANUEL, B. A.

A. H. FRIEDLAND, M. A.

HAROLD GOLDFARB, Rabbi, B. A.

MELBOURNE HARRIS, Rabbi, B. A.

JULIUS KERMAN, Rabbi, B. A.

LILLIAN KOHN, B. A.

SARA PALAY, B. A.

RUDOLPH ROSENTHAL, Rabbi, M. A.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Rabbi, D. D., LL. D.

MRS. HARRY S. ROSEWATER, Registrar

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The Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies

Office: 10323 Superior Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio



Rabbi A. R. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and E. 105 St.
City

Canceled ☐

BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

May 1, 1936 to September 30, 1936 (Five Months)

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Bank Balance April 30th

\$ 128.02

ADD-RECEIPTS:

Subsidy-Jewish Welfare Fund	\$ 14,750.00	
Dividends-Richman Shares	56.25	
Return Bank Credit	.76	
	<u>\$ 14,807.01</u>	<u>14,807.01</u>
		\$ 14,935.03

DEDUCT-DISBURSEMENTS:

DIRECT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Subsidy-Cleveland Hebrew Schools	\$ 10,635.35	
" Council Religious Schools	<u>1,254.04</u>	
		\$11,889.39

Extension Education Direct Expense

325.36

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TOTAL DIRECT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

12,214.75

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:

Salaries	\$ 1,705.00	
Rent	187.50	
Telephone	92.30	
Stationery, Printing, Supplies	44.20	
Janitorial Service & Supplies	50.00	
Light	25.00	
Postage	54.59	
Auditing	30.00	
Equipment-Bookcase	15.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>6.80</u>	
		<u>2,210.39</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR CURRENT PERIOD

\$ 14,425.14 - 14,425.14

BANK BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30th, 1936----- \$ 509.89

ESTIMATED BANK BALANCE AS PER BUDGET----- 287.93

Paid out under Budget to date ----- 221.86

Beaumont Trust Fund Balance: \$331.07

Talmud Torah. -

Pay 5000⁰⁰ old indebtedness

Deficit = 1500 -

Net 6500⁰⁰ additional -

Got 8000

50

Conrad 682 -

822

Faculty of Institute

Pay for Books - then Register fee

Pay Heb Teacher

2,00

[undated]

PREAMBLE

The member organizations represented in this Jewish Teachers' Institute, realizing the profound significance of unswerving allegiance to the Principles and Purposes of the Jewish Faith declare their steadfast adherence to the task of perpetuating the same by fostering instruction in Jewish religion and culture--conforming to the law of the land and confident of the guidance of an all wise Providence.

CONSTITUTION

I

NAME: The name of this organization shall be THE JEWISH TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

II

PURPOSE: The purpose of this organization shall be to provide and maintain a Normal School and related educational facilities for the training of Jewish Religious Teachers, in furtherance of the aims and object of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

III

MEMBERSHIP: Section 1.

The founding Membership shall consist of the following organizations:-

The Anshe Chesed Congregation
The Tifereth Israel Congregation
The B'Nai Jeshurun Congregation
The Jewish Center
The Council of Jewish Women
The Bureau of Jewish Education

Section 2.

Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained any autonomous Jewish organization desiring to subscribe to the object of this organization hereinbefore stated may apply for membership.

Section 3.

Applying organizations when approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Council as hereinafter more specifically defined and after subscribing to Constitution and By-laws shall be admitted, and the number of representatives to the Council shall be determined by the Council.

Section 4.

Each member of the founding membership shall be entitled to three representatives. One representative shall be designated to serve until the annual meeting of this organization in 1929. One to serve for a period of two years until the annual meeting of this organization in 1930, and one for a period of three years until the annual meeting in 1931; and, after the first election all representatives shall be elected for a term of three years.

Section 5.

The annual meeting shall take place on the first Tuesday of May of each year, or at such other time as the Council (hereinafter defined) may determine. Special meetings may be called at the call of the president at any time by the Secretary upon the written request of at least five representatives. At any special meeting only such business shall be transacted as is specified in the notice of such meeting.

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Section 6.

At any annual or special meeting a majority of the Members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

IV

COUNCIL: Section 1.

The legislative and managing body of the Institute shall be the "Council" which shall be composed of the representatives as hereinbefore provided and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Section 2.

This organization shall, by a majority vote of its Council, remove from office any of the representatives because of unexcused absence for three or more consecutive meetings or for continued absence from official duties or for other good cause. In the event that any office of any representative shall be vacant for any cause then the constituent member originally selecting said representative, shall at its option, select a successor to fill the unexpired term.

Section 3.

The Council may select a registrar and or such other administrative officer or officers and upon such terms and conditions as it may see fit.

Section 4.

At no time shall the Council obligate itself for an expenditure involving more than the current schedule of expenditure on budget officially approved by the Bureau of Jewish Education, nor shall it incur any other obligation direct or indirect except as first duly authorized by formal action of said Bureau.

Section 5.

The Council is empowered to create and adopt such By-laws, rules and regulations from time to time as it may see fit.

V

OFFICERS: The officers of the organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot of a majority of the Members of the Council at its first meeting following the annual meeting. They shall hold office for the term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. Subject to the control and supervision of the Council they shall exercise the powers hereinafter specified.

VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The President:

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings. Such officer shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform such other duties as usually appertain to the office of President.

The Vice-President:

In the event of the resignation, death, absence or inability of the President to discharge the duties of his office, the performance thereof shall be exercised by the Vice-President.

The Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall receive all the monies of this organization and deposit same in some bank designated by the Council. Such officer shall keep accurate accounts and receipts of expenditures and investments and shall render reports whenever requested by the Council and shall perform such other duties as usually appertain to the office of Treasurer. Before entering upon the performance of the duties of the office, the Treasurer shall give a surety bond for the faithful performance of the obligations as such officer, in an amount to be designated by the Council.

The Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the organization, take charge of the correspondence and perform all other duties appertaining to that office as may be required by the Council.

VII

COMMITTEES: The standing committees shall be the Executive Committee, Curriculum and Faculty Committee and Audit Committee. Such committees shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Council. The Council may appoint such other Committees with such power and authority as it may deem advisable.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other members as the Council may, from time to time, determine. The Executive Committee shall control the organization between meetings of the Council and have authority in the interim to employ such individual or individuals subject to the Rules and Regulations of this organization as it may see fit. All acts performed by it shall be recorded in minute form and record of its meetings shall be submitted to the Council for approval.

The Curriculum and Faculty Committee shall have entire charge of the entrance requirements of attending pupils and shall prescribe rules and regulations from time to time, subject to the approval of the Council limiting the entrance requirements, the number of attendants, the degree and or certificate of scholarship and any and all such other provisions which may in any way appertain to the Curriculum attendance and conduct of the organization.

The Audit Committee shall make or cause to be made by an auditor approved by the Council periodical examination of the books, but not less often than twice each fiscal year, which fiscal year shall begin and end with the fiscal year of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

VIII

AMENDMENTS: This constituent may be amended at any annual or special meeting called for that purpose by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at such meeting, provided that notice of such amendment shall be mailed to each member at least ten days before the date of such meeting.

AMENDMENT I. Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be The Institute of Jewish Studies.

Section 2.

The purpose of this organization is to promote and maintain a school for the training of Jewish teachers and club leaders and to provide Jewish educational opportunities for adults who may wish to avail themselves of the facilities of the school.

The Jewish Normal School was organized in 1917 by Rabbi Silver and Rabbi Wolsey. In the course of years, up to 1927, the rabbis of the other large temples in the city taught on the faculty. In 1927, the Normal School was reorganized at the recommendation of the Bureau of Jewish Education and became the Jewish Teachers Institute. It included in its membership The Temple, the Euclid Avenue Temple, the Heights Temple, the Jewish Center, the Council of Jewish Women, and the Bureau of Jewish Education, and a constitution was developed. An autonomous council (or board) was selected by the various constituent organizations. A budget was requested from the Bureau of Jewish Education, and in order to have a tie-up between this autonomous board and the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Chairman of the Jewish Teachers Institute was requested to become a member of the Bureau Board to represent the affiliated Jewish Teachers Institute.



C O P Y

Please Return

Dr. S. F. M. Hirsch, President
The Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies
Keith Building
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Hirsch:

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It would furthermore greatly help matters if you would impress upon the director of the Bureau of Jewish Education who is now a member of the faculty of the Institute, that as far as the Institute of Jewish Studies is concerned, he is just one member of the faculty and that he is not authorized to plan for or speak for the Institute without specific authorization from the faculty or the Board of the Institute.

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With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

(Signed) Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.



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June 21, 1937

Dr. S.F.W. Hirsch, President,
Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies,
Keith Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Hirsch:

We regret the necessity of withdrawing from
the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies and also the
withdrawal of the Temple representatives from the
Council of the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,

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