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October 19, 1923.

1439 Spring Rd
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My dear Colleague:

The recent session of the Executive Board of our Conference enables me to apprise you of the following items of interest. Although the place where our next Conference meeting is to be held has not yet been definitely settled, it is, nevertheless, gratifying to report that our Program will feature a presentation of "The Philosophy, Achievements and Outlook of Reform Judaism", with ample opportunities for stimulating discussion.

In view of the approval by our Conference of the proposal of a World Court, you are earnestly requested to devote the Sabbath of the Armistice Week to a consideration of the World Court and its relationship to World Peace.

In order to give the widest publicity and encouragement to the service which Dr. A. Z. Idelsohn can render our Jewish communities, you are asked to make provision in your Congregation or affiliated organizations for a lecture by him on Jewish music.

Mrs. Samuel Cohon, 6932 N. Ashland Blvd., Chicago, is in charge of his lecture itinerary. Incidentally, let me remind you that the entire publication of his musical works can be secured from him (26 West 90th St., New York City) for twenty-five dollars.

The sale of our recent publication "Blessings and Praises", has been encouraging. You can aid in its wider distribution by referring it to your people.

With hearty greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,
ABRAM SIMON, President.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

My dear Colleague:-

I take pleasure in calling your attention to the following items:

FIRST: The Conference will meet in Cedar Point, Ohio, not far from Sandusky, Thursday, June 26th - June 30th; the Executive Board on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 24th and 25th. Claude Montefiore of London, England, will be our guest of honor. Details as to hotel accommodations and rates will be furnished you in time.

SECOND: It was the sentiment of the Executive Board that Rabbis (conducting Sabbath Services) should adhere strictly to the text of the Prayer Book.

THIRD: A referendum of the members of the Conference to know if they desire the publication of a special volume of sermons, independent of the annual Fall Holy day pamphlet, is to be secured by your reply on the enclosed postal.

FOURTH: Conversion Certificates can be secured from Rabbi Isaac Marcuson, Macon, Ga.

FIFTH: The service for the House of Mourning, as found in Union Prayer book, volume 1, will be printed in a separate pamphlet.

SIXTH: The price of the Union Hymnal was advanced to 65 cents to cover the cost of production.

SEVENTH: The Committee on Synagogue Music is anxious to finish its task of revising the Union Hymnal and the cooperation of every member of our Conference is indispensable. An opportunity is given of offering your criticism of the present edition and of writing to Rabbi Jacob Singer, 6932 North Ashland Blvd., Chicago, Ill., what omissions of hymns and tunes or texts, and what additions or alterations would improve the revised edition of our Hymnal.

Please attend to this at once and let your replies be in Rabbi Singer's hands not later than the first of April.

EIGHTH: The spring season is the most appropriate time for pushing the sale of the Revised Edition of Union Prayer Book, Volume 2.

NINTH: Within a few weeks the members of the Conference will have copies of the program of the new Synagogue Pension plan presented by Mr. Ludwig Vogelstein on behalf of the Joint Commission on Synagogue Pensions.

I take the liberty of enclosing a communication from the National Council for the Prevention of War, not merely because I know that its men and methods have been unjustly criticized, but also because its real merits deserve to be brought squarely before the members of our Conference.

With every good wish to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

ABRAM SIMON,
President



SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Executive Committee of H U C Alumni Association, meeting in Temple Emanu El, N Y City, Oct. 22, 1923

Present: Enelow, Ettleson, Wolf, R Grossman, H Weiss, Linfield, Levinger.

Newfield is chairman of the committee to draft a new constitution.

Wolf appointed to represent Alumni Ass. at Board of Governors in Cincinnati on Oct. 30th as alternate to Ettleson who cannot go. He is to present our offer of cooperation to collect loans still owing the College by alumni, and to explain that this offer represents the real attitude of the alumni, which should be recognized by the Governors of the institution.

We commend the action in sending members of the faculty to the CCAR, and hope to see it extended to the entire faculty.

We recommend the establishment of a summer school as an H U C activity and ask for a share on the committee to draft plans for such a school. Meanwhile, the president is to circularize the alumni to find out their interest and their ideas on the subject.

R Grossman, Ettleson and Enelow are a committee to draft plans for an H U C Alumni Association lectureship at the H U C, on problems of the ministry; to be submitted to the next annual meeting of the Association.

We congratulate the College on the extension of its work for religious school teachers in other cities.

The secy. was instructed to get out a news letter in Jan., and to include an appeal for the Deutsch Index Fund.

The president was asked to attend the annual banquet of the student body of the HUC to convey our greetings.

The memorial tree to Joseph Krauskopf at the Farm School will be planted in spring, Ettleson acting as chairman.

Lee J. Levinger, Secretary.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE MONTHLY
ACADEMIC YEAR 1923-1924

39 W. McMillan St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.
November 14, 1923.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

The students of the H.U.C. intend having a special Banquet honoring Dr. David Neumark upon the occasion of his sesquidecennial at the College. It is hoped to issue thereupon a special number of our Monthly dedicated to him.

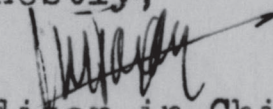
We turn to you, ~~xx~~ a great admirer of the Master. We would be overjoyed should you find it possible to favor us with an appreciation of Dr. David Neumark. We dare not ask you for anything formidable, because we hesitate to impose upon you. However, we shall be delighted to receive an article from you, dealing with our Professor of Philosophy, his teachings, his views, his aims and his achievements.

May we not be favored with your contribution by the tenth of December? Please permit us to assure you, however, that we shall be delighted to wait for your article even one or two weeks after the tenth of next month.

Please try to help us out, as we know you will, if you possibly can.

With sincerest thanks for whatever consideration you may give this note, and with best wishes to you, I am,

Most earnestly,


Editor-in-Chief.

JMT:MM

November 30th, 1923.

Mr. Joseph M. Taxay,
Hebrew Union College Monthly,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Taxay,

Please pardon the delay in acknowledging your kind letter. I have been out of the city most of the time.

I wish I were in a position to comply with your request. I should love to write an article for your college monthly in appreciation of the work of Dr. Neumark more especially on what his teachings have meant to me, but frankly I have not the time. As you know we are in the midst of building our new Temple and I am compelled to devote all of my spare time to this project. Many things very near to my heart have had to wait pending the completion of this project. Nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to pay my tribute to one who has left an indelible imprint upon Jewish thought in general and upon Hebrew literature in particular.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

January 18th, 1924.

Rabbi I. E. Marcuson,
810 Sprint Street,
Macon , Georgia.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson,

I received this morning a copy of the Year Book of the C.C.A.R. Whydid you not submit my discussion of Freehof's paper found on page 422-423 of the Year Book to me for correction? There are perfectly stupid stenographic mistakes, thus for example, the Sophist School is mentioned which should read, The Sated School, and the Twenty Years War is mentioned. I never heard of the Twenty Years War, it was the Thirty Years War. It is most advisable that all discussions of such character be submitted for revision and correction before they are printed.

Let me compliment you on the excellent appearance of the book.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

January 18th, 1924.

Dr. Abram Simon,
2602 Cathedral Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Simon,

I have just received the Year Book of the C.C.A.R. and scanned the list of standing committees of the Conference. You must have worked very hard to avoid the necessity of putting my name on any one of the twenty-five committees for I noticed in some instances you "compelled" a member to serve on as many as four or five committees. This seems to be quite in keeping with the tradition of your predecessor.

I presume that you felt that I was too busy to serve on any committee. You were however somewhat inconsistent when you invited me to prepare a paper for the next Conference. To enable you to maintain a consistent position I must now decline the honor of presenting such a paper.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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January 22/24

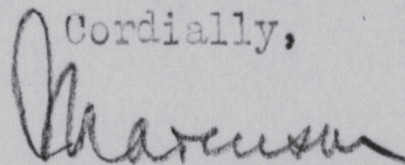
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of the 18th in regard to mistakes in your discussion and I certainly regret the occurrence. The one thing I pride myself on is the accuracy of the yearbook. If you will recall I did submit to you a transcript of all discussion in which you took part. Whether you overlooked this page or what happened I do not know. I plead guilty of carelessness in correction under the impression that you had gone over the text. Both of these are hard errors for an editor to catch. They look right and unless you read for sense and not merely for grammar and spelling they will get by.

I am sending out a circular letter to the members and will add a note of correction.

I certainly regret it occurred but was positive that you had corrected all your discussion.

Cordially,



"Special - C. C. A. R.
C. Simonson

January 27, 1924.

Rabbi Abba A. Silber,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silber:-

I was greatly surprised to hear from Rabbi
Simonson that owing to his failure to place you on a
permanent Committee of the Conference, you decline to
present your paper on "Mysticism", at the next session
of the C. C. A. R. As it is hard for me to believe
that you would take such a stand, I take the
liberty of writing you to clear up the misunder-
standing. The next Conference promises to be of special
importance. In all likelihood, Claude Montefiore will
come to take part in the discussion of the "Redeem-
ation of Reform". The omission of your paper, dealing
with a phase of religious life that should be
accorded a greater place in Reform Judaism,
would be a decided loss to all concerned.

Can you not advise me by return mail
that you intend to keep your promise? To
expedite matters, I am enclosing a self-

addressed special-delivery stamped envelope.

I may also assure you that the oversight on the part of Rabbi Simon was purely accidental. The members of the Executive Board have high regard for and the kindest feelings toward you.

With cordial greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

Samuel A. Cohen.

Wald Blencoe,
Cincinnati, Ohio.



File C.C.A.R.
C. Simon's Corner

January Twenty-eighth
1924

Dr. Samuel S. Cohen,
Hotel Glencoe, Mt. Auburn,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Cohen,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of
the letter which I sent to Rabbi Simon.

Their failure to place my name on
any of the twenty-five committees of the Con-
ference was not an accidental one. People do
not overlook Rabbi Silver quite as easily as
that. This was a deliberate "failure", quite
in keeping with the policy of those in power.
Such an "oversight" occurred also during the
Calisch regime. At the last Conference in Cape
May, my name was not even placed on a Convention
committee.

You realize, of course, that I do not
desire any "koved" or office, either from the Con-
ference or from any other body. I am plentifully
supplied with both - more than is good for me.
I wanted the crowd in control of the Conference to
know that their action did not go unnoticed.

I do not wish to read any paper as
long as the present administration is in power,
although more than half of the paper on "Mysticism"
is done.

Dr. S.S.C. - 2

I hope that I have not inconvenienced
you, nor in any way made your work more dif-
ficult, for I have the highest regard for you.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



Re paper on "Mysticism"

File - C. E. A. R.
"Special"

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WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 14, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague:-

In presenting your reasons for declining to prepare the paper on "Mysticism" for the next session of our Conference, I was authorized by the Executive Board to inform you that the impression prevails that your previous disinclination to serve on Committees was responsible for the failure to appoint you on one of them, and that your recently expressed desire for assignment to a Standing Committee was not passed on to the President until after the adjournment of the Executive Board Meeting in October. I withhold, of course, any personal comment on the spirit of your communication to me.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Simon

D. de Sola Pool

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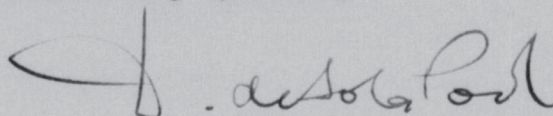
99 Central Park West
New York City, N. Y.

March 24, 1924.

My dear Silver:

I have just worked through the 1923 Year Book of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and I feel like letting you know that the thought in it which I was most happy to see expressed was your statement, "It is more important for you and for me to study Jonah Gerondi, and Bachya, than it is to know what the bishops of England have decided to do on matters of ethics."

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
55 St. and Central Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

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March 27th, 1924.

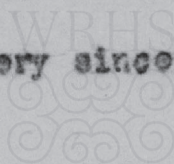
Rabbi D. deSole Pool,
Central Park West and 70th St.,
New York City.

Dear Friend,

Permit me to thank you very
much for your kind note of March 24th.
I appreciate it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C., April 9, 1924

To the Members of the Conference,

My Dear Colleague:-

At the last meeting of the Conference, held in Cape May, Dr. S. S. Wise's impassioned appeal for the financial support for the Five Jewish Seminaries of Central Europe, was accepted with enthusiasm and with deep appreciation of its importance.

I have experienced great difficulty in securing a Chairman for this committee; and in the absence of a volunteer to assume the leadership of this worthy project, I am placing this matter squarely up to the entire membership of our Conference.

I think that \$50,000 is an adequate sum. If every one of our 275 members raised a minimum of \$250 in his community, the success of the enterprise would be assured and the stability of the seminaries, so necessary to the maintenance of Judaism in Central Europe, would be guaranteed.

Will you please, as a member of our Conference, accept your share of this task and send your collections to our Treasurer, Rabbi Morris Newfield, 2100 Hyland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala?

Trusting that you will respond cheerfully and effectively to this call, I remain

Sincerely yours

Abraham Simon

President.

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Baltimore,
April 16th,
1 9 2 4.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th St.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Abba,

From Wolsey comes a suggestion that I get out from this office the letters that are to go to Cleveland in behalf of the Pension Fund of the Conference. He feels it will be better to do it that way, and will relieve you both of a personal appeal to your people. I am perfectly willing to do this and have written him that he send me a list of potential subscribers with addresses, will you do the same? Perhaps the easiest way will be to send me your last Congregational Annual with names checked to whom our letters might be sent.

As these letters will go out next week, may I request you to do one or two things:

1. Make mention of it in your Bulletin
2. Emphasize it by pulpit reference?

With love to Jinks and you,

Faithfully,

Morris
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CINCINNATI May 2, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It would be highly desired to hold a meeting of the Commission at some time during the meeting of the Central Conference at Cedar Point, June 26 to 30.

The principal business of the meeting would be the adoption of the annual report of the Commission to the Conference, reports of some of the standing committees of the Commission (Elementary Department, Youth Work, Adult Studies, Teacher Training, Author's Committee) and several other items of business requiring authorization but which can be transacted at a short meeting.

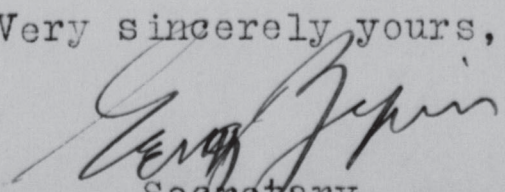
The exact day and hour of the meeting cannot be determined until the program of the Central Conference is published. The report of our Commission is usually made on Education Day. If Education Day is placed on one of the closing days of the Convention, we will probably be able to meet during the Convention. If it is placed early during the Conference meeting, it may become necessary for our Commission to meet on the day preceeding the opening of the Conference.

While it is the custom of the Board of Managers of the Department of Synagog and School Extension to pay the expenses of members of the Commission when they attend a meeting devoted exclusively to business of the Commission, it is not customary to pay expenses when attending a meeting which is held in connection with the sessions of another organization. However, should it be necessary to meet on the day preceeding the Council, the additional expenses of each member of the Commission for that day will be paid. The above explanation is offered because this inquiry is frequently made by members of the Commission.

As soon as the program of the Conference is published, I will communicate with you again in order to fix a date for our meeting.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary.

GZ:JM

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CEDAR POINT, OHIO

June 26-30, 1924

- Program -

Meeting of Executive Board, June 24-25.

Thursday, June 26th

Morning Session

Prayer Edward N. Calisch
Address of Welcome Louis Wolsey
Roll Call.
Reports of Officers.
Reports of Committees.

Afternoon Session

Papers: The place of the Sermon in Jewish Worship . Gerson B. Levi
Discussion led by Max Heller.
The Bi-Centenary of Emanuel Kant, and
Resolutions on the Centenary of Moritz Lazarus, David Neumark

Evening Session

Opening Prayer David Levy
President's Message Abram Simon
Memorial Resolutions: Henry Berkowitz . . . Harry W. Ettelson
Kaddish and Benediction Joseph Stolz

Friday, June 27th

Morning Session

Opening Prayer Alfred G. Moses
Reports of Committees:
Cooperation with National Organizations . . . Abram Simon
Relief Fund and Pension Fund Joseph Stolz
Responsa J. Z. Lauterbach
Arbitration Henry Cohen
Contemporaneous History Harry S. Linfield

Afternoon Session

Committee Meetings.

Evening Session

Service

Opening Prayer	Tobias Schanfarber
Sabbath Eve Service	Morris Youngerman
Conference Lecture	Joseph Rauch
Adoration and Kaddish	Joseph L. Fink
Benediction	Abram Simon

Saturday, June 28th

Morning Session

Service

Opening Prayer	Maurice Faber
Sabbath Morning Service	Louis Binstock
Reading from Torah	Simon Cohen
Conference Sermon	Samuel Koch
Adoration and Kaddish	Samuel Markowitz
Benediction	Louis Wolsey

Afternoon Session

Shiur

Readings from Midrash	J. Z. Lauterbach
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Evening Session

Meeting of the Hebrew Union College Alumnae Association.

Sunday, June 29th

Morning Session

Opening Prayer	Samuel Sale
Symposium: A Revaluation of Reform.	
Introduction	Kaufman Kohler
Paper: The Motive and Meaning of Reform Judaism	Hyman G. Enelow
Discussion led by William H. Fineshriber.	

Afternoon Session

Paper: Survey of the Achievements of Reform Judaism Julian Morgenstern
Discussion

Evening Session

Paper: Present Status and Future Outlook of Reform Judaism Samuel H. Goldenson
Discussion

Monday, June 30th

Morning Session

Religious Education Day

Opening Prayer Jacob Pollak
Report of Committee on Religious Education Louis L. Mann
Experiences in High School Grades in the Religious
School Morris S. Lazaron, Samuel Koch
Experiences in Normal School Work Louis Wolsey, Leon Fram
and Abraham Franzblau, Principal H. U. C. Teacher's College, New
York City.
Report of Joint Commission on Religious Education Samuel Schulman
Survey of Religious Educational Conditions in Reform Congrega-
tions Emanuel Gamoran, Educational Director, U. A. H. C.

Afternoon Session

Reports:

Commission on Tracts Samuel H. Goldenson
Manual for Conversion Ceremony Joseph Rauch
Marriage and Divorce Laws Israel Bettan
Committee on President's Message.
Committee on Resolutions.
Committee on Nominations.
Election of Officers.
Benediction Julian Morgenstern