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July 3, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Tifereth Israel Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the last meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education held in Cedar Point, it was suggested that before authors are selected for new books, all the members of the Commission be notified so that if they have anybody in mind, they may make their recommendations to the Authors' Committee.

In accordance with that suggestion, I am writing to the members of the Commission to say that before leaving the country, I should very much like to have some one started on the first of our new series of Hebrew text books.

In accordance with the decision which the Commission reached this book was to be an introduction to the Book of Genesis. It is to be written with children of seven years in mind, to be used in teaching Hebrew by the translation method.

In order to be scientifically prepared, the author would have to meet the following requirements:

- I. He would have to have a good knowledge of Hebrew.
- II. He would have to know children.
- III. He would have to know the "Laws of Learning" and give due consideration to the "formation of bonds" in the learning process.

I am enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope for your immediate reply. Unless I hear from you within a week's time, I shall assume that you have no recommendations. The recommendations that will have been received by that time will be presented to the Authors' Committee for consideration.

With kindest personal greetings to you and hoping to hear from you concerning this matter as soon as possible, I am

Sincerely yours,

Samuel G. Zepin

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July 22nd, 1924.

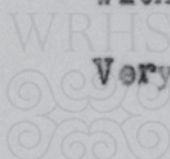
Rabbi George Zepin,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin,

I have just received the
minutes of the Commission of Jewish Education.
I find that I was not among those "present".
I rather think I was present.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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Defence Day

Washington, Aug. 20, 1924.

To the Members of the Executive Board -

My dear Colleagues:

In view of the unusual publicity given to the discussion of the forthcoming Defence Day and of the diversity of opinion as to its merits, I seek the advice of the Executive Board as to the advisability of issuing an official statement. I have thus far refrained from making a public pronouncement in the belief that the attitude towards Defence Day can be safely left to the judgment of each individual rabbi. I have felt the entire question was exaggerated out of proportion to its weight. The observance of Defence Day appears to be no more a gesture of war than its non-observance is a gesture of peace.

Appreciating your suggestions on this subject and with expressions of personal greetings, I am

Sincerely,

ABRAM SIMON

August Twenty-eighth
1924

Dr. Abram Simon,
3722 Harrison Street,
Chevy Chase, Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Simon,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of August Twentieth. I do not think that it is necessary or advisable for the Central Conference of American Rabbis to make public an opinion on the question of Defense Day. The matter may be left, as you well say, to individual Rabbis.

As an indication of my own *views on the* subject, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I sent to the local Defense Day committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

REV. DR. ABRAM SIMON

3722 HARRISON ST.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 10, 1924

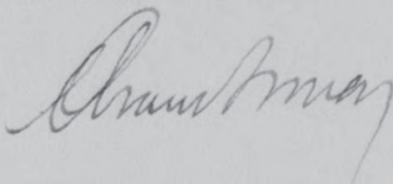
Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
55th & Central Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Colleague:

Mrs. Simon and I will appreciate
your presence at dinner at our home 3722
Harrison Street on Tuesday Evening at
Six-Thirty, October the Twenty-Eighth.

Hoping that we shall have the
pleasure of your company, and with personal
greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abram Simon", written in dark ink.

October Fourteenth
1924

Dr. Abram Simon,
3722 Harrison Street,
Chevy Chase,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Simon,

Permit me to thank you and Mrs. Simon for your kindness in inviting me to your home for Tuesday evening, October twenty-eighth. I regret exceedingly that I cannot avail myself of your hospitality, inasmuch as I shall be unable to attend the sessions of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I have two engagements of long standing for the 28th and the 29th, in Newark and in New York City.

With kindest regards,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN
RABBIS, WASHINGTON D. C., OCT. 28-29, 1924.

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis was held at the Arlington Hotel, Washington D. C., Oct. 28-29, 1924, with the President Rabbi Abram Simon in the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rabbi Philipson.

The following members were present:

Henry Cohen, Cohon, Enelow, Calisch, Kory, Lazaron, Leipziger, Gerson B. Levi, Louis Mann, Newfield, Philipson, Silver, Solomon, Wolsey, Marcuson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The recommendations on Presidents message were taken up for consideration.

It was moved and carried that a permanent committee on Good Will between Jew and Non-Jew be appointed to cooperate with other national organizations who are undertaking similar work. The following were appointed on the conference committee: Simon, chairman, Enelow, Philipson, Silver, and Wolsey.

In regard to the action recommended on behalf of Nahida Remy Lazarus it was moved and adopted that Mrs. Lazarus be requested to send to the conference three hundred bound copies of Dr. Lazarus' Maxims, which have just appeared and that the sum of \$200 be sent to Mrs. Lazarus in payment of the books.

It was moved and adopted that volume of selections from Lazarus and Steinthal be published in translation and that a committee of five be appointed with Rabbi Enelow as chairman to make selections from writings of Lazarus and Steinthal on Judaism.

It is moved and adopted that we concur in the recommendation on the committee on Contemporaneous History that we put ourselves on record as favoring the five day week in industry on religious ground, and that we put ourselves in communication with organizations favoring this movement, and offer cooperation and support. In regard to the matter of change of calendar the action of the action of the President in writing to the chief Rabbi of England asking that our protest be added to theirs before the League of Nations was approved.

It was moved and adopted that a committee of five be appointed with A. H. Silver, chairman, to make a thorough study of the subject of Ordination of Rabbis, and report to the next conference.

It was moved and adopted that the committee on responsa be requested to make a digest of the responsa in the Year Book and to add to each the reference where the full decision can be found in the Year Book and report at the next conference.

The resolution that a national conference of Jewish University Students be convened which was referred to the Executive board for action was laid on table.

The resolution asking for cooperation in regard to University Students was referred to the committee on Religious Education.

The resolutions in regard to closer cooperation between the Union and the conference were considered, but as no definite action was suggested the matter was laid on the table.

In regard to cooperation with the Jewish Publication Society as requested in a letter read before the conference by Rabbi Feldman a report was presented by Rabbi Marcuson stating that he had spoken with Mr. Miller, President of Jewish Publication Society, but that Mr. Miller had no definite plans in mind other than that the members of the conference be requested to lecture on the Bible and urge people to buy. Rabbi Marcuson reported that he and Rabbi Goldenson had had a previous talk with Mr. Miller at which time Mr. Miller promised to fix the price of the Bible at \$1.00 and also to reprint the book of psalms in cheap pamphlet form so that they could be sold at about ten or fifteen cents a copy, but that nothing had ever been done in the matter. Rabbi Thelow was requested to attend the next meeting of the Jewish Publication Society and in the name of the conference bring the matter officially to the attention of the Jewish Publication Society and request that the Bible be sold at \$1.00 and that if they did not care to issue the psalms in cheap form that the conference will do so either asking their permission to use the translation contained in the new Bible and if this is not granted to make a new translation and publish it.

The action of the conference on voting \$100 subsidy to Kasowsky's Concordance of the Mishna and \$100 to Hefteach Hatalmud was approved.

Rabbi Marcuson reported for the Publication Committee. It was moved and adopted that a new edition of the Union Hymnal consisting of five thousand copies be printed at once, and that a new edition of the Hymnal reprint without music be printed.

It was moved and adopted that an official letter be sent to Rabbi Zepin, calling his attention to the fact that the campaign to sell the book of Meditations and Prayers had never been launched. Dr. Philipson agreed to present the matter personally to Rabbi Zepin and see whether action could not be secured.

The chairman reported that a new edition of the Union Haggadah had been issued and would be ready for Passover.

The editor of the Year Book was requested to include the names of those who participated in the discussion which followed Rabbi Goldenson's paper at the Saturday afternoon session of the convention.

The editor of the Year book was instructed to issue the symposium on Reform Judaism in pamphlet form including therein the introduction by Dr. Kohler and the three papers by Ebelow, Morgenstern, and Goldenson and that each of the writers be given one hundred.

The investment committee was authorized to sell the Liberty Bonds when it can be done to advantage and reinvest the money in municipal or state bonds.

The treasurer reported that he had received about \$1200 for the seminary fund and it was moved and adopted that enough money be taken out of the general fund of the conference to increase the total to \$2500 which sum is to be sent to the seminaries in Europe. If the Hildesheimer Institution is not receiving support, the money is to be divided into six equal portions and sent to the various seminaries if this institution is receiving other support the money is to be divided into five equal portions and sent to the other seminaries. The President was requested to send another letter to the members urging that a special effort be made to collect enough money in behalf of the seminaries so that the money taken from the conference funds can be restored.

The committee on cooperation with National organizations to which had been referred the question as to whether we should remain as a cooperating member with the National Council for the Prevention of War whether we should cooperate with the Sabbath Alliance reported favorably on both recommendations the action of the committee was confirmed. Rabbi Lazaron voting, no, in regard to our affiliation with the National Council for the Prevention of War.

Greetings were received from Rabbi Ettelson and the President was authorized to send the greetings of the conference to Rabbi Ettelson on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

The Secretary was authorized to send the greetings of the Executive board to Rabbi Marx and Wolf with the hope for his speedy recovery.

The request of Emanuel Schreiber that his pension be increased \$10 was referred back to the pension committee for further investigation and the President was given authority to act upon the recommendation of the pension committee after they had ascertained the facts from Rabbi Magnin. The request for further pension from Mrs. Mendes was withdrawn and the pension was ordered discontinued with the October payment.

The program of the next convention of the conference was taken up for consideration. It was moved and adopted that the next meeting of the conference be held in the city of Cincinnati during the week beginning Monday, October 12, 1925, and closing with the Hebrew Union College Jubilee celebration October 23-24, 1925.

It was moved and adopted that the usual conference sermon and lecture be dispensed with on the Sabbath of the Convention week and that the service held in connection with the Jubilee celebration take its place.

The pre-conference meeting of the Executive board to be held on Monday, October 1st, and the conference to open that evening with the reading of the Presidents message.

The following program was decided upon: a paper on Albo's Ikkarim to be prepared by Rabbi Binstock, discussion by Bernard Heller, and Abram Finestein; a paper, A Survey on Modern Jewish Academies in Europe by Professor Jacob Mann, Discussion by Samuel Schwartz; a paper on the Changing Functions of the Rabbi by Rabbi Joseph S. Kornfeld, a discussion to be opened by Rabbi William Schwartz of Montgomery and Rabbi Thurman, should Rabbi Kornfeld not be able to prepare the paper, Rabbi Schwartz to be requested to do so. A preliminary study on the Occupation of Jews in all Countries was referred to the committee Rabbi Frisch, chairman, Thurman, Brickner, Iola, Nerman, Landman, Leveger, Lindfield cooperating works. A round table discussion on Temple Centers and Brotherhoods to be led by Bookstaber and the discussion opened by Leibziger and Isaac Landman and that Mr. S. J. Schwartz of Sinai Center be invited to participate as a guest of the conference.

It was moved and decided that one morning be given to a survey of Jewish Religious Conditions under chairmanship of Rabbi Zielonka and that the usual religious education day program be dispensed with with the exception of the report of the committee and the commission on religious education.

It was moved and adopted that the previous action of the Executive board be reconsidered and that when representatives of the conference meet with similar groups on Joint Commissions the chairman of the joint commission shall report to the convention of the Conference provided he be a member.

Dr. A. Z. Idelson was elected member of the Conference. The treasurer read the names of the following members as being in arrears and subject to suspension and it was moved and adopted that the secretary notify them that unless they pay by the next meeting of the Executive board they will stand suspended: Alter Abelson, M. Abels, Joel Blau, S. G. Bottigheimer, S. Frey, S. Goldstein, J. Jasin, M. Lefkovitz, J. L. Magnes, L. D. Mendoza, Jacob Nieto, A. Segel, A. I. Shinedling, J. Silverman, Elkan Voorsanger.

The question of continuing our contribution to the Palestine Exploration Society was referred to Dr. Jacob Mann for information as to the work that is being done by this organization and the President was given permission to decide whether the money which was voted should be paid through New York office or direct to the Society. Rabbi Enelow was also requested to secure what further information he could from Dr. Yellin.

A letter was read by the President from Mr. James Cary Thompson asking cooperation in the movement inaugurated by him to check the activities of the Ku Klux Klan. It was requested that Mr. Thompson be notified that we have already allied ourselves with other organizations.

It was moved and adopted that the conference endorse the action of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in observing Armistice Day as Peace Day.

It was moved and adopted that the bulletin which was recently issued by the President be continued.

It was moved and adopted that the sympathy of the board be extended to the family of Rabbi Youngerman, recently passed away. The meeting adjourned.

Wednesday

The meeting reconvened at ten A. M. It was moved and adopted that a standing committee on International Peace be appointed and that the by-laws of the conference be amended to authorize such a standing committee. The following committee was appointed to serve: Goldenson, chairman, Kornfeld, Gerson B. Levi, Lazaron, Stephen S. Wise. Rabbi Thelow was requested to furnish a statement to be sent to the chairman of the committee so that he may know the thought of the Executive board in regard to the functions of this committee.

It was moved and adopted that the executive board recommend to the conference that we discontinue our cooperation with the Union American Hebrew Congregations in the joint commission on tracts and that we reorganize the conference tract committee for the purpose of publishing tracts in the future. The reason of this action was that no new tracts have been issued since the formation of the joint commission and from the report of the commission there is no promise of the issuance of tracts in the near future.

It was also decided that upon the severance of our relations with the joint commission that the conference again issue holiday notices, because of the complaints that those now issued by the joint commission were not satisfactory.

The President read the list of the various standing committees of the conference.

The Liturgical committee was requested to prepare a service for boys and girls in summer camps and also to undertake the preparation of children's services for religious schools to be embodied in the Union Hymnal.

It was moved and adopted that the President write a letter to Rabbi Freehof, chairman, on the committee of the book of Meditations and Prayers, calling his attention to the fact that we have a committee of Liturgical literature which has charge of the preparation of all work of Liturgical nature and suggest that his committee be merged with the committee on Liturgical literature and that it was the feeling of the executive board that further work of preparation of this volume be under that committee.

It was moved and adopted that the President write a letter to Rabbi Singer and tell him that it is the opinion of the executive board that the work of the ~~revision~~ revision of the Union Hymnal should be expedited and on account of the increase in his work since he has come to Chicago it had urged the President to put the work in the hands of Rabbi Wolsey for speedy completion.

Rabbi Wolsey brought to the attention of the executive board the case of Rabbi David S. Nathan who had married out of the faith and had been married by a Justice of the Peace. It was moved that a special committee of three be appointed to thoroughly consider the case and report on it at the meeting in St. Louis.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac E. Marcuson,

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November 11, 1924.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
East 105 and Anselm Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Colleague:

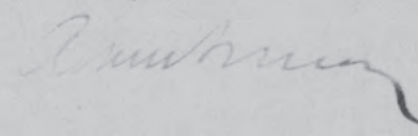
I am calling to your attention the action
of the Executive Board in the appointment of a committee
on the Ordination of Rabbis, with yourself as Chairman.
I am suggesting the following to serve with you:

Dr. Julian Morganstern, Sol Freehof, Sol Foster,
and Samuel Hirshburg.

Any suggestions of names that appeal to you
as more likely to contribute to the value of your Commit-
tee's work, will be welcome to me.

With personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



P.S. Many thanks for the photograph of the Temple.

A.S.

November 19th, 1924.

Dr. A. Simon,
3722 Harrison St.,
Chevy Chase, Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Simon,

I believe the names which
you suggest for the Ordination Committee
are excellent. I think perhaps the
addition of a member of the Conference
who is not an ordained Rabbi, would ~~prove~~
helpful.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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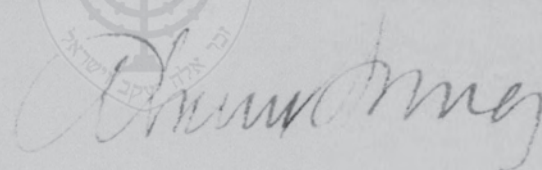
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th Street & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Colleague:-

Let me say that I have added the name of
Joseph Leiser to the Committee on Ordination of
Rabbis. I think you will find him very acceptable.

With personal greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,


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December 5th,
1924.

To the Members of the Executive Board,

My dear Colleague,

I have requests from the Foreign Language Information Service, 119 West 41st Street, New York City, and from the National Council for the Prevention of War, for a contribution of \$25.00 for this year.

Let me inform you that the Foreign Language Information Service is an Organization that merits our hearty approval. It is endeavoring to spread the spirit of tolerance and understanding by publications and by acting as a medium between the foreign-born residents and the people of America. I know that the Government officials have commented favorably on the interpretive value of the work of this information service.

With respect to the National Council for the Prevention of War, let me say that at the last meeting of the Executive Board it adopted the report of the Committee on Cooperation with National Organizations. In our two years cooperation with this organization we have made no donation.

The amount of business on hand does not justify a special meeting of the Executive Board to be held in St. Louis previous to the meeting of the Union Council. If, by the 1st of January, there is warrant for such an extra session, I shall be glad to notify you in time.

With cordial ^{good} wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

ABRAM SIMON

President.

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December 15, 1924.

My dear Colleague:-

I am sending you a copy of the letter from
Dr. Anthony.

I think it well that we come to this conference,
not so much with prejudgments as with a fairly logical
program of what such a conference can likely carry out, or at
least we ought to be in a position to state for ourselves
in how far constructive measures leading to better under-
standing may be possible.

In order that we may have a few minutes of
preliminary discussion, I am asking Dr. Enelow to name
some hotel within walking distance of the meeting place,
and I will send you immediate notification of such hotel.

I will appreciate your giving this matter
serious study so that there may be a meeting of our minds
before we enter the general conference room.

With personal greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Abram Simon

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December 18th, 1924.

Dr. Abram Simon,
Washington D.C.

My dear Dr. Simon,

(1) I received a letter from the secretary of the Verein Zur Gründung Und Erhaltung Einer Akademie Für Die Wissenschaft Des Judentums, in which he states that they have been informed by Dr. Leo Young of New York that the C.C.A.R. voted their organization a subvention but that they have not yet received official word concerning it. Will you please look into the matter.

(2) Would it be possible to get from the secretary of the C.C.A.R. a complete list of those members of the Conference who are not ordained? This would help my committee considerably in their work.

(3) I shall make every effort to attend the meeting of the Good Will Committee in New York on the 30th.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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December 19, 1924.

My dear Colleague:-

In order that our Committee on Good-Will may have a few minutes preliminary time for the formulation of its point of view, I am asking you to please meet the rest of us on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock for breakfast in the lobby of the Waldorf Astoria at 34th Street, whence we may proceed to the 10:30 meeting.

Please make a strong effort to be there.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Abram Simon

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December 21, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:-

Let me say that the Jewish
Academy in Berlin has by this time re-
ceived one-sixth of the \$2500 voted
for it by the Conference. The check
was sent direct to Dr. Guttman.

Your inquiry for a complete
list of non-ordained members of the
Conference has been forwarded to
Marcuson for a reply.

I am glad to know that you
plan to attend the meeting of the
Committees on Good-Will.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Abram Simon

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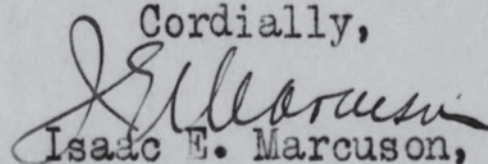
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Simon asks me to send you a list of the members who have not been ordained. I have no such list but I imagine that Morhenstern who is on your committee could about check them off in a few minutes.

Then again it would have to be decided what is meant by ordination before we could make out a list. I know quite a few of the men are merely graduates of a secular institution but who claim to have studied under Rabbi So and So. Your committee will have to make some rule which the Board can strictly follow. I have an application on hand now from such a case.

With greetings for the New Year,

Cordially,


Isaac E. Marcuson,

Secretary

C O P Y

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE

January 20, 1925.

Rabbi Abram Simon,
2802 Cathedral Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Rabbi Simon:-

As a result of two years discussion by a special committee appointed by the National Conference of Jewish Social Service, whose report originally submitted to the Washington Conference of 1923 is enclosed herewith, there has been established a Training School for Jewish Social Workers on the basis of the Majority Report contained in this pamphlet.

After the approval of this report in 1923, the Committee was continued to report at the Toronto Conference of 1924 with respect to the actual organization of the School. This committee secured the cooperation of the New York Foundation and the Nathan Hofheimer Foundation, both of New York City, which have appropriated the sum of fifteen dollars each annually for a period of three years for the support of the School. Additional funds available have increased this amount to thirty-four thousand dollars.

A temporary Organization Committee, appointed following the approval of the project by the Toronto Conference, with the undersigned as officers, has brought about the temporary organization of the School. Mr. M.J. Karpf, formerly of the Jewish Social Service Bureau of Chicago, has been elected Director and assumed charge of the work on January 1, 1925. Messrs. Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, Felix M. Warburg of New York and Louis E. Kirstein of Boston, have indicated their willingness to serve as President, Chairman of the Executive Committee and First Vice-President respectively of the School.

Inasmuch as the School is a national organization for the Training of Jewish Social Workers for all forms of community service, it is desired that the Board of Trustees shall be nationally representative. It is believed to be desirable that on this Board there shall be regularly as representatives of their groups the presidents of certain national Jewish organizations. You are, therefore, invited to become a member of the Board of Trustees to represent the Central Conference of American Rabbis of which you are the President and we trust that we may have the privilege of your early acceptance. An organization meeting of the Board of Trustees will be called at an early date.

Yours truly,

Felix M. Warburg,	Temporary Chairman,
I.E. Lehman,	Temporary Treasurer,
Solomon Lowenstein,	Temporary Secretary.

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January 27, 1925.

To the Members of the
Central Conference of American Rabbis,
Dear Colleagues:—

I take pleasure in notifying you that your Committee on Good-Will, consisting of Rabbis David Philipson, H. G. Enelow, Abba H. Silver, Louis Wolsey and Abram Simon, met with a similar committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America on Tuesday, December 30th, 1924.

The enclosed Declaration of Principles was unanimously passed and given to the Press.

The meeting adjourned with the understanding that another session of the Conference would be held in the Spring.

I wish to inform you that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ is guaranteeing the expense of this enterprise for three years and is prepared to expend annually \$15,000 for the successful prosecution of this work. As an expression of our good-will the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis contributed \$1,000 at its recent meeting in St. Louis on January 25th, 1925, and furthermore secured a contribution of \$2,000 from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations as an earnest and encouragement in this very laudable enterprise.

I believe that it lies in the power of every Rabbi to develop good-will circles in his community by preaching on this Declaration as a text, and by conferences with ministers and other individuals in his respective community.

Additional copies of the agreement for publication in your local papers can be secured from the Secretary, Rabbi Marcuson.

I shall be very glad if you will keep me informed of the progress of this work wherever carried on.

With best wishes at all times, I remain

Sincerely yours,

ABRAM SIMON, President

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

President's Office

February 2, 1925.

Members of the Executive Board.

My dear Colleague:-

The revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations gives the Central Conference of American Rabbis the right to elect two members on the Executive Board of the Union, five on the Board of Governors of the College and five on the Board of Managers of Synagogue and School Extension. The suggestion of Mr. Marcus Aaron that the election of the representatives on the Board of Governors and Board of Managers is not so immediate leads me to suggest, with your approval, the postponement of the same to a later date. But the call for a meeting of the Executive Board of the Union, to be held in Pittsburgh on or about the 15th of February, makes the election of the two Rabbis on the Executive Board imperative now.

The Executive Board of our Conference, by virtue of its constitution, has the right to appoint all Conference representatives. At our Annual Meeting in October the names of all representatives on all boards can be presented by the nominating Committee. I am suggesting for your approval or for the presentation of other names Rabbis Morris Newfield and Isaac E. Marcuson for membership on the Executive Board of the Union. I consider it my duty to call your attention to the following:

A reading of the Revised By-laws that "Chairman of the Board of Governors of the College, that Chairman of the Board of Managers, that Chairman of the Board of Finance, the President of the Hebrew Union College, the President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the President of the Federation of Brotherhoods shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Board with the right to vote" leads to the conclusion that it may have contemplated the selection of the President of our Conference as one of the two Rabbis allowed to us. I ask your vote on this construction. I have advisedly not offered my own name.

One further matter. Inasmuch as the election of the five representatives to the Board of Governors and five to the Board of Managers is postponed to a later day, do you think that an election by ballot, through the mail, by the entire membership of our Conference, should be resorted to or be left to a selection by the Executive Board? Please give me an immediate reply.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abram Simon

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February Tenth
1925

Dr. Abram Simon,
President, Central Conference
of American Rabbis,
3722 Harrison Street, Chevy Chase,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Simon,

I have your letter of February second with regard to the election of two members of the Central Conference to serve on the Executive Board of the Union. I assume that they are to hold office until our October meeting.

I am inclined to think that the By-laws of the Union do not contemplate that the President of the Conference shall be ex-officio member of the Union Board, but I am in favor of a resolution by the Conference that the President of the Conference shall at all times be one of the two Rabbis on the Board of the Union. In that case you and Newfield should be our present representatives.

I believe that the Executive Board should appoint ad interim a representative to the Board of Governors and to the Board of Managers, and that their terms shall end with the October meeting of the Conference.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

February Tenth
1925

Dr. Abram Simon,
President, Central Conference of
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3722 Harrison Street, Chevy Chase,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Simon,

I have your letter of February second with regard to the appointment of two members of the Central Conference to serve on the Executive Board of the Union. I approve of the two whom you have selected.

I am inclined to think that the By-laws of the Union do not contemplate that the President of the Conference shall be ex-officio member of the Union Board, but I am in favor of a resolution by the Conference that the President of the Conference shall at all times be one of the two Rabbis on the Board of the Union. In that case you and Newfield should be our present representatives.

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With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

Office of the President

February 16, 1925.

To the Executive Board.

My dear Colleague:-

The enclosed communication from the National Conference of Jewish Social Service has received the approval of our Committee on Cooperation with National Organizations and I am transmitting the same to you for your information.

It is reasonable to suppose that such representation on the official board of the new enterprise will entail some financial obligation, very likely some dues. Of this I shall inform you later.

I wish furthermore to state that the vote of the Board resulted in the selection of Rabbis Morris Newfield and Abram Simon as representatives of the Conference on the Executive Board of the Union with the understanding that at the October meeting the Nominating Committee will present names for the Executive Board of the Union as well as for other offices at the annual election. It is the vote of our Executive Board that we follow the same procedure with respect to the representatives to be elected to the Board of Governors and Board of Managers.

The vote of the Executive Board does not favor at present any addition to the contribution to the National Conference of Religious Liberals nor to entering upon any campaign to secure a fund.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Abram Simon

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April 3rd,
1925.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD!

Dear Colleague,

Permit me to inform you that I have received
a unanimous vote from the Committee on Cooperation
with National Organizations accepting the invitation
of the Commission on Jewish Education to send three
representatives of the Conference to meet with similar
committees of other national Jewish organizations interested
in Jewish student welfare work at Harvard on Tuesday,
April 21st.

I am appointing Rabbis Leo M. Franklin, Felix A. Levy
and Sidney S. Tedesche.

With personal greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Abram Simon
President.

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THE RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

SAMUEL H. GOLDENSON, PH. D.
RABBI

TEMPLE STUDY—MONTROSE 3631

April 28, 1925.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been asked by Rabbi James G. Heller, the Chairman of the Committee on the Solicitation of Funds for Pensions, to assist him in the district within which your city falls. We are, of course, anxious to collect as much money as possible from every congregation so as to be able to support adequately those who are increasingly becoming dependent upon this fund. I am enclosing a financial statement of the fund as furnished me by the chairman of the committee.

Will you not write the members of your congregation at your earliest convenience asking them to send contributions in directly to you? I am sending a sample letter so as to save time. As soon as you have the list I shall be grateful to you if you will send it on to me so that we may have a record of your contributors.

Hoping that you will take this matter up at your earliest opportunity, with cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

S. H. Goldenson

SHG:MS

April 28, 1925.

Dear Friend:

There are many rabbis who, having served until a ripe age, are no longer able to do the active work of the ministry. There are many widows of rabbis who are dependent upon what little money can be given them out of the Special Fund for the support of infirm rabbis, their widows, or orphans, established by the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The Conference has hitherto made only a small appeal and collected some moneys to carry on this good work. But the number of cases of need in the families of rabbis is increasing, and the President of the Conference has asked me to make a special effort to get together as large a fund as possible for this good cause.

There is no other fund than this to take care of the pathetic cases of these men who have served our Jewish cause and who are now too old to do active work, or whose widows are now in want.

The Conference is asking for only a modest sum, and we do not ask you for more than a few dollars. Will you not send me in the enclosed envelope your check from one to fifty dollars toward this--whatever your heart may prompt?

Anticipating an early and favorable reply, I am, in the name of Israel,

Sincerely yours,

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS TO PENSION FUND OF C.C.A.R.

The number of pensioners of the Conference is at present seven.

They receive at the present \$225 per month. Some get as little as fifteen and two receive fifty dollars per month.

This Fund of the C.C.A .R. is at present the only fund that can be used for this purpose. With the growing age and mortality among the membership of the Conference the demands upon the fund are bound to increase rapidly.

Jacob Schiff left to the U.A.H.C. \$100,000 to be used as the nucleus of a Pension Fund. But pending adoption of a universal plan, to include all rabbis, the Union will not permit even the interest on this money to be used for actual pensions.

There seems to be no immediate prospect for the adoption of such a plan by the U.A.H.C.

In the meantime we cannot permit our colleagues to starve, and we must meet the budget of this year, and also raise the amounts we are at present able to give to our pensioners.

If there is any further information you might find useful, kindly communicate with the Chairman.

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May 14th, 1925

My Dear Colleague:-

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held in Cleveland May 10th, the motion prevailed that the present membership of the Board of Governors and Board of Managers shall remain intact until Sunday, October 25th, when the new Boards will begin to function. In view of this action the Conference representatives on the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors and Board of Managers will be presented by the Nominating Committee in conjunction with the election of officers.

It is our intention to begin the Conference on Monday evening, October 19th, closing Friday noon, October 23rd.

The Jubilee Celebration of the Hebrew Union College will be held on Friday evening and Saturday.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours.

Abram Simon

President

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May 21, 1925.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland.

My dear Colleague:-

I have been requested by Rev. Dr. Herring to notify our Conference Committee that a meeting of the Joint Committees on Good-Will between Jews and Christians of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ and of the C.C.A.R. will be held in New York City Monday, June 8th, at 10 o'clock in the morning, very likely in the office of the Council in the United Charities Building. I shall notify you more definitely within a few days with respect to the place of the meeting.

Please make a special effort to attend the morning and afternoon sessions.

Hoping to hear favorably from you, I remain, with personal greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Abram Simon

May 25th, 1925.

Dr. Abram Simon,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Simon,

I regret exceedingly
that I shall be unable to attend
the conference of the joint committee
on good will on Monday, June 8th.
Mrs. Silver and I are leaving for Europe
on the 6th of June. Any service that I
can render to you I shall be very happy
to do.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Additional copies for distribution can be had from the Secretary.

How Many?

I. E. Marcuson,

Macon, Georgia.

RESOLUTION ON PEACE

ADOPTED JUNE, 1924

BY THE

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

The Central Conference of American Rabbis in convention assembled, holds the conviction that the issues of war and peace press for solution upon mankind in general and upon our country in particular as perhaps never before in the upward struggle of humanity. Together with our brothers of other creeds we are eager to give whatever we can of our strength and devotion, in order that the curse of war shall be lifted from the world. Throughout the centuries of the past Jews have given gladly and unstintingly of their blood and means, whenever their country has called upon them. Because we love America, because we have always joined to the ties of birth and adoption the proud consciousness that it has been actuated by the prophetic ideals of justice, righteousness, mercy and peace, we want it to be more than a powerful nation,—we desire America to maintain its position as a moral leader and pioneer breaking the way toward the New Freedom!

For this reason we urge upon our fellow-citizens and upon those who guide the destinies of our land that, being true to themselves, they adopt an uncompromising opposition to war. We believe that war is morally indefensible. War that crushes the young, that brutalizes and degrades, that destroys all that is most precious, must not be honored and glorified. It must be recognized for what it is and this must be taught to our children. Therefore we warmly recommend the espousal of the Levinson-Borah plan for the outlawry of war.

We do not champion extreme attitudes. We do not adhere to the doctrine of non-resistance. We believe that there have been righteous wars. Freedom and justice are worth more than life.

A nation must defend its moral integrity, its existence. But today the means of public information are mobilized so elaborately that frequently even the highly educated citizen finds it impossible to judge for himself. Under these conditions, how is the righteousness of a war to be determined? The justness of a cause becomes the matter of propaganda, the manipulation of men's loyalties and their lives. We favor the creation by the public of agencies of information free from bureaucratic control, that shall strive to obtain and to spread uncolored information on international relations, especially in time of crisis. There is no more crucial question in our political life, or in the moral status of our nationhood. Democracy without the control of a genuine public opinion becomes mere bureaucracy, the tool of territorial and economic imperialisms. And without this control the mad ebullition of war enthusiasms is speedily followed by the slough of disillusion.

It is not enough to inquire: Who put the match to the powder-barrel? We must labor to understand and to destroy the grave evils of the economic and diplomatic system which breed wars. Economic imperialisms and rivalries, the exploitation of weaker by stronger nations, the Machiavellian traditions of old-world diplomacy, the manner in which national ethics lags behind individual ethics, the constant whipping up of hatreds and prejudices, the sinister secrecy that juggles with the destinies of whole peoples,—these and many other evils must be stamped out, as small flames that make the great prairie fire. We take our stand with all the generations of our forefathers upon the principle, "the work of righteousness shall be peace." The consummation of peace can be attained only when justice and righteousness prevail. Righteousness, not war, exalteth a nation. In quietness and confidence is to be found its strength, when its trust is truly in God.

But peace cannot be attained merely by blasting away the obstacles that impede the free flow of the sentiment of brotherhood. Peace is not a negative but a positive condition. It implies not the mere elimination of friction, nor a slowing down of the pace, it must lead to a dynamic harmony turning conflicting into co-operating forces. We appeal to the entire human family

to substitute love for hatred, unity for strife, brotherhood for discord, the boons of peace for the spoils of war. We call upon all to assemble under the aegis of peace for the alleviation of human suffering, for the binding up of the wounds of mankind, for progress along the highway of man's destiny.

We recognize that no practical measures can guarantee the realization of the ideal here set forth, that it can be actualized only by an intrinsic moral advance among peoples as well as governments. But we do believe that much can be done to enlighten our fellowmen about the nature and causes of war and perhaps thereby to prevent it. We heartily favor the institution of a popular referendum as an indispensable preliminary to any declaration of war by Congress. During this referendum there should be no extraordinary restriction upon freedom of assembly, speech and press. Express dissent from the course of action demanded by the authorities should not be construed as disloyalty.

We urge the speedy adherence of the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice, known as the World Court. Forty-eight nations have already subscribed to it. Without any sacrifice of sovereignty, independent action or honor, we can well take part officially, as we have already unofficially, in this laudable attempt to substitute adjudication for the resort to arms.

We urge that our government do all within its power to convene an International Conference for the purpose of preventing the manufacture of arms by private citizens, and of poison gas for use in warfare—by either public or private agencies.

We commend those organizations striving to spread information and enlightenment in regard to the issues of war and peace. We are convinced that without persistent education of the Will to Peace there is little hope for the disappearance of the Will to War. We shall heartily co-operate with all agencies that seek this goal.

In agreement with the recommendation of the President of this Conference we suggest the adoption of an amendment to our Constitution that shall create a Standing Committee on Peace, with the ultimate object of bringing into being a Jewish National

Commission on Peace and Good Will. This would enable us to cooperate more readily and more effectively with other religious agencies animated by the same prophetic ideal of peace and justice, and desirous of working for it unitedly.

In conclusion, we would repeat the words of our prayer-book: "Grant us peace, Thy most precious gift, O Thou Eternal Source of Peace, and enable Israel to be a messenger of peace unto the peoples of the earth. Bless our country that it may ever be a stronghold of peace and its advocate in the council of nations."



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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION

To the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

GENTLEMEN: Your committee is empowered by the action of the last Conference and of the Executive Board to draw up a Code of Ethics to guide the relations between rabbi and rabbi, rabbi and congregation, and congregation and congregation—a grave responsibility. Tentatively, the following is submitted for a frank and free discussion. At the outset let it be taken for granted that the attitude of the rabbi and congregation be such that one recognize the right of the other. The pulpit belongs to the rabbi and similarly the rabbi must consider and respect the rights of the congregation. It is a question whether the C. C. A. R. can postulate a Code of Ethics governing the relationship between congregation and congregation. This may properly belong to the U. A. H. C. and suggestions only can be made.

RABBI AND RABBI

1. Rabbis should not enter into competition with other rabbis for a vacant pulpit; but just as long as congregations advertise in the Jewish Press for pulpit incumbents, this competition will obtain. It is therefore recommended that a committee be appointed to consider the creation of a central body under the auspices of the H. U. C. or the C. C. A. R. with power to advise and assist in the selection of pulpit incumbents, applications to be made to that body by rabbis seeking positions and by congregations seeking rabbis. This will not preclude a congregation from "calling" a specific rabbi.

2. No rabbi should apply for a pulpit still occupied without communicating with the incumbent and even when invited by an authorized committee he should not consent to speak from the pulpit without communicating with the incumbent.

3. No rabbi should publicly criticize his colleague. Principles affecting the faith upon which rabbis differ, may be publicly discussed, without mentioning the name or location of the colleague with whom one differs.

RABBI AND CONGREGATION

1. No congregation should engage a rabbi on the "trial sermon" plan. It should appoint a committee to visit the rabbi in his home city or seek to know his character and ability by correspondence.

2. If the rabbi is not re-elected, he must be given a reasonable time notice. In like manner, no matter what the inducement to leave, the rabbi should fulfill his agreement with the congregation; unless, by reason of uncongeniality, or lack of response on the part of the congregation, the condition is unbearable. If the congregation is satisfied with its rabbi he should not arrange to leave until he has been with the congregation a reasonable length of time. If he intends to leave he must give sufficient time notice and should assist his congregation to secure a worthy successor. Since certain opportunities are rare, be it understood that the congregation should not stand in the way of the advancement of its rabbi.

3. No rabbi should absent himself from his pulpit and his community for any unreasonable length of time—assuming, of course, that he is in good health.

4. In seeking a pulpit incumbent, rumors of friction between the rabbi and the congregation should not be taken for granted, but should be thoroughly investigated.

5. Friction between rabbi and congregation should be investigated in person (not by correspondence) by distinguished rabbis of a judicial temperament, in conjunction with impartial non-resident laymen, and the facts made known. Offending congregations thus rebuked would scarcely become second offenders and offending rabbis would thus be cautioned.

6. When there is an attempt by the congregation summarily to dismiss its rabbi, the Arbitration Committee can be immediately invoked by the rabbi, the congregation having the same privilege.

7. The rabbi shall not consummate arrangements to accept a new pulpit without informing the president of his congregation.

CONGREGATION AND CONGREGATION

1. No congregation should attempt to win away members or Sabbath School children from another congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kindly send criticisms or suggestions promptly to Rabbi Henry Cohen, Chairman, 1920 Broadway, Galveston, Tex.

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