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*Com. on Goodwill*

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September 23, 1925.

My dear Colleague:-

I am enclosing a draft of the Report of  
our Committee on Goodwill.

Please take any liberty you wish with the  
text, adding any suggestion or criticism. If  
wholly agreeable as it stands, please give me the  
privilege of adding your signature to it.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Abram Simon*



## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOODWILL

Pursuant to the Report of the Committee on President's Message of 1894 the Committee on Goodwill of the Conference was organized on October 31st, 1894. This committee held its first meeting in New York City December 30th, 1924.

The Conference Committee consists of Rabbis David Philipson, H.C. Enelow, Abba Hillel Silver, Louis Wolsey and Abram Simon. The following, representing the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, were present: Dr. Alfred Wm. Anthony, Chairman, Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, Rt. Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd, Dr. Frank Mason North, Dr. Ozora S. Davis, Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert and Rev. John W. Herring.

After very friendly discussions on the part of the Commission, a ringing Declaration of Principles was unanimously adopted. A copy of the same was sent to the members of the Conference January 27th, 1925.

The second meeting of our Commission was held in New York City in May, 1925. At this session we considered various types of social cooperation and community councils. It was believed that the best way to develop goodwill was to institute opportunities for community action, such as community forums and councils, to be organized in Cleveland, Chicago and Des Moines, Iowa, to encourage exchange of professorships, and to develop a method of distribution of reliable information.

To encourage the work, your Executive Board voted the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and presented a resolution at the Biennial Session of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in St. Louis, which resulted in a contribution of Two Thousand Dollars to this same cause.

It was the general sentiment that the Central Conference of



American Rabbis could perform no greater service at present than to put a Jewish worker in the field to cooperate with, and strengthen the work of, Rev. Dr. J. W. Herring, the Secretary of the Commission. It was suggested that the Conference of National Jewish and Rabbinical Organizations would be the best medium for the support of such a field worker. Inasmuch as this organization has not yet been effected, the question of a Field Secretary is still in abeyance. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ has guaranteed a sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars a year for a three-year program: Some way ought to be found for more than a mere moral participation of our Conference in this enterprise.

Rabbi Zepin in behalf of the Union asks if our published Conference tracts may render any service to the cause of fraternity and goodwill. While our tracts may be serviceable, they are written wholly from a Jewish point of view. The same request may be made by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ whose tracts are written wholly from the Christian point of view. Your committee believes that the Commission may find it possible to issue leaflets and documents with the imprimatur of both organizations that will be calculated to serve the ends in mind.



September Twenty-seventh  
1925

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

My dear Dr. Simon,

I have read the report of our  
Committee on Goodwill and I shall be very  
pleased to sign it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,





10/30/25

Rabbi Louis Wolsey,  
1400 Jefferson St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Regret cannot attend Board Meeting, November 10th or 11th.

A. H. Silver.





Wolsey

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November 3, 1925

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS:

With reference to the meeting of the Executive Board for Tuesday and Wednesday, November 10 and 11, at Philadelphia, please note that the meeting is called for 9:30 A.M., at the Sylvania Hotel, Corner Juniper and Locust Streets. Reservations have already been made at this hotel for the members of the Board who are attending.

The following signify that they will be present at the Board meeting:

Abram Simon  
David Philipson  
M. N. Newfield  
Jacob H. Kaplan  
Gerson B. Levi  
Richard M. Stern  
Hyman G. Enelow  
Emil W. Leipziger  
Isaac E. Marcuson  
Morris Lazon  
Louis Wolsey

Fraternally yours,

*Louis Wolsey*  
President

LW:LF



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November 9th, 1925

Dear Rabbi Wolsey:

The United Synagogue of America is sponsoring an effort to raise a fund of not less than \$300,000. for the purpose of erecting in Jerusalem an adequate Synagogue Center - a group of buildings which will include a Synagogue, architecturally in keeping with the beauty of the Holy City and the dignity of our faith; a Center, where the cultural and spiritual elements of the Jewish population of the whole city will find a forum of expression and where the youth will find a common meeting ground.

I am writing this letter because I want, in the first place, to assure you and, through you, the members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis that this undertaking is exactly what I am describing it to be. It is not an attempt, even in the slightest degree, to give it any particular phase of Judaism, whether of Orthodoxy, Conservatism or Reform. It is purely and simply an attempt to give to our religion the advantage of a proper Sanctuary in that City upon which all the eyes of the entire world are centered.

I am writing this letter, also, because I feel that this is an undertaking which must evoke the hearty approval of the Central Conference, and in the hope that the Executive Committee of your honored organization will find it possible at the session which it is now holding in Philadelphia publicly, to express its approval and support of this effort for the greater glory of Israel.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Israel Jacobovitch

Rabbi Louis Wolsey, Pres.  
Central Conference of American Rabbis,  
1400 Jefferson St.  
Philadelphia, Pa.



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE  
OF AMERICAN RABBIS, PHILADELPHIA PA., NOVEMBER 10-11, 1925.

The meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis was held at the Sylvania Hotel, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, beginning Tuesday, November 10, with President Louis Wolsey in the Chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rabbi Philipson.

The following members were present: Wolsey, Enelow, Newfield, Marcuson, Lazaron, Kaplan, Leipziger, Gerson B. Levi, Philipson, Simon, Stern.

The vacancy on the Executive Board, due to the election of Rabbi Enelow to the Vice-Presidency, was filled by the election of Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof to fill the unexpired term.

The time and place for the next convention of the Conference were taken up for consideration, the date June 15, was chosen and it was decided that a referendum vote of the members shall be taken to determine the views of the members in regard to holding the convention at Asheville N. C. It was determined that should at least fifty vote affirmatively and agree to come to Asheville, then the convention shall be held there.

The matter of the program for the next convention was taken up for consideration.

It was decided to have a group of three papers which would fit in with the spirit of the 150th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

A- Occupations of Jews in the United States. (Name of writer of paper to be chosen by program committee.)

B- Jewish Champions of Religious Liberty, by Rabbi



Sidney Tedesche.

C- Influence of Judaism on the Founders of the American Republic, Morris M. Feuerlicht.

Conference sermon (1) David Marx, (2) George Solomon.

Conference lecture, Louis L. Mann.

Historic and Philosophic Attitude of Judaism to Science,  
(1) Louis Ginsberg, (2) Harry Wolfson.

The Zielonka papers on the Survey of Jewish Religious Conditions, postponed from last convention.

Religious Education Day program to be prepared under direction of Rabbi Louis L. Mann, Chairman of Religious Education Committee. It was moved and adopted that Rabbi Enelow be requested to personally invite Professor Ginsberg to prepare his paper.

In the matter of the statement prepared by Dr. Schulman on behalf of the President's Message Committee, it was moved and adopted that if a majority of the special committee, consisting of Rabbis Schulman, Goldenson, and Enelow, shall agree upon a corrected and shortened statement, it shall become part of the President's Message Committee report. If no agreement is reached, a mere statement shall be made that a statement on the Relation of Judaism to Science was presented but was not concurred in.

The following applications for membership were read by the Secretary:

Julien J. Gusfield-----laid on the table.

Sol B. Finesinger-----elected.

Earnest R. Trattner----laid on the table.

S. J. Schwab-----action postponed.

David Bronstein-----elected.

Herbert J. Samuel-----elected.



The resignation of Joseph Hevesh was accepted, to become effective as soon as he pays his dues.

A letter was received from Dr. Elias Solomon, President of the United Synagogue of America, asking the endorsement of the Conference, for the effort which is being made to erect in Jerusalem an adequate Synagogue center, which shall include a suitable Synagogue. It was moved and adopted that we give the enterprise our endorsement and that when we write to Dr. Solomon, that the recommendation be made that the Synagogue and School Extension Department of the U. A. H. C. be invited to join with the United Synagogue in this enterprise so that the work shall express the co-operative effort of the entire Jewish Community of America.

It is further to be requested that when the endorsement of the Conference is given to the press, that the letter and this recommendation shall be included.

Rabbi Enelow reported in behalf of the special committee appointed to consult with a similiar committee of the U. A. H. C. in regard to the matter of continuing relations on the tract commission. Dr. Enelow stated that one attempt to hold a meeting failed, by reason of the non-attendance of the representatives of the Union; that a second attempt resulted in a meeting hurriedly arranged at which no united action was taken. This Executive Board, therefore, confirms the action taken at the preceding Executive Board meeting to the effect that the C. C. A. R. appoint its own Tract Committee for the preparation of Tracts and that the Union be requested to publish and circulate them; should the Union decline to undertake the publication and distribution, the Conference shall undertake to do so. Upon motion, this action was adopted.



The two representatives of the Conference to be members of the sub-committee of ten of the National Congregational and Rabbinical Association shall be Rabbis Wolsey and Simon, provided the Union does not appoint Rabbi Simon. If the Union does appoint Rabbi Simon, then the Conference representatives shall be Wolsey and Schulman.

The expenses of Mr. Samuel Schwartz of Chicago, who attended the convention at Cincinnati on the invitation of the Conference, were ordered paid. It was moved and adopted that the entire debate on the resolution on the Conference's endorsement of the \$15,000,000 campaign, be omitted from the records.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Relief, a pension of \$50.00 a month was voted to Mrs. Neumark; \$25.00 a month to Jacob Goldstein; an increase of \$15.00 a month to Rabbi Heinberg; a pension of \$15.00 a month to Samuel Freuder.

A letter was received from Mr. Emanuel Hertz, asking the cooperation of the Conference in forming a committee to control the sale of sacramental wine. It was moved and adopted that if the Commissioner of Internal Revenue invites Rabbi Wolsey to serve with Rabbi Simon, that he shall be authorized to do so.

Rabbi Enelow reported for the Committee which had been appointed to prepare a volume for the Steinthal and Lazarus Centenary. The material had been collected and was ready for translation. The Executive Board felt, however, that a source book was needed, containing excerpts from the writings of all the reform leaders and therefore asked authority from the Conference to include these in the volume with the Steinthal and Lazarus selections.

A bill of \$10.00 for flowers sent to Mrs. Isaac M. Wise was ordered paid.

Authority was given to the Chairman of the Publications committee to give to the Department of Synagogue and School Extension



copies of the volume "Sermons of American Rabbis" for free distribution.

The President was authorized to allow the Chairman of the Synagogue Music committee a contingent fund for necessary expenses.

The President named a committee, consisting of Wolsey, Enelow and Simon, to choose a place of meeting in the East, in case the referendum is not favorable to Asheville.

It was moved and adopted that the Bulletin be continued for three more issues.

It was moved and adopted that in the future the report of the Committee on Contemporaneous History be a survey of contemporaneous Jewish Religious history and literature.

The following action was taken on the various resolutions, which had been referred by the Conference to the Executive Board.

Resolution I. That we appropriate the sum of \$250.00, which shall be given when the author of Guttman's "Mafteach Hatalmud" is prepared to publish the volume.

Resolution II. It was moved and adopted that a committee be appointed to examine the unpublished manuscripts of David Neumark and to present a report to the next Conference as to whether any steps be taken toward publication.

Resolution III. The Executive Board approved the recommendation of the resolutions committee that a committee be appointed to investigate whether the Synagogue may devise a more adequate program and technique for coping with physical and mental infirmities.

Resolution V. It was moved and adopted that this matter be referred to the tract committee with a recommendation that it shall ask Mr. Herford to write a tract on the subject of Pharisaism.

Resolution VI. It was moved and adopted that this resolution



be referred to the Professor of Homiletics.

Resolution VII. It was moved and adopted that this resolution referring to a bill for compulsory Sunday rest be referred to the committee on Church and State.

Resolution IX. It was moved and adopted that we cordially endorse the work of the Hillel Foundation and that this resolution be referred to the Conference of delegates of National Organizations, interested in work among Jewish students at universities.

It was moved and adopted that if the writers of the papers which were presented in connection with the Round Table on Temple Centers will prepare a short outline of their papers, this outline will be published in the year book.

The President announced for committee on program for next Conference, Enelow, Philipson, Simon. Committee on co-operation with Jewish publication society, Simon-Chairman, Enelow, Fineshriber, Philipson, Schulman.

It was moved and adopted that a vote of thanks be extended to the Philadelphia gentlemen who entertained the Executive Board.

The President presented the names of the standing committees of the Conference for the year 1925-26, which were approved.

The following appointments were made to take the place of those whose terms had expired on the various commissions.

Commission on Jewish Education---Gerson B. Levi.

Commission on Pension Funds-----Newfield, Leo M.  
Franklin, Nathan Stern.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary.



Good Will

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Report of the Committee on Good Will between  
Jews and Christians.

The Commission on Good Will between <sup>Jews</sup> and Christians held no meeting during the year. However, the program of activity agreed upon a year ago has been carefully followed, and a campaign of education on a large scale has been effectively conducted.

Meetings to develop good will between Jews and Christians have been held in 52 cities of our country, New York City (Six meetings); Boston, Philadelphia, Columbus, Ohio State University, Wilmington, Dela., Atlantic City, Cleveland (20 meetings), Toledo, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Omaha, Lincoln, Iowa City, Des Moines (2 meetings), Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, Buffalo, St. Louis, Paducah, Leavenworth, Louisville, Chicago (30 meetings), Urbana, Madison, Erie, Youngstown, Harrisburg, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Sioux City, Quincy, Peoria, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Dayton (2 meetings), Milwaukee, Dallas, Portland, Oregon, Shreveport, La., Montgomery, Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, Galveston and San Antonio.

Thousands have attended these sessions and attested by their presence their interest and desire in furthering the cause of more cordial relationship among men and women of differing faiths. Such work has been largely on the initiative of the Federal Council Representatives through whose agency Drs. ~~Samuel~~ S. Parkes Cadman, Alfred Williams Anthony, John W. Herring, and Bishop Brent have



made many visits and addresses of a fruitful character. <sup>A</sup> ~~The~~ session in Indianapolis was attended by 9,000 people. It is encouraging to notice the splendid cooperation which the Jewish and secular press have given to the movement of deepening <sup>the</sup> good will sentiment. The meeting held in the Astor Hotel on Feb. 23, presided over by the Hon. Chas. E. Hughes, was most significant. This was the first time that a Christian community bore evidence of a <sup>ll</sup> ~~willing~~ concession to the religious scruples of the more orthodox. The dietary laws were strictly observed.

The appeal of the Federal Council to its Christian constituency to participate in the Joint Distribution Drive, was most eloquent, and is heartily appreciated.

The Joint Commission on Good Will issued a Thanksgiving message asking that Thanksgiving Day of Nov. 26, 1925, be utilized for Union services with the avowed purpose in mind of developing fraternity among the various religious denominations. I quote approvingly this sentiment from the document:

"No occasion is perhaps better suited for remembering the debt America owes alike to Jews, Catholics and Protestants, and how intertwined are their contributions to the spread of religion and the progress of the commonwealth."

In this connection it is interesting to note that Dr. <sup>has arranged</sup> ~~Harring~~ with Rabbi Frisch of our Commission on Social Justice for a joint conference of religious denominations to be held in Olivet, Mich., between Aug. 8 and 15 to consider international



problems of fraternity and peace.

Your Commission is strongly in favor of the development of Forum Councils in the large cities. These are for the encouragement of group education. By group education we understand the development of councils of good will, where, through the medium of the open forum, representative citizens of a community may discuss in mutual respect the problems which they have in common. Such councils are now in successful operation, in Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Detroit, New York City. The general form under which these councils function is that of a Williamstown Institute. It is along this line that very practical results will come.

The cause of Good Will was presented by Dr. Herring to various national protestant bodies during the past year, such as the National Executive Committee of the Federal Council in Detroit at which representatives of 38 denominations were present, the National Conference of Methodist Church South, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the National Conference of the Northern Baptists. During the summer Dr. Herring will speak before the National Council of the Reform Church at Buffalo and the Annual Chautauqua Conference.

Your Commission believes that an interchange of professorships will go far in deepening the intellectual respect for <sup>one</sup> another's <sup>historic</sup> heritage, contribution, and genius. In keeping with this program, Prof. Samuel Cohon of the Hebrew Union College delivered



a course of lectures before the McCormack Theological Seminary in Chicago, and in exchange Prof. H. F. Ball of the Department of Systematic Theology spoke at the Hebrew Union College. Eleven Theological Seminaries have expressed themselves favorably on the exchange professorship idea. It is hoped that this part of our program will be actively pursued next year.

Our office in New York has been a busy publicity and clearing house. It has sent hundreds of items of interest to the press of the land, it plans a research service where the fundamentals in racial psychology may be thoroughly studied, it has under advisement to make a careful survey of the various text books in our country, so that there may not be implanted in the minds of children any form of hostility towards one another.

Since the entrance of the Central Conference of American Rabbis into this cooperative relationship with the Federal Council, the field of our joint action has been materially *enlarged* ~~helped~~ by the appointment of *similar* committees *by* the Union of American Hebrew Congregations *and* the Independent Order of B'nai Brith. The American Jewish Congress no less than the conservative and orthodox groups have been in frequent conference with Dr. Herring and his committee. If the work of this Commission, *as* ~~has~~ thus far detailed, has not disappointed your high hopes, the possibility of ~~greater~~ *greater* ~~bit of~~ con-



structive work lies in the direction of a joint cooperative board of these national Jewish bodies.

Your Conference Committee believes that there ought to be <sup>Jewish</sup> a field worker parallelling the labors of Dr. Herring. We, therefore, recommend that the Executive Board of our Conference put itself in communication with the National Jewish organizations interested in the cultivation of good will between Jews and Christians to make it possible to engage <sup>jointly</sup> the services of a Jewish field worker to cooperate with Dr. Herring in his work.

Please add Criticism & Suggestions  
Lamon



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November 18, 1925

Dr. Elias L. Solomon  
President, United Synagogue of America  
171 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Colleague:

At the meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, held last week, a letter was presented, asking the endorsement of the Conference for the effort which is being made under the auspices of The United Synagogue of America, to erect in Jerusalem an adequate Synagogue Center which shall include a suitable Synagogue.

It was moved and adopted that we give to the enterprise our cordial endorsement. I am, however, requested to inform you that the Executive Board felt free to recommend that the Synagogue and School Extension Department of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations be invited to join with The United Synagogue in this enterprise, so that the work shall express the co-operative effort of the entire Jewish Community of America.

Wishing you much success in this enterprise, in which we are all vitally interested, I beg to remain,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Isaac T. Bergson

Secretary.



COPY

November 18, 1925

Rabbi Israel Herbert Levinthal  
531 West 123rd Street  
New York City

Dear Rabbi Levinthal:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., asking in behalf of The United Synagogue of America, the approval and support of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, for the effort sponsored by The United Synagogue to erect in Jerusalem, a Synagogue Center to cost not less than \$300,000.00.

Your letter was presented to the Executive Board of the C. C. A. R., at its Philadelphia meeting on November 10, and it was there resolved to give the endorsement of the Conference to this worthy project. However, it was the thought of the Executive Board that The United Synagogue invite the Department of Synagogue and School Extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to join with it in the enterprise, so that the work of raising the funds and erecting the Synagogue Center in Jerusalem should express the co-operative effort of the entire Jewish Community in America.

If it is the intention of The United Synagogue to give the endorsement of the Conference to the press, it is to be understood that this letter shall be included in such publicity.

With fraternal greetings, I am,

Cordially yours,

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President.



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November 20, 1925

Dear Colleague:

I have your kind letter of November 18, and I need not tell you how deeply appreciative we are of the endorsement of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. It will strengthen the effort, and make the contribution representative of all elements of American Jewry.

Your letter is not very clear as to whether the Executive Board has decided to recommend that the Synagogue and School Extension Department of the Union of the American Hebrew Congregations be invited to join with the United Synagogue in this enterprise, or that it simply expresses itself as being free to make such a recommendation. In case it is actually decided to make such a recommendation, please let us know and I shall submit it to the next meeting of the Campaign Committee.

Again assuring you of my sincere appreciation of the cooperative spirit of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

ELIAS L. SOLERSON, President  
United Synagogue of America.

Mr. Isaac T. Maransson, Secy.  
Central Conference of American Rabbis  
204 Buford Place  
Albany, Ga.



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November 22, 1926

Reverend Doctor Wolsey:

I want to acknowledge with thanks your kind letter of November 18th. The endorsement of the Central Conference of American Rabbis is exceedingly gratifying to us, and will serve to encourage us greatly in our work.

On November 18th, Doctor Solomon received a letter from Rabbi Marcuson, Secretary of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, copy of which I am attaching hereto. I am also enclosing a copy of Doctor Solomon's reply. On that day, we sent a publicity item to the press, informing them of the endorsement of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. This will account for the fact that announcement has been made without any copy of your letter being attached.

With reference to your suggestion that The United Synagogue invite the Department of Synagogue and School Extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to join with it in the enterprise, I shall have to present it to the Palestine Committee, to whom we are responsible, and will write you in due course.

With fraternal greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Israel Herbert Levinthal  
National Chairman.

Reverend Doctor Louis Wolsey, President  
Central Conference of American Rabbis  
1400 Jefferson St.  
Philadelphia, Pa.



COPY

November 25, 1925

Rabbi Israel Herbert Levinthal  
531 West 123rd Street  
New York City

Dear Rabbi Levinthal:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. with reference to the Conference's endorsement of the Jerusalem Synagogue Center Fund. I note Dr. Solomon's reply to Rabbi Marcuson in which he calls attention to the fact that his "letter is not very clear as to whether the Executive Board has decided to recommend that the Synagogue and School Extension Department of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations be invited to join with The United Synagogue in this enterprise, or that it simply expresses itself as being free to make such a recommendation".

It occurs to me that your publicity given to our endorsement was somewhat precipitate, in view of the fact that Rabbi Marcuson's letter to Dr. Solomon did not seem clear.

May I say very definitely that it is the desire of the Executive Board of the Conference that The United Synagogue invite the Department of Synagogue and School Extension, "so that the work shall express the co-operative effort of the entire Jewish Community of America".

My letter to you is, I trust, very clear in this matter, for there is no indefiniteness in the mind of the Executive Board of the Conference.

I can, therefore, only renew the request of the Conference, that my letter to you of November 22nd, be given the same publicity as you gave to our endorsement. Such action upon the part of The United Synagogue - so I would construe it - would give effect to the statement of your letter to me of November 9th, in which you say: "It is not an attempt, even in the slightest degree, to give it any particular phase of Judaism, whether of Orthodoxy, Conservatism or Reform".

With fraternal greetings, I am,

Very cordially yours,

LH:LF

President.



COPY

December 2, 1925

Rabbi Israel Herbert Levinthal  
531 West 123rd Street  
New York City

Dear Rabbi Levinthal:

I am as yet not in receipt of a reply to my letter to you of November 25. I am presuming that inasmuch as you hastened to give publicity to the Conference's endorsement, you will be equally prompt in your attention to the questions, which I am raising.

I note that your publicity states that the Conference endorsed the project of raising \$500,000.00 for the Synagogue Center of Jerusalem. Your letter to me of November 9, stated that the fund was to be "not less than \$300,000.00". I can well understand how an endorsement of a \$500,000.00 campaign could be conceived as being within a limit implied by your letter to me, but it seems to me that the fixing of a minimum in your representation to the Conference is hardly consistent with a definite maximum of \$200,000.00 in excess of this amount. I take it that the Conference has not endorsed a one-half million dollar campaign.

Your letter to me of November 22, states that our suggestion that The United Synagogue invite the Department of Synagogue and School Extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to join with the enterprise, must be presented to the Palestine Committee of The United Synagogue. Might I say, in view of the fact, that you have already given publicity to our endorsement, this phase of the matter should have immediate attention, in fact I should say that no publicity should have been given until all elements of the Conference's action had been dealt with.

Your letter further makes no commitment as to the understanding we gave you; namely that my letter was to be given the same publicity as that which you gave to our endorsement. Might I ask whether it is your intention not to commit The United Synagogue further in this matter, and is it your preference that the Conference give publicity to our correspondence?

With assurances of my esteem, I am,

Faternally yours,

LW:LF

President.



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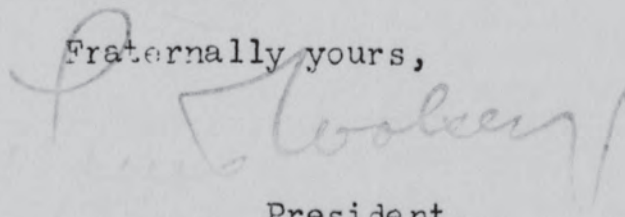
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:--

This is to report to you the vote for the next place of meeting, in accordance with Rabbi Marcuson's returns:

YES for Asheville and attendance	76
YES for Asheville, but NO or doubtful for attendance	46
NO for Asheville	40
NO for Asheville, but YES for attendance	5
NO for Asheville, and NO for attendance	38
Doubtful for attendance	43
Date bad	12
Prefer Michigan	1
Prefer a city	3
Not voting (Non-attendance either way)	3
No replies	124

Inasmuch as the last meeting of the Executive Board voted that if more than fifty signify an affirmative vote in favor of Asheville, we are then to accept the invitation; and inasmuch as seventy-six so voted; it is my understanding therefore that the place of meeting is definitely fixed.

Fraternally yours,



President.

LW:RW



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January 28, 1926

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,--

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an outlined program of the proposed Conference of International Jewish Religious Union, to be held in London beginning Sunday, July 11th, and lasting through Monday, July 12th.

I presume you recall that the Conference and the Executive Board have endorsed our participation in such an organization, and that we should call for volunteers to attend the sessions.

Before submitting this program to the members of the Conference, with a view toward soliciting such volunteer delegates, I am asking whether you have any opinions to offer with regard to the enclosed outlined program. I have just received it from Miss Lilly H. Montague, and I should like to reply just as soon as possible. Your judgment on the matter would be very gratefully received.

Fraternally yours,

*Louis Wolsey*

LW:RW

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:--

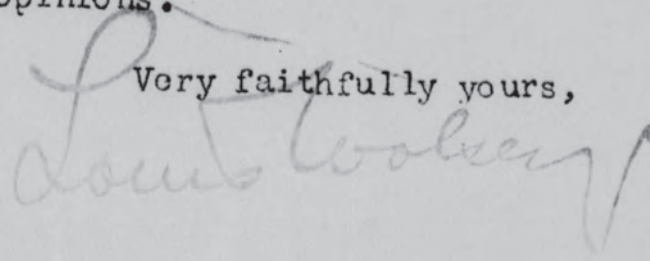
At a meeting of the Preliminary Committee<sup>on</sup> Organization of the National Rabbinical and Congregational Association, in New York, February 8th, the conclusion of the debate resulted in the unanimous endorsement of the following resolution:

"Resolved, that all pronouncements of this joint conference shall have the unanimous approval of the constituent organizations, as expressed through a majority vote of each delegation."

The representatives of the Conference to this meeting were Rabbis Schulman, Foster, and myself.

I am sending this to you merely for the purpose of information, for it is my understanding that this resolution, and our entrance into the national organization, is subject to the will of the entire Conference when assembled in convention. If, however, any members of the Executive Board wish to express themselves with regard to it, I shall be very pleased to have their opinions.

Very faithfully yours,



LN:RV

President.



## Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

MADISON AVENUE AND ROBERT STREET  
BALTIMORE, MD.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

Baltimore, Md.  
February 9th  
1 9 2 6

My dear Colleague,

I have accepted an invitation to address the Second Face-The-Facts Conference on Prohibition, to be held in Washington, February 22nd. In order to get some definite knowledge of the situation, I turn to you with the request that you answer at your very earliest convenience, the enclosed questions.

Please do not put this letter aside to answer TOMORROW, but won't you sit down and reply AT ONCE, using the enclosed stamped envelope ?

I shall of course be very circumspect in the manner in which this information is used; at the same time I shall appreciate greatly your immediate and full answer.

With fraternal regard,

Faithfully yours,

MORRIS S. LAZARON

MSL-s  
Encl.



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Cincinnati, Ohio, February 22, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You have been kind enough to consent to serve this year on the Committee on Solicitation of Funds of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Our committee made a remarkably fine showing last year by collecting a total of almost \$16,000.00 which was double any collection of previous years.

It is my hope that we may be able to better this by a great deal. My plan is briefly as follows. I shall have multigraphed letters made for every congregation which has a rabbi who is a member of our Conference. For each congregation there will be a number of multigraphed letters, addressed envelopes to be enclosed printed with the name of the rabbi of the congregation, and outside envelopes. To each member of the committee a district will be assigned and I shall send him the complete material for all congregations within his district. His duty will be merely to transmit this material to each rabbi within his district with a letter urging him to send the returns to the member of the committee. Results are many times better when the appeal is made to each congregation by its own rabbi. This system will enable us to achieve this result with a minimum of trouble to the members of the committee and to the rabbis of the congregations within their





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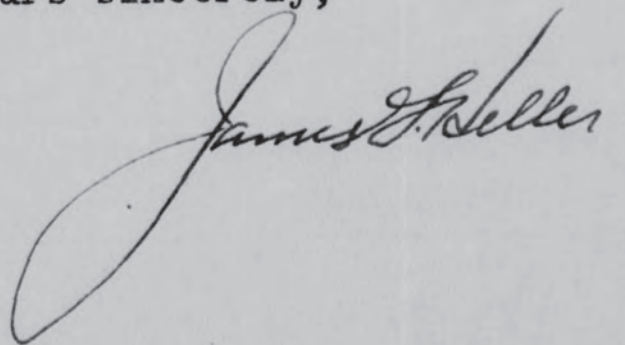
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districts. It should also enable us to accomplish what we have never been able to accomplish yet, namely, to reach all of the member congregations. Heretofore there have been large gaps of whole sections of the country from which we have secured nothing at all.

I trust that you approve of this plan of mine. If you do not, or if you have any suggestions to make, I beg of you to inform me immediately, so that I may proceed to act.

With fraternal greetings and in the hope that we shall be able to be of aid to our dependent colleagues,  
I am

Yours sincerely,



JGH:FS



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February  
26th,  
1926

Member of Executive Board C.C.A.R.

My dear Colleague and Friend:

According to the ruling of the Conference, a non-member can not be on the program without the consent of the Executive Committee. As chairman of the Committee on Religious Education, I am planning a splendid program on how the Project Method of Education may be applied to the Jewish Religious School of Reform Congregations. I really think it will be one of the most helpful "Religious Education Days" that we've put on in years. For one portion of the program, "What Has The Project Method to Offer in The Teaching of Ceremonies and Holidays", I find that Dr. E. G. Gamoran of the U. A. H. C. office, has done some splendid and original research, that will prove most helpful. He can be asked only with your consent. President Wolsey and Vice President Enelow, the latter, chairman of the Program Committee - are both heartily in favor of giving me, as chairman, permission to invite Gamoran. They asked me to say that they hoped for an affirmative vote.

Will you kindly fill out the enclosed card and mail immediately?

With kindest personal greetings, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis L. Mann".

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

March 24, 1926

This letter is to report to you the following names of members of the Conference who have volunteered to attend the London meeting of the International Jewish Religious Union:

Leo M. Franklin	Isaac Landman	Joseph Rauch	Louis Wolsey
William S. Friedman	Morris S. Lazaron	William Rosenau	
David Goldberg	Felix Levy	Samuel Schulman	
Maurice Harris	Louis Mann	Joseph Silverman	
Leon Harrison	Julian Morgenstern	S. E. Starrels	

I wish to call the attention of the Board to the fact that our action authorized me to compose our delegation entirely by the volunteer system.

I do not know from this action whether the Board has any policy whatsoever with regard to the London Conference or to our delegation. Is it the thought of the Board that our representatives are to have unlimited freedom on the floor of this meeting in their representation of the Conference? Are they empowered by this act to present personal opinions as the attitude of the Conference upon any subject that may be submitted to the London meeting? Are there any limitations that the Executive Board would wish to impose upon the delegation? If any member of the delegation holds opinions that are contrary to any point of view officially expressed by the Conference, would the Executive Board be willing to permit such a statement to be uttered in the name of the Conference? I take it that those who convene in London will be justified in interpreting every statement that is uttered by the members of our delegation as representative of the thought of the C. C. A. R. I take it also that the press will record every opinion uttered by our members as the judgment of the Conference.

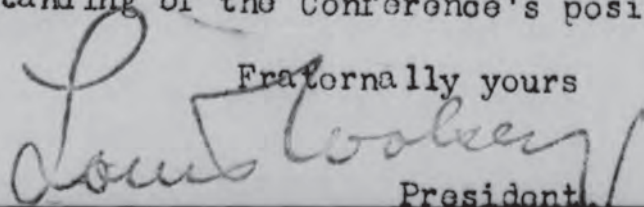
In other words, the problem might be stated in this fashion: The members of this delegation have the right, as representatives of the C. C. A. R., to commit all of the rest of the members of the Conference.

Do we wish to go that far?

I should very much prefer that the Conference give out a statement that every member of the delegation is attending the London Conference on his own responsibility; and that while each one is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, he has not the power to commit the body. I take it that we must either protect ourselves in that fashion, or the members of the delegation must submit themselves to definite instructions, which may in some cases contravene their personal opinions.

I shall be very grateful to each member of the Board for a prompt letter expressing himself upon these questions. They are vital, because they take into consideration the purpose and the welfare of American Reform Judaism, and I would therefore appreciate the individual opinion of each member of the Executive Board. You might also indicate in your reply what sort of a statement I ought to make to Miss Lily Montagu, so far as an understanding of the Conference's position is concerned.

Fraternally yours



President

LW:R/H



March 26th, 1926.

Rabbi Louis Wolsey,  
1400 Jefferson Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey,

In reply to your letter of March 24th I wish to state that I am of the firm opinion that the members of the Conference who will attend the International Jewish Religious Union in London shall do so on their own responsibility and shall under no circumstances commit the Conference to any action or resolution to that meeting. They should have full freedom to present their individual views without committing the Conference and without speaking in the name of the Conference.

Very sincerely yours,



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Cincinnati, Ohio, April 2, 1926

*Com. on Solicitation of Funds*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are now ready to start work for the Committee on Solicitation of Funds, in accordance with the plan I have submitted for your consideration some weeks ago. Within the next few days we will send to you either by express or parcel post a package containing mimeographed copies of the letters to be sent out, outside envelopes, and return envelopes printed with the names of the rabbis of congregations assigned to you, and in accordance with the number of members of their congregations given by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, plus about 10%.

May I urge you to send these to the congregations within your districts at your earliest convenience, with a personal letter to the rabbi asking him to have the letters addressed and sent out to members of his congregation with the return envelopes enclosed, and to send to you the money received as fast as it comes in? Will you please also inform rabbis in your districts that the Committee will bear all expenses of postage and addressing? Please do not send these expense accounts to the Treasurer of the Conference, but to me, so that I may O.K. them before transmitting them.

I enclose in this envelope a list of the congregations assigned to you, and opposite them the number of letters, outside envelopes, and return envelopes to be sent out to each.

May I add a line, urging you to take care of this without delay? Due to the late date of the last Conference, and to various unavoidable delays, we have now only about two and a half months to get our task done. My experience is that it takes at least that.



District of Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio

Akron Hebrew Cong., Akron, O., Rabbi David Alexander, 228  
Canton Hebrew Cong., Canton, Ohio, Rabbi Chas. B. Latz, 110  
Cong. Tifereth Israel, Cleveland, O., Dr. Abba Silver, 1400  
Cong. Anshe Chesed, Cleveland, O., Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, 1200  
Cong. Temple Israel, Columbus, O., Rabbi Jacob Tarshish, 320  
Cong. Bene Jeshurun, Dayton, O., Rabbi Samuel S. Mayerberg, 300  
Temple Beth-el, Detroit, Mich., Rabbi Leo M. Franklin, 1200  
Cong. Emanuel, Grand Rapids, Mich., Rabbi Philip F. Waterman, 75  
Cong. Shomer Emunim, Toledo, O., Rabbi Joseph S. Kornfeld, 320  
Cong. Rodef Sholem, Youngstown, O., Rabbi Isador E. Philo, 280





April 30th, 1926.

Kennilworth Inn,  
Biltmore, N.C.

Gentlemen:

I plan to attend the  
meetings of the Central Conference of  
American Rabbis beginning Monday,  
June 21st. Please reserve for me a  
room and private bath.

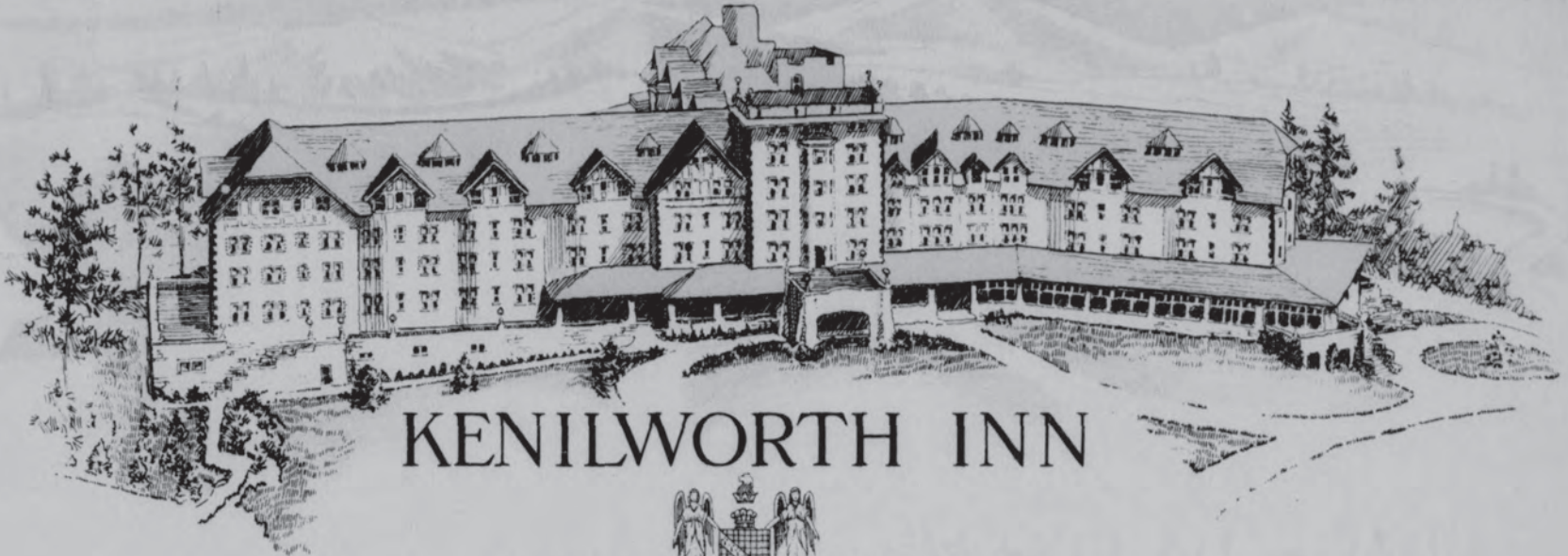
With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,





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May 3, 1926

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th St.  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 30th ult., regret to advise that we are unable to furnish you a room with private bath for the meeting of the Central Conference, as most of our accommodations are arranged in two-room and bath units. We are therefore reserving for you a room with connecting bath, the adjoining room to be occupied by another member of your Association. Would be glad to have you suggest someone congenial to occupy the adjoining room.

Thanking you and trusting that this will be entirely satisfactory, we are

Cordially yours,

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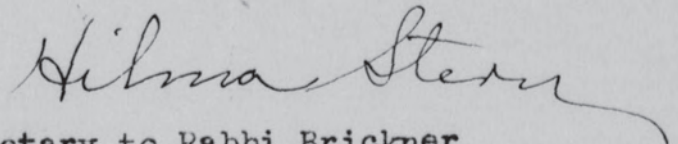
May  
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Miss Jones  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Jones:

In answer to Rabbi Silver's letter of April 19, addressed to Rabbi Brickner, with reference to the letters to be mailed to our membership, in connection with solicitation of funds, please be advised that at our last Board meeting, it was decided to send out this letter after the United Jewish Campaign has concluded.

Sincerely



Secretary to Rabbi Brickner

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May 6th, 1926.

Rabbi James Heller,  
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun,  
Avondale, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Heller,

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. Kornfeld which is self-explanatory. The same situation holds good in Cleveland. We are launching our big drive next Sunday and it will probably continue right through May. I could circularize our membership during the early part of June if you so desire. I rather think that a letter coming immediately after this drive would not bring worth while results. Do you not think that it would be wiser to postpone our appeal to the Holy Day season in September. If you think so please let me know and also Dr. Kornfeld.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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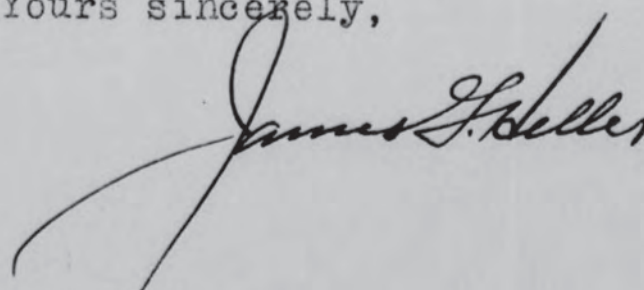
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to reply to yours of the 6th concerning sending out letters for the Committee on Solicitation of Funds in Cleveland. Personally I do not believe that it would be advisable to wait until the fall to do this, even though the drive for Foreign Relief is held at the same time. In the first place, our Committee must make a report at the Asheville Convention. This collection in the fall would be under the auspices of another committee. In the second place, we had an almost identical situation in Cincinnati, and it has been my experience that nobody considers the sending out of these letters in the nature of a "drive." The sum for which we ask is after all very modest, and it is sent out only to Reform Congregations. I sincerely hope that you will recognize the cogency of these reasons and will send out the letters to both congregations in Cleveland.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,



JGH:FS



Philip F. Waterman

Grand Rapids, Michigan,  
May 21, 1926.

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

Dear Friend,

In accordance with your instructions, I recently sent out to our entire mailing list, the appeal that you furnished me. I have waited some time for replies, and the only ones I have received to date are those I am herewith enclosing.

The contributions I am sending to you herewith total twenty two dollars. Should any more come in, I will of course promptly remit them to you.

With kindest greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

*Philip F. Waterman.*



May 24th, 1926.

Rabbi Philip F. Waterman,  
617 Rosewood Avenue,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My dear Rabbi Waterman,

Permit me to thank you for  
the contributions which you raised for  
the Rabbinical Pension Fund. I have this  
day sent them on to Rabbi Heller.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,





May 24th, 1926.

Rabbi James Heller,  
Congregation B'nai Yeshurun,  
Avondale, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Heller,

I am enclosing herewith  
contributions for the Pension Fund which  
Rabbi Waterman sent me this morning. These  
are the first I have received.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours, VES





H.

C O P Y

THE HUNTERBERG LEAGUE  
92 St. Nicholas Avenue  
New York

May 27, 1926

Rabbi Abram Simon  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Simon:--

I was pleased to learn from Mr. Ludwig Vogelstein that you are interested in my educational campaign among the Gentiles.

To acquaint you with my work, I enclose herewith two published articles, two others to be published in "The Jewish Tribune," a copy of a letter to the same magazine, sent in the absence of its editor, Mr. Herman Bernstein, who knows me since I came from London, and copies of some letters from Christian clergymen.

It is my intention to print several pamphlets for the instruction of both Jewish and Christian youth in the history, achievements, ideals and aspirations of the Jewish people. These pamphlets are to be sent by mail to all parts of the United States.

Beside this I intend to lecture in Christian Churches and in other Christian and Jewish institutions in all parts of the country.

It is easier for me to get the hospitality of a Christian pulpit without any remuneration. In other words, the minister or the director of a Y. M. C. A. should not have to pay travelling expenses, etc.

In order to carry out this project, it is essential to get the support of a leading Jewish organization. Therefore, I would be glad to conduct the educational campaign under the auspices of your committee. My friends, Dr. Williams Anthony and Dr. John W. Herring, who think a great deal of my work, will be pleased to cooperate.

Sincerely yours

(signed) MAX HUNTERBERG



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My dear Silver:

I have been informed by the President of the Conference that you have been appointed on the Committee on Synagog, Mental and Physical Infirmities, of which I am Chairman. I do hope you will accept.

IF we could devise a technique whereby the religion of the Synagog could be more intimately and actively linked up with the weaknesses and unhappinesses of its members, we might energise the spiritual life of our generation. I realise that an enormous "if" stands in the way. However no serious and concerted effort has as yet been made in the Synagog to ascertain whether the "if" is or is not insurmountable. I think the effort is tremendously worth while. I hope you do too. I am starting with an absolutely open mind. Also with a growing interest in the manifold aspects and contributions of the psychotherapy of our day.

We do not have to submit our report for a year. We will have this entire year in which to work. I hope to do a lot of reading and thinking. I am just now reading a book on - "Outwitting Our Nerves" that is doing me considerable good and that makes me all the more eager to find a way whereby, in keeping with the spirit and traditions of the Synagog, we may bring such help to more of our people. People are not coming to the Synagog. May we not find a way of bringing the Synagog to the people as a great source of feeling and happiness. I do not say that we can find such a way: We may fail. But if we must fail, let us know why.

We are dealing with a subject that may have in it ideal potencies for incalculable good. Do let me hear from you that you will serve on my committee. I will be very grateful if at the same time you would submit any ideas you may have as to how we may proceed and what your own thought is on this subject. A number of the men on the committee have been selected because they have been in touch with religio therapeutic movements that have been inaugurated within the Synagog both on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. I shall be happy to act as a clearing house for all worth while ideas and



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transmit them to the various members of the committee as promptly and as thoroughly as I can.

With greetings and best wishes for a happy vacation, I am,

Cordially yours,

Witt





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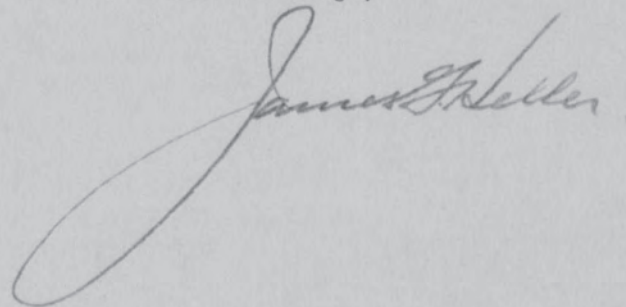
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

This is to acknowledge receipt of yours of May 24th and 28th enclosing checks from Akron, Ohio and Grand Rapids, Michigan. I wonder whether we could receive the addresses of the people who gave in these two cities, so that we may send individual acknowledgments. I shall see that you receive a check for \$33.04 from the Conference for your expenses, as soon as I can get it through.

With friendliest greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,



JGH:FS



c.c. a. R.

CONGREGATION BETH EL  
DETROIT

June 3rd, 1926.

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

My dear friend:

You may be surprised to have received no returns from Detroit as yet in response to the letter sent out by the Committee for collection of funds for Superannuated Rabbis.

However, with malice aforethought, I delayed sending out the letters until after the drive for the United Jewish Appeal should have been completed. This drive came to an end only this week. Our letters were mailed yesterday.

The expense involved for postage was \$19.78. Will you please have a check for that amount made payable to Congregation Beth El? You shall hear from me as soon as I get any returns.

With kindest regards, as always,

Faithfully yours,

*Sam. Frankel*



Huntensberg League

C.C.A.R.

COPY OF LETTER FROM REV. DR. ABRAM SIMON  
3722 Harrison Street  
Washington, D. C.

June 3, 1926

My dear Rabbi Wolsey:

I am enclosing this letter from Mr. Hunterberg for your information. At present, we of the C. C. A. R. cannot employ his services if he is to be salaried. But if six national organizations could club together and pool their interests, something may be possible.

I do not know Mr. Unterberg. His name was brought to my attention by Mr. Vogelstein.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely

(signed) ABRAM SIMON

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COPY OF LETTER FROM RABBI LOUIS WOLSEY  
1400 Jefferson St  
Philadelphia

June 7, 1926

My dear Doctor Simon:--

I have your letter, with enclosure, in reference to Mr. Max Hunterberg. I hardly see where the Conference has any action to take in the premises. Our Committee does not know Mr. Hunterberg, nor has the matter ever come before the consideration of our Committee on Peace and Good Will.

I know that so far as my own vote is concerned, I am hardly in position to commit myself to a responsibility of this character in the case of a man of whom I know nothing. You did not enclose any correspondence you have had with Mr. Vogelstein in the matter.

Cordially yours

(signed) LOUIS WOLSEY



June 7th, 1926.

Rabbi James Heller,  
The Wise Center, Avondale,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear James,

I have just heard from Rabbi Franklin. He informs me that he mailed out our pension letters on June 2nd. He also asked to be reimbursed in the amount of \$19.78 for postage. I mailed out the pension letters to the members of The Temple last Friday. I shall keep you in touch with the progress of our solicitations.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,





June 7th, 1926.

Dr. Abram Simon,  
3722 Harrison Ave.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Br. Simon,

The report of the Committee  
on Good Will between Jew and Christian  
which you sent me meets with my approval.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,





C.C.A.R.

CONGREGATION BETH EL  
DETROIT

June 8, 1926.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear colleague:

Just a line to advise you that I have  
this day sent to Rabbi James Heller,  
Chairman of the Committee on Solicita-  
tion of Funds, checks aggregating

\$261

I hope to send more in a few days.

With greetings and regards, as always,

Faithfully yours,

*Leo M. Franklin*



C.C.A.R - Witt

June Tenth  
1926

Rabbi Louis Witt,  
Congregation Shaare Emeth,  
Saint Louis, Missouri.

My dear Witt,

Thank you for your very kind letter of June second. I wish I could see my way clear to serve on your Committee, but I know that I shall be more than busy next year and that I could not give the subject the time nor the study required. I do not like to serve on a committee where I cannot be of real help.

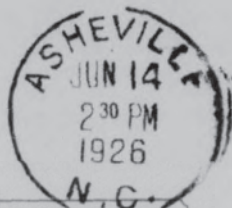
If from time to time persons appeal to me for information, I shall refer them to you.

With kindest regards and wishing you a pleasant summer, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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Rev. Dr. Abta Sholem Silver

Cleveland

105<sup>th</sup> St at Sunset Road,

Phidj



My dear Silver,

Will you attend the conference? If you will,  
then kindly send me at once for our papers two  
cuts of yourself with a different biographical  
sketch for each. I have mentioned you to the  
papers as among the outstanding figures of  
our Conference.

Yours cordially

Thomas Davidson

78 Forest Hill Drive



Rabbi Louis Witt  
4905 Argyle Court  
St. Louis, Mo.

C. C. A. R. - Witt

June 20. 26.

My dear Silber, —

I am sorry you find you will be too busy next year to serve on the Committee that is charged with the task of ascertaining whether a technique of keeping mental and indirectly physical ailments can be made workable in the Synagog. Would you reconsider? Surely if we could find a way whereby the religion of the Synagog can be made more vitally operative in the daily needs and aches and hungers of men, you and I might well rejoice. It may be <sup>we</sup> will not find such a way. Is it not of the utmost moment to know why ~~such~~ a way must be closed to the Synagog? We start with an open mind on an important quest. Would you join us? So let me hear from you again.

With best wishes for a happy summer.

Cordially Yours,  
Witt.



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June 22 to June 27



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## Tuesday Evening, June 22, 1926

Evening Service from Union Prayer Book

Address of Welcome . . . . . MOSES P. JACOBSON

Reply . . . . . HYMAN G. ENELOW

President's Message

Memorial Resolutions:

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Kaddish and Benediction

## Wednesday Morning, June 23, 1926

Reports of Officers

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Solicitation

Finance

Tracts

International Peace

Investment

Publications

Church and State

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Cooperation with National Organizations

Conference of National Jewish Congregational  
Organizations

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Liturgical Literature

Responsa

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Source Book of Reform Judaism

Spiritual Healing

Dr. Neumark's Manuscripts

Discussion

Other Reports

## Wednesday Evening, June 23, 1926

Paper: "Judaism in its Relation to Philosophy  
and Science . . . . . PROF. HARRY WOLFSON

Discussion Led By . . . . . ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN,  
SAMUEL H. GOLDENSON



## Thursday Morning, June 24, 1926

### Religious Education day:

- (1) Introductory statement, "Jewish Religious Education at the Crossroads" . LOUIS L. MANN
- (2) "What is the Project Method" (30 minutes) . . . BARNETT B. BRICKNER
- (3) "Project Method of Teaching Jewish Customs and Ceremonies" (45 min.) DR. GAMORAN
- (4) "The Project—Biblical and Jewish History" (30 minutes) . JOSEPH L. BARON

Report of Committee on Jewish Education DAVID PHILIPSON

## Thursday Afternoon, June 24, 1926

### Committee meetings

## Thursday Evening, June 24, 1926

### Papers:

- "Jewish Champions of Religious Liberty" . . . SIDNEY S. TEDESCHE
- "Influence of Judaism on the Founders of the American Republic" MORRIS M. FEUERLICHT

## Friday Morning, June 25, 1926

### Reports

### Paper:

- "Occupation of the Jews in the United States" . . . EDWARD L. ISRAEL

## Friday Afternoon, June 25, 1926

### Survey of Jewish Religious Conditions

### Reports

## Friday Evening, June 25, 1926

Conference Lecture . . . ISRAEL BETTEN

## Saturday Morning, June 26, 1926

Conference Sermon . . . GEORGE SOLOMON

## Saturday Evening, June 26, 1926

Dinner by Asheville Community

## Sunday Morning, June 27, 1926

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### Asheville, N. C.

	RATES	CAPACITY
Kenilworth Inn (Amer. Plan)		
Kenilworth Park.....	(listed below)	400
Battery Park Hotel (Dual Plan)		
Battery Park Terrace.....	\$3.00 and up	450
George Vanderbilt Hotel (Eur. Plan)		
Haywood Street.....	\$3.00 and up	400
The Langren (Eur. Plan)		
Co. College and Broadway.....	\$2.00—\$6.00	450
Princess Anne (Amer. Plan)		
Chestnut and Furman.....	\$5.00 and up	100
White House Inn		
26 Edgemont, Grove Park Section....	\$3.50—\$6.50	35
Jenkins Hotel (Eur. Plan)		
53 Haywood Street.....	\$1.50—\$3.00	56
The Asheville-Biltmore (Eur. Plan)	\$3.00 and upward	

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Rooms, private bath, twin beds, for 2 persons, \$9, \$10 to \$12 per day per person.

Suite 2 rooms, bath between, double bed, for 4 persons, \$7, \$8 per day per person.

Rooms, private bath, twin beds, for 2 persons, \$9, \$10 to \$12 per day per person.

Suite 2 rooms, bath between, for 2 persons, \$9, \$10, \$12 per day per person.

Rooms, without bath, but with hot and cold running water, double bed for 2 persons, \$6, \$7 per day per person.

Rooms without bath, but with hot and cold running water, twin beds, for 2 persons, \$7, \$8 per day per person.



C. C. A. R.

Paid Day letter

Cleveland, Ohio, June 23rd, 1926

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson,  
Secy. Central Conference of American Rabbis  
Kenilworth Inn, Biltmore, North Carolina.

I regret exceedingly that I shall not be able to attend the session of the Conference. A death in the Congregation compells me to remain in Cleveland. Please convey to my colleagues my best wishes for a pleasant and successful Conference.

Abba Hillel Silver



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Cincinnati, Ohio, July 14, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your favors of  
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Very truly yours,

*Fannie Shokler*

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