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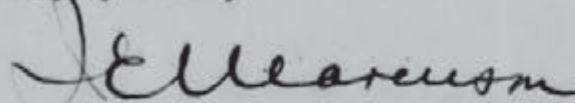
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th. St and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been named Chairman of the Committee on Program for the next Convention of the Conference and you are authorized to appoint the other members of the Committee to serve with you.

During the discussion it was stated that some of the members of the Conference had expressed some rather radical views as to the type of program which we should have at the Convention. It was finally moved and adopted that you be asked whether you would care to have a letter sent to all the members of the Conference inviting them to offer suggestions as to the type ^{of} program desired. This has been tried before without any startling results but it was left to you to decide whether you care to have such a letter sent out again.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

6th July, 1944

Dear Sir,

This Embassy has been requested to transmit to you the following reply from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to your letter to him of April 25th about the performance of marriages by Liberal Rabbis in Palestine.

A copy of your letter is being sent to the High Commissioner for Palestine but the matter is not one in which the Government of that country or the British Government can readily intervene. Under the Palestine Order in Council matters of marriage and divorce among members of the Jewish Community are the concern of the Rabbinical Court. The question of the recognition by them of marriages performed by Liberal Rabbis was considered by the enlarged council of the Chief Rabbinate of Palestine in November last, when the following conclusions were reached:-

- "(1) The celebration of marriages among Jews is not a congregational matter; it is a matter concerning Jewry as a whole.
- (2) Marriages among Jews may only be regarded as valid if they are celebrated according to the written and traditional Jewish law.
- (3) The delegation of the solemnisation of marriage to persons who do not recognise the validity of the laws of marriage as established by Jewish law and tradition and as explained in the Jewish religious code known as "Shulhan-A'rukh" is prohibited under Jewish law and such action is liable to undermine the foundations and the purity of Jewish family life owing to the resultant confusion of family descent which might affect the collective existence of the Jewish people.
- (4) In the circumstances we find it impossible to accept the proposal."

Yours very truly,

(signed) C. E. KING

Solomon B. Freehof, President,
Central Conference of American Rabbis,
4905 Fifth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

July 17, 1944

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary
Central Conference of American Rabbis
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

You state in your letter of July 5 that some of the members of the Conference had expressed some rather radical views as to the type of program which we should have at the Convention. You do not indicate what these radical views are. There may be some merit to them.

The suggestion, however, to send out a questionnaire to all the members of the Conference inviting them to offer suggestions for a program is I believe not a very helpful one. You will get a mass of conflicting responses, which will get you nowhere. Please send me a digest of the opinions which were expressed at the meeting of the Executive Board.

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

July 18, 1944

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof

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Center Lovell, Maine

Dear Sol:

At the Post Conference meeting of the Executive Board when the question of Program for the next Convention was taken up you stated that the Vice-President is always Chairman of the committee and Rabbi Silver was named. You then stated that some of the men spoke to you at the Convention and expressed some rather radical views as to the kind of program they would like the Conference to have, and it was suggested that possibly a letter might be sent to the members of the Conference asking for suggestions as to type of program. It was moved and adopted that the proposal be referred to Silver to get his reaction before such a letter was sent out. In notifying Silver of his appointment I told him of the action of the Executive Board. I am enclosing his reply. I stated at the meeting that we had tried this once or twice and got nowhere.

At the meeting you failed to state what kind of program the members who spoke to you wanted or what ideas they advanced. Would you kindly answer Silver's letter and give him these ideas if you recall them.

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I am sending him a copy of this letter.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson

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July 31, 1944

Miss Bessie Kline,
Secretary to Dr. Silver
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
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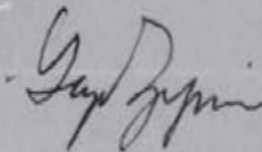
Dear Miss Kline:

I have your letter of July 28th and I am sorry to inform you that there has been a delay in sending the official Acceptance from one member to the other. When I last heard Dr. Freehof said he had sent it to Rabbi Leipziger and he in turn is to send it to Dr. Silver. Meanwhile, Rabbi Leipziger has been traveling about and will probably not reach New Orleans until sometime next week.

When Dr. Silver receives the Acceptance, will you see that after it is signed, it is sent to Dr. Heller at the address given to Dr. Silver in my letter.

Thanking you and with kind regards,

Sincerely,



George Zepin
Secretary

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August 10, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Lillian and I have just returned from Maine where it was cool, and come back to Pittsburgh where it is as hot as the hinges of Hell. I am told that the hinges of Hell are hot not so much because of the fires within Hell, but because the doors are over-worked with the heavy traffic of those who enter.

I have an interesting problem with regard to which I would like to have your counsel; first, because you know the general situation much better than I do, and secondly, because you may have to settle it next year if it drags out. I received a letter from the World Union for Progressive Judaism through Morgenstern informing me that the liberal rabbis in Palestine have been refused the right to officiate at marriages. Morgenstern asked me to write to the British government asking them to change this situation. I did write, and enclosed is a copy of my letter. Since then I received the enclosed answer.

You see the difficulty. The British government washes its hands of the matter and says that marriage is a matter for corporate Jewish religious authorities. These are Orthodox, and if they are allowed to have a church and state control, we will never have liberal Judaism in Palestine. Will you please give me your thoughts on the matter and advise me as to what steps we should take? Please have the letter from the Embassy returned for my files.

With best wishes to Virginia and yourself, I am

As ever,

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April 25, 1944

Secretary of State for the Colonies,
c/o The Colonial Office
Whitehall, London, W. 1.

Honored Sir:

I have been informed by the President of the Hebrew Union College, who had received a cablegram from the Honorable Lily H. Montagu, that "Liberal Rabbis in Palestine denied right to perform marriages because Orthodox Chief Rabbinate says they would not conform to Jewish law."

I am writing to you as President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, an organization comprising four-hundred fifty rabbis of the Liberal (or Reform) branch of Judaism, to protest against this rule.

A marriage by a Liberal rabbi may, on very rare occasions, not conform to Orthodox Jewish law, as when a Liberal or Reform rabbi officiates at the marriage of a person who had received only a civil law divorce but not an Orthodox Jewish law divorce in addition. Such marriages do not conform to Orthodox law, but they do conform to our Reform Jewish law.

When the British government refuses to permit Liberal or Reform rabbis to officiate at marriages in Palestine, it makes the definite implication that marriages performed by Liberal or Reform rabbis are invalid--an implication against which we strongly protest in the name of the four-hundred fifty Reform rabbis in America and the hundreds of thousands of families at whose marriages these rabbis have officiated.

We respectfully request that this ruling against the Liberal rabbis in Palestine be rescinded, and that they be permitted, as in the United States and England, to officiate at marriages.

Very truly yours,

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof,
President, Central Conference of American Rabbis

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

August 14, 1944

I. B. Berkson

RE: Correspondence from Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, President, Central Conference of American Rabbis, concerning the right of Liberal rabbis to perform marriages in Palestine.

According to the Order in Council of 1922, which serves as the basic constitution of Palestine, marriage is considered a religious affair and comes under the jurisdiction of the religious dignitaries of the various churches who have sole authority. This applies to Moslems, the Christian communities as well as to the Jews.

For the Jews the government recognizes the decisions of the Rabbinical Courts which are subject to a Rabbinical Council as finally authoritative. The Rabbinical Council is composed of two rabbis - one for the Sephardic community and one for the Ashkenazic - and six rabbinical members. The Rabbinical Courts have:

- (i) exclusive jurisdiction in matters of marriage and divorce, alimony, execution and confirmation of wills of Jewish Palestinian subjects;
- (ii) jurisdiction in any other matter of personal status of Jewish persons, where all the parties to the action consent to their jurisdiction;
- (iii) exclusive jurisdiction over any case as to the constitution or internal administration of a waqf constituted before the Rabbinical Court according to Jewish Law.

From the above it will be seen that all marriages must be performed in accordance with Orthodox Jewish law. It is not a case of depriving Liberal rabbis of any rights. The system in Palestine is inherent in the whole conception of religious law at present in vogue in Palestine. It could not be changed without implying a radical transformation of conceptions. Of course, all this applies only to marriages performed in Palestine. It has nothing whatsoever to do with the right of Reformed rabbis to perform marriages in the United States, and Freehof's statement that there is "the definite implication that marriages performed by Liberal or Reform rabbis are invalid" is sheer nonsense.

It may be noted that there are many Jews in Palestine that dislike this system which gives control of marriage and divorce to the Rabbinical Courts.

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August 10, 1944

Dr. Emil W. Leipziger
Touro Synagog
4238 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, La.

Dear Emil:

We do not have a simple statement of the functions of our Arbitration Committee, but it is perfectly clear that the complaints of Mr. Buckner do not belong to our Arbitration Committee. I would say that we deal with violations of professional conduct, or ethical standards between rabbis and between rabbis and congregations.

Of course, any heat in debate may be described as unethical, but that is where the matter of judgment comes in as to the function of our Arbitration Committee..

I hope you are having a pleasant summer.

With best wishes, I am

As ever,

Solomon B. Freehof

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P. S. Buckner wrote to me after I heard from you, enclosing copies of his correspondence with you. I wonder whether someone put him up to it to attempt to achieve a counter-Arbitration suit to the Berger-Brickner one. I am enclosing a copy of my answer to him.

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August 15, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

A very important problem came up at the Executive Board meetings, both pre and post-Conference. A man named Phillipsborn wants to join the Conference. He is not an ordained rabbi. Rabbi David Lefkowitz of Dallas together with two young rabbis - graduates of the College - called Phillipsborn before them and gave him "semicha." On the basis of that "semicha" Phillipsborn wants to join the Conference.

I, of course, objected; and I said that the question of what we consider ordination has to be made clear. My own feeling on the matter is this: A rabbi coming from those parts of Europe where there is no other form of ordination but the personal semicha is, without question, to be considered a rabbi by us, and if otherwise suitable, is admissible to the Conference. Even in America if a man comes from a strictly Orthodox environment and gets semicha from an Orthodox rov of standing, he is likewise to be considered a rabbi. But in general, in America where we have theological seminaries we should accept no ordination except that given by a seminary. It would be unfair to our seminaries if we permitted private ordination.

The seminaries, of course, if they wish, may make special categories of partial ordination or may give a form of ordination to men hitherto not ordained but who have served in the rabbinate for many years. But that is their business, not ours as a Conference nor ours as individual rabbis in America. Anyhow that is the way I feel about it.

The Executive Board directed me to appoint a committee to go into the question of ordination in relation to the Phillipsborn case and in general.

I would like to appoint you as Chairman, William Braude of Providence who is on the Executive Board as the other member, and myself who will gladly sign your report. Would you please work out a statement for the Executive Board and ask Braude's reaction?

As ever,

Sol

P.S. You and I are the Conference representatives on a joint committee with the Union to discuss the limits of authority of the Committee on Ceremonies in publishing ceremonial and liturgical material.



NORMAN BUCKNER
209 First National Building
Telephone 8332

Pontiac, Michigan

August 16, 1944

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. Freehof:

I am singularly disappointed in the reply you make to my letter. The second paragraph of your letter to Dr. Leipziger, indicates that your decision was purely arbitrary, since you say you have no simple statement of the function of the Arbitration Committee, that it is a matter of judgment as to the function of the committee and that it is perfectly clear that my request to you does not belong to that Committee's business.

Moreover, I should like to call your attention to the fact that your dismissal of the charges I noted as "heat", does not mitigate the disgraceful conduct of the men who indulged in such tactics. It is, in fact, questionable whether "heat" is responsible for these attacks upon those of us who are anti-nationalists. After all, they have gone on now for more than two years, in this cycle of Zionist leadership. I have also taken the pains to look into Zionist history and find that far from heat, such attacks are a premeditated design in the pattern of Jewish nationalism. This being so, these attacks become more than "rhetoric".

All this seems to me to be a little like your handling of the Houston matter, in which you side-stepped the issue of the position of the Central Conference of American Rabbis by saying that that group had just ceased being anti-Zionist. In the name of truth, what is it then? Does it hang suspended in mid-air in a controversy that is seriously affecting lives of Jews everywhere?

Similarly, in your letter to Dr. Leipziger and me, you try to erase an issue by calling it a name. Some of us laymen may not be as clever as you gentlemen of the cloth with words, but we also know that you cannot blink realities out of existence by putting labels on them which say they are not there.

I have no power to induce you to consider the charges I have brought against the Zionist rabbis mentioned in my letter. It certainly seems to me that if you had a will to maintain high standards in the profession and were of a mind to be fair about this matter, you might have interpreted the prerogatives of your Arbitration Committee so as to cover these flagrant departures from conduct befitting rabbis. If the Central Conference of American Rabbis cannot do this, then who is to do it?

I should appreciate hearing from you. If I cannot secure a reply that is at least written in a tone that indicates that you believe the matter is serious, I should like you to know that I am thinking seriously of sending our exchange of correspondence broadcast throughout the country.

Incidentally, there has been a good deal of this going beyond rabbis of late. I wonder if it has occurred to you that laymen, whom you so often want to assist you in your work, are feeling their strength and going over the heads of a leadership that no longer leads, in a consecrated attempt to revive a Judaism that will.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Norman Buckner

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Copies to

Dr. Emil W. Leipziger

Mr. Louis Goldberg



August 18, 1944

Mr. Norman Buckner
209 First National Building
Pontiac, Michigan

My dear Mr. Buckner:

I have your letter of August 16. You are clearly trying to pump up a fight with the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I assure you that my letter to Rabbi Leipziger does not justify the heat and the threats contained in your letter to me of August 16, 1944. You accuse me of cunningly trying to "erase an issue by calling it a name." You speak scornfully of the "gentlemen of the cloth." You charge further that I have "side-stepped the issue of the position of the Central Conference" in the Houston matter, and you end with the threat of sending "our exchange of correspondence broadcast throughout the country."

There is little that can be said in answer to this baiting. The subject of discussion is really quite simple. You believe that the attack by Zionist rabbis against anti-Zionists is unjustified. You are entitled to your belief. I have heard Zionists use language similar to yours with regard to the attacks by anti-Zionists upon Zionists. You claim that the denunciations of anti-Zionists by Zionist rabbis should be made the subject of investigation by our Arbitration Committee and you wrote to that effect to the Chairman of our Arbitration Committee, Rabbi Leipziger. He referred the matter to me, and I answered that I do not consider the subject matter of these debates to be a proper field for investigation by our Arbitration Committee. Men in the heat of debate may often express themselves thoughtlessly and use exaggerated descriptions of each other. This is unfortunate but is almost inevitable when people feel as deeply as they do on a subject such as this one, and in general, is one of the prices we pay for the privilege of free speech. However, any overt act between rabbi and rabbi, or between rabbi and congregation, which may with justification be deemed unethical, would be a suitable matter to be investigated by our Arbitration Committee.

We follow the general American principle of allowing freedom of speech unmolested, but of subjecting action to careful scrutiny. Of course, sometimes speech may become so dangerous as to constitute a "clear and an immediate danger" but whether it is so dangerous is a matter of judgment. Since it was my responsibility, I judged that the statements to which you referred, while possibly

Mr. Norman Buckner

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unfortunate, were not such an immediate danger and did not constitute "action" which would require investigation by our Arbitration Committee.

If you desire to publish this correspondence I have no objection.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Solomon B. Freehof

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August 17, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I shall take your advice on the matter of the marriages in Palestine. There is no reason to press the matter now during the war. When the war is over, there will be time enough to discuss it and then it will be your job, not mine.

By now you must have received my letter about the ordination. I hope you will accept the chairmanship of this small committee. You do not have to do much work on the matter - just bring in a recommendation in the name of yourself, Braude and myself to the Executive Board in October. Do you agree with the analysis of the situation which I made in my letter to you on this subject?

With best wishes, I am

As ever,

Sol.

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Dear Abba:

I am going to bother you quite a little bit this year on Conference matters because I would like you to become acquainted with the matters which may fall into your hands after this year.

Mr. Norman Buckner of Pontiac, Michigan, wrote to Leipziger, Chairman of the Arbitration Committee, and complained of the nature of the language used by Zionist rabbis in attacking anti-Zionists, and asked that the matter be taken up by the Arbitration Committee. Leipziger sent the correspondence to me and I answered him that I did not think that it is a matter for our Arbitration Committee to investigate. (See my enclosed letter to Leipziger.) I also wrote to Mr. Buckner to that effect. Mr. Buckner then wrote me the enclosed angry letter.

It is clear to me that since he sent a copy of my letter to Louis Goldberg, who has been re-publishing and broadcasting his answer to my answer to Houston, that Mr. Buckner is part of the American Council group, and he or the group is seeking another cause celebre. You will notice that he threatens to publish the correspondence. I am sending you also a copy of my answer to Mr. Buckner. I would appreciate whatever comments you care to make.

With best wishes, I am

As ever,

Sol

SBF:LS
Enclosures



August 18, 1944

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sol:

I have your letter of August 15th. and I want to reply fully to Bernstein's letter to Silver because it is full of errors and misunderstandings. In the first place Stephen Wise himself had the Conference lecture a few years ago. It had been previously ~~been~~ offered to him but he had refused it on the ground that he was leaving the country. For the last six or seven years, strange as it may seem, the Executive Board has not been choosing the Conference lecturer and preacher. It so happened one year that the men named by the Executive Board could not or would not accept and the President named alternates. The next year he claimed the same right and the year following that, being on the Executive Board, he insisted that since he had exercised this privilege his successor should be allowed to do the same.

In regard to papers, if no JIR men have been given principal papers, the fault is not with the program committee but with the JIR men who are on the Executive Board. The program committee merely suggests subjects--the Executive Board names the speakers.

Stephen Wise, Philip Bernstein, Ahron Opher and others in successive line have been on the Executive Board. I challenge any of them to cite a single case where the Executive Board was looking for a good speaker for a subject that the President failed to ask the JIR men whether they had someone to suggest. And I have never found them overly bashful. To complain that they had no representative on all the assignments on the 1944 program is ludicrous. There was one Conference sermon and two papers. And the man to whom one of these papers was assigned was Tepfer, a JIR man, who refused it. It isn't worth the trouble but I could go through my records and cite many cases where JIR men were offered assignments and did not accept them. Silver certainly knew of this for he was handling the program and should have told Bernstein that we are not to blame if the JIR men refuse assignments and then claim that they are not represented.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcusen

Secretary

IEM/jf

August 18, 1944

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Sol:

I fully concur in your "Teshuvah" in the matter of the irregular, not to say "phoney", ordination of the rabbi down in Dallas. It is amazing how many strange things are happening among our southern neighbors. Since writing "Teschuvot" is up your alley, I would suggest that you write it and I will be happy to sign it and I am sure that Braude will, too.

With all good wishes, I remain,

As ever yours,

AHS:DR

August 21, 1944

Dr. Solomon B. Freshof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

Norman Buckner of Pontiac (isn't that the former stamping ground of Berger?) is evidently an agent provocateur. Your reply to his communication is excellent. You might have added that the Arbitration Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis is for members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and is not intended for laymen who wish to champion one group of rabbis against another or who do not like what certain rabbis are saying.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:DR

CENTRAL CONFERENCE of AMERICAN RABBIS

September, 1944

- BULLETIN -

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convention of the Conference has passed into history. The attendance was good and all voted it a great success.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVENTION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: As was to be expected, President Freehof gave us a scholarly message outlining plans for demobilization in our midst after the war and suggesting plans for a return to peace time.

CONTEMPORANEOUS HISTORY: The report of this committee has been sent to the members.

JUSTICE AND PEACE: The report told of the efforts of the Commission to better race relations and outlined plans for lectures and a book on World Peace and World Reconstruction. Words of commendation were expressed for President Roosevelt for making it possible for war refugees to find a temporary home, and for Secretary Hull for his efforts for world organization. A long discussion greeted the Commission's recommendation for the re-education of Germany and its re-admission into the family of Nations. The paragraph was referred back to the Commission for re-wording but most of the original wording was retained. A commendation of labor for its part in the war and a hope that the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee be made permanent were included in the report. The American Red Cross and the Army and Navy authorities were urged to change their policy of segregation of blood of negro donors.

PAPERS: The two papers by Drs. Bamberger and Atlas were well received and provoked a long discussion.

CONFERENCE SERMON: The sermon of Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein was a defense of Zionism in the American scene.

RESOLUTIONS: Only two resolutions were introduced and both of them touched on subjects which had already been treated in the President's Message and were in consequence referred to the Committee on President's Message.

OFFICERS: The same officers were re-elected. Stanley R. Brav, Abraham Feinstein, Alan S. Green, Aryeh Lev, Jacob R. Marcus, Louis Witt were placed on the Executive Board.

PENSION FUND: The Conference approved the Joint Conference-Union Pension Fund and its organization is now assured.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE: The Conference approved the support of the resolutions of the American Jewish Conference by our delegates with the exception of the Palestine resolution. The neutrality of the Conference on the subject of Zionism was reaffirmed.

REPLY TO HOUSTON CONGREGATION: After a long debate the Conference adopted the resolution of the Executive Board which read as follows:

The Executive Board heartily commends its President for his very able and comprehensive reply to Congregation Beth Israel of Houston. We feel that he has forcefully expressed the present viewpoint of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and of Reform Judaism on the questions raised by the Houston Congregation and we would recommend that the reply made by the President constitute the official response of our Conference to Congregation Beth Israel.

PROGRAM: Have you any suggestions for the program for the next Convention. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the Chairman, will be glad to receive and consider your suggestions.

PRAYER BOOKS FOR CHAPLAINS: Several Chaplains have stated that they cannot get Union Prayer Books. The Jewish Welfare Board has been furnishing these books to the Chaplains. Make your request to them. If you do not receive them, write to the Secretary and you will.

PULPIT PRAYER BOOKS: Only a few copies of the Pulpit Prayer Book, Vol. I, remain. They will not be republished. If you have not bought a copy this may be your last chance. Send your orders to the Secretary.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR: The officers of the Conference extend to all of you best wishes for a Happy New Year with a fervent prayer that we and all mankind may soon be blessed with Peace.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcusson

Administrative Secretary

JUSTICE AND PEACE BULLETIN

Issued by the Commission on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference
of American Rabbis, 5017 Washington Ave., St. Louis 8, Mo.
September 1, 1944



- I. A LABOR DAY MESSAGE
- II. THE POST-WAR TREATMENT OF GERMANY
AND JAPAN
- III. THE RELIGIOUS BASIS OF A JUST AND
ENDURING PEACE

A LABOR DAY MESSAGE

We voice our tribute to the miraculous production achieved by American labor and management. Labor's no strike pledge has been one of the decisive factors in this historic success. We deplore the strikes which have occurred in many sections of our country, in vital and non-vital industries, in spite of labor's voluntary no strike pledge for the duration. We, however, want to caution the American public not to condemn all labor for the acts of a few but to remember that the victories achieved by our armed forces are as much a product of our great industries as of the courage of our combat forces. This stupendous record of production is in a large measure due to American labor, the overwhelming majority of whom have worked hard and long hours, whose increase in wages in many instances has not kept pace with increased living costs. For thousands of workers who have struck there have been millions who have worked tirelessly, faithfully with consecration and devotion. To condemn them is unjust. While some workers have enjoyed extraordinary wage increases, this is not true of the vast majority, whose income has not kept pace with increased living costs. Because the strikes have created in the minds of our armed forces a distorted impression of the role of labor in the war effort, we request that officials of the army and navy publicize the great record of labor in creating the supplies of war for our fighting men.

As we hail the great record of labor, we laud the equally great record of American industrial management unparalleled in the history of the world for its imagination, its versatility, its skill in organizing, its endless resourcefulness and its memorable leadership in making our country the arsenal of democracy, and in furnishing our soldiers with the tools of victory.

We believe in the principle of equality of sacrifice in times of war. There exists too large a discrepancy between the sacrifices of men in the armed services and those of the civilian population.

We strongly urge that the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee be made a permanent function of our Government. Any discrimination in employment, because of race, nationality, or religion is morally repugnant and in violation of the spirit of our Constitution.

The remarkable production of both agriculture and industry during this war is most heartening. It indicates the ability of our country to create an economy of abundance. We trust that when this war is over private industry will succeed in maintaining the highest production of goods so that a high level of living can be enjoyed by all in times of peace. If private industry fails to do so, we urge that the Government assume responsibility for it. To that end we ask for the reconstitution of the National Resources Planning Board, abolished last year by Congress' failure to make an appropriation for it. The moral temper of America will be judged not merely by the quality of the peace it makes with other nations, but also by the standard of living it affords its own people. The great plants built out of public funds should not be sold for a song, nor should they be retired from production. Where reconversion to peace

needs is necessary, they should be reconverted by private capital if possible, if not, by public capital to produce essential materials in order to maintain abundance also in times of peace. The plants built by the entire nation should benefit all the people. This duty we owe not merely to every citizen but to all humanity. An America with a high standard of living will be an inspiration to the world. Such an America could weather any post-war crisis.

We trust that in the inevitable and essential cancellation of war contracts our Government will treat with just and fair consideration both workers and management who have so finely cooperated with it.

We favor the principle of a dismissal wage and urge the passage of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill for the further expansion of social security.

THE POST-WAR TREATMENT OF GERMANY AND JAPAN

I. Germany

In considering the treatment of a defeated Germany, we as religious leaders first affirm our confident hope that the victorious Allies will be guided by justice rather than by vengeance. We believe that a re-educated German people can in time become a worthy member of the family of mankind. We accept, however, the necessity for such effective measures of control as will insure the spiritual and material changes that will prevent Germany from again building up a military machine to threaten the peace of the world. Re-education of the German people will undoubtedly take much time because the seeds of Hitlerism have been planted deep in the youth of Germany.

We favor the immediate and speedy trial in Allied courts of those Germans responsible for crimes against the civilian population and for violations of international law. We believe that the people of Germany who supported Hitlerism have a moral obligation to aid in the restoration of the cities and country-sides destroyed by their invading armies. We believe that Germany must return the loot her soldiers have taken in occupied lands; restore confiscated property and re-settle peoples forcibly transplanted.

II. Japan

We urge that the same principles applied to Germany be applied to Japan. We regard neither Germans nor Japanese as hopelessly inferior peoples. The Japanese like the Germans must be re-educated. They must learn that the world will not stand for their aggression. They must compensate the injured nations for the wrong they have committed to them. They must be put on probation until such time that they demonstrate that they have recovered from their madness and are prepared to take their rightful place in the family of nations.

All nations, victors as well as vanquished, must abjure self-righteousness and must share in the task of post-war reconstruction.

Both of these messages were approved at the last meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and we strongly urge our members to give them wide-spread publicity in the daily, labor and religious press. It is also suggested that these statements be reproduced in temple bulletins. Anyone desiring additional copies may procure them by writing to F. M. Isserman, Chairman of the Commission, 5017 Washington Blvd., St. Louis 8, Mo. Please write and let the chairman know what use you make of this bulletin.

THE RELIGIOUS BASIS OF A JUST AND ENDURING PEACE

The failure of men to recognize the implications of the sovereignty of God and the sanctity of human life has resulted in moral disruption and world-wide devastation. Misreading the findings of the sciences, both physical and social, men have given their allegiance to false philosophies. Spiritual and moral values have been divorced from human life and materialism has been made supreme in the affairs of men. In order to rebuild our broken civilization, the spiritual teachings of religion must become the foundations of the new world order and the dynamic force in a just and enduring peace.

We hold that any attempt to extricate humanity from its present tragic condition must take cognizance of the following basic principles which derive from Israel's historic teachings:

1. International peace is of the very essence of the ethical doctrine of Judaism and the propagation of it has been part of the historic mission of Israel. The ideal of universal peace springs directly from Judaism's concept of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Racial, national and cultural divisions among men have historical and moral value and serve the purposes of the Almighty. The emphasis of Judaism, however, has been upon their harmonious co-existence and their collaboration in establishing God's kingdom on earth.

2. Judaism recognizes no inherent national or racial superiorities and has consistently condemned the employment of all such fictions for the purpose of dominating and exploiting other peoples.

3. Judaism teaches that national sovereignty must be subordinate to the higher moral law of God. No nation is above this law. No nation can be a law unto itself. Every nation is morally responsible and accountable to God, Who is the source and sanction of all life, individual and collective.

4. Judaism has always urged the necessity of organizing for peace by creating a permanent international society, the members of which will covenant to observe the moral law of God. Nations can find just and enduring peace only insofar as they merge their separate national interests with the corporate life of humanity.

5. Judaism was first among the great religions of the world to proclaim the ideal of universal disarmament. This will come as a natural consequence of the establishment of a righteous and effective international order. Nations will beat their swords into plowshares only when there will be an international agency strong enough to protect every nation against aggression.

6. Judaism maintains that no just and enduring peace is possible unless it is founded upon full political, economic and social rights for men everywhere. Only the work of righteousness can yield peace, and only upon justice and truth can peace rest securely.

7. Judaism believes that a lasting peace can come only with reconciliation. It seeks the destruction of evil rather than of the evil doer. Governments and their leaders who are responsible for bringing war, suffering and destruction upon the world must be brought to justice. Retribution is neither revenge, nor retaliation, but a requisite condition of international morality. An enduring peace must be based upon the voluntary association of nations as equals within a world community, regardless of past offenses, of which no nation is entirely blameless.

8. Despite the complexities and difficulties of building world peace Judaism does not despair. Judaism believes confidently in the perfectibility of man and in the moral progress of mankind. It affirms unfaltering faith in the future and in man's capacity to achieve a just and enduring peace, once he becomes possessed of the power and the might of the spirit of God. Judaism proclaims that it is man's present duty and ultimate destiny *"laken 'olam b'malkut Shaddai"* to perfect the world under the loving sovereignty of the Almighty.

—From "Judaism and a Just and Enduring Peace."

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September 1, 1944

Dear Colleague:

The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman, Director General of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, has issued an urgent appeal for the collection of clothing to be distributed free in the liberated areas overseas. The need for clothing becomes our urgent responsibility and it can only be met through direct collection in the United States.

Mr. Lehman has requested the following three service agencies to assume responsibility among their own groups to collect clothing through churches and synagogues: the National Council of Jewish Women, for the Jewish community; the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, for the Protestant community; and the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, for the Catholic community.

Recognizing our responsibility in this urgent relief effort and knowing that you will be glad to cooperate in this work, I am suggesting to all members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis that they participate in this task. Mr. Lehman has set aside September 17th, 18th and 19th for all the ministers and rabbis of the United States to make their appeal. Since the New Year's services begin Sunday night, September 17th, we shall be able to bring this announcement to almost the entire Jewish community. The sisterhoods and various auxiliaries will have the responsibility for the actual collection.

Information concerning procedures and publicity will be released through the National Council of Jewish Women for the information of all rabbis and sisterhood groups. This material should reach you well in advance of the High Holy Days.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Solomon B. Freehof

Solomon B. Freehof, President
Central Conference of American Rabbis



September 19, 1944

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I don't seem to have a record of the October meeting of the Executive Board of the C.C.A.R. I did not attend the last meeting. Before I get booked up in October, I would like to set aside this date so as to make sure to attend it.

With all good wishes for a happy New Year to you and Lillian in which Virginia joins me heartily I remain,

As ever,

AHS:BK

at A. J. Conf. - Sept. 43 - ~~the~~ Union - Pol. Res.

Oct. 3-43 meeting - Ex. - Judge Sker
left it to Breuer

Nov. 30-43 - Rabbin in Amer. - Scars

admit revolution - "Unable to connect
itself with these parts, the Pol. Res.
of Am. J. Conf. which call for exclusive Jewish
control of immigration into Pol. and the
establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth"
- reaffirms Phil. Revolution -
Hallen approved -

I wrote him a letter of protest Dec. 17/43

Chicago - Jan. 17-44 - Effort to get Union
approved - I deflected it

- Ex. of 20 A

- You will recall - how he hedged

at Am. J. Conf. - (Just)

- This man is not satisfied with some
provisions of the conf. as an ~~understanding~~

- How can he be trusted. with Halber

⑦ Talk Judge Levin that - another
Negotiations - Sker - Wertheim -
Agreement - Rejected -

- approved for my Phil. Speech!

⑥ We must know our own mind!

① Heller - leader - 26 μs ^{Coast} ~~26 μs~~

① May 30-1942 - Phelan - Outing
Platform. (read). No Bol. Dr. - No J. hat. in
Heller - Chambers. Adm. Com. 20A -

October 17th, 1944

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, President,
Central Conference of American Rabbis,
c/o Hotel Sinton,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sol:-

In accordance with the previous action of the Board of the Conference, and the Conference itself, the \$150,000 allocated to the Pension Fund should now be segregated so that the interest yield can be kept separately and duly credited to this Fund. The U.A.R.C. has already done so with the Schiff and Schenthal Funds; their books have been set up accordingly. In view of the fact that the Pension Plan is now in actual operation, with nearly one hundred members of the Conference already enrolled, may I urge you to undertake this task immediately. I remind you that the use of both the capital and the interest are essential to the successful operation of our Plan. We have entered into obligations with our members to supplement premiums for a long period of years and the actuarial calculations involve the gradual exhaustion both of the capital and the interest during this interval.

In this connection, I remind you of the assurance given us in Cincinnati last June by Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, President of the Union, both at a special meeting held at the Rockdale Avenue Temple, and at a Pension Board meeting held after the Conference, when he specifically said the Union will cooperate in helping the Conference to meet any deficit which may occur in the operation of the Plan. In fact, he assured us, insofar as he personally could do so, that the Union would assume a share of the Conference burden.

In this connection, I suggest, also, that the Board appoint the Administrative Committee of the Pension Program to meet with the proper officials of the Union to consider the results of the Union College Campaign. As the results of this national campaign have already substantially increased the income of the Union, and will further increase this income as the campaign progresses, we have a right to definite information about the developing budget of the Union and to obtain from the increase a fair commitment from the Union which can then be made available to our Pension program. Will you kindly give this matter your consideration and advise.

With heartfelt greetings to the Officers and members of the Board,
I am,

Cordially,

SMG:dr

(SIGNED) SAMUEL M. GUP.

Copy to: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Vice Pres., C.C.A.R.
Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary, C.C.A.R.
Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, President, U.A.R.C.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
of
THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
CINCINNATI, OHIO--OCTOBER, 18, 1944

A meeting of the Executive Board of The Central Conference of American Rabbis was held at Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio on Wednesday, October 18, 1944 with the President, Solomon B. Freehof in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members were present; Solomon B. Freehof, Abba Hillel Silver, Harry S. Margolis, Sidney L. Regner, Isaac E. Marcuson, Maurice J. Bloom, William G. Braude, James G. Heller, Albert G. Minda, Harry J. Stern, Stanley R. Brav, Abraham Feinstein, Alan S. Green, Aryeh Lev, Jacob R. Marcus, Louis Witt.

Maurice N. Eisendrath, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations attended the meeting.

PRAYER: The Opening Prayer was offered by Chaplain Aryeh Lev.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS: The following were elected to membership: Emil L. Fackenheim.

MEMBERSHIP DISCONTINUED: Rabbi Melbourne Harris having notified the secretary that he had retired from the rabbinate, the Executive Board discontinued his membership in the Conference.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY: The secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Adolph Rosenberg sincere sympathy on account of the death of his mother Mrs. Schottenfeld.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Rabbi Marcuson, Chairman of the committee, announced that Union Prayer Book Vol. II newly revised was ready for publication and the printers assured him that it could be issued by early spring. The committee was authorized to go ahead with the printing of the newly revised volume and that the book shall be bound in black. That the membership shall be circularized to ascertain how many congregations will adopt the revised book and how many volumes will be returned for exchange. From this the committee can judge whether it will be necessary to print an edition of the unrevised Volume II. It was decided to include in the volume a prayer for the martyrs who lost their lives during the war.

SEMICHA: The committee which was appointed to decide on principles which shall guide the Executive Board in judging the validity of a semicha presented its report. It urged members of the Conference not to confer the semicha and recommended that the theological seminaries be asked to consider the advisability of conferring a special ordination on men who for one reason or another have found it impossible to complete their studies and receive the regular ordination as rabbi. The application of Adolf Philippsborn was presented but he was not elected to membership there being objection on the part of a member of the Executive Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rabbi Harry Margolis presented the report of the Treasurer. It was moved and adopted that the officers of the Conference shall pick out investments from the Relief Fund to the value of \$150,000 and these shall be segregated to the credit of the Pension Fund. It was moved and adopted that after this year money contributed to the support of the Pension Fund shall be charged to the General Fund and that only money used for actual relief or subvention purposes shall be charged to the Relief Fund.

MEMBERS IN ARREARS: The treasurer reported the following members in arrears for more than three years and the secretary was instructed to notify them that unless they pay the arrearage in part or in full by January first they shall stand suspended. The secretary was instructed to advise the members that suspension from the Conference will jeopardize their standing in the Pension Plan. Lawrence Block, Adolph Feinberg, Leon Feuer, Ephraim Fischhoff, Samuel Glasner, David Goldberg, Carl Herman, Irving Levey, Meyer Lipman, Lothar Lubasch, Maurice Lyons, Myron Meyer, Samuel Perlman, Harold Reinhart, William F. Rosenblum, Herman Saville, Maurice Schatz, Max Schenk, Samuel Volkman, and Eric Werner.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: The report of the office of the Financial Secretary was presented by Rabbi Regner.

YEARBOOK: Rabbi Marcuson reported that the Yearbook was in type and was merely waiting for the list of committees.

RELIEF AND SUBVENTION: Rabbi Margolis reported for the Committee on Relief. It was moved and adopted that we continue to send seventy dollars a month for the support of Abraham Fried and that the committee investigate before the next meeting as to whether some organization in Palestine could not take over the care of this case. It was moved that the present relief cases be continued. It was moved and adopted that the seminaries be asked not to graduate men who are mentally unstable and would not be able to hold a position.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS: It was moved and adopted that in the future the President shall briefly mention members who have passed away during the year, when he gives the President's Message, but that the usual memorial resolution not to exceed one page in length shall be prepared by some colleague and shall be printed in the Yearbook.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION: It was moved and adopted that the next convention of the Conference shall begin on Thursday night June 2 1st., with the President's Message and continue through Monday morning. That the convention shall meet in a New Jersey resort if possible.

REPORTS: The following action was taken on matters in reports of committees which were referred to the Executive Board.

Social Justice. The Executive Board deemed it unwise under present conditions for the Commission on Social Justice to attempt to raise funds for a permanent secretary.

Marriage, Family and the Home. Recommendation I. It was moved and adopted that the matter of introducing effective courses in our seminaries be referred to the seminaries and that Recommendation II be referred to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Religious Work in Universities. It was moved and adopted that action on the recommendations of this committee be postponed until after the war.

Committee on President's Message. Recommendation I. The President reported that no further action was needed. Recommendation III. The President reported that this committee had been appointed and would report later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINCY: The Conference Committee on Chaplaincy to whom had been referred resolutions presented by a group of chaplains at the 1944 Convention of the Conference presented its report. The following substitute resolution was adopted.

PROGRAM: Rabbi Silver presented a series of letters from members containing suggestions for the program of the next Convention. The following program was adopted. The general theme of the program, Spiritual Reconstruction of the Jews of Europe--Salo Baron. Anti-Semitism--Joshua Trachtenberg. Good Will--Magnin, Conference Sermon--Gup, Saturday afternoon a program of Jewish Music--Braude and Singer. Thursday evening opening session--President's Message. So far as possible Chaplains will be invited to read services.

The Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis having before it the report of the Chaplaincy Committee which studied the resolutions presented by a group of sixteen Chaplains at the 1944 Convention of the Conference makes the following declaration:

1. Since the Houston Congregation Beth Israel questions the authority of Rabbi Heller, we declare that Rabbi Heller's visit had been authorized by the Committee on Chaplains, established by the joint action of the CCAR and the UAHC.

2. We find also that Rabbi Schachtel, in taking the pulpit at Houston contravened the rules of the Committee on Chaplains by failing to secure proper clearance as required by the following rule established by the Committee on Chaplains:

A Rabbi, even though advised by his family physician or others that he is physically disqualified for the Chaplaincy, will not be regarded by the authorities of both the Union and Conference, unless he submits to a physical examination as prescribed by the War and Navy department and is rejected officially.

In accordance with many statements previously issued, the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis together with the Committee of Chaplains of the Conference and the Union reaffirms its intention to do everything to protect the interests of its members who are serving in the armed forces and is grateful to the Chaplains for having brought this matter so clearly to their attention.

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COMMITTEE ON PLACEMENT: Rabbi Heller made a statement as to the present status of the Conference Committee on Placement.

COMMISSIONS: Rabbi Silver reported for the Joint Committee on Commissions with the Union. The Executive Board approved all recommendations.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: The Executive Board approved the recommendations presented by Rabbi Minda for the Committee on Committees.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCES: Rabbi Braude reported for the Committee appointed to carry out the recommendation of the President's Message in regard to methods for increasing our Relief and Subvention Fund. The committee recommended that the present system of collections for Solicitations be continued and that a large fund be raised to create a research fellowship. The report was referred back to the Committee for further study and for the possibility of creating a General Cultural Fund.

SUBVENTION: The amount to be spent on subvention for the year was fixed at \$1200.00

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

October 31, 1944

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I am returning herewith the Memorial Prayer
which you wrote. It is very beautiful.

Concerning the other matter, I shall give it a good
bit of study before I give you my opinion.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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November 1, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Since sending you the material for the Arbitration Committee, I received a letter from Wolsey of which the following is the relevant paragraph:

"If you would like to have copies of the material or prefer to have me send the copies to Leipziger, we shall do whatever you suggest. I think I should confess to you that I don't see how the matter can be resolved or composed 'in the interest of harmony and good will' in view of the wretched things which Wise wrote in his editorial. I think you will agree that nothing Wise said was very friendly or harmonious. In our judgment it was even criminally libelous and the matter could have been dealt with still further in the courts. We felt, however, that in view of the Conference's set-up for situations of this sort, it would be much better for the reputation of the rabbinate and of Israel to give the matter over to the Conference for its consideration and decision."

Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Sal

SBF:ls



November 1, 1944

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

In connection with your letter of October 30 — I should like to obtain a copy of the Code of Ethics of the Conference in order to familiarize myself with its scope.

I should also like to know what is the significance of the action taken by the Arbitration Committee in the case of the Brickner-Berger incident, where you say Berger was rebuked without mentioning his name. What kind of an action is that? What is an anonymous rebuke? Is that the kind of a decision asked for here? It would be a very simple matter to have the Arbitration Committee issue a "stam" declaration that Rabbis shouldn't attack other Rabbis violently in public. It is quite another thing if names are mentioned.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Am I to send out letters now inviting the people who were named at the last meeting of the Executive to participate in the next Conference program?

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November 3, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

For the convenience of your files I am writing this letter on separate stationery.

James Heller in his administration was eager to achieve a close relationship with the Orthodox and the Conservative rabbinate. The result of his efforts was the joint session we had in connection with our New York Conference. It was not a particularly successful or profitable meeting and in general I was not too enthusiastic about the Shidduch, particularly in reference to our Pension Fund and the Emergency Placement Committee for returning chaplains. I was convinced that our work, using our resources, should be conducted separately for the benefit of our men.

Now Dr. Gordis met me in New York and asked me for further cooperation in other fields. He specifically referred to cooperation in the field of religious work in the universities. I told him that I would appoint a committee to explore the matter in consultation with a committee of the Rabbinical Assembly. This is certainly a situation which will involve you since I told him that we are going to meet in Atlantic City or some other New Jersey resort and, therefore, we will not be able to meet with them this year (since they are meeting in New York).

All this is to ask you between us how strong a committee do you wish me to appoint? Do you want the matter pursued strongly? Again this is a carry-over matter in which I will be guided by your judgment.

As ever,

Sol

SBF:ls



November 14, 1944

Dr. William G. Braude
Temple Beth El
160 Brown St.
Providence, R.I.

My dear Dr. Braude:

You will recall that at the last Executive Board meeting of the CCAR, it was resolved to include in the program of our forthcoming Conference, a period of Jewish music, and that you and Singer are to take charge of planning this part of the program. This letter is by way of a formal confirmation of the invitation. Please get in touch with Singer and proceed to work out this program for a musical Saturday afternoon, which should be extremely interesting.

You will recall that the dates of the Conference are June 21-25, 1944. The place has not yet been fixed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 14, 1944

Dr. Salo W. Baron
Columbia University
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Baron:

The Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis met recently to plan the program of the forthcoming sessions of the Conference to be held June 21-25, 1945. The Board determined to set as the general theme of the forthcoming Conference, "The Spiritual Reconstruction After the War." The Board is especially anxious to have a paper on "The Spiritual Reconstruction of the Jews of Europe After the War," and it unanimously resolved to extend a most cordial invitation to you to read a paper on this subject. I hope that you will be able to accept this invitation.

The place of the Conference has not yet been determined. It will probably be somewhere on the Eastern Seaboard. As soon as the place is fixed, I shall inform you of it, as well as your exact place on the program.

The paper should be about forty-five minutes in length -- reading time -- and will undoubtedly be followed by a discussion period.

With all good wishes, and hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 14, 1944

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin
Wilshire Blvd. Temple
636 S. Hobart Blvd.
Los Angeles, Cal.

My dear Edgar:

The Executive Board of the C.C.A.R. met recently to plan the program for the next Conference which will be held June 21-25, 1945. The Board determined on a general theme for the Conference, "Spiritual Reconstruction After the War." There will be a paper on the subject (1) "Spiritual Reconstruction of the Jews of Europe" (2) "Anti-Semitism -- How to Meet It" and (3) "Creating Good Will and Understanding Between the Racial and Religious Groups in our Country." It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that you are especially qualified to discuss this last subject, and we would all be delighted if you could accept the invitation. You may wish to give an historical background to your subject, an evaluation of the work already done, and more especially, a program for the post-war period.

It is a long time since I have seen you. I trust that you are well. With all good wishes to you and yours, in which Mrs. Silver heartily joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 14, 1944

Rabbi Samuel M. Gup
Temple Israel
925 Bryden Road
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Sam:

The Executive Board of the C.C.A.R. met recently in Cincinnati to consider the program for the forthcoming sessions of the Conference. The Executive Board voted unanimously to extend to you an invitation to deliver the Conference Sermon. I trust that you will be able to accept this invitation as all of your colleagues are most eager to receive a message from you.

The place of the Conference has not yet been determined upon. As soon as it is, I will communicate with you. The Conference will be held on June 21-25, 1945.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 14, 1944

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein
National Jewish Welfare Board
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, N.Y.

My dear Philip:

This letter is by way of extending to you formally what I conveyed to you informally a few weeks ago -- the invitation of the Executive Board of the CCAR to deliver a Conference Lecture at the forthcoming sessions of the Conference. Your colleagues are all most eager to receive your message, and I trust that you will be free to accept our invitation. They would like you to speak on the theme, "The Returning Soldier." I know of no one better qualified than you are to discuss this vital subject.

The place of the forthcoming Conference has not yet been determined. As soon as it is, I will communicate with you. The Conference will be held on June 21-25, 1945.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RCJ
Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

November 17, 1944

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your kind invitation to address the Central Conference of American Rabbis next June. I am delighted to accept it on principle. At the moment it looks as if the timing of the Conference might, for various reasons, be inconvenient for me and I can anticipate either of two difficulties: Either I should not be able personally to appear at the Conference but have to submit to it a written paper to be read by somebody else, or, what would be a much lesser evil, that I should be able to come to the Conference but not have a completely written paper at hand. In this case I could present my views on the subject leaving it for a somewhat later date to present a formal paper for publication. However, it is too early to try to cross the bridge. You may count, in any case, on my cooperation.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Salo W. Baron
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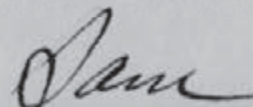
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:-

Please know that I greatly appreciate the invitation of the Executive Board of the C.C.A.R. to deliver the sermon at the forthcoming Conference. It is, indeed, a great privilege to be singled out among all the fellows for this purpose.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially,



SMG:dr

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November 19, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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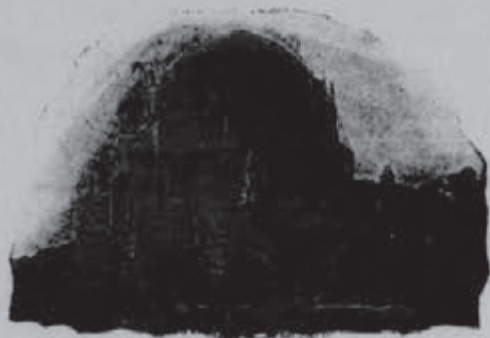
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of the Fourteenth of November. In preliminary discussion with my Director of Music, I was informed that advance knowledge of the place is very important in order to take into consideration the technical facilities available. These include piano, organ, trained voices, musical leadership, etc.

Since I was under the impression that we were to meet in Atlantic City, I wrote to Narot inquiring about these. Now that there may be a change, I shall await word from you as soon as the place is fixed.

Sincerely,

Wm Braude



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November 21, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Central Conference of American Rabbis
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

You doubtless know that Rabbi Magnin is in Alaska on a government-sponsored lecture trip, and will not return until the latter part of December. Your letter arrived just as he was leaving, and he asked me to acknowledge it.

He appreciates the invitation to participate in the Conference session, and will carefully consider the matter. As soon as he is back in town, you will hear from him.

My greetings and best wishes.

Cordially,

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November 21, 1944.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th confirming the invitation to deliver a Conference Lecture on the theme "The Returning Soldier". I will, of course, be glad to undertake this assignment.

With friendly personal greetings and all good wishes.

As ever,

PHILIP S. BERNSTEIN

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November 22, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

In a way I am sorry to have bothered you about that unpleasant Arbitration matter, especially since this particular matter may be troublesome to you if it holds over. I, therefore, have made up my mind to get through with it as soon as possible so that it should not overlap your administration.

Naturally, we cannot refuse any request for arbitration between rabbis, and I am going to tell Leipziger to look into the matter slowly and carefully, considering the age of the men involved. It may be that the person accused would be willing to say that he did not mean to start an effort to remove from their pulpits the two people whom he attacked.

At all events, I hope that it will all be settled in some decent way.

As ever,

Sol

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY A GROUP OF RABBIS IN CINCINNATI

Nov. 30-1943

The Union declares that its functions is to interpret, maintain and promote Reform Judaism and reaffirms its loyalty to its spiritual purposes.

The Union declares its sense of fellowship with all Israel and will associate itself with all worthy and practical efforts designed to ameliorate the tragic plight of world Jewry and, therefore, continues to be a member of the American Jewish Conference, upon the conditions mentioned below.

Because in the congregations of the Union there are divergent opinions on the question of Zionism, the Union recognizes the right of each individual to determine his own attitude on this controversial question.

Therefore, the Union as an organization, is unable to associate itself with those parts of the Palestine Resolution of the American Jewish Conference which call for exclusive Jewish control of immigration into Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth.

The Union's position on Palestine has been stated, and we herewith reaffirm the Resolution passed at the Committee meeting on May 30, 1943, whose recommendations were subsequently ratified by the Executive Board of the Union, as follows:

1. Provision shall be made for large-scale immigration into Palestine regulated in cooperation with the Jewish ~~and~~ Agency for Palestine by such a concert of nations as shall be established after the war.
2. Palestine shall remain under the stewardship of this concert of nations until it shall become possible to establish self-government without jeopardizing the rights or status of any group in Palestine.
3. Such a government shall be democratic and non-sectarian, modelled upon the governments of the democratic nations, There shall be complete separation of Church and State. The inviolability of the Holy Places of the various religions shall be guaranteed.

We call upon our congregations and their members to rally loyally to the support of the Union.

We further resolve that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the American Jewish Conference with the request that they communicate it to the constituent members of the American Jewish Conference and make it known through their publications.

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December 7, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am very sorry that we could not see each other in Pittsburgh, but I know how busy you were and that you left for Washington before the Conference was over.

I have a Conference matter of which I wish to apprise you since it will undoubtedly hang over into your administration. A number of our men in the Chaplaincy have claimed (I do not know that they have proved their claim) that the Jewish Theological Seminary is taking advantage of the fact that many of our congregations have no rabbi, since the men are in the Chaplaincy, and is trying to establish new Conservative congregations which will take membership away from our congregations or to place their men in our congregations.

Whether this can be demonstrated or not, I do not know. Burton Levinson, a member of the Conference who is now a chaplain in San Diego, tells me that this is what is happening in Duluth, and he wants either you or me to go there to save the situation. Enclosed is a copy of the letter I have sent him.

I hope that you do not have much of this sort of trouble in addition to all the other worries which must beset you these days.

Lillian and I both missed being with you while you were here. Give our best to Virginia.

As ever,

Sol

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December 7, 1944

Chaplain Burton E. Levinson
Naval Training Center
4065 Third Avenue
San Diego, California

Dear Friend:

The situation in Duluth is more than just worrisome to you. If it represents a growing situation, it must be the source of worry to all of us. I do not see how either Rabbi Silver, as you suggest, or I could inject ourselves into the situation. The only ground we have of communication with the Congregation is that the chaplain has rights which we, as a Conference, are in duty bound to protect. The question is: can we, on the basis of our defense of these rights, urge a congregation not to make certain ritual changes, since these ritual changes might divide the congregation?

What we have the right to do is to urge the officers of the congregation to do everything in their power to keep the congregation together so that the section of the community which sent the chaplain into service shall remain substantially intact in order to perform fully its patriotic promise.

In addition to corresponding with the congregational officers, I can urge Louis Egelson, who is in Chicago for the present, and who represents the Union which has direct connection with the congregation, to go to Duluth and look into the matter.

If what you suspect is being "managed" in Duluth is part of a national situation, it will have to be dealt with nationally. In other words, we will have to bring the matter out into the open in our discussion with the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Write and tell me the names of the officers of the congregation, preferably the President, who would be most receptive to a strong communication from me on the matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Solomon B. Freehof

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

It seems strange to be writing you about something that has no connection with the Palestine Resolution.

You know that I am chairman of the Religious Education Committee of the Conference. Several years ago we were instructed to do a thorough study on the whole subject of Confirmation. I was not able to do anything about it last year but I should like to do it this year. What I should like to know is whether we will have a place on the program to present either a complete report on the subject or a series of papers dealing with it.

As you know, up to last year there was always a Religious Education Day at the Conference. Last year it was eliminated in order to enable us to have a shorter session. Sol Freehof wrote me that he thought we would have a longer session this year. Since you are chairman of the Program Committee, I am hoping that you will give us either a morning or an afternoon for the Religious Education Committee.

Will you please let me know as soon as possible so that we can proceed with our plans.

As ever,

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer

LIF-s

December 14, 1944

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from
Leon Feuer. I suppose it is too late to do
anything about it, but before I answer it, I would
like to have your reaction.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

C O P Y

December 16, 1944.

Dr. Isaac E. Marcuson,
204 Buford Place,
Macon, Georgia.

Dear Isaac:

It is not an easy problem with which you have confronted me, with regard to the printing of the Prayerbook. The plain hard fact is that it is virtually impossible to get anybody to accept the orders of re-printing our present Volume II. Our new Volume II is already in press (so I assume). We must also assume that many more men will be willing to take the new Volume II next fall than have bothered to indicate so in answer to your postal card. Money is fairly plentiful now in every congregation.

I, therefore, suggest that you inform the members in a letter or by postal card that Volume II, Newly Revised, is in press; second, that it is impossible to get the old Volume II re-printed. Therefore, the members had better count on introducing the new Volume II next fall. Hence you are asking them again: have they any of the old Volume II (bought within these and these dates) which they wish to turn in for refund? Also, you can repeat your inquiry about the pulpit-sized Prayerbook.

Now there is another matter about which I wish to write you. It is you who always makes the specific schedule of the Program, i.e., its calendation, after you get the list of papers from the Vice-President. Could you do that right away and send a copy of it to me and to Silver? The reason for this request is as follows: Feuer, the Chairman of our Religious Education Committee, would like to have a religious education day as in the past (except last year when we had a shortened convention). The Committee has a definite task specifically assigned to it, namely, the study of the question of Confirmation. Can the schedule be so worked out on the calendar that we can again assign, as in the past, a religious education session? Please work out the calendar and send Silver and me each a copy.

With best wishes,

As ever,

(Signed) Sol

(Solomon B. Freehof)

SBF.es

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
THE RUSKIN APARTMENTS
120 RUSKIN AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA.

December 16, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

You will recall that we returned to the longer convention. I am not sure whether this fact will enable us to have a Religious Education session as in the past. I should think it might. I have written to Marcuson asking him, even though this is rather early for it, to make a complete schedule of the convention and to see whether he can get in a Religious Education session. When you get the schedule, you will be able to answer Leon.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Marcuson because it contains something about the Union Prayerbook that you will want to know.

With best wishes,

As ever,

Sol.

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P.S. I sent you a copy of my Ayres Lecture, given a few weeks ago in Lansing, Michigan. The Ayres Lectureship was established about twenty years ago. Each annual lecture must deal with the same subject, "The Evolution of the Soul." If you look on page 25, you will see how carefully I read your lecture on "The Democratic Impulse."

S. B. F.

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE JUSTICE AND
PEACE COMMISSION OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
HELD AT THE STANDARD CLUB, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 18, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ferdinand M. Isserman at 10:00 A.M. In attendance were Rabbis Fram and Goodman of the Administrative Committee, Fox and Wax of the Commission and Baron of Milwaukee, and Singer of Chicago as visitors.

The Chairman was authorized to go on with the plan for a series of lectures in the larger cities on implementing the Statement on Judaism and a Just and Enduring Peace. These are to be given by Jewish authorities lay or rabbinic and if possible, to be published in book form. This series was authorized at the meeting of the Central Conference last June. The Chairman likewise was authorized to invite twenty members of the Conference to contribute an address or sermon on World Peace or World Reconstruction to a book to be issued by the Commission as authorized by the Conference. Rabbi Fram reported that the Commission on Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was favorably disposed toward a book on Jewish Justice and Peace Heroes in the American scene. This book would be available for use in the Religious School.

The request of Chaplain Miller for a French translation of the Statement on a Just and Enduring Peace was received by the Chairman. The Commission voted that such a translation be made for dissemination among French civilians of all denominations. The Chairman was authorized to communicate with the OWI for permission to make such a translation. The Chairman recorded that 500 copies of the English statement have been sent to Chaplain Miller at his request. The Chairman was also authorized to communicate with the OWI with reference to translating the Statement on Judaism and a Just and Enduring Peace in German for dissemination among German civilians in the areas occupied by troops of the United Nations. The Chairman was also authorized to discuss with the proper authorities the question of contacting Jewish leaders in European theatres to secure from them endorsement on the Statement on Judaism and a Just and Enduring Peace. If government approval for this project is secured, the Chairman is authorized to go abroad on his own expenses to make these contacts.

A Race Relations message drawn up by Rabbi Goodman was approved as amended and it was urged that it be sent to our membership with the permission of the Executive Board.

It was decided to issue a Justice and Peace Bulletin from time to time. It was voted that the editors of Liberal Judaism be asked to turn over at least one page of the magazine to Justice and Peace in each one of its issues. The Committee voted to reissue the Statement, Treatment of Germany and Japan as approved by the Conference.

It was moved and passed that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Honorable Cordell Hull for his contributions in the realm of international affairs, and a letter of consolation be sent to the family of Archbishop William H. Temple, expressing sorrow over his death and appreciations for his great religious leadership.

It was moved and carried that the program committee of the CCAR be asked to set aside one full session for a full debate of the Commission on Justice and Peace at its annual meetings.

It was moved and carried that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations be asked to devote one session to Justice and Peace at its forthcoming council.

It was voted that the Commission plan periodic conferences on vital Justice and Peace issues for Jewish laymen, rabbis, and others, parallel to the American Institute on Judaism and a Just and Enduring Peace.

The Chairman was authorized to communicate with members of the Conference urging them to plan Justice and Peace programs for their sisterhoods and Brotherhoods and suggesting that active members of the Commission be invited to acquaint the auxiliary organizations of congregations with the work of the Commission.

It was voted that the Chairman of the Commission arrange a meeting in New York with representatives of Reform congregations in the Metropolitan area to acquaint them with the work of the Commission.

The Chairman was authorized to issue a statement endorsing the Dumbarton Oaks proposals and opposing legislation of military conscription in times of peace now and also opposing the emergence of power politics in Greece, Italy, Belgium and Poland. The business meeting of the Commission adjourned.

In the evening a dinner meeting was held to which were invited the rabbis of all the Reform congregations in the Chicago area and two of their Board members. Twenty two attended this meeting. Among the rabbis present were: Fox, Strauss, Singer, Baron and others.

The Chairman of the Commission presented the work of the Commission.

Wholesome discussion followed. In the discussion it was suggested that congregations, Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods be asked to appoint Justice and Peace and Race Relations Committees. Members of KAM congregation reported that the Sisterhood of that Congregation had a Race Relations Committee which had done some constructive work. It was the consensus that more such meetings should be held.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. Rabbi Wax of Glencoe, Illinois had served as secretary of the Commission.

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Los Angeles

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December 26, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Central Conference of American Rabbis
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I just returned from a thrilling trip to the
Aleutians.

Replying to your letter of November 14th, I
shall be pleased to come to the Conference and give
a paper on "Creating Good Will and Understanding Be-
tween the Racial and Religious Groups in our Country".

Best to you and Virginia, in which Evelyn joins
me.

Cordially,



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December 28, 1944.

Dear Executive Board Member:

May I beg you for ten minutes of your time, right now. That's what it will take for you to glance over this letter and the enclosed pamphlet.

Purpose: a CCAR ruling is that no Committee may use the Conference imprimatur on a publication without the consent of a majority of the Officers and Board.

The enclosed "Your Private Life" is an experimental edition made for the examination and criticism of CCAR men in the chaplaincy (other agencies having rejected the whole proposition which a number of our member chaplains have been calling for). Copies are now being ordered in quantities by chaplains who say they would like to distribute them to their charges.

Our Committee believes that if the Chaplains find them useful, they are worth the expenditure of a large part of our annual budget. Our intention is to remove the name of the author, substituting the Conference Committee name as a signature- if we have your permission. We dare hope this free pamphlet will be a Conference contribution to the welfare of Jewish servicemen.

To save time, please send me your "yes" or "no" vote by return mail. We will also appreciate such comments as you may care to share with us.

Urgently and sincerely,

Stanley R. Brav

Chairman.

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**CONSTITUTION
AND
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OF THE
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Adopted

1927

(As Amended Since Adoption)

ARTICLE I—*Name*

This organization shall be known as The Central Conference of American Rabbis.

ARTICLE II—*Object*

The object of this Conference shall be to conserve and promote the Jewish religion and to encourage all efforts for the dissemination of the teachings thereof; to advance the cause of Jewish learning; to foster the spirit of fellowship and cooperation among the rabbis and other Jewish scholars of America; and to make provision for worthy colleagues who are prevented for any sufficient reason from following their calling.

ARTICLE III—*Membership*

SECTION 1. Membership in the Central Conference of American Rabbis shall be of three classes. Applicants for membership shall fill out a blank furnished for that purpose and shall state clearly under which classification the applicant comes. All applications for membership shall be acted upon by the Executive Board.

CLASS I. Any ordained Rabbi, either a graduate of a recognized rabbinical seminary or the possessor of a Semicha regarded as authoritative by the Executive Board and who is engaged solely in rabbinical work or in work akin thereto.

CLASS II. One who is not an ordained Rabbi but who is a professor in a Rabbinical Seminary and devotes his full time to such profession.

CLASS III. Educational directors of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations engaged exclusively in Jewish religious education.

SECTION 2. Jewish scholars whose activity is in fields allied to rabbinic education, and communal workers of prominence who live outside the United States or Canada, who have been rabbis, may be elected as corresponding members upon recommendation of the Executive Board.

SECTION 3. Membership in the Conference shall be terminated by the action of the Executive Board under the following conditions:

CLASS I. Whenever a Rabbi leaves the ministry permanently and enters into an occupation or profession unrelated to rabbinical service.

CLASS II. Whenever a professor in a Rabbinical Seminary, who is not an ordained Rabbi, severs his connection with such a seminary.

CLASS III. When an educational director severs his connection from directorship of religious education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

SECTION 4. Honorary members or honorary officers may be elected by the Conference when unanimously proposed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV—*Dues*

SECTION 1. The annual dues of members shall be five (5) dollars, payable in advance.

SECTION 2. These dues shall entitle members to a copy of all publications of the Conference.

SECTION 3. One-half (1/2) of the annual dues collected shall be paid into the Relief Fund of the Conference to be used at the discretion of the Executive Board for the assistance of any deserving rabbi who has been in service in America at least five (5) years, or for his family.

SECTION 4. Any member in arrears for two years may be suspended by the Executive Board, and a notice of this action shall be sent to the suspended member by the Administrative Secretary. A member suspended for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated by the Executive Board upon satisfactory settlement of arrears.

SECTION 5. The Executive Board shall have the power to remit any or all of the dues of a member.

ARTICLE V—*Expulsion*

SECTION 1. When any member of this Conference, by public or private conduct, has rendered himself unworthy of membership, the Executive Board shall have a thorough investigation made of the charges, which shall have been submitted to the Board in writing, giving the accused ample opportunity to defend himself; and, if the charges are found true, the Board shall expel said member from the Conference. Pending final action the Board may suspend a member.

SECTION 2. No expulsion shall be valid unless at least three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the members of the Executive Board shall vote for same.

SECTION 3. An expelled member shall have the right to appeal from the decision of the Executive Board to the Conference at any regular annual meeting, and the session at which such appeal is heard shall be executive.

SECTION 4. Notice of the expulsion of a member shall be sent to every member of the Conference by the Administrative Secretary.

ARTICLE VI—*Officers*

SECTION 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, Vice President, Administrative Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected. Those officers, together with twelve additional members shall constitute the Executive Board. The members of the Executive Board shall hold office for two years, or until their successors are elected.

SECTION 2. No member of the Conference shall be eligible to the presidency for more than two successive terms, and no member who has served on the Executive Board for four successive years shall be eligible to re-election until two years have elapsed; but this shall apply only to the twelve non-administrative members of the Board.

SECTION 3. There shall be a Committee on Relief which shall recommend to the Executive Board the distribution of the money in the Relief Fund of the Conference.

SECTION 4. A member of the Executive Board who is absent

from two successive meetings of the Executive Board, held at other times than in connection with the meeting of the Conference, without sufficient excuse, shall have his office declared vacant by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII—*Meetings*

SECTION 1. This Conference shall meet annually, in general convention, at such time and place as the previous convention or the Executive Board shall select.

SECTION 2. Notice of time and place of each annual meeting shall be mailed to all members at least four weeks in advance.

ARTICLE VIII—*Amendments*

SECTION 1. Amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the convention in one year, and shall be acted upon at the next annual convention.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board shall give notice of proposed amendments to each member at least four weeks before the annual convention at which action thereon is to be taken.

SECTION 3. A two-thirds ($2/3$) vote of the members present shall be necessary to adopt any proposed amendment.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I—*Duties of Officers*

SECTION 1. The officers of the Conference shall perform the duties usually incumbent upon such officers. They shall submit to the Conference at its annual convention a written report of their official transactions during the past year.

SECTION 2. The Treasurer shall give bond in such sums as the Executive Board shall determine. No money of the Conference shall be paid out by the Treasurer except upon a voucher drawn by the Financial Secretary and signed by the President.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board:

(a) To take charge of the affairs of the Conference during adjournment.

(b) To arrange a program for the work of each meeting of

the Conference and to send a copy of said program to each member of the Conference at least four weeks in advance of the annual meeting.

(c) To publish a Yearbook, containing a report of the transactions of the preceding convention, together with papers read and addresses delivered or abstracts therefrom.

SECTION 4. Notice of meeting of the Executive Board and of the business to be brought before such meeting shall be sent to all members of the Board at least three weeks before the meeting shall take place, and every member of the Board shall have the right to express his opinion and record his vote by correspondence. No important matter shall be decided by the Executive Board except by a majority vote of the members voting expressed either in person or in writing. Nine members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 5. Vacancies occurring in the Executive Board after the adjournment of the convention shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE II—*Temporary Committees*

SECTION 1. The President shall appoint, at the opening session of each convention of the Conference, the following temporary committees:

- (a) On President's Message.
- (b) On Resolutions.
- (c) On Nominations.
- (d) Thanks.

SECTION 2. The Committee on President's Message shall consider and report on the suggestions and recommendations contained in the annual report or message of the President.

SECTION 3. The Committee on Resolutions shall, before final adjournment, consider and report on all resolutions offered at the convention, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

SECTION 4. The Committee on Nominations shall submit a list

of names for all offices specified in Article VI of the Constitution to be voted on at a specified session of each convention.

ARTICLE III—*Standing Committees*

SECTION 1. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint the following committees and such other committees as may, from time to time, be authorized or ordered:

- (a) On Publications.
- (b) On Finance.
- (c) On Investment.
- (d) On Church and State.
- (e) On Contemporaneous History and Literature.
- (f) On Religious Education.
- (g) On Religious Work in Universities.
- (h) On Arbitration.
- (i) On Responsa.
- (j) On Public Affairs.
- (k) On Synagog Music.
- (l) On Archives.
- (m) On Solicitation of Funds.

SECTION 2. The Committee on Publications shall have charge of the business and financial details of all publications of the Conference authorized by the Executive Board, except the Year Book. It shall make a report to the Executive Board whenever requested to do so.

SECTION 3. The Committee on Finance shall consist of the Financial Secretary of the Conference and two members of the Executive Board. To it shall be referred all recommendations of appropriations of money upon which it shall report to the Conference, if in session; otherwise, to the Executive Board. It shall submit to the Conference at its annual convention a complete report of the finances of the Conference. It shall submit to the Executive Board at its fall meeting a financial report as well as a budget for the year.

SECTION 4. The Committee on Investments shall consist of the Treasurer and two members of the Executive Board. It shall invest



all funds of the Conference subject to the instructions of the Executive Board.

SECTION 5. The Committee on Church and State shall report on the encroachments on rights of conscience in our country and shall collect literary material helpful in the protection and preservation of those rights.

SECTION 6. The Committee on Contemporaneous History shall report to each convention of the Conference on all important matters of Jewish interest which have occurred during the year and shall suggest action for coming anniversaries and observances.

SECTION 7. The Committee on Religious Education shall consider and present to the convention of the Conference such matters relating to religious education as it may deem important.

SECTION 8. The Committee on Religious Work in Universities shall collect information relative to the various activities which are being carried on at the universities among the Jewish students and shall encourage and assist any movement which will tend to bring the Jewish student into closer and more sympathetic relation with the synagog.

SECTION 9. The Committee on Arbitration shall serve as a helpful medium to secure and maintain right relations in the dealings of congregations and rabbis with each other.

SECTION 10. The Committee on Responsa shall prepare a report on all ritual questions which are referred to it.

SECTION 11. The Committee on Public Affairs shall serve to bring to the Conference all matters dealing with projects rising out of the relation of the Synagog and the Community; all matters dealing with projects of National Defense and the War Effort, and to bring to the Conference wherever advisable matters involving cooperation with other National and International Organizations. There shall be a sub-Committee on Public Affairs which shall serve to bring to the Conference matters referring to cooperation with Palestinian projects. This sub-Committee shall be advisory and shall take action under the direction of the whole Committee on Public Affairs.

SECTION 12. The Committee on Synagog Music shall gather and

furnish information relative to music suitable for use in the synagogue and the religious school.

SECTION 13. The Curators of Archives shall put in the appointed place of deposit all books, papers and documents of the Conference to be preserved, and shall prepare, for ready reference, an index record thereof.

SECTION 14. The Committee on Solicitation of Funds shall consist of no less than five nor more than fifteen members, whose duty it shall be to appeal to congregations and laymen for donations to the Relief Fund and Subvention Fund of the Conference. One-half of the money collected may be used for subventions.

SECTION 15. No committee shall consist of less than five or more than eleven members unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

ARTICLE IV—*Commissions*

SECTION 1. The Executive Board, subject to the approval of the Conference, shall appoint the Conference representatives on the following Commissions:

- (a) Information About Judaism.
- (b) Jewish Education.
- (c) Justice and Peace.
- (d) Synagog Activities.

SECTION 2. The Conference representatives on the Commission on Information About Judaism shall cooperate with the representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the preparation, publication and distribution of tracts relating to Judaism. They shall also prepare and distribute the annual sermon pamphlet, the holiday notices and the annual calendar.

SECTION 3. The Conference representatives on the Commission on Jewish Education shall cooperate with the representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the preparation of Jewish religious educational literature.

SECTION 4. The Commission on Justice and Peace shall study and evaluate economic and social problems and trends in accordance

with the spirit and tradition of Judaism and report its recommendations to the Conference.

It shall cooperate with similar bodies, both Jewish and non-Jewish, in furthering the interest of Social Justice.

SECTION 5. Representatives of the Conference on the Boards of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and on the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College shall be elected by the Executive Board and shall hold office for the same length of term provided for tenure of office of the Union representatives. No member of the Conference can serve on two Boards at the same time.

ARTICLE V—*Quorum*

Thirty-one (31) members shall constitute a quorum at the meetings of the Conference for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI—*Order of Business*

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of President's Message.
3. Reports of Officers.
4. Appointment of Temporary Committees.
5. Offering of Resolutions.
6. Report of Commissions.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Reading of Papers.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. New Business.
11. Election of Officers.
12. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VII—*Amendments*

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at any meeting of the Conference.

January 3, 1945

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer
Collingwood Avenue Temple
2335 Collingwood Avenue
Toledo 10, Ohio

My dear Leon:

In reply to your letter of December 12, I took up the question with Solomon Freehof. It seems that there will be a Religious Education program on Friday afternoon of the Conference. There is a space within that program for your committee. There is also to be a report from the Commission on Jewish Education, by Sol Freehof, and one on Religious Work in Universities. It seems that you could take part of that afternoon for a preliminary discussion on the subject of "Confirmation." I do not believe that it would be possible to devote the whole afternoon to this subject.

Would this arrangement be agreeable to you?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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January 16, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I would appreciate it if you would find time to give this important Conference matter your thought. It is not something that can be settled definitely, but you and I have to try to come to some conclusion. The question is with regard to holding our Conference convention this year and the prohibition of the Office of Defense Transportation of any meetings involving more than fifty people unless such larger meetings or conventions get special permission.

First of all let me say that we can justly ask for special permission. We are a small convention with 125 of our men in the Chaplaincy. Not more than 150 would come. Secondly, we have a vital war job. Brickner has informed me that a request has come for fifty more chaplains. This will certainly involve twenty-five more from our already depleted Conference group. This involves serious manpower problems - the maintenance of our civilian congregations, etc., and should be settled only in full convention. So it is evident that we have a perfect moral right to ask for permission to meet.

However, it strikes me that it might be better not to ask for that permission for a month or so. In a month or so the war situation may improve and the Office of Defense Transportation may then be inclined to grant permission, more so than now. If we ask them now and they record themselves in the negative, it will be hard to change them.

In case we do not get permission to meet, we will have certain serious difficulties since this is the convention at which administrations must change. I do not know whether this has happened before in the history of the Conference, but I believe we have a simple way of effecting the necessary change. If it becomes absolutely clear that we cannot have a convention, I will call a meeting of the Executive Board here in Pittsburgh and I will announce to the Board the appointment of a Nominating



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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Committee, whose slate will be sent to all the members for voting. I can even prepare my President's Message to be printed in the next year's Yearbook and to be dealt with by the President's Message Committee in 1946 together with your message. At all events, it can be managed all right.

Please give me your reaction to the whole situation. Should we, as I suggest, wait a month before asking permission, or should we not ask permission at all and take for granted that we are not meeting, etc.? Just tell me whatever is in your mind on this matter.

As ever,

Sol

Solomon B. Freehof



SBF:ls

P. S. Sam Wolk of Wilkes-Barre, who has long deserved a promotion, told me today that he is elected to Albany.

February 5, 1945

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I have delayed answering your letter of January 16 with reference to the holding of the next meeting of the CCAR because I was not clear in my own mind. I think perhaps the wisest thing would be for you to contact some of the Christian Protestant denominations to find out what they plan to do about their annual conventions. I realize that their bodies are much larger than ours. Still it would be well to have the facts in hand before you write to the ODT.

I understand that we shall be in a better position to make up our own minds in a month or so. We might also consider holding the Convention in the Fall, as we did in some previous years.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

February 12, 1945

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof,
4905 Fifth Ave.,
Pittsburg, Pa

Dear Sol:

I have your letter of February 9th., sent out by the office of the Union, asking for a vote of the Executive Board regarding the Committee on Ceremonies.

May I call your attention to the fact that it is impossible for the Executive Board to vote on this matter until the last paragraph of the minutes is made clear. It states, quote "We recommend to the two bodies that the agreement now in force which had been duly ratified by the CCAR on June 21, 1938 and by the UAHC on December 6, 1938 be continued."

The whole question in controversy was this agreement. A committee of the Union met with the liturgical committee and an agreement was drawn up. This agreement was adopted by the Executive Board and by the Conference. When the next report of the Committee on Ceremonies was presented the wording of this agreement was changed. When I spoke to George Zepin about it, he admitted that they had changed the wording after the meeting with the liturgical committee. This changed form was the one adopted by the UAHC. Therefore the question is, what is the "Agreement that is in Force." Neither I or any member of the Executive Board can vote intelligently until we know what the agreement is, for that has been in dispute for three years,

As to the second vote I must admit that I do not know what you want the Executive Board to approve or disapprove. Under the resolution creating the committee on ceremonies, this committee was supposed to create new ceremonies or to modernise old ceremonies, and to offer them for experiment

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to congregations. Should they become popular the liturgical committee may in its wisdom incorporate them in the next revision of the prayer book. Should there however be any need for a liturgical service, the liturgy committee was to be asked either to prepare it or the service should be referred to the committee on liturgy for approval. As I read over the list of ceremonies adopted, I am wondering how they come under the head of ceremonies at all. Installation of Officer, Installation of Rabbis, Abridged Megillah Text, Dedication of an Honor Roll, Chanuko Lamp, Shofer with a Mouthpiece, a Marriage Certificate and what not. If the Union wants to go into the business of manufacturing objects, well and good. It is no more our business than the color of the prayer book covers is the Union's business, but I think that the Committee on Ceremonies has wandered far from its original purpose.

But all in all what are we to approve or disapprove?

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Secretary

Copy to Rabbi Silver

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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Your suggestion over the phone yesterday has possibilities. I mean the suggestion that we should consider the chance of holding the convention in October. Of course, it may well be that even in October it will be impossible to have a convention. Then it would be absolutely contrary to the Constitution for a president to serve more than two terms. The term extending from June to October is not without precedent, however. Still, if we, by good luck (or due to Zhukov's generalship) can have a conference in June, it will be all the better.

In the meantime, we must have a meeting of the Executive Board to discuss various possibilities and make adequate preparations. I do not want the meeting too soon because the situation may change; and, of course, I do not want it too late.

We also need certain other meetings, such as the Chaplaincy Committee and the Emergency Placement Committee meetings. I have, therefore, consulted with Egelson, who is secretary of these two committees, and we tentatively picked Monday, April 9, (which is after the end of Pesach) for the two Chaplaincy Committee meetings, and Tuesday, April 10, for the Executive Board meeting.

Naturally we cannot hold the Executive Board meeting without you. You are really the choson b'reshis. I am writing you now and I would appreciate your answering me as soon as possible so that I can know whether you have reserved the date Tuesday, April 10, for the Executive Board meeting. It may be easier for us to meet in Cincinnati, since all these other matters have to be settled too.

Best wishes for a pleasant time in Florida. I will not envy you since I shall be in New Orleans.

As ever,
Srl,



SBF:ls

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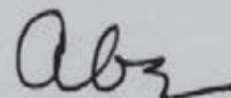
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

I am still trying to build up the Committee on Solicitation of Funds. I wonder if you would like to have your congregation do something for us this year. Some of our members have their congregations make contributions to our committee. Others of us, for example, the Baltimore rabbis, send out form letters to all our members. If you care to have us prepare our usual letter over your signature, I will be glad to have Rabbi Marcuson take care of this if you will let me know how many you want.

I really am very eager to do a fine job this year. Warmest personal greetings and best wishes.

Faithfully yours,



Abraham Shusterman
Chairman

February 22, 1945

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I am to be in Montreal and Toronto on Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10 for UJA campaigns. I am wondering whether the meeting which you have in mind for the Executive cannot be held the week following.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 1, 1945

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof
Congregation Rodef Shalom
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sol:

After much consideration, I've decided that I'm not coming to the conference. I do not like to disappoint you, and would love to read the paper assigned to me, but this is no time to travel over great distances.

Travel conditions on the Overland routes are terrible. Sometimes they cancel a reservation at the last minute as the army controls all the reservations on the decent trains, and if they need them they will take them away from you. Moreover, one mistake in a reservation can throw a person off for weeks. It is only by mere chance that I got out of New York last time, due to a mistake in my reservation made by the ticket agent at this end.

Personally, I believe that the conference should not meet, as a patriotic duty. I see that the Rabbinical Assembly has cancelled its convention this year. The government has requested us to allow space to soldiers and their families who are going to meet them at hospitals or debarkation or embarkation points, and for essential industries. I am opposed to unnecessary travel, and I think whatever business we have to do could be done by small committees who do not live far apart, until the war is over.

I hope this finds you well.

With best to you and Lillian, in which Evelyn joins me,
I am

As ever,

cc: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver ✓

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March 2, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am enclosing something that is rather shocking. It is a photostat of a nasty forgery sent out by certain anti-Semitic groups to parents of sons who have died in the war. It is signed Central Conference of American Rabbis. That is why it concerns us particularly.

Before I got hold of it, it was already referred to the FBI and to the American Jewish Committee. Will you give me your judgment as to whether we, the Central Conference, being directly offended, should not do something special about it? Please return the enclosure to me.

I wired you suggesting April 23rd and 24th as the alternate dates for the Conference Executive Board meeting. I hope I will have heard from you by now that these dates are all right. Other meeting dates depend upon it.

As ever,

Sol

Solomon B. Freehof

SBF:ls
Enc.



March 4, 1945

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I certainly would take up the matter of the anti-Semitic forged letter with the F.B.I. even though other organizations have already brought it to its attention. The more protests which will be registered with our Government the more speedy and effective is likely to be the action.

I think that by now you must have received my telegram indicating that April 24 would be all right for me as a meeting date of the Executive.

As ever yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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March 13, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I have arranged it for the Executive Board meeting to be in Cincinnati on April 24 as you requested. I shall be in Cincinnati on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th, because there are many Union and College meetings which will be clustered around our meeting. We will have a great deal of business, but the chief business, of course, is the matter of elections.

Having dealt now with business, I want to move over to the department of pleasure. I was in New Orleans and I found in Julian Feibelman's possession a complete set of the Machzor with Heidenheim's commentary. It is not the original Roedelheim edition but the pirated edition, which, incidentally, is on better paper; but the commentary is genuine. I told Julian that you are looking for a set and he told me that he would gladly present it to you if you asked him for it. His address is: St. Charles and Calhoun, New Orleans 15, Louisiana.

With best wishes, I am

As ever,

Sol.

SBF:ls



Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

March 27, 1945

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

I have been told that in view of the new O.D.T. regulations the Central Conference of American Rabbis is not going to meet this year. Does that mean that the paper which you asked me to prepare is not to be read this June?

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Salomon Baron

Salomon W. Baron

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April 2, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I have just received from you the letter from Professor Baron. I have had a letter of similar tenor from Magnin. We will bring the matter before the Executive Board at its meeting April 24 and ask them what to do with all these papers. I suppose we had better decide that none of the material which was to be read before the Conference should be read. We have difficulty getting good papers anyhow, and we may be glad to have some of these papers the year following this June at your first conference.

There may be some justification in publishing in the next Yearbook (yours) a President's Message from me so that the record be complete with two messages from my term, and the Committee can take up at your first convention the recommendations involved. Besides, the President's Message is presented to the Conference printed anyhow before discussion.

Looking forward to seeing you in Cincinnati, I am

As ever,

Sol

P. S. Leon Feuer visited me last week and told me of the magnificent meeting in New York. It was a pleasure to hear all about it.



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✓ Abraham Feinstein	Phineas Smoller ✓
Alan S. Green	Harry J. Stern ✓
✓ Aryeh Lev	Louis Witt

Maurice N. Eisendrath

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Franklin, Leo M.	Philipson, David
Goldenson, Samuel H.	Schulman, Samuel
Lefkowitz, David	Wolsey, Louis

TENTATIVE AGENDA

There will be a special meeting of the Executive Board at Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio April 24, 1945 at 9:30 A. M.

Please arrange to attend and be on time.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Applications for membership
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Committees
5. Relief and Subvention
6. Rabbinical Members on Joint Commissions
7. Manual for Proselytes
8. Nathan Stern Bequest
9. Next Convention
10. Election of Officers
11. Such Other Matters as The President May Present

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT HOTEL GIBSON,
CINCINNATI, OHIO -- APRIL 24, 1945.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF
THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
CINCINNATI OHIO, April 24, 1945

A special meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis was held at Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio on Tuesday, April 24, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT. The following members were present: Solomon B. Freehof, Abba Hillel Silver, Harry S. Margolis, Sidney L. Regner, Isaac E. Marcuson, Maurice J. Bloom, William G. Braude, Stanley R. Brav, Abraham Feinstein, Alan S. Green, Aryeh Lev, Albert G. Minda, Louis Witt and Maurice N. Eisendrath, Director Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Letters of regret were read from Phineas Smoller and Harry J. Stern.

PRAYER. The Opening Prayer was offered by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS. The following were elected to membership: Morrison D. Bial, Alfred L. Goodman, Amos M. Gunsberg, Leon Kronish, Sanford E. Saperstein, Samuel Sobel and Karl Weiner.

CONVENTION. The President stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to decide on the holding of a Convention for the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of necessary business. It was moved and adopted that the members be circularized and asked to authorize the holding of a small Conference of not more than fifty members within the limits laid down by the Office of Defense Transportation; that a nominating committee shall be appointed to prepare a list of candidates for the various offices of the Conference; that this list shall be submitted to all members of the Conference who shall have the right to suggest other names for any of the offices and that the members shall be asked to authorize the Conference to cast a vote

for the members named. That the result of the vote for authority to hold the Convention shall be based upon a majority of the votes returned.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION. That if authority is given to hold a small convention, the convention shall be held in Atlantic City June 25-28. The Executive Board shall meet on June 25th., The President's Message shall be read that evening and the next two days shall be devoted to business and reports and the presentation of two papers. That the Post-Conference Executive Board meeting shall be held June 28.

PERSONNEL OF CONVENTION. The following shall be invited to attend the small Convention: the Officers and Executive Board, the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen or Secretary of all Commissions and Committees, ex-Presidents of the Conference. If a Chairman or Vice-Chairman or Secretary cannot attend the Chairman shall be authorized to name another member of his Committee to attend in his place and present the report of the Committee.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Financial Secretary's report was read by Rabbi Sidney L. Regner.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS. The report of the Committee on Investments was read by the Treasurer. Rabbi Margolis reported that \$150,000 from the Relief Fund had been earmarked for the Pension Fund but there seemed to be some misunderstanding as to the date of figuring interest which was to be credited to the Pension Fund. It was moved and adopted that June 21st. shall be fixed as the date of transfer.

Authority was given to the Investment Committee to sell or exchange bonds to the amount of \$50,000.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE. Rabbi Marcuson presented the report of the Publications Committee. He reported that Union Prayer Book Volume II, newly revised had been finished and offered for sale. It was moved and adopted that the Executive Board record its appreciation of the work of the re-

vision committee and that a leather bound copy be sent to each member of the committee.

The request of one of the sales agents for an increase in commission for the sale of the Conference publications was not granted.

The President presented a complaint from Rabbi Brickner about the sale of Union Prayer Books to a chaplain who had been refused books by the Jewish Welfare Board. It was moved and adopted that the Publications Committee continue to sell books to chaplains or anyone else who wants to buy them.

The Chairman reported that the book Judaism, A Manual for Proselytes was out of print and that the previous Executive Board had ordered a discontinuance of publication but that now there was again demand for the book. The Publications Committee was authorized to reprint the book and a sub-committee of the Committee on Liturgy consisting of Rabbis Bettan, Chairman, Bamberger and Maurice Bloom was named to revise the book and submit it to the Conference for approval. It was suggested that the committee include a bibliography and a form of ceremony for conversion.

JUNIOR CHILDREN'S HYMNS. The President was authorized to appoint a committee to study the need of a Junior Children's Hymn and Song Book with Prayers and Services.

SUBVENTION. Rabbi Margolis presented the report of the Committee on Relief and Subvention. The following subventions were approved:

D. Horodezky	\$150.00
Yiddish Scientific Institute	\$200.00
Palestine Hebrew Culture Fund	\$150.00
Michael Higger	\$100.00
Kirjath Sefer	\$ 25.00
Tarbiz	\$ 25.00
Aluma	\$ 25.00
Zion	\$ 25.00

Mekitze Nirdamim	\$ 25.00
Palestine Historical Society	\$ 25.00
American Friends of Hebrew University	\$200.00
American Pro-Halasha	\$ 25.00
Academy of Hewish Research	\$100.00
Historia Judaeca	* 25.00
Hebrew Bible	\$100.00

It was moved and adopted that the relief given to Joseph Stolz be discontinued as of June 1st. unless otherwise ordered. In the case of Abraham Freed it was moved and adopted that we discontinue the payment of relief to Freed as of December 31, 1945: that we notify Rabbis Magnes and Glueck and the family of Abraham Freed giving the statement of how much we have spent and explaining that since the committee is informed that it must contribute \$70.00 a month or nothing, the Executive Board feels that there is nothing left for it to do but discontinue.

It was moved and adopted that no subvention be voted to the Soncino press but that a note be put in the bulletin urging the members to buy the books published by this firm.

NATHAN STERN BEQUEST. The secretary was instructed to notify the Pension Fund of the bequest of Rabbi Nathan Stern.

CHURCH AND STATE. Rabbi Minda reported that he had been asked for the stand of the Conference on the subject of government aid for the transportation of children in parochial and private schools and that he had notified the organization that no Conference resolution on the subject had ever been adopted. The Executive Board approved Rabbi Minda's reply.

JEWISH MUSIC FORUM. Rabbi Braude to whom had been referred an invitation to become a member of the Jewish Music Forum reported that the organization was not of the kind that the Conference should assume membership. The secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Bernard Carp, temporary chairman

ROOSEVELT RESOLUTION. A committee consisting of Rabbis Braude, Lev, Witt was appointed to draft suitable resolutions in memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

CHAPLAINS. The President reported that the war department is asking for fifteen more Jewish chaplains. It was moved and adopted that we make every effort to get the number requested from among the younger men.

Rabbi Lev inquired what had been done about the resolution adopted at the previous meeting of the Executive Board referring to Houston. The President replied that no general publicity was given to the resolution because no such publicity was ordered when the resolution was adopted but that Rabbi Brickner had been notified and that a copy of the resolution had been furnished to all who had asked for it.

LIBERAL GROUPS. Rabbi Minda reported that he had been approached about the possibility of lining up our Conference with other liberal religious groups. Upon motion it was decided to take no action in the matter.

ETERNAL LIGHT. Rabbi Eisendrath called the attention of the Executive Board to the radio presentation "The Eternal Light." The time had been allotted to the three Jewish groups but was being used entirely in the interest of the Jewish Theological Seminary. It was moved and adopted that the Executive Board take no formal action but it was suggested that Rabbi Eisendrath should write to the reform members on the committee suggesting that they resign from the sponsoring committee on the ground that it is not representative of the work of the three groups. If these members resign Rabbi Eisendrath can use these resignations as the basis of appeal to the radio company that the presentation is not in line with the original intention of the company when the time was offered.

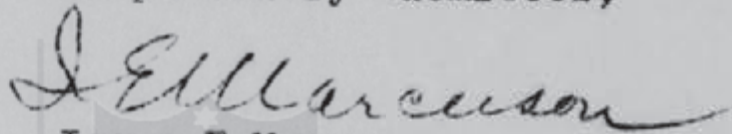
YOUR PRIVATE LIFE. Rabbi Stanley Brav, Chairman of the Committee on Marriage, Family and the Home was authorized to print an edition of the booklet "Your Private Life" after he had

ascertained from the chaplains and the members how many copies they would need to send to the men in the armed forces.

PLACEMENT. Rabbi Green asked what had become of the Committee on Placement and urged its early establishment. The President replied that the Emergency Placement Committee was temporarily functioning and was gaining a lot of experience which would later be used in the creation of a permanent Placement Committee.

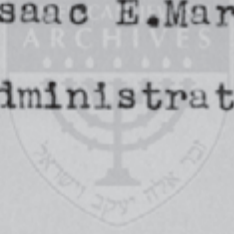
There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Isaac E. Marcuson

Administrative Secretary



April 25, 1945

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

Following up the decision of our Executive, yesterday, I wrote to Salo Baron informing him that we shall be expecting him and his Paper at our Conference in Atlantic City. I should like also to write to Joshua Trachtman but I am unable to locate either my letter to him or his reply. Did I, perchance, send them to you? I shall have to notify Gup and Phil Bernstein that we will not have any Conference Lectures or Sermons this year. Shall I tell them that we will wish them to deliver their addresses at the 1946 Conference? I rather think that that would be only fair, but I do not wish to take the sole responsibility for it. I suppose I should also inform Braude and Singer that their program of Jewish music has been postponed.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

April 25, 1945

Dr. Salo W. Baron
Columbia University
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Baron:

The Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis met yesterday in Cincinnati. It was decided to hold the Conference in Atlantic City beginning June 25. Due to war regulations, the attendance at the Conference will be limited to the officers, board and chairmen of the various conference committees -- to the number of about fifty. It will be, in other words, a sort of miniature conference, but will be authorized to carry on with the customary business and to listen to the Papers which you and others have been requested to prepare. These Papers will of course appear in the 1945 volume of the CCAR so that all the members of the Conference will have an opportunity to read them. Abstracts of the Papers will also be given to the public press during the period of the Conference.

We shall all look forward with great pleasure to your presence and to your Paper. Your place on the program will probably be sometime in the afternoon or evening of June 26. I will let you know more definitely in the next few weeks.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 30, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

You did not send me your correspondence with Joshua Trachtenberg. Maybe your secretary could not find the name because she thought it was Trachtman as it is in your letter to me. His address is Easton, Pennsylvania.

I do not think you have the right to tell Bernstein and Gup that they will deliver their addresses at the 1946 Conference. That is to say, the President usually appoints the lecturer and preacher but the Executive Board has to confirm it. If you wish, you can tell them that you will nominate them to the Executive Board for 1946. Certainly the program of Jewish music has to be postponed because that was to be on a Saturday.

I sent you a letter the other day about coming up to Cleveland. You asked for my sermon topic. It will be either "World Decay and Paganism" or "Where Now Is Thy God?" Both titles refer to the same sermon. I am just letting you judge which will be more attractive to your congregation.

As ever,

Sol

SBF:ls



May 1, 1945

Dr. William G. Braude
93 Arlington Avenue
Providence 6, R.I.

My dear Friend:

Since you were present at the meeting of the Executive Board of the C.C.A.R. I need not inform you of the action taken with reference to the meeting of the C.C.A.R. in June. The program will have to be completely revised and your part of it, the presentation of a program of Jewish music, will of course have to be postponed to a future conference.

I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you at the Conference in Atlantic City in June. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 1, 1945

Dr. Joshua Trachtenberg
Temple Covenant of Peace
110 Parker Avenue
Easton, Pa.

My dear Friend:

The Executive Board of the C.C.A.R. met in Cincinnati last Tuesday. It was decided to hold the Conference in Atlantic City beginning June 25. Due to war regulations, the attendance at the Conference will be limited to the officers, board and chairmen of the various conference committees, to the number of about fifty. It will be, in other words, a sort of miniature conference, but will be authorized to carry on with the customary conference business and to listen to the Papers which you and others have been requested to present. These Papers will of course appear in the 1945 volume of the C.C.A.R. so that all the members of the Conference will have an opportunity to read them, and abstracts of the Papers will also be given to the public press during the period of the Conference.

We shall all look forward with great pleasure to your presence and to your Paper. I will let you know definitely at a later date the exact place of the reading of your Paper on the program.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 1, 1945

Rabbi Samuel M. Gup
Temple Israel
Bryden Road and 19th St.
Columbus 5, Ohio

My dear Sam:

At the meeting of the Executive Board of the C.C.A.R. held in Cincinnati last Tuesday, it was decided to hold a "miniature" conference of the C.C.A.R. in Atlantic City beginning June 25 in order to comply with the regulations of the O.D.T. This conference will be composed of the offices, the executive board and the chairmen of the conference committees -- a group limited to about fifty. There will be no occasion for the customary Conference Sermon and lecture. I regret that war conditions make mandatory a reduced conference and program, but we hope to make up for it next year. I will be happy to recommend your name to the Executive Board when it comes to make up its program for the 1946 Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 1, 1945

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein
National Jewish Welfare Board
145 E. 32nd St.
New York 16, N.Y.

My dear Philip:

At the meeting of the Executive Board of the C.C.A.R. held in Cincinnati last Tuesday, it was decided to hold a "miniature" conference of the C.C.A.R. in Atlantic City beginning June 25 in order to comply with the regulations of the O.D.T. This conference will be composed of the officers, the executive board and the chairmen of the conference committees -- a group limited to about fifty. There will be no occasion for the customary Conference Sermon and lecture. I regret that war conditions make mandatory a reduced conference and program, but we hope to make up for it next year. I will be happy to recommend your name to the Executive Board when it comes to make up its program for the 1946 Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 1, 1945

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1. Leo A. Bergman, Rockford, Ill.
2. Samuel A. Berman, Jersey City, N. J.
3. Louis Binstock, Chicago, Ill.
4. Maurice J. Bloom, Newburgh, N. Y.
5. Sidney M. Bogner, New York, N. Y.
6. William G. Braude, Providence, R. I.
7. Norman H. Diamond, formerly at USO-JWB - now in Chicago, Ill.
8. Frederic A. Doppelt, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
9. Herbert E. Drooz, Wilmington, Del.
10. Abraham H. Feinberg, Youngstown, O.
11. Abraham L. Feinberg, Toronto, Canada
12. Adolph H. Fink, Spokane, Wash.
13. Samuel Glasner, Philadelphia, Pa.
14. Abram V. Goodman, Davenport, Iowa
15. Alan S. Green, formerly at Troy, N. Y. - now in Houston, Texas
16. Leonard A. Greenberg, formerly at New Rochelle, N.Y. - now in
USO-JWB
17. Milton Greenwald, Evansville, Ind.
18. Julius Kerman, Lorain, O.
19. Sidney Kosofsky, Bloomfield, N. J.
20. Irving M. Levey, Brockton, Mass.
21. Samson H. Levey, formerly at Selma, Ala. - now in Chicago, Ill.
22. George B. Lieberman, formerly at Wheeling, W. Va. - now in
Canton, O.
23. Joshua L. Liebman, Boston, Mass.
24. Alvin S. Luchs, Salt Lake City, Utah
25. Meyer Machlis, Valley Stream, L. I., N.Y.

26. Samuel H. Markowitz, Elmira, N. Y.
27. Leonard J. Mervis, formerly at Pensacola, Fla. - now in Terre Haute, Ind.
28. Jacob J. Ogle, formerly at Lincoln, Nebr.
29. H. Goren Perelmutter, Johnstown, Pa.
30. Bertram E. Pollans, formerly at Uniontown, Pa. - now in Williamsport, Pa.
31. Paul Richman, Washington, D. C.
32. Theodore S. Ross, Brooklyn, N. Y.
33. Nathaniel S. Share, New Orleans, La.
34. Louis H. Silberman, formerly at Cincinnati, O. - now in Omaha, Nebraska.
35. William B. Silverman, Gastonia, N. C.
36. Phineas Smoller, formerly at Joplin, Mo. - now in Chicago, Ill.
37. Joseph M. Strauss, formerly at Helena, Ark. - now in Chicago, Ill.
38. James A. Wax, formerly at St. Louis, Mo. - now in Glencoe, Ill.
39. Jacob J. Weinstein, Chicago, Ill.
40. Harvey E. Wessel, Tyler, Texas
41. Herbert J. Wilner, St. Petersburg, Fla.
42. Louis M. Youngerman, formerly at College Park, Md. - now in Savannah, Ga.
43. Allan Tarshish, Hazleton, Pa.

May 1, 1945

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UNOFFICIALLY

1. Saul B. Appelbaum, formerly at Cincinnati, O. - now in Miami, Fla.
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5. Newton J. Friedman, Austin, Texas
6. B. Benedict Glazer, Detroit, Mich.
7. Ariel L. Goldberg, Charleston, W. Va.
8. Emanuel Green, formerly at Worcester, Mass. - now in New York,
N. Y.
9. David L. Greenberg, Fresno, Calif.
10. Saul Habas, formerly at Pittsfield, Mass. - now in Natchez, Miss.
11. Irving Hausman, formerly at Steubenville, O. - now in Portland,
Ore.
12. Nathan Kaber, formerly at Philadelphia, Pa. - now in Jackson,
Mich.
13. Max Maccoby, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
14. Levi A. Olan, Worcester, Mass.
15. Henry Rabin, Los Angeles, Calif.
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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

May 1, 1945

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your note of April 25. I shall do my best to prepare a paper for the Conference, although I am not sure that I shall be able to attend. As I have written to you upon accepting your invitation, I may be forced to send you the manuscript to be read by somebody else.

When is the deadline for the submission of manuscripts for inclusion in the Yearbook? Under the pressure of the work at the end of the academic year I may not be able to prepare my paper in its final form before June 26 and may wish to revise it thereafter.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Salo W. Baron
Salo W. Baron

Temple Covenant of Peace

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Easton, Pennsylvania

Office of the Rabbi

Dr. Joshua Trachtenberg

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Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you for your letter of the first, with its very interesting information about the CCAH meeting at Atlantic City in June. I am at a loss, however, to understand its application to myself. I have received no request from the Conference to present a paper, and I am of course totally unprepared to do so.

I presume this was an error, & you had someone else in mind.

With best regards,

Sincerely
Joshua Trachtenberg

Temple Israel

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TELEPHONE FAIRFAX 7838

May 2nd, 1945

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof,
4905 Fifth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa,

Dear Sol:-

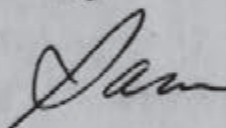
I received a letter from Duke Margolis informing me of the action of the Executive Board in reference to the recommendations of the Committee on Relief and Subventions. I am glad that the Board approved them all. I am also happy to learn that since Dr. Horodetzky is completing a scholarly work the Board voted to give him a subvention of \$150.00.

You will be interested in knowing that our Committee gave the utmost consideration to every name that was presented for Relief. I have, during the past year, gathered the data upon which the Committee took action.

Are you still interested in that book store idea? If so, I will continue gathering information for you. Please advise.

With heartiest greetings to your dear wife and yourself from Ruth and myself, I am,

Cordially,



SMG:dr

(Copy to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver)

May 3, 1945

Dr. Isaac E. Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Dr. Salo W. Baron asks in a letter to me: "When is the deadline for the submission of manuscripts for inclusion in the Yearbook? Under the pressure of the work at the end of the academic year I may not be able to prepare my paper in its final form before June 26 and may wish to revise it thereafter."

Will you please give me the answer to his question so that I may write to him?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 5, 1945

Dear Colleague:

The Executive Board of the Conference met in Cincinnati Tuesday, April 24. We had a regular meeting dealing with a variety of Conference matters, but especially took up the urgent problem of the change of administration now that the Office of Defense Transportation does not permit conventions to take place.

Our problem was this: the Constitution requires that no president shall serve more than two terms. We usually change terms at a convention (although the Constitution merely says that officers shall be elected by ballot). No convention will be permitted by the government if there are more than fifty people attending. We have to change administration and we wanted to hold a convention but we did not know how to select fifty among our members who may attend. Many organizations have simply had their executive board decide such matters including the constitutional changes of administration, but we felt that this would not be proper in our Conference.

What the Executive Board decided is as follows and we are asking you to vote your approval or disapproval of this action: the President will appoint a Nominating Committee at once. This Nominating Committee will propose a slate of candidates and this slate will be sent to you as if you were present at a convention. That means that you have the same privileges as at a convention. If you wish to make an alternate nomination after you receive the slate you may do so, even though, as you know, this has almost never occurred.

We will have a two and a half day meeting of what we will call the "smaller Conference." This will consist of fifty members selected as follows: the officers and the Executive Board, which is seventeen, the chairmen and vice-chairmen or secretaries of the committees of the Conference to total fifty.

Two papers will be read; all the committees will report; the President will read a message. Thus, we shall have a conference although only fifty can attend. Our business will be transacted and we shall have a Yearbook.

We would like to vote your approval or disapproval of the above action of the Executive Board. The decision will be by the majority of all votes cast, but we would like to hear from as many as possible. Would you be kind enough to answer immediately because we have a great deal to do before the Conference can convene and we need to get started at once.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Solomon B. Freehof
President



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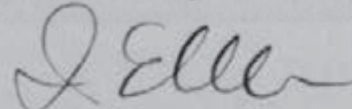
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

Replying to the inquiry in your letter of
May third I think you can tell Dr. Baron that the paper
must be in my hands by September first so that it will
not delay the publication of the Yearbook.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

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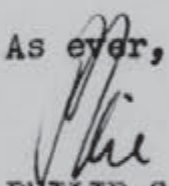
Dear Abba:

Thanks for your note informing me of the arrangements for a "miniature" conference this year. I understand the conditions and realize that there would be no occasion for the customary Conference Sermon and lecture.

It is likely that I will arrange to be in Atlantic City for the session and I hope to see you at that time.

With best wishes.

As ever,


PHILIP S. BERNSTEIN

May 9, 1945

Dr. Joshua Trachtenberg
Temple Covenant of Peace
Easton, Penna.

Dear Dr. Trachtenberg:

When the program of the Central Conference of American Rabbis was first discussed your name was mentioned in connection with the 1945 program of the Conference which was to include two papers on Anti-Semitism and the Status of the Jews of Europe in the Post-war World. Evidently, the program committee, at a subsequent meeting, revised the program and reduced the number of papers without informing me.

As I understand it now, there will be only one paper read on the subject that by Professor Salo Baron. I hope that the Conference may have the pleasure of listening to a paper from you in the very near future.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:erb

May 10, 1945

Dr. Salo W. Baron
Columbia University
New York, 27, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Baron:

In reply to your kind letter of May 1: -
I inquired of Rabbi Marcuson, Secretary of the
Central Conference of American Rabbis and he informs
me that Conference Papers should be in his hands by
September 1st so that it will not delay the publication
of the Yearbook.

With all good wishes and hoping that I shall have
the pleasure of seeing you at the Conference in Atlantic
City, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sol:

I have made out the program condensing it to two days and getting in two papers. That is what I understood the Executive Board to plan. As I understand the contemplated procedure, the reports which are ready will be mimeographed and sent to the members in advance of the Convention. May I call your attention to a danger involved which came up a few years ago when we mimeographed the reports in advance. Certain recommendations were made by the committee which were rejected by the Convention and later we found some of these advance reports being used by the press quoting the rejected recommendations. If we follow this procedure, I think every report should be marked "these recommendations have not yet been adopted by the Conference" or something to that effect.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Secretary

Copy to Rabbi Silver.



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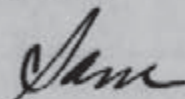
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:-

I note what you have written about the Conference. I think the decision is wise in every sense. As Chairman of the Relief and Subvention Committee I shall be on hand and vote for you as the next President of the Conference. Congratulations.

With personal regards from house to house, I am,

Sincerely,



SMG:dr

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May 15, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Marcuson has done the usual good job of scheduling the program. He must have already sent it to you. If not, he will. He has, however, Trachtenberg on Wednesday night. I believe that you and I spoke about leaving the Trachtenberg paper for next year. In that case we can finish the business either Wednesday afternoon or Wednesday night and have the Executive Board meeting for the evening. Please discuss this with Marcuson before the program is printed.

I need not tell you what a delightful time I had in Cleveland. Whenever I come to Cleveland or whenever you come here to Pittsburgh I always feel that we do not see each other enough.

As ever,

Sol

SBF:LS



May 15, 1945

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received yesterday from Dr. Singer. What should I write to him? He seemingly does not know of our thought that Feldman should be asked to serve as Vice-President. Who should pass the word on to him?

I am also writing Marcuson about the elimination of Trachtenberg's Paper. Do you think that we should substitute something else for it, or preferably to adjourn the Conference Wednesday afternoon and use the evening for the meeting of the Executive Board which is scheduled for Thursday morning?

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

May 18, 1945

Rabbi Isaac Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I received a copy of the program for the CCAR meeting. It looks alright. Trachtenberg will not read his Paper on Wednesday evening. You may recall that we reconsidered inviting him to write such a Paper thinking that Magnin's and Salo Baron's Papers would be enough. We may invite him, if we wish, for next year.

That leaves Wednesday evening free. I talked the matter with Dr. Freehof last Sunday when he was here, and we both feel that it would be desirable to conclude the Conference Wednesday afternoon and hold our Executive Board meeting that same evening. That might save a day for some of the Board members. What do you think about it?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 17, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

With regard to Singer's letter, Felix Levy knows exactly who would be agreeable to you as vice-president and he will propose it to the committee. If I were asked the question which Singer asks, I would say that since the Conference stand is that a man can decide his own point of view on Zionism or non-Zionism the question of a man's opinion on that issue is irrelevant to the Nominating Committee's work. We will not do any Houstonizing in the Conference and disfranchise a man because of his political opinions one way or the other. I do not need to put words in your mouth, but what I mean to say is that an answer of this kind, based upon the exact stand of the Conference, will not prevent the nomination of the man whom you wish.

About the second paper, I doubt whether you can get anybody to write a worthwhile paper between now and the conference. One paper will be enough.

I need not tell you what a grand time I had in Cleveland. I always do.

As ever,

Sol.

SBF/rms



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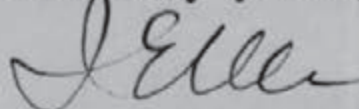
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E.105th.St and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I was rather amazed to get a letter from Freehof this morning in reply to mine sending the program which I also sent you to have him state that you had never asked Trachtenberg to write his paper. You will recall we discussed at the Executive Board meeting whether these papers are to be read or merely printed in the Yearbook and not a word was said about the writer not having been asked.

Just what is the situation? In the next week or so I have to print the program if we are to have them printed and I certainly understood that we were to have these two papers. If we do not have the Trachtenberg paper then Wednesday evening would free for the Executive Board meeting but we have to know so that the men can make their railroad reservation which can't be made the last minute.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary



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May 17, 1945

Dear Colleague:

I am enclosing herewith a list of those who are expected to attend a small convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to be held at Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, N.J., June 25-28. If you are Chairman of a committee please get your report, signed by a majority of your committee, into my hands not later than June 15th., so that your report can be mimeographed and sent out to the members.

IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY PROMPTLY SO THAT SOME OTHER MEMBER OF THE CONFERENCE MAY BE INVITED.

As Committee Chairman you can name another member of your Committee to attend: if you do, please notify the secretary giving the name of your alternate.

We want to arrange so that as many men as possible can attend.

Enclosed find scale of special prices at Chelsea.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

ILM/jf

Committee Chairman can only name an alternate if they cannot attend.



May 20, 1945

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary
Central Conference of American Rabbis
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

In reply to your letter of May 17: - there
will be no Trachtenberg Paper and we will hold the Executive
Board meeting on Wednesday evening instead of Thursday
morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 21st, 1945

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

Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of May 16th, and from it I learn that Trachtenberg's paper was canceled but that Magnin will present his on Good Will. I was under the impression that you had said that you had not asked Magnin to write his paper this year. However, if he is going to present this paper, it will not alter the program. He will have to read it on Wednesday night, unless you think that Salo Baron and Magnin can crowd their papers into the same evening. It would, however, leave very little time for discussion, and I am wondering how a paper on Economic Reconstruction and Good Will would fit in together and lend themselves to a common discussion.

Upon receipt of this letter, please let me know whether Magnin is going to present his paper, whether you think it can be squeezed in on Tuesday night or whether you think we ought to hold Wednesday night for Magnin's paper?

I want to get out the tentative program as early as possible.



Cordially yours,

I. E. Marcuson
I. E. Marcuson, Secretary

Copy: Dr. S.B. Freehof

May 25, 1945

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary
Central Conference of American Rabbis
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Magnin will not deliver any paper on Good Will. He wrote some months ago that he did not feel that he could come East because of transportation difficulties, etc. The only paper then that we need make room for is that of Salo Baron. I believe, therefore, that the meeting of the Executive Board can well take place on Wednesday evening.

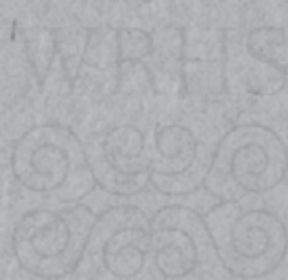
With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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AUDITOR'S RECAPITULATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED
MAY 31, 1945.

H. J. MAYER AND COMPANY
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June 9th, 1945

TO THE OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS,
% RABBI HARRY S. MARCOLIS, TREASURER,
ST. PAUL, MINN.

GREETINGS:

Pursuant with custom, we have the pleasure again of
submitting our Annual resume of transactions for the Fiscal Year
beginning June 1, 1944 and ended May 31, 1945.

Report of our findings are hereby submitted in the
following Exhibits and Schedules.

EXHIBITS:

- "A" - Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
of all funds for the year under review.
- "B" - Analytical Summary of Funds.
- "C" - Analysis of Investments as at May 31, 1945.

SCHEDULES:

- "1" - Summary Relief and Subvention Fund.
- "2" - Summary of General Fund.
- "3" - Analysis Receipts and Disbursements of
Publication Fund.
- "4" - Summary of Union Conference Rabbinical
Pension Fund.
- "5" - Reconciliation Checking Account in First
National Bank of Chicago as at May 31, 1945

COMMENTARY

Cash on deposit in the First National Bank of Chicago in amount of \$12,526.83 has been duly reconciled with Depository and is in balance; detailed on Schedule 5 of Report.

On May 8, 1945, bonds in principal amount of \$45,000.00 were sold and proceeds from same in amount of \$56,995.27 reinvested in United States Treasury Bonds, as follows:

SAFEKEEPING NUMBER		PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	PROCEEDS
SK 11168	State of Louisiana, 5%	\$2,000.00	\$2,306.00
11184	City of New York	10,000.00	13,246.25
11240	Canadian National Ry	13,000.00	15,276.81
108039	City of Detroit, Mich.	5,000.00	6,083.18
146043	City of New Orleans	5,000.00	7,351.69
146834	City & Co. San Francisco	5,000.00	6,925.46
TOTAL RELIEF & SUBVENTION FUND		\$40,000.00	\$51,191.39
Voucher #6908 amounting to			4.73
Transfer from General Fund			3.68
PURCHASE OF U.S. TREASURY BONDS FOR RELIEF AND SUBVENTION FUND			<u>\$52,200.00</u>

SK 92776 - City of Detroit	\$5,000.00	
Proceeds Received	\$5,803.88	
Transfer to Relief & Subvention Fund	3.38	
PURCHASE U. S. TREASURY BONDS FOR GENERAL FUND		<u>5,600.00</u>
TOTAL INVESTED IN U. S. TREASURY BONDS FROM SALE OF BONDS - PAR VALUE \$45,000.00		<u>\$57,000.00</u>

A further purchase of U. S. Treasury Bonds of \$5,000.00 was made May 7, 1945 for General Fund. U. S. Treasury bonds in principal amount of \$150,000.00 detailed on Schedule 4, have been allocated to the Union Conference Rabbinical Pension Fund and Interest earned on same from June 31, 1944 to May 31, 1945 credited to this Fund.

No further comment on other items enumerated in the report, in our humble opinion, is deemed necessary.

It again has been a keen pleasure to serve, in cooperation with the Officers of the Conference and first preference has always been given in behalf of Conference matters in the past and will likewise be in the future.

C E R T I F I C A T E

The within Exhibits and Schedules, together with our comments thereon, reflect the true Financial Condition of the Central Conference of American Rabbis as at the close of the Fiscal Year, May 31, 1945, and pertinent analysis of the year's Financial Transactions, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Respectfully Submitted.

HERBERT J. MAYER & COMPANY
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS

BY: *Herbert J. Mayer*

Herbert J. Mayer
Registered Public Accountant (Illinois)
having made the examination.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
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EXHIBIT "A"

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS - JUNE 1, 1944 to MAY 31, 1945.

Cash on deposit in First National Bank of Chicago as at June 1, 1944 \$6,925.32

RECEIPTS ACCOUNT OPERATIONS DEPOSITED DURING YEAR:

Relief and Subvention Fund	\$13,957.86	
Union Conference Rabbinical Pension Fund	3,655.20	
General Fund	1,822.94	
Publication Fund	<u>28,333.72</u>	
TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS DEPOSITED		\$47,769.72

DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT OPERATIONS:

Relief and Subvention Fund	6,317.74	
Union Conference Rabbinical Pension Fund	5,914.30	
General Fund	10,320.87	
Publication Fund	<u>14,610.87</u>	
EXCESS OPERATING RECEIPTS OVER OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS		<u>10,606.84</u>

BALANCE ON HAND FROM OPERATIONS \$17,531.56

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:

For Relief & Subvention Fund - Balance on U.S. Treasury Bonds purchased	\$ 4.73	
General Fund - purchase of U.S. Treasury Bonds	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,004.73</u>

BALANCE ON HAND MAY 31, 1945 \$12,526.83

RECAPITULATION

Receipts - Relief & Subvention Fund	\$13,957.86	
Receipts - Union Conference Rabbinical Pension Fund	3,155.20	
Bequest for " " " " " "	<u>500.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS PER ABOVE		\$17,613.06

DISBURSEMENTS:

Relief & Subvention Fund	6,317.74	
Union Conference Rabbinical Pension Fund	\$5,750.00	
account expenses	<u>164.30</u>	
To apply on Purchase of Investments	<u>4.73</u>	
TOGETHER		<u>12,236.77</u>
BALANCE RELIEF AND SUBVENTION FUND		\$ 5,376.22

Receipts General Fund	\$1,822.94	
Receipts Publication Fund	<u>28,333.72</u>	30,156.66

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund	\$10,320.87	
Publication Fund	<u>14,610.87</u>	
		<u>24,931.44</u>
		5,225.22
Purchase of U. S. Treasury Bonds - General Fund		<u>5,000.00</u>
		225.22
Cash on Hand June 1, 1944		<u>6,925.32</u>
CASH BALANCE ON HAND - All funds May 31, 1945		<u>\$12,526.83</u>

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
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ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF FUNDS FOR PERIOD JUNE 1, 1944 to and including MAY 31st, 1945.

	RELIEF & SUB- VENTION FUND	UNION CONF. RABBINICAL PENSION FD.	GENERAL FUND	PUBLICA- TION FUND	HORNER WOLF SOCIAL JUSTICE	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
RECEIPTS:						
Operating Income	\$13,957.86	\$ 3,655.20	\$ 1,822.94	\$ 28,333.72		\$47,769.72
Received during year ended May 31, 1945						
Less Disbursements acct operations same period	6,317.74		10,320.57	14,610.87		31,249.18
	7,640.12	3,655.20	8,497.63	13,722.85		16,520.54
Less voucher withdrawals from Relief and Subvention Fund for Union Conference Rabbinical Pension Fund	5,914.30					5,914.30
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	1,725.82	3,655.20	8,497.63	13,722.85		10,606.24
EXCESS DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS						
Transfer Balance Publication Fund to General Fd.	1,725.82	3,655.20	13,722.85	13,722.85		10,606.24
	4.73		5,225.22			4.73
Paid to apply on U.S.Treasury Bonds purchased	1,721.09	3,655.20	5,225.22			10,601.51
Purchase of U.S.Treasury Bonds			5,000.00			5,000.00
EXCESS ALL CASH RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,721.09	\$3,655.20	\$ 225.22			\$ 5,601.51

RECAPITULATION OF FUNDS

Balance June 1, 1944	\$169,491.59		\$62,101.84		\$1,735.00	\$233,328.43
Add Excess Receipts over disbursements	1,721.09	3,655.20	225.22			5,601.51
	171,212.68	3,655.20	62,327.06		1,735.00	238,929.94
Transfer U.S.Treasury Bonds from Relief and Subvention Fund to Union Conference Rabbinical Pension Fund	150,000.00	150,000.00				
	21,212.68	153,655.20	62,327.06		1,735.00	238,929.94
Proceeds from sale of Municipal Bonds Relief & Subvention par value \$40,000.00						
General Fund 5,000.00	51,191.39		5,803.88			56,995.27
	72,404.07	153,655.20	68,130.94		1,735.00	295,925.21
Less Cost or Par Value Bonds Sold	40,000.00		5,000.00			45,000.00
	32,404.07		63,130.94		1,735.00	250,925.21
Transfer from General Fund	3.88		3.88			
To Cr. Relief & Subvention Fund	32,407.95	153,655.20	63,127.06		1,735.00	250,925.21
Transfer from RELIEF & SUBVENTION FUND TO RABBINICAL PENSION FUND						
Schoenthal Int. Oct. 1944						
Mrs. F. Shon Aug. 1943						
Elizabeth Fain Foundation Jan. 1944	676.88	676.88				
	31,731.07	154,332.08	63,127.06		1,735.00	250,925.21
Add adjustment to bring balances accruing prior years to Principal Amount - par value or cost reinvestment	41,500.51		10,587.89			30,912.62
Adjusted balances as at May 31, 1945	\$73,231.58	\$154,332.08	\$52,539.17		\$1,735.00	\$281,837.83
Cash	2,731.58	4,332.08	3,728.17		1,735.00	12,526.83
Bonds per schedule	70,500.00	150,000.00	48,811.00			269,311.58
BALANCES AS AT MAY 31, 1945	\$73,231.58	\$154,332.08	\$52,539.17		\$1,735.00	\$281,837.83

ANALYSIS AND ALLOCATION OF INVESTMENTS AS AT MAY 31, 1945 IN SAFEKEEPING IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO
AS PER SAFEKEEPING RECEIPTS.

SAFEKEEPING NUMBER		SERIES	RATE	PRIN. AMT.	GENERAL FD.	RELIEF & SUBVENTION	UNION CONF. RABBIN- ICAL PENSION FUND	MATURITY
SK 151877	United States Treasury	D	2%	\$10,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$	3/1/50
153136	" " "	D	2%	2,000.00		2,000.00		12/15/50 Opt. 12/15/48
153187	" " "		2%	20,000.00			20,000.00	12/15/47
153188	" " "		2%	18,000.00			18,000.00	12/15/50 Opt. 12/15/48
153545	" " "		2%	10,000.00			10,000.00	12/15/47
153945	" " "		2%	10,000.00			10,000.00	12/15/50 Opt. 12/15/48
162104	" " "		2%	2,000.00			2,000.00	3/15/50 Opt. 3/15/48
162598	" " "		2%	8,000.00			8,000.00	" "
168395	" " "	G	2%	2,000.00			2,000.00	5/1/53
168396	" " "		2%	15,000.00			15,000.00	12/1/53
168397	" " "		2%	2,000.00		2,000.00		1/1/54
171067	" " "		2%	1,000.00		1,000.00		1/1/54
171068	" " "		2%	1,000.00	1,000.00			5/1/54
171116	" " "		2%	2,000.00	2,000.00			5/1/54
177122	" " "		2%	2,000.00			2,000.00	11/1/54
177726	" " "		2%	8,000.00			8,000.00	11/1/54
177727	" " "		2%	13,300.00		300.00	13,000.00	5/1/54
180574	" " "		2%	2,000.00			2,000.00	4/1/55
185699	" " "		2%	51,500.00	11,500.00		40,000.00	9/15/51 Opt. 9/15/49
187840	" " "		2%	4,000.00	4,000.00			3/15/70 Opt. 3/15/65
189257	" " "		2%	8,500.00	8,500.00			" "
190861	" " "		2%	4,000.00		4,000.00		12/15/69 Opt. 12/15/64
192033	" " "		2%	4,000.00	4,000.00			6/1/56
201388	" " "		2%	5,000.00		5,000.00		5/1/57
Purchase not delivered (5/8/45)		G	2%	57,000.00	5,800.00	51,200.00		1957
" " (5/7/45)			2%	5,000.00	5,000.00			
180939	Hotel Drake Corp. 1st Mtge		5%	2,000.00		2,000.00		
186582	Hotel Barbizon Inc. N.Y. Cap. Stk			11.00	11.00			
				<u>\$289,311.00</u>	<u>\$48,811.00</u>	<u>\$70,500.00</u>	<u>\$150,000.00</u>	
MUNICIPAL BONDS SOLD 5/8/45 and proceeds applied on U. S. Treasury Bonds, due in 1950 (\$57,000.00)								
11168	State of Louisiana, Port of New Orleans, General	5%		\$ 2,000.00		\$2,000.00		12/1/48
11184	City of New York Corp. Stock issue 2/14/1908	5 1/2%		10,000.00		10,000.00		11/1/57
111240	Canadian National Railway Co. 40 years bonds	5%		13,000.00		13,000.00		11/1/69
92776	City of Detroit, Co. of Wayne Pub. Lgt & Ref. Series A.	4 1/2%		5,000.00	5,000.00			8/1/49
108089	City of Detroit, St. of Mich. Water Rfg. S.D.	3 1/2%		5,000.00		5,000.00		7/1/58
146843	City of New Orleans	4 1/2%		5,000.00		5,000.00		10/1/68
146844	City & Co. San Francisco School			5,000.00		5,000.00		3/1/56
				<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>		
								PROCEEDS INTEREST TOTAL RE
								\$2,264.39 \$ 43.61 \$2,308.00
								13,237.50 8.75 13,246.25
								15,210.00 66.81 15,276.81
								5,705.75 98.13 5,803.88
								6,021.44 61.74 6,083.18
								7,328.56 23.13 7,351.69
								6,878.93 46.53 6,925.46
								56,646.57 348.70 56,995.27
								Check A.G. Becker & Co. charged to Relief & Subvention 4.75
								\$57,000.00
General Fund Proceeds	\$5,803.88							Proceeds City of Detroit, \$5,803.88 - General Fund
Purchase U.S. Treas. Bonds	<u>5,800.00</u>							Balance Relief <u>51,191.39</u> - Relief & Subv.
Overage transferred to Relief & Subv. Fund	\$ <u>3.88</u>							<u>56,995.27</u>
Relief & Subv. fund proceeds		\$51,191.39						Check paid A.G. Becker & Co. 4.75
Check		<u>4.73</u>						to balance <u>\$57,000.00</u>
		<u>51,196.12</u>						
Trans. from General Fund		<u>3.88</u>						
		<u>\$51,200.00</u>						

Solicitations Committee	\$ 311.10		
Pension Committee	32.75		
Relief & Subvention committee	<u>110.89</u>	<u>454.74</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT OPERATIONS			<u>6,317.74</u>
Excess Operating Income over Operating Disbursements			7,640.12
Paid to Rabbinical Pension Board -			
Sept. 1, 1944 Voucher #6680		5,000.00	
Sept. 15, 1944 " 6705	375.00		
Dec. 19, 1944 " 6792	<u>375.00</u>	750.00	
Feb. 13, 1945 " 6837 acct exp.		<u>164.30</u>	
TOTAL PAID RABBINICAL PENSION BOARD			<u>5,914.30</u>
NET EXCESS OPERATING INCOME OVER OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS			<u>\$1,725.82</u>

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
§ RABBI HARRY S. MARGOLIS, TREASURER
ST. PAUL, MINN.

RELIEF & SUBVENTION FUND - RECAPITULATION AS AT MAY 31, 1945.

Balance on hand June 1, 1944	\$169,491.59	
Excess Operating Receipts over Operating Disbursements	1,725.82	
	<u>171,217.41</u>	
Less Transfer to Rabbinical Pension Fund -		
Bonds principal amount (detailed below)	150,000.00	
	<u>21,217.41</u>	
Add proceeds of Investments sold	51,191.39	
Transfer from General Fund	3.88	
	<u>72,412.68</u>	
Paid on account of U. S. Treasury Bonds purchased	4.73	
	<u>72,407.95</u>	
Less Cost or Par Value Bonds Sold	40,000.00	
	<u>32,407.95</u>	
Less Transfer to Union Conference Rabbinical		
Pension Fund - Interest re Schonthal Fund Oct. 1944	\$101.88	
Mrs. F. Shen contribution Aug. 1943	500.00	
Elizabeth Fain Foundation, January 1944	75.00	676.88
		<u>676.88</u>
BALANCE ON HAND IN RELIEF & SUBVENTION FUND MAY 31, 1945		\$31,731.07
Add adjustment to bring bonds prior years to		
cost or par value and or principal amount		<u>41,500.51</u>
ADJUSTED BALANCE AS AT MAY 31, 1945		\$73,231.58

PROCEEDS SALE OF INVESTMENTS:

SAFEGUARDING		PRIN.	PROCEEDS	ACCRUED	TOTAL
NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	RECEIVED	INTEREST	RECEIVED
11168	State of Louisiana	\$2,000.00	\$2,264.39	43.61	\$ 2,308.00
11184	City of New York	10,000.00	13,237.50	8.73	13,246.23
11240	Canadian National Ry	15,000.00	15,210.00	66.81	15,276.81
108089	City of Detroit	5,000.00	6,021.44	61.74	6,083.18
146043	City of New Orleans	5,000.00	7,528.56	23.13	7,551.69
146834	City & Co. San Fran-	5,000.00	6,878.93	46.53	6,925.46
TOTAL	cisco	<u>\$40,000.00</u>	<u>\$50,940.82</u>	<u>\$250.57</u>	<u>\$51,191.39</u>

Proceeds Received on sale of above	\$50,940.82
Add accrued Interest Received	<u>250.57</u>
TOGETHER	51,191.39
Add transfer from General Fund	3.88
Voucher #3934	<u>8.73</u>
	<u>\$51,200.00</u>
Purchased U. S. Treasury Bonds 2/8/43	<u>51,200.00</u>

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
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 ST. PAUL, MINN.

SCHEDULE 2

ANALYSIS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND - FOR PERIOD
JUNE 1, 1944 to MAY 31, 1945.

RECEIPTS:

Income from 1/3 of Membership dues collected (\$1,885.00)	\$ 942.50	
Interest on Investments	834.90	
Air plane reimbursements	45.54	
	<u>1,822.94</u>	
Balance Publication Fund transferred to General Fund	13,722.85	
TOTAL INCOME		\$15,545.79

<u>DISBURSEMENTS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES:</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
President's Office	\$900.00	\$654.85
Administrative Secretary's Office	650.00	662.98
Treasurer's Office	450.00	393.85
Auditor	350.00	348.30
Corresponding Secretary	250.00	198.50
Executive Board	700.00	1,320.86
Year Book Editing	600.00	600.00
Year Book Printing and Miscellaneous	1,200.00	1,763.85
Air plane Transportation		75.46
Board of Governors - Traveling Exp.	150.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	155.12
Miscellaneous Printing	200.00	149.75
Safekeeping charges - 1st Nat'l Bk	100.00	123.39
<u>Contributions & Dues</u>	<u>1,250.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
American Jewish Conference	\$ 50.00	
" " "	300.00	
World Union Prog. Judaism	500.00	
Synagogue Council Amer.	50.00	
Amer. School Oriental Res.	100.00	
	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	

Convention Expense	600.00	468.30
Convention Publicity	300.00	237.49

COMMITTEES:

Justice and Peace	1,250.00	1,047.04
Church and State	150.00	5.00
Marriage, Family and Home	200.00	156.12
Chaplaincy	300.00	476.67
<u>Other Committees:</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>253.04</u>

Contemporaneous History	\$ 35.00	
Emergency Placement	158.54	
Arbitration	49.50	
Archives	10.00	
	<u>253.04</u>	

TOTAL OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS	\$10,950.00	<u>10,320.57</u>
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EXCESS INCOME OVER OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 5,225.22</u>
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Purchase of U.S. Treasury Bonds - Voucher #6908 - \$5,000.00
 see recapitulations next page.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

SCHEDULE 2
CONT'D

GENERAL FUND - RECAPITULATION AS AT CLOSING OF FISCAL YEAR MAY 31, 1945.

Excess Income over Operating Disbursements	\$5,225.22	
Purchase 5/7/45 - Voucher #6908 - U.S. 7th War Loan Bds	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Balance		\$ 225.22
Balance on hand June 1, 1944 - General Fund	\$62,101.84	
Horace Wolf Social Justice	<u>1,735.00</u>	
	63,836.84	
Add Excess Receipts over Disbursements	<u>225.22</u>	
	64,062.06	
Proceeds Sale of City of Detroit bonds	<u>5,805.88</u>	
	69,867.94	
Less Transfer from General Fund to Relief and Subvention Fund	\$ 3.88	
Less Cost of Bonds Sold	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,003.88</u>
		64,862.06
Adjustment to bring balance to actual amount due and accruals and differentials prior years re cost par value and or principal amount of investments		<u>10,587.89</u>
Adjusted balance as at May 31, 1945		<u>\$54,274.17</u>

General Fund	\$63,127.06	
Adjustments	<u>10,587.89</u>	
Adjusted balance		\$52,539.17
Horace Wolf Social Justice Fund	<u>1,735.00</u>	<u>\$54,274.17</u>

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
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ANALYSIS PUBLICATION FUND FOR JUNE 1, 1944 to MAY 31, 1945.

RECEIPTS:

Block Publishing Company	\$6,151.66
Behrman's Jewish Book Shop	4,012.19
Union of American Hebrew Congregation	9,876.32
Los Angeles	401.57
Chicago	1,542.54
Jewish Welfare Board	2,096.45
Other New York Receipts	2,186.09
Manuel - New York	220.00
Johannesburg, South Africa	845.60
Miscellaneous	<u>941.30</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$28,333.72

DISBURSEMENTS:

Secretarial	\$ 450.00
Printing Bind and Transportation	14,144.30
Miscellaneous	<u>16.57</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

14,610.87

BALANCE ON HAND TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL FUND

\$13,722.85

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
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UNION CONFERENCE RABBINICAL PENSION FUND FOR PERIOD

C R E D I T S

Interest on Investments (\$150,000.00) belonging to Pension Fund	\$3,155.20
Estate of Fannie Shon, Newburgh, New York	500.00
TOTAL CREDITED TO UNION CONFERENCE RABBINICAL PENSION FUND	<u>\$3,655.20</u>

D E B I T S

Disbursed to Rabbinical Pension Board.

Sept. 1, 1944	#6680 Rabbinical Pension Board	\$5,000.00
" 25, "	6705 " "	\$375.00
Dec. 11, "	6792 " "	375.00 750.00
Feb. 13, 1945	6837 " "	
	expense	<u>164.30</u>
TOTAL PAID DURING YEAR		<u>\$5,914.30</u>

U.S. Treasury Bonds allocated to Union Conference Rabbinical Pension Fund
 as at May 31, 1945

			INTEREST TO JUNE 21, 1944 and MAY 31, 1945.
GK 153187	2%	\$20,000.00	\$377.74
153188	2%	18,000.00	340.00
153545		10,000.00	188.83
153945		10,000.00	188.82
162104		2,000.00	37.77
162596		8,000.00	149.95
166395	2 1/2%	2,000.00	48.06
168396		15,000.00	354.17
177122		2,000.00	48.07
177726		8,000.00	149.05
177727		13,000.00 Part \$13,300.00	308.04
180574		2,000.00	48.06
185899		40,000.00 Part \$51,500.00	<u>916.63</u>
		<u>\$150,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,155.20</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF CHECKING ACCOUNT - FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, AS AT
MAY 31, 1945.

Balance on deposit First National Bank of Chicago as at June 1, 1944 \$6,925.32

TRANSACTIONS DURING YEAR:

	RECEIPTS DEPOSITED	VOUCHER WITHDRAWALS
June 1944	\$7,612.51	\$3,375.14
July	1,904.40	804.41
August	4,693.32	1,620.65
September	2,110.81	7,865.16
October	2,782.23	2,915.58
November	5,655.29	1,615.43
December	8,545.88	1,390.85
January 1945	2,326.60	956.12
February	3,705.02	4,968.81
March	3,150.76	2,178.06
April	2,860.82	5,348.92
May	3,021.42	8,986.34
May vouchers 6941		100.00
6942		57.28
TOTALS	47,769.06	42,192.55

Voucher #6742 - Oct. 1944 cancelled 25.00

\$47,794.06

\$42,192.55

TOTAL RECEIPTS 47,769.06

Add voucher #6742 cancelled 25.00

TOGETHER 47,794.06

Vouchers issued 42,192.55

EXCESS DEPOSITS OVER DISBURSEMENTS

5,601.51

BALANCE ON DEPOSIT MAY 31, 1945

\$12,526.83

RECONCILIATION BANK ACCOUNT

Balance per bank records May 31, 1945

\$12,994.89

Less Outstanding checks as below

468.06

BALANCE PER BOOKS AS AT MAY 31, 1945

\$12,526.83

OUTSTANDING CHECKS:

#6865 - Mrs. R. Goldenstein	\$10.00	#6936 - Southern Ptg Co.	\$14.80
6899 - Historia Judica	25.00	6937 - J. Gordon	25.00
6917 - H. S. Margolis	25.00	6938 - Sara Ellis	50.00
6920 - Mrs. R. Goldenstein	10.00	6939 - A. Shusterman	16.98
6921 - Mrs. Annie Weiss	50.00	6940 - Har Sinai Congr.	10.00
6925 - Rabbi Jacob Menkes	25.00	6941 - F. M. Isserman	100.00
6935 - Sidney Unger	49.00	6942 - M. F. Rosenblum	57.28

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

\$ 468.06

June 4, 1945

Miss Adele M. Downey
Hotel Chelsea
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Miss Downey:

I plan to attend the meeting of
The Central Conference of American Rabbis June 25
through June 26. I would appreciate it if you would
reserve for me a single room with private bath at
\$6.50 daily. If you have a small suite I would
prefer that.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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June 6, 1945

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

Would you kindly have your secretary complete the
address of the enclosed letter for me. I am asking Dr.
Baron for a brief outline of his paper for publicity.

Cordially yours,

I E Marcuson
Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

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Hotel Chelsea

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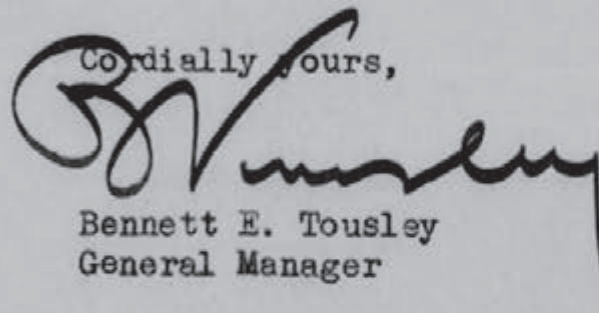
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your letter of June 4th directed to Miss Downey, we are pleased to hold a single room with bath, at the special rate of \$6.50 daily on the European Plan, for your occupancy commencing June 25th to June 28th during the Central Conference of American Rabbis. There are no suites available.

Please be assured of our every attention for your comfort and enjoyment.

Cordially yours,


Bennett E. Tousley
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23

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 7, 1945

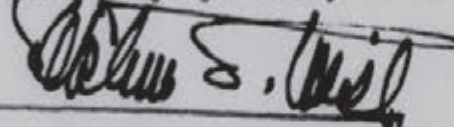
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just received a copy of the official ballot of the C.C.A.R., being the report of the Nominating Committee. I am sure that your own election will be, as it ought to be, unanimous, but I desire you to see a copy of a letter which I have addressed to Rabbi Freehof. Inasmuch as you are to become the President of the Conference, I wish you to know how ~~some~~ officers and alumni of the Institute rightly feel with respect to the report of the Nominating Committee.

I am,

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Stephen S. Wise

SSW:HR
Encl.

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

I am not only amazed, but I am most painfully shocked by the receipt this morning of the official ballot of the Nominating Committee of the CCAR. My associates, -- Dr. Goldstein, Rabbi Cohen, Rabbi Klein and Rabbi Granison -- join me in protest against the unfriendly and unjust character of the report of the Nominating Committee. The Jewish Institute of Religion has ordained and graduated 165 men. I happen to know that the suggestion was made that a graduate of the Institute at last be elected one of the officers, and not be merely represented by a member or members of the Executive Board.

In the light of the membership of the graduates of the Institute in the Conference and the service of nearly fifty men in the armed forces; and the distinguished service of many of our men in the leadership of congregations throughout the country, I regret that the Conference persists in its virtual boycott, with a very faint reservation, of the Institute and its Alumni. As the President of the Institute, I protest as earnestly as I can against the invidious and, I repeat, insulting treatment of 165 Alumni of the Institute.

Faithfully yours,

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise

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IN COOPERATION WITH THE
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June 7, 1945

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At the meeting of the CCAR Committee on Chaplains here April 25, 1945, there was a full discussion with reference to the changes of pulpit that are taking place at the present time. It was felt that men who have not been disqualified for the chaplaincy should not seek promotion while their colleagues are serving in the chaplaincy.

The Committee resolved that the attention of congregations that have pulpit vacancies be called to the fact that we have a Set of Principles on the subject. The rabbi desiring to make a pulpit change at this time is to have clearance from the Chaplaincy Committee.

Rabbi Freehof suggested that we ask each member of the Executive Board of the CCAR not to recommend rabbis to permanent pulpits unless these men could have the clearance of the Chaplaincy Committee.

I am therefore sending you herewith, for your information and not for publicity, the names of the CCAR men who were physically disqualified for the chaplaincy, either officially or unofficially.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Louis I. Egelson

Secretary
CCAR COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS

LE:EF

Temple Israel

BRYDEN ROAD AND 19TH ST.

COLUMBUS 5, OHIO

TELEPHONE FAIRFAX 7838

June 8, 1945

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

Dear Abba:-

The Rabbinical Pension Board has not received the \$500 from the Estate of Fannie Shaw, Newburg, N. Y., which was definitely given through the Conference for Pensions, nor has it received the approximately \$1000 from the Leo Marks Estate, Columbus, Ohio, which was bequeathed to the Conference and which the Executive Board promptly upon its receipt allocated to the Pension Fund, where it rightly belongs. Personally, I do not think that these definite legacies were intended to be included in the \$150,000 which the Conference turned over to the account of the Rabbinical Pension Board. These are sums in addition to the \$150,000, which I ~~hold~~ belong to our Pension Board. I hope that you will agree and that the \$500, plus the \$1000 approximately, should be placed in the account of the Pension Board.

I am pleased that the Union made a start at its meeting held on last Sunday to increase our Pension funds account by donating \$2500, and that during the next year or so we shall receive also an additional \$5000 from Mrs. Ralph Mack. My pleasure arises from the earnest hope that within a reasonably short time after the war, when things settle down in the Rabbinate, our Pension Plan can be reviewed for the purpose of increasing the supplementary grants, that is, the extra grants to men of 35 years of age, or above. As it is now, men who are especially in the age levels above 45 get a mere pittance in the way of annuities from our Plan as compared to those who are in the younger years. To accomplish our purpose we need capital funds and, therefore, I am very anxious that this account shall be increased as rapidly as possible. I hope that you agree with me and that without much ado these legacies will be turned over to our Pension Account.

If this matter requires Executive Board consideration, will you please see that this will be done at its forthcoming meeting in Atlantic City. Kindly let me hear from you.

With heartiest regards, I am,

Cordially,

Sam

June 11, 1945

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, President
Jewish Institute of Religion
West Sixty-Eighth Street
New York 23, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 7. I regret that the graduates of the Jewish Institute of Religion are not adequately represented on the ballot submitted by the Nominating Committee of the C.C.A.R. I had nothing to do with the selection of the Nominating Committee nor was I consulted as to the people to be nominated. I feel, however, that there is merit to your criticism and that in the future, consideration should be given to a more equitable representation.

I recall that last year some of the alumni of the Jewish Institute of Religion complained about the lack of representation on the program of the Conference. As Chairman of the Program Committee, I sought to rectify it this year by inviting Rabbi Philip Bernstein to deliver the Conference Lecture, and Professor Salo Baron, a member of the Board of the Institute, to read one of the two Papers at the Conference.

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Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

June 11, 1945

Rabbi Samuel M. Gup
Temple Israel
Bryden Road and 19th St.
Columbus, 5, Ohio

My dear Sam:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 8. I am inclined to think that the matter of the two funds which you believe should be placed in the account of the Pension Fund should receive the approval of the Executive Board and I shall be very happy to bring it to its attention at the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Board in Atlantic City.

I am looking forward to seeing you there. I think that we should have a pleasant meeting. With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

1254-16th Street
Newport News, Va.

June 19th, 1945

Dr. Solomon Freehof
Temple Rodef Shalom
Pittsburgh
Penna.

Dear Dr. Freehof,

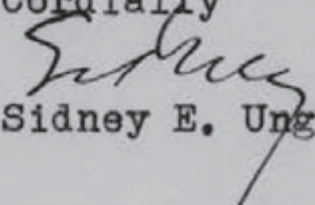
This may seem a strange request but I would appreciate your having my name placed on the Chaplains Committee of the CCAR. If, due to the new officers to be elected, this request will not come under your jurisdiction, may I ask that you hand it over to Rabbi Silver.

I am desirous of serving on the committee which I believe should have the service of men who have seen active service with men in the field. I am sure I speak for the men still in uniform in making this request.

As you know there are now three of us who are available for consideration i.e. to serve on some committee of the conference. I feel free to extend this thought to you.

My best greetings and all good wishes for a successful conference and a happy summer in which my wife joins.

Cordially


Sidney E. Unger

PROGRAM

Thursday, June 21, 1945

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday Evening, 8:00 P.M.

President's Message

Solomon B. Freehof

Memorial references to be included in President's Message.

Friday Morning, June 22, 1945, 9:30 A.M.

Opening Prayer

Address of Welcome

Reports

President

Administrative Secretary

*Financial Secretary

*Treasurer

*Finance

*Investments

*Publications

*Solicitations

*Synagog Council

Contemporaneous History and Literature

Liturgy

Synagog Activities

Public Affairs

Arbitration

12:45 P.M.

Religious Service ?

Friday Afternoon

Religious Education Program

Commission on Jewish Education

Solomon B. Freehof

*Committee on Religious Education

*Religious Work in Universities



8:00 P.M.

Reports:

Church and State

*Ceremonies

Friday Evening

Opening Prayer

Evening Service from the Union Prayer Book

Conference Lecture

Philip S. Bernstein

Adoration and Kaddish

Benediction

Solomon B. Freehof

Saturday Morning, June 23rd., 9:30 A.M.

Opening Prayer

Morning Service from Union Prayer Book

Reading from the Torah

Conference Sermon

Samuel M. Gup

Adoration and Kaddish

Benediction

Abba Hillel Silver

Saturday Afternoon

A Program of Jewish Music

Conducted by

William G. Braude, Jacob Singer

Committee on Synagog Music

Saturday Evening

Meeting of Alumni Association

Sunday Morning, June 24th. 9:30 A.M.

Opening Prayer

Reports:

*Response

*Curator of Archives

Justice and Peace

11:00 A.M.

Paper

Spiritual Reconstructin of the Jews of Europe

Salo Baron

12:45 P.M. Religious Service ?

Sunday Afternoon

Pensions

Marriage, Family and the Home

Resolutions

Nominations

4:00 P.M.

Paper: Anti-Semitism

Joshua Trachtenberg

Sunday Evening

Paper: Good Will

Edgar F. Magnin

Discussion of three papers.

Monday Morning, June 25th. 9:30 A.M.

Opening Prayer

Reports:

Placement

*Information on Judaism

*Relief and Subvention

President's Messgge Committee

Benediction

Adjournment

Monday Afternoon

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

As far as possible chapalins to be asked to read services

Reports marked * to be presented to the Executive Board only.

All others to be condensed.

PROGRAM

Monday Morning June 25, 1945, 9:30 A.M.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

MONDAY EVENING 8:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Address of Welcome

Response

Abba Hillel Silver

President's Message

Solomon B. Freehof

Memorial references to be included in President's Message.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 26, 1945 9:30 A.M.

Reports

President

Administrative Secretary

***Financial Secretary**

***Treasurer**

***Finance**

***Investments**

***Publications**

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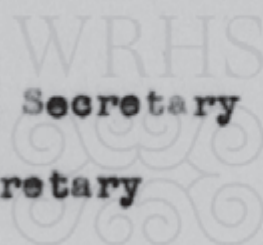
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Tuesday Afternoon

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Church and State

*Ceremonies

*Response

*Curator of Archives

Justice and Peace

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PAPER: Spiritual Reconstruction of the Jews
of Europe Salo Baron

Discussion

Wednesday Morning June 27, 1945 9:30 A.M.

Opening Prayer

Reports

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Placement

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President's Message Committee

Wednesday Evening, 8:00 P.M.

PAPER Anti-Semitism

Joshua Trachtenberg

Discussion

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Thursday Morning, June 28, 1945 9:30 A.M.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

As far as possible Chaplains to be given Prayers

Reports marked * to be presented to the Executive Board

only. All others to be condensed.



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Committee on Nominations.

Any member has a right to offer other names for the various offices. If you have any additional nominations please write in the name and return this ballot promptly to Isaac E. Marcuson, Box 722, Macon, Ga. All names will be voted on at the small convention at Atlantic City, N. J., June 27, 1945.

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PROGRAM

The general theme of the program

Spiritual Reconstruction of the Jews of Europe-Salo Baron

Anti-Semitism- Joshua Trachtenberg

Good Will -Magnin

Conference Lecture- The Returning Soldier- Philip Bernstein

Conference Sermon- Samuel ^Gup

Saturday Afternoon

A Program of Jewish Music- Braude and Singer

Thursday Evening- Opening Session -President's Message.



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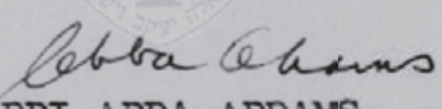
June 26, 1945

Rabbi Solomon Freehoff
Pres. Cen. Conference of American Rabbis
Hotel Chelsea
Atlantic City, N.J.

Dear Rabbi Freehoff:

Enclosed is a copy of proposals for tenure which the Board of Jewish Ministers is submitting to the Rabbinical Assembly Convention and to you for discussion, amendment and approval.

Sincerely yours,


RABBI ABBA ABRAMS

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RABBI FREDERIC A. DOPPELT
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June 29, 1945

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
105th Street and Ansel Road
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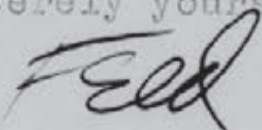
Dear Doctor Silver:

Let me congratulate you on your election
to the presidency of the CCAR.

I know that this is but one of the many
tasks to which you give of your energy and a-
bility in behalf of Israel. I know that you
will bring to it the finest qualities of leader-
ship within you.

May God give you strength to go from
strength to strength in your every worthwhile
endeavor.

Sincerely yours,



Fred

FAD:bc

June 29, 1945

Rabbi Frederic A. Doppelt
500 West Wayne Street
Fort Wayne 2, Indiana

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and for the felicitations which you sent me. I appreciate both greatly.

I trust that you will have a pleasant and restful summer. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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July 2nd, 1945.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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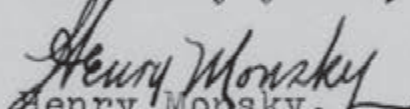
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very pleased to learn, through the news service, that you were elected to and accepted the presidency of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The Central Conference has such tremendous potentialities, some of which I am sure, under your fine leadership will be realized.

I wish to extend my congratulations and profound good wishes for a successful administration, and to assure you of our desire to cooperate with you in any way we can for the ultimate benefit of the cause of our people.

Sincerely yours,


Henry Monsky.

HM:ES

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
THE RUSKIN APARTMENTS
120 RUSKIN AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA.

Dr. Silver - page two -

Now I will tell you my opinion of the matter, at least my first reaction. The case is almost parallel to the Berger-Brickner case except for the fact that Stephen Wise did not send this material in letters to the members of the congregations or the aggrieved rabbis, but published it in a public periodical. This involves the question of the freedom of the press. Political candidates attack each other much more virulently; nevertheless, for one colleague to call upon the congregation of another colleague to depose him (in words to that effect) is certainly not in accordance with the Rabbinical Ethics. Of course, another element is involved. This case is so close, although there are differences, to the Berger-Brickner case that if we do not take it up, we would lay ourselves open to grave charges of partisan injustice. I believe that I should direct Emil and his committee to take up the case and study it. Their report will then be brought to the Executive Board and we will have an opportunity to pass upon their report.

Let me have your opinion and reaction to the whole matter. This is an informal and unofficial letter from me to you, and so your letter will be to me.

Lillian joins me in best wishes to Virginia and yourself.

With best wishes,

As ever,

Sol.

SBF.lsf
Encs.

P. S. I wrote the prayer for the martyrs and over Marcuson's strong protests we will include it in the Memorial Services. It will interest you to know that I based it upon the prayer for the ten martyrs, "Ele Ezkero." The first seven lines are Nina Davis's translation of "Ele Ezkero." Will you please return the prayer to me because it is the only copy I have.

S. B. F.

THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Hon. Secretary: THE HON. LILY H. MONTAGU, O.B.E., J.P.

THE RED LODGE, 51 PALACE COURT, LONDON, W.2

16th July 1945

Dear Dr. Silver,

I want to convey to you on behalf of my Executive Committee our sincere congratulations on becoming the President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I very much hope that we shall have the pleasure of co-operating closely with you during your term of office in order to further the work of the World Union of which the Conference is one of our most important constituents.

With greetings and all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Lily Montagu

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS

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JESSE COHEN, President
600 E. 21ST ST., BROOKLYN, N. Y.

August 23, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of myself personally and the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, I want to take this, my first opportunity, to drop you a note to extend hearty congratulations on your recent election to the Presidency of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I feel sure that not only you have been honored by this high post, but in turn, the important body of the Conference is privileged and strengthened by your recent election to the Presidency. The CCAR, too, deserves congratulations.

As a member of the Union Board, I am sure that you are fully acquainted with the work of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. The NFTB was created by the Union for the strengthening of the Union and surely, those in the key positions in the Union are eager to see the fullest possible development of the program covered by this Synagogue-minded group of men.

In your key position now, as President of the CCAR, we are also eager to have your hearty endorsement of the NFTB. Since the Brotherhood connected with your own Congregation has not been affiliated with the National for many years, we are most desirous to see its reinstatement as a member of our growing body. The membership of the NFTB at the present time is the largest in its history and during the past two years, has increased in individual manpower by 50% over its previous high.

Before contacting the leaders of your own Men's Club, we would deeply appreciate a letter from you containing your candid reactions to our program. If you believe in the National affiliation of these Brotherhoods and Men's Clubs, I am sure that the expression of such a point of view would have a great bearing on the attitude of your own men for I know how highly they respect and value your opinion.

Furthermore, in the past the various Presidents of the Central Conference have been, in most cases, very friendly to our work which has enhanced the relationship between our bodies and has furthered the possibility of mutual cooperation in the strengthening of the Synagogue.

With personal regards and eagerly looking forward to hearing from you, I am

Sincerely, *Jesse Cohen*

JC:LM

PROPOSALS FOR TENURE

The following proposals are being submitted for consideration and approval to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Yeshiva, the Institute of Religion, the Hebrew Theological College and the Hebrew Union College as well as to the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Council of America and the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

I.

The undersigned hereby agree with each other to recognize the Rabbi who is in possession of a pulpit as entitled to tenure after having been re-elected twice by his congregation, or having served in that pulpit a period of more than 3 years.

II.

The undersigned also hereby agree not to recommend a candidate to any pulpit which is occupied by a Rabbi of whose position is in question because of difficulties with the congregation, unless and until such pulpit is declared vacant by the Rabbinical Placement Committee to which said Rabbi belongs.

III.

The respective Rabbinic bodies agree to establish Placement Committees (or Rabbi and Synagogue Committees) whose duties it will be to consider any and all problems which may arise between the Rabbi and his congregation. Where the problems are such that the Placement Committee feels it to the interests of the congregation that the congregation obtain a new Rabbi, then said Placement Committee will declare the position of said Rabbi as vacant and open to candidates. Other Rabbinic Placement Committees will then be free to recommend their candidates.

Should the Placement Committee dealing with the problems of its Rabbi find that the Rabbi is entitled to tenure and that the difficulties do not justify a change, its decision regarding that pulpit shall be honored by the other respective bodies and no candidate shall be recommended or allowed to apply for the position in question.

Dr. James G. Heller made his remarks before any of the resolutions were presented; he therefore spoke on the general trend to be followed in the discussions.

He intimated that our War Department, in conjunction with Great Britain, was ready to issue a statement on Palestine that would place for the duration of the war, as a matter of patriotic duty, a quietus on discussion of Zionism in this country. The government, he further stated, had been prevailed upon to defer the publication of such a statement. It did not, however, promise to refrain entirely from issuing one.

Dr. Heller said that while he agreed with other leaders of the American Jewish Conference that yielding to the plea of postponing the session of the Conference would have been a calamity for the cause of Jewish unity, he nevertheless was of the opinion as a Zionist, that the statement on Palestine to be issued by the Conference should be couched in moderate terms. An extreme Palestine resolution, he emphasized, might be regarded as a violation of the spirit of the conversations that were conducted with representatives of the State Department, and that the latter might then feel free to issue the statement on Palestine which it had prepared.

The term "Jewish Commonwealth," the speaker indicated, "has lent itself to some mis understanding." Even the Zionists, who know what they want and mean by a Jewish Commonwealth, have expressed themselves thus far only in abstract terms, without sufficiently clarifying the "concrete political recommendations." The speaker, therefore, suggested that this Conference shall set up "a committee on Palestine which...shall formulate further statements to be brought as recommendations to further meetings that may be held before the cessation of hostilities."

Waxman ① attitude to resignation
② what for he to say about
Churchill —

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The Union declares that its function is to interpret, maintain and promote Reform Judaism and reaffirm its loyalty to its spiritual purposes.

The Union declares its sense of fellowship with all Israel and will associate itself with all worthy and practical efforts designed to ameliorate the tragic plight of world Jewry and, therefore, continues to be a member of the American Jewish Conference, upon the conditions mentioned below.

Because in the congregations of the Union there are divergent opinions on the question of Zionism, the Union recognizes the right of each individual to determine his own attitude on this controversial question.

Therefore, the Union as an organization, is unable to associate itself with those parts of the Palestine Resolution of the American Jewish Conference which call for exclusive Jewish control of immigration into Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth.

The Union's position on Palestine has been stated, and we herewith reaffirm the Resolution passed at the Committee meeting on May 30, 1943, whose recommendations were subsequently ratified by the Executive Board of the Union, as follows:

1. Provision shall be made for large-scale immigration into Palestine regulated in cooperation with the Jewish Agency for Palestine by such a concert of nations as shall be established after the war.
2. Palestine shall remain under the stewardship of this concert of nations until it shall become possible to establish self-government without jeopardizing the rights or status of any group in Palestine.
3. Such a government shall be democratic and non-sectarian, modelled upon the governments of the democratic nations. There shall be complete separation of Church and State. The inviolability of the Holy Places of the various religions shall be guaranteed.

We call upon our congregations and their members to rally loyally to the support of the Union.

We further resolve that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the American Jewish Conference with the request that they communicate it to the constituent members of the American Jewish Conference and make it known through their publications.

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Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed herewith please find out line of program for the next convention. Everything seems to fit in nicely. The Chairman of the Program Committee should notify readers of papers that they are allowed forty minutes for reading--the whole paper of course will be printed in the Yearbook. The Address of Welcome can of course ~~can~~ be transferred to the Thursday Evening program if we meet in a summer resort. This Address of Welcome is given by the Vice-President but is usually given at the first business session.

I have not included the noon day brief religious service which we omitted last year but which I think it was agreed should be restored. It could be inserted at the of the Friday morning and Sunday morning sessions ^{as noted} if we decide to put it in. It would mean that two members should be asked to give a five minute address or sermonette.

Will both of you kindly give me your reaction to the program.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson



MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

SOLOMON B. FREEHOF
PITTSBURGH, PA.

TO THE
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TO THE
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CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

To the Central Conference of American Rabbis,

COLLEAGUES:

Almost two months have passed since the victory in Europe. We think back on that great event with gratitude to the Lord of Hosts. We never doubted for a moment that evil would be overthrown and that justice and decency would triumph. It was only a question of how much time and effort the process would require. Now that victory has come, our gratitude is blended with pride. We are proud of our beloved country for the manner in which the victory was won. Without abandoning our civilian spirit, without militarizing our thoughts and brutalizing our emotions, we confronted the armies of a nation which had taught its young people the love of war, the contempt for mercy and justice and the glory of dying in battle. We have remained as we always were, a peace-loving, life-cherishing people, yet, having met in battle the most militarized people of Europe, we out-fought, out-generaled and defeated them utterly.

We are not surprised at the victory; but as we look back we are still somewhat surprised at how peculiarly we reacted to the glad tidings. We were strangely calm. There was little of the wild rejoicing which marked the end of the last European war in November 1918. In a few large cities there were some spontaneous celebrations on the day when the news was unofficially divulged. On the next day and also on the following Sunday, services were held, and

quiet, sober moods prevailed. We had longed for this victory, we dreamed of it through the bitter years of Nazi triumph. Yet, when the victory finally did come, we lacked the emotional exultation which the great event required. For this curious sombreness there is some explanation. The very fact that the emphasis this time was not on street celebrations as it was a quarter of a century ago, but on religious worship, is to some extent responsible for the quiet mood. We sat in our houses of worship side by side with those who had been bereaved by the war. How could we rejoice in the presence of their sorrow? And as for us, children of Israel, we were in the shadow of the memory of death. We could not forget even for a moment the millions of Jews done to death in the murder camps. How then could we sing songs of victory while weeping by the waters of Babylon? Then too all Americans knew well that great and arduous campaigns in the Pacific still lay before us, that our soldiers now returning would not be re-entering civilian life but would be coming home only for a brief furlough preliminary to new battles and new dangers.

We will look back for many years on this sombre celebration and each succeeding year, as the pain of our sorrow is gradually assuaged, our appreciation of the victory will increase. We will realize that while the world war was only half won, yet actually the greater of the two evils had been overcome. When the Nazis were defeated, the chief source of Nazi propaganda was stopped, the center was destroyed from which were spread bitterness, hatred and cruel prejudice into the hearts of men everywhere. The Japanese have powerful armies of skilled and fanatic soldiers but they never had a propaganda which was successful for long even in Asia for all the Japanese plea of Asia for the Asiatics. Not for a moment could Japanese propaganda be effective in the United States or in England. But the Nazi world propaganda, concocted and financed and even recruited in Germany, was constantly and dangerously successful with many, many thousands within the democratic lands. The Japanese are only an external antagonist, the Nazis were an internal foe. The Japanese threatened our national security, the Nazis also threatened our national sanity. In defeating Germany we defeated not only an enemy but an evil.

As the years go by, the world will see this more clearly. The rejoicing on May the eighth will not be an ephemeral one as in the case of past victories hilariously celebrated but will grow to be a permanent commemoration. We are grateful now for the help that God has given us. We know that in the future we will continue to appreciate more and more how great was this deliverance. As the Psalmist implies: "This, now, is the day which God has made, and in the years to come we *will* rejoice and be glad in it."

The victory in Europe came during the thirty day period of mourning for Franklin Delano Roosevelt. We thought of him reverently on the day of triumph and our hearts paid him homage. Long before our country had come to a definite conviction of the world menace of Nazism, he saw clearly that this evil power was an aggressive force which needed to be quarantined for the safety of the world. When Great Britain stood alone, the last beleaguered redoubt of liberty in Europe, it was he who helped England obtain food and munitions of war. Before we ourselves entered the world war, he prepared for what he saw was inevitable by building up an army and navy for our national defense. When the war began it was he who was largely responsible for the creation of an Allied Chief of Staff, coordinating the work of the Allies to a degree that had never before been attained in any military alliance. He made some of the great decisions of larger strategy. Perhaps more than any other man in the world, Franklin Roosevelt was the architect of this victory.

He was more than a great war-time president, he was a far-visioned social reformer. He came to the presidency when our country was in the depths of economic collapse. He revived the national courage, reorganized the national economy, gave new social security to the masses of workingmen and women of our country, proved to the millions of our citizens and to the world that democracy was no mere heritage of a dead and gone era of superficial liberalism, but was a creative force which can adapt itself to changing times not only to preserve the boon of political liberty but to aid the multitudes of men and women in their pursuit of happiness. He made our democracy strong, re-won for it the allegiance of millions who had

lost faith in its possibilities. Thus he was prepared for the time when, in a crisis, embattled democracy, united in heart and hand, could overcome the might of organized tyranny. Therefore we longed for his message in the day of triumph. During the long dark years, we had anticipated that day when his strong confident voice, like a high clear trumpet, would announce the triumph of liberty. The triumph came but his voice was forever stilled.

At the time of his death, the President of the Conference telegraphed to Mrs. Roosevelt an expression of the sympathy and condolence of the Central Conference. Now, at this first meeting of the Conference since Franklin Roosevelt's departure, I recommend:

I That the Conference send to Mrs. Roosevelt appropriate resolutions, suitably engrossed, an expression of our sympathy with her in her bereavement and our sense of loss in the death of this great man in whose departure the world has been bereaved.

As long as the Nazis were victorious and had prospects of permanent victory, we could not even have dreamed of a free and united world. But now that the Nazis are defeated, the Allied world, even before it has gathered its resources for a concentrated attack on the Japanese enemy, is proceeding with the spiritual and social reconstruction of the world. Before the war against Japan is in full stride, the great meeting for a world Union was convoked at San Francisco. All the ancient difficulties which had prevented world cooperation in the past were, of course, present at this conference. The influence of the powerful nations without whose willing help no stability can be attained, the confidence of the smaller nations without whose security no justice can be achieved, the rights of historic groups who have no world political status and yet have rights all over the world, the clashing interests of certain geographical regions which need or demand special consideration, the difference in attitude between different types of governments and economies, all these problems, ever present in the world, confronted the delegates at San Francisco. Only this was new and it was crucial — a firm resolve at last to convert into reality the dreams

first voiced by the prophets of Israel that nations shall no longer lift up sword against nation. It was in order to achieve this, that the conference had to struggle with the old problem of teaching "the lion to lie down with the lamb."

Many urgent problems have not been dealt with at San Francisco. We must look to the successive conventions for justice for the people of Israel. The rights of Israel in Palestine must not be diminished. They must be expanded and fulfilled. The rights of Israel all over the world to justice and to peaceful citizenship must be secured. All such urgent problems will be, we trust and pray, fairly and successfully dealt with in the conferences that are to follow. But at San Francisco, the world, in the midst of war, has found the will and the way to build a machinery for permanent international cooperation. The machine is new. It will creak and stop and occasionally break down, but it now exists and can be constantly improved. May God grant that it produce "an abundance of justice and peace," "*asseres sholom v'emes*" (Jeremiah 33:6).

The work of our Conference is deeply involved in the war effort. All conferences are affected by the difficulties in war transportation and therefore we must hold, as we are holding now with permission of our membership, this smaller conference. But we are affected by the war effort in a more fundamental way because of the fact that one hundred and thirty of our total membership of five hundred and thirty are in the armed services serving as chaplains. When we reflect that during the last war six members of our Conference (out of a total of eight Jewish chaplains in the armed services) served and in this war out of a total of two hundred and sixty-six Jewish chaplains, one hundred and thirty are members of the Conference, we realize how extensive is their service and what a large proportion of our active membership is in the armed forces. There is bound to be a certain mood of tentativeness in all our work, a sense of waiting for their return in all that we do and propose during these war-time Conferences. While our colleagues do not ask for our thanks, since they are performing what they deem to be their duty to their country and to the Jewish men in service, nevertheless our Conference wishes again to express the grati-

tude which it will always feel for the sacrifices these colleagues of ours have made and our great admiration for the work they have achieved.

It is my conviction that an injustice has been done to our chaplains by many who have spoken in their behalf. Certain Anglo-Jewish newspapers have given the impression that there is great discontent and unrest among the Jewish chaplains in service. It has been presented to the American public in some newspapers and to us at various meetings that our chaplains are brooding constantly over their own future, being always worried about their post-war status. This is untrue and quite unfair. Of course our colleagues in the chaplaincy think occasionally about their civilian status but they know that they are in a war and their main thoughts are about the war and their duties in it. They are thinking of the men they are serving, of comrades who have died, of men who may yet die, of the sick in the hospital, of the awesome dangers of battle and the perils of the seas and the air. It is a libel to describe our chaplains as being obsessed with the problem of their own post-war jobs. Our chaplains are being possessed by the thoughts of their present tasks. They are being absorbed in their sense of duty. They are not thinking of themselves, they are thinking of the men whom they are serving.

This statement is made not only as an act of justice to our chaplains but also with reference to the future of the Conference. We must not build up a sense of resentment among the men who have served and who still are serving so selflessly. We must not induce in them a feeling that they have special interests as against those of civilian rabbis, special interests which should express itself in special organizations. Our chaplains are our colleagues. They are part of us and will always be a part of us. When their work is over in the army, they will be rabbis just as are the rest of us. They will neither wish to glorify their military past nor will they desire to build up any special future status upon it. We want no rabbinical American Legion in the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Confident that our men are not, as has been unjustly described, in a state of morose brooding about themselves, it is our responsibility who are at home to see to it that there shall never be a justifica-

tion for any resentment on the part of our chaplains even though we are sure that such resentments, should they arise, will not be permanent. Our Chaplaincy Committee and our Emergency Placement Committee are meeting regularly, planning and working in behalf of our chaplains. Their reports will be given to the Conference in due course. Our colleagues in the armed services can rely upon their colleagues at home that our desires for justice and fair dealing will translate themselves into proper opportunities for the chaplains when they return. We only ask those who discuss and debate this matter and those who have responsibility for the Anglo-Jewish press to be careful that, in their ardor for one plan or another, they do not do an injustice to the magnificent self-sacrifice of our rabbis in the chaplaincy.

Many of our men have already been in service for a number of years. Their work has been arduous, as the work of all chaplains has been arduous in this war; but the work of the Jewish chaplain is especially difficult. Jewish men are scattered in small numbers over large areas. Even though we have many times exceeded the quota set for us by the military authorities, there have never been enough Jewish chaplains to cover the vast distances involved. Many Jewish men have never seen a Jewish chaplain. Hence we are constantly making efforts to get more chaplains. This effort must be steadily maintained. However, the task is getting to be more and more difficult. While the wide scattering of Jewish men makes it necessary to have more and more Jewish chaplains, the fact that we are a comparatively small community in America limits the number of rabbis available for service. We have long reached the point where our civilian religious life has been seriously hampered by the lack of rabbis at home. The task of chaplain-procurement becomes, therefore, increasingly difficult, and it is only by the endless effort of our chaplaincy committee under the devoted chairmanship of our colleague, Barnett Brickner, that more chaplains are obtained. In fact we have a constant struggle in our committee between the needs of the armed forces, which can never be completely met, and the now crucial needs of our home front.

There is perhaps a new emphasis which we must now make in our recruiting of chaplains. Many of our colleagues have been

serving three years and more. Many of these are older men and have families and congregations at home waiting for their return. The army, we are informed, is not likely to demobilize more than an occasional chaplain now and then. It is likely that these men will remain in service for a number of years. This is a heavy burden on our older colleagues, an unjust burden since many of them were the first to volunteer.

- I, therefore, recommend that, in cooperation with the committees representing other groups in the C. A. N. R. A. and the
II Armed Forces, our Chaplaincy Committee plan a system of recruiting younger chaplains to take the place of veteran chaplains now in service. Perhaps an unofficial point system similar to the one now in use in the Armed Forces can be devised whereby we can determine which chaplains should first be permitted to return. In this way we shall strengthen our religious home front and do justice to many of our older chaplains who are willing now to return.

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Synagogue Council of America. The Central Conference of American Rabbis, which has always exerted an influence towards cooperative endeavor among various groups in American Jewish life, is to be credited with the founding of the Synagogue Council. Rabbi Abram Simon, in his presidential message at the convention of the Conference in Cedar Point, Ohio, June 26, 1924, declared that the time had come for all the Jewish religious forces of America to find ways of cooperating and achieving increasing comradeship. The Conference endorsed the spirit of Rabbi Simon's message; and in January 1925, Rabbi Simon, at a meeting of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, presented a Resolution, in accordance with which the organized Conservative and Orthodox groups were invited to meet with the Reform Jewish groups on June 9, 1925, for the purpose of finding ways of active cooperation. As a result of this meeting, the Synagogue Council was formed. The Conference, therefore, as initiator of the Synagogue Council, extends its congratulations to the Council for the work that it has accomplished, for its increased activity during the last

four years, and expresses to the Synagogue Council its earnest good wishes for further growth and usefulness.

In order that the Synagogue Council may continue to progress, its work must be carefully guided, particularly nowadays when its activities have largely expanded. There is always some danger in the rapid expansion of an organization. It may expand in the wrong direction and develop lines of activity which may be harmful to its future. Already serious questions have arisen with regard to the new work of the Synagogue Council. There have been some objections to the fact that the Council has directly taken up certain specific tasks in individual communities, that it publishes certain material paralleling the material published by some of its member organizations, that it has appealed to welfare funds for contributions and thus can become independent of the support of the constituent organizations.

We have come to the point in the history of the Synagogue Council where great care and study are required. Is it correct, for example, is it within the terms of its original reference for the Council to come into direct contact with the individual communities? Was it not the original intention that the Council should deal only with referred actions rather than initiate actions of its own accord? Was it not the intention that the Council should be a consultative organization rather than an executive organization, coordinating the activities of its constituent bodies when a request for coordination is made rather than be an independent, executive organization originating Jewish religious action? It may be, of course, that the original intention has been outgrown and that a time for a change in the status of the Council has come. If so, such change should not occur through neglect or inadvertance, but should consciously and with clear intention be initiated. On the other hand, it may be that it is undesirable for the Council to change its original line of action. At all events, the matter must now be carefully studied.

- I, therefore, recommend that a Committee be appointed whose membership shall include some of our present delegates to the Synagogue Council and some of the delegates of past years who are acquainted with the question, to survey and
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study the work of the Council in relation to the original plan and its present activities and to make recommendations to the Conference with regard to the activities of the Council for the future.

A few weeks ago Volume II of the Union Prayerbook Newly Revised has been sent to the members. One or two small changes, which will not affect the pagination of the book, may still need to be made. We often have made some changes between the first printing and the second. These matters will be discussed during the report of the Liturgy Committee before this Convention. The Volume has been warmly received and has met with commendation on the part of many of the members who have written in to the Chairman of the Committee. The completion of Volume II represents the end of a decade of work on the part of the Liturgy Committee. The Committee, which has worked so faithfully, has earned the thanks of the Conference.

In spite of many war-time difficulties, our Pension system has by now been well organized and is working. The organizing of the Pension system involved a drastic depletion in the funds of the Conference. This fact suggests a new activity for the Conference which may assist the Conference financially, help the Pension Fund and be of direct value to the members of this Conference and their congregations. Our Conference members buy a great many books of Jewish and general religious nature during the year. These books are purchased chiefly from private book concerns. Our members also write books which are published by private publishers. These book stores and publishers, of course, make profit on these various transactions as they are entitled to. There is need, however, of an additional agency, both for the sale of books and for the publishing of works written by our members.

Every large and many smaller religious denominations in America have their own book concern and publishing house, or are closely affiliated with a special religious publishing house. Our colleague, Samuel Gup, at my request, has written to the heads of these denominational book concerns and publishing houses and has interviewed many of them personally. It becomes clear from his investigation

that most of these businesses are in a flourishing condition and their profits are generally turned over to the Pension Fund of the denomination.

It would be a valuable thing if we had such an organization. Books would be sold to members for their own use or for the libraries of their congregations at a discount. Books would be published in behalf of our members at smaller expense than they could be published by private publishers. Lists of books of Jewish and of general religious interest could be sent to our members and the profits would go to our Pension Fund and thus increase the amount of pensions of our members. In other words, the men would buy the books they need and simultaneously help maintain their own pension.

I, therefore, recommend that a Committee be appointed by the Conference to meet with a similar committee appointed by
IV the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to consider and plan for the organization of the Conference-Union Book Concern. The Conference and the Union respectively shall retain their full rights in their present publications, the Conference in the Union Prayerbook, Union Hymnal and similar publications, the Union in the text-book publications and in other publications, although the Conference-Union book concern may serve as one of the selling agencies for these books. The chief purpose of the Conference-Union Book Concern shall be to sell books of all kinds to the members of the Conference and their congregations and to publish books in behalf of the members. The profits of the Book Concern shall be donated annually to the Joint Pension Fund.

The American Rabbinical schools are planning to expand their activities. It is becoming increasingly clear that Jewish life in America requires, besides the rabbinate, other types of professional public service such as executives for civic defense organizations, teachers in departments of Jewish Studies at various colleges, superintendents of religious schools, etc. These new types of leaders, who need not necessarily be rabbis, must be given Jewish learning and an appreciation of Judaism and contact with the high grade of Jewish scholarship available at our rabbinical schools. The rabbin-

ical seminaries are planning to extend their activities in order to meet this need. This expansion of work impels the Conference to make a recommendation to the Hebrew Union College and to the Jewish Institute of Religion whose graduates constitute the bulk of its membership. It is of importance to the Conference that the schools in which most of its membership have been trained and ordained develop and maintain the practice of frequent cooperation. The attempts which have been made in the past for the merger of the two schools have not succeeded. Perhaps the attempts were premature or perhaps it is useful for American Reform Judaism to have more than one seminary, one in the great metropolis in New York and one in the middle west. But the fact that the institutions have not or even will not merge should not prevent them from working together.

I, therefore, recommend that the Conference urge the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion to find
V methods of coordination and cooperation in some of the new activities planned by both institutions, and in other ways also where it may be found practical. The Conference stands ready to assist in the development of such cooperative activities.

The end of the war in Europe has left the continent in ruins. Many cities are heaps of broken stone. Some of them will never be rebuilt. They will serve, as did many of the cities of ancient times, the ruins of older wars, as quarries for the building of new cities when the courage to build awakens again in the hearts of men. Jewish life in Europe is all but destroyed. Millions of Jews have been killed by the Nazis, countless Jewish communities broken up never to be re-established, the books they had printed for themselves and for all the Jewish world have vanished, the wealth with which a re-birth of culture and a re-constituting of communities might have been achieved has been confiscated and then destroyed in the ruin of war. The great Jewish *Yishuv* in Palestine is in a position of uncertainty and doubt in this post-war period. Until the struggle between empires, the jostling between larger and smaller powers be finally brought into equilibrium by a world organization, the present status and the just future of the *Yishuv* cannot be assured. All the

Jewish world looks to America. We have been untouched by the horrors of war. Our communities are intact, institutions which we have founded are strong and will be strengthened still further, new institutions of learning are rising all over the land. Our communities, blessed with prosperity, are responding with magnificent generosity to the needs of world Jewry and of our American Jewish life.

We have been untouched outwardly, but within the heart of American Jewry there is deep disturbance. The horrors of the Jewish world experience, the agony which our brothers have suffered everywhere have shaken us, disturbed our peace of mind and frayed our nerves. At the time when all of world Jewry turns to us, just at the time when the immense building task needs coordinated effort on our part, we have fallen into bitter disputes and shocking contentiousness. When Nehemiah was rebuilding the Temple, the workers, surrounded by enemies, held each a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other. "Every one with one of his hands wrought in the work and with the other held his weapon" (Nehemiah 4:11). So it is with us. With one hand we work and with the other hand hold the weapon. But we use the weapon against each other. The rebuilders of world Jewry are quarreling and the building work is delayed.

There is hardly a great American Jewish effort which is not bitterly divided in these tense days. Victory in Europe has not brought assuagement but on the contrary it seems to have increased our mutual contentiousness. The Central Conference of American Rabbis, always a pioneer in Jewish matters in America, seems to have had the melancholy distinction of being a pioneer in this too. We were among the first great organizations to be sharply divided. What happened to our Conference was a prophecy, a gloomy prophecy of what was going to happen in American Jewish life. We rabbis, members of this great organization, more sensitive than laymen to the currents of sorrow and pain which sweep the Jewish world, and also more integrated into general communal activity than most of our colleagues of other groups, have served as a barometer of the emotional health of American Jewry. That is why events in our great organization are of moment beyond the limits of the organi-

zation itself. The discerning student of Jewish life can frequently see in Conference affairs a preview of what will happen later in other branches of Jewish activity.

If this be the fact, then we can be grateful for these past two years in our Conference life. Although the disagreements which divided us were fundamental, nevertheless we have managed to live through a storm of debate, perhaps the worst of the storm, and have maintained our comradeship unbroken. The Conference, which has lived through many disputes in the past is successfully weathering this present period of tension and strain. This fact can serve as a harbinger of increasing concord in the rest of American Jewry. The Conference is of particular importance to American Jewish life nowadays when members of our Conference have achieved prominent leadership in many other organizations. Our members, active in the leadership of many organizations upon which the health of world Jewry and American Jewry depend, must have this great rabbinical brotherhood in which disputes can be handled in comradely fashion, the bitterness of disagreements diminished and, through the jungle of jarring disputatiousness, the path of comradeship be discovered. Therefore, for our own sake as friends, but more so for the sake of American Jewry and the Jewries dependent upon it, we are grateful that our Conference is working through its inner problems so patiently and so well. "*L'maan achi v're-oy adabro no sholom boch.*" Not only for our own comradeship but also for the blessing of all our brethren of the House of Israel, we hail the unity and the growing peace of heart in the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, *President*

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Monday Morning, June 25, 1945, 9:30 A. M.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday Evening, 8:00 P. M.

Opening Prayer

Address of Welcome

Response Abba Hillel Silver

President's Message Solomon B. Freehof

Tuesday Morning, June 26, 1945, 9:30 A. M.

REPORTS:

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*Synagog Activities Jacob D. Schwarz

Public Affairs Louis L. Mann

*Arbitration Emil W. Leipziger

Chaplains Barnett R. Brickner

12:45 Religious Services

Tuesday Afternoon

*Commission on Jewish Education	Solomon B. Freehof
*Committee on Religious Education	Leon I. Feuer
*Religious Work in the Universities	Harry Kaplan
Church and State	Albert G. Minda
*Ceremonies	Louis Witt
*Curator of Archives	Sheldon H. Blank
Justice and Peace	Ferdinand M. Isserman

Tuesday Evening 8:00 P. M.

PAPER:

Spiritual Reconstruction of the Jews of Europe	Salo Baron
Discussion	

Wednesday Morning, June 27, 1945, 9:30 A. M.

Opening Prayer

REPORTS:

*Pensions	Samuel M. Gup
Marriage, Family and the Home	Stanley R. Brav
Resolutions	
Nominations	
Placement	
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Wednesday Afternoon

REPORTS:

*Information on Judaism Harry W. Ettelson

*Relief and Subvention Samuel M. Gup

President's Message Committee

Benediction Julian Morgenstern

Adjournment

Wednesday Evening, 8:00 P. M.

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