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DRAFT OF PROPOSED LETTER July 2, 1945 Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, Secretary CCAR Committee on Chaplains Merchants Bldg. Cincinnati 2, Ohio Dear Rabbi Egelson: This is to inform you that I has conforence with Rabbi Abram Granison in City on Thursday morning, June 28, with

This is to inform you that I had a conference with Rabbi Abram Granison in Atlantic City on Thursday morning, June 28, with reference to the Charleston, S. C. matter, which was discussed at the meeting of the Committee on Chaplains, held on Tuesday evening, June 26.

Rabbi Tranison stated, in his conversation with me, that acting in behalf of Chaplain Leonard Kasle, he decided not to press any claim on the Charleston, S. C. pulpit.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

arwind fuly I COPY FOR INFORMATION OF DR. BRICKNER July 3, 1935 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver c/o The Temple E. 105th St. & Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver: In accordance with our conversation in Atlantic City last Thursday, I think you ought to send me a letter somewhat like the attached. When I receive the letter from you, I shall send a copy of it or the original to Rabbi Granison for his confirmation, in order that our record may be complete. Please note that in the letter from you to me, I have indicated that Granison is acting in behalf of Chaplain Kasle, because Granison himself has no claim against the Charleston congregation, but Kasle thought he had. You have made an auspicious beginning of your presidency of the Conference. You have secured an adjustment of what seemed to be developing into a very difficult situation. I need not tell you again that I am always at your service. With cordial regards, I am Sincerely yours, Louis I. Egelson (Signed) Secretary CCAR COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS LE:RM

UNION OF AMERICAN

HEBREW CONGREGATIONS , RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, DIRECTOR

THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET . CINCINNATI 2, OHIO

July 6, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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

Dear Friend:

I am so very sorry that a temporary indisposition prevented my being present at the meeting in Atlantic City to witness the great moment when you became President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. This is a long overdue and genuinely deserved distinction, and I know that we will all profit by your distinguished leadership during these most crucial years.

I want to assure you of my desire to be of utmost assistance to you in any way possible, both officially as Director of the Union, and personally as one who has long been one of your fondest admirers.

There are so many opportunities for the closest cooperation between the Conference and the Union, and I am confident that we will enjoy the happiest relations during the years of what I know will be your most successful and fruitful administration.

With heartiest felicitations and best wishes for what I am certain will be your far-reaching accomplishments as President of the Conference, I am,

Yours most cordially,

Maurice

MNE:SG

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS , RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, DIRECTOR THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO July 10, 1945 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

Although I hate to burden you when you are probably enjoying a brief but much needed holiday, I should like very much to have a short statement from you of about 150 to 200 words for a publicity pamphlet that we are just now getting out. I think that something along the line of that very excellent statement that you made to the Convention of Jewish Teachers and which has been published in a number of places under the heading "The Answer Must Be Judaism" would be precisely what we want. Would you wish us to take that portion of that particular message and use it for our present purposes, or would you prefer to write something new? Whichever you desire will be satisfactory to us. We would like very much to have some such statement from you, as President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, at the beginning of this pamphlet, which we are issuing in order to drive home the timeliness and indispensability of religion in this hour of victory and reconstruction.

Hoping that I may hear from you soon and with warm personal greetings, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

Marrie

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July 10, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President Central Conference of American Rabbis 105th St. and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

I understand that Sol Freehof discussed with you the matter of the "Eternal Light" program and of the desirability of our procuring an adjustment of this unjust situation.

I am enclosing herewith a draft of a letter which I should like to have signed jointly by the official leaders of our Liberal Jewish movement in America, namely, yourself, Dr. Julian Morgenstern, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, and Mr. Adolph Rosenberg. This letter is self-explanatory and seeks either to have a restoration of the previous unbiased presentation of Jewish religious broadcasting under a common sponsorship or, as an alternative, the allocation of equal time for the spokesmen and institutions of Liberal Judaism. Dr. Jonah Wise has assured me that he is fairly confident that armed with such a letter he would be able to accomplish the purpose that I have been seeking for more than a year and a half to achieve.

Trusting that I may have your agreement to add your signature to this communication, I am, with warm personal greetings,

Yours most sincerely,

MNE:SG Encl. Marrie

July 15, 1945 Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, Director Union of American Hebrew Congregation 34 W. 6th street Cincinnati, Onio My dear Maurice: Thank you for your lovely note of July o which has reached me here. I greatly approximate your insughton my election be the president of the CANA. I hope I will be able to do a good job. From the looks of things, the year will us very corollel. As you probably know, peace has been re-established in wionist circles, and I am again the head by the Blonist Haergency Coancil. With reference to your lotter in connection with the " "Eternal Light" program, I should be very pleased to sign the lotter providing surgenstern, siss and Rosembors sign it. With reletence to the statement which you request, i would appreciate very much if you would take some excorpts from my article, "The answer Must Be Juliasm," and use it for your pur lose. Tith all good wishes for a pleasant and restral summer, I remain, Most cordially yours, ALLE S

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS , RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, DIRECTOR THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET CINCINNATI 2, OHIO July 18, 1945 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Mayflower Hotel Manoment Point Plymouth, Massachusetts Dear Dr. Silver:

In Rabbi Eisendrath's absence from the city, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of July 15, a copy of which I am forwarding to him.

I should like to inform you that Dr. Julian Morgenstern, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Mr. Adolph Rosenberg have already approved of the letter dealing with the "Eternal Light" program, and now that we have your consent to add your signature to it, it will be forwarded to Rabbi Jonah Wise within a day or two.

Thank you very much for your permission to use some excerpts from your article "The Answer Must Be Judaism" in a publicity pamphlet that is just now in preparation. I am passing this information on to the person who is in charge of publishing it.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Eisendrath

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UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS MERCHANTS BUILDING . CINCINNATI

MEMORANDUM

Date_ July 19, 1945

From Rabbi Louis I. Egelson

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Attached I am sending you the Minutes of the last two meetings of the CCAR Committee on Chaplains and the Commission on Information About Judaism, since they are both joint committees of the Union and Conference.

I am also sending you the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee on "Liberal Judaism" Magazine which I thought you might be interested in seeing.

JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION WEST 68th Street near CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK 23, N.Y.

July 20, 1945

Rabbi Louis I. Egelson Merchants Building Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Lou:

I feel that I must object to that portion of the minutes of the last meeting of the C.C.A.R. Committee on Chaplains which ceals with the Charleston, S.C., matter. The minutes seem to me to be considerably and unjustifiably slanted in favor of the Charleston congregation and Unger. I can't understand why you failed to include in the record a number of facts and statements that are far more important and relevant to the issue involved than some of the things that you did include.

For one thing, the minutes contain no reference whatsoever to my statement that the Board of the Charleston on regation in its official resolution announcing acceptance of alle's conditional resignation, which kasle contends to lever the mitted, cleaded that it didso with regret, and only because it was not possible for the congregation to secure a temporary replacement for Chapkin Kasle. At our meeting in Atlantic City, cointed ut a number of times that the congregation was given definite and repeated assurance by the J.I.R. that an adequate and arrhand an even mire than adequate temporary replacement yould be available to the Charleston congregation before August 1st. Approximately two were sefere Unger was elected as the permanent successor to obtain asle, a very capable ordained rabbi was recommended by the J.I.R. as a temporary replacement for the rabbi whom we recommended as a substitute was not ven contacted by any representative of the Charleston congregation; nor was he initial visit Charleston, although he was prepared to go there on very short notice for a trial sermon and interview. I cited these facts at our Atlantic City meeting to establish the validity of the charge that the person or persons responsible for injuring the Board of the Charleston congregation to cancel hanlain asle's leave of absence acted in bad faith.

I also expressed my disappointement at the failure of Rabbi Unger and Rabbi William Rosenblum who recommended him, to get in touch with Chaplain Rasle or the J.R.R. or the C.C.A.R. Chaplaincy Committee in order to get clearance before proceeding to negotiate for the position in Charleston. Rabbi Unger is a former Chaplain, and Rabbi Rosenblum is a member of the C.C.A.R.C ommittee on Chaplains. In the circumstances, they should have been more careful, and more considerate of the rights of Chaplain asle. At least they should have consulted him. You will recall that Rabbi Brickner said that if he had been in the place of Chaplain Inger or Rabbi Rosenblum he would have certainly contacted Chaplain Fasle to find out how he felt about the matter.

Rabbi Egelson -2-July 20, 1945 There is a statement in the minutes that Kasle took the Charleston position "while eligible for the chaplaincy." In fairness to Chaplain Masle, it would seem to me that you should have mentioned also that Rasle was ordained in 1942; that under our former rules he was not eligible for the chaplaincy until two years ago at the most; that during the period he was hospitalized for at least thre wees; that for a number of years he suffered from a fever that recurred from time to time, and that his physicians regarded as rather serious; that he said he didn't want to apply for the chaplain cy so long as he knew that he would be turned down; that he preferred to wait until he had a good chance to pass a physical examination; and that when the recurrence of the fever seemed to end, he did apply for the chaplaincy immediately and experly. It should also be stated that Chaplain Kasle is forced, and has two children. In your letter of July 18th, which accompanied the minutes, you state that as a result of a conference between Rab i Silver and myself, "the protest against the action of the Charleston congregation would be dropped". Let there be no misun erstanding about thi. The only thing tot was drop ed was the matter of musuing pursuing the issue any further. Wasles protest remains in the record, but he agrees not to breas further any clam on the Charleston Pulpit", since in view of all that has happened he would refuse to rourn to Charleston, everyif invited to do so fter the warm fter the warm May I suggest that copies of this letter be sent as soon as possible to all those who received the minutes of the last meeting of our Committee on Chaplains, and that this letter be accepted as an addendum to the minutes. with cordial greetings, Sincer ly, Abram M. Granison AMG:HR

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Minocqua, Wisconsin July 26th, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Mayflower Hotel Plymouth, Massachusetts

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you herewith the following:

- 1. Copy of a letter from Rabbi Granison to me, under date of July 17th, together with a copy of your letter to me of July 5th with Rabbi Granison's notation.
- 2. A copy of Rabbi Granison's letter to me of July 20th, with reference to the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Chaplains.

I trust that you did receive a copy of the Minutes of that Atlantic City meeting. Of course, I did not make a stenographic transcript of all that was said. I am just wondering whether all of the material that Rabbi Granison suggests for inclusion should actually be part of the Minutes. I should like to have your opinion on this matter.

With kindest regards, and trusting that you are enjoying a pleasant vacation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

3864 READING ROAD CINCINNATI Sept. 10.1945 My dear Robbi Silver oftest was a wise and for sighted plan to avoid being bothered by litinerant CC & R men. However, exercising the ungenity developed through reading the detective of stories provided by the past president of the Conference, Spound your ver plione Lumber. Drefel 1090. But evidently, yourred a detective story accorancely, and your or suspected that I might do just that, so you were out to aller when scalled who a very loophy New Year, replete with accomplishment for the good of all. Ido so now. galas wonted to remind you to reply to Robert Gardis letter. Cordrally Juit ?. Egelson

RABBI LOUIS I. EGELSON

September 12, 1945 Rabbi Louis I. Egelson 3864 Reading Road Cincinnati, Ohio My dear Friend: Thank you so much for your lovely New Year's note. I need not tell you that I reciprocate most heartily all your good wishes. I trust that the coming year will be one of wellbeing and happiness for you and yours, and a year of release from tensions for all mankind. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter that I wrote last Friday to Rabbi Philip Bernstein. I thought you would be interested in reading the background information.

I am looking forward to seeing you next Monday at the meeting with Rabbi Gordis.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS AND THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

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October 2, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your telegram and for authorizing me to go ahead with the work of the Committee. I have written Rabbi Fram and all the other members of the Committee and invited them to come to a committee meeting in Cincinnati, Monday, October 8.

Without your saying anything about it, I know what you are going through. I can imagine you are living on trains these days and commuting to Washington. The tragic thing is that in the face of the forces that have arrayed themselves against us, we seem so powerless.

Now I want to write you on one matter which concerns the Conference very much, and the Union, too, in confidence. You remember how we fought for the maintenance of neutrality in the Executive Board of the Union and in the Conference, on the question of Zionism. In the Department of Education I have always tried to maintain that position. As there was never any official interpretation on the subject, this has occasionally led to difficulties. You know, of course, that the American Council for Judaism has been continuously pointing its finger at me and saying that we are indulging in Zionist propaganda in our books. I sincerely believe that this is not true. Here is my interpretation of neutrality; I hope I am correct:

- 1. Neither the Conference nor the Union will undertake to make either pro-Zionist or anti-Zionist pro-nouncements. This, if I understand it rightly, should not preclude the Conference, however, or the Union from expressing its sympathy in the upbuilding of Palestine, etc., etc. on all questions except that of the Jewish Commonwealth.
 - 2. Neutrality certainly does not mean that we cannot

include information about Zionism, Zionist literature, the Zionist movement as a movement in our publications, just as we did include anti-Zionism and the history of anti-Zionist classical reform in our publications as history. Thus, for example, the Conference included the Hatikvo in the Union Hymnal and the motion to include it was seconded by Rabbi Louis Witt, who is a non-Zionist. Those schools that do not want to sing the Hatikvo are free not to do so.

I am now assuming the position, and I hope that both the Committee on October 8 and the Executive Board on October 9 will sustain me, that in the new song book we should plan to include the following categories of songs:

God
Israel
Torah
Religion in Action
Bible songs
Sabbath songs
Jewish holiday songs
Palestine (but not Zionist) songs
Zionist songs.

For example, a song like ples sold for a sold is a Palestinian song. A non-Zionist might well include it in his course of study. On the other hand, a translation of sold of s

these only as illustrations. The Committee may include neither of them. I am interested only in clarifying the position which I think we should take and which I hope you will sustain. To take any other position would mean that in our literature and in our song book we would have to measure what to include by the criterion of the anti-Zionists. Since the anti-Zionists will not be forced to sing these songs, they have no right to take the illiberal position that the songs must be excluded from our collection, particularly in view of the fact that the overwhelming majority of the Reform rabbinate is now Zionist.

The question which I raise above has other and wider implications with reference to which I should like to prepare a special memorandum to share with you, with Eisendrath, and with several others of our friends who will be concerned with this problem, perhaps very concretely, at the Council of the Union. In this connection I want to call your attention to the fact that even in the days when Dr. Philipson was Chairman of the Commission on Jewish Education, we published two such books as Gittelsohn's "Modern Jewish Problems" and Feuer and Eisenberg's "Jewish Literature Since the Bible" Book II, both of which have long sections on Palestine and Zionism.

Finally, if this matter of the song book were to be decided on by the Conference tomorrow, it might be inadvisable to inject the issue at this time before the Council of the Union met and before we give the American Council for Judaism the licking which 3

I anticipate they are going to get at the Council of the Union. As, however, anything that we plan now will not appear until probably two years from now, if not later, the fight with the American Council for Judaism inlour ranks will have been settled. Our committee must, however, take action, otherwise the professional people whom we have to engage to do some of the music and to do the major job on the book itself, will not know how to guide themselves.

It would be splendid if by some lucky chance you could come in on Monday and join our Committee, as President of the C.C.A.R., in its deliberations. If you could, I know we would all feel honored and happy about it. The meeting will take place at 10:30 A.M. in Parlor L, at the Netherland Plaza Hotel.

With kind personal greetings from house to house, I am

Faithfully yours,

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Educational Director

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October 17, 1945

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am sorry that you were not with us at the meeting of our Committee on Chaplains which met here on Monday. We had a strenuous, three hour session on the Hollywood situation, about which you may know. It pertained to protecting the rights of one of our Chaplains, Morton Bauman, and recommending action by the Conference with reference to the replacement Rabbi in that congregation, Max Nussbaum. A copy of the minutes of the meeting will, of course, be forwarded to you as soon as they are ready.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a telegram that we received from Rabbi Leo M. Franklin. We were informed that he had had a heart attack one day last week and is at the hospital in Detroit. Our Committee suggested that I send you a copy and request the consideration of appointment of a substitute liaison officer.

With kind greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary Secretary

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have a letter from Rabbi Marcuson asking me to notify the Conference representatives on CANRA that the Executive Board of the CCAR would like them to press for favorable action with the JWB, the request of the American Friend's Committee for financial assistance in looking after Jewish conscientious objectors.

Rabbi Marcuson told me that in a letter he wrote to you. he stated the amount of money necessary. Will you please let me have that figure so that I may include it in the letter to the Conference representatives on CANRA?

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CCAR COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS

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October 23, 1945

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

Dear Friend:

Last night I received a wire from Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, the Executive Director of CANRA, reading as follows: "At the request of the three presidents visit to Washington cancelled."

I was rather surprised to receive this message because on investigation I had found that in other branches of the service officers were still being commissioned, though we were informed that there was no further commissioning of officers in the Army and Navy. Only yesterday I learned that physicians were being commissioned to replace those who had been serving for a few years. I do not see why an exception should be made of the chaplains.

I have some plans for pursuing this matter further, without a trip to Washington. May I have your permission, as President of the Conference, to pursue the matter further? I believe that our Committee on Chaplains and perhaps the Conference as a whole, may receive the strong disapproval of the C.C.A.R. Chaplains unless we do our utmost to remove what is definitely an injustice to the men who graduated within the past few years.

Please be good enough to wire me your permission to go ahead and endeavor to secure a modification of the ruling as reported by the Chief of Chaplains.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Rabbi Egelson Cincinnati, Ohio

INASMUCH AS THE TWO OTHER PRESIDENTS FEEL STRONGLY IN THE MATTER DO NOT DEEM IT ADVISABLE TO PROCEED WITH EFFORTS TO SECURE A MODIFICATION OF THE RULING SUGGEST THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AGAIN AT THE NEXT MEETING OF CANRA.

A H SILVER

October 25, 1945 Rabbi Louis I. Egelson Mercants Building Cincinnati, Ohio My dear Rabbi Egelson: In reply to you kind letter of October 18, permit me to send you a copy of the letter of Mr. Robert 5. Vogel of the American Friends Service Committee which explains the entire situation and which also calls attention to the uncared for balance of \$17,683.30. "ithall good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK Enc.

THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA Northeast Corner, Broadwy & 122nd Street New York 27, N. Y.

> October 26th, 1 9 4 5

Dear Rabbi Egelson:

I called Phil Bernstein and transmitted to him the significant information contained in your last letter to me. He tells me that he and Doctor Pool are planning to go to Washington on November first on CANRA business and that he will be happy to re-open the question of inducting new chaplains in order to release men with long careers of service. He feels that the difficulty in arranging a trip by the presidents in the very near future coupled with the fact that he and Doctor Pool are planning to go, makes it the most reasonable precedure for us to sit tight until he is able to report back to us. I feel that his point is well-taken and that we shall lose nothing in waiting a few more days for his return from Washington.

If the answer is negative and we still feel strongly about pressing the matter, there is nothing to prevent us from reopening negotiations in the name of the rabbinic organizations.

Phil Bernstein also said that chaplains are being released at an increasing tempo so that the situation is extremely fluid just now.

I shall be very anxious to hear your reactions to this method of procedure.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Robert Gordis

Rabbi Louis Egelson 34 West Sixth Street Cincinnati, Ohio CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, c/o The Temple, Cleveland. Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I received your telegram and of course shall comply with the directive not to proceed further to secure a modification of the ruling by government regarding the commissioning of chaplains.

I am afraid that if we wait until the next meeting of CANRA we may be confronted with a fait accompli. By that time this year's class of the Hebrew Union College will have graduated on December 8. Unless the ruling is modified before graduation, some of these men will have taken pulpits by the time CANRA meets.

I really believe the ruling of the War Department could be changed, particularly in view of the fact that physicians are still being commissioned. It is a parallel case to that of our chaplains. Young men who have been educated for medicine at government expense are being commissioned and will be commissioned to take the place of doctors who have been serving for some time.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter that I received from Rabbi Gordis as well as copy of my reply.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

CCAR COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS

October 30, 1945 Rabbi Robert Gordis, The Rabbinical Assembly of America, Broadway and 122nd Street, New York, 27, N.Y. My dear Rabbi Gordis: 192 october 26. Thanks for your ketter The difficulty involved in waiting until the next meeting of CANR A to decide whether or not to follow-up the work in Washington is a time element. The Hebrew Union College will have graduation exercises on December 8. Unless these graduates will be permitted to go into the chaplaincy after graduation, I am afraid we will not be alle to rectify it later. officers are still being commissioned by the Army. I know that this holds true with regard to physicians. I do not see how the fact that chaplains are being released now in increasing tempo solves the problem at all. If anything,

it aggravates it because those that remain are just those that ought to be released by younger men coming to take their places.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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With kind regards, I am

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October 30, 1945

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

Dear Colleague:

Rabbi Marcuson has asked me to convey to the Conference representatives on CANRA the request of the Executive Board of the C.C.A.R., that they should press for favorable action with the Jewish Welfare Board with reference to the request of the American Friends Service Committee that we assist them financially to the extent of taking care of Jewish conscientious objectors whose expenses they have defrayed in the various camps.

The Executive Board of the Conference seems to feel that this is a legitimate war expenditure which the J.W.B. should be asked to assume.

In this connection I am enclosing herewith, for your information, copy of a letter which Rabbi Silver, the President of the Conference, received from the American Friends Service Committee under date of October 10.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE 20 So. 12th St. Philadelphia 7, Pa.

October 10, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

About a month ago you received a letter from Dr. Solomon B. Freehof following my visit and discussion with him concerning Conference support for thirty-six Jewish conscientious objectors which the Historic Peace Churches (Quakers, Brethren and Mennonites) have been caring for during the last four years.

As you might recall, the Central Conference and the Rabbinical Assembly set up in 1941 the Joint Rabbinical Committee on Conscientious Objectors, with Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld as secretary and Rabbi Isidor Hoffman as treasurer. Since that Committee was organized, it has succeeded in raising \$8,190.78 against a cost of \$25,874.08 for the support of Jewish men. This leaves an uncared for balance of \$17,683.30 which the Historic Peace Churches have borne in addition to caring for their own men.

When this Committee (your Joint Rabbinical Committee on C.O.'s approached various Jewish organizations, almost all of them expressed the feeling that this matter ought to be handled by the Jewish Welfare Board. After a good deal of Consideration by the JWB, it ruled that such activity did not lie within its charter. Consequently the matter was turned over within recent months to the National Community Relations Advisory Council, whose executive committee recommended that its constituent bodies share the burden. Replies from two of those bodies - the American Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League - indicate that they have decided not to give and stating that they feel the JWB ought to assume responsibility in the matter.

I shall be glad to come to Cleveland at any date you would care to set after October 29th to discuss this matter further with you. But knowing that you are a busy man, I would hope that you may see your way clear to (1) get the Conference to ssume its share of burden, and/or (2) urge the Jewish Welfare Board to assume the responsibility.

Very sincerly yours,

(signed) Robert S. Vogel Civilian Public Service

November 9, 1945 Rabbi Philip Bernstein, 145 East 32nd Street, New York, N.Y. Dear Phil: I wish to acknowledge herewith recoint of two memoranda from you. Your memo dated November 1 contains a summary of the meeting of the heads of the three rabbinical groups held in your office October 1 In that memorandum you state that the committee to submit recommendations regarding the future of CANRA is ready to meet but that since I am obliged to come from out of town a date will be arranged convenient for me. Will you please confer with Rabbis Levitsky and Kramer and ascertain whether we can have a meeting of this committee at the same time and place as the next meeting of CANRA. Your memo of November 5. I note that you and Dr. Pool were in Washington on Thursday, November 1 and conferred with the Chiefs of Chaplains of the Army and Navy. I am very glad to know that other denominations have made representations to Chaplain Miller. I had made inquiry and had ascertained that fact also. I am glad to know that Chaplain Miller will reopen the matter with the War Department. Please let me know by wire as soon as you hear from him, which, I hope, will be in the affirmative because the Hebrew Union College will have graduation exercises on December 8 and I want to be able to tell the young graduates whether or not they can go into the chaplaincy to relieve older men. As to the Navy, I gather that there will be no opportunity for further commissioning of chaplains in that branch of the service. I am not very much worried about the Navy chaplaincy, but I am very much concerned about the resumption of the commissioning of the graduates of rabbinical institutions during the next two or three years. Very sincerely your, With kind regards, I am EGELSON

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

Dear Friend:

I hope you will not consider this letter an interference with the prerogatives of the Conference. It is not intended for that purpose, but rather as a constructive help in some of the work that the Conference has done so well.

When the Committee on Committees reported to the Executive Board of the Conference, they removed Emil Leipziger from the Committee on Chaplains and substituted for him Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman. I do not know whether the Committee on Committees knew that Rabbi Leipziger was one of our most faithful and zealous co-workers on the Committee on Chaplains. At our request he accepted every assignment offered to him and carried them out with despatch and efficiency. He visited a number of communities, conferred with several prospects for the chaplaincy, and altogether was one of our best workers on the Committee.

If I may make a suggestion I would like to offer this: that Rabbi Leipziger be retained on the Committee on Chaplains until its work is at an end, which cannot be very far away, and that Rabbi Feldman be placed on the Committee in an exofficio capacity. That will solve the problem adequately.

May I take this opportunity to add that I was more than a little bit embarrassed to learn that you removed yourself from CANRA in order that I might serve. There, too, I believe that you, as president of the Conference, and the other heads of the rabbinical organizations, should serve ex-officio.

The CANRA is the creation of the three rabbinical groups. It is therefore quite logical that the heads of the rabbinical groups shall serve ex-officio.

With kind greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath Merchants Bldg. Cincinnati, Ohio

I UNDERSTAND FROM FELDMAN THAT YOU HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING INVITING BAECK. I ASSUME IT IS FOR THE UNION CONVENTION. THE CONFERENCE VOTED AT ITS LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING TO INVITE BAECK FOR ITS CONVENTION THURSDAY JUNE 27. IF YOU ARE NEGOTIATING WITH THE BNAI BRITH PLEASE ALSO MAKE THE ENGAGMENT FORTHE CONFERENCE. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS , RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, DIRECTOR THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO November 21, 1945 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio Dear Friend: In response to your telegram just received, I wish to say that I tried to get in touch with you some time ago but unfortunately you were on the go and I was unable to catch up with you. At all events, I knew anyway, from the conclusions reached by the last CCAR Executive meeting, that you were very eager to have Dr. Baeck available for the CCAR Convention. Consequently with this in mind, immediately after I secured authorization from our own Program Committee, I wrote to Henry Monsky telling him that the Union Program Committee would like to have Dr. Baeck address our Union Biennial and that the Central Conference was hopeful also that he would be able to remain in this country long enough to address its Convention in June. Monsky replied very graciously and indicated that although the dates of Baeck's visit to America are not yet definitely fixed, he would probably come here in time for the B'nai B'rith Executive meeting in early February and would undoubtedly stay here at least long enough to address the Biennial of the -Union. Whether he would stay until June, Monsky did not know. At all events, I likewise sent a letter directly to Dr. Baeck in England indicating that we would like him at the Biennial, that Morgenstern also wishes him to give some lectures at the College, and that the CCAR wishes to have him in June. I have not as yet heard from him, but I am hopeful that he will accept all three invitations. Heartiest congratulations upon your election as President of the ZCA. The acclamation accorded you is indicative of the profound esteem in which you are held by the great masses of American Jewry and symbolic likewise of their confidence in your dynamic leadership. I know that this will place an increasingly heavy burden upon your already overburdened shoulders and that it is at great personal sacrifice that you have accepted such responsible leadership at this crucial hour. May God grant you the requisite strength. With warm personal greetings, I am, MNE: SG Maurine

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple E. Ansel Road & 105th Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Rabbi Heller just called me up and read me the attached letter that he had received this morning from Rabbi Max Nussbaum of Hollywood, California,

That seems to settle our problem there, and most satisfactorily. I believe we owe a vote of thanks to Rabbi Heller for handling this matter so effectively.

With kindest regards, I am

CCAR COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS

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Please note that the letter from Rabbi Nussbaum is intended only for our Committee.

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COPY FOR INFORMATION OF DR. SILVER December 28, 1945 Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson 204 Buford Place Macon, Georgia Dear Ike: On Tuesday night, December 18, 1945, there was a meeting of the Executive Committee of CANRA which I attended. At that time we discussed the subject matter of your letter to me of October 15, 1945, with reference to Jewish conscientious objectors and the request of the American Friends Service Committee. Rabbis Bricker and Voorsanger joined me in speaking in favor of the JWB taking over the solution of the problem. It was decided that the matter be presented by the Executive Committee of CARRA to the Army and Nevy Committee of the Jewish Welfers Board, with feverable recommendation. With cordial regards and best wishes for the new year, I Sincerely yours, Louis I. Egelson Secretary CCAR COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS LE: SG

Ja nuary 4, 1946 Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, Secretary Committee on Chaplains of the C.C.A.R. Merchants Bldg. Cincinnati, Ohio My dear Rabbi Egelson: Thank you for your kind letter of December 28. I would suggest that you write to Rabbi Feldman and arrange with him for a meeting of the presidents of the three Rabbinic bodies to work out the details in connection with the fin ncial responsibility of CANRA to cha plains returning from service who may be in need. I will myself write to Rabbi Feldman and also request him to represent me on this work. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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January 7, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The President of the Union, Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, has directed me to call a meeting of the Administrative Committee for Sunday, 9:30 A.M. February 3 at the Netherland Plaza at Cincinnati in Parlor "F". There are a few matters left over from the last meeting of the Executive Board that require attention and other subjects that have come up since then.

A reply post-card is enclosed herewith.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours.

Administrative Secretary

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January 7, 1946

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman 145 Ballard Drive West Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Abe:

Rabbi Silver, the President of the Conference, has asked me to communicate with you regarding a project in which the presidents of the three Pabbinic bodies were interested.

A meeting was held in New York on October 1, attended by the presidents of the three Rabbinic bodies; namely, Rabbis Robert Gordis, William Drazin and Abba Hillel Silver. These three presidents co-opted three other members of their groups to meet with them. They were Rabbis Louis M. Levitsky, Simon Kramer and Louis I. Egelson.

The six of us met at the office of Rabbi Phil Bernstein, who also attended as consultant.

At the meeting, a discussion arose regarding the responsibility to chaplains returning from the service in assisting them to tide over any interim period between their return and their placement. It was agreed at that meeting that the three heads of the Rabbinic bodies speak to Mr. Frank Weil, the President of the JWB and make the request for such funds, which were to be placed at the disposal of the Rabbinic groups to be distributed at their individual discretion.

The following day the presidents of the Rabbinic bodies met with Mr. Weil, who agreed to the proposal. It was understood that such stipends would be granted only on the

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January 8, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is copy of a letter that I have written to Rabbi Feldman, in accordance with your letter to me of January 4. I trust that I have covered the . situation fully.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

LE: MR

January 17, 1946 Rabbi Philip Bernstein National Jewish Welfare Board 145 East 32nd Street New York 16, New York Dear Phil: Rabbi Abba Silver, the President of the CCAR, has asked the Vice-President, Rabbi Abraham Feldman of Hartford, to act in his place in working with the presidents of the other rabbinical bodies in preparing a schedule of payments to chaplains returning from the service in the interim period between their return and their placement. I have written to Rabbi/Feldman and have given him the background for such a meeting. Rabbi Feldman told me that he could be in New York on Wednesday, February 6 for such a meeting. Will you be good enough to get in touch with Rabbi Gordis and ask him if he will call the meeting for that time. He may want you to communicate with Rabbi Drazin to ascertain whether he can come to New York for February 6. The co-opts were, as you will recall, Levitsky, Kramer and myself. I believe if we can meet for an hour or two on Wednesday afternoon at the office of the JWB, we can transact the necessary business so that a report may be prepared. With kind regards, I am Very sincerely yours, LOUIS I. EGELSON LE:MR Secretary

January 17, 1946 Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman 701 Farmington Avenue Hartford, Connecticut Dear Abe: Your secretary sent me word that you could meet in New York on Wednesday, February 6, with representatives of the other two rabbinical groups to consider the problem of degree of relief that may be necessary for chaplains during the interim period between their return from the service and their placement. I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter that I have written to Phil Bernstein. I don't know whether he will answer directly to me, or whether he will communicate with you. Should I hear from him, I will, of course, transmit the information to you at With cordial regards, and looking forward to seeing you soon, I am Very sincerely yours, LOUIS I. EGELSON Secretary LE:MR

January 28, 1946 Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner 8206 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio Dear Barney: Dr. Morgenstern told me yesterday that you had been laid up with the flu. I trust that you have comfor the Hebrew Union College was all that you had anticipated. I wonder if you get The Jewish Post of Indianapolis. All the way through there seems to run criticism of three rabbis - members of the CCAR. I think this is particularly bad in the article by M. Z. Frank. There can only be one source from which this informa-tion emanated and I believe that source is Philip Hernstein. I/just wonder whether you and I will not be charged with giving out this information. I was wondering whether the officers of the Conference would approve such information being given without official sanction. With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours, LOUIS I. EGELSON Secretary LE:MR

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS , RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, DIRECTOR THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO January 28, 1946 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President Central Conference of American Rabbis East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio Dear Friend: I am growing increasingly apprehensive of the present ambitions of the Synagogue Council of America. For this reason, I prepared, some time ago, a brief, copy of which I am enclosing herewith, so that you may become fully conversant with the situation from the Union's point of view. I am also enclosing copy of a letter which I have just written to the Synagogue Council protesting against their initiation of another project which definitely invades the field that is being served by the Union. I feel that it is imperative that the CCAR representatives in the Synagogue Council should not take any action with regard to the proposed increased budget of the Synagogue Council until the entire matter is thoroughly discussed by the Executive Board of the Conference, as it will be by the Union. With warm personal greetings, I am, Yours most sincerely, Maurice N. Essendrath MNE:SG Encls. copy of ester to sendbuch could

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS + RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, DIRECTOR

THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO

February 5, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have read with much appreciation copy of your communication to Bill Rosenblum. You will see from the attached that the whole proposition needs careful exploration. I note also that Abe Feldman has recently written to the Synagogue Council protesting against their excursion into the field of religious rituals. I hope that we may be able to thrash this matter out thoroughly at the next Executive of the CCAR, even as we will do so at the Union Executive Board.

Thanking you for your prompt action in this matter, and with warm personal greetings, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

Maurice

MNE:SG

P.S. I imagine the attached letter from Rabbi T. Guttmann should be turned over to the CCAR Committee on Subventions. I am/sending you the book which Dr. Guttmann forwarded to me.

M.N.E.

MEMORANDUM

Date February 5, 1946

From Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, Director, UAHC

To UAHC and CCAR Representatives to the Synagogue Council of America

Inasmuch as you have by this time received the lengthy reply of Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein to my communication to him of January 28, 1946, I am sending you herewith my extended answer which indicates just how groundless are most of his allegations.

In order to crystallize our Reform position, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum and I have agreed that we should have a joint meeting of the delegates of the CCAR and of the UAHC to the Synagogue Council, on Wednesday afternoon, four o'clock, February 13, 1946, at the Union Office, 3 East 65th Street, New York City.

In view of the importance of this matter, I trust that you will let nothing prevent your being present, and I look forward to seeing you at that time.

Congregation Shaarai Shomayim DUKE AND JAMES STREETS Lancaster, Pa. Daniel L. Davis, Rabbi February 18, 1946 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohie Dear Dr. Silver: I do not like having to trouble you with the contents of the unpleasant letter, copy of which I enclose. But since this letter came to my attention, and bears the name of the CCAR, I thought you might want to see it. I understand that these letters have appeared in other places. I have already referred it to the Anti-Defamation League, and am told that they are at work on it. Beyond that I can tell you no more. I do hope that you are well, and not doing more than enough work for three men. With kindest greetings from Sonia and myself, Sincerely, Laweth. D. DLD: A Encl.

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CONFIDENTIAL NOTICE TO ALL JEWS

(Orthodex, Reform, Non-Religious, and "Christian")

We are about to reach our goal. The recent war furthered our plans mightily. We succeeded in having many millions of Christians kill each other off, and other returning millions in such condition that they can do us no harm. There now remains little to be done to complete our control of the stupid Goyim.

Jews in America -- these are your final instructions prior to our take-over. Continue and enlarge our control over radio, newspapers, moving pictures. Educate our sons and crowd the Gentiles out of the practice of law, medicine, Pharmacy, retail trade. Make their schools and colleges training camps of our Red Revolution. Bring ridicule upon their Christian faith, divide their people, weaken their churches. Demoralize their women and children. Corrupt their courts and bring them into contempt. Turn class against class. Buy politicians and corrupt their local, state and national governments. "Get" the Fascist anti-Semites, one way or another. Use willing tools like Truman. (Like Roosevelt, he will do our bidding. He plans unlimited immigration of our persecuted people without restrictions.) Continue our control over their money through the Federal Reserve Bank. Place Jews in key positions in government, army and navy. We must destroy the Republic and replace it with a Democracy -- Jewish-governed state socialism. We have control of labor and can depend on it. Continue to agitate labor unrest, strikes and violence by any means or schemes. Especially through these methods shall we plunge this country into destitution, demoralization and bankruptcy, and civil war, lessening the numbers of our enemies.

The Bolshevik Revolution made us Masters of Russia.

The War made us rulers of all Europe except Spain. (Which is next.)

Let the 1946 Revolution make us MASTERS of AMERICA.

For the preservation of our race, you are warned to renounce, abjure, repudiate and deny any of this information if questioned by Gentiles, even under oath, as directed by the Talmud. Therefore, this is highly confidential. It is needless to caution you of the terrible consequences that might follow if these instructions should fall into Goyim hands.

THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

C 0 P Y SULLIVAN & CROMWELL 48 Wall Street, N.Y.5 March 14, 1946 The Honorable Nathaniel L. Goldstein 80 Centre Street New York 13. N.Y. Dear Mr. Goldstein: I have your letter of March 12th enclosing a letter from Dr. Silver, which I return herewith. I wish very much that I felt free to accept his invitation. I remember meeting him at Chicago, I believe, and he made a very strong impression on me. Also, I know of his great influence and work for good. However I feel it necessary for a little while to avoid further speech making. Despite a very large number of invitations to speak which I have received, I have now no outstanding engagement of any kind. I feel theneed of some rest and of an opportunity to do some thinking. I would, therefore, be very happy if you would communicate this to Dr. Silver, making clear to him my very sincere regret at not being able to participate in the very important occasion to which his letter refers. Sincerely yours, (Signed) John Foster Dulles

UNION OF AMERICAN

HEBREW CONGREGATIONS , RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, DIRECTOR

THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO

March 19, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President
Central Conference of American Rabbis
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may recall that some time ago the Executive Board of the Union approved my recommendation to explore the matter of coordinating the program of the Hebrew Union College and the

You may recall that some time ago the Executive Board of the Union approved my recommendation to explore the matter of coordinating the program of the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion. More recently, the Biennial Council of the Union unanimously endorsed my Director's Report in which I asked the Biennial "to instruct its Executive Board to explore forthwith, in cooperation with the CCAR, the HUC, and the JIR, as well as with their respective alumni, the possibilities of effecting in the near future such a proposed coordinated program."

I am of the firm conviction that following the enthusiasm engendered by the Biennial Council, the time is now propitious to take this next most significant step toward the unification and expansion of our Liberal Jewish movement in America. I am convinced that the coordination of the work of the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion is indispensable to the accomplishment of our purpose.

In view of the fact that my report was unanimously approved by the delegates to the Council, I have been mandated to proceed with this exploration. Therefore, I am today writing this letter to you officially as President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, as well as to the other heads of the organizations affiliated with our Reform Jewish movement; namely, the HUC, the JIR, and their respective alumni, suggesting that two representatives of each body should meet together in New York sometime during the early part of April when I plan to be in the East for an extended stay. This meeting need be only in the nature of a preliminary discussion, in which we can be perfectly frank with each other and seek to find a way so to coordinate our efforts that we will really intensify and expand our Liberal Jewish movement.

If you will inform me that such representatives will be appointed, and who they are, I will seek to set the most convenient meeting date for all concerned.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver 2. March 19, 1946 Trusting that I will have a favorable reply from you in the very near future, I am, with warm personal greetings, Yours most cordially, Marrie J. Erse frutt MNE:SG G.A. I am stell heaving such glowing comments and I myself yet ultain so much of the inspiration elisted of your Jurjound ! spiritual and most Mallenging addies at one Barquel, again, my deeped thanks for the truf significant and historie statement. as ever Marria

March 26, 1946 Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, Director Union of American Hebrew Congregations 34 West 6th St. Cincinnati 2, Ohio My dear Maurice: Thank you for your letter of March 19. The CCAR will be pleased to comply with your request to send two representatives to meet with you and the other groups on the matter of exploring the possibilities of coordinating the program of the HUC and the JIR. Rabbi A. J. Feldman, Vice-President of the Conference, and Sol B. Freehof, former President, will represent the CCAR. Do you wish me to notify them, or will you do that directly? With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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April 1, 1946

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

Dear friend:

MNE: CS

Thank you so very much for your prompt and sympathetic reply to my recent letter regarding the Hebrew Union College and the J.I.R. As might be expected in such delicate matters, I have run into one or two difficulties which I regard as purely temporary, and I am confident that it will not be long before the kind of committee that I contemplate will be able to sit down and negotiate.

The more I think about this matter and the more individuals with whom I discuss it, the more they and I are convinced that this step is indispensable and should be taken as soon as possible. Consequently, I am following it through and hope that it will not be long before we will be able to have the kind of meeting that was recommended by the Biennial Council.

I am, therefore, glad to have your appointments, which I must say are excellent, - although I should very much like you likewise to sit in on these negotiations. I will notify you as soon as the meeting referred to above proves feasible and then I think that it be well for you to notify your appointees directly rather than to have me do so.

With warmest personal greetings, I am

Yours most cordially.

Marice N. Eisendrath

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May 15, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th and Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We haven't heard from you as to your attendance at the meeting of the Joint Committee on Chaplains and Emergency Placement, which is to be held at the office of the Union on Thursday, May 23, at 9:30 A.M.

May I urge your attendance at this meeting. The information that you will receive will enable you to put a few paragraphs in your annual message to the Conference. Of course, if you cannot attend, there is still another way to get the information, if you desire it.

With cordial regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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May 24, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Tifereth Israel Congregation East 105th and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sorry that you did not attend the meeting of our Emergency Placement Committee yesterday. There were many problems that we discussed that would have been of interest to you.

I am enclosing herewith a series of charts which I presented to the Committee indicating the present status.

On Wednesday night we had a meeting of the sub-committee consisting of Dr. Morgenstern, Granison, Brickner and myself to review the present situation. Since we showed that there were about 53 pulpit vacancies and assistantships and that there were only 47 to be placed as a whole, there was a general feeling that there is no longer an emergency and, therefore, the committee decided to suggest to the larger committee, meeting yesterday, that the committee be discharged. This recommendation will be embodied in the report of our Committee to the Conference.

Everybody agreed that it was very far-sighted for us to have visualized the problem when we began working with it almost three years ago. Nobody could have possible foreseen that so many new congregations -- those smaller ones -- would have arisen in the last few years. Whether this is due to an increased interest in Liberal Judaism or to the fact that even the smaller communities feel themselves financially able to engage a rabbi, I don't know, but the facts are there.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Secretary

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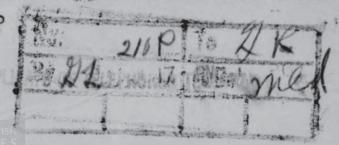
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