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July 6th, 1945
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver :-

Circumstances kept
me here. Otherwise I would
have voted for you as Pres-
ident of our Conference.

I actually believe that
the C.C. of A.R. should be
congratulated that you
have become its President.

- 715 F3A -
Yours, Gustav H. Hausman

Doctor A. H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

July 6, 1945

Dear Doctor Silver:

Please accept my best wishes on your assuming the presidency of the GCAI. We look forward towards progress of the conference, and we know that there will be a definite contribution towards the wider interests of American Jewry.

One of us have witnessed your valiant struggle for a more direct and more effective policy on behalf of Palestine and the remnants of our people on the European Continent. Those of us who know what is going on ~~3/10/45~~ to perpetuate the rule and influence of certain persons and their fronts, know what wisdom and patience was required to deal with these "elder statesmen". It is remarkable how the "Yiddish" press sensed the situation and evaluated it correctly.

I would when the time comes, during your presidency, to make an effort on behalf of our chaplains who may be unemployed please count on my help, if I am in a position to do so, I will volunteer my services.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,
Samuel H. Hays
470-3rd Street
Brooklyn 15 N.Y.

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3080 BROADWAY
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 16th,
1945

Dear Doctor Silver:

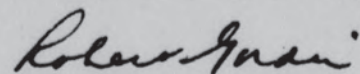
May I take this means of expressing to you my heart-felt felicitations on the new honor which has come to you in your election to the Presidency of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I know that your dynamic leadership will bring this important organization to ever greater heights of achievement.

I have received a notification from Doctor Louis M. Levitsky, who is chairman of the Rabbinical Assembly delegation to CANRA in which he indicates that Rabbi Brickner and he feel that the task of planning for our returning Chaplains ought not to be turned over to the Jewish Welfare Board but should be the concern of their respective Rabbinic organizations. The suggestion has come from them that you, Rabbi Drazin and I meet in order to discover what procedure we regard as most effective. I am accordingly writing to Rabbi Drazin and inviting his participation in a tri-partite conference.

Do you know when you will be available in New York within the near future for such a meeting which would be a pleasure on personal grounds as well.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,



Robert Gordis

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
Central Conference of American Rabbis
34 West Sixth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

JJEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
W. 68th Street near
Central Park
New York,
NY.

July 17, 1945

Rabbi Louis I. Egelson
Merchants Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Lou:

I am returning herewith the copy of Rabbi Silver's letter to you of July 5th with the counter signature that you requested. I talked with Chaplain Kasle on the long distance telephone yesterday, and he agrees not to "press further any claim on the Charleston pulpit". We still feel very strongly that the Charleston congregation was unjustified in cancelling his leave of absence at this time and in electing Sidney Unger as his successor, but it would be futile to pursue the matter any further under existing circumstances.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely

Abram M. Granison

AMG:HR
Encl.

MAIFLOWER HOTEL
CAPE COD
PLYMOUTH, MASS.
C O P Y

July 5, 1945

My dear Rabbi Egelson,

This is to inform you that I had a talk 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 the preceding Tuesday evening.

Rabbi Granison agreed to my suggestion that the matter should be closed and that Chaplain Leonard Kastle would not press further any claim on the Charleston pulpit. I assume that Rabbi Granison is acting in behalf of Chaplin⁹² Kastle.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

(Countersigned) Abram M. Granison

P.S. Please note that I added the word "further" in the above letter. I trust that Dr. Silver will authorize the addition.

AMG

July 17, 1945

Rabbi Gustav H. Housman
Hotel Monterey
Broadway at 94th St.
New York 25, N.Y.

My dear friend:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me your felicitations on the occasion of my election to the presidency of the C.C.A.R.

I am sorry that you could not come to Atlantic City. It was a very interesting, even though small, conference--because of the restrictions imposed by the G.D.T. I hope that we may be able to serve the conference with some degree of success during the next two years.

With all good wishes and hoping that you will have a pleasant summer, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

S-s

July 17, 1945

Rabbi Samuel Halpern
470 Third St.
Brooklyn 15, N. Y.

My dear friend:

Permit me to thank you for writing to me and sending me your felicitations upon my election to the presidency of the C.C.A.R. I hope that we may be able to do a decent job.

I am sure that you share with me and with the Zionists throughout the country a deep sense of satisfaction that the controversy which had split our ranks has been resolved, and satisfactorily resolved.

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
WEST SIXTY-EIGHTH STREET
NEAR CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK 23, N.Y.

July 20, 1945

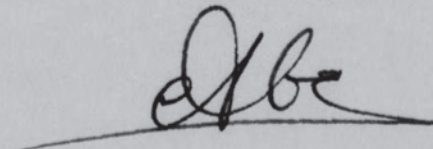
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am taking the liberty of
sending you the attached copy of a letter that
I felt compelled to write to Rabbi Egelson. If
you can spare the time, I shall be ever so grate-
ful to have your reaction.

With kindest regards, and
best wishes for the success of the important
mission upon which you are about to embark.

Sincerely,



Abram M. Granison

AMG:HR
Encl.

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 deals 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 congregation in its official resolution announcing acceptance of Kasle's conditional resignation, which Kasle contends he never submitted, pleaded that it did so with regret, and only because it was not possible for the congregation to secure a temporary replacement for Chaplain Kasle. At our meeting in Atlantic City, I pointed out a number of times that the congregation was given definite and repeated assurance by the J.I.R. that an adequate and perhaps an even more than adequate temporary replacement would be available to the Charleston congregation before August 1st. Approximately two weeks before Unger was elected as the permanent successor to Chaplain Kasle, a very capable ordained rabbi was recommended by the J.I.R. as a temporary replacement for Kasle. The rabbi whom we recommended as a substitute was not even contacted by any representative of the Charleston congregation; nor was he invited to 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 inducing the Board of the Charleston congregation to cancel Chaplain Kasle's leave of absence acted in bad faith.

I also expressed my disappointment at the failure of Rabbi Unger and Rabbi William Rosenbloom, who recommended him, to get in touch with Chaplain Kasle or the J.I.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

Rabbi Egelson

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July 20, 1945

chaplain, and Rabbi Rosenbloom is a member of the C.C.A.R. Committee on Chaplains. In the circumstances, they should have been more careful, and more considerate of the rights of Chaplain Kasle. At least they should have consulted him. You will recall that Rabbi Brickner said that if he had been in the place of Chaplain Unger or Rabbi Rosenbloom, he would certainly have contacted Chaplain Kasle to find out how he felt about the matter.

There is a statement in the minutes that Kasle took the Charleston position "while eligible for the chaplaincy." In fairness to Chaplain Kasle, it would seem to me that you should have mentioned also that Kasle 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 that period he was hospitalized for at least three weeks; 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 chaplaincy 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 eagerly. It should also be stated that Chaplain Kasle is married, and has two children.

In your letter of July 18th, which accompanied the minutes, you state that as a result of a conference between Rabbi Silver and myself, "the protest against the action of the Charleston congregation would be dropped." Let there be no misunderstanding about this. The only thing that was dropped was the matter of purpuing the issue any further. Kasle's protest remains in the record, but he agrees not to "press further any claim on the Charleston pulpit," since in view of all that has happened he would refuse to return to Charleston, even if invited to do so after the war.

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,

Sincerely,

AMG:HR

Abram M. Granison

July 23, 1945

Mr. J. B. Greene
Lindbergh Hotel
Broadway
Patterson, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Greene:

In reply to your kind letter,
I would suggest that you obtain a year
book of the Central Conference of
American Rabbis in one of the public
libraries in New York, which will give
you a list of all the reformed Rabbis
of the United States, including the
State of New Jersey.

I haven't the volume available
here.

With all good wishes, I
remain,

Very cordially yours,

S/s

July 23, 1945

Dr. Robert Gordis
The Rabbinical Assembly of America
3080 Broadway
New York 27, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Gordis:

Thank you for your kind letter and for the congratulations which you extended to me on my election to the presidency of the C.C.A.R. I hope that we may be able to do some good work.

I am leaving in a few days for England. I plan to return before the high ~~heat~~ days. I shall be coming to New York very frequently, and it will not be difficult to arrange for a date. Please write to me in the fall.

With all good wishes, and hoping that you will have a pleasant summer, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

S/s

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER OF
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THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, INC.
Business Office Forbes Street and Denniston Avenue



July 23 - 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President
National Conference of Rabbis
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to learn that you have been
elected President of the National Conference of Rabbis.
I know the satisfaction the Organization feels upon this
occasion, and I join with them in expressing wishes of
a very successful term of office.

May I extend to you Hadassah's best wishes for an out-
standing success.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. Maurice L.) *Mollie M. Lyon*

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July 24, 1945

Rabbi Abram M. Granison
Jewish Institute of Religion
West 68th St. near Central Park
New York 23, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Granison:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 20 to Dr. Silver, and the enclosure. Dr. Silver is out of the country at the present time. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to his attention when he returns to Cleveland.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

American Academy for Jewish Research

3080 BROADWAY

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of the Academy*

Dear Doctor Freehof:

You have probably read that Dr. Leo Baeck survived his ordeal at the Nazi concentration camp and was brought to safety to England where he at present resides.

It occurred to some of us that it would be a fine and proper thing to express our joy at his rescue, and our homage for his courageous leadership, by issuing a volume of essays in his honor.

Professor Baeck served for many years on the faculty of the Hochschule fuer juedische Wissenschaft in Berlin, and has been a diligent co-worker in the fields of Jewish scholarship, particularly through his studies in Jewish religion and ethics.

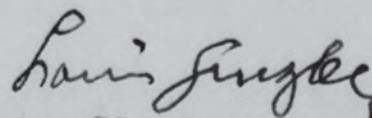
A tribute to him we feel, should be a contribution to the Jewish letters and Jewish learning which he has served with devotion.

We would like to inquire from you whether the Central Conference of American Rabbis has devolved any plans of its own to honor Dr. Baeck or whether you would be interested and ready to associate yourself in sponsoring with us the proposed volume.

Dr. Baeck belongs to all of us and will no doubt be prouder if we can unite in this endeavor.

May I ask your kindness in bringing this inquiry and invitation to the attention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I shall appreciate your early reply.

Yours sincerely,



Louis Ginzberg,
President

Doctor Solomon B. Freehof
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Cincinnati, Ohio

Temple Israel

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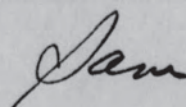
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

I am enclosing a letter just received from Zepin. He requests that you fill the vacancy on the Pension Board created by the automatic retirement of Freehof. Since Freehof was on the Board as an ex-officio member, you may care to appoint Feldman as his successor. You are, as President of Conference, automatically an ex-officio of this Board. Kindly attend to this matter at your earliest convenience so that our stationery may be revised accordingly. We are also about to engage in a Fall campaign of publicity.

In the hope that your trip abroad was successful in every sense, and with heartiest greetings, I am

Sincerely,



SMG:ERZ
Enc.

July 25, 1945

Rabbi Samuel M. Gup
925 Bryden Road
Columbus, 5, Ohio

Dear Sam:

What information can you give me on the following problem?

When Rabbi Silver was elected president of the CCAR, he became an ex-officio member of the Pension Board according to the Trust Agreement. Under these circumstances, am I correct in assuming the Rabbi Freehof is no longer a member as he too served in an ex-officio capacity?

If so, this leaves on vacancy. Was this filled at the CCAR meeting?

I am revising the Pension Pamphlet, because the figures on pages 10 and 11 are based on the old rates and are no longer correct. Am also including other changes. Will send you one with corrections inserted as soon as same is copied. The names of the Board members appear on page 2 of this pamphlet. We will need this for September distribution.

If the vacancy was not filled, I think you ought to write the president of the Conference and ask him to fill it by appointment so that we can print the above, also the Pension Bulletin due in September, also to replenish our stationery which is running low.

The U.A.H.C. members now serving are seven: Jacob Aronson (1947) Lee M. Friedman (1945) Louis L. Kaufman (1947) Maurice N. Eisendrath (1946) Herbert C. Oettinger (1946) Melville S. Welt (1945) and Adolph Rosenberg, ex-officio.

The CCAR members now serving are six: Samuel M. Gup (1947) James G. Heller (1946) Emil W. Leipziger (1945) Harry S. Margolis (1946) and Abba Hillel Silver, ex-officio, and George Zepin (1947).

All terms expire on December 31 of the years noted above.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was originally elected to serve until
or 31, 1945. It is this unexpired term that must now be filled.

as been the policy of the Pension Board as expressed at various
o request the appointment of the Vice-President of the CCAR
so that he may be familiar with the problems by the time
a ex-officio member.

With kind regards,

Cordially,

George Zepin
Secretary

GZ:jg

P.S. An extra copy of this letter is enclosed should you desire to send it with your own letter to Rabbi Silver.

G. Z.



July 27, 1945

Mrs. Maurice L. Lyon, President
Pittsburgh Chapter of Hadassah
Forbes Street and Denniston Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Lyon:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 23 to Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver has left the country to attend the World Zionist Conference in London. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to his attention when he returns to Cleveland.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

July 27, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Gup:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 26 to Dr. Silver, and the enclosure. Dr. Silver has already left the country to attend the World Zionist Conference. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to his attention when he returns to Cleveland toward the end of August.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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The last message to world Jewry of Rabbi D. Weingarten, President of the Orphanage, who died in February, 1941, was: "Into your hands I leave 40 years of my labor; see that the doors of this Institution remain open."

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Rabbi Abo Hillel Silver
My dear Rabbi:-

On behalf of our Orphans, I will deeply appreciate a complete list of Reform Rabbis in U.S. in connection with a proposed Campaign in the State of Jersey. Any expense involved I will gladly mail you the cost.

I was referred to you by Jerome L. Levy National Finance Director of My Federation of reformed Synagogues.

Thanking you in advance for the favor

Cordially Yours

J. B. Greene

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כנסית הרבנים באמריקה
THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA
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August 28th,
1945

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

At a meeting held today, CANRA adopted unanimously a recommendation which I presented on behalf of the Rabbinical Assembly of America that the presidents of the three rabbinic groups meet in the very near future to discuss the changed situation with regard to the Chaplaincy with a view to going as a delegation, either in their own person or through representatives, to Washington to see the Chiefs of Chaplains in order to ascertain the personnel requirements of the Chaplaincy Corps and the need for replacements.

If we are not to jeopardize gravely the status of Jewish religious life in America, it is important that we meet to consider the problem and take whatever appropriate steps will result from our conferring together. Inasmuch as I am in New York, I shall try to suit your convenience if you will indicate a variety of dates for such a meeting. I am, of course, writing to Rabbi Drazin and shall notify you of the meeting date.

With all best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert Gordis

Robert Gordis

P.S. I am sending you this letter on the assumption that I shall not be able to reach you by telephone. It would be very helpful if you could call me at Belle Harbor 5-1269. - evening

" " 5-1203 - days

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President
Central Conference of American Rabbis
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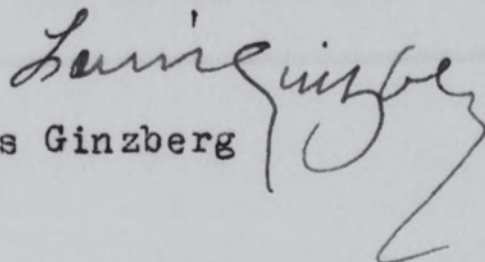
Dear Doctor Silver:

On my return to the city on the day before Rosh Hashonah, I found your letter of August 26th. I wish to thank you for your kindness to bring the matter of a jubilee volume in honor of Doctor Baeck to the attention of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

I sincerely hope that the members of the Board will share our admiration for Doctor Baeck, and help the American Academy for Jewish Research in honoring a man who deserves honor and love from every Jew.

With all good wishes for a happy year,

Very sincerely yours,


Louis Ginzberg

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

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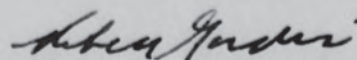
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I know you will be pleased to learn that we can now arrange for a meeting of the heads of the three rabbinical organizations to consider the present and future status of the Chaplaincy and its relationship to the civilian rabbinate. Rabbi Drazin will be in New York on Monday October first and so the meeting will be held on that day at 2 P.M. at the offices of the Jewish Welfare Board.

I have invited Rabbi Drazin to attend this meeting together with an additional representative of the Rabbinical Council. May I suggest that in addition to yourself, a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis who is most familiar with the Chaplaincy situation, be on hand. I am also inviting Rabbi Philip Bernstein so that he may give us the up-to-the-minute information on the basis of which we can reach our decisions to be presented to CANRA.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,



Robert Gordis

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

September 15, 1945

Dr. Robert Gordis, President
The Rabbinical Assembly of America
Northeast Corner, Broadway and 122nd St.
New York 27, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Gordis:

Thank you for your kind letter of
September 13. I shall be in New York on
October 1 but unfortunately I will not be free in
the afternoon to attend a meeting. I can come at
any time in the morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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September 21, 1945

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

Dear Friend,

Dr. Jacob Singer of Chicago, Chairman of the Committee on the Song Book which was appointed at the last meeting of the Executive Board of the C.C.A.R., has asked me to act as secretary for the Committee. Hence this letter.

Two questions:

1. I understand there will be a meeting of the Executive Board of the Conference on October 9. Dr. Singer would therefore like to call a meeting of the Song Book Committee for Monday, October 8, in order that he may be able to report and to secure the approval and the suggestions of the Executive Board the next day.

The members of this Committee as appointed by Dr. Freehof are Dr. Werner, Dr. Victor E. Reichert, Dr. Singer, Chairman, and I. Dr. Singer thinks we ought to add one more member to the Committee. The suggestion is that we either add Rabbi Leon Fram or Rabbi Theodore Gordon. The advantage of having Fram is that he has done a good deal of school work for many years and is familiar with the problem; the advantage of having Gordon is that he would be another musician on the Committee. It would be a little easier to handle matters with Fram because he is nearer to Cincinnati and could more easily come to meetings. Please appoint either one of these, as you see fit, and inform me.

2. Would it be all right to call a meeting of this Committee on October 8, incurring the traveling expenses involved which the Conference usually pays for its Committee meetings?

I shall appreciate hearing from you by return mail so that I may be able to send out the notices to the out-of-town members of the Committee.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year to Virginia, to the children, and to you, in which Mamie joins me, I am

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel

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Dr. Emanuel Gamoran
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Sorry delayed in ansering your letter September 21. Answer to both of your questions is affirmative. Kindest regards.

A H SILVER

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October 2, 1945

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

Dear Friend,

As you already know, Dr. Jacob Singer called a meeting of the Committee on the Song Book for the 8th of October. I believe we shall have a full attendance of the committee. They will include Dr. Singer, Dr. Werner, Rabbi Fram, Dr. Reichert, Mr. Coopersmith, who has been invited by the committee as a professional adviser and probably the editor of the song book, and myself.

You will no doubt make provision for a report to be made to your Executive Board the following day. As far as I know, the members of this committee are not members of your Executive Board. Do you wish them all to stay over for the discussion and the report of the committee? If not, I assume you will want Dr. Singer, the Chairman. I shall, of course, be in the city anyway, so there will be no difficulty about both of us appearing at any time you set for the report and the discussion on the song book. Please let me know.

It would also be a good idea to set the time, definitely, perhaps right after lunch, then we could come for that part of the meeting and leave as soon as it is over.

With kind personal greetings and best wishes from house to house, I am

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel Gamoran

Educational Director

EG:JM

October 5, 1945

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, Educational Director
Commission on Jewish Education
Merchants Bldg.
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Dr. Gamoran:

Thank you for your kind letter. We shall be very happy to receive a report of the Committee on the Song Book from you and Dr. Singer in the afternoon of October 9th, say around 2 P.M.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 5, 1945

Rabbi Samuel Gup
Temple Israel
925 Bryden Road
Columbus 5, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Gup:

You may recall that at the last convention of the C.C.A.R., Freehof suggested the establishment of a Union Conference Book Concern. The Executive Board authorized the appointment of a committee to make a study of this subject. There will be three members to this committee and I would appreciate it if you would accept membership on it. The other members will be Freehof and Marcusson.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 11, 1945

Dr. Louis Ginzberg
American Academy for Jewish Research
3080 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Ginzberg:

I brought up the matter of the jubilee volume in honor of Dr. Baeck at the meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis which met on Tuesday in Cincinnati. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the C.C.A.R. would be happy to associate itself in sponsoring such a volume. Please keep me informed of the progress of this project.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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October 12, 1945

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

Dear Friend:

I am sending you this letter with a great deal of regret in my heart that it is being written when you happen to be the President of the Conference. I am writing to resign as a member of the Committee on the Song Book which was appointed by Dr. Freehof before he went out of office and of which I served, at the request of the Chairman, Dr. Singer, as secretary. I want to explain the reason for my resignation.

Dr. Freehof told me, and Dr. Singer informs me also, that we were a committee to plan the creation of a song book for our schools. We understood that the matter of the Union Hymnal had been discussed, that the Union Hymnal was to be continued, and we were to prepare another Jewish song book which would include many songs that were at present not in the Hymnal -- chiefly, as I understood, songs that were not hymns.

I want to be very frank with you. I went to a great deal of trouble and spent much time -- many days -- in going into this entire problem of Jewish music with various people as well as with Mr. Coopersmith who has done some of the best work in the field with Jewish children. I am sorry to say, on account of difficulties that have arisen, I also spent some sleepless nights. Why? Because I am eager for the good name which we have achieved in the field of Jewish education in this country. We now occupy a position of leadership in practically all areas of textbook making except the field of Jewish music. I wanted to achieve in this field for our movement what I am happy to say we have been able to achieve in the fields of history, Bible, Hebrew, customs, folk lore, etc. I see the problem essentially as one of preparing a curriculum of Jewish music for the Jewish religious school.

Now, of course, I can tell you that some years ago I had a long argument with both Dr. Philipson and Dr. Schulman who maintained that the only kind of music that we were concerned with was hymns. I took the opposite position. I said that hymns were only part of Jewish music. There were other "songs" which were as important and in some respects, from the point of view of developing an emotional attitude on the part of the children, even more important than hymns. I felt and I still feel that the preparation of a Jewish song book is properly within the province of the Commission on Jewish Education.

I am inclined to believe that normally Dr. Freehof would have agreed with this position. However, he thought that on account of the fact that this book might reduce the sale of the Union Hymnal, that the matter should be brought to the Executive Board of the Conference. This was done, and we were then appointed to serve on the Committee on the Song Book. The Executive Board, at its previous meeting, never suggested to our committee that it was our function to revise the Union Hymnal or that what they wanted was a little collection of fifty or sixty songs for adult and youth groups. None of those things was mentioned in the instructions given to us.

The committee went ahead and worked faithfully at its task, and as I say, I did a lot of preparatory work before the meeting of the committee on Monday. I do not intend to continue to serve as a member of a committee for a Board that treats the work of its colleagues in such cavalier manner. It was quite clear that nobody who was present at the meeting had thought the problem of the course of study on Jewish music in our schools, through. It was also evident to me from the readiness with which your phrasing of the motion to revise the Union Hymnal was accepted, that very little thinking was done on the subject altogether.

I thought I could save something from the wreckage by pressing the matter immediately after you phrased the motion about the revision of the Hymnal. This, you did not give me an opportunity to do. You had to proceed with the business of the day, Rabbi Feldman's reading of the lists of committees. At the end of the day, when there was only a corporal's guard left, and in answer to my question as to whether I am correct in interpreting the motion of the Executive Board to mean that you will be concerned with the revision of the **Hymnal** and the services, and that the Commission on Jewish Education may feel free to go ahead with the educational problem of a course of study in Jewish music and music for assembly programs (not for the worship service for which I assume that the Hymnal will be revised), you left the matter open but did not give me a definite answer. What other conclusion can I come to but that the attitude of the Conference seems to be

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There was quite a bit of talk at the meeting about the Conservative movement gaining headway. Yes, I believe it is gaining headway. They are following in our footsteps. Educationally we are twenty years or so ahead of them, but the United Synagogue is having a new lease on life.

Now, we invited Mr. Coopersmith to work with us on the Jewish song book; we did not invite him to revise the Hymnal. I do not know whether he will be interested in that particular task. It so happens he doesn't think very highly of the Hymnal (as you know, he is not alone in that; the Hymnal has not been very popular.) If the Conference is not going to undertake this project and if the Commission on Jewish Education will be prevented from undertaking it, someone, either a private publisher or perhaps the United Synagogue, will undertake it. I am jealous for the position which we occupy in the field of Jewish education and I should like that we should be the ones to create in the field of Jewish music as we have created in the other fields. There is only one solution that I can see, and that is for Dr. Freehof, the former President, and for yourself, as the new President, to talk this matter over and to let the Commission on Jewish Education go ahead. It is quite obvious that what we are thinking of is essentially an educational undertaking and not a matter of worship services. I think for the Conference to maintain its present attitude, which will result in preventing us from making a fine contribution to the schools, is to hurt one of the important areas of work in our religious schools.

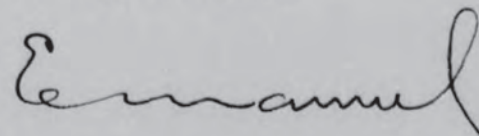
If this letter sounds urgent, the only defense I have for it is that I have a sincere desire that we should make a contribution in the field of Jewish education which is needed. I am not concerned about finances for the Union or for the Conference; I am concerned with Jewish education. The financial question can be adjusted in any case, and, in my opinion, little is involved financially.

I may add, I do not think the Conference is equipped to undertake the work which properly belongs to the Commission on Jewish Education. The Commission is by now so constituted that it has become an efficient working body prepared to execute that type of project.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Freehof and to Dr. Singer, Chairman of the committee.

With kind personal greetings and best wishes to Virginia, to the children, and to you, in which Mamie joins me, I am

Cordially yours,



Educational Director

EG:JA

October 25, 1945

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran
Merchants Building
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

My dear Dr. Gamoran:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 12. I believe that you are entirely too tense and wrought up about the entire matter. The C.C.A.R. does not feel inclined to be rushed into the matter of the publication of the Song Book until it has thought through carefully the matter of the revision of the Union Hymnal, which is its first responsibility, and the matter of the contemplated Song Book. The outline which you gave of the Song Book at the meeting, left with the members of the Executive Committee the definite impression that you are building up another Union Hymnal under another name, and the Executive Committee was not inclined to go along with you on such a project.

I would suggest that you and your committee continue to work on the idea of a Song Book, small and non-liturgical, which may be used in some of our schools as supplementary songs in assemblies and which may also be used by Men's Clubs, Women's Associations and Alumni Organizations for group singing, etc. An attractive and inexpensive booklet is what I, at least, and I believe quite a number of other members of the Executive Committee have in mind.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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October 29, 1945

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East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend,

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The main thing on which I feel at least our leaders should be clear is this: that if we do not publish a good song book for the schools, somebody else will. Such a song book should perform two functions: (a) serve as a curriculum of Jewish music for our schools; (b) serve as singing material in the non-liturgical part of the assembly. That's the type of book the schools need. It may be true that in addition a book for men's clubs, women's clubs, and youth, such as you are contemplating, will be of value. That certainly is a non-liturgical book which is within the province of the Commission on Jewish Education. But that is not the problem that came to the Commission. The problem that came to us is the very evident fact that many of our schools and especially the larger schools, are using all kinds of mimeographed sheets and all kinds of books in addition to the Union Hymnal. The Union Hymnal is used by them anyway. But for teaching purposes in the classes in which music is taught, and for free singing in the assembly, they use other songs. Hence it seems to me this is clearly the province of the Commission on Jewish Education.

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Finally, I think I need not add that I have always valued and still value your opinion on any question, exceedingly. On the other hand, I think you should have enough confidence in my knowledge of the educational situation in our schools, that when I tell you what is at stake, you should be willing to be guided by my advice in the matter.

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Educational Director

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THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA

NORTHEAST CORNER, BROADWAY AND 122ND STREET
NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 9th,
1945

Dear Doctor Silver:

Under the pressure of events, I am sure that my letter of October 11th, a copy of which is enclosed, escaped your attention. I am not so much worried about your reply as about the importance of an aggressive offensive campaign against our enemies.

Hoping to hear from you, and with every good wish,
I am

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Sincerely yours,

Robert Gordis

Robert Gordis

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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October 11th,
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Dear Doctor Silver:

In connection with the superb campaign of education which the Zionist Emergency Council is carrying on at the present time, I have a suggestion to make for your consideration.

We are engaged in a war of survival against our enemies and every legitimate weapon available to us should be used. The American public is being persuaded that Palestine represents an irreconcilable conflict between Jews and Arabs. The frequent statements of the leaders of the Arab League, which are prominently featured in the press strengthen this impression immeasurably.

I think that the Zionists ought to begin to expose the feudal character of the Arab opposition, its unrepresentative nature with regard to the vast majority of Arabs in the country and the open pro-Nazi, pro-Fascist affiliations of the Palestinian Arabs headed by the Mufti as well as the Egyptian and Iraqi Arab regimes. They should be unmasked as the enemies of the United Nations and this would underline our prestige by placing them where they belong in the ranks of the Fascists against whom this war was fought.

I shall be very much interested in hearing your reaction to this suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Gordis

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA

NORTHEAST CORNER, BROADWAY AND 122ND STREET
NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 3, 1945

Dear Rabbi Feldman:

In the absence of Dr. Silver, I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of the statement on religious observance in the public schools which was adopted by the Rabbinical Assembly after careful study of the issue.

Knowing of the Committee on Church and State which the Central Conference has had through the years, I am hopeful that the Conference will be prepared to endorse this or a similar statement, so that we might pool our influence in translating our conceptions of democracy and religious education into reality. Such a joint enterprise might well prove successful, where local and individual undertakings have not.

I should be delighted to receive your comments and suggestions on this enclosed statement.

Fraternally yours,

Robert Gordis

Robert Gordis

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman
145 Ballard Drive
Hartford, Connecticut

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enc.

December 19, 1945

Dr. Robert Gordis, President
The Rabbinical Assembly of America
Northeast Corner, Broadway and 122nd St.
New York 27, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Gordis:

Dr. Feldman has forwarded to me your letter of December 3 as well as the "Statement on Religious Observance in the Public Schools" which was adopted by the Executive Council of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

I read the statement carefully. I agree, in the main, with its line of argument. I do feel, however, that the last two sentences of paragraph three on page three, beginning: "But Judaism cannot accept..." etc. may well be omitted.

Nor do I feel that the first paragraph on page four is necessary or helpful. To suggest that Christian children might very well join in the celebration of Jewish holidays such as Passover and Chanukah because the Old Testament is also part of the whole Christian Bible and the birthday of the Maccabees was once upon a time celebrated by the Christian Church, but that no Jewish children may participate in the celebration of Christmas may be a logical argument, but one which I am afraid will not be appreciated quite as much by the non-Jews as it will be by the Jews...

In the second paragraph on page four, there is a phrase: "to moralize life through the dynamism of religion" which I do not understand. Perhaps simpler English is called for.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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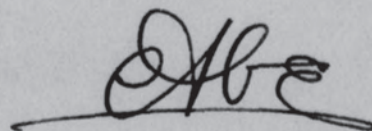
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I feel that you ought to see attached
copies of correspondence between Rabbi Egelson and
myself.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,



Rabbi Abram M. Granison

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December 20, 1945

Rabbi Abram M. Granison
40 West 68th Street
New York 23, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Granison;

In accordance with Rabbi Brickner's request I am sending you herewith copy of the night letter which he sent to Boston.

I am also enclosing herewith copy of a letter that I wrote to Chaplain Joseph H. Freedman in answer to a letter from him in which he stated: "As soon as I am out I do want to be available for placement and will advise you immediately."

I do not intend to speak to you again until you have apologized for the false statement you made, to the effect that I was disregarding the needs of those returning chaplains who are graduates of the J.I.R. In the presence of Rabbi Brickner and Rabbi Rosenblum and yourself I pointed out exactly the status of placement with reference to Rabbi Emanuel Schenk, Joseph H. Freedman, Teitlebaum and Horowitz. Teitlebaum is in duty bound to go back to Ft. Smith unless he was released by consent. Teitlebaum, himself, told me in the office of the J.W.B. that Ft. Smith had offered him an increase in salary and that he intended looking into it. With reference to Chaplain Horowitz, you know his status as was reported to CANRA by Rabbi Philip Bernstein.

If there are any other J.I.R. graduates who have been released from the chaplaincy and have not gone back to their former positions, they have not made that fact known to me. I have been in communication with every chaplain. They know that I am the Secretary of the Emergency Placement Committee. They know that they are to communicate with me if they want the services of the Committee.

With all the above in mind I was fully justified in resenting your statement and characterizing it as I did. I expect an apology from you.

(signed) Louis I. Egelson
Secretary

LE:mh

December 24, 1945

Rabbi Louis I. Egelson
Merchants Building
34 West 6th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Egelson:

This is in reply to your disagreeable letter of December 20. You sent me copy of Rabbi Brickner's night letter, but where are the extracts from Rabbi Eisendrath's letter that Rabbi Brickner told you to send to me? This is another example of your failure to carry out instructions with reasonable promptness.

You ask for an apology which is totally undeserved and will therefore not be forthcoming. I reiterate the charge that you have been discriminating against the JIR and discharged chaplains who are graduates of the Institute. Will you be good enough to name one really desirable pulpit for which you recommended Rabbi Emanuel Schenk. I should like to compare what you offered him with what you offered to discharged chaplains who are graduates of the HUC. Would you be willing to show me all the correspondence? I am thinking seriously of asking for an investigation of your stewardship as secretary of the Emergency Placement Committee and the Chaplaincy Committee. Who makes the decisions as to who is to be recommended for what? Do you consult any members of the committee? What procedure have you worked out?

With regard to Teitelbaum, you say that he "is in duty bound to go back to Ft. Smith unless he was released by consent". What about Rabbi Shulman? Was he released from the Glencoe congregation as yet by consent? I understand that he was recommended to fill the pulpit of Temple Ohavei Sholom in Boston. This is another example of discrimination in applying the principles of our committee.

Did you know that Emanuel Honig and Marcus Kramer have been discharged? Perhaps they did not get in touch with you, although I asked them to. The reluctance of a number of JIR discharged chaplains to lean upon you for assistance is highly significant. They know the policy of the Union toward the JIR and its graduates, and that you reflect that discriminatory policy in chaplaincy business also.

I have not forgotten about the Charleston affair and how through your slanted correspondence you helped to condone the action of the congregation in rescinding Chaplain Kasle's leave of absence.

Your behavior at our little meeting in Washington was disgraceful. I can't understand how a man of your position and background could make such a spectacle of himself as you did. Did you think that you could frighten me? You ought to know by this time that I cannot be intimidated even by threatening advances such as you made in my direction and by abusive and ungentlemanly language such as you employed. I warn you not to try it again.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Abram M. Granison

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THE CCAR EXTENDS TO YOU WARMEST FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF RABBI JAMES G. HELLER AS MINISTER OF YOUR CONGREGATION. DR. HELLER HAS SERVED WITH GREAT DISTINCTION NOT ONLY YOUR TEMPLE AND YOUR COMMUNITY BUT AMERICAN JEWRY AS A WHOLE AND WE ARE HAPPY TO BE ASSOCIATED IN SPIRIT WITH THE TRIBUTE WHICH YOU ARE PAYING YOUR DISTINGUISHED LEADER.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, PRESIDENT

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Abba Hillel Silver

January 16, 1946

Rabbi Ariel L. Goldberg
Congregation Beth Ahabah
Richmond, Va.

My dear Rabbi Goldberg:

The Central Conference of American Rabbis would be greatly indebted to you if you would write the Memorial Resolution on the passing of Dr. Edward Calisch. As his successor, and living in the city where Dr. Calisch served the religious life of the community with such rare distinction over so long a time, you will undoubtedly be best qualified to write the Memorial Tribute.

Under a new ruling, memorial resolutions are not read at the Convention, but appear in full in the CCAR Yearbook. The President of the Conference, in his annual message, mentions the names of those who passed away during the year.

I should be very grateful to you if you would accept this assignment.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI JAMES G. HELLER
CINCINNATI, OHIO

January 22 1946

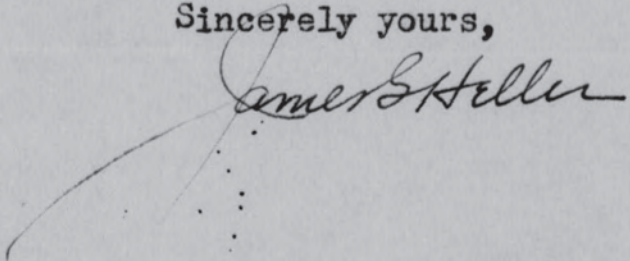
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President
Central Conference of American Rabbis,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

My sincere thanks for the telegram of congratulations for my 25th Anniversary, sent on behalf of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I am happy in believing that I have the good will of my colleagues, and regard it as one of my most priceless possessions.

Thanking you again and with cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



James G. Heller

JGH.s

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February 5th, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Halevi has informed me of his telephone conversation with you when, among other things, he asked you to send out a circular letter to all the members of the Central Conference of Jewish Rabbis, of which you are the President.

You have requested him to submit to you a copy of the circular letter. Enclosed please find a draft of same which you may, of course, alter to suit your purposes. We will appreciate it very much if you will send it out in the near future and let us have a copy for our files.

Sincerely yours,

A. Spierer

A. Spierer
Assistant Director.

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February 4th, 1946

Dear Colleague:

My attention has been called to the "Hebrew Month" during March 17 - April 15, sponsored by the Histadruth Ivrit.

In support of this worthy effort to make American Jews realize the importance of extending the use of the Hebrew language and the knowledge of Hebrew culture, the colleagues of the Central Conference of Jewish Rabbis, I am certain, will wish to do everything in their power through their congregations and schools.

May I, therefore, suggest that on the Sabbath and Sunday of April 6 and 7, we take whatever measures seem best suited to accentuate this theme in our Synagogues and schools. I need hardly suggest, at this time, how this may be done, since I am confident that you and those in charge of your organizations will find ways and means of doing so.

The advance of Hebrew culture in American Jewish life has progressed all too slowly. Yet, Jewish knowledge and Jewish intense loyalty must feed on the sources of our Hebraic literature, both of past and of contemporary creation, if Jewish life is to retain its vitality. Our colleagues can greatly strengthen this effort by cooperating with the Histadruth Ivrit in its endeavor to stimulate a new and wider interest in Hebrew, in all its phases

I know that your cooperation will be readily given.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

President.

P.S. For further information or assistance in connection with the Hebrew Month, please communicate with the Histadruth Ivrit, 165 West 46th St. N.Y. 24, N.Y. Telephone: N.Y. Bryant 9-2166.

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February 5, 1946

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

Dear Friend,

I wrote you some time ago in answer to your letter concerning the Committee on the Song Book, and I did not hear from you. The reasons are obvious. I know that very soon after you received my letter all the difficulties with reference to the Palestine situation came upon you. Very soon after that you left for Palestine. And I know how busy you have been with matters of outstanding importance. Nevertheless, I know that you do give some attention to the problems that come to you in connection with the C.C.A.R. I am therefore sending you a copy of my letter again. I should appreciate your valuable reaction.

I am urged the more to do so because only yesterday I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Friedman, Executive Director of the Hebrew Sunday School Society of Philadelphia. It seems the need for a song book is pretty well recognized by everybody. Won't you let me hear from you by return mail? Thanks.

Mazel Tov on Chipkin's forthcoming marriage. Weren't you surprised? We all were.

With kind personal greetings and best wishes to Virginia, to the children, and to you, in which Mamie joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran

EG:JM

NELSON GLUECK
162 GLENMARY AVENUE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

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Feb. 6, 1946

Dear Abba:

It is probable that I shall be leaving for Palestine at the end of this month. I was gratified to learn that you had submitted the question concerning Freed to the Executive Board of the C. C. A. R.

Hoping to

hear from you soon,

sincerely,

Nelson Glueck.

Dr. Abba Hallel Silver,
President,
C. C. A. R.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 6, 1946

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran
Commission on Jewish Education
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Merchants Bldg.
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

My dear Dr. Gamoran:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 5.

There is really nothing that I can do about the Song Book. The action of the Executive of the CCAR at its meeting in October, 1945, was very clear. I am quoting from the minutes:

"Rabbi Singer reported on plans for a proposed song book. Dr. Gamoran read an outline of the proposed song book and a lengthy discussion followed which showed that the Committee misunderstood what was wanted and their proposed song book seemingly was in conflict with the Union Hymnal published by the Conference. It was moved and adopted that the Committee on Synagog Music should consider the advisability of revising the Union Hymnal by omitting some of the Hymns now contained in it and by adding such other material as the committee might suggest and to report to the next convention."

The Committee on Synagog Music is now considering revising the Union Hymnal. There will be a report at the next convention in June. We will then know definitely whether in view of the revised Union Hymnal the Conference is still interested in the publication of a Song Book.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 8, 1946

Dr. Nelson Glueck
162 Glenmary Ave.
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Nelson:

The questionnaire sent to the members of the Executive of the CCAR showed a majority of one in favor of continuing the grant of \$70 to Rabbi Freed until the subject can be discussed again at the next meeting of the Board in June. I would suggest that when you get to Palestine, you try to make some satisfactory arrangement which would enable Freed to be taken care of by the social agencies in Palestine, as I doubt very much whether the Board will continue the grant after June.

I am pleased to learn that you probably will go back to Palestine at the end of the month. I wish that I could go along with you. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

NELSON GLUECK
162 GLENMARY AVENUE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

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Feb. 12, 1946.

Dear Abba:

I was glad to learn that the members of the Executive Board of the CCAR voted in favor of continuing the grant of \$70 a month for Freed, until the subject can be discussed when the Board meets again in June. I note that you doubt very much whether the Board will continue the grant after June. I gather then that I can count on this grant for the six months period extending from the beginning of January to the end of June 1946. Will you want to authorize the sending to me now of a check for \$420 to cover that period? I shall still be here for two weeks. Otherwise, I assume I am authorized to advance that amount for the CCAR and can collect later on.

I hope that when the case is reviewed in June, at least the minimum amount of \$40 a month will continue to be allotted to Freed.

In the meantime, I shall make every endeavor to make some satisfactory arrangements which would enable Freed to be taken care of by the Jewish social services in Palestine. Have you any specific recommendations to make as a result of your recent trip there, and can you use your influence to achieve this result?

Sincerely,

Nelson Glueck

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

Temple Israel

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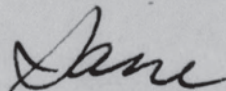
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

On account of reasons of a most serious personal nature, I am compelled to tell you that I shall be unable to deliver the sermon at the next Conference. It is with the greatest reluctance, as well as with a heavy heart, that I convey this news. The whole matter is beyond my control and there is nothing that I can do about changing the situation.

With kindest personal regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,



Samuel M. Gup

SMG:ERZ

RABBI JAMES G. HELLER
CINCINNATI, OHIO

February 20, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, 6 Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You should have received a letter informing you of the meeting which is to be held in New York on the afternoon of March 11th for the purpose of forming a National Society for Jewish Liturgical Music.

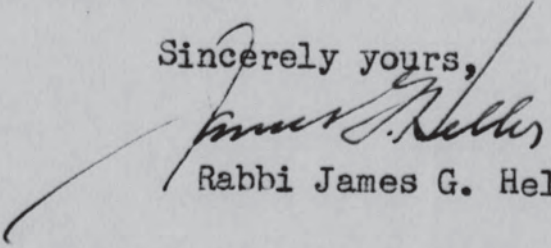
I am sure that you will agree that this is a project which is long overdue and one we need acutely to intensify and regularize work for Synagogal music in America. This includes a considerable number of plans and objectives which were outlined in the proposal for such an organization, which was sent to you.

It is important that all national organizations, which have an interest in this project, should participate in the meeting on March 11th. I am writing to urge you as strongly as I can, if you have not already done so, to appoint a representative or representatives to attend the meeting which will be held at the offices of the National Jewish Welfare Board, 145 E 32nd St., New York City, at 2:00 o'clock.

I know that the time is short and therefore, I trust that you will take action on this and arrange for someone to represent you at this meeting.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter and with friendly greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi James G. Heller

JGH.s

February 21, 1946

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

My dear Sam:

I received your letter of February 17
and regret to learn that you will be unable to
deliver the sermon at the next Conference. We
shall all miss it I am sure.

I trust that all is well with you. With
all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 12, 1946

The Honorable Nathaniel Goldstein
80 Centre Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

The Central Conference of American Rabbis, the oldest and largest Rabbinic association in the United States, of which I have the honor to be President, will hold its annual convention in Chicago during the week beginning, Tuesday, June 25th. These conventions bring together the leading liberal and Reform Rabbis from all parts of the United States. It has been the custom to have some outstanding American address the gathering on the opening night. The Program Committee, which met a few days ago in Cincinnati, expressed the wish to have John Foster Dulles address the convention on the UNO and the problems connected with it, or on any related subject. I think it would be a fine thing for Mr. Dulles to accept this invitation for many reasons which can readily recommend themselves to you. He is a man deeply interested in religious life, and his appearance at the Conference would, among other things, be a splendid gesture of good will.

I would appreciate it very much if you would sound him out before I send him an official invitation. I should be most happy to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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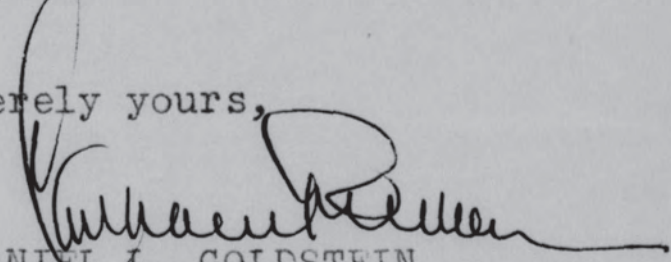
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In line with your letter of March 12th, I communicated with Mr. Dulles and he has advised that he regrets his inability to take the assignment. I am enclosing the letter which he sent me and which is self-explanatory. Will you please return it to me after you have read it.

With kind personal regards -

Sincerely yours,


NATHANIEL L. GOLDSTEIN

Enc.

March 21, 1946

The Honorable Nathaniel L. Goldstein
80 Centre Street
New York 13, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for the trouble which you took in contacting Mr. Dulles. I am sorry that he is not able to accept our invitation, but I fully understand the reasons which make it impossible for him to accept.

With all good wishes, and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

Dear Abba
this should
have been sent to
you. Sol.

RABBI AVERY J. GROSSFIELD
1530 EAST 17TH STREET
BROOKLYN 30, N. Y.
DEWEY 9-6826

March 27, 1946.

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof,
Congregation Rodeph Sholom,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Colleague,

I am sure that you are aware of the death of our dear colleague and my most worthy schoolmate, Rabbi Abraham Feinberg of Youngstown, Ohio. I heard of it only a week ago from our colleague, Rabbi Herman Pollock, who is now located in Brooklyn.

I should like to nominate Rabbi Herman Pollock as the colleague who should be invited to give the Memorial Message for Rabbi Feinberg at the forthcoming convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Feinberg (Olov ha-Sholom) and Pollock were in my Freshman class. From the beginning they became very attached to each other. They were of the same age and for six years they were roommates. They were constantly together: in class, at the dining room table, as roommates, as chums. They were ordained together, and throughout the post-ordination years they maintained a constant correspondence and visited each other whenever possible.

When I saw Pollock last week, he was very upset about his friend's passing, of course. When I suggested that he might be asked to give the Memorial Message, he said: "It will be a hard task, but I'll feel deeply honored." Or words to that effect.

If ever a Memorial Message would be "D'varim hayotze'im milev" it would be Herman's in memory of Abe.

With warmest personal greetings and best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Avery

April 15, 1946

Rabbi Samuel M. Gup
Temple Israel
925 Bryden Road
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My dear Sam:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Rabbi Kober of New York in reference to a subvention to Dr. Silberstein, and also a letter from Sidney Regner who refers me to you as Chairman on Relief Grants. What do you think should be done in this matter?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Enc.

Temple Israel

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April 17, 1946

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

Dear Abba:

Referring to your letter of April 15 in-re Rabbi Emil Silberstein, Shanghai, China, our committee within the month carefully considered his application and decided that we must adhere to the rules previously adopted, namely, that no relief can be granted to a non-Conference rabbi or his widow. This rule was adopted three years ago and ratified by the Conference Board. Otherwise, we would be besieged with applications of this sort. Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter addressed to Rabbi Silberstein on this subject. Our committee had a number of such appeals before it at its recent meeting, and treated them all alike.

We also granted the following subventions:

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 Journal	25.00
Mekitze Nirdamim	25.00
Palestine Historical Society	25.00
Am. Friends of Hebrew Univ.	200.00
Academy of Jewish Research	100.00
Historia Judaica	25.00
Chaim Bloch	100.00

RELIEF

Mrs. Raphael Goldenstein	10.00
Mrs. Annie Weiss	50.00
Rabbi Morris Urich	40.00
Rabbi Jacob Klein	25.00
Mrs. Michael Fried	40.00
Rabbi S. J. Schwab	15.00
Abraham Freed	70.00

Dr. Silver

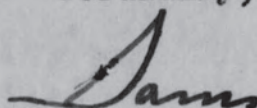
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No changes were made in the list of the beneficiaries of our Relief Fund, other than to advise Morris Urich, effective June 1, 1946, his name would be omitted from the list. I have already contacted local Jewish Social Service, Milwaukee, urging a sympathetic interest in his behalf. Urich has been receiving \$40.00 monthly from the Conference since his ordination; he has never officiated as a rabbi. We are hoping that the responsibility for his care may be assumed by the local authorities.

With heartiest greetings, I am

Cordially,



Samuel M. Gup

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April 18, 1946

Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein, President
Synagogue Council of America
607 W. 161st St.
New York 32, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Goldstein:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 14. I have requested Rabbi William F. Rosenblum who will be joined by another member of his committee to meet with your committee on Scope on April 25. The CCAR committee will be very happy to explore with the future scope of the Synagogue Council. It is not, however, authorized to make commitments for the CCAR without first referring the matter to the Executive of the Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 1, 1946.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
President, C.C.A.R.
The Temple,
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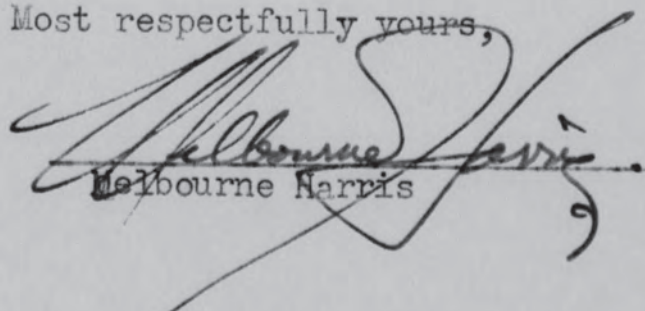
My dear Rabbi Silver:

My attention has just been called to the item which appears in the 1945 C.C.A.R. Yearbook, regarding an action of the Executive Board in reference to my resignation from the active ministry. I am not only shocked, but bewildered by this action. In the first place, I did not request withdrawal from the C.C.A.R.; secondly, the action was taken without my knowledge or consent; and thirdly, without any notification of any kind, other than what appears in the Yearbook. I believe a serious injustice has been done to me.

I have had no intention of resigning from the Conference, and I do not now desire to do so. As a matter of fact, at the time of my resignation from The Temple, and on occasions thereafter, both you and Dr. Freehof requested that I remain in the Conference. And I have had every intention of doing so; concrete evidence of which has been the payment of my dues to both the C.C.A.R. and the H.U.C. Alumni Association. To find that I am suddenly "kicked out", without cause or request, or without notification, is a circumstance which I find difficult to accept. I believe an explanation of this action of the Board is due me.

Trusting I may hear from you at your earliest convenience, and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Most respectfully yours,


Melbourne Harris

cc: Isaac E. Marcuson.

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May 27, 1946

Rabbi Melbourne Harris
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My dear Mel:

I delayed writing to you, in reply to your letter of May 1, because I was sure that you would receive word from Marcusson. He has since sent me a copy of the letter which he addressed to you.

The fate which overtook you is exactly the fate which overtook my brother Maxwell when he stepped out of the ministry into the iniquitous world of commerce and trade. The fact, however, that the rules of our venerable body make it impossible for money grubbers and materialists to remain on its sacred rolls should not deter you from coming as a most welcome guest to the sessions of the C.C.A.R. this year or any other year. The C.C.A.R., by the way, meets this year in Chicago beginning June 24. I would be delighted to see you there.

I send your little family my affectionate greetings in which Virginia joins me heartily.

What are your plans for the summer?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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June 11, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Enclosed is a copy of the Report
of the Rabbinical Pension Board. I hope
that it will meet with your satisfaction.
Any suggestions will be most welcome.

I'm looking forward to seeing you
in Chicago.

As ever,

Sam
Samuel M. Gup

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