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Central Conference of American Rabbis, "M", 1945-1946.

July 7-



The Mayflower

MANOMET POINT, PLYMOUTH, MASS.

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcusson  
Macon Isa.

Received your letter. Surprized  
at your hesitancy. Telephoned  
Frederick ~~and~~ read to him my  
draft of telegram and your  
letter. He approves telegram  
Suggests change of words <sup>just</sup> all  
~~to be~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~just~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~lost~~  
sentence <sup>that</sup> ~~is~~ is agreeable  
to me. Please wire me if  
you have sent <sup>(the telegram)</sup> it. Kindest  
regards.

Abba Hillel Silver



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Mayflower Hotel

Plymouth, Mass.

Dear Colleague:

There are two matters that I want to take up with you.

First I want to apologise for delaying answering your telegram. Western Union phoned it to me and I couldn't get the content so I asked them to mail it to my box. When it was not in the box I went to the telegraph office and the message had been misplaced and they couldn't find it and there was a day's delay before I got it. Then I tried to contact Freehof for I could not understand how his emendation would in anyway change the meaning of the sentence. Finally Freehof wired me "am sure text can be properly emended. Why don't you suggest emendation." That is what I tried to do in my letter to you. Let me make my position clear. If you or some other member of the Conference sends the telegram, it is a personal message and in no way commits the Conference. At the next convention the Conference could and I think would as they did last year repudiate the position taken in the telegram. But if I as secretary

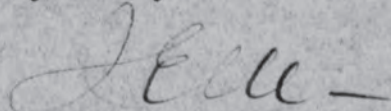




sign the telegram it commits the Conference to a position which I think violates our neutrality stand and exceeds the instruction of the Executive Board. You ,yourself, very kindly suggested that the telegram be limited to the proposal of the Committee on Contemporaneous History namely that the President be asked to do all in his power to secure the abrogation of the White Paper and to permit free or unlimited immigration. I do not think that your references to the Balfour declaration in the earlier sentences are at all objectionable but in the last sentence when you ask the government "to insure that the commitments that were made to the Jewish people under the Balfour declaration and the mandate " you are stressing a point which as you know has been differently interpreted and is liable to be misunderstood. I therefore urge you to change the last sentence to read we urge our government to use its high authority to secure the abrogation of the White Paper so that the doors of Palestine may be open to free Jewish immigration.

I urge this because I would like to see peace in the Conference and not the unrest which marked the two years of Heller's presidency.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

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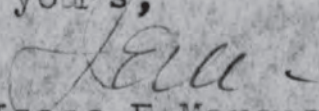
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The second matter refers to the World Union. Last November Miss Montagu wrote me asking for a contribution of five hundred pounds for their reconstruction work. I replied that we could not give her five hundred pounds but I think that possibly the Executive Board would be willing to vote about five hundred dollars to help them in this work. I sent a copy of the letter and my answer to Freehof and I thought he had attended to it. Evidently he had not. This morning I am in receipt of the enclosed letter from Miss Montagu. It touches on two matters about which I had been instructed by the Executive Board to write to Miss Montagu. Our letters evidently crossed. We have already voted two hundred and fifty dollars to the World Union to aid the reconstruction work in Paris. <sup>(Synagog)</sup> The other matter referred to was the recommendation of the Committee on Contemporaneous History that we train rabbis to go to Germany for reconstruction work. I reported that Miss Montagu had informed me that they had already started this work which her letter confirms.

Do you wish to recommend further help to the World Union or shall we wait until the October meeting and discuss it then?

Cordially yours,

  
Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

IEM/jf



3rd.July 1945

COPY.

Dear Dr.Marcuson,

At the meeting of the Governing Body, I was asked to write to you again most earnestly to know if your constituent, the Central Conference of American Rabbis would accede to our request, sent last November, for a contribution of five hundred pounds towards the work of religious reconstruction. We estimate that we shall need a sum of two thousand pounds for the first year.

We have at the moment ready to go to Germany, a young rabbi and his wife, at present in Palestine, who feel a strong sense of vocation to return to Frankfurt for social and religious amelioration among those Jews who remain. A member of our Governing Body, formerly a journalist, now an engineer, is prepared to start similar work in Hamburg. We are trying to get the necessary permits. Rabbi Germain-Levy who has undergone personal suffering during the war years has in spite of his privations and age restarted services in the Liberal Synagogue in Paris., thought the building is damaged and general help is required. We have had urgent appeals for financial assistance from Velgium where the community is most anxious to provide religious teaching and liberal services for the children and young people who have been hidden during the occupation, and the leaders say that owing to their being so despoiled they are unable to undertake the responsibility at present. We expect to have similar appeals from some of the remaining members associated with the Progressive Jewish centres in Holland, the Hague and Amsterdam, as soon as conditions improve.



The work is both worthwhile and of the greatest importance, and I look forward with confidence to your early reply.

We are hoping to have a conference in London next summer. It would be lovely if you could come.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,





July 15, 1945

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcusson  
4 Buford Place  
Macon, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Marcusson:

Thank you for your letter of July 10. I believe that the suggestion of further financial help to the World Union should be taken up at the October meeting of the executive board.

Inasmuch as President Truman is on his way to Europe, the matter of sending him a telegram is no longer urgent, and I shall take the whole matter up at the October meeting of the Council.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:W



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September 3, 1945

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

Dear Colleague:

I received the enclosed letter and am wondering if you want to take any action. We could get out a circular letter and ask the men to take it up with their congregations and also to send any material that they could spare in care of this chaplain. The only difficulty is that I have been told repeatedly by the post office that fourth class matter could not be sent to a chaplain with an APO. Should you decide favorably on this request I shall make further inquiry or the men can use our letter as a request. The post office usually requires that the request come from the man so I will forge his signature to the letters.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain,

Cordially yours,

*Issac E. Marcuson*  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
% The Temple,  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. President:

First and foremost, I sent you several weeks ago the stenographer's transcript of your remarks on the floor of the Convention for correction and return to me. I have never received them. I am particularly anxious that you correct your speech of acceptance. Won't you attend to this at once. ✓

I also desire to call your attention to the following items in the minutes which you should attend to as soon as possible. Perhaps you did, but you never notified me.

1 - The President is authorized to appoint a committee of from five to seven to consider the possibility or the advisability of a general Rabbinical Placement Plan.

2 - A joint meeting of the committees on Ceremonies, Liturgy, and Music, was suggested. The President was to name the Chairman of one of these three committees and authorize him to call a meeting. ✓

3 - Each year the President appoints a committee on committees. The duty of this committee is to prepare a list of the standing committees of the Conference and submit them to the Executive Board for adoption. ✓

4 - Committee on Commissions. The President names a committee of three to meet with a similar committee of the Union to agree on representatives of the various joint commissions of the Union. ✓

5 - In line with recommendation of the President a committee of three was to be named to consider the possibility or advisability of establishing a Union Conference book concern. You were out of the room at the time, and Feldman named Freehof and Marcuson and then it was decided that you should name the third man. ✓

6 - The President was instructed to consult with Mr. Adolph Rosenberg and try to straighten out the matter of our contribution to the Pension Fund. We had agreed to give \$5,000 a year which Mr. Rosenberg assured us the Union would assume as soon as it got the money. This



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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year the Union did contribute an additional \$2500. Margolis and Regner understood that this was to take the place of one-half of our contribution and we were obligated to pay only an additional \$2500. Gup, on the other hand, claimed that this was an additional gift of the Union to the Pension Fund and we should still pay our \$5,000. You were to speak to Mr. Rosenberg and try to straighten out this difference of opinion. Mr. Rosenberg, undoubtedly, will remember his promise to relieve the Conference of this obligation.

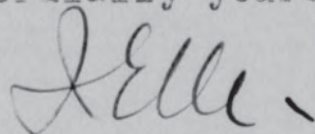
7 - The President should appoint a Committee on time and place of next Convention, which should report to the October meeting, suggesting possible place for our next Convention.

8 - The President was authorized to appoint a committee to survey the work of the Synagogue Council.

When you have made these appointments please notify the Secretary.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson,  
Administrative Secretary

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Dr. Abba H. Silver  
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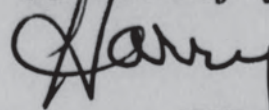
Dear Abba:

I am herewith enclosing annual returns of the Conference indicating that we are exempt from income tax under Section 101. These returns have been prepared by our Auditor and must be signed by the President and Treasurer. Will you be good enough to sign same where I have indicated check mark and forward to Marcuson asking him to place upon them the seal of the Conference and forward copies to the Auditor, Mr. H. J. Mayer, 39 So. LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois. Thanks for your attention in the matter.

I have been following your experiences at the World Zionist Conference in London and want to congratulate you on your splendid address as reported by the American press.

With warmest greetings and best wishes for the New Year to you and your dear ones in which Clara joins me, I am

Sincerely yours,



Harry S. Margolis

HSM:Ms



September 9, 1945

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary  
C.C.A.R.  
204 Buford Place  
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I received your letter of September 3 enclosing the letter of Chaplain Max B. Wall. I can fully appreciate the urgency of Chaplain Wall's appeal, and I have read and heard considerable criticism about the tardiness of our relief organizations in the field. I am wondering, however, whether it would not contribute to increased confusion as well as arouse considerable opposition if the C.C.A.R. would step into the picture and appeal for food packages and clothing for the liberated Jews of the occupation areas in Germany. I would suggest that you send a copy of Chaplain's letter to the Jewish Welfare Board inasmuch as he appeals for cultural material of all types in Hebrew and Yiddish. Please also send a copy of it to the Joint Distribution Committee and ask their judgment in the matter.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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September 10, 1945

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

Dear Colleague:

As you know we fixed the date of the Executive Board meeting for October ninth. The Hebrew Union College has fixed its celebration for October 16-18. It occurred to me that it would be an unnecessary strain on the men to make two trips to Cincinnati within a week. What do you think of the idea of circularizing the Executive Board and asking whether it would be agreeable to all the men to meet on October 15. We could then just stay on for the celebration.

Please wire me if you readt favorably and I'll get out a letter to the Board.

Cordially yours,

*I E M*  
Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

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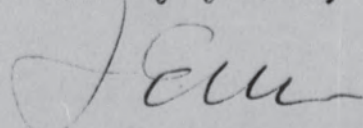
September 11, 1945

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

Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of September 9th. referring to the appeal of Chaplain Wall. A day or two after I wrote you the representative of the Joint Distribution Committee dropped in to see me and I showed him the letter. He asked time to get to New York and take the matter up with the heads of the JDC and promised to wire me immediately after Rosh Hashonah. I told him just what you stated in your letter--that the Conference did not care to add to the confusion by mixing in a field which the JDC is supposedly covering. He said they had been having a lot of trouble in certain areas where local officials would not let them operate and he wanted to ascertain how conditions were in the area to which Chaplain Wall refers. As soon as I get his report I will let you know.

Cordially yours,

  
Isaac E. Marcuson

IEM/jf

Secretary



September 12, 1945

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Rabbi Margolis sent me the enclosed annual returns of the Conference which we prepared for exemption from income tax. I have signed the same and am forwarding them to you in order to have the seal of the Conference placed upon them and I would request you, when that is done, to send the enclosed to the Auditor, Mr. H. J. Mayer, 39 So. LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.





September 13, 1945

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

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In reply to your letter of September 5: - You call my attention to a number of committees which I am to appoint. I do not know what the custom has been. Are all the members of these committees to be drawn from the Executive Board? As soon as I hear from you, I shall designate the committees.

With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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September 13, 1945

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Isaac E. Marcuson  
204 Buford Place  
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PLEASE CIRCULARIZE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON MATTER CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER TENTH.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



September 13, 1945

Rabbi Harry S. Margolis, Treasurer  
Central Conference of American Rabbis  
Holly and Avon Streets  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Rabbi Margolis:

Enclosed herewith checks sent by Rabbi Regner and  
countersigned by Dr. Silver.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.





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Dear Colleague:

Would it be satisfactory to you to have the date  
of the Executive Board meeting changed from October 9th. to  
October 15th.

Please answer immediately by AIR MAIL or WIRE.

Cordially yours,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*

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September 15/45

Dr. A.H.Silver

Cleveland, O.

Dear Colleague:

From the replies received it will be impossible to change the date of meeting. Feldman cannot come on the 15th and others also. So the original date will have to stand. Replying to your letter about committees.

1. Replacement Plan. You are free to appoint anyone you please but I think it would be wise to have the heads of the two seminaries or a representative on the committee.

2. Committees on Ceremonies, Music and Liturgy. Freehof is the logical man to name to call the meeting as Liturgy is the most important committee.

3. Committee on Committees. This is a committee of the Executive Board and the members should be Board members.

4. Commissions. The President Vice President and a member of the Executive Board served in the past. You were chairman last year for the President did not serve.

5. Union Book Concern. Freehof and Marcuson were named-- you were to name the third member. It should be someone who knows something about the book business.

6. You were to consult with Adolph Rosenberg



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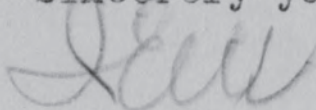
7. Margolis has acted as chairman of this committee for several years either with the two secretaries or with anyone he might name. It is a one man job--to find out the available places, get rates and so forth. The Executive Board makes the final decision as to time and place.

8. Synagog Council. I would suggest at least one or two men who are on the Synagog Council--possibly Rosenblum who also in his report favored such a study.

If there is anything else you desire to know, write me.

With cordial greetings, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
Isaac E. Marcuson



September 18, 1945

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. It would be fine if you could attend the installation of Rabbi Unger as the official representative of The Central Conference of American Rabbis.

"ith all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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September 20, 1945

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

Dear Colleague:

I have your very kind letter of September 18 enclosing letter from Rabbi Unger. I received a letter from the president of the congregation sometime ago but had to decline it because the 28th. of September is the close of Succoth and I have a Simchath Torah Service that evening which I could not postpone. When I heard from Sidney Unger, I wrote and told him this but he had evidently already written to you. I plan to go over to Charleston a little later in the winter and shall give Sidney my blessing then. I shall however write a letter and I am sure you will do likewise. I can't understand how Rosenblum can be away from his congregation on Succoth but maybe they don't know anything about Thanksgiving in New York. It would amaze you to learn how many New York orthodox boys have come to Temple here during the war and have seen a Succah for the first time.

Cordially yours,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*  
Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary

IEM/jf



October 12, 1945

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Please send me at your earliest convenience, the resolutions which were adopted during our Executive Board meeting which called for action on my part -- such as the appointment of committees, etc.

Dr. Freehof suggests that we add the name of Aryeh Lev on the committee on the Synagogue Council. Freehof writes this still can be done before the yearbook is printed. If that is so, please add his name.

Please notify our representatives on CANRA of the decision which was taken with reference to the request of the American Friends Service Committee. They are to press for favorable action with the Jewish Welfare Board.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Please note that I have appointed Freehof as chairman, and yourself and Gup on the Union-Conference Book Committee.

I have also appointed the following as members of the Committee to survey the work of the Synagogue Council: Rabbi William F. Rosenblum - chairman, Bamberger, Opher, Theodore Lewis and Marius Ranson.



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

Dear Colleague:

In going through my Executive Board file I find a letter addressed to you which you must have handed me by mistake in place of the letter from the American Friends Service Committee. This letter asks for the appointment of Rabbis Ben Friedman and William F. Rosenblum as alternates on CANRA. This matter evidently was not presented to the Executive Board as I can find no reference to such an appointment. Please let me know whether you wish to make this appointment.

Cordially yours,

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

Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of October 12th. I dictated the minutes and hope tomorrow to be able to send you a copy/

I shall be glad to add the name of Aryeh Lev to the Committee on Synagog Council. I presume you mean to our representatives on Synagog Council. In the first place may I call your attention to the fact that Aryeh was put on the Committee on Scouting in place of Schachtel and on the Committee on Publications. But more important than that if you mean our representatives on the Synagog Council we are merely entitled to a certain number of representatives and they complained last year already that we had named more men than we were entitled to. If you want to add the name of Aryeh Lev, I think you will have to drop someone else. Please let me know what you want to do.

I am notifying the representatives on CANRA of our action about the Conscientious Objectors.

I am enclosing a letter to Isserman. Please let me



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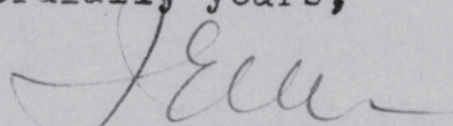
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know what you decide to do. For your information I will  
say that this is an annual performance on the part of  
Isserman.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

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October 15, 1945

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman  
5017 Washington Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Ferd:

I have your letter of October 11th. in which you ask me to send you the list of men selected for the Commission on Justice and Peace before the men are notified so that you may make suggestions as to whether they should be accepted or rejected.

I regret exceedingly to have to inform you that this is contrary to Conference procedure. Had you made suggestions before the meeting, the Committee on Committees would undoubtedly have considered them and would have tried to follow your suggestions. But after the Committee reported to the Executive Board and after the Executive Board elected certain men to the Commission, I question the right even of the president to drop men from the Commission. He might add some names and no one would object but it would be an unfortunate procedure to drop men from a Committee at the suggestion of the chairman after they are appointed by the Executive Board. This matter came up last year when a man



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was elected to a Commission and the Union wanted the name dropped. The Executive Board ruled that after a man has been appointed to a Commission and the appointment has been approved by the Executive Board that that appointment stands.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Silver and if he wishes to reverse the previous action of the Executive Board, he is of course free to do so, but if I recall correctly, it was Dr. Silver who stated definitely that after the Executive Board had approved an appointment, that the appointment should stand.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson

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

Dear Colleague:

The following committees are to be appointed by the president.

Manual for Proselytes. You will recall that the previous committee was appointed by Rabbi Freehof with Bettan as chairman. Bettan insisted upon Rauch being chairman. Rauch refused to serve because he was not put on the original committee. I then asked Bamberger to act as chairman and he reported that the other men would not answer his letters even. You were authorized to appoint a new committee if this committee continues to refuse to act.

Rabbis' Manual. A committee was authorized to go over the Rabbis' Manual and see if it needs revision before a new edition is printed. It is suggested that Samuel Cohon chairman of the last revision committee should be on the committee but not as chairman.

Volume of Essays in honor of Dr. Baeck. The president was authorized to notify Dr. Ginsberg that the Conference would be pleased to be associated in the publication of a volume in honor of Dr. Baeck and will assume its proportionate share of the expenses.



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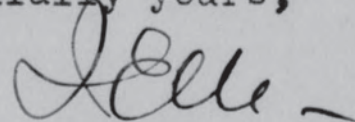
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Committees of the Conference. It was moved and adopted that the president shall appoint a committee to make a study of all Commissions and Committees of the Conference and their functions to ascertain whether some committees could be dispensed with or combined and to report to the Executive Board.

Social Justice Institute. The president was authorized to confer with Rabbi Isserman and ascertain what use he wishes to make of the \$500.00 which he asks for the New York Institute on Social Justice. If the President is satisfied the money is to be authorized.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

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October 25, 1945

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I think your comment with reference to our representation on the Committee of the Synagogue Council is well taken, and in that case, we will not add any additional names.

I agree with your sentiments contained in your letter to Rabbi Isserman of October 15. I have suggested to CANRA the names of Ben Friedman and William F. Rosenblum as alternates on CANRA. Please send to Mr. Frank Weil the names of the men whom we have appointed as our representatives on CANRA.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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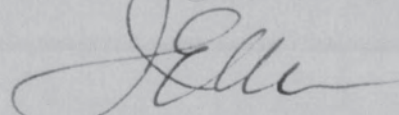
E.105 ths.St. and Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague:

I am enclosing herewith an order to the First National Bank to turn over certain bonds to our Committee on Investments as per action of the Executive Board. You are to sign it as president and then send it to Margolis.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

IEM/jf



October 31, 1945

Rabbi Harry Margolis  
Holly and Avon Sts.  
St. Paul 5, Minn.

My dear Rabbi Margolis:

Dr. Silver received the enclosed checks  
from Rabbi Regner for signature. I am sending them  
on to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



November 1, 1945

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I wish you would send me the names of those who had been appointed by Rabbi Freehof as members on the Committee for the Manual for Proselytes. I can find no record of it in the 1944 Yearbook.

Could you also send me the names of the Committee who compiled our present Rabbi's Manual?

As far as the Committee to make a study of all the present commissions and committees of the Conference and their functions is concerned, I would suggest that the chairman of all of our present commissions and committees (other than those who are on the joint commissions with the Union) should constitute this Committee. This would make the Committee somewhat large, about eighteen or twenty members. Nevertheless these chairmen would have to be consulted anyhow before any action is taken which might involve the work of their respective committees or their continued existence. I am going to ask Rabbi Feldman to be chairman of this Committee.

I note that Rabbi Egelson is named as an alternate to serve with the Jewish Welfare Board. In July I appointed him to take the place of Joshua Liebman who resigned. I should not now like to push Egelson back to the position of an alternate. I am therefore removing my name as a member of the Committee of Seven. Please notify Rabbi Egelson accordingly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Dear Colleague:

As you know I sent out notices of Committee appointments and there seems to be some confusion about what the Committee on Committees did with CANRA. Feldman reported to take off Heller and Liebman and put on Silver and Rudin which I did. Seemingly nobody knew and you had never notified me that Liebman had resigned and that you had appointed Egelson on CANRA in his place. By the action of appointing Rudin in Liebman's place, Egelson is dropped off CANRA. He had been on for many years acting as secretary and has done a good job. He called my attention to the omission but all I can do is refer it to you for correction. Please let me know by return mail as I've sent these committees on to the printer and would like to correct it in case you make a change.

Cordially yours,

*IEM*  
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Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of November 1. The original committee for the revision for the Manual for Proselytes was Bettan, Maurice Bloom and Bamberger. After a long delay Bettan wrote me that he would not serve unless Rauch, who was former chairman, for the preparation of the book was put on the committee. We then put Rauch on the committee and Bettan replied that Rauch should be named chairman. Rauch was made chairman but refused to serve because he wasn't put on the committee originally. Bettan then suggested that Bamberger be made chairman since he, Bettan, was a friend of Rauch and didn't want to hurt his feelings. Bamberger was then made chairman and accepted the chairmanship but could get no answer from the rest of the committee. The action of the Executive Board was that a new committee be named to work with Bamberger and get out the book.

Rabbi Samuel S. Cohon was chairman of the committee that prepared the present Rabbis Manual. The committee con-



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sisted of Thurman, Feuerlicht, Freehof and Gerson B. Levy.

The action of the Executive Board was that Cohon be put on the new committee.

May I suggest to you that you would make a mistake if you named the present chairmen as a committee to study the Committees and Commissions. When the motion was made a few years ago to combine or abolish certain committees all the chairmen objected to their committee being abolished or interfered with. and a few years ago a neutral committee had to be appointed before three committees could be abolished or combined in the Committee on Public Affairs. Leipziger was finally named as chairman and made a good job of it. I would therefore suggest that <sup>you</sup> give Feldman about four strong well informed members and let them make the study. Some of the committees are dead and haven't functioned for years, others are over-lapping and could well be combined. Think it over.

Our letters crossed about Rabbi Egelson and CANRA. I am notifying Egelson and shall notify Mr. Weil.

I have a letter from Jake Marcus asking that Sol Feinberg be put on the Committee on Contemporary Jewish History. There is no possible objection if you approve.

Cordially yours,

*Ell*



November 6, 1945

Rabbi Isaac Marcuson  
204 Buford Place  
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Before I received your letter of November 2, I wrote to Mr. Frank Weil about Egelson. I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I sent him. Egelson remains on the Committee of CANRA. I am off. Please notify Egelson of the appointment.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



November 8, 1945

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson  
Macon, Georgia

My dear friend:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from a Mr. Norden. What do you know about this matter? How far are we committed? Please return this letter to me after you have read it.

I am also enclosing a letter which I received from Reinhart of The Jewish Chautauqua Society. Why are we committed to have this organization tagged on to the Conference every year? Is there any organic relationship between the Jewish Chautauqua Society and the CCAR? Please return this letter to me too after you have read it.

Cordially yours.

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Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of inquiry about the Jewish Chautauqua and the Norden music.

The Jewish Chautauqua is a branch of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. They seemingly take advantage of the meeting of the Conference to hold a seminar at the same time and place as do some of the Committees and Commissions of the Union. Just exactly why Reinhart should send you an invitation now for a meeting next June, I cannot say.

The matter of Norden and his music is of course serious but whether the Conference has any responsibility is difficult to judge. I am taking the matter up with Rabbi Singer and shall let you know. Two or three years ago during the presidency of Rabbi Heller the Executive Board authorized the Committee on Synagog Music to have some musical numbers prepared for those responses which were not covered in the Union Hymnal. Instead of doing what



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it was told the Committee offered prizes for services  
and before we knew it had spent \$2400.00 to publish music.  
The Executive Board ordered them to stop and that no more  
music would be published and no more prizes would be awarded.  
I was under the impression that this was being handled by  
Rabbi Singer-- just where Rabbi Heller comes into the  
picture I do not know unless, as a member of the Committee,  
Norden sent the music to him. Let me find out just how much  
Jacob Singer knows about this.

Cordially yours,

*I. E. Marcuson*  
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Dear Colleague:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from Singer in regard to the music contest and it certainly is a dirty mess. Candidly I cannot get heads nor tail out of it. According to Singer's letter it was Dr. Heller who conceived the notion of a contest--certainly the Executive Board knew nothing about it. That probably explains Singer's statement that no money was ever appropriated by the Conference. The Conference knew nothing about it, but as a matter of fact this is not literally true. Twenty-five hundred dollars was appropriated and put at the disposal of the committee but most of it was used up for publishing a Sabbath Morning Service by Dr. Grimm, Heller's organist, of which we sold about five copies. We sent out any number of samples but they all came back with the statement that they couldn't use it. I shall write to Heller and ask him to try to locate the music but it will do no good. After reading Singer's letter, you will probably agree that there is no financial responsibility



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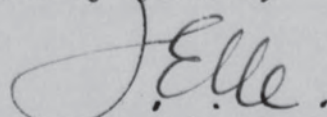
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on the part of the Conference but the matter does not seem to involve financial loss at all. Norden wants his manuscript back and I cannot imagine how we can get it for him.

Feldman writes me about the matter of engaging a choir for the Oneg Shabbos. As he states in the sentence which he quotes, if the Executive Board directs a musical program, we can take it for granted that it authorizes the expense of carrying it out. But I do believe there should be some limitation. "To engage a choir" and bring them down from Philadelphia to sing a few numbers of Birnbaum music could cost a couple of hundred dollars. I think that Singer should be limited as to the amount he can spend and you would be the only one who would be authorized to fix such a limitation.

I am glad you agreed to the change of the Committee on Committees. With the men you named this time I think we will get somewhere.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

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Secretary



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Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson

204 Buford Place

Macon, Ga.

Dear Isaac:

The long story about our "Contest can be told briefly. When Dr. Heller was chairman of the Com. on Synagogue Music, he conceived the notion of inviting prospective composers for our Sabbath Eve Service. The one selected would be awarded the sum of \$250. The committee reserved the right of making the award or, if none were found worthy, there would be no award. The right to choose or reject was yours alone.

There was a subcommittee named to examine the manuscripts, and this group of judges consisted of Heller, Werner and Singer. Dr. Heller was the last one to receive the manuscripts and we had considerable difficulty of getting action because Heller moved to a new home and had mislaid the manuscripts. On the basis of our reports, Heller voted to reject all of the music (which was your prerogative) while Werner and I felt that a composite service with selections from those submitted would be an addition to our liturgical music and the awards to be distributed among the successful composers pro rata (i.e. of the sum of \$250 allotted by the Conference).

In the meantime Heller stepped out of the chairmanship and I was given the job, only to discover that there was no money available nor was it ever appropriated by the Conference. Under the circumstances I voted (reluctantly) with Heller for a total rejection of all manuscripts submitted. Needless to say that this put the Conference in a bad light. To make such a selection with no funds was even worse.

I do not know how N. Lindsay Norden may retrieve his invaluable manuscript. Writing to Heller and then hiring a lawyer might be effective. I am ready to help in any way you may suggest. I am writing all this to clarify my position in this difficult situation.

Faternally yours,

Jacob



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Dear Ike:

I am replying at my earliest possible opportunity to your letter of November 19th. This is an old matter and I am very much astonished at Norden's attitude. I thought that it was settled a long time ago.

Here is the chain of circumstances: Norden sent me a manuscript for a contest held by the Committee on Synagogue Music. It was one of a number of others. It was looked over by Singer and then given to me. They were lying on my piano. Just at that time, we had to move, and it was done while I was out of the city. When we came to our new house I looked for the manuscripts and found them all except that of Norden's. The Committee decided that none of the manuscripts deserved a prize and they were to be returned to the composers. I did return them but was unable to return Norden's for the aforementioned reasons.

When I heard from him, -when in fact, I received several threatening letters, I did my utmost to find the manuscript. I went several times through his music but without success. I wrote him how greatly I regretted the circumstances, and asked him to understand. Instead of this, he continued to write to me in the same tone, finally threatening to sue me. It came to the point where I consulted a lawyer and as a result wrote to Norden to go ahead and sue. It is too bad, if it is true, that he hasn't a copy of the music he sent me. This I find impossible to believe. No composer writes something straight off and sends it in. He always makes sketches and pencil copies before he sends in the completed manuscript.

I don't know what more I can do. I am sure it is simply impossible to find the music or I would have done it long ago. I suggest that the Conference write it has nothing to do with the matter, that it is personal between Norden and me, and that I hold the decision that I wrote to him a long time ago.

How's everything with you? Haven't seen you in a long time. With friendliest greetings,

Yours as ever,  
Jim



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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

First, a most sincere welcome home.

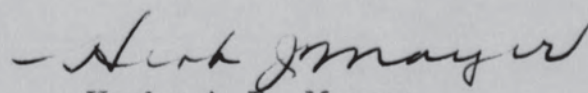
I was called to St. Paul by Rabbi Minda last Sunday due to the critical illness of Rabbi Margolis and brought back everything pertinent to finances. Deposited all remittances, entered everything in Treasurer's records. Prevailed upon Rabbi Feldman to appoint an Acting Treasurer and on the suggestion of Rabbis Marcusson, et al, Rabbi Louis Binstock of Chicago was thereby appointed and I trust my action will meet with your approval.

Margolis has been ill since November 24th and it was necessary that action be quickly taken and I phoned you yesterday when I was advised you were expected back sometime within a week. And, though Rabbi Feldman really desired that we wait for your return, felt it was urgent and therefore my prevailing on Rabbi Feldman and trust same meets with your approval and I be pardoned for my apparent liberty and presumption.

Have served the conference as Auditor since 1930 and conference matters always have preference, therefore my rush trip to St. Paul on this most urgent yet sad mission.

Am at all times at the call and command of the Conference and it's officers and with warmest greetings and the sincerest of wishes and awaiting your commands, am as ever

Faithfully,

  
Herbert J. Mayer

HJM.s



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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
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RABBI ISAAC E. MARCUSON, Secretary  
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January 3, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I am returning the galley proofs of the C.C.A.R. Yearbook which you sent me. I do not know whether there is still time to make a verbal change here and there. If there is, I would request that you make a change on galley No. 35, the 16th line from the bottom. There is a split infinitive. Instead of "to officially express itself" it should read, "to express itself officially." Two lines further down, it should read "from the point of view" instead of "from a point of view."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Colleague:

I have your returned galley proofs of the Yearbook. I meant that you should keep these for reference until the book itself appears. I shall try to ~~still~~ get in the two corrections which you note.

While I am writing to you may I call your attention to the fact that I have received a dozen or more complaints from men about committee appointments. Two of the m I wish to bring to your attention; Norman Diamond has been a member of the Conference ten and a half years, has attended almost every convention and has never been appointed to a committee. He would like to be appointed to Justice and Peace or Church and State. Harry Essrig has been a member of the Conference for five years and has never received an appointment. He would like to serve on Contemporaneous History. I do not think it is too late for you to still make these appointments should you desire. The other complaints were about the type of committee on which the men were named. This of course must be left to



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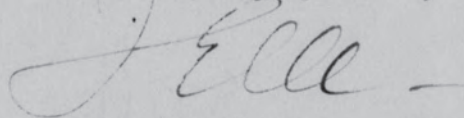
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the discretion of the Executive Board although we have always  
tried to put the men on committees in which they were interested.  
I am returning the galleys to you for you to keep.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

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January 9, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

In reply to your letter of January 7. - please add the name of Rabbi Norman Diamond to the Justice and Peace Committee, and Harry Essrig to the Committee on Contemporaneous History.

Nelson Glueck and Magnes have been pressing me to reconsider the action taken by the Executive Board of the Conference in the Freed matter. I told them that the action cannot be altered unless I take a referendum by mail of the members of the Executive Board. As things now stand, our December subsidy was the last one to be paid to Freed.

Please circularize the members of the Executive Board for their vote. Give a brief resume of the action taken in the Freed case. Mention the fact that Rabbi Nelson Glueck and Magnes have asked for a reconsideration and ask the members of the Executive Board to vote on one of the following three propositions:

- 1) Shall we abide by the action previously taken by the Executive Board to discontinue the subvention to Freed?
- 2) Shall we continue the subvention of \$70 per month until the next meeting of the Executive in June?
- 3) Shall we send him a subvention of \$40 per month until the next meeting of the Executive?

I am enclosing herewith the material on the Freed case. You may wish to refresh your mind on the facts.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



January 9, 1946

Rabbi Harry S. Margolis  
Mt. Zion Hebrew Congregation  
Holly & Avon Streets  
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

My dear Harry:

Upon my return from Palestine, I learned of your illness and I wanted to write to you, but then I was myself taken down with the flu and it is only yesterday that I have come back to my desk. I was very sorry to hear of your illness and I hope that you are rapidly recovering.

Please feel no concern about the handling of the affairs of the C.C.A.R. Binstock has volunteered to substitute for you until you are back on your feet. Please get strong again soon.

With all good wishes to you and your dear ones, I am as ever

Yours,

AHS:GR



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

I am requested by the president to circularize the members of the Executive Board in regard to the status of the Freed case. For the information of the members who may not know the particulars let me briefly review the story of the case of Abraham Freed in relation to the CCAR. Freed was graduated from the HUC in 1929 and immediately joined the Conference. He went to Palestine to take a post graduate course. Shortly after arriving there he had a mental breakdown and has never recovered. Dr. Magnes took an interest in the case and asked the Executive Board to contribute to Freed's support. From \$25 a month the amount contributed gradually climbed under request from Magnes and Glueck to \$70 a month and even more. In 1943-44 the Conference expended \$922, in 1944-45, \$1140 in paying debts which arose in the Freed case without authorization of the Executive Board.

In the last two years the Executive Board has twice voted to discontinue the subvention in the Freed case--the last time as of December 1945. At the request of Magnes and Glueck who ask for a reconsideration the president asks you to vote on one of the following propositions:

1) Shall we abide by the action previously taken by the Executive Board to discontinue the subvention to Freed?



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2) Shall we continue the subvention of \$70 per month until the next meeting of the Executive Board in June?

3) Shall we send him a subvention of \$40 per month until the next meeting of the Executive Board?

To guide you in your vote but not to try to influence you, may I say that the president feels that the Conference has been imposed upon in this case unintentionally on account of the deep sympathy of Magnes and Glueck. Those of you who were at the last Executive Board meeting when the action was taken to discontinue the subsidy, will remember that Margolis and Gup reported that they were informed that there were no Jewish mental hospitals in Palestine to which Freed could be committed. In his letter to Dr. Glueck the president states:

" When I was last in Palestine I visited one and I have been contributing to its support. It is a hospital of eighty beds. There is also a Jewish hospital for mental cases in Tel Aviv of sixty beds."

Glueck replies, " I haven't been able to get him taken care of because there are long waiting lists which seem to have priority."

Kindly let me have your vote as early as possible.

Cordially yours,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*

Isaac E. Marcuson

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
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Dear Colleague:

I suppose you heard that Ed. Calisch died and it will be your duty to name someone to write a Memorial Resolution. He had no classmate and you have two alternatives to name one of the older men who knew him well or his successor in Richmond. I think the latter would be the better if he would accept. If you write make it clear that Memorial Resolutions are not read at the convention they merely appear in the Yearbook while the president in his message mentions the names of those who passed away during the year. If you would prefer an older man the choice would lie between Wolsey, Morgens-<sup>ask me</sup>tern or myself. But unless you have to, count me out. I was very fond of him and we always roomed together at conventions but I had my say at his seventy fifth birthday celebration when he was present to hear it. I think that Wolsey might write it--they were very fond of one another. Morgens-tern is not well and I think he has all to do that he can do. I still think Ariel Goldberg would be the best man.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary

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January 15, 1946

Chaplain Luther D. Miller  
Office of the Chief of Chaplains  
War Department  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Chaplain Miller:

You will be receiving shortly an invitation from Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver from The Temple in Cleveland to address a very important service on Sunday, February 3rd. I would like you to know that his congregation is one of the greatest in the Jewish world, and that Rabbi Silver occupies a position of outstanding leadership in Jewish life.

765 of the men of that congregation were in the armed forces - 22 of them gave their lives during the war. This particular service will be built around the patriotic participation of the membership of that great congregation in the war effort. It would be splendid and much appreciated if you could participate in it.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

PBB:GS

PHILIP S. BERNSTEIN



870 Linwood Avenue  
Saint Paul 5, Minnesota

Jan. 17, 1946

Dear friend:

Thank you so much for your note to Harry. He was very pleased to hear from you, and appreciates your good wishes in his behalf. He is getting along nicely, and is happy to be home again, after seven weeks in The Hospital.

We are both relieved that the burden of The C.C.A.R. Treasurership has been Taken over temporarily by Lou Binstock. Mr. Mayer, by the way, was very helpful. Harry's illness



was a serious one, and his  
convalescence will be corre-  
spondingly long. The Doctor  
has not as yet said when  
Harry will be able to resume  
his normal routine, but I  
believe it will be several months.

My dear ones join  
me in cordial greetings to you  
and yours.

Sincerely,

Clara



January 17, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I received the enclosed letter of Rabbi Leipziger. Is there any reason why we cannot add his name to the Conference Committee on Chaplains? There are at present five members. Is the number restricted? If not, I should like to notify Leipziger that we would be most happy to have him serve on the Committee.

I have had another letter of inquiry from Mr. Robert S. Vogel, of the American Friends Service Committee, asking what action, if any, was taken by the Jewish Welfare Board about the financial support of Jewish conscientious objectors. You will recall that at our last meeting of the Executive, we instructed our representatives on the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities to take the matter up with the Jewish Welfare Board inasmuch as we felt that this is clearly an obligation of the Jewish Welfare Board. Will you find out for me what action, if any, was taken?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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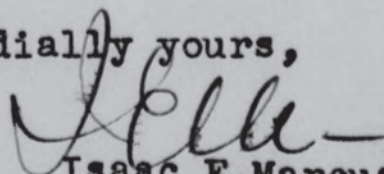
Dear Colleague:

The votes on the Freed case are horribly slow in coming in. However since several of the votes state that we should make application immediately to the two hospitals and use whatever influence we have to see that Freed is admitted as early as possible, I thought I would send you this partial report in case you want to communicate with someone in Palestine and make such application.

Personally I would suggest that in your letter either to the hospital authorities or to Magnes we offer to pay let us say twenty-five dollars a month for the care of Freed for the next five years provided Magnes is satisfied with the care that he is receiving and with the promise that we will continue to pay this amount if the situation warrants.

I shall send you a complete report as soon as the other votes come in.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary

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VOTE ON FREED CASE

Discontinue	\$40	\$70
Aryeh Lev	Binstock	Feldman
	David Wice (2)	David Wice (2)
	Bloom	Freehof*
	Marcus	Zeiger
		Regner
		Brav *
		Marcuson**

\* That we make application and pay until Freed is admitted to hospital.

(1)-(2) means first and second choice.

\*\* That we offer to pay hospital \$25.00 a month



January 20, 1946

Rabbi Isaac Edward Marcuson  
204 Buford Place  
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I am happy to learn that Leipziger is on the  
Conference Committee on Chaplains.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



Macon Ga. 10:20

Leipzger was on conference committee,  
number unlimited.

WRHS



I. C. Marcuson

Robert Isaac Edward  
204 Buford Place



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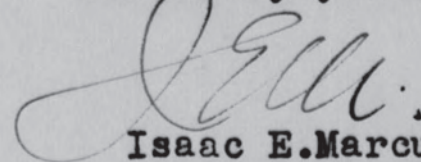
Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of January 20 referring to  
Leipziger and the Committee on Chaplains.

By the way are you out of Conference stationery?  
The letter was written on the letterhead of the Zionist Organ-  
ization of America.

Am returning the Leipziger letter.

Cordially yours,

  
Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

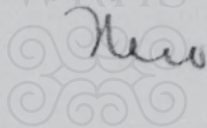
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Emil Wilhelm Leipziger

4538 St. Charles Ave

WRHS



New Orleans, La



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

Dear Colleague:

I have been wanting to call your attention to the fact that Jacob Raisin of Charleston, S.C. died and we shall have to name someone to prepare a Memorial resolution. He graduated in the class of 1900 and the available members of his class are Dave Lefkowitz Sr., Emil Leipziger and George Zepin. Do you want to name one of them and ask that he write a short Memorial resolution? His successor Sidney Unger just came there and probably would know nothing about him.

Cordially yours,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*  
Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

IEM/jf



January 25, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I wrote today to Dr. David Lefkowitz asking him to write the Memorial Resolution on Rabbi Jacob Raisin.

On January 16 I wrote to Rabbi Ariel Goldberg requesting him to write the resolution on Dr. Calisch.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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

Dear Colleague:

Enclosed please find final vote on Freed case.

It seems as though a majority favor payment of \$70 until  
the next meeting of the Executive Board or until Freed  
can be gotten into an institution.

have

I been wanting to ask you before but have forgotten.

Do you plan to call a meeting of the Executive Board during  
the meeting of the Union in Cincinnati. It has been customary  
in the past if the president had anything important on hand  
to call a meeting of the Executive Board at lunch someday  
during the meeting for those who plan to attend the Union  
meeting. If you wish to call such a meeting let me know  
as soon as possible so that I can ask the Union officials  
to arrange a special room for us for a luncheon meeting  
probably Monday, March 4. As soon as you have decided to  
extend Freed's subsidy, please let me know or let Regner know  
so that a voucher can be drawn.

Cordially yours,

*I. E. M.*

Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary

IEM/jf



January 28, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I would suggest that you canvass the Board members to find out how many plan to attend the Union meeting in Cincinnati. If most of them do plan to attend, we will call a meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Dear Colleague:

I am receipt of a letter from the president of the  
Conference as follows:

Please canvass the members of the  
Executive Board to find out how  
many plan to attend the Union meet-  
ing in Cincinnati, If most of them  
do plan to attend, we will call a  
meeting.

Kindly let me know by return mail whether you plan to  
attend the meeting of the Union in Cincinnati. Let me add  
that the Conference does not pay expenses for attending this  
meeting if one is called.

Cordially yours,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*

Isaac E. Marcuson

Administrative Secretary

IEM/jf



February 1, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Rabbi Silver requested me to send you the enclosed  
letter which he received from Dr. Lefkowitz.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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February 4, 1946

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Dear Colleague: .

I am in receipt of a notice from Kingsport Press stating that beginning February 1 they are compelled to raise prices ten percent to cover wage increases which they have granted. I have circularized the Publications Committee and they are unanimously in favor of increasing the price of Union Prayer Books to \$1.25 a copy in place of \$1.00 as at present and to raise the price of the Union Hymnal to \$1.00 a copy in place of .90.

Since the price of publications is fixed by the Executive Board, would you kindly advise me by return mail that you approve of this advance in price. Since all the activities of the Conference depend on income from publications, I feel that it is necessary to make this increase in order to protect our running expenses.

Cordially yours,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*

Isaac E. Marcuson

Chairman, Publications.



February 6, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

In reply to your letter of February 4 with reference to the necessity of raising the price of the Union Prayer Book and of the Hymnal in view of the ten percent increase which the Kingsport Press is asking of us, I wish to state that I agree with the Publications Committee whose opinion you have polled, and who are in favor of increasing the price of the Union Prayer Book to \$1.25, and the Union Hymnal to \$1.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



February 6, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

At our October meeting last year, it was voted that the Committee on Synagogue Music should consider the advisability of revising the Union Hymnal and to report to the next convention. Has the Committee on Synagogue Music been at work? Dr. Gamoran has been pressing me again for the Song Book proposal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

Replying to your very kind letter of February 6th, inquiring as to whether the Committee on Synagogue Music has been at work on the Union Hymnal.

I am afraid that Singer has again run ahead of the action of the Conference. The Committee was instructed to consider the advisability of revising the Hymnal. Singer wrote me the other day, "We are working on a revision and a reduction in bulk of the Hymnal, Volume I. These tasks require a great deal of work, but we must not wait longer". I was more anxious that Singer go ahead and get out the music for Volume II of the Union Prayerbook. We need that badly and really could wait a year for the revision of the Hymnal without suffering a calamity in American Israel.

May I say that if the Hymnal is being revised perhaps a new committee should be put in charge. I think this is the same committee that revised it before with the same queer ideas in regard to new types of Jewish music. It is true they have gotten rid of Binder, but Singer is tied up with Werner and that may be just as bad. I think the Executive Board ought to consider this very seriously. What we want most is music that people can sing.

Cordially yours,

*I. E. M.*  
Isaac E. Marcuson,  
Administrative Secretary

P.S. I am calling a meeting of the Executive Board at noon, March 4th, at the Netherland Plaza Hotel. It seems as though a quorum will be present.

IEM:EM



February 14, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I rather like the idea that Singer has gone ahead with the revision of the Hymnal, Volume I, although I agree with you that a few new people should be added to the Committee who would make the Hymnal "more singable". You might bring this suggestion to the attention of Singer. Also, you might ask him what progress he has made in the matter of getting out the music for Volume II of the Union Prayer Book.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



February 21, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Marcuson:

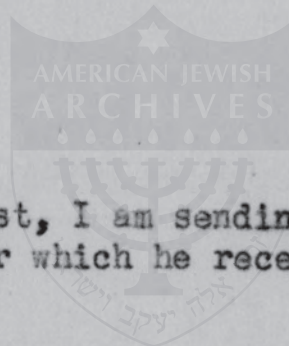
At Dr. Silver's request, I am sending  
you herewith the enclosed letter which he received  
from Dr. Brickner.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Dr. Silver





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E. 105th St. and Ansel Road

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Dear Colleague:

I suppose you know by now that we have run up against a snag in our attempt to hold an Executive Board meeting Monday noon on account of a luncheon meeting which Freehof will address. I am therefore asking the men to meet for five minutes to decide on some other time when we can meet. Egelson tells me that Wednesday noon is free. We may meet then. There are several important matters we should discuss.

You ask me to suggest to Singer that he put a few new men on his committee. I regret to say that you can't suggest anything to Singer. He is the most sensitive individual that I have ever had any dealings with. Any suggestion that you make he immediately interprets as doubt of his ability and he wants to resign. I have asked him twice about the music for Vol. II. He now tells me it will be ready in May which is too late to have it published in time for the Holy Days but he does not seem to realize that printing takes time these days. I'll talk to him in Cincinnati and see what I can do.

Cordially yours,  
*Isaac Marcuson*



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Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

At the meeting of the Executive Board Folkman said something about a resolution referring to the National Committee on Atomic Information. Finally it was referred to a committee of which Folkman was to be a member. Folkman writes and asks me who was named on the committee. I do not remember your appointing it at the meeting nor have I received any information from you concerning it since.

At the October meeting of the Executive Board a motion was made and adopted to appoint a committee to work-over the Rabbi's Manual and to revise it as necessary. A few weeks later you wrote and asked me who was on the old committee and I gave you the list of names. In the original motion it was stated that Samuel Cohon who was chairman of the old committee should be a member of the new committee. While in Cincinnati I asked Cohon what they were doing and he knew nothing about it, and said he had never been notified. Did you ever appoint the committee and who is on it? We need these books badly and if we are going to revise the volume the committee ought to get busy. We



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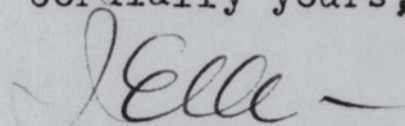
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Cordially yours,



ISAAC E. MARCUSON

Secretary





C O P Y

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204 Buford place

Macon, Ga.

March 21, 1946

Rabbi Samuel Wohl  
Isaac M. Wise Temple  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of the 19th asking what was done about the Jewish Welfare Board putting a sum of money at the disposal of the Rabbinical Associations to help returning Chaplains. I regret to inform you that I do not know. The person from whom you will have to get information is Dr. Silver or perhaps Rabbi Brickner. The matter was not brought up at the special meeting of the Executive Board held in Cincinnati. I did not put it on the agenda because I had no report from anyone that such a meeting had been held. There was a report in regard to Conscientious Objectors.

Why don't you ask Egelson? He is a member of our Jewish Welfare Board Committee and he may know something about it. As soon as I get to it I shall send you the discussion. But it just occurs to me that you will get your Yearbook in the next day or two and I reported this discussion in full; however, if you want the Stenographer's transcript, I shall be glad to send it to you.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary



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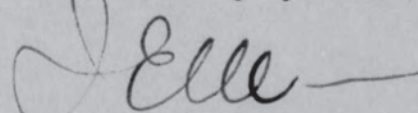
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Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I am in receipt of the enclosed letter from the State Department. I do not know if you plan to have an observer at the meeting but if so we would have to issue a letter of designation properly signed and sealed. Kindly let me know.

Cordially yours,



ISAAC E. MARCUSON

Secretary

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March 22, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Your letter of March 15 concerning the Rabbi's Manual rather surprises me. The enclosed letter which I received last January from Freehof will indicate to you not only that the Committee was appointed, and also the members of the Committee, but that Cohon was put on the Committee and that Dr. Freehof wrote to the members of the Committee. I would suggest that you get in touch with Freehof and check on the matter.

As regards the committee to cooperate with the National Committee on Atomic Information -- that committee has not yet been appointed. Have you any suggestions for membership on that Committee. Will you also send me the text of the resolution which was adopted on the subject?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



March 25, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

From your letter to Rabbi Wohl dated March 21 I infer that you have not received a copy of the letter from Rabbi Feldman giving the findings of the committee which was appointed to study the question of obtaining a sum of money from the Jewish Welfare Board to help returning Chaplains. I am enclosing herewith Rabbi Feldman's statement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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March 25, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

E. 105th St. and Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just sent to Freehof. I hope it will clear up the situation about Rabbis Manual. In regard to Committee on Atomic Information, I am likewise perplexed. <sup>1</sup>Folkman appeared before the Executive Board and stated that some sort of resolution was being drawn up. The action of the Executive Board was based on that resolution but I have never succeeded in getting a copy of the resolution from Folkman. It should have been embodied in the minutes.

The day after the meeting I received a telegram from this organization asking us to take action. Naturally I sent a copy of the telegram to Folkman who replied that I should have sent it to the Commission on Justice and Peace. Was Folkman representing the Commission on Justice and Peace? He is not on it. If it was a matter for the Commission on Justice and Peace, why didn't Isserman, who was sitting there, present it? In the meantime Folkman sent me a letter from this organization stating that their purpose is merely to disseminate information and no



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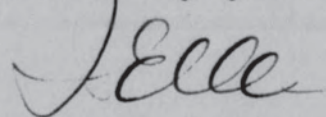
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organization connected with them is committed to any policy.

How can they disseminate information unless they have a definite policy and who shall decide the policy?

I donot know enough about the whole matter and how it happened to come before the Executive Board to say who should be on the committee. The committee was merely authorized to gather information about the organization and report to the June meeting of the Executive Board. If Folkman thinks that it ocmes in the province of Justice and Peace I would suggest Julius Mark who is vice-chairman and rather level headed.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

IEM/jf



March 25, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

In reply to your letter of March 22, I would suggest that we invite Rabbi Louis I. Newman to be the observer for the CCAR at the Security Council. It would be desirable to have a New Yorker act as observer.

I note that Rabbi Newman has not been on any of the Conference committees. Is there any reason for it?

Please notify Rabbi Newman that I have appointed him. Send him a letter of designation and request him to appear in person as required in the letter. I am returning the letter to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



March 26, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I received a letter from Rabbi Harry J. Stern of Montreal in which he writes: "The first has to do with the new National Act of 1940 which has been postponed and comes due October next. I am anxious that the Conference be on guard and see to it that the Union takes action in safeguarding the citizenship of non-native born U.S. citizens ministering in foreign lands. The Legislation might be amended so that it will not affect clergy and educators. I am writing to you as President of the CCAR on this vital subject that you may look into the matter or appoint a Committee to examine what can be done."

I am wondering what we can do about it and how to go about the matter. Should we refer it to one of our Committees?

Rabbi Stern also wishes that the next annual convention of the CCAR in 1947 should meet in Montreal. It will be fifty years since the CCAR met in Montreal under the chairmanship of Isaac M. Wise. Please bring the matter up at the proper time at one of our Executive meetings.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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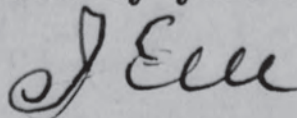
March 28, 1946

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

Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of March 25 and have notified Rabbi Newman of his appointment as observer at the Security Council. You asked why Rabbi Newman is on no Conference Committees. Rabbi Newman has taken very little interest in the Conference perhaps following the lead of his patron saint Stephen Wise. He joined the Conference in 1924 which is 22 years ago and in that time has attended six conventions. He has served on some of the principal committees of the Conference but seemingly has taken no part in the activities of the committee. I think he has refused on one or two occasions to serve on committees when appointed. I really think the atmosphere of the CCAR is too quiet and peaceful for Newman. He seems to like excitement.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

IEM/jf



March 29, 1946

Rabbi Isaac Marcuson  
204 Buford Place  
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I have a letter from Rabbi Aaron Opher who writes that the CCAR never informed the Synagogue Council of America until my letter reached him on March 22 of the appointment and the changes which we made in our representation to the Synagogue Council of America and of the new members which we added. Is that correct? You will recall that we dropped from the committee the name of Louis Wolsey and substituted that of David Wice, and the name of Aaron Opher and substituted for him Maruice Bloom.

I had to inform Rabbi Opher on March 22 to drop my own name from the committee inasmuch as fifteen instead of fourteen delegates were appointed. Opher is also put out over the fact that his name was omitted from the CCAR delegation in view of the services which he rendered both the CCAR and the Synagogue Council of America.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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March 29, 1946

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

Dear Colleague:

Replying to your letter of March 26 referring to a request of Rabbi Harry J. Stern of Montreal bearing on the national act to safe guard the citizenship of non-native born U.S. citizens ministering in foreign lands. I would suggest that you take this matter up with Morgenstern who handled it a few years ago and see just what was accomplished. At the request of Dr. Mattuck's brother Morgenstern went to Washington and consulted the State Department and finally they succeeded in having the thing postponed until 1947. I am sure that a further postponement could be secured or that some change could be made in the law. Dr. Morgenstern could tell you who handled the matter for the Union and the Conference.

I shall make a notation about the convention in Montreal.

Cordially yours,

*I. E. Marcuson*  
Isaac E. Marcuson

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Dear Colleague:

Replying to your letter of March 29. Of course notices were sent giving the new list of representatives on the Synagog Council. Of course we did not call attention to the fact that Opher was discontinued. We simply sent a list of the representatives on the Council. Each year we get kicks from men who say they were not notified and then admit that they received a list of certain committees but failed to look at them and did not see on what committees they had been appointed. But when the notices were sent out, the chairman is also notified to immediately contact his committee members and organize his committee. Whether Rosenblum did so this year I do not know. I must tell you something funny. A few days ago I wrote you that Newman had never been interested in the work of the CCAR. I received proof of it today. I wrote him that the president had instructed me to inform him that he was chosen observer at the Security Council. He replied, accepting the appointment and asking me to thank Dr. Freehof president of



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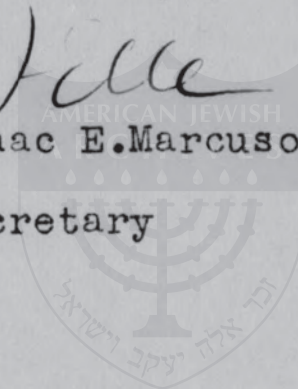
the Conference for naming him. I did not think it possible for any member of the Conference not to know who was president especially when he had the letterhead of the Conference before him giving the names of the officers.

Cordially yours,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*  
Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

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VINE STREET TEMPLE  
NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

DR. JULIUS MARK  
RABBI

April 2, 1946

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Blvd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Personal

Dear Abe:

I have just read in the current YEARBOOK the transcript of the discussion on the question of the sale of Union Prayer Books to Chaplains by the CCAR. The attitude of Rabbis Brickner and Bernstein was shameful, to say the least. Throughout the period of the war, the Reform chaplains were constantly harassed by the obstacles placed in their path by our own representatives on CANRA.

Just think of the "chutzpah" of telling the CCAR not to sell prayer books to our own men! As for "imposing" Reform upon men who preferred Orthodox or Conservative Services - why it's preposterous! During the three and a half years I served as a Navy Chaplain I used the Reform Service not because I wanted to "impose" anything on my men, but because it proved most satisfactory to my sailor congregations. I kept my cap on, because I knew that worshipping bare headed would prove too radical a departure for most of the men.

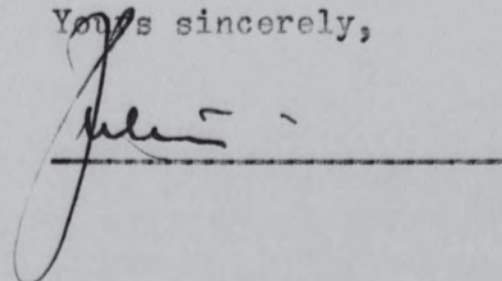
Fortunately for us of the Navy, the civilian ecclesiastical bodies were not permitted to exercise authority over their chaplains as was the case with the Army. Personally, therefore, I have no complaints to offer. Union Prayer Books and Union Haggadahs were immediately forthcoming when I ordered them from JWB. As for the Army chaplains, some of them had one aitch of a time.

It is because of the nasty - and in some cases dictatorial - attitude of our own representatives on CANRA that many of the returning chaplains are more or less disgruntled. You can imagine how all the chaplains present felt at the UAHC Banquet, which was supposed to have been given in their honor. Some of them even threatened to return the "citations" when they arrived.

I am marking this letter "personal", because I am not interested in stirring up anything. It was merely my feeling that, as president of the Conference, you might wish to receive this information.

Yours sincerely,

JM:BB





April 4, 1946

Dr. Julius Mark  
Vine Street Temple  
Nashville 3, Tenn.

My dear Julius:

I received your letter of April 2. I read it with keen interest and I agree with you fully. We had quite a discussion about the matter at the last Conference but we carried our point.

Other chaplains have also written to me about the UAHC banquet and the treatment which was given to the chaplains, where they were supposed to be honored for their services. The whole business was quite shabby and I can appreciate the resentment of the men.

I trust that you are well, and I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you soon, certainly at the CCAR Convention in Chicago.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



April 9, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Rabbi Rosenblum of New York writes to me as follows:

"It is true that Rabbi Marcuson forwarded the list of representatives on the Synagogue Council but it was on that little strip of yellow paper, one of several such strips, and I do not recall the direction to contact the members of my Committee although I do not question in any wise the assurance of Rabbi Marcuson that he did so.

"Merely as a matter of greater efficiency in the future, I would suggest that Committee Chairmen be apprised of the roster of their committees by formal letter and that each member of the Conference be notified of his appointment to committees in like manner.

"I am sure you understand that in all of my comments I am not trying to be critical but to be helpful."

I believe there is merit in Rabbi Rosenblum's suggestion. I think that the "strip" should be abandoned, and in its place a letter should be sent out to each member informing him of the committee to which he has been appointed, and to each chairman of a committee giving him the names of all the members of his committee and requesting him to contact his members and to arrange for a meeting if necessary.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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April 11, 1946.

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

Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of April 9th with the suggestion of Rabbi Rosenblum in regard to committee notifications. As it happens, that is the system which we used to follow and there were more complaints than now. I am enclosing a copy of the form which we used to use. Attached to each chairman's letter was the complete list of the committee, and the system did not work. For that reason we decided to send each member the complete list with the name of his chairman so that he could contact the chairman if he did not hear from him. We have always sent printed lists from the year book, but this year the printer was so late and could promise us no date when he could furnish us the printed list so we resorted to the mimeographed list. Rabbi Rosenblum to whom I am sending a copy of this letter simply failed to check his list, and to contact his members which every chairman is asked to do.

So far as this office is concerned, we are perfectly willing to go back to the old system as it was much easier than the new, but you will find that it will be objectionable again.

Cordially yours,

*I. E. Marcuson*  
I. E. Marcuson  
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CC: Rabbi William F.  
Rosenblum.



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NOTICE OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Dear Colleague:

I beg to inform you that you have been appointed  
(4)  
on the committee mentioned below and request that you return the  
enclosed card accepting the appointment.

Cordially yours,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*

Recording Secretary.



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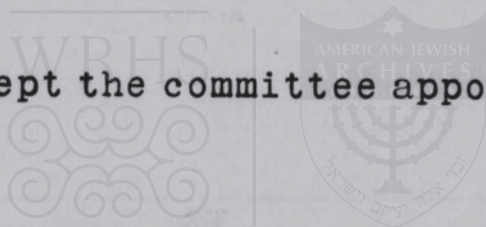
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# Central Conference of American Rabbis

I do  
below.

accept the committee appointments noted



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April 17, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

In reply to your letter of April 11 - I think that your older system of notification was a better one. Each member of the Conference who is appointed on a committee should be notified by letter of his appointment. He should also be notified who the chairman of his committee is. Each chairman of a committee should be sent the names of all the members who comprise his committee.

With all good wishes for a happy Passover, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



*Mount Zion Temple*  
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*Saint Paul*

HARRY S. MARGOLIS  
RABBI

April 17, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6 Ohio

Dear Friend:

Now that I am back home after six weeks of convalescence in Florida, I am permitted by my physician to assume gradually some of my former duties.

Accordingly, I have advised Rabbi Binstock that I will resume the treasurer's duties as of May 1.

I am glad to report that I have made considerable progress during the past few months. I am deeply grateful to you and the other officers who have cooperated so splendidly and facilitated the treasurer's work.

While down in Florida, I saw Mel Harris and his wife. We enjoyed being together and talked over old times.

With warmest greetings and best wishes for the Passover season to you and your dear ones, in which my wife joins me, I am -

As Ever,

*Harry*

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

Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of April 17 in regard to the manner of sending notices. I am perfectly willing to go back to the old method but there were so many objections that I was instructed to send each member the full committee list. Either method would not have avoided the difficulty in the case of the Synagog Council. You did not reappoint Ahron Opher. Hence he received no notice. Rosenblum evidently did not check over his list to see that changes were made. Whoever received the list on behalf of the Synagog Council glanced at it and took for granted that the list was unchanged. We certainly can't notify members and tell them that they have not been reappointed. We state each chairman should be sent the names of all the members who comprise his committee. Not only is each chairman sent this list but every member is sent a printed list with the names of the whole committee.

Could you by any chance tell me what has become of a Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Lowenstein who lived on Sunset Drive, Cleveland



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Ohio. A lady asked me to inquire. She and her husband traveled with them to the Orient and corresponded with them for some years. They even stopped here on their way to Florida. Then suddenly the correspondence ceased and they heard nothing more from the Lowensteins. Probably one or both of them died but they would like to know whether they are still alive and if possible their address.

Cordially yours,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*  
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Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof

4905 Fifth Ave.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sol:

I am trying to get definite information as to what you are doing about the Rabbis Manual. When I was in Cincinnati some weeks ago I spoke to Sam Cohen because I knew that the resolution had mentioned his name to be on the new committee. I understood him to say that he knew nothing about it and that he would not serve. I therefore wrote to Silver asking if the committee had ever been appointed and who was on it. He replied, sending a copy of your letter to him of January 21.

Have you ever organized your committee and have you ever done anything about looking over the Rabbis Manual? We are completely out of books. If the changes to be made are minor and you can give them to me soon, I would appreciate it. If the revision is to be drastic, I think we should print another edition of the manual which I imagine we could sell out before the new edition would be ready.

Please let me know what you have done and what progress you have made.

Cordially yours,



April 30, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

You inquire about Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lowenstein.  
Mr. Lowenstein died last year. The address of Mrs. Lowenstein  
is 2585 Kemper Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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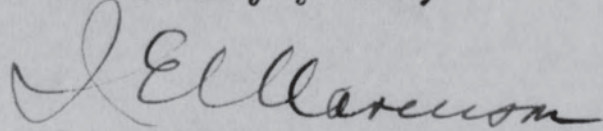
April 30, 1946

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

Dear Colleague:

I do not know if you have begun on your President's Message but I just want to call your attention to the fact that it ought to be in my hands not later than June 10 and earlier if possible so that it can be printed and we can read proof and get it to Chicago in time for the convention. Printers are very slow these days and it is necessary to allow them plenty of time.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson

Secretary

IEM/jf



May 2, 1946

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson  
207 Buford Place  
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I am enclosing herewith a letter of Sol Freehof on the subject of the Rabbi's Manual. Do you believe that it is immediately urgent to have another printing of the Manual, or can the matter wait until after our next Conference?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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May 6, 1946

Rabbi Melbourne Harris

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Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of May 1 enclosing copy of letter sent to Rabbi Silver. I think that you are wrong in your attitude. The Executive Board didn't kick you out but had no choice but to terminate your membership in the Conference when you resigned from the rabbinate to engage in an occupation unrelated to rabbinical service. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Constitution and would call your attention to Article 3 Section 4 which reads "Membership in the Conference shall be terminated by the action of the Executive Board whenever a rabbi leaves the ministry permanently and enters into an occupational profession unrelated to rabbinical service".

So you see when you notified the secretary that you were giving up your rabbinical work no choice was left to the Executive Board.

Cordially yours,

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Isaac E. Marcuson, Secretary



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

Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of May 2 enclosing letter of Rabbi Freehof. Rabbi Freehof had already sent me a copy of this letter. I had decided to wait until after the Executive Board meeting in June before printing another edition of the Rabbis Manual. My presenting the matter to the Executive Board was merely a matter of routine which the Publications Committee always follows before printing a new edition of any book except the Prayer Book. Personally I do not think that the book needs drastic revision and it seems to be satisfactory in its present form. I think the stock on hand will carry us until Fall and if we decide at the Executive Board meeting not to revise the book I can then place a printing order.

Cordially yours,

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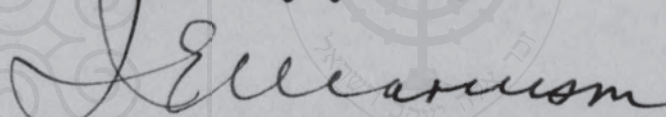
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Ansel Rd. & 105th St.,  
Cleveland, 6, O.

Dear Colleague:

Am enclosing herewith a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Synagog Music and my answer thereto. If you can think of any better solution, please write to Singer direct.

The Committee should have arranged for compensation when the work was assigned, but since it failed to do so it must make the best settlement it can, if we are to get the music.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson  
Administrative Secretary

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C O P Y

Dr. Jacob Singer  
Rabbi  
Temple Mizpah  
1615 Morse Avenue  
Chicago, 26, Ill.

May 20, 1946

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

Dear Isaac:

Thank you so much for your last letter. Now I realize that my responsibility ends with the procurement of the manuscript music for the Hymnal Vol. II( for the High Holidays). Be assured that I am happy to be relieved.

My real question now is how to arrange for compensation to the composers who have sent us music. I remember that we paid \$10 or \$15 for each hymn song, but in this case some of the settings are of larger scope, and I believe that the compensation should be correspondingly larger. Besides, the 10 or 15 dollars may be rejected by these composers, and they may even withdraw their manuscripts, in which case we would be left in an embarrassing situation. What I want to know is whether the committee on Synagogue Music must negotiate with the respective composers, or whether this is the job of the Committee on Publications? It seems to me that the Executive Committee in assigning this task should have designated a definite sum earmarked for this purpose in which case we might have arranged the compensation on the length of the composition, the quality, or the availability of such a setting in the existing works on Synagogue Music.

Our Committee on Synagogue Music is planning a final meeting here in Chicago early in June. At that time we are in hopes of having all the compositions in, and we will mail the manuscripts to you at once. I am eagerly awaiting your reply to this letter at your earliest opportunity.

With best wishes,

Faternally yours,

(signed)

Jacob

JS:esk



C O P Y

May 22, 1946

Rabbi Jacob Singer  
1615 Mrose Avenue  
Chicago, 26, Ill.

Dear Jake:

I have your letter of May 20th and I am greatly disturbed by it. If your Committee on Synagog Music must meet again in June to pass on the music it will mean almost the end of the month before we get our hands on the manuscript and I doubt whether the Polygraphic people can have it ready by September. Even then it would be too late to do any good because choirs would have to have it to learn it by the Holy Days. I am writing to the Polygraphic people to see what they can promise to do.

In regard to compensation, I am equally at loss what to say now. Compensation should have been fixed when you asked the composer to do the work. The Executive Board would be in no position to know how much music you plan to publish nor how much any one composer would be asked to prepare. Under these conditions it would have done no good to assign a sum. You will just have to make the best settlement you can with the composers and the Conference will have to pay it. Of course if anybody is unreasonable and demands an outrageous sum you will have to run the risk of having him withdraw his composition. No member of the Executive Board is in a position to judge what a musical composition is worth. Your committee will have to decide that.

Of course, if you wish, the matter of compensation can be left until after the meeting of the Executive Board on June 25th, but in the end I am sure the Executive Board will have to leave it to the judgment of the Committee on Synagog Music.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson  
Administrative Secretary

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May 27, 1946

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson  
Box 722  
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I understand that arrangements have been made with Mr. Henry Levy, Publicity Director of the Union, to handle the publicity of the CCAR Convention.

There was considerable complaint last year with the manner in which the publicity for the Conference was handled. I wish that sufficient funds be allowed Mr. Levy to set up adequate machinery to turn out, day by day, publicity, photographs, etc. to cover the sessions of the Conference. We should not be parsimonious in this matter. The country ought to be made aware of the sessions and of the work, and of the resolutions of the CCAR.

Please communicate with Mr. Levy and convey to him this desire on our part to have adequate coverage, and that we shall within reason provide the finances for it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR



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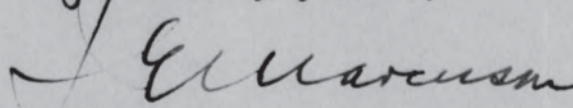
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of May 27th and to say the least I am amazed at its contents. Feldman wrote me that he told you that I was negotiating with Mr. Levy and that you had said that you would make arrangements for the publicity, and it would not be Mr. Levy. Consequently, I immediately stopped my negotiations with Levy. I had never definitely engaged him.

You state in your letter that we should not be parsimonious in this matter. But the Executive Board in approving the budget limited the amount to \$150.00, and there is nothing that I can do in the matter but stay within the limits of the budget adopted by the Executive Board. Other publicity men asked four and five hundred dollars for the week's work, but of course I could not consider them. I am now leaving the matter in your hands.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson  
Administrative Secretary

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Rabbi Isaac Marcuson  
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DUE TO PRESSURE OF WORK I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE READY IN TIME FOR PRINTING JUNE TENTH. I WILL HAVE THE MESSAGE READY FOR THE CONFERENCE AND WILL BRING ENOUGH MIMEOGRAPHED COPIES OF IT TO DISTRIBUTE AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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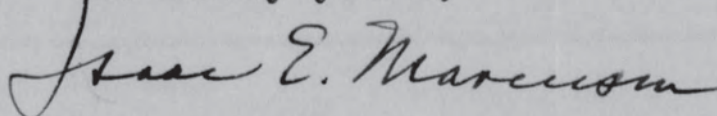
Dear Colleague:

The publicity for the Central Conference of American Rabbis Convention will be handled by Mr. Henry W. Levy. Would you kindly get to him as quickly as possible a copy of your message so that he can prepare a report for the press.

He can be reached at 3 East 65th Street, New York, 21, N.Y. until June 15th; at the office of the U.A.H.C., Merchants Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio, until June 22nd; Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill., from then on.

If we are to have proper publicity he must have your paper as early as possible.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson  
Administrative Secretary

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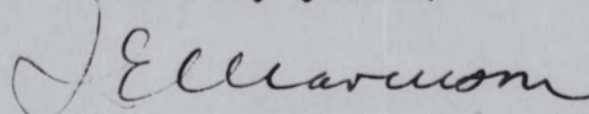
Dear Colleague:

I am in receipt of your telegram wherein you state that you cannot have your message ready in time for printing, but that you will have enough copies mimeographed for the Committee on President's Message. I hope if you have them mimeographed you will have enough copies made for all the members of the Conference. As a general rule about thirty per cent of the men attending the Convention are not present at the opening session, and will not hear the message read.

If the Committee on the President's Message makes its report in the usual form, these men will be in no position to vote on the recommendations if they have neither heard the message nor read it.

I would therefore suggest that you have a couple of hundred copies mimeographed and send them to the Convention for distribution after the message has been read.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson  
Administrative Secretary

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