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PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING

OF THE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

June 25, 1945

Atlantic City, N.J.

The pre-Conference meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis was held at Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, N.J. Monday, June 25, 1945 nine-thirty A.M. with the President, Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof in the Chair.

PRAYER. The Opening Prayer was delivered by Rabbi Braude.

MEMBERS PRESENT. Solomon B. Freehof, Abba Hillel Silver, Harry S. Margolis, Isaac E. Marcuson, Sidney L. Regner, Maurice J. Bloom, William G. Braude, Stanley R. Brav, Alan S. Green, Albert G. Minda, Phineas Smoller, Louis Witt.

PROGRAM. The program was completed. Opening Prayer, Monday evening, David Philipson, Greetings, Joseph Narot, Kaddish and Benediction, Emil W. Leipziger. Tuesday morning, Opening Prayer, Jacob Rothschild, Noon Service, Abraham Shusterman. Wednesday morning, Opening Prayer, Joshua Goldberg, Noon Service, Barnett R. Brickner.

VOTE FOR SMALL CONVENTION. Rabbi Marcuson reported that the vote approving the small convention was 334 to 19.

REPORTS. Rabbi Marcuson reported for the Committee on Publications. He stated that 25,000 of Union Prayer Book Volume II, newly revised had been sold with orders amounting to 10,000 awaiting further printing. The Executive Board decided to drop the Hebrew Text of Kol Nidre and rearrange the rest of the material on the two pages.

The secretary was authorized to notify Rabbi Rauch that he should act as Chairman of the Conversion Manual.



BEQUESTS TO PENSION FUND. It was moved and adopted that money specifically left for the Pension Fund shall go to that Fund and shall not be included in the \$150,000 which the Conference has voted to the Pension Fund.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. It was moved and adopted that after the report of the Nominating Committee the Chairman of the Committee shall read the names proposed by the Committee for each office and the president shall then read the additional names submitted by members by mail and the convention shall then record its votes for the various candidates named. It was moved and adopted that a telegram shall be sent to each member whose name has been suggested asking whether he wishes to remain as a candidate for office.

It was moved and adopted that the name of Rabbi Heller shall be retained for the Executive Board of the Union but with the understanding that if Rabbi Heller is elected he must resign from the Board of Governors by the end of the present year before his term of office on the Executive Board begins.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY. The report of the Financial Secretary was presented by Rabbi Regner and it was moved and adopted that the \$6500.00 that the Conference has agreed to pay to the Pension Fund annually shall be taken from the Relief Fund and should there be a deficit it shall be refunded from the General Fund.

COMMITTEE ON CONDENSATION OF REPORTS. Rabbis Smoller and Green were appointed a committee to go through the reports and condense them.

ETERNAL LIGHT. The Secretary reported on information which he had received from Rabbi Solomon Feinberg in regard to relationship between the American Jewish Committee and the



Jewish Theological Seminary in the presentation of Eternal Light. The president added some information which he had secured on the subject but no action was taken.

EQUALIZATION OF SALARIES.. The president read a letter from Rabbi Wolfe Macht urging that the Conference undertake a movement towards the equalization of salaries. It was moved and adopted that the president shall inform Rabbi Macht that this convention is too small to deal with this proposition.

HITLER PURIM. The Committee on Ceremonies urged that the Executive Board authorize them to prepare a special service for the celebration of a Purim on the anniversary of Hitler's defeat. It was moved and adopted that the Committee on Ceremonies be asked to continue to explore the feasibility of such a project and when they have worked out a definite plan that the Executive Board will refer it to the various religious groups for consideration. But that they should prepare no Liturgy for the day.

CHILDRENS' SERVICES FOR ROSH HASHONAH AND YOM KIPPUR. It was moved and adopted that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of preparing a new service for children for Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur to take the place of those in the Union Hymnal. If the services are to be prepared they shall be written either by a sub-committee of the Liturgy Committee or the Hymnal Committee.

CHILDRENS' SONGSTER AND CHILDRENS' SERVICES. It was moved and adopted that the task of preparing a book of childrens' songs shall be referred to a committee of which Rabbi Singer is Chairman and a book of childrens' services by a sub-committee of the Committee on Liturgy but that these services shall follow the general scheme of the Union Prayer Book so that the children may become accustomed to its form and



language. The following committees were appointed.

School Song Book, Jacob Singer, Chairman, Emanuel Gamoran, Eric Werner, Leon Fram.

Childrens Holiday Service. Abraham Feldman, Chairman, Leon Feuer and Abraham Shusterman.

SALO BARON PAPER. A request from Dr. Salo Baron that he be permitted to re-print his paper in some magazine before its appearance in the Yearbook was read. It was moved and adopted that permission be given on condition that the article be marked "presented before the CCAR."

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE. Rabbi Leipziger, Chairman of the Arbitration Committee reported that a complaint had been called to the attention of the committee of an article by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise wherein Dr. Wise called Rabbi Wolsey and Rabbi Fineshriber quislings and traitors and urged their congregations to repudiate them. Rabbi Leipziger reported that Rabbi Wise had finally agreed to retract his statements and publish the retraction in the next copy of his magazine.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Rabbi Margolis presented the report of the Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac E. Marcuson

Administrative Secretary

The following were elected to membership: Julius Fink, Joseph B. Messing and Jacob Soshuk



POST CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

Atlantic City, N.J. June 27, 1945

The Post-Conference meeting of the Executive Board was held at Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, N.J. Wednesday, June 27, 1945 with the President, Abba Hillel Silver, in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT. The following members attended:

Abba Hillel Silver, Abraham J. Feldman, Harry S. Margolis, Sidney L. Regner, Isaac E. Marcuson, Herbert I. Bloom, Stanley Brav, Solomon B. Freehof, Alan S. Green, Louis Witt and Bernard Zeiger.

TAX ON PENSIONS. An inquiry was read from Rabbi Nathan Krass as to whether Pensions were taxable for income tax. The treasurer was requested to look into the matter and to inform Rabbi Krass.

JEWISH CULTURAL PLANS. Rabbi Braude suggested a plan for raising money to carry on cultural work of the Conference. It was moved and adopted that the Program Committee shall consider the advisability of a paper on cultural work in which Rabbi Braude's proposal shall be presented to the members for consideration.

CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE. A letter from the Chairman of the Chaplaincy Committee requested that the sum of \$250.00 be voted as an honorarium to Miss Ruth Mandelkorn, Secretary to Rabbi Egelson, Secretary to the Chaplaincy Committee. It was moved and adopted that the amount mentioned be paid to Miss Mandelkorn.

CHILDRENS' HAGGADAH. A letter was read from Mrs. Sheldon Blank asking the Conference to publish a childrens Haggadah which she had prepared and which had been circulated in mimeograph form. It was moved and adopted that it was the opinion of the Executive Board that the Seder is a service for adults and children and that the Union Haggadah fills every need for such a service and there is no place for a childrens Haggadah in the ritual. The secretary was instructed



to notify Mrs. Blank that there is no possible objection to the book being published privately as a book for children.

CONTEMPORANEOUS HISTORY. The recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Contemporaneous History were read. Recommendation I, asked that the Conference petition the USSR to revoke laws forbidding religious instruction. It being the general impression that the laws forbidding religious instruction had already been revoked, it was moved and adopted that action be postponed until the October meeting until the Executive Board can ascertain the facts about the situation.

Recommendation II. That the Conference train rabbis to serve in re-organized communities of Europe. It was moved and adopted that action be postponed until October and that Miss Montagu be asked what the World Union is doing to meet this problem.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS. The recommendation of the Committee on Public Affairs that an Institute on Religion and Democracy shall be held at one of the seminaries was considered. It was moved and adopted that the secretary shall ascertain from Rabbi Mann how much such an institute would cost and report to the October meeting of the Board.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE. The motion that the Emergency Placement Committee shall continue to function to fill the need of placing returning chaplains, but that the General Placement Committee shall be re-organized or activated was taken up for consideration. It was moved and adopted that a committee of from five to seven shall be appointed by the president to continue the study of a Permanent Placement Committee and report to the next convention.

EMERGENCY PLACEMENT COMMITTEE. The request of the Emergency Placement Committee for a paid secretary was taken up for consideration. It was moved and adopted that the committee shall ascertain whether one of the retired rabbis will not be interested to undertake this work. Since it was



reported that the chaplains would be released a few at a time, the Emergency Placement Committee was asked to further study the needs and report to the October meeting of the Executive Board.

CHURCH AND STATE. It was moved and adopted that the Committee on Church and State be asked to prepare leaflets or booklets carrying information about religious instructions in public schools for wide distribution and that these leaflets be submitted to the Executive Board for approval before publication.

COMMITTEES ON CEREMONIES, MUSIC, LITURGY. On account of the statement contained in the report of the Committee on Synagogue Music that the Committee on Ceremonies had published a Kiddush service without consulting the Committee on Synagogue Music the Executive Board suggested that it would probably be well for the Chairmen of the Committees on Ceremonies, Music and Liturgy to meet once a year and consider any conflicting plans which the Committees have under consideration. The President of the Conference was authorized to appoint one of the three Chairmen to call the meeting.

MUSIC FOR VOLUME II, NEWLY REVISED. The Committee on Synagogue Music was instructed to go ahead and prepare music for the places in Volume II newly revised which are not covered by the music in the Union Hymnal and when the task is completed, it shall be referred to the Executive Board for publication.

✓ JUSTICE AND PEACE. The request of the Commission on Justice and Peace for a full time executive secretary was referred to the October meeting of the Executive Board. In the meantime it was suggested that the Chairman explore the possibility of the Brotherhood and the Union cooperating in such an enterprise.

Referring to the action of the Conference that a different type of report shall be sent in by the Commission, it was moved and adopted that the Commission shall prepare a



full report without recommendations which shall be sent to the members of the Conference one month before the convention. That a short report touching on two or three outstanding events within the province of this Commission together with recommendations shall be prepared to be presented to the Convention for adoption. A copy of this report shall be in the hands of the members of the Executive Board one month before the convention.

That the statement of the Commission on Race Relations shall be printed in the Yearbook this year but this shall not be interpreted as a standing practice for the future.

JOINT COMMISSION ON MUSIC. The recommendation of the Committee on Synagogue Activities asking for a Joint Commission on Music was discussed. It was moved and adopted that it is the opinion of the Executive Board that there is no need of a Joint Commission on Music: that with the exception of the services for small choirs contained in the Union Hymnal the Conference does not publish music. Further action was postponed until October.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS. A letter was read from Rabbi Lelyveld stating that the Society of Friends who had been working with conscientious objectors during the war had incurred an expense amounting to about \$3000.00 in caring for Jewish conscientious objectors and asking the Conference for assistance in paying this amount. It was moved and adopted that the secretary shall communicate with Rabbi Currick and ascertain whether it would not be well to consult the JWB and B'nai B'rith and see if they would be willing to offer some assistance in meeting this obligation.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES. It was moved and adopted that the President shall appoint a Committee on Committees consisting of three members of the Executive Board who shall prepare a list of standing committees for the coming year and present these recommendations to the October meeting of



the Board. The President shall also name a committee to meet with a committee of the Union to fill Commission vacancies.

TELEGRAM ON PALESTINE. A telegram was read from Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council asking that a telegram be sent the President of the United States urging action in favor of a Jewish commonwealth. It was moved and adopted that the President shall prepare a reply within the limits of the resolution presented by the Committee on Contemporaneous History urging free immigration and the abrogation of the White Paper.

UNION-CONFERENCE BOOK CONCERN. The recommendation of the President that a committee be appointed to explore the possibilities of a Union-Conference Book Concern was discussed and a committee consisting of Freehof, Marcuson and was appointed to consider the advisability of such an enterprise to report to the October meeting of the Executive Board.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. The secretary was instructed to have the resolution in memory of Mr. Roosevelt as presented by the Committee on President's Message engrossed and after it was signed by the President and Past-President it is to be forwarded to Mrs. Roosevelt. It was suggested that the Union might be able to have the resolution engrossed.

UNION-CONFERENCE PENSION FUND. It was reported that the Union had appropriated the sum of \$2500.00 in addition to its fixed contribution to the Pension Fund. There was a difference of opinion as to whether this \$2500.00 represented a gift to the Pension Fund or was part of a pledge which had been made by Mr. Adolph Rosenberg that the Union would relieve the Conference of its obligation to pay into the Pension Fund \$5000.00 a year as soon as the Union was financially able to do so. It was moved and adopted that the President of the conference shall discuss the matter with Mr. Rosenberg and find out from him just what the intent of the Union was.



BUDGET. Rabbi Regner presented the budget for the coming year. It was moved and adopted that \$2500.00 be allowed for the Union-Conference Fund and that \$2500.00 be placed in the Contingent Fund to cover the possibility of paying the full \$5000.00 to the Pension Fund.

PARIS SYNAGOGUE. It was moved and adopted that the sum of \$250.00 be sent to the World Union for the purpose of restoring the Reform Synagogue in Paris and that Miss Montagu be asked to inform the Executive Board how much they are attempting to raise and how much will be needed for the restoration work.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE. The President was authorized to appoint a committee of three on Time and Place for the next convention.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS, HEBREW UNION COLLEGE. Dr. Morgenstern, President of the HUC, presented a request of the Board of Governors that the CCAR discontinue naming representatives on the Board of Governors when the terms of the present members expire and allow the Board of Governors to name its own members up to the limit allowed by law. It was moved and adopted that the Executive Board shall receive the information and transmit it to the Conference with the recommendation that we accede to the request of the Board of Governors and do not appoint representatives when the terms of our present representatives expire.

PROGRAM. It was moved and adopted that Rabbi Feldman shall be Chairman of the Program Committee for the next convention and that Rabbis Polish and Braude shall co-operate with him preparing suggested programs for the next convention, the committee to report to the October meeting of the Executive Board.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL SURVEY. The President was authorized to appoint a committee to survey the work of the Synagogue Council as recommended in the President's Message.



KAPLAN PRAYER BOOK. Rabbi Freehof was instructed to prepare a resolution condemning the action of a group of rabbis of the agudat Harabbanim who according to the accounts which have appeared in the press ex-communicated Dr. Mordecai Kaplan and burned a copy of his newly issued Prayer Book. After the resolution of Rabbi Freehof is approved by the President it shall be given out to the press.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. The fall meeting of the Executive Board shall be held in Cincinnati, Tuesday, October 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*

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Administrative Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, OCTOBER 9, 1945

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis was held at Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, Tuesday, October 9, 1945 with the President, Abba Hillel Silver, in the Chair.

OPENING PRAYER. The Opening Prayer was delivered by Rabbi Abraham Feldman.

MINUTES APPROVED. The minutes of the Post-Conference meeting which had been sent to all members were unanimously approved.

MEMBERS PRESENT. The following members were present: Rabbis Silver, Feldman, Margolis, Regner, Marcuson, Brav, Feinstein, Green, Lev, Marcus, Witt, Bloom, Freehof, Menielsohn, Polish, Wice, Mr. Adolph Rosenberg and Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath.

MEMBERS ELECTED. The following were elected to membership: Rabbis Leon Kronish, Charles Ozer, Karl Rosenthal, Floyd S. Fierman. Rabbis Ozer and Rosenthal upon payment of dues, Floyd S. Fierman upon payment of dues and upon ordination from the HUC.

TREASURER'S REPORT. The Treasurer's report was submitted by Rabbi Margolis. The following members were reported as delinquent: Samuel Perlman and Harold Reinhart. Rabbi Perlman was suspended for non-payment of dues and the secretary was instructed to write to Rabbi Reinhart.

DUES OF CHAPLAINS. The Treasurer was instructed to begin billing members who had been chaplains and were exempt from dues, from the time of their return to civilian life and also to include any dues they owed before entering the chaplaincy.

PUBLICATIONS. Rabbi Marcuson reported for the Committee on Publications and was authorized to reprint Volume II, newly revised 25,000 copies, Volume II, regular 10,000 copies, Volume I, newly revised 20,000 copies. After this printing of Volume II unrevised is exhausted, this volume will not be reprinted.

Manual for Proselytes. It was moved and adopted that the president shall appoint a new committee to revise the Manual for Proselytes, if the present committee will not act.

Rabbis Manual. The president was authorized to appoint a committee to go over the Rabbi's Manual and see if it should be revised before a new printing is authorized. The preceding Chairman, Rabbi Samuel S. Cohon to be a member of the committee.

Evening Service for Week-Days. A request from Temple Emanuel, New York to be permitted to buy copies of the Evening Service for Week-Days from the Union Prayer Book was not granted. The Chairman of the Publications Committee was instructed to notify Rabbi Perlman that the Executive Board felt it would be better to use the complete book.

Yearbook Contract. The Executive Board approved the contract with the Jewish Publication Society for printing the 1945 Yearbook.

RELIEF AND SUBVENTION. Rabbi Margolis reported for the Committee on Relief and Subvention. He stated that Rabbis Magnes and Glueck protested against the action of the Executive Board in discontinuing the payment of \$70.00 a month for the care of Rabbi Fried in a private sanatorium which payment was to cease at the end of this year. A motion to reconsider the action of the previous Executive Board to continue the payments was lost. The committee was urged to speak to Rabbi Glueck and see whether some arrangement can not be made in Palestine to care for Rabbi Fried.



PENSION BOARD The secretary presented a resolution prepared by Rabbi Zepin for the appointment of a Conference Committee on Investments to become part of a Joint Committee on Investments with the Union to handle the funds of the Pension Board. The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved:

1. A Committee, to be known as the committee on Investment of the Capital Pension Fund of the Central Conference of American Rabbis is hereby created. It shall consist of three members, who need not be members of the Conference Executive Board. The members of the Committee shall consist of Rabbis Zepin, Gup and Margolis. They shall hold office during the pleasure of the Executive Board of the Conference. In the event of vacancies at times when the Executive Board is not in session, the president of the Conference is authorized to make interim appointments.

2. Such Committee shall associate itself with a corresponding Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in charge of the Capital Pension Funds of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. This Joint Committee on Investment of Pension Funds is authorized to have the charge and custody of all investments and assets of said Funds, and may invest and reinvest any assets in the Funds with full power from time to time to purchase securities for said Funds and to sell the same.

3. The Joint Committee may make rules for the performance of its duties, including the delegation to two or more of its members of authority to have access to any safe deposit box in which securities in the Funds may be held. Upon the organization of the Joint Committee on Investment of Pension Funds, the officers of the Central Conference of American Rabbis are authorized to transfer the securities segregated for the COAR Pension Fund to this Joint Committee on Investment of Pension Funds.

The Pension Board was instructed to ascertain whether it would be better to bond the members who will handle the funds or to engage the services of a bank to act as custodian.

SUBVENTION. The Committee on Subvention asked that the amount which it would be authorized to spend for subvention be increased to \$1500.00 to cover certain applications for subventions which it has received. The treasurer was requested to send to the President and Vice-President a statement of receipts and expenditures of Relief and Subvention Fund and to whom and for what purpose the various allotments were made.

VOLUME OF ESSAYS IN HONOR OF DR. BAECK. The chairman presented a letter from Dr. Ginsberg asking whether the Conference would join in publication of a volume of essays honoring Dr. Baeck. It was moved and adopted that the chairman be authorized to notify Dr. Ginsberg that the Conference would be pleased to be associated in the publication of such a volume and will assume its proportionate share of the expenses incurred.

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS. Rabbi Feldman reported that he had received a letter from Rabbi Shusterman, Chairman of Committee on Solicitation of Funds for Relief and Subvention calling attention to the trend which had developed in securing these funds from Welfare Boards instead of direct appeals to Congregations. Rabbi Feldman stated that he had studied the reports of the last ten years and finds that there has been a material trend in this direction and that the amounts thus received were continually diminishing. After a long discussion the president suggested that the chairman of the committee be instructed to write to the members of the Conference that it was the opinion of the Executive Board that this trend was unfortunate for the fund. That the maintenance of the Relief and Subvention Fund was an obligation of the Reform Congregations and the money should not be



secured from the general community fund. That even though the other wings of Judaism ask the Jewish Community Welfare Boards to contribute money to their educational institutions, it was felt that this was an obligation which the Reform Congregations should be asked to personally maintain and that contributions should be solicited directly from the congregations.

PENSION BOARD. Rabbi Abraham Feldman was elected for a term of three years on the Pension Board in place of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver who as President of the Conference becomes an ex-officio member. Rabbi Emil Leipziger was elected for three years to succeed himself.

PARIS SYNAGOG. The secretary reported that he had written to Miss Montagu of the World Union informing her that the Conference had contributed tentatively the sum of \$250.00 for the repairs of damage to the Paris Synagog and asking just how much damage had been done and what plans were in progress for the repair of the Synagog. He stated that Miss Montagu had replied that the plans were rather indefinite and it was moved and adopted that the Conference should do nothing more until we hear definitely from Miss Montagu just what amount the World Union was attempting to raise.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. A letter was received from Boy Scouts of America calling attention to the fact that Rabbi Schachtel who was one of our representatives on the Board of the Boy Scouts had moved from New York City and asking whether we could not name a representative who lived nearer New York. Rabbi Aryeh Lev was appointed to succeed Rabbi Schachtel.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE. A letter was received from the American Friends Service Committee calling attention to the sum of money which they had paid out for the care of Conscientious Objectors among whom were about 30 Jewish men. At the Post-Conference Executive Board meeting it had been suggested that the JWB should be asked to underwrite the expenses of these Jewish men as a legitimate war obligation. Some of our representatives on CANRA reported that the matter had been discussed at CANRA but no definite conclusion had been reached. It was moved and adopted that our representatives on CANRA should be asked to reopen the question before that body and try to have a resolution passed urging the JWB to pay the expenses of the Jewish Conscientious Objectors who were being cared for by the American Friends Service Committee. It was the opinion of the Executive Board that our representatives should be told that they should vote favorably on such a resolution and should report back to the next Conference.

AID TO CHAPLAINS. The president reported that he and the heads of the other rabbinical bodies had taken up with the JWB the question of aid to chaplains during the interim between their release from military service and until the time that they could secure a position. He stated that it was made clear that the assistance should be through the rabbinical organizations to whom the JWB should give funds for this purpose.

NECROLOGY. It was moved and adopted that in the future the necrology prepared by the Committee on Contemporaneous History shall be mimeographed and sent out to the members before Yom Kippur.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION. A committee consisting of Rabbis Wice, Margolis and Feldman was named to secure a place for next Convention preferably the seashore and the late June 25, 1946 was tentatively fixed for the beginning of the convention.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION. The Amendment to the Constitution which was offered at the last Convention was discussed. It was moved and adopted that the Executive Board approves of the increase of the Executive Board by the addition of two members one of whom shall be a past president and the other shall be the immediate past president.



PROGRAM. Rabbi Feldman Chairman of the Committee on Program for the next convention reported on suggested programs for the next convention.

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

PENSION FUND. Mr. Adolph Rosenberg made a statement in regard to the \$2500.00 given to the Joint Pension Fund of the Conference and Union. He stated that this was an additional contribution on the part of the Union to help build up the Pension Fund and he thought the Conference should continue to pay the \$5000.00 it had promised so long as it could afford to do so. It was moved and adopted that the Conference shall pay to the Pension Fund \$2500.00 and await developments.

RESOLUTION ON CONDITIONS IN WORLD JEWRY. Rabbi Marcus read a resolution on conditions in world Jewry. Rabbi Silver objected to certain phrases in the resolution and it was moved and adopted that the resolution be adopted and that Rabbis Silver and Marcus shall meet and agree upon a wording of the resolution satisfactory to both. The resolution praised President Truman's action in requesting the British Government to permit one hundred thousand displaced Jews to go to Palestine and called upon Great Britain to abrogate the policy of the White Paper of 1939 and to open the doors of Palestine to dispossessed Jews.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. Committee on Commissions and Committee on Committees reported list of Commission and Committee appointments for the year which were adopted by the Executive Board.

Committees of 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 and report to the Executive Board.

JOINT COMMISSION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE. It was moved and adopted that the president shall appoint a committee to meet with a similar committee of the UAHC to study the advisability of a Joint Commission on Social Justice.

JUDAISM IN RUSSIA. It was moved and adopted that the Synagog Council be asked to appoint a committee to study the situation in regard to the teaching of religion in Russia.

SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE. Rabbi Isserman requested a grant of \$500.00 to defray the expenses of an Institute on Social Justice to be held in New York City in the next few months. It was moved and adopted that Rabbi Isserman shall be informed that he should take this matter up with the president of the Conference and give to the president details of what the money is needed for and if the president is satisfied with the use to which the money is to be put he is authorized to let the Commission have the money.

DR. MORGENSTERN. A message of sympathy was sent to Dr. Morgenstern who is ill with the sincere hope of the Executive Board for his speedy recovery.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Isaac E. Marcuson*

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Administrative Secretary



CENTRAL CONFERENCE  
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March 11, 1946

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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SPECIAL MEETING, EXECUTIVE BOARD

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 5, 1946

A special meeting of the Executive Board of the CCAR was held at Hotel Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio, Tuesday, March 5, 1946, Abba Hillel Silver presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members were present: Abba Hillel Silver, Abraham J. Feldman, Sidney L. Regner, Isaac E. Marcuson, Stanley R. Bray, Abraham Feinstein, Alan S. Green, Solomon B. Freehof, Felix S. Mendelsohn, Aryeh Lev, Jacob R. Marcus, Louis Witt, David Polish, David Wice, Bernard Zeiger.

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP: The following were elected to membership: Eli L. Cooper, Robert E. Goldberg, Joshua O. Haberman, Harry M. Orlinsky, David Raab, William Sajowitz.

SALO BARON: The secretary read letters from Dr. Salo Baron and Elliot E. Cohen, editor of the Commentary, explaining that the failure to give <sup>credit</sup> to the CCAR for the paper Spiritual Reconstruction of the Jews in Europe in Commentary was due to an error and that the omission was corrected in the second printing.

SAVE EUROPE NOW: The secretary presented a letter calling attention to the fact that an organization called Save Europe Now was using the name of the CCAR without authority. The secretary



was instructed to notify them to please discontinue using the name of the Conference.

ANTI-SEMITIC LETTER: The secretary presented a letter issued by some anti-semitic organization and signed CCAR. He reported that he had taken the matter up with the postal inspector and the inspectors asked that we try to get hold of an envelope carrying one of these letters through the mail. Members of the Executive Board were urged to be on the lookout and try to secure one of the envelopes.

FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS: Rabbi Folkman presented a resolution asking the cooperation of the Conference on behalf of the Federation of American Scientists in their effort to control the atomic bomb. It was moved and adopted that the matter be referred to a committee of three who were instructed to make a study of the nature and set up of the organization and to bring in a report at the June meeting of the Executive Board.

JUSTICE AND PEACE: Rabbi Isserman appeared before the Executive Board in regard to a poll of members which he had taken in regard to Compulsory Military Training in Peace. It was moved and adopted that no committee of the Conference shall take a poll of the members on any subject without first getting the consent of the Executive Board but that the chairman was authorized to state that no action of the Conference had ever been taken on the subject but that the poll of the members showed certain results.

CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE: Rabbis Brickner and Egelson were invited to meet with the Executive Board to discuss the future of the Committee on Chaplaincy and the Emergency Placement Committee. It was moved and adopted that the two committees shall be merged and that Rabbi Brickner shall act as chairman of the combined committee. It was moved and adopted that a committee of the combined committees shall study rules for the future guidance of the committee in the



placement of returning chaplains. In the filling of vacant pulpits preferential treatment shall be given to chaplains. Rabbi Brickner read a letter from Rabbi Stephen S. Wise referring to the case of Baruch Braunstein. In the letter Dr. Wise stated that the Institute had never accepted the decisions of the Chaplaincy Committee as binding upon it or its alumni, That is to say it never subscribed to the necessity of securing clearance for it or for its alumni. The new committee was asked to draw up rules for the placing of returned chaplains.

The Chaplaincy Committee asked that time be granted at the next convention for a Chaplaincy Program.

TEMPLE SECRETARIES: A request of the Temple Secretaries for sufficient time to present a matter before the next convention was referred to the Program Committee.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION: Rabbi Wise reporting for the Committee on Time and Place of the next convention stated that Chelsea Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J. had changed hands and that it was found to be impossible to carry out the arrangements made with the old management to meet at Atlantic City in June. The committee recommended that the convention be held at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, June 25-30 and the recommendation was adopted. Rabbi Phineas Smoller was asked to make the local arrangements with the cooperation of the Chicago members.

PENSION BOARD: The Pension Board to whom the Conference voted \$1500.00 to carry on its work reported that it was short \$504.74 from the previous year. It was moved and adopted that the sum of \$504.74 be placed at its disposal to cover expenses.

It was moved and adopted that the sum of \$300.00 which had been left to the Pension Fund be given to the Capital Fund.

No action was taken on the request of the Pension Committee



for the additional \$2500.00--the second half of the \$5000.00 which the Conference had been asked to give each year to the Pension Fund.

JOINT CONVENTIONS: No action was taken on the request of some of the former chaplains that the Conference hold joint conventions with the Conservative Rabbinical Organization.

MAIL VOTES APPROVED: The Executive Board approved the following action which had been referred to it by mail vote:

The price of Prayer Books to be increased to \$1.25 per copy and the Union Hymnal to \$1.00 per copy.

That the Pension of Abraham Freed be continued until the June meeting pending an effort to have him admitted to a sanatorium.

That Louis Binstock be named as acting Treasurer during the illness of Rabbi Margolis.

RABBI MARGOLIS: The Executive Board recorded its regret at the illness of Rabbi Margolis and the secretary was instructed to write to Rabbi Margolis expressing hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT CONVENTION: Rabbi Feldman read an outline of the program for the next convention and it was moved and adopted that Thursday night be freed for a meeting of the alumni associations, that Saturday afternoon shall be free and the musical program shall be on Saturday night.

SECOND PURIM: Rabbi Witt presented a request in behalf of the Committee on Ceremonies in regard to the establishment of a second Purim to mark the defeat of facism in Europe. It was stated that the first Purim was celebrated because the Jews were saved from destruction while in the last few years millions went to their death so there was no cause for rejoicing. That as far as a victory celebration was concerned there would no doubt be a general armistice or peace day established by the nations of the world when once the peace treaties were drawn up. The matter was referred



back to the committee for further consideration.

NORDEN MUSIC: The secretary presented correspondence in regard to music submitted by Mr.N.Lindsay Norden to the Conference Music Committee and which music had seemingly disappeared and Mr. Norden claimed had never been returned to him. The secretary was instructed to notify Mr.Norden that Rabbi Heller stated that it was a personal matter between himself and Mr.Norden in which the Conference was in no way concerned.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS: A letter was presented from Rabbi Egelson in regard to the JWB taking over the debt of the American Friends Service Committee who had been taking care of Jewish Conscientious Objectors. In the letter it was stated that the JWB was in no position to assume this obligation but that Mr. Frank L.Weil offered to underwrite \$5000.00 and asked that the various civic protective agencies underwrite their share. The meeting adjourned.

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