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DR. DAVID POLISH, RABBI

July 3, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your election to the Presidency of the Central Conference is a source of pride to all of your colleagues. I know that under your leadership, the Conference will grow in strength and in influence.

My best wishes to you in this most recent honor conferred upon you and upon the CCAR.

Sincerely,



David Polish

July 15, 1945

Dr. David Polish

Temple Israel

Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Dr. Polish:

Thank you for your thought in writing to me and
in sending me your felicitations. I trust I may be
able to do a good job.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:W

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חברת היסקן הצולח כשר היה וזוהי האל סולר שז"ס.

קצולאב

דד נכד,

אחיו שמואל אי כו"ה האל חוב ז"ס, אהיה דניאל אל קדמו מזיון
היה ותנכד מר הגורג של כ. מלמא מנין גור חוב ז"ס (מער קאדוה)
זוסר קב מהיו ציון אידאלמ מר ריבאוי הגורגא מניקו בלד.
היוכצו מלמא זיון שדשמוק שויה זיו כ אהצמ אלא מר מלמא
האלא, אהצב מר הוקצו שצו אהיה דלמנן גורג מלמא, אהיה מסולג
אזמק מלמק ואצמ. כי אצולאנן הכז, דנו זמא נקסן אלה מלמק ושר ופטר
אמר איה: אהיה מו ושרנו!
דמ וצו אה הברוק שרפ הכז לא אהיה דוולמ מלמא מנין אהצוה:
כשם שריכד מר קדוה שווא מלמקא שווא אהקטר מרמ אהיה הקדוה
אהמקא אהצוה. כן ציץ הקטר של הצולמא אהיה מר הוקצו
אציה מר. אלה אהמקצו שרפ, אהיה אצן אמר אה אצן!

כי כן מלמא מר אלמ כודשול, ואצ מלמקא מלמא מלמא ציון דוולמ אהצוה:
אוי-זקסר זוסס מר הגורגא של פולא ציון ודלו אצמ א דליה מר בליו ומי אצן שחא!
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Dr Abba H Silver

The Temple

E 105 St

Cleveland Ohio

Dear Dr Silver

I am writing to you as president
of the Central Conference of Rabbis concerning
a matter that needs attention.

About three years ago I was invited to
submit a manuscript for a prize of \$250.00;
this was an Evening Service. I sent this music
to Rabbi Heller: I have not been able to get
it returned to me. During this period I have
written over and over again to him and had my
attorney address him several times. He claims
that the manuscript is mislaid. It now has been
perhaps six months or more since I have heard
from him and I assume that the matter is closed
as far as he is concerned.

This manuscript meant many hours of
work and unfortunately I do not have a copy. I
have only a few pencil sketches. I feel that

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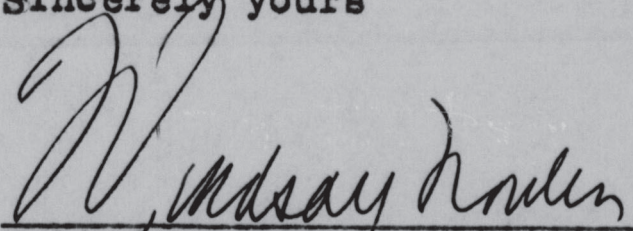
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I should be compensated for the work if it is not to be returned to me. We used the service here and now I have no organ and voice copy and it cannot be used.

This prize was offered by the Central Conference of Rabbis when Rabbi Heller was president and I believe that the organization should stand back of the offer, either seeing that the manuscript is returned or that I am compensated.

Sincerely yours


N. Lindsay Norden
Organist & Choirmaster

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CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM
NEW YORK CITY

The honor of your presence is requested at the
FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

IN TRIBUTE TO
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upon the completion of fifteen years of his
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ON FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER FOURTEENTH
Nineteen hundred and forty-five
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A Reception in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Newman will be
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Card of Admission enclosed

December 20, 1945

Dr. Louis I. Newman
Congregation Rodeph Sholom
7 West 83rd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Newman:

Upon my return from Palestine, I found the invitation of your congregation to attend the services in honor of your fifteen years of ministry with Congregation Rodeph Sholom on December 14. I regret that I was out of the country at the time and could not send you and your congregation a message of greeting and felicitation.

Please accept these belated good wishes and congratulations. I know how fruitful these fifteen years of your ministry have been in your congregation and in your community and I pray that you will be granted many more years to carry on your rich and distinguished services in behalf of our people and our faith.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 1, 1946

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman
Vice-President
Central Conference of American Rabbis
701 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Abe:

By now you must have received a copy of the letter to Eisendrath so this whole business is not in my hands any more. I can't restrain myself, however, from saying a few words on the content of your letter of January 30th.

In May 1944 a Chaplain serving the Jewish patients in a hospital in the middle west compiled some psalms and other prayers and asked a Jewish fraternal organization to publish it for him as a prayer book for the sick. This organization had the decency to turn the manuscript over to the Synagogue Council for approval, as it does all matters pertaining to religious observance.

On the 31st of October 1944, the Executive Board of the Synagogue Council, comprising two representatives of each of our constituencies, approved the project as a Synagogue Council project and appointed Rabbis Max Arst, David Pool and Samuel Shulman as a Committee to edit the booklet. Rabbi Shulman later excused himself because of illness and Rabbi Bamberger replaced him.

This Committee, and the project, was approved by the entire Synagogue Council at its meeting of November 22, 1944. Since then progress reports were submitted by the Chairman, Rabbi Arst, at each succeeding meeting of the Council and his reports were approved.

This particular fraternal organization made a contribution toward the publication of the book and arrangements were made with a publisher. The Committee decided to use very little of the original material presented by this individual Rabbi, and added additional selections from post-biblical and modern liturgical literature. At the suggestion of the publisher, who is using as his pattern several similar books published by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Rabbis were asked to contribute original prayers which may, at the discretion of the Committee, be included in the book. Now this is the history of the project.

According to the Constitution of the Synagogue Council, since this project received the unanimous approval of the representatives, it cannot now be abandoned except by the unanimous consent of all the constituencies.

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman

February 1, 1946

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As to your argument that this project is a case of "hasagas g'vul", I need not remind you that the injunction ^{against} of "hasogas g'vul" does not obtain in matters of religious education and worship.

Some of the men in the Conference and in the Union have taken a stand which, to my mind, is not only destructive of an effort to bring about some coordination in the religious life of this community, but which is harmful to the interests of the CCAR and the Union. If the Synagogue Council is destroyed or so hamstrung as to be totally ineffective, the result will not be the elimination of competition in Jewish religious life, but the turning over of the spokesmanship for American Jewry to such outfits as the Bes-din of America, the Leubavicher crowd, etc., who maintain that they are the only spokesmen for Judaism and, in the absence of an effective Synagogue Council, would be taken at their word by the non Jewish community and the government agencies.

However, that is a matter for the CCAR and the UAHC to decide upon. I hope that, if they determine to save the Synagogue Council, there is still something left to save. Right now the desire for cooperation on the part of the different constituencies of the Council has been strained to the utmost if not broken.

With warm personal greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

Rabbi Ahron Opher

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March 15, 1946

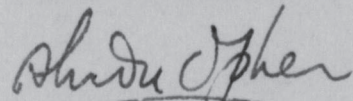
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

David Wice just informed me that last October he was appointed to the CCAR delegation to the Synagogue Council of America. We have no record of his appointment nor do we have an answer to our communication of December 14th in which we called your attention to the fact that the CCAR has listed 15 delegates, contrary to the rules of the Synagogue Council, and that a number of the CCAR delegates have not attended any meetings nor taken part in the work of any of the Committees of the Council.

I would appreciate it very much if you will send to this office at your earliest convenience the present list of CCAR delegates to the Synagogue Council.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Ahron Opher

AO:bf

March 22, 1946

Rabbi Ahron Opher
Synagogue Council of America
607 W. 161st St.
New York 32, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Opher:

In reply to your letter of March 15 - I am sorry that fifteen instead of fourteen members of the CCAR were appointed to the Synagogue Council of America. To correct the error, I would request you to drop my name from the delegation. This will leave the following fourteen members as the representatives of the Conference: William F. Rosenblum, Chairman, Bernard J. Bamberger, Maurice Bloom, Solomon B. Freehof, Max Maccoby, Marius Ranson, Max Reichler, Benedict B. Glazer, Bernard Heller, Theodore Lewis, Harry S. Linfield, Alexander A. Steinbach, Henry Tavel and David Wice.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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March 27, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President
Central Conference of American Rabbis
The Temple, East 105th St. at Ansöhl Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter of March 22nd came as a twofold surprise to me. The first is the announcement, five months later, of the appointment of two new delegates by the CCAR to the Synagogue Council, Rabbis Maurice Bloom and David Wice. Had we known of their appointment earlier, these men, who were appointed last October, might have served both the Council and the Conference well in this critical juncture of the SCA.

The second is the omission of my name from the CCAR delegation. In view of the service I have rendered to both the CCAR and the SCA, I am somewhat bewildered by this action on the part of the CCAR executive and cannot understand its motivation.

The SCA constitution provides that its officers must be elected from among the delegates. This however does not mean that a person loses his status of delegate upon election to office in the SCA. Thus its President, Herbert S. Goldstein, is still a delegate from the RCA; Landman, though Vice-President, retains his status as a delegate from the UAHC -- and the same applies to the other six officers of the Council.

I am an elected officer of the SCA. I was originally drafted to direct the Intercession Program for the Council and subsequently, upon Israel Goldstein's election to the Presidency of the ZOA, the Council introduced an additional office, that of Assistant to the President, to which I was elected unanimously by the delegation. The Council has no paid officers. If my election to office meant the termination of my status as a delegate, I would have declined. Furthermore, if I have been dropped as a delegate from the CCAR, it would appear that I have been holding office in the SCA unconstitutionally.

It was not my wish to resign as a delegate, but this of course does not rest in my hands. If the CCAR does not wish me to represent it on the SCA, I obviously have no choice but to abide by its decision.

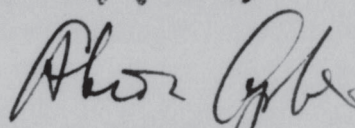
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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March 27, 1946

In any event, I would appreciate your advising me if such a decision has definitely been made and, in the affirmative, the reasons for it. Would it be possible for you to send me word about this before April 10th, which is the date of the next meeting of the SCA, in order that I may be guided accordingly in presenting my report to the Council?

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Ahron Opher

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April 3, 1946

Rabbi Ahron Opher
Synagogue Council of America
607 W. 161st St.
New York 32, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Opher:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 27. I made inquiries of Rabbi Marcuson, the secretary of the CCAR, and under date of April 1st, he writes that "of course notices were sent giving the new list of representatives on the Synagogue Council... When the notice was sent out, the chairman of the committee was also notified immediately to contact the members of his committee and to organize his committee."

I am hoping that a way may be found to straighten out the situation which has unfortunately arisen, and I shall get in touch with you in the near future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM
SEVEN WEST EIGHTY THIRD STREET
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April 4, 1946.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

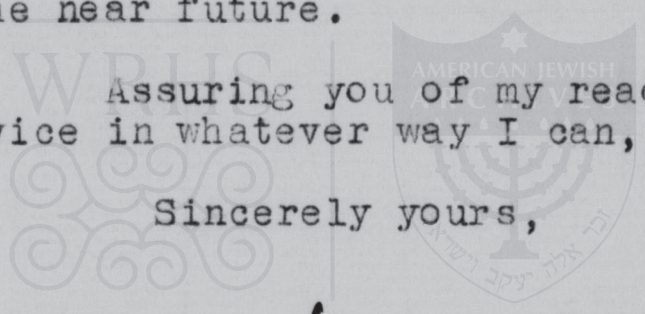
Let me thank you for the designation as observer representing the Central Conference of American Rabbis at the Security Council of the United Nations Organization.

I attended the Session this morning (April 3rd) and plan to attend other sessions. I will report to you regarding them in the near future.

Assuring you of my readiness to be of service in whatever way I can, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Louis Newman

April 9, 1946

Rabbi Herman I. Pollack
1520 Flatbush Ave.
Brooklyn 10, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Pollack:

The Central Conference of American Rabbis would be greatly indebted to you if you would write the Memorial Resolution on the passing of Rabbi Abraham Feinberg. As his friend, you will undoubtedly be best qualified to write the Memorial Tribute.

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

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

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

STATEMENT OF RESIGNATION BY RABBI AHRON OPHER

April 10, 1946

To the Delegates of the Synagogue Council of America:

At the last meeting of the Synagogue Council, in submitting my resignation as Assistant to the President, I stated that I had deemed it a signal honor to share in the administration of this body and to work toward the establishment of an effective and dignified united religious spokesmanship for American Jewry. I believe in the validity of the idea of the Synagogue Council. I feel, as all of us do, the need for an organization in Jewish life which will speak the united voice of the synagogue, give a primary religious character to the American Jewish community, enhance its spiritual and moral life, work with the other religious communions in programs of common moral concern, safeguard Jewish beliefs and practices from abuse and defamation, aid in the religious rehabilitation of our brethren abroad and, in general, represent American Jewry as a religious communion in the eyes of the people and the government of the United States.

I feel, however, that there are insurmountable difficulties in effectuating this idea. We are faced with resistance from without and from within in our efforts to build a Synagogue Council that would be as meaningful and as effective in the Jewish community as the Federal Council of Churches is in the Protestant community.

The external hindrances lie in the established structure of the American Jewish community. Historically the leadership of American Jewry came into the hands of secular organizations and individuals who are not of the synagogue. These bodies and individuals have organized a network of institutions and agencies which have for a long time conducted all Jewish philanthropic, communal, political and defense programs and activities which, in the Catholic and Protestant communities, are conducted under the aegis of the church. The voice of the synagogue has been so weak and its leadership so docile that the religious institutions of American Jewry have wielded a very insignificant influence in these areas of Jewish communal life. Because of the ineffectiveness and the fragmentization of Jewish religious life in this country, the secular organizations have even encroached upon the areas directly related to the moral and spiritual life of our people.

Interfaith activities, which should presuppose the representation of the faith of Israel alongside the Protestant and Catholic faiths, are actually carried on by the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Congress, and a variety of other organizations and individuals who appear as spokesmen for Jewish religion.

Religious instruction, both within the Jewish community and in the public educational institutions, is controlled and directed by organizations and people who are not of the synagogue. That is true also of youth work and adult Jewish educational programs, under the direction of the Center movement, the Hillel Foundation, the AZA and similar agencies, which are without the influence of the official religious leadership of the community.

When the government invited religious consultants to the American delegation at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, the Protestants were represented by the Federal Council of Churches and the Catholics by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, both of which are the religious spokesmen of those communities - but the Jews were represented by the American Jewish Conference and the American Jewish Committee, which resented the Synagogue Council's presence even in a liaison capacity and demanded its withdrawal from the scene. And nobody, except the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, uttered a word in protest against the public rebuke suffered by the Synagogue Council at the hands of the secular leadership in San Francisco.

The religious rehabilitation of European Jewry is in the hands of the JDC and its work is executed by individuals who are not synagogue Jews and have little concern for the survival of the religion of Israel. This is in sharp contrast to similar programs of relief and rehabilitation of European Christians which the churches of America are conducting and directing.

We accept tacitly the strange situation of American Jewish life where the JWB controls the religious life of our men in the armed services, the ADL is undertaking a program for the enhancement of the religious and moral life of American Jews, the American Jewish Committee is presenting Jewish holy day programs on the radio and the American Jewish Congress is handling religious instruction in the public schools of the country. However effective some of these programs may have been under secular leadership, they have certainly been without the influence of the religious bodies and have become the "vested interest" of agencies outside of the sphere of the synagogue. This has given American Jewry a strictly secular complexion and has contributed to the concept of the Jews as an irreligious group.

The second great difficulty we are facing in making the Synagogue Council an effective and significant body in Jewish life is the competition between the religious groups themselves, each of whom is reluctant to yield to the over-all body some activities which are of a general religious nature, but which each, for historical reasons, regards as its exclusive domain. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the oldest religious body of American Jewry, has been the sole agency in many areas which should normally be regarded as the purview of the Synagogue Council, and therefore the Union finds itself at odds with the Council whenever the latter seeks to exercise its influence in those areas. This is also true of the younger religious bodies. Every field that is captured by one of the groups is maintained jealously by "right of conquest." Thus religious broadcasts, interdenominational institutes, synagogue centers and a variety of other activities are within the exclusive jurisdiction of one or another of our constituencies who refuse to surrender any of their "state rights" to the "federal body."

It is this competition between the religious groups that of course weakens the position of the synagogue and leaves secular organizations in control.

Nevertheless, despite these difficulties, the Council has carried on a vast and varied program of activities in the last few years and has made a deep impression upon the American Jewish community. There seems to be a genuine desire, both within and without the synagogue, to maintain a Synagogue Council of America. This desire, however, has not been strong enough for the community to respond to the call for support. Thus, all the work that has been done by the Council has been done by two or three individuals who have given a great deal of their time, energy and resources to the organization. Volunteer service is no longer adequate to achieve the purpose for which the Synagogue Council was conceived and enable it to become the powerful religious voice that American Jewry needs.

I personally feel that the efforts of only a few, however well intentioned, cannot possibly encompass the scope of so vital a program. And it was for this reason that I submitted my resignation at the last meeting.

Although I yielded to your request that I withdraw my resignation, I now feel that I must devote my time to my congregation and to other Jewish causes dear to me, which I was compelled to neglect in the last three years, and therefore I earnestly and respectfully beg you to relieve me as of tonight from all the duties of the office to which you elected me.

I am confident that our constituencies and the American Jewish community, in their desire to keep the Synagogue Council alive, will find the means to build this organization on a firm foundation and perpetuate it to the credit of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

Rabbi Ahron Opher

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April 15, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I acknowledge your communication of April 9th and wish to inform you that I shall prepare the Memorial Resolution on the passing of Rabbi Abraham H. Feinberg.

Yes, he was a very close friend of mine, and I therefore appreciate this opportunity to pay him tribute and cherish his memory.

Will you please let me know when the Conference expects the copy?

With Passover greetings and kindest regards,
I am,

Cordially yours,

Herman Pollack

May 17, 1946

Rabbi Nathan Perilman
Temple Emanuel
1 East 65th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Perilman:

The five rabbinical seminaries and the three rabbinical bodies, along with the New York Board of Jewish Ministers, are meeting to draft a standard, rabbinical agreement. A meeting of the nine-men committee will be held on Thursday, May 23, at 10:30 A.M. at the Spanish and Portugese Synagogue in New York.

The Hebrew Union College will be represented by Rabbi William F. Rosenblum. I should very much like to have you represent the Central Conference of American Rabbis. This is a rather important undertaking and your cooperation will, I am sure, be very helpful. I have notified the Chairman of the Committee on Tenure, Rabbi Jeremiah J. Berman, of your appointment.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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May 20, 1946

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very happy to accept the appointment to represent the Central Conference of American Rabbis, at the meeting which will be held on May 23, at 10:30 o'clock, at the Spanish and Portugese Synagogue in New York.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Nathan A. Perilman

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June 4, 1946

Dr. Abba H. Silver, Pres.
Central Conference of Amer. Rabbis
34 West 6th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I allow myself to ask you, as the president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, to send, this year also, a substantial contribution to the cultural institutions in Palestine which we are supporting.

Last year, we received from the Central Conference of American Rabbis, \$150.00. I wish to hope that you will increase your support in accordance with the times and needs of Eretz Yisroel Hayotzeret.

With best wishes for a happy holiday, I am

Sincerely yours,

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June 13, 1946.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to report to you regarding my visits to the sessions of the Security Council of the United Nations in my capacity as Observer for the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

I have been at a considerable number of sessions in April, May and June since my appointment, and have heard the discussions of the Iranian situation, the Spanish problem, rules of procedure, etc. Sometimes these sessions have been well-attended and dramatic; on other occasions, the attendance has been smaller and the discussion of a perfunctory character. I have met a number of notable personalities at the sessions, among them Leslie Hore-Belisha, formerly Minister of War in the Churchill Cabinet, Lord Walton, Monsignor Furlong, of the National Catholic Education Association, and others. I have received a steady flow of literature from various committees of the United Nations Organization, and a discussion regarding a Speakers' Committee which I forwarded to you some time ago.

If the Palestine matter is to come before the Security Council eventually, I am sure that the Jewish representation will be on a broad and comprehensive basis.

I would be other than frank if I did not say that the discussions of the Security Council have seemed to be more in the nature of a public exhibition than a decisive and serious consideration of international problems. The real work has been done behind the scenes, and the debates have appeared to me to be akin to a rehearsed performance. The public press has carried detailed descriptions of these meetings. It is interesting however, to see the maintenance of a machinery, however imperfect and however superficial, to deal with vexing issues of the hour as they affect world peace. Postponement has been the mood of these meetings, particularly with reference to Franco's government in Spain. You will recall how Rabbis were heavily bombarded a few years ago when they dared to criticise Franco's rebellion and his regime.

There have been present observers from other groups of a national character, together with correspondents, commentators, publicists and the like.

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mentators, publicists and the like. The meetings have been colorful, but not very significant. The presence of the Russian delegate has proved, as you have doubtless noted, a continuing source of interest. It was pleasant, also, to see the cooperation extended to Secretary of State Byrnes by Benjamin Cohen, one of his advisors. I have not yet made the acquaintance of Mr. Beniamino Cohen of Chile, a member of the UN Secretariat. I trust this brief summary of impressions as Observer may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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