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Central Conference of American Rabbis, "T," "U," "V," "W," "X,"  
"Y," and "Z" including a June 27, 1945 telegram from Stephen  
S. Wise re: plight of European Jewry and tense atmosphere in  
Palestine, 1945-1946.



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THE PRESIDENT LEAVES IN NEAREST FUTURE FOR DECISIVE BIG  
THREE CONFERENCE IN BERLIN WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER PALESTINE  
IS ON AGENDA BUT CONTINUED DELAY IN REACHING DECISION ON  
FUTURE OF EUROPEAN JEWRY AND JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IS  
PRODUCING INTOLERABLE SITUATION FOR EUROPE'S JEWS AND AN  
EXTREMELY TENSE ATMOSPHERE IN PALESTINE PRESIDENT MUST NOW  
REALIZE GRAVITY THIS SITUATION AND SERIOUS CONCERN OF  
AMERICAN JEWISH OPINION WORDS NO LONGER SUFFICIENT AND  
PARTY PLATFORMS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY ACTION URGE YOU TO  
WIRE PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY ON BEHALF YOUR ORGANIZATION  
CITING NUMBER MEMBERSHIP YOU REPRESENT STRESSING GRAVITY  
SITUATION AND URGING HIM IN YOUR OWN WORKS TO ACT NOW FAVOR  
JEWISH COMMONWEALTH SEND US COPY YOUR TELEGRAM=  
STEPHEN S WISE CHAIRMAN AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY  
COUNCIL 342 MADISON AVE.

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FRANK L. WEIL  
60 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

July  
Second  
1945.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I extend my congratulations  
upon your election as President of the  
Central Conference of American Rabbis.

You are, I am sure, aware of  
how closely the National Jewish Welfare Board  
and the C.C.A.R. work together, and I shall  
look forward to working with you.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

FLW:RAS.



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## American Friends Service Committee

Twenty South Twelfth Street

Philadelphia 7,  Pennsylvania

Telephone, RITTENHOUSE 9372

July 3, 1945

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, President  
Central Conference of American Rabbis  
Congregation Rodef Shalom  
4905 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

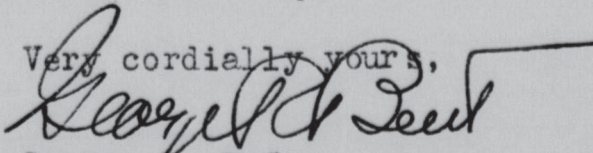
Dear Dr. Freehof:

In view of the difficulties of travel I am writing to you on a matter which I would much prefer to discuss with you in person. Through the years there has been a very friendly and cooperative relationship between various Jewish relief agencies and the American Friends Service Committee. Recently, therefore, we shared with Mr. Joseph Hyman of JDC our problem of supporting the Jewish men in the Civilian Public Service program. You may know that these men are classified by their draft boards as sincere religious objectors to war and they are placed by Selective Service in camps for which we are responsible. All of the costs of the program are carried at private expense. The men are not paid for their work. Friends agreed to accept all men sent to us. The result is that we have about 1700 men, only one-fifth of whom are Quakers. The total problem of financing a program of this size has been increasingly difficult over the period of the last four years until now we are confronted with a very serious problem.

The number of Jewish men is not large - only about 30 - but since none of the large churches have been able to support their men the total problem has proven to be a very heavy load for us. Joseph Hyman talked with Mr. Lewis Kraft because it seemed clear that if anything could be done it would be through the Jewish Welfare Board. We are quite aware of the fact that this problem is a difficult one and it is not to be expected that the majority will agree with the position these men take any more than we can expect that the majority of Christians would approve. This problem poses for all of us a challenge to our belief in freedom of conscience and some of us have been hopeful that there would be support forthcoming for these Jewish men for the sake of public relations with the other churches if for no other reason.

Is this a matter which we might properly discuss in greater detail with you and would you feel able to confer with others in your organization as well as with Mr. Lewis Kraft as to what steps might well be taken? We are prepared to discuss the matter further or to help if we can. If your travels bring you to Philadelphia or New York in the near future I should be very glad to meet you personally and to go into greater detail.

Very cordially yours,

  
George R. Beñt  
Assistant Executive Director  
Civilian Public Service

20003  
GRB/ap



July 23, 1945

Frank L. Weil  
National Jewish Welfare Board  
60 East 42nd St.  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Weil:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and extending you congratulations upon my election as president of the C.C.A.A.

I know that the Central Conference has cooperated very closely with the Welfare Board, and I am confident that it ~~will~~ continue this harmonious cooperation in the future.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

S/s



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*Office of the President*

FRANK L. WEIL  
60 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

August  
Fourteenth  
1945.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Bernstein has just returned to the City after an absence of several weeks. He calls to my attention your letter of July 23rd, in which you ask that Rabbi Egelson be appointed to CANRA to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rabbi Liebman, until the expiration of the year.

I am happy to make this appointment, and am writing Rabbi Egelson accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

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October 4, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As the time approaches for the appointment of members to CANRA, I am writing to ask each of the rabbinic bodies represented on the Committee to submit their nominations for appointment. At the same time would you also indicate the names of prospective alternates to be appointed.

I would appreciate receiving the nominations of the Central Conference of American Rabbis at your convenience during the course of the next month.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FRANK L. WEIL



October

October 5, 1945

My dear Mr. Weil:

Since discussing the matter of a representative of the C.C.A.R. to be sent abroad in connection with the work of CANRA, I spoke to Dr. Freehof again. He is unfortunately unable to go on such a mission, much as he would like to. I would therefore suggest the name of Rabbi Magnin. I have not contacted him. If you wish, I will write to him, or perhaps you would like to communicate with him directly. He would be an excellent man.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Mr. Frank Weil, President  
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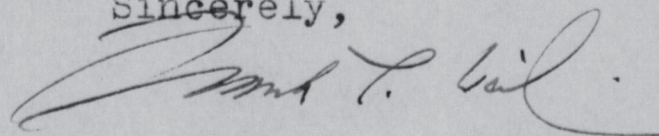
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Central Conference of American Rabbis  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

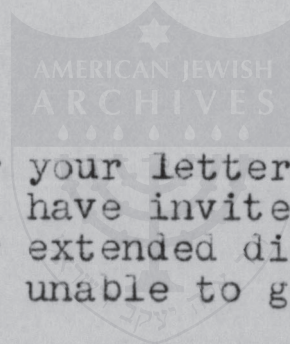
Thank you for your letter of October 5th, suggesting Edgar Magnin. I have invited him to undertake the mission, but after extended discussion and consideration, he tells me he is unable to go. Have you any further suggestions?

Kind regards.

Sincerely,



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# American Friends Service Committee

Twenty South Twelfth Street

Philadelphia 7,  Pennsylvania

Telephone, RITTENHOUSE 9372

October 10, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

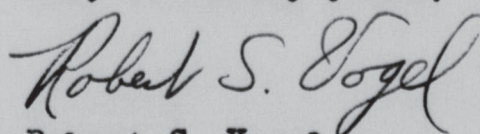
About a month ago you received a letter from Dr. Solomon B. Freehof following my visit and discussion with him concerning Conference support for thirty-six Jewish conscientious objectors which the Historic Peace Churches (Quakers, Brethren, and Mennonites) have been caring for during the last four years.

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

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

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

Very sincerely yours,



Robert S. Vogel  
Civilian Public Service

RSV:v



October 11, 1945

Mr. Frank L. Weil  
60 E. 42nd St.  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Weil:

Thank you for your letter of October 9th. I am sorry that Magnin is unable to go. What would you think of Rabbi Egelson? He has been very close to the work, and if he could get away, he would make an admirable representative.

Rabbi Brickner writes me that each of the Rabbinical groups represented on CANRA is entitled to several alternates who may attend and vote in the absence of regular members. I would suggest the names of Rabbi Ben Friedman and Rabbi William F. Rosenblum.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



October 12, 1945

Mr. Robert S. Vogel,  
American Friends Service Committee  
20 South 12th St.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Vogel:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 10. At a meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis which was held in Cincinnati last Tuesday, the communication which you sent to Dr. Freehof was read. It was the unanimous opinion of the Executive Board that the matter should be referred to the Jewish Welfare Board, and it instructed its representatives on the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities to take the matter up at the forthcoming meeting. I shall keep you informed of the decisions reached as soon as the matter is acted upon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, President  
Central Conference of American Rabbis

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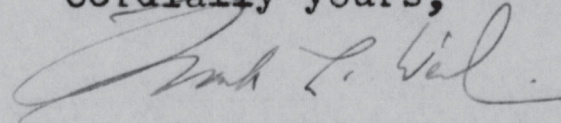
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of October 11th. I would not think well of sending Rabbi Eggleson. This is, of course, confidential to you as I would not care to hurt him. I am personally fond of him but do not think he is qualified for the mission. Is there no hope that Freehof, Heller or Voorsanger might reconsider.

I note your suggestion of Rabbi Friedman and Rabbi Rosenblum as alternates on CANRA. I shall be glad to appoint them. However, I have not yet received the names of the seven nominees for the regular job. May I have them at your early convenience.

Cordially yours,



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RABBI DAVID H. WICE

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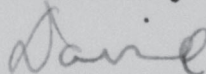
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Dr. Abraham J. Feldman  
Rabbi Harry S. Margolis  
Dr. Isaac E. Marcuson

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I have just returned from Omaha this morning and hasten to report on negotiations for the next Conference.

As soon as I returned from Cincinnati I checked the possibilities in Atlantic City. The Shelbourne takes no conventions of any size because they have no public rooms for general gatherings, committees, etc. The choice lay between the Chelsea and the Ambassador, and through Mr. Victor Jacoby of my congregation, hotel executive for New Jersey, I contacted Mr. Bennett E. Tousley, who at the moment is managing the Chelsea and after the first of the year goes to the Ambassador. Neither of the dates that we wanted were available at the Ambassador, and by a bit of arranging we are tentatively scheduled now at the Chelsea June 25th through 30th, 1946. As per enclosed letter, as soon as I have confirmation from you I will close the negotiations.

Faithfully yours,



David H. Wice  
Rabbi

DHW:FJ



November 1, 1945

Mr. Frank Weil  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges  
60 East 42nd St.  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Weil:

In regard to your kind letter of October 16 — I still think that Rabbi Egelson would be an excellent man to go on the mission. Otherwise I have no other recommendations except, perhaps, Rabbi Benjamin Friedman of Syracuse, who would be a splendid choice if he would consent to go.

As far as the seven nominees of the Conference are concerned, I am pleased to submit the following names: Rabbis Barnett R. Brickner, Louis I. Egelson, Solomon B. Freehof, Abram M. Granison, Edgar F. Magnin, Jacob P. Rudin and Elkan C. Voorsanger. I had intended to serve on the Committee myself, but inasmuch as I had appointed Rabbi Egelson, who had previously been an alternate, to take the place of Rabbi Joshua L. Liebman who resigned, I think it would perhaps be better to leave Rabbi Egelson as a full member of the Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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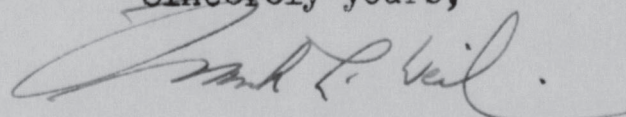
Dear Dr. Silver:

The returning Jewish Chaplains, as well as the Rabbis who have made missions overseas who have come in contact with Jewish communities in Europe and Asia, have brought to our attention reports of Jewish religious problems which exist in these communities. These problems are such that I believe they would be of particular interest to the heads of the five great theological seminaries in this country.

Accordingly, I am calling a meeting to be held at this office on Wednesday, November 14th at 3 P.M. To this meeting, I am inviting the heads of the five seminaries, the Rabbis who have been in charge of the direction of activities of the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the J.W.B., some of the Rabbis who have been on missions overseas, and some of the returned Jewish Chaplains. I hope you can attend that meeting.

Will you be good enough to let me know as soon as possible whether I may expect you.

Sincerely yours,



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*Temple Israel*  
133 Merriman Road  
Akron 3, Ohio

*J. Marshall Taxay, Litt. D.*  
Rabbi

November 2, 1945

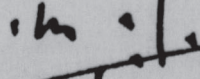
Dear Friend:

Just thinking out loud:

1. Many question the effectiveness of the civic-protective work of organizations which depend on posters, leaflets, and the like.
2. There is no doubting the result of the work of our colleagues when they address various organizations: if not all, a large part of the audience hears a verbal message.
3. Are we not missing an opportunity by not compiling the experience of our colleagues: the number of non-Jewish gatherings they address; the approximate number of people they reach?
4. We have a superb "selling point" in approaching Welfare Funds, etc., for the Conference, College and Union.
5. Our colleagues are, in the judgment of many, doing the best and most constructive community cooperation work. Why not make the record so clear that even he who frowns may see?
6. Would it not be prudent for the Conference to appoint a committee to collect all the data of this aspect of our labors?
7. A big field may be opening up for community relations, or community cooperation, directors. Why should they not be Rabbis?
8. Is not the College in a position to provide courses on Community Relations, Community Cooperation, &c.; that our men be well-trained for such positions throughout the country?

Kindest good wishes to you and your dear ones.

Earnestly,



JMT:hjg

Copies sent to Dr. Julian Morgenstern, Dr. A. H. Silver, Dr. Solomon Freehof.



November 9, 1945

Mr. Frank L. Weil  
Weil, Gotshal & Magges  
60 East 42nd St.  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Weil:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 1.  
I regret that I will not be able to attend the  
meeting which you have called for Wednesday, November  
14th. I must remain in Cleveland on that day to keep  
a long standing engagement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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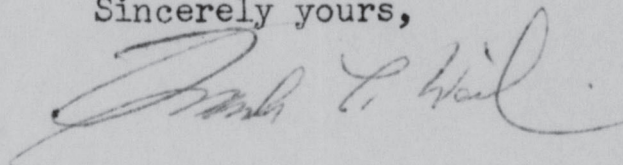
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I haven't yet heard from you in response  
to my invitation of November 1st.

May I expect you at the meeting at this  
office on November 14th at 3:00 P.M.? If you are unable to  
attend, will you arrange to send someone in your place and  
advise me whom to expect.

Sincerely yours,



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Frank Weil  
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I HAVE REQUESTED RABBI DAVID WICE TO REPRESENT ME AT YOUR MEETING TOMORROW.

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi David H. Wice  
315 Warwick Ave.  
South Orange, N.J.

FRANK L. WEIL OF THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD IS CALLING A MEETING TOMORROW THREE P.M. TO BE ATTENDED BY THE HEADS OF RABBINICAL SEMINARIES AND SOME OF THE RETURNED CHAPLAINS TO DISCUSS SOME RELIGIOUS PROBLEMS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES OVERSEAS. I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND I WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD REPRESENT ME ~~XXXXXX~~ AND THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE. I HAVE NOTIFIED MR. WEIL OF YOUR APPOINTMENT.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



RABBI DAVID H. WICE

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November 15, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received your wire Tuesday afternoon and made arrangements to be in New York Wednesday. However, a call from Frank Weil's office stated that the group was for five heads of seminaries, one of them named Silver. His secretary assumed that any important Silver would have to be Abba Hillel. They were cordial in asking me to come anyhow, but, of course, I did not go. If there is ever anything I can do to relieve the pressure of your work in this area, please feel free to command.

Faithfully, always

*David*

DHW:FJ



## American Friends Service Committee

Twenty South Twelfth Street  
Philadelphia 7,  Pennsylvania

January 10, 1946

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

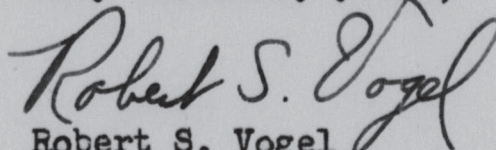
Since I received your letter of October 12, 1945, I have been wondering if any decisions were reached by the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the Jewish Welfare Board relative to the financial support of Jewish conscientious objectors. As you may know, only fifteen percent have, thus far, been discharged.

We are now trying to work out our income budget for the year, and would appreciate knowing if any help will be forthcoming from the various religious groups who have COs in our care.

If both the Jewish Welfare Board and the Central Conference feel that they can give this program no support, it would be helpful to us to have that information.

With every good wish, I remain

Very cordially yours,

  
Robert S. Vogel  
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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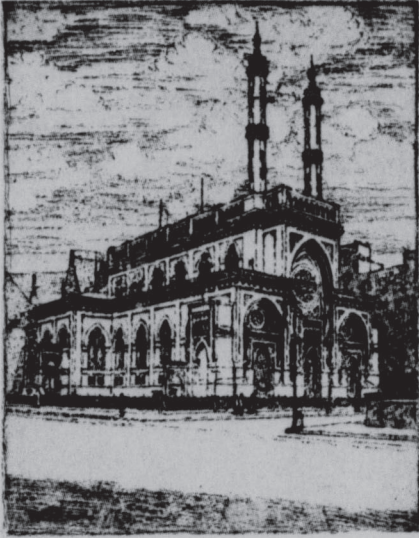
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March 22, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

At a meeting of the Central Conference last year a discussion took place concerning the possibility of obtaining a sum of money from the Jewish Welfare Board to help returning Chaplains. You may find the entire discussion in the minutes of the Conference.

It seems to me that it was recommended that the Executive Board negotiate with the JWB, since they received tremendous funds during the war on the grounds that they were doing Chaplaincy work and rendering service to our Jewish men in the armed forces. I think that the Chaplains who are coming to this year's Conference will be interested to know what has been done.

I wrote to Rabbi Marcuson, after some of the Chaplains who have been coming to Cincinnati discussed their problems with me.

I am convinced, as I stated on the floor of the Conference, that a substantial sum should be placed at the disposal of the Conference and other Rabbinical Associations, that would make possible some grants to Chaplains who are in need now, or may be in need later on. I do not think that it is the business of Brickner or Egelson to deal with it, but it should be channelled through you, as President of the Conference.

With all good wishes to you and yours,

Sincerely yours,

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March 25, 1946

Rabbi Samuel Wohl  
Isaac M. Wise Temple  
Cincinnati 29, Ohio

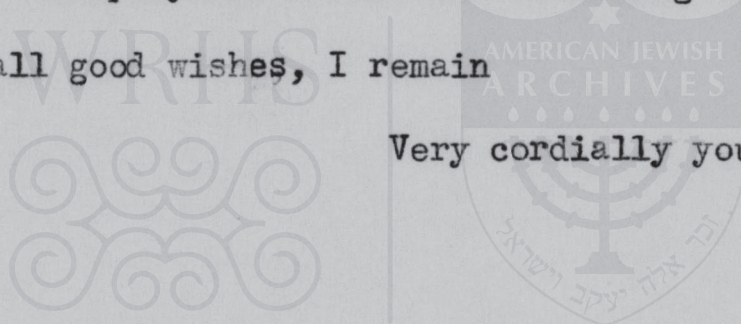
My dear Sam:

In reply to your letter of March 27 - I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I received on February 8 from Rabbi Feldman. The Committee feels that the problem does not now exist and that there is no reason to anticipate any need for unemployment relief for returning Chaplains.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.





AApril 3, 1946

The Tract Commission  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
Merchants Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send us three copies of  
the pamphlet "What Is Reform Judaism?" by Dr. Solomon  
B. Freehof?

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



# THE Rabbinical Pension Board 34 WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO

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May 1, 1946

Dear Dr. Silver:

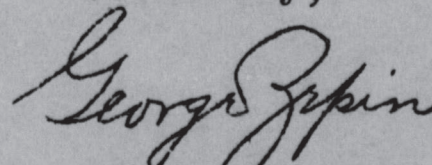
Based upon favorable past experiences, we will again conduct a Pension Office during the meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis - June 25 to 30 at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago.

If you and your Board of Trustees are ready for your enrollment in the Plan, this can be transacted either now by mail, or, if you prefer, during the Conference week. A physician will also be available for medical examinations.

Would be glad to hear from you.

With kind regards,

Cordially,



George Zepin  
Secretary

GZ:vsc



⌘ *Resolution* ADOPTED BY THE ⌘  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED AT  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, MARCH 5, 1946

THE 39TH COUNCIL of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations views with satisfaction the enrollment of 170 Rabbis in the Rabbinical Pension Plan to whom 197 annuity policies have been issued in the last year and a half, and tenders its commendation to the Pension Board for its devoted efforts in behalf of this exemplary cause.

IT IS THE OPINION of the delegates here assembled that the Pension Board has adopted a plan admirably fitted to the conditions that obtain in the rabbinate and that the plan meets a need long felt by congregations as well as Rabbis.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that all congregations of the Union be urged to enroll all eligible Rabbis serving them in this plan and that with each increase in salary, additional coverage be secured, so that the ultimate annuity shall bear a reasonable relationship to salary.





[n.d.]

Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Chairman  
United Jewish Laymen's Committee  
35 East 62nd Street  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wise:

We wish to bring to your attention, as Chairman of the United Jewish Laymen's Committee, a matter that has caused all of us within the ranks of Liberal Judaism considerable concern.

For some time past, the institutions of Liberal Judaism have been desirous of procuring time on a national network. We were informed, however, that this would not be possible due to the understanding which all the national networks had relative to Jewish broadcasts, to the effect that they would not allocate time to any denominational or sectarian group within American Jewry. It was for this reason, we believe, that under your leadership, the United Jewish Laymen's Committee was brought into being.

However, with the inauguration of the "Eternal Light" program definitely sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary, which represents only one group, namely, the Conservative Jews of America, we feel that this principle which estopped us from sponsoring a national radio program has been abrogated.

We understand that the time allotted for the "Eternal Light" program has been definitely allocated to the United Jewish Laymen's Committee, and consequently we appeal to the United Jewish Laymen's Committee to consider this matter from the viewpoint of its original purpose and to consider one of two alternatives which alone would be considered equitable by the Reform Jews of America:

Either the "Eternal Light" program should be publicly sponsored by the United Jewish Laymen's Committee and by no single institution or group - precisely as is the case with the "Message of Israel" Hour - or in the event that the "Eternal Light" program continues under the public sponsorship of the Jewish Theological Seminary, equal time shall be allocated by the United Jewish Laymen's Committee to the institutions of Liberal Judaism.

We trust that you will have your Executive Committee consider this matter at your very earliest opportunity, as we cannot exaggerate the number of complaints that we have received regarding what appears to be the inequitable treatment that the Reform Jewish movement has received in relation to national broadcasting.

Trusting that we may hear from you at your earliest convenience, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Julian Morgenstern  
President, Hebrew  
Union College

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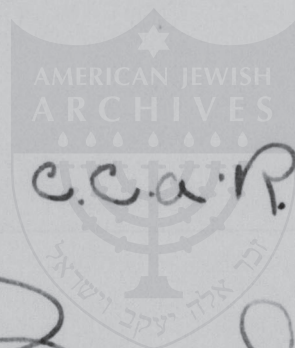
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