



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

Featuring collections from the Western Reserve Historical Society and
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.

Series I: General Correspondence, 1914-1969, undated.

Sub-series A: Alphabetical, 1914-1965, undated.

Reel
20

Box
7

Folder
432

Central Conference of American Rabbis, "B", 1946-1947.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE
OF
AMERICAN RABBIS

OFFICERS 1945 - 1946

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, President
Cleveland, Ohio

ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, Vice-President
Hartford, Conn.

HARRY S. MARGOLIS, Treasurer
St. Paul, Minn.

ISAAC E. MARCUSON, Administrative Secretary
Macon, Ga.

SIDNEY L. REGNER, Financial Secretary
Reading, Pa.

COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE,
THE FAMILY AND THE HOME

STANLEY R. BRAV, CHAIRMAN
J. X. COHEN
MORTON FIERMAN
ISER L. FREUND
SAMUEL GLASNER
SIDNEY E. GOLDSTEIN
MILTON GREENWALD
AVERY J. GROSSFIELD
MAURICE S. KLEINBERG
ALEXANDER S. KLINE
LEO LICHTENBERG
S. FELIX MENDELSON
WENDELL A. PHILLIPS
FRANK ROSENTHAL
FREDERICK RYPINS
IRA A. SANDERS
SAMUEL SCHWARTZ
ALBERT M. SHULMAN
HARRY J. STERN
SAMUEL THURMAN
HERBERT S. WALLER
DAVID L. ZIELONKA

COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE,
THE FAMILY AND THE HOME

OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN
1209 CHERRY ST.
VICKSBURG, MISS.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

HERBERT I. BLOOM, Kingston, N. Y.
STANLEY R. BRAV, Vicksburg, Miss.
ABRAHAM FEINSTEIN, Chattanooga, Tenn.
SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, Pittsburgh, Pa.
ALAN S. GREEN, Houston, Texas
ARYEH LEV, Washington, D. C.
JACOB R. MARCUS, Cincinnati, Ohio
S. FELIX MENDELSON, Chicago, Ill.
DAVID POLISH, Waterbury, Conn.
DAVID WICE, Newark, N. J.
LOUIS WITT, Dayton, Ohio
BERNARD ZEIGER, Roanoke, Va.

July 5, 1946.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Two members of the Conference have
requested placement on this Committee:

Leo A. Bergman

Meyer H. Marx

Their interest bodes well the service they
may render. Will you kindly call this to
the attention of your Committee on Committees.

It was fine seeing you again at
Chicago. I hope this summer will be restful
and refreshing for you. Warmest greetings!

Sincerely,

Stanley

Chairman.

SRB:aj

TEMPLE EMANUEL

KINGSTON, N. Y.

PHONE 4271

RABBI HERBERT I. BLOOM, PH. D.

192 CLINTON AVENUE

PHONE 2470

October 28, 1946

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

Dear Abba:

I deeply regretted being unable to be present at the Executive Board meeting of the CCAR, particularly at this one, and I wired to that effect. It happened that I slipped on the bathroom floor of my home and injured a muscle in my hip, so that I was laid up at the time of the meeting and am still pretty uncomfortable.

I would have liked to have been with the bunch at that meeting.

Fraternally yours,

Herbert I. Bloom

HB:mr

CENTRAL CONFERENCE
OF
AMERICAN RABBIS

OFFICERS 1945 - 1946

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, President
Cleveland, Ohio

ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, Vice-President
Hartford, Conn.

HARRY S. MARGOLIS, Treasurer
St. Paul, Minn.

ISAAC E. MARCUSON, Administrative Secretary
Macon, Ga.

SIDNEY L. REGNER, Financial Secretary
Reading, Pa.

COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE,
THE FAMILY AND THE HOME
OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN
1209 CHERRY ST.
VICKSBURG, MISS.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

HERBERT I. BLOOM, Kingston, N. Y.
STANLEY R. BRAV, Vicksburg, Miss.
ABRAHAM FEINSTEIN, Chattanooga, Tenn.
SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, Pittsburgh, Pa.
ALAN S. GREEN, Houston, Texas
ARYEH LEV, Washington, D. C.
JACOB R. MARCUS, Cincinnati, Ohio
S. FELIX MENDELSON, Chicago, Ill.
DAVID POLISH, Waterbury, Conn.
DAVID WICE, Newark, N. J.
LOUIS WITT, Dayton, Ohio
BERNARD ZEIGER, Roanoke, Va.

COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE,
THE FAMILY AND THE HOME

STANLEY R. BRAV, CHAIRMAN
J. X. COHEN
MORTON FIERMAN
ISER L. FREUND
SAMUEL GLASNER
SIDNEY E. GOLDSTEIN
MILTON GREENWALD
AVERY J. GROSSFIELD
MAURICE S. KLEINBERG
ALEXANDER S. KLINE
LEO LICHTENBERG
S. FELIX MENDELSON
WENDELL A. PHILLIPS
FRANK ROSENTHAL
FREDERICK RYPINS
IRA A. SANDERS
SAMUEL SCHWARTZ
ALBERT M. SHULMAN
HARRY J. STERN
SAMUEL THURMAN
HERBERT S. WALLER
DAVID L. ZIELONKA

November 1, 1946.

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Pres.,
Central Conference of American Rabbis,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

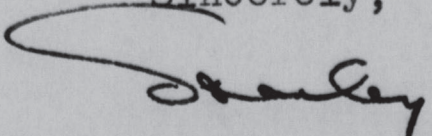
Ike Marcuson's kind note, advising
a rotation of committee chairmen, reached
me this morning.

My only reason for not having
previously submitted my resignation lay
in the counsel of several Conference mem-
bers that I continue on through the forth-
coming White House Conference on the Family,
whose imminence I had occasion to cite in
our June report.

Although I have not been consulted
- nor advised in the event an appointment
has already been made - may I call to the
attention of the Executive Board that Rabbi
Samuel Glasner of Philadelphia has studied
and published considerable in our field, has
been most helpful in our committee work, and
is, from our vantage point, highly qualified
for chairmanship.

The kindest of personal greetings!

Sincerely,


Rabbi Stanley R. Brav.

SRB:aj

November 5, 1946

Rabbi Herbert I. Bloom
192 Clinton Avenue
Kingston, N.Y.

My dear Herbert:

I was sorry that you could not attend the Executive Board meeting in Cincinnati, and particularly sorry to hear of your injury. I trust that by the time you receive this note, you will have fully recovered.

We had a good and profitable meeting, and a considerable amount of routine business was disposed of.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 5, 1946

Dr. Bernard J. Bamberger
West End Synagog
160 W. 82nd St.
New York 24, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Bamberger:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Rabbi A. M. Heller, President of the New York Board of Jewish Ministers. Will you not serve as the representative of the Conference on this committee? I believe that we ought to back up the Rabbinical Assembly of America in this matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

Temple Beth Jacob

119 South Street

Newburgh, New York

MAURICE J. BLOOM, RABBI

279 LIBERTY STREET

TELEPHONE 3838

HONORARY TRUSTEE

JAMES J. SCOTT

TRUSTEES

ED P. BRAUDE

LOUIS BROOKS

MRS. IDA L. FREINHAR

LOUIS GOLDBERG

SAMUEL D. GOLDEN

BERNARD O. HERMAN

SOL NEMEROFF

MAX SAMUELS

LOUIS SHATZ

OFFICERS

LEWIS FEDER

PRESIDENT

FREDERICK STERN

HONORARY PRESIDENT

SOL N. LEVY

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

AND SECRETARY

SOL M. REITER

VICE-PRESIDENT

JACOB FINEBERG

TREASURER

AL PEARL

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

November 10, 1946

Dear Dr. Silver:

Due to the death of Rabbi Isaac Landman, the Synagogue Council of America finds itself without a president. Rabbi Robert ^(vice president) Fordis has expressed a desire that the Council name some one else to maintain the principle of rotation and preserve the turn of the Reform group. So far in three meetings of the nominating Committee, of which I am now a member, we have been unable to unite on a candidate of stature sufficient to warrant such nomination. Will you help us out? I should like to present your name but would like some assurance of your acceptance. Or perhaps you would suggest some one else - say Abraham Feldman. In that case it will be necessary for you to name him a representative for the C.C.A.R.

May I say that I greatly appreciate your naming me to serve again, as well as all the other committee designations you accorded me.

Sincerely yours,

Maurice Bloom

November 18, 1946

Rabbi Maurice J. Bloom
Temple Beth Jacob
119 South Street
Newburgh, New York

My dear Rabbi Bloom:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of November 10. I appreciate very much your thoughtful suggestion to propose my name for the President of the Synagogue Council of America. If I were not already overloaded with heavy responsibilities I should regard it as a high honor. However, I find it physically impossible to assume additional obligations. As it is, I am carrying too many burdens.

Your suggestion of Rabbi Abraham Feldman is an excellent one, and I believe we could name him as a representative from the C.C.A.R. Sol Freehof would also be an excellent choice. I believe that he is a member of the Synagogue Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR

WEST END SYNAGOGUE
CONGREGATION SHAARAY TEFILA
ONE SIXTY WEST EIGHTY SECOND STREET
NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

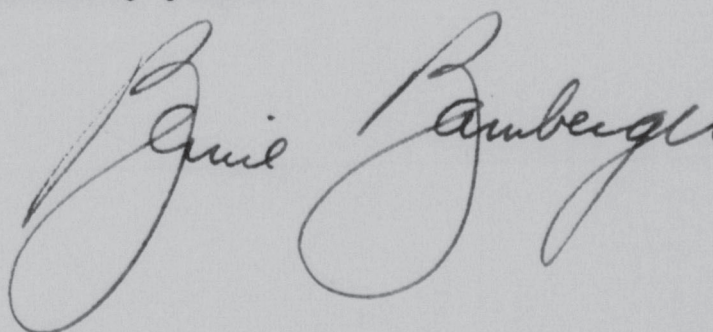
November 19, 1946.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I postponed answering your recent letter until the Committee on which you asked me to represent the Central Conference had met. It appears that there has been extensive correspondence, chiefly between representatives of the Rabbinical Assembly and the Synagogue Council on one hand, and officials of the New York Federation on the other hand, regarding alleged practices of the Federation and its agencies which imposed a hardship on employes who are Jewishly observant. At the committee meeting I attended, representatives of the New York Board of Jewish Ministers and the Rabbinical Council were also present. The facts are still not entirely clear, and it was decided to try to secure fuller information both as to agency policies, and ~~in~~ as to the attitude of the unions to which these workers (or most of them) belong. The members of the committee seemed to be in substantial agreement as to what they desire: namely, wherever possible, employes of Jewish communal agencies should be able to refrain from work at all times when Jewish tradition forbids work. This would mean that offices would be closed on Sabbath (and during the winter months the closing would be one hour before sunset on Friday afternoon) and on all the major holidays, including the Yom Tov Sheni. It is understood of course that no such rulings could apply to hospitals, aged homes, and the like. Just how far the Committee will get with such efforts is not entirely clear to me. Though for the present it is working on the Federation problem, it is also concerned with similar manifestations in JWB, UJA, etc.

You are certainly aware that such meetings are marked by more schmuss than action, and I can proudly aver that on behalf of the CCAR I contributed no more action and no less schmuss than was presented by any other of the groups represented.

Cordially yours,



December 20, 1946

A. G. Becker and Co.
120 S. La Salle St.
Chicago, Ill.

Attention: Mr. James H. Becker

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a check in the sum of \$25,000.00. Will you be good enough to purchase Government Bonds, Series G, for this amount and have them transmitted to the Safe-Keeping Department of the First National Bank of Chicago to our account.

We deeply appreciate your helpfulness and your interest in our affairs, and thank you for your cooperation.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

dl
enc. 1

CC Auditor
All Conference Officers

P.S. \$12,500 to be Credited to Investment Bonds
\$12,500 to be Credited to General Fund Bonds

Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun

2419 EAST KENWOOD BOULEVARD

TEMPLE: EDGEWOOD 6960
SCHOOL: EDGEWOOD 9850

MILWAUKEE 11, WISCONSIN

RABBI SAMUEL HIRSHBERG
RABBI JOSEPH L. BARON, PH. D.

January 20, 1947

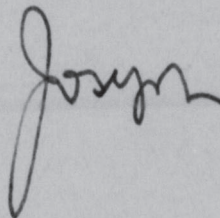
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abe:

I am having the enclosed letter sent to the Conference membership, and, if you do not object, I shall include your name as an ex-officio member of our little committee among the signatories.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



JLB:f

Dear Colleague:

The C.C.A.R. Executive Board has asked a small committee to make a study of adult Jewish education in our temples. This study should be beneficial to all of us who want to cultivate a Jewishly well informed laity and to strengthen our traditional stress on mature religious knowledge and learning.

The committee is to make a preliminary report at the next Conference session in Montreal. Will you therefore cooperate with us by answering the following questions as fully and promptly as possible?

1. What does your Congregation, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, do for adult Jewish education in your community?
2. Are their regular program meetings helpful in that direction?
3. What material, if any, supplied by our national offices are particularly useful to you locally in this connection?
4. What experience or constructive suggestions can you offer to stimulate Jewish education among our adults?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

CENTRAL CONFERENCE
OF
AMERICAN RABBIS

OFFICERS 1946 - 1947

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, President
Cleveland, Ohio

ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, Vice-President
Hartford, Conn.

PHINEAS SMOLLER, Treasurer
Chicago, Ill.

ISAAC E. MARCUSON, Administrative Secretary
Macon, Ga.

SIDNEY L. REGNER, Financial Secretary
Reading, Pa.

OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

136 7TH AVENUE, N.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

JOSEPH L. BARON, Milwaukee, Wis.
HERBERT I. BLOOM, Kingston, N. Y.
DANIEL L. DAVIS, Lancaster, Pa.
LOUIS I. EGELSON, Cincinnati, O.
SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, Pittsburgh, Pa.
ABRAM M. GRANISON, New York, N. Y.
ROBERT I. KAHN, Houston, Texas
S. FELIX MENDELSON, Chicago, Ill.
LEVI A. OLAN, Worcester, Mass.
WENDELL A. PHILLIPS, El Paso, Texas
DAVID POLISH, Waterbury, Conn.
JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG, Easton, Pa.
DAVID H. WICE, Newark, N. J.
BERNARD ZEIGER, Roanoke, Va.

Dear Colleague:

The C. C .A. R. Executive Board has asked a small committee to make a study of adult Jewish education in our temples. This study should be beneficial to all of us who want to cultivate a Jewishly well informed laity and to strengthen our traditional stress on mature religious knowledge and learning.

The committee is to make a preliminary report at the next Conference session in Montreal. Will you therefore cooperate with us by answering the following questions as fully and promptly as possible?

1. What does your Congregation, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, do for adult Jewish education in your community?

2. Are their regular program meetings helpful in that direction?

3. What material, if any, supplied by our national offices are particularly useful to you locally in this connection?

4. What experience or constructive suggestions can you offer to stimulate Jewish education among our adults?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
Joseph L. Baron, Chairman
Samuel Cook
Miss Jane Evans
Joachim Prinz
Arthur L. Reinhart
Abba Hillel Silver
Jacob J. Weinstein.

Please address reply to Joseph L. Baron, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee, 11, Wisconsin.

January 24, 1947

Br. Joseph L. Baron
Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun
2419 E. Kenwood Boulevard
Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin

My dear Joseph:

I certainly do not object to having my name used as an ex-officio member of your committee in connection with the letter which you are circulating among the members of the CCAR.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 11, 1947

Rabbi Morton A. Bauman
Temple Israel
Hollywood, California

My dear Rabbi Bauman:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 9 which conveyed to me the expression of opinion of the Western Association of Reform Rabbis on the question of the solicitation of funds of the agencies of Reform Judaism. I shall refer the matter to the next meeting of the Executive of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK