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Central Conference of American Rabbis, "G" and "H", 1946-1947.

*Heller*

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May 2, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting called by the New York Board of Jewish Ministers for the purpose of writing a standard rabbinical contract for use throughout the United States was held the past Thursday, April 25th. Among those present were Dr. Julian Morgenstern, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dean Sar of Yeshiva University and Dr. Robert Gordis of the Rabbinical Assembly.

It was agreed:

1. That the schools and bodies represented approve of the writing, adoption and implementation of a standard rabbinical agreement.
2. That there shall be appointed a nine-men committee representing the five rabbinical schools, the three rabbinical bodies and the New York Board of Jewish Ministers to write such an agreement, and that this agreement shall be submitted for the approval of the several synagogue laymen's bodies.
3. ~~That~~ The presidents of the rabbinical schools agreed that the placement committees shall exercise their offices and authority to make the contemplated agreement mandatory.
4. That the placement committees of the several rabbinical schools will cooperate closely in situations where injustice has been done to any rabbi or congregation.

November 5, 1946

Rabbi A. M. Heller, President  
The New York Board of Jewish Ministers, Inc.  
150 Nassau Street  
New York 7, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Heller:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of  
October 28. I will ask Dr. Bamberger to serve on the  
committee in connection with the matter which you bring  
to my attention.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

*Letter from Rabbi Heller  
sent to Dr. Bamberger*

*Congregation Beth El*  
*Woodward at Gladstone*  
*Detroit 2, Michigan*

B. BENEDICT GLAZER, M. A., PH. D.  
RABBI

December 3, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Vice President  
World Union for Progressive Judaism  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am most pleased to accept the  
appointment of Conference representative on the  
Governing Body of the World Union for Progressive  
Judaism.

With kind regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

*B. Benedict Glazer.*

BBG/ss

ALAN S. GREEN, D.D.

RABBI  
CONGREGATION EMANU EL  
544 First National Bank Bldg.  
HOUSTON 2, TEXAS

December 26, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I will be happy to serve on the special  
committee for the World Union for Progressive  
Judaism during the coming year.

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Sincerely yours,

*Alan*

Dr. Alan S. Green

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# Congregation Shaarai Shomayim

(INCORPORATED JANUARY 25TH 1944)

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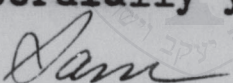
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

Have you any names of individuals, publications or organizations for consideration of the Committee of Relief and Subventions. Will appreciate having word from you.

I am With heartiest greetings from Ruth and myself,

Cordially yours,

  
Samuel M. Gup.

February 20, 1947

Rabbi Samuel Gup  
Congregation Shaarai Shomayim  
Mobile, Ala.

My dear Sam:

Not so long ago, you requested suggestions for subsidies. I received a letter this week from "Gazit" of Tel Aviv requesting support. This is an important Hebrew monthly published in Palestine, devoted to Art and Literature. You may have seen copies of it. It is splendidly edited. It is devoted mainly to the work of Jewish artists and Jewish Art, and the raising of the standards of art appreciation in Palestine. If our funds permit, I would suggest a subvention of \$100. The address of the periodical is:

Gazit  
Zvi Baruch Street 8.  
Tel Aviv, Palestine.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI AVERY J. GROSSFIELD

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April 18, 1947.

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Colleague:

In view of the crime perpetrated by the British this week in executing Dov Gruner and his three companions, and in view of the deep feelings of dismay and anger that have taken hold of the American Jewish and general public,

I wonder whether it is a good idea to hold the Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Montreal this year..

Canada is after all a British dominion; it is loyal to the British Crown; in its foreign and colonial policies it adheres to those of the mother country. It seems to me that the Zionist and pro-Zionist members of the CCAR could not very well express their feelings against the British, and the CCAR could not very well pass the vehement resolutions that the occasion calls for in Montreal, a city in the land of the enemy. Being in Montreal would give to the anti-Zionists, especially the Council-ites, a Pis-chon Peh; they would say that it is most ungracious of us, as guests, to criticise the policies of our "host-country".

I firmly believe that the CCAR convention should be moved to a city in the States; surely it is not too late to make the necessary hotel arrangements to that effect. And, if it is too late, then the convention should be postponed until after the High Holydays, or if necessary for the convenience of the members, until the mid-winter or so-called "Christmas vacation" period.

The fact that we took the Convention away from Montreal would be a vivid protest against the crimes and anti-Jewish policies of the British and would focus ~~upon~~ upon the Canadians and the British the sincerity and depth of our feelings.

As a guide for the final decision in this matter, I think that the CCAR membership should be polled on this question.

Best wishes and warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

I am also writing to Rabbi A.J. Feldman.

*Avery J. Grossfield*

April 24, 1947

Rabbi Avery J. Grossfield  
1530 E. 17th St.  
Brooklyn 30, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Grossfield:

Dr. Feldman, the Vice-President of the CCAR, send me a copy of your letter addressed to him, and also his reply. There is very little that I could add to what Rabbi Feldman wrote to you. It is quite impossible at this late date to change the place of the Conference. Furthermore, Canada, while it is a member of the British Commonwealth, has not assumed responsibility for the policies of the British Foreign Office with reference to Palestine. Our friends in Canada have been working very vigorously with the key men in the Canadian Government hoping that Canada will take a friendly attitude towards us at the Assembly of the United Nations. What success they will have, I do not know, but they seem not to have written Canada off or placed that country in the camp of our enemies. We are also trying to get the support of some other members of the British Commonwealth who do sometimes take an attitude in the United Nations independent of Great Britain itself.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK