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July 22 1946

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple
105th Str and Ansel Road,
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

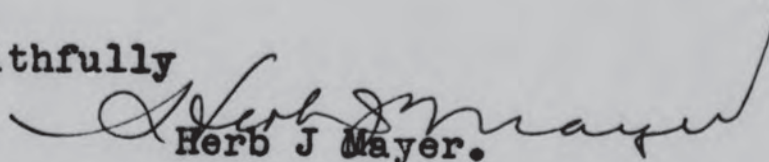
Was informed by Rabbi Minda of Mpls., who was sojourning in Highland Park Ills., this morning that Rabbi Margolis had passed away yesterday. I immediately phoned Rabbi Marcusson who advised that at the last meeting of the Executive Board, Rabbi Smoller was approved as Asst Treasurer subject to approval of Rabbi Margolis, and Marcusson asked that I contact you if possible if not successful contact Feldman. Phoned both you, Feldman & also Regner and Smoller, and am still hoping to contact you. Asked Feldman to write First National Bank of Chicago authorizing Smoller as Asst Treasurer, and he asked that I keep on trying to contact you, however he promised to write the authorization and send it here. I had heard from the Duke just last week and received the July voucher from his office this morning, so it came as a harsh blow and a surprising one. Everything is up to date and asked Rabbi Minda to have the Temple Secretary pack up all Conference items and ship to me via express and I will get them systematically set and then turn them over to Smoller who is in Joplin Mo and will not be back until next Monday.

My secretary is vacationing and therefore I have to do my own secretarial work and making a poor job as a one fingered typist out of it and ask that you please pardon same.

It seems everytime there arises an emergency circumstances are such that I could circumstantially be accused of trying to pass you by and go to Feldman but I assure you that is not the case and my sole objective always is to give Conference matters my best and prompt attention to all matters. and please pardon my going to Marcusson Feldman etc., before first talking to you

Always at your call and command and with warmest greetings and the very best of wishes am as ever,

Faithfully


Herb J Mayer.

September 20, 1946

Rabbi I. E. Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

Dear Rabbi Marcuson:

In reply to yours of the 18th, voucher #6631, issued to Rabbi Harry S. Margolis, dated June 20, 1944, in amount of \$500.00 for dues to World Union of Progressive Judaism and voucher #6973, dated June 26, 1945, in like amount, also payable to Harry S. Margolis. I am getting photostats of the two (2) vouchers and as they cleared through the First National Bank of St. Paul for account of Harry S. Margolis, Trustee, am writing said bank to-day for details pertinent to same.

As soon as photostats are received, will send you a set.

Always at your call and command and with warmest greetings and the best of wishes for the New Year, I am,

Ever faithfully,

Herbert J. Mayer

HJM:es

CC: Rabbi Abba H. Silver

September 20, 1946

First National Bank of St. Paul
St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:

Herewith two photostats of vouchers issued by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, account of dues to World Union of Progressive Judaism.

These vouchers were presumably handled by Rabbi Harry S. Margolis in the purchase of Foreign Exchange or transmitted to the office of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, London, England, in some other form of foreign credit.

In as much as Rabbi Margolis passed away in July, we are at a loss as to how these items were handled and only know that World Union of Progressive Judaism did not receive these remittances. Any information thereto that you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and advice, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert J. Mayer
Auditor for
Central Conference of American Rabbis

HJM:es
enc.

Dear Rabbi Silver
9 am 9/27/46
HJM

September 27, 1946

Mrs. Harry S. Margolis
870 Linwood Drive
St. Paul 5, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Margolis:

Voucher 6973, dated June 26, 1945 and voucher 6631, dated June 26, 1944, both in like amount of \$500.00 each, payable to Harry S. Margolis account of annual dues to World Union of Progressive Judaism were deposited in the First Grand Ave. State Bank in the account of Harry S. Margolis, Trustee - per copy of letter attached herewith.

Would appreciate it very much if you could look up Harry's cancelled checks pertinent thereof. I believe London Exchange was purchased for both these items and said London drafts were forwarded to the World Union of Progressive Judaism and because of the war were never received by Payee and therefore as soon as we can get all data duplicates can be requested from the issuing banks.

Anything you can do with reference to sending further data on the above will be greatly appreciated. I miss Harry more and more as days go by.

I hope you are okay and with sincerest regards and best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Ever faithfully,

Herb J. Mayer

HJM:es
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The First National Bank of Saint Paul
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St. Paul 1, Minnesota

September 26, 1946

Herbert J. Mayer & Company
20 East Jackson Boulevard
Room 1202
Chicago 3, Illinois

Attention: Herbert J. Mayer

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 20th wherein you enclosed two photostats of vouchers issued by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, payable to the order of Harry S. Margolis for \$500. each.

We are informed by our correspondent, the First Grand Avenue State Bank of Saint Paul, who sent the items to us that their records disclose that check No. 6631 was deposited by Mr. Margolis on June 29, 1944 and that check No. 6973 was also deposited by him on July 5, 1945. Both of these checks were deposited in an account carried under the title "Harry S. Margolis, Trustee" and they also inform us that it was their understanding that all items carried in this account were disbursed by Mr. Margolis to various Jewish organizations for relief. We are also informed that all cancelled checks had been returned by the First Grand Avenue State Bank covering the period of time the account was with them and they are, of course, unable to account for the manner in which Mr. Margolis paid out these funds.

We are returning herewith photostatic copies of these items and as a suggestion would ask that you write direct to Mrs. Margolis who undoubtedly has the checks in her possession. Her address is 370 Linwood Avenue, St. Paul 5, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Albert Johnson
Auditor

AJ/sr:es
enc.

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

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JACOB R. MARCUS, PH. D.

Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History

October 9 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

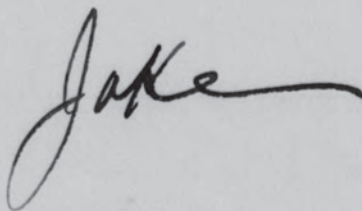
Dear Friend:

You will recall that my Committee on Contemporaneous History and Literature brought in a Resolution with respect to asking the Russian government to open Jewish theological seminaries in Russia. If I recall correctly, the amendment was made and seconded from the Floor to the effect that a delegation of the C.C.A.R. seek an audience with the Ambassador in regard to this matter.

I am very eager to know what progress has been made in this matter, for I consider it of great importance. If we could possibly do anything to revive Jewish life among the three million Jews in Russia, it would be an event of epoch-making importance. This Jewry originally was the heart of world Jewry and although the resurrection would be a miracle, certainly we who have seen so many miracles, should not despair.

I am very eager to hear from you. With kindest personal regards to you and your dear ones, I am

As ever,



Herbert J. Mayer
20 East Jackson Blvd., Room 1202
Chicago 4, Illinois

DUPLICAT

October 11, 1946

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

Dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Enclosing copy of letter received today from Mrs. Margolis, together with photostatic copies as received and my reply thereto, which I hope will be found in order.

Will continue to follow same through until World Union receives the two remittances.

Rabbi Smoller suggested I appear at the Executive Board meeting and had so written Rabbi Silver and your good self.

I promised Rabbi Zepin, at Conference in June, I would see him in the fall relative to set up of the Rabbinical Pension Fund and post-phoned a trip to Frankfort and Paducah, Ky. in order to make all stops at the same time.

If agreeable and in harmony with your wishes, will see you October 23rd at the Board Meeting.

Prepared a report June 1 to September 30, 1946, for use at the Conference Board and delivered sufficient copies of same to Rabbi Smoller for distribution to the officers at the Conference.

Always at your call and command and with warmest greetings and best wishes, I am,

Ever faithfully,

Herb J. Mayer

HJM:es

enc.

CC: Rabbi Smoller
Rabbi Silver
Rabbi Regner

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Mrs. Harry S. Margolis
870 Linwood Avenue
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

October 10, 1946

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Due to the stress and strain occasioned by the Holidays, (you can well imagine how difficult it has been for us) I delayed the gathering in of the material you wanted. Enclosed is a photostatic copy of the check issued to the World Union for 1943-1944, also of the London receipt, signed by "E. Turk". I also have a letter here, dictated to Harry's secretary on July 12, (9 days before he passed away), to Mr. Turk, telling him that Harry's illness is the reason for his failure to send the '44-'45 allocation, but that it should be attended to shortly. Whether or not it was done, I cannot say. I do know that on the same date (July 12), Harry sent a check for \$250.00 to David Wice for the World Union project. I have a wire from David to confirm his receipt of same. Is that from the same fund? If it is, and \$250.00 is lacking, I shall gladly send it to the Conference; or, if the check for '44-'45 has not been sent, I shall send the Conference that amount. Please advise me as to what is to be done.

There is correspondence here from Turk, dated September 26, 1945, indicating that the first check, sent in June, 1944, was lost in transit. Also, on May 1, 1946, he writes "It was stated in your secretary's letter that the remittance for 1944-45 would be sent when you had fully recovered from your illness." He also puts in a formal request for the year '45-'46. In Harry's reply on July 12, he states: "The Executive Board has approved the World Union request for a contribution for the year 1945-46 and will forward the amount later in the season."

I think all this is conclusive proof that my dear one, tho mortally ill, was conscientiously serving the Conference up to the very last. Anyone who sees fit to criticise his actions is indeed contemptible.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and with many thanks for your never failing kindness, I am,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Clara M.

copied:es

Herbert J. Mayer
20 East Jackson Blvd., Room 1202
Chicago 4, Illinois

October 11, 1946

Mrs. Clara Margolis
870 Linwood Avenue
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Margolis:

Receipt is herewith acknowledged of your letter of the 10th, for which please accept my heartiest appreciation.

This takes care of the one \$500.00 item of the World Union and no doubt the 1944 item was handled the same way. However, in order to see that World Union of Progressive Judaism receives both \$500.00 items, further data should be secured. No doubt you will find in either 1944 or 1945 cancelled checks of the Trustee a/c a \$500.00 item for World Union. This check should be for approximately the same amount as the photostat sent me (\$502.80) and from that cancelled check a similar forwarding receipt should be found either in Bank records or Harry's files.

Hope to be able to get to St. Paul this coming week and will phone you before leaving Chicago.

Again thanking you for your kind cooperation and assuring you I am always at your call and command and with warmest greetings, I am,

Ever faithfully,

Herb J. Mayer

P.S. Don't get me wrong, no one is criticising Harry in any way and no one has ever criticised him, that I ever heard. Just trying to get two remittances that were claimed as never received by World Union and because of the World War turmoil could readily have been lost in transit. It's a bank proposition, if this be so.

HJM:es

CC: Rabbi Marcuson
Rabbi Silver
Rabbi Regner
Rabbi Smoller

Herb

VINE STREET TEMPLE
NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

DR. JULIUS MARK
RABBI

November 5, 1946

Dr. A. H. Silver,
105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

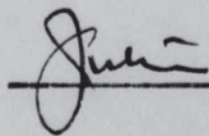
I have just received notification from the secretary of CCAR of my appointment as chairman of the commission on Justice and Peace. I want to thank you for this expression of your confidence and assure you that I shall try to do a job. Please do not hesitate to send me any suggestions that you may have in mind. I shall, of course, keep you informed of what the Commission is trying to do.

I am calling a meeting of the Administrative Committee, to be held in Chicago on December 10. I am asking Eisendrath to appoint three representatives of the Union to meet with three representatives of our Commission on the evening of December 9 to discuss the question of establishing a joint office and procure the services of a professional worker. This, I believe, was approved by both the Union and the Conference.

You will be advised of everything that transpires.

Yours sincerely,

JM:BB



November 11, 1946

Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President
Hebrew Union College
8 Burton Woods Lane
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:

The Central Conference of American Rabbis takes pleasure in inviting you to deliver the Conference Lecture at the forthcoming annual convention which will be held this year in Montreal, Canada beginning June 24. Your lecture would be delivered on Friday evening, June 27.

I need not tell you that we shall be delighted to receive your acceptance. It will be particularly appropriate for you to bring a message to the members of our Conference on the occasion of your retirement from the Presidency of the Hebrew Union College after a long, fruitful and distinguished career in that office.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The Officers and Board of Trustees
of the
Vine Street Temple
cordially invite your presence
at the
Service and the Testimonial Dinner
in honor of
Dr. Julius Mark
on the occasion of the
Twentieth Anniversary
of his ministry in our Congregation
Friday, the fifteenth of November
Monday, the eighteenth of November
Nineteen hundred and forty-six

Twentieth Anniversary Service

Friday evening, the fifteenth of November

Nineteen hundred and forty-six

eight o'clock

Nine Street Temple

Nashville



Monday evening, the eighteenth of November

Nineteen hundred and forty-six

seven o'clock

Maxwell House Hotel

r. s. v. p.

Informal

Your beautiful message helped to make
this a memorable occasion. Sorry
you couldn't be with us. Don't forget
the 25th!

Sincerely
Julius



DR. JULIUS MARK
Rabbi, Vine Street Temple, Nashville

In appreciation of his fine ministry to the spiritual life of the community during the past twenty years . . . his shepherding of humanity, and his stimulating friendship . . . the Vine Street Temple Congregation dedicates this time and place.

An Appreciation



*"Thou shalt love thy God with all thy heart
and with all thy soul, and thy neighbor as
thyself!"*

It is not enough to confess Judaism; no more than it is to confess patriotism. It must be lived, every hour of the day. It must be a ceaseless struggle in which man has no time to think of himself. It requires all his talents, his strength, his devotion.

"Thou shalt love thy God . . . and thy neighbor . . ."—Israel's code of ethics—this has been as an earnest consecration in the career of Rabbi Julius Mark—a passion, almost, throughout the twenty years of his spiritual leadership in this community. He has given his talents, his strength, his broad sympathies, to the task of speeding mankind on towards its destiny—toward a real, human society. He has introduced something of truth and goodness, of justice, in the lives of his fellowmen. He has interpreted, and lived . . . and shown the way to realize . . . God's purpose.

In this harvest year, the Vine Street Temple Congregation shares and rejoices in the richness of his faith. It prays that the future may bring him many precious compensations . . . that God may grant him health, and fortitude of heart, and blessed friendships. . . . that he may go on—and we with him—from strength to strength!



By the Board of Trustees of the Vine Street Temple, in Nashville,
November eighteenth, nineteen hundred forty-six

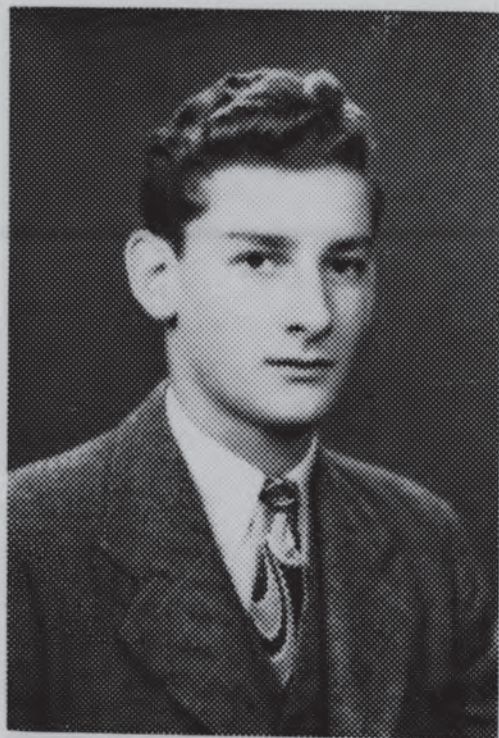
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JAMES DAVID MARK



PEGGY MARK

Testimonial Dinner

MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18, 1946

at the

MAXWELL HOUSE—7:00 o'clock



Opening Prayer

DR. DONALD D. MICHELSON, *Director, Religious Education,
Vine Street Temple*

Remarks by Toastmaster

MR. ALVIN L. KORNMAN, *President, Vine Street Temple*

Greetings

HON. THOMAS L. CUMMINGS, *Mayor, City of Nashville*

HON. JAMES N. McCORD, *Governor, State of Tennessee*

Group of Songs

Vine Street Temple Choir

1—"Serenade"—from "Student Prince"—Sigmund Romberg

2—"My Hero"—from "Chocolate Soldier"—Oscar Straus

W. OVID COLLINS (baritone), *Director*

MRS. FRANK B. EMMERLING, *Soprano*

MISS LOUISE GARVER, *Contralto*

LOUIS NICHOLAS, *Tenor*

MRS. THOMAS HUDSON, *Organist*

Anniversary Address

DR. JULIAN MORGENSTERN
President, Hebrew Union College

The National Anthem

Benediction

RABBI SIDNEY K. MOSSMAN, *Fifth Avenue Synagogue*

Sabbath Evening Service

In Observance of the Twentieth Anniversary of

*Dr. Julius Mark as Rabbi of the
Vine Street Temple*

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Friday Evening, November 15, 1946 at 8:00 o'clock

Organ Prelude

Hymn: "*L'cho Dodi*" (Lewandowski)

THE CHOIR

Sabbath Eve Ritual, Union Prayer Book, pp. 49-60

Remarks:



Mr. JACQUES BACK
Vice-President, Vine Street Temple

Greetings:

Dr. ROGER T. NOOE
Pastor, Vine Street Christian Church

Anniversary Sermon:

Dr. JAMES G. HELLER
Rabbi, Isaac M. Wise Temple, Cincinnati

Solo: "The 23rd Psalm"
(Van Derwater)

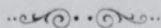
Mr. W. OVID COLLINS
Director, Vine Street Temple Choir

Conclusion of Service, pp. 71-77

Hymn: "*En Kelohenu*," Union Hymnal, page 292

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

The Benediction



**Testimonial Dinner, Monday Evening, November 18,
at 7:00 o'Clock—Maxwell House**

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November 15, 1946 19

Care of or Apt. No. VINE STREET TEMPLE

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THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS IS PROUD TO
SHARE WITH YOU THE HONOR OF PAYING TRIBUTE TO YOUR DISTINGUISHED SPIRITUAL LEADER
DR. JULIUS MARK ON THE OCCASION OF ^{the} ~~NIX~~ TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS MINISTRY
WITH YOUR CONGREGATION. DR. MARK HAS RENDERED OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO YOUR
COMMUNITY AND TO OUR COUNTRY. HIS FINE GIFTS OF HEART AND MIND AND HIS SELFLESS
DEVOTION TO DUTY AT ALL TIMES HAVE WON FOR HIM THE ADMIRATION OF ALL HIS COLLEAGUES.
I WISH HIM MANY MORE YEARS OF HAPPY AND FRUITFUL MINISTRY.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

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Dr. Abraham J. Feldman,
701 Farmington Ave.,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Abe:

The Administrative Committee of the Commission met in Cincinnati on December 9, 1946 with the following present: Isserman, Goodman, Eisendrath, Levinger and the chairman. On the evening of the 8th Isserman, Goodman, Eisendrath and I met with UARC representatives, Messrs. Robert Goldman and Laurie Simonsky (the third Union representative, Mr. Henry Monsky, could not be present) to discuss the creation of a Joint Commission and the engaging of a professional secretary. It was decided to create a joint commission of 18, of whom there would be ~~eight~~ Rabbis and ~~ten~~ laymen. The project, we are hoping, will be financed by the Union.

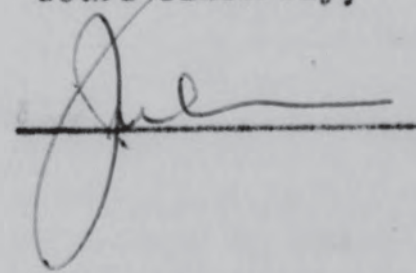
At our own meeting we voted to conduct an Institute on Judaism, Labor and Industry, which we hope to hold in Chicago in April. We also worked out our pronouncement on Race Relations, which will be submitted to our entire Commission and the Executive Board, before it is distributed.

With every good wish, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

JM:BB

Copy to Dr. A. H. Silver




May 1

December 14, 1946

Rabbi Phineas Smoller
77 West Washington Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Rabbi Smoller:

At long last, new members ledger sheets are completed and presented herewith - showing results of over two weeks work; however, am indeed glad it is completed and it should give you a clean start.

All our entries as to credit for dues are relayed to this office by the Treasurer and unless we are advised as to specific changes in addresses and other pertinent items by Treasurer's office I do not know accurate status of members accounts.

When I took over the Auditor's duties, membership status had to be built up from scratch and had Treasurers kept me fully posted as to members items, everything would be 100%; however, the duplicate deposit slips are our only means of recording unless we get copies of correspondence and other data, such as you have furnished since you became Treasurer. Previous Treasurers, including Rabbi Margolis, did not do this. Likewise the three to four schedules of dues sent Treasurer, always in duplicate, during the year should have been reconciled by Treasurer and any discrepancies called to my attention. Did a lot of work all these years, which could have proven worth while, had Treasurer used schedules properly, instead it was just wasted work.

An exceptionally close coordination between the offices of Treasurer and Auditor should be at all times and you have so shown this spirit to date.

Am indeed happy the Ledger is finally completed. It was a tedious job and one taking over two weeks full time to complete and I consider it a job well done.

The data was transcribed from our ledger account after Mrs. Leifer, of your office, and my secretary reconciled all accounts and trust you will find same in order.

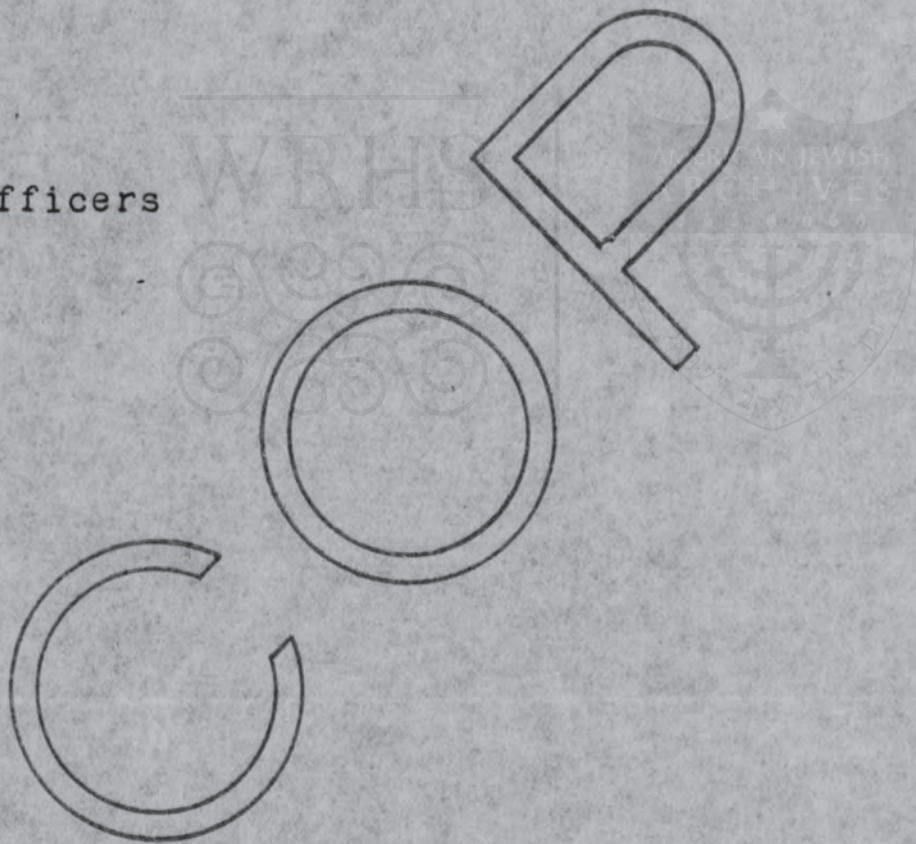
All deposits made, including the one in amount of \$2,201.45 of December 31, 1946, received this morning, have been entered and all dues listed were posted to your ledger.

Always at your call and command and with warmest greetings and the very best of wishes, I am, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

Herbert J. Mayer

HJM:es
CC: All Officers



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Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson,
Box 722,
Macon, Ga.

Dear Ike:

I have your letter of December 16 advising me that you thought that the race relations pronouncement is "weak". It would be deeply appreciated if you will tell me how it can be strengthened.

As to whether a pronouncement on race relations should be made by our Commission at all, that, of course, is another matter. All that I can say is that the Administrative Committee, as I wrote you, decided to make such a pronouncement. Naturally, I am going ahead with it unless the president of the Conference instructs me otherwise.

The Administrative Committee also decided to conduct an Institute on Judaism, Management and Labor some time after Pesach in Chicago. I have just returned from Chicago where I met with a dozen rabbis to lay the ground-work for such an Institute. The men were quite enthusiastic. If the Executive Board of the Conference, or the president, believe that such an Institute should not be held, they should, by all means, tell me so. As you know, I am keeping all concerned informed.

Regarding the Joint Commission with the Union, I propose to do exactly what you suggested. As soon as Eisen drath advises who the nine laymen of this commission are to be, I shall recommend the names of nine Rabbis to the president of the Conference. O.K.?

The following Chicago rabbis (all were invited, of course) were present at yesterday morning's meetings:

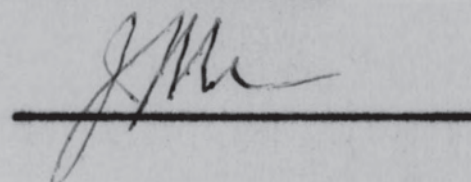


Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson (2)

Mann, Binstock, Fox, Smoller, Friedland, Teitlebaum, Strauss, Gorin, Freund, Ruslander, Schoenberger and Jacobs. The dates for the Institute have been tentatively fixed for April 20-21 and plans are going forward for program-arrangement.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,



JM:BB

Copies to:

Rabbi A. H. Silver

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman:



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To the members of the Commission on
Justice and Peace

Dear Colleagues:

This report is being mailed you not only to bring you up to date on the activities of the Commission, but to request in all earnestness your cooperation by way of comment, suggestion and criticism. Because of the difficulties entailed in holding meetings of our Commission, most of the work must, unfortunately for him, be done by the chairman. Each member can help, however, by advising with him by mail.

1. Our pronouncement on race relations, approved both by a majority of the members of the Commission and the Executive Board, is now in press. Many valuable suggestions were offered and incorporated in the final draft. It will be mailed to the entire Conference membership next week, with the request that it be given as wide publicity as possible.

2. The actions of the Executive Boards of the Conference and the Union to set up a joint Commission on Justice and Peace were implemented through a meeting of representatives of both bodies. We are now awaiting the receipt of the names of those to be appointed by the Union. We shall then suggest the names of an equal number of rabbis (it has been suggested that there be nine rabbis and nine laymen on the Joint Commission) for approval by the Executive Board. It is hoped that this Joint Commission will set up an office with a professional secretary.

3. The Administrative Committee voted to conduct an Institute on "Judaism, Management and Labor" in Chicago soon after Pesach. Your chairman met with twelve of Chicago's rabbis, who appeared



quite enthusiastic over such a project. The tentative dates are April 20 and 21, a Sunday and a Monday.

In order to relate the Institute directly to the Synagogue, it is proposed that it begin with Services in the two Chicago Temples which are accustomed to conducting Divine Worship on Sunday mornings, namely, Sholom and Sinai. Three speakers - representing industry, labor and the rabbinate - will be invited to address the congregations. It will be appreciated by the chairman if you will offer suggestions as to who these speakers should be.

It is planned to divide the Institute into the following six round-tables.

1. The Viewpoint of Labor
2. The Viewpoint of Industry
3. The Role of Government
4. The Problems of the Salaried Employee
5. Judaism and Industry-Labor Relations Historically Considered
6. Implementing the principle of Social Justice in the Modern Synagogue

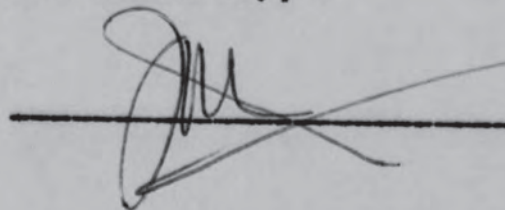
All the rabbis will, of course, be invited. It will be deeply appreciated if you will send me a list of laymen - and women, too, of course - to whom invitations should be sent, both as leaders of round-tables and participants. The first announcement of the Institute to the membership of the Conference will be enclosed with the race relations pronouncement.

As to whether the Institute will be held at all depends upon whether the Executive Board will make the funds available, since it is quite evident that we shall not be able to swing it with the limited budget allowed us. As soon as I am able to prepare a statement of the probable costs, I shall place the matter before the president of the Conference.

In the meantime, will you please be good enough to let me know what you think of the idea of conducting the Institute. Do you believe it a good idea to hold such an Institute at this particular time? Shall we go ahead with it? What suggestions do you have to offer regarding the proposed round-tables? Shall some be changed or eliminated and others substituted?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



JM:BB

Copies to:

President, C.C.A.R.
Administrative Secretary, C.C.A.R.
All Chicago Rabbis

January 14, 1947

Dr. Julius Mark
Vine Street Temple
136 7th Ave. N.,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Julius:

What progress are you making with reference to your Institute on Labor and Management? It sounds very good and I am sure that you will build it up into something very good which will draw national attention to it.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

VINE STREET TEMPLE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

DR. JULIUS MARK
RABBI

February 3, 1947

Dr. Abba H. Silver,
President, Central Conference of American Rabbis,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I delayed replying to your inquiry of January 14 regarding the proposed Institute on Judaism, Management and Labor until some replies to my questionnaire of January 15 had come. The 151 Rabbis who returned the post card are all in favor of conducting such an Institute. Many are enthusiastic. Fifty-three indicated that they would make arrangements to attend.

The background, briefly stated, is as follows: At a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Commission on Justice and Peace, held in Cincinnati early in December, the chairman's suggestion that such an Institute might be held was approved. The chairman was instructed to meet with the Chicago members of the Conference, since it was proposed that the Institute be held in Chicago on April 20-21. Early in January he met with 12 Rabbis in Chicago (all were, of course, invited) and was assured of their earnest cooperation. Some of the planning was entered upon.

The following tentative program has been suggested:

Sunday, April 20, 1947

11:00 A.M. Divine worship at Temples Sholom and Sinai, a representative of Labor, Management and the Rabbinate to speak at each Service.

2:30 P.M. Organization of Institute, Standard Club.

Assignment to Round Tables.

Twenty Minute addresses by:

- a. A leader in Labor (possibly Jacob Potofsky)
- b. A leader of Management (possibly Charles Luckman of Lever Bros.)
- c. A representative of the public or government.
- d. The president of the CCAR.

7:30 P.M. Meetings of the Round Tables (enclosed)

Monday, April 21

8:00 to 10:00 A.M. Continuation of Round Table meetings.

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10:00 A.M. Plenary session, with reports of chairmen or rapporteurs of Round Tables.

No attempt will be made to conduct any luncheon or dinner sessions.

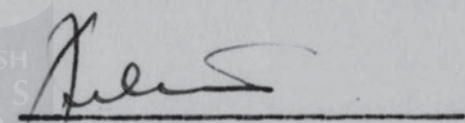
One slight matter remains before we can extend invitations to the speakers and go ahead with the Institute, namely, the approval of the Executive Board of the Conference. Laymen from other cities who are invited as speakers will be offered their traveling expenses. There will also be expenses in connection with printing, stenographic work, etc. It is estimated that it will cost approximately one thousand dollars, not provided in the present budget of the commission, to hold such an institute.

It will be deeply appreciated if you will advise me at your earliest opportunity whether we should go ahead with the Institute.

Yours sincerely,

JM:BB



A handwritten signature in dark ink, likely of Dr. Abba H. Silver, is written over a horizontal line.

P.S.: Our mutual friend, Mortimer May, has been singing your praises in connection with the remarkable services you rendered our people and our cause in Basle.

A small, handwritten mark or signature, possibly a single letter or a short flourish, is written in dark ink.

INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM, MANAGEMENT AND LABOR

The Commission on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis is hoping to conduct an Institute on Judaism, Management and Labor in Chicago on Sunday and Monday, April 20-21. In addition to the plenary sessions and religious services, it is planned to divide the Institute into the following round-tables:

1. The Viewpoint of Labor
2. The Viewpoint of Industry
3. The Role of Government
4. The Problems of the Salaried Employee
5. Judaism and Industry-Labor Relations Historically Considered
6. Implementing the principle of Social Justice in the Modern Synagogue

The success of the Institute - and it is only natural that we should want it to be a success - will depend upon whether the men favor the holding of such an Institute, will make an effort to attend and will suggest the names of laymen as leaders and participants in the round-tables. A post card is enclosed for your convenience.

The chairman will be glad to write to the presidents of congregations suggesting that their Rabbi's expenses be paid, if the Rabbis wish him to do so.

If we are to go on with our plans, it is essential that the post card, properly filled in, be returned at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

JULIUS MARK
CHAIRMAN, Commission on
Justice and Peace

February 6, 1947

Dr. Julius Mark
Vine Street Temple
136 Seventh Avenue, N.
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Julius:

I am pleased to learn that you have made substantial progress with the Institute on Judaism, Management and Labor scheduled for April 20-21. I understand that there will be involved a cost of \$1,000 which is not presently provided in the budget of the Commission. I authorize you to incur this expense, and I will request the Executive to approve my authorization at its next meeting.

In order to attract national attention to the Institute, it might be well to have one or two nationally known figures from the fields of Labor and Management at this conference, names that are well known throughout the nation.

Before you set the dates of the Institute, I had already accepted an invitation from the University of California to participate in a religious seminar with Fosdick and Sheean. You will therefore have to cast about for someone to take my place on the program.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of February 12th, asking for comment on the request of the Synagogue Council of America for the approval of the Presidents of the Rabbinical Organization, for a compendium of prayers to be used by Jewish patients in hospitals.

It is not clear what we are asked to approve. If it is that a compendium of prayers shall be created there can be no possible objection. Whether we approve of the prayers that are included in the book is an entirely different matter. Before we can approve of the book we would have to know what type of prayers have been included.

There will be a meeting of the Liturgical Committee of the CCAR, in Cincinnati on Tuesday of the coming week. Bamberger, who is on the committee to prepare the book for the Synagogue Council, is expected to attend that meeting. Let me refer your letter to the Liturgical Committee and find out from Bamberger just what kind of a book has been prepared, and ascertain why there is a special demand for such a book.

I shall write you next week, in time for you to answer by March 1st.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

IEM:EM

February 20, 1947

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Marcus:

I am enclosing herewith a telegram which I received from Benjamin Schultz. He inquires about the Conference resolution on religious education in the Soviet Union. I am wondering whether you should not ask for an appointment with the Soviet Ambassador for yourself and a small committee representing the Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

February 28, 1947

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rsbbi Marcuson:

I see no reason why Rabbi Sidney Lefkowitz should not be named a member of the Committee on Contemporaneous History.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am writing to inquire what action the Executive Board took in the matter of engaging a permanent secretary for the Commission on Justice and Peace. I read in the last yearbook (p.198) that the Executive Board "be instructed etc...and if they find it possible to do so, to proceed to engage a permanent secretary."

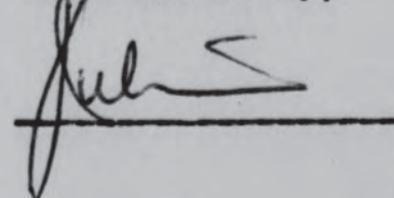
At the present time, Eisendrath is attempting to set up a committee of nine laymen to join with a similar number from our Commission. With an eye toward the future, we have both interviewed a man, a member of our Conference, who, we believe, could do a good job as permanent secretary. We should like to know what steps the Executive Board has taken in this matter and how far we can go.

I was disappointed that another engagement will prevent you from participating in the Institute on Judaism, Management and Labor, which the Commission plans to conduct in Chicago on April 20-21. Following your suggestion, I have invited Feldman, who has accepted.

As soon as we have the program squared away in a fairly good shape, I shall advise you.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,



JM:BB



April 2, 1947

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Marcus:

Under date of February 20 I sent you the enclosed letter. I wonder whether you have done anything in connection with seeing the Soviet Ambassador.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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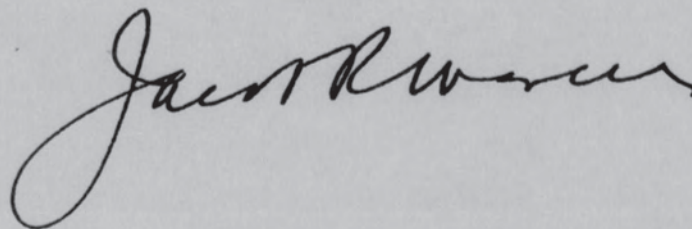
Doctor Abbe Hillel Silver
President
Central Conference of
American Rabbis
The Temple, E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

In response to your kind letter of the
2nd I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I
received from the Russian Embassy.

With kindest personal regards and all
good wishes for the holidays, I am

Very cordially yours,



Enclosure

April 9, 1947

Dr. Julius Mark
Vine Street Temple
136 7th Ave. N.
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Julius:

I passed your question contained in your letter of March 17 on to Rabbi Marcuson and I am enclosing herewith a copy of the reply which I received this morning.

I feel that you ought to go ahead together with the Union and engage a man for the job. The Conference will be prepared, I am sure, to bear its share of the cost involved.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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Dr. A. H. Silver,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Thank you for your letter of April 9 giving me the authority to conclude our negotiations with the Union in the matter of engaging a permanent secretary for our proposed Joint Commission. I have advised Eisendrath that we are prepared to go ahead and are awaiting word from the Union.

I also received your telegram of inquiry with regard to national press coverage of our Institute. All steps to that end have been taken. Pete Smoller, who has been doing a magnificent job for the Institute in Chicago, held a press conference about ten days ago. Representatives of the Chicago press were present. Binstock and Mann also attended and proved most helpful. An inquiry was received from TIME Magazine. The New York TIMES has been contacted. The radio stations in Chicago have promised cooperation.

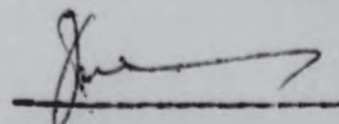
All the speakers and leaders of round tables were requested to mail me their addresses and statements. Most of them have already responded. The addresses will be given to the press and the round table statements mimeographed so that each participant may have a copy.

The Chicago Federation of Reform Synagogues is cooperating with us and will bear part of the expenses.

From the reactions that have reached me, the Institute should prove to be highly significant. My one regret is that you did not find it possible to be on the program.

With every good wish, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



JM:BB



Handwritten: *Handwritten*

April 16, 1947

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath,
34 W. 6th St.,
Cincinnati, 2, Ohio

Dear Maurice:

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of April 15, I quote the following from a letter to me dated April 9, 1947 from the president of the CCAR: "I feel that you ought to go ahead, together with the Union, and engage a man for the job. The Conference will be prepared, I am sure, to bear its share of the cost involved."

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The situation, as I see it, stands as follows: Both the Union and the Conference have approved the formation of a Joint Commission on Social Justice. At a meeting in Bob Goldman's home last December of representatives of the Commission and the Union, it was decided to attempt to set up a Joint Commission, consisting of nine laymen and nine Rabbis. The rabbis can be selected very easily, with the approval of the Executive Board. We are waiting on the laymen.

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As I recall our conversation that evening, it was intimated that the Union would bear the entire expense of such a Commission. It is my personal feeling, and the president of the Conference also seems to feel from his letter, that the cost of such a Joint Commission, which would entail the engaging of a permanent secretary, the setting up of an office, the publication of materials etc, should be borne jointly by the Union and the Conference.

I have given considerable thought to this matter and have come to the conclusion that the sum of \$20,000 would be required to accomplish what

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath (2)

we have in mind for a year. If you will have your Executive Board approve an allocation of \$10,000 for this venture, I shall urge the Executive Board of the Conference, with the approval of our Commission, to vote a like amount. The 18 men forming our proposed Joint Commission can then meet and set up the project.

If this sounds reasonable to you, please advise me by return mail so that I may lay the matter before the Commission, which meets in Chicago next Monday afternoon and evening immediately after the Institute.

I, too, am sorry that you will not be able to attend the Institute. From the interest that has been aroused as well as from the excellence of the addresses that will be delivered and statements made (I have seen most of them) it should prove to be a valuable as well as historic gathering.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

JM:BB

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Isaiah xxxii: 17

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Silver

PROGRAM

Sunday, April 20

9:00 A.M. Registration, Board of Jewish Education Building

11:00 A.M. Divine Worship, Temple Sholom, 3480 Lake Shore Drive

Speakers:

Mr. George F. Kohn
Mr. I. E. Goldberg
Rabbi Abram V. Goodman

11:00 A.M. Divine Worship, Chicago Sinai Congregation, at K.A.M. Temple, Drexel Boulevard at 50th Street

Speakers:

Mr. Robert P. Goldman
Mr. Jack Kroll
Rabbi F. M. Isserman

2:30 P.M. Opening Session, South Assembly Room, Board of Jewish Education Building

Introductory Remarks, Rabbi Julius Mark
Welcome, Mr. Samuel Kassel

Panel:

Mr. Michael Mann
Mr. Louis Bean
Mr. Irving Edison
Professor Paul Freund
Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman

Assignment to Round Tables, Rabbi Phineas Smoller

7:30 P.M. Meetings of Round Tables

1. The Viewpoint of Labor, Room 301
Leader: Mr. Ralph Helstein
Chairman: Mr. Dan May
Rapporteur: Rabbi Leon I. Feuer

2. The Viewpoint of Management, Room 302

Leader: Mr. Herbert J. Buchsbaum
Chairman: Mr. Alexander Eulenberg
Rapporteur: Rabbi Samuel Teitlebaum

3. The Place of Government, Room 303

Leader: Mr. Morris P. Glushien
Chairman: Mr. Samuel Levin
Rapporteur: Rabbi Norman H. Diamond

4. Wages and Living Standards, Room 304

Leader: Mr. Joseph L. Rauh, Jr.
Chairman: Mr. Harry A. Kovenock
Rapporteur: Rabbi G. George Fox

5. Judaism and Management-Labor Relations Historically Considered, Room 305

Leader: Rabbi Leon Fram
Chairman: Mr. S. D. Schwartz
Rapporteur: Rabbi Ely E. Pilchick

6. Implementing the Principles of Social Justice in the Modern Synagogue, Room 306

Leader: Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein
Chairman: Mrs. Paul R. Unger
Rapporteur: Rabbi Eric Friedland

Monday, April 21

8:00 A.M. Continuation of Round Table Meetings

10:00 A.M. Plenary Session, South Assembly Room

Remarks, Mr. J. S. Ackerman

Reports of Round Tables by Rapporteurs

Discussion and Adoption of Statement by Institute

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Dr. A. H. Silver,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I have just wired you of my plan to arrive in Cleveland by plane on Saturday evening at 7:28 o'clock and am looking forward with much pleasure to occupying your pulpit on the next morning.

The Institute on Judaism, Management and Labor was, as I wired you, a pronounced success. About 800 were present at the Services at Sinai and approximately 600 at Sholom. At the sessions on Sunday afternoon and the round tables in the evening, some 160 to 175 attended on each occasion. In the morning, of course, we expected a decrease and were not surprised when some 50 or 60 made an appearance.

The enclosed materials will give you an idea as to what transpired. The resolution on the Hartley Act was originally part of the round table on Labor. The Institute felt, however, that the statement which will be issued embodying a set of principles should not deal with current legislation. Therefore, it was decided to issue a separate resolution.

X At the meeting of the Commission on Monday afternoon we discussed the proposed Joint Commission with the Union and my recommendation that a \$20,000 be shared by the CCAR and the Union. Eisendrath, who had been in town several days before, left word that it was too much. This, of course, I expected. The Commission felt, however, that \$16,000 represents an absolute minimum for the project we have in mind. I am advising Eisendrath of that action. If the Union comes through with its share, I imagine the Conference will not be unwilling to go along.



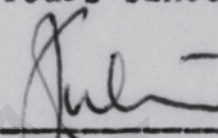
Dr. A. H. Silver (2)

Among those present at the Institute was a very dear friend of mine, Dan May, a brother of Mortimer. He is a very fine and intelligent chap, but rather conservative in the matter of labor relations. There are no unions in the May Hosiery Mills. Our friend, Dan, was, therefore, far from impressed with the attendance of so many Labor leaders - all of them able men. He has heard that you are one of the few Rabbis in the country who might be called a "conservative Republican", a bosom friend of Senator Taft, etc. Don't be surprised, therefore, if you receive a letter from him asking for a bit of sympathy.

A copy of the statement which the Institute plans to publicize will be mailed you for criticism, suggestions, counsel, etc.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,



RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE
INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM, MANAGEMENT AND
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Dr. Julius Mark, Rabbi of the Vine Street Temple, Nashville, Tenn. and chairman of the Commission on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, announces the adoption of the following resolutions:

"We strongly condemn the excesses of the Hartley Bill which, among other things, have the vindictive purpose of crippling the labor movement of this country by eliminating the closed shop and industry-wide bargaining. We deplore all legislation which would liquidate the improved status which labor has enjoyed since the passage of the Wagner Act. It is our belief that management and labor unions should peaceably resolve their differences without the necessity of Congress attempting to club the unions into submission."

The Institute on Judaism, Management and Labor also adopted the rough draft of a statement which has been submitted to an editorial committee for revision. The editorial committee consists of Rabbis Julius Mark, Nashville, Ferdinand M. Isserman, St. Louis, and Abram V. Goodman, Davenport; also Messrs. Jack Kroll, Director of CIO-PAC, Washington, Prof. Paul A. Freund, Harvard University Law Professor and Meyer Kestenbaum, Chicago industrialist. The statement will be made public within the next ten days or two weeks.

Management and labor problems, in the light of the teachings of Judaism, were explored in Chicago yesterday (Sunday) by Jewish industrialists, labor leaders, government representatives and rabbis from all parts of the country, with the view of suggesting a formula for establishment of industrial peace upon the religious foundation for social justice.

The occasion was an "Institute on Judaism, Management and Labor" sponsored jointly by the Commission on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Chicago Federation of Reform Synagogues. A general meeting, round table discussions and religious services at two temples were held yesterday and last night. About 400 persons attended the sessions. The Institute will be concluded today (Monday) with the adoption of the peace formula, based on the discussions held yesterday.

Rabbi Julius Mark, of Nashville, chairman of the meeting, sounded the keynote of the Institute at the opening session yesterday afternoon when he declared, "We believe that peaceful management-labor relationships can be established only when firmly grounded upon the prophetic principles of justice and fair-dealing." To those who believe that such an issue is not within the province of a church or synagogue, Rabbi Mark said that many of the management-labor difficulties might have been solved if the clergy had "been more concerned with the application of the teachings of religion to every human relationship". He took cognizance of the labor legislation now pending but warned that "mere passage of a law is no guarantee of the solution of the problems of human relations; there's always the need of all men, employer and employee alike, to be convinced in their own hearts of the value of cooperation."

A highlight of the two-day session came yesterday morning when a rabbi and representative of labor and management took over religious services at two Chicago temples to discuss industrial problems. One group, consisting of George F. Kohn, of Philadelphia, president of the Precision Grinding Wheel Company and a director

of the National Association of Manufacturers, I. E. Goldberg of Milwaukee, an AFL attorney, and Rabbi Abram V. Goodman of Davenport, spoke at Temple Shalom at 3480 Lake Shore Drive. The second group consisted of Robert P. Goldman of Cincinnati, a corporation attorney; Jack Kroll of Cincinnati, Manager Joint Board of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and director of the PAC, and Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman of St. Louis. They spoke before the Chicago Sinai Congregation at K.A.M. Temple, 50th Street and Drexel Boulevard.

Kohn, as a representative of management, took occasion during his talk to say that some of the labor legislation proposed is too drastic but some of the proposals are necessary for long term interest of labor and management and the public. "That there are some on management's side who would use our Congress to pass repressive laws which would give them the advantages they once had, there is no doubt", he said. "But it is wrong to judge a group by its exceptions. The bulk of manufacturers in this country approve the principle of collective bargaining and it is not the desire of the largest element on management's side to break unions. It is important that management attempt to educate its recalcitrant members into recognition that unionism is here to stay and that it represents a proper and salutary influence in our American way of life. Labor has a definite responsibility to clean its own house and put it in order. Otherwise they endanger the whole and risk regulatory and perhaps repressive legislation." Kohn warned that unless management and labor resolve their own difficulties, "Government by force might develop and under such a system minorities do not fare well."

Herbert J. Buchsbaum, President of S. Buchsbaum & Company, another management spokesman, said most business executives are not apprehensive about the future, explaining that "we have started on a cycle of labor management harmony that can only be disturbed by the remote possibility of inflationary price changes that will tend to starve the worker into conflict". He pleaded for understanding and consideration by both management and labor, saying contented union labor guarantees discipline and production and that bilateral action by management rather than

unilateral can forestall trouble.

Milton G. Rosenfeld, president of the Western Garment Company, also speaking in behalf of management, said, "My religion tells me that I must regard those who work for me as fellow men, not as goods or services which I may regard as a means to my ends. Therefore decent treatment of labor has paid dividends. All management must appreciate that by raising the workers standard of living it raises the purchasing power of its markets.

Labor representatives at the institute based most of their arguments on statistics to show the corporations are amassing record-breaking profits while the workers' share of national income is declining.

Ralph Helstein of Chicago, president of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America, also emphasized that concentration of economic power in the hands of a few corporations and individuals continues unabated, while "millions of our people are still ill fed and ill clothed. It is perfectly clear that monopoly recognizes the organized labor movement as the major obstacle in its road to complete power and therefore has promoted the labor legislation now pending. Sound management-labor relations cannot be nurtured to full maturity in the face of the attacks now being made. Remember, history teaches us that what is good for labor is good for the nation. What is good for the nation is good for labor."

Jack Kroll of Cincinnati, manager of the CIO Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and director of the PAC, cited the growth of corporation profits to the point where it is estimated they will reach, after taxes, \$15,000,000,000 this year. "By contrast in 1946 the workers' wages and salaries dropped from 68 per cent of the national income in the 1942-45 period to 62.5 per cent in 1946", he added. "Workers' take-home pay has dropped \$8.00 per week in the last year, and in the last 18 months every dollar of income has lost 40 per cent of its purchasing power. Half of all American wage earners and their families receive incomes of less than \$2500 a year; 10,000,000 of our 55,000,000 workers receive less than \$26 a week on which to raise and educate their children. I cite these facts to drive

home the basic fact that organized labor fights against these inequities in our social and economic system, which, if unchecked, will spell the ruin of us all."

I. E. Goldberg, an AFL attorney of Milwaukee, also pointed to the workers' average earnings to support his plea that union leadership must obtain more earnings for its members to enable them to meet rising living costs. As to labor legislation, he said, "I have no argument with Congress or with any individual who might say that the closed shop or the union shop can be abused. But the remedy is not to outlaw the closed or the union shop but to establish reasonable rules against any such abuses."

Michael Mann, secretary of the CIO Chicago Industrial Union Council, admitted there were some faults in labor unions such as the division between the various federations, the host of new union members who don't understand the movement, the racketeering that exists in some unions, the lack of democracy in others, and failure of some unions to break down racial barriers. "However, despite its shortcomings, it is important to realize that without labor unions many of our contributions to society could not have resulted," he said. "In labor unions, churches and other institutions may find powerful co-workers for many of the ideals they seek to win for society; churches and management have an important job to understand and interpret this movement to itself and to non-labor groups."

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, of the K.A.M. Congregation, Chicago, said, "The synagogue and the temple are largely the institutions of middleclass Jewry. They both lack a base in labor. This is unfortunate, both for Judaism and for labor. A religion which does not have its roots in field and factory and in the hearts of those who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, sooner or later become a cult."

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman of St. Louis saw in the current labor-management difficulties the occasion again for Judaism to defend the social gains, to strengthen them, as it has in the past when it recognized the "rights of the weak in an age when men recognized only the rights of the strong. Reaction is in the air. Many good people who have opposed all reforms are out to destroy recent social gains.

Rabbis and Jewish laymen must speak out as champions of justice and righteousness."

The white collar worker's status was taken up by a former government representative, Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., ex-Deputy Housing Administrator, who said earnings for the white collar employee haven't approached the rise in cost of living. "The white collar workers suffered more than any other group with the destruction of the administration's stabilization program", he said. "In the last analysis the problem of the white collar worker is the problem of all workers today with prices rising faster than wages."

Morris P. Glushien, of Washington, associate general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, defended the Wagner Act, saying that "The primary objective of the act, to encourage and protect collective bargaining and eliminate organizational strikes, has achieved large success."

Paul Freund, law professor at Harvard University, urged that the one cooperative venture to which management and labor may devote themselves wholeheartedly in their mutual interest and in the interest of the public is the annual wage. "We must find a moral equivalent of war to absorb the constructive energies and resources of labor and management, as was done in 1941 to 1945", he added.

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May 4, 1947

Dr. Julius Mark
Vine Street Temple
136 7th Ave. N.,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Julius:

I am sure you will pardon the long delay in sending you this note of appreciation for your kindness in occupying my pulpit and in addressing my congregation. I have been away all week and busy, as you may well imagine, in connection with the discussion of the Palestine issue before the U.N. The congregation tremendously enjoyed your message and we are all indebted to you. Please come to us again soon.

I am enclosing herewith a check to cover your traveling expenses.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you in Montreal at the C.C.A.R., if not sooner, I remain

Most cordially,

AHS:BK
Enc.

May 11, 1947

Dr. Julius Mark
Vine Street Temple
136 7th Ave. N.,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Friend:

Upon my return from the East, I learned that a check for \$50 was sent to you to cover your traveling expenses. I regret that a mistake was made. I had requested that \$100 be sent to you. Mrs. Silver signed the check as she frequently does when I am leaving the city. I dictated the letter, but had to leave that same afternoon before I could sign the check. I hope that you will forgive the oversight.

I am looking forward with real pleasure to seeing you at the CCAR convention in Montreal.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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Dr. A. H. Silver,
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I want to thank you for your good letter of May 4, with the check reimbursing me for my traveling expenses enclosed. Let me assure you that I was more than delighted to be of some slight service to you. Call on me again when I can be of assistance and I shall be delighted to respond.

The enclosed statement is being mailed to an editorial committee consisting of three rabbis and three laymen for their comments, criticisms, suggestions, etc. before it is printed and publicized. It would be deeply appreciated if you will look it over and give the benefit of your counsel.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

JM:BB



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STATEMENT OF THE INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM, MANAGEMENT AND LABOR

INTRODUCTION

The Historical Role of Judaism

The Bible, in contrast to other ancient literature, ascribes dignity to toil. "When thou eatest of the labor of thy hand", declared the Psalmist, "happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee." The Talmud designated the rabbis by their occupations, such as sandalmaker, wood chopper, blacksmith, tailor, potter, as much as by their names. "Great is work, for it honors him who performs it", said the Sages.

Both prophets and rabbis inveighed against the exploiters of labor. This was the law of Deuteronomy: "Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy; whether he be of thy brethren or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates". Biblical and Talmudic law recognized no caste system. All men were regarded as free and equal. Employer and worker should respect each other.

In modern times, we have seen the garment industry, where both management and labor are both largely Jewish, emerge from an era of sweat-shop and exploitation. Today the formerly conflicting elements recognize their common interest and work as partners for the mutual benefit of all concerned. It is no accident that this industry has been free from strikes in the post-war period. Great names have been associated with the stabilization of worker-management relations in the garment trades. We recall Sidney Hillman, the great labor statesman, the firm of Hart, Schaffner and Marx, which enlisted the cooperation of its employees in solving the problems of production, and Louis D. Brandeis, who, through his experience as arbitrator, acquired a respect for the Jewish people and a vision of the prophetic ideal which he endeavored to realize on behalf of his country.

The tradition linking the prophets and sages of old with our own day is found in the teachings and work of the modern rabbis. The Year Books of the Central Conference of American Rabbis indicate a continuing concern on their part for the progressive solution of labor-management problems. They have supported, through the Social Justice Committee, founded decades ago, and more recently through the Commission on Justice and Peace with which it is incorporated, every program to achieve a righteous solution for the opposing claims of labor and management. Through the years, their advocacy of humanitarian principles has sounded a prophetic note. Many of the ideals, for which they have pleaded, are now knit into the fabric of American economy. Much still remains to be done, however, before we realize the ideals of Judaism in the life of our time.

DECLARATION ON MANAGEMENT AND LABOR RELATIONS

As men and women of Israel, we are conscious of the doctrines of our faith which proclaim that all are children of the one God and which seek to achieve justice and righteousness among the elements of our common humanity. Cognizant of the existing conflicts and tensions in the relationship between labor and management, we issue the following declaration:

I.

We recognize that management and labor are partners in their contribution to the complex industrial order we know today. Their apparent divergent interests are by no means irreconcilable. Enlightened labor leadership recognizes the soundness of the profit motive, while progressive elements in management welcome the participation of their employees in responsible decisions governing the welfare of their enterprises. Under the prevailing economic system, one cannot succeed without the other.

II

Management should have a sense of social responsibility even though it pursues a philosophy of free enterprise. We deplore the tendency often associated with the rise of giant corporations to seek the welfare of none but those in command. In their search for greater profits, they disregard the rights of employees and consumers alike. We favor increased production with a smaller return to management per unit. The accumulation of vast profits beyond the needs for capital expenditure are socially indefensible. The consumer should benefit by lower prices, the worker by higher wages or some form of profit sharing. Such policies are particularly called for to meet the threat of inflation and to avoid a wave of bitter strikes to secure adjustments that will meet the increased cost of living.

III

In a democratic society the right of the workers to band together in associations that will defend their interest and secure their rights has become axiomatic. The role of the unions in enhancing the dignity of labor and improving its economic status has been a source of blessing to the nation at large.

IV

The growth and power of labor unions offer a challenge to the idealism and integrity of their leadership. We note with disapproval that arbitrary policies prevail in certain quarters which are not consonant with the general welfare. Some bodies have unfairly restricted the admission of apprentices to their craft, others have practiced slow-down policies in production or have carried on inter-union strikes at the expense of management and the public. Such practices should be outlawed.

V

We express our concern for those workers who lack the protection of a powerful union organization. Among white collar workers, particularly teachers, there has come a gap between their income and the amount necessary to maintain a minimum standard of nutrition, shelter, health and comfort. It is the duty of management to pay a wage adequate for that standard to those who are unorganized as most office workers are.

VI

Believing as we do in industrial democracy, we favor the meeting of designated representatives of employees with their employer to engage in collective bargaining, whereby they may have a voice in determining their wages, hours, and other conditions of employment. It is our opinion that the basic solution for our industrial ills is not less collective bargaining, but more.

VII

We recognize the need for appropriate government intervention to secure free collective bargaining, to protect the working conditions of industrial labor and to safeguard the dignity, as individuals, of both the worker and his employer. The conciliation and mediation services of government should be strengthened and improved to assist industrial disputants to achieve agreement through collective bargaining. If an accord is not reached, the parties should be encouraged by the government to consent to voluntary arbitrations. When a crisis does arise, which the public cannot in safety leave unresolved, no one device commends itself as a prearranged solution. The resources of government must be kept flexible and adapted to the specific emergency in the light of all the facts.

VIII

We do not regard compulsory arbitration as a panacea in the solution of industrial controversies. Arbitration, like other judicial sanctions, presupposes the existence of governing principles to be applied by the arbiter. Except for disputes over the interpretation of labor contracts, such principles are in only a formative stage.

IX

At this time when there is much agitation in favor of laws to ban the closed shop, we wish to make clear that it is not the place of government to restrict or forbid the closed shop, the union shop or similar forms of union security. Such matters should be left in the area of collective bargaining for voluntary agreement between employers and trade unions.

X

Equal access to employment or to union membership should be open to all without discrimination as to color, creed, nationality, or sex, and the govern-

ment should insure this by appropriate legislation. We reaffirm the conclusions of the Institute on Judaism and Race Relations held in November, 1945, that it is a function of the Government to eliminate discrimination through the passage of a Federal Fair Employment Practices Act.

XI

We voice the belief that there is no basic contradiction between what is ethically right and what is economically good. Policies which result in the benefit of society as a whole are both materially good and ethically right for the individual employer and those who work for him.



CONCLUSION

The Role of the Contemporary Synagogue

We should like to see the synagogue of our time have a membership widely representative of every social and economic group. Instead of relying mostly on the middle class for support, as is the case today, we need to strengthen our ties with those who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow. A religion which is estranged from the workers is reduced to the status of a cult. Every possible effort should be made to attract members of low income groups to the synagogue. Dues should be sufficiently flexible to encourage such affiliation.

We believe that the achievement of social justice should be a primary concern of modern Jewish religious life. Each congregation and its affiliates should pursue a dynamic and constructive program through civic affairs committees that have two purposes:

1. To educate the membership as to their obligations as citizens and their responsibilities to the community in which they live.
2. To initiate, promote and support attitudes, organizations and legislation which have as their objective better living conditions for all people.

We advocate the prompt formation of a joint Committee on Justice and Peace, already approved by the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. This commission should be provided with sufficient funds to establish an office and to secure a Director and an adequate staff. Among its functions should be the furnishing of guidance to local affairs committees through literature, programs and other directives.

May 28, 1947

Dr. Julius Mark
Vine Street Temple
136 7th Avenue N.
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Mark:

Is there any recommendation which the Committee on Justice and Peace would like me to include in my Presidential Message? I should be glad to hear from you as I am about to write my Message for the Conference.

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in Montreal, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

Rabbi Max Maccoby
Five Hundred North Columbus Avenue
Mount Vernon, New York

June 10, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, 6 Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that I have
sent to Dr. Abraham Feldman.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

MAX MACCOBY

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Rabbi Max Maccoby
Five Hundred North Columbus Avenue
Mount Vernon, New York

June 10, 1947

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman
Congregation Beth Israel
701 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Abe:

I address this letter to you because I understand you are in charge of program for the coming Conference.

I have just come from an Emergency Luncheon of the United Jewish Appeal addressed by Dr. Joseph Schwartz and Chaplain Herbert Friedman who has been acting as Phil Bernstein's assistant. We were informed at the meeting that of the one hundred million pledged by the country at large for the UJA, only ten million has been collected thus far. We were also told that the New York City campaign has bogged down tremendously. Both Schwartz and Friedman brought an alarming picture of the European situation citing that the United States Army and UNRRA will cease helping DPs at the end of this month. The inadequacy of the IRO was also pointed out. Henry Morgenthau, who spoke later, quoted Eliezer Kaplan as saying that because of the lack of funds Jews cannot be moved from Cyprus. A new emergency campaign is being planned.

It occurred to me and other members of the Conference present that we should do something about this in Montreal. If time could be set aside, perhaps Herbert Friedman could fly up and speak to us. We could perhaps make our own additional contribution at that time; but what would be more important in my opinion is the holding of a meeting that could be publicized to help in this emergency. I know that all of us are engaged in this work in our communities, but I repeat that action at our meeting would have tremendous publicity value.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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MAX MACCOBY

COMMISSION ON JUSTICE AND PEACE
CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

June 11, 1947

Rabbi Elmer Berger,
201 E. 57th St.,
New York, 22, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Berger:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 9, the first response that I have received from you to the numerous communications which I mailed to the members of the Commission during the year that I have been chairman.

That the report did not reach you thirty days before the Conference is scheduled to convene is, of course, true. I plead guilty, in spite of the many excuses that I might offer including preparations for Confirmation. Your statement that my request for "changes, deletions, additions, etc." was "mostly perfunctory" and that the report is a "fait accompli" is, however, untrue. Most of the members of the Commission responded promptly and a number of changes were made in the resolutions at their suggestion - as you will note from the enclosed revision of page 4 of the report.

It is evident, from your letter, that your principle quarrel is with Resolution 15 (according to the enclosed page). You, of course, are perfectly entitled to your views, which we shall not discuss. Others of us feel that Dr. Silver's statement was of historic importance and tended to promote both justice and peace. You, of course, have the right to appear on the Conference floor when the resolution is presented and do your utmost to persuade our colleagues to vote it down.

Your statement, "typical of the lack of precision and information with which this report has been prepared" is unworthy of a colleague and can only be charged to bad manners. Dr. Silver appeared before a meeting of the Political and Security Committee of the United Nations, according to the New York TIMES of May 9, 1947.

Your negative vote on the report will, in accordance with your wishes, be recorded.

Yours sincerely,

JM:BB

Copies to:

Secretary, CCAR
Members of the Commission

Mark

June 12, 1947

Rabbi Max Maccoby
500 North Columbus Avenue
Mt. Vernon, New York

My dear Max:

I am replying to your letter of June 10th.

I do not have to tell you that my sympathies and my emotions are all involved in the UJA, and yet, I do not see how, or even why, there should be a rally at a meeting of the CCAR. Remember that everyone of our men, in his own community and many travelling through other communities, have been the trumpeters of the UJA.

The program is crowded, and even since the program was completed, requests have come from our own reform agencies to be given a hearing. Thus, the chairman of the Board of the UAHC has been given a place on the program. The President of the NFTS has also been given a place on the program. Frankly, I do not see where we can add anything to the program.

However, I shall relay your letter, with my response, to it, to Dr. Silver, and anything that he chooses to do in the matter will be entirely agreeable to me.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you in Montreal, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

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Dr. Abraham J. Feldman

INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM, MANAGEMENT AND LABOR

The Commission on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis is hoping to conduct an Institute on Judaism, Management and Labor in Chicago on Sunday and Monday, April 20-21. In addition to the plenary sessions and religious services, it is planned to divide the Institute into the following round-tables:

1. The Viewpoint of Labor
2. The Viewpoint of Industry
3. The Role of Government
4. The Problems of the Salaried Employee
5. Judaism and Industry-Labor Relations Historically Considered
6. Implementing the principle of Social Justice in the Modern Synagogue

The success of the Institute - and it is only natural that we should want it to be a success - will depend upon whether the men favor the holding of such an Institute, will make an effort to attend and will suggest the names of laymen as leaders and participants in the round-tables. A post card is enclosed for your convenience.

The chairman will be glad to write to the presidents of congregations suggesting that their Rabbi's expenses be paid, if the Rabbis wish him to do so.

If we are to go on with our plans, it is essential that the post card, properly filled in, be returned at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

JULIUS MARK
CHAIRMAN, Commission on
Justice and Peace