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CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

Cincinnati, Ohio

July 1, 1946

Dear Colleague:

By vote of the Conference, I am transmitting to you herewith a copy of the Resolution adopted Saturday evening, June 29, at the Convention, with the request that you bring it to the attention of your congregation and your community for parallel action.

A copy of this Resolution is being sent by the Union to the President of your congregation.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson

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Administrative Secretary

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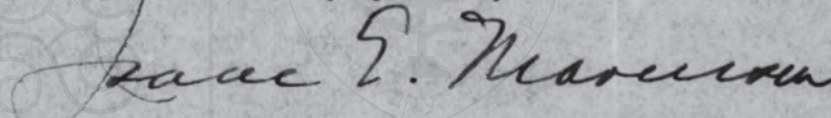
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Mr. Shapiro
% Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Shapiro,

I have been requested to transmit the enclosed resolution, adopted by the Central Conference of American Rabbis at their recent Convention, for your earnest consideration.

Cordially yours,



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

Dear Colleague:

You asked me to write you so that your Secretary
could inform me who was named to write the
Memorial Resolution for Rabbi Abraham H. Feinberg,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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My dear Mrs. Richards.

Please look up Miss Kline's files
and find out what Rabbi I asked (some
months ago) to write the Memorial Resolution
on Rabbi Feinberg. Then notify Rabbi
Marcuson. Regards.

Abba Hillel Silver

P.S. Please send us the 1945 Yearbook of the
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Dear Colleague:

May I call to your attention three committees which you are asked to appoint as soon as possible:

JOINT COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTES
(Three representatives)

Rabbi Schwarz of the Union Office had informed me that three representatives had been appointed, but neither you nor Rabbi Freehof knew anything about it. You, therefore, stated that you would appoint three new representatives on the joint commission.

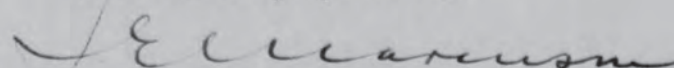
COMMITTEE ON PLACEMENT OF RABBIS

You will recall that this committee was organized some years ago and presented a plan for a Placement Committee. This plan was referred back to the committee for further study. It was prepared to report at the New York meeting, but did not do so due to the objection of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. No further action was taken because the Emergency Placement Committee was functioning in the interim. The Conference voted that a new committee should be appointed to study the problem of a Placement Committee. At the post-Conference meeting of the Executive Board, it was decided that this committee should present a preliminary report to the October meeting of the Executive Board for discussion, and that the committee should then go on with its study in line with the suggestions which might be made by the Executive Board, and present a report to the next meeting of the Conference.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The post-Conference Executive Board voted that a Committee on Committees be appointed to prepare in advance a list of suggested names to serve on the standing committees of the Conference. This list to be presented to the October meeting of the Executive Board for approval.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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CC- Dr. Abraham J. Feldman

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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

There are two matters which I wish to bring to your attention.
One for action and one for information.

I wrote to Feldman about them under the impression that you were
out of the country, but he informs me that you did not go, and
asked me to refer them to you.

I. In the report of Contemporaneous History, the suggestion is
made that a committee be appointed to attempt to get an interview
with the Soviet Ambassador and discuss with him the matter of
permission to conduct classes in Jewish education for children.
There was, as you will recall, a question as to whether such a
committee would be received by the ambassador, but the action
was that we should try.

II. At the Convention, you will recall, I reported the difficulty
in getting a definite answer from the Committee on Synagog Music
in regard to the special music for Volume II, Union Prayerbook,
newly revised. Finally I had a talk with Eric Werner and I
learned that the difficulty was that the committee added about
30 pages of new music for responses which were already covered.
I told Werner to cut this out for the present, and let me have
the necessary music. When I returned home I received a telegram
from Werner that they could have the work done in Cincinnati and
that it would be ready by the end of August. When I figured up
the cost I found it amounted to nearly \$4.00 per copy; which,
of course, was out of the question. I wrote him that I could not
approve of such a job as the Adler music cost us about 60¢ a copy.
Feldman approved of my decision. I asked Werner to send me the
music but he told me it was already in the hands of a copyist;
for which, by the way, they are paying \$135.00, merely to make a
clean copy of the music. He finally quoted a price of about \$2.50
a copy and in desperation I told him to go ahead and get the music
finished in time for the fall Holy Days. I had made inquiries here
and could have had the work done in about five days, but I could not
get them to give me the music, so the only thing I could do was to
let them have the job finished. If I ever get the sheets, I shall
circularize the members and send a copy to each member requesting
one.

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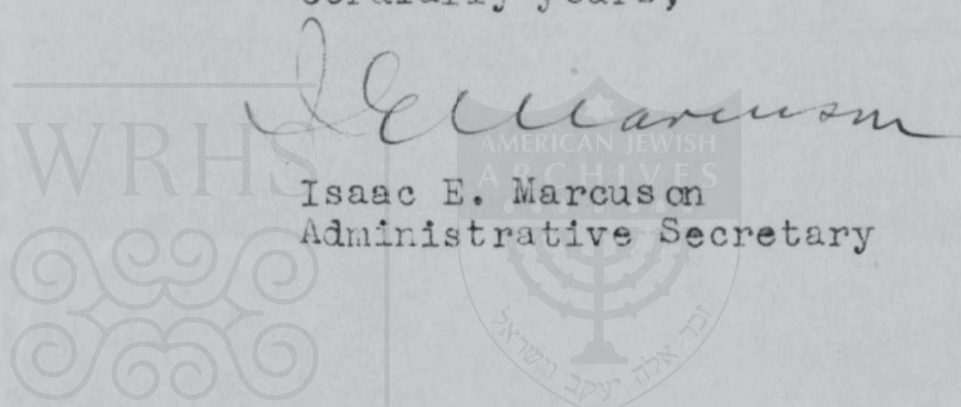
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

We shall probably lose money on the job, but it cannot be helped now. I never heard of anyone going ahead and having work done without first inquiring as to the cost. The trouble seems to be a clash between Singer and Werner, who seemingly do not work well together.

Cordially yours,

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

Dear Colleague:

As you probably know Margolis died Sunday night and I think it would be just as well if the memorial resolution be included in the forthcoming yearbook. We have done this on several occasions when a member died immediately following a convention.

May I suggest Henry J. Berkowitz, unless you have thought of someone else to write the memorial. They were classmates and very good friends.

May I ask you about the Calisch memorial. You told me that Ariel Goldberg had been asked by you to write it. I have never been able to get my hands on the memorial nor to get an answer from Goldberg as to whether he had written it. Likewise, at the convention, you had told me that you appointed someone to write the memorial for Abraham H. Feinberg, Youngstown, Ohio, and you asked me to write to your office and your secretary would inform me who had prepared it. I wrote to your office and never received an answer.

Please let me know who wrote the memorial.

Very truly yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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Aug. 4-46*

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July 23, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Mooselookmeguntic Lodge
Mooselookmeguntic, Maine

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have today sent to Rabbi Marcuson the name of the Rabbi appointed to draft the Memorial Resolution in the death of Rabbi Feinberg of Youngstown. He is Rabbi Herman Pollack, Hillel Director at Brooklyn College.

I am also sending to you today under separate cover a copy of the 1945 Yearbook of the Central Conference, as you requested. This copy is the only one we have at The Temple (it belongs to the library) and Miss Leikind has asked me to ask you to kindly see that we get it back after it has served its purpose with you.

Kindest regards to you and the family, I remain

Sincerely yours,

July 23, 1946

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary
Central Conference of American Rabbis
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

We received a note this morning from Rabbi Silver asking us to notify you what Rabbi was asked to write the Memorial Resolution on Rabbi Abraham H. Feinberg of Youngstown, Ohio. The man who has been appointed, and accepted, was Rabbi Herman Pollack, Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Brooklyn College, 1520 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

We should also like to have you favor us with a copy of the 1945 Central Conference Yearbook. We sent our library copy to Rabbi Silver at his request and we have no other copy at The Temple, and would like to have one. Please be assured of our sincere thanks for same.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Dear Colleague:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your note of August 4th, in regard to Memorial Resolutions.

Thinking you were out of the country -- I saw in the paper that you were in Paris for a meeting of the Executive, I addressed the enclosed letter to Feldman:

"I am in a dilemma about one item in the Justice and Peace Report. You will recall at the Executive Board meeting when the question of freedom of the pulpit came up which read in the report:

'We reaffirm the inalienable right of every Rabbi to complete freedom of pulpit utterance and declare that lay interference which with such utterances cannot be tolerated and constitutes a betrayal of our religious heritage.'

The Executive Board decided that the second part of the recommendation should be omitted. When I was preparing the material for the Yearbook I found a queer thing had happened. My minutes showed that the motion to refer to the Executive Board to do as they thought fit with the recommendation, had carried. When I read Miss Mark's transcript she stated that this motion had been defeated and that the original motion to adopt the committee's recommendation had carried. In her transcript Isserman himself is quoted as saying that he thinks the wording of the last part should be changed. In order to avoid a later controversy, I wrote to Isserman, calling attention to his own words and to the action of the Executive Board and he writes back with characteristic stubbornness that neither I, nor he, nor the Executive Board can omit that second part because the Conference adopted it.

"Of course Isserman is wrong for two reasons. First the constitution puts the publication of the Yearbook in the hands of the Executive Board; hence, I think they have a legal right to decide what shall go in and what shall not. Second, he himself agreed that the last part should be changed, hence, when the vote was taken if it was on the original motion, it was with the idea that the second part should be changed and finally in spite of Miss Mark's transcript I am confident that the vote was not

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on the original motion but on the motion to refer to the Executive Board with authority to make changes.

"The trouble is this, that there were three or four motions before the house. One was that it should be referred to the Executive Board to be sent out to every congregation and every member of the congregation, and then the motion to refer to the Executive Board with authority to change the wording. When the vote was called for Silver declared all motions lost. Isserman asked for a rising vote on the last motion, and my records showed that the motion that Silver put, was that it shall be referred to the Executive Board with power to act. Miss Mark states that it was a motion to adopt the committee's recommendation, which would of course include the second part of the recommendation. As I stated, now Isserman refuses to agree to the omission of the second part of the recommendation."

"Now as to the Yearbook, it has been customary for me to send the manuscript to the President to look over before sending it to the printer. I am going away next week for a much needed rest and I am anxious for someone to look over the manuscript before I send it to the Jewish Publication Society. I would like to send it before Sept. 1st, because if I do not the Yearbook may again be delayed. If Silver has the time to do it, I would like him to go over it. If not please ask him whether you can do it and return it to me as quickly as possible."

I have already been delayed by Miss Mark's not giving me the transcript. I still have not received the last night's report, but everything else is ready.

Please let me hear from you as quickly as possible.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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P.S. Please address your letter to me to Macon, but should you want to reach me personally I shall be at the Lakeside Inn, Hendersonville, N.C. If you want the material sent to you please tell me where you want it sent.

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Dear Colleague:

At the pre-Conference meeting of the Executive Board you presented a letter and telegram referring to the formation of the Western Association of Reform Rabbis.

It was moved and adopted that Rabbi Freehof draw up a letter expressing the views of the Executive Board as brought out in the discussion and that you would then send the letter to the association as the views of the CCAR.

Rabbi Freehof has sent me the enclosed letter as expressing the ideas of the Executive Board.

If the letter is satisfactory please sign it and send it to the proper party. I do not remember whether that telegram was signed by Levine of Seattle, or by Dubin.

With best wishes for a happy New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson

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Dear Colleague:

In behalf of the Central Conference of American Rabbis I thank you for your telegram and letter of greeting. You were kind enough to inform us of the creation of your Western Association of Reform Rabbis. The Conference wishes you well.

There was a time in the early history of our Conference when the formation of rabbinical conferences, such as the Eastern Rabbinical Conference and the Southern Rabbinical Conference, was the source of anxiety to the Central Conference itself. These institutions, one at least of which was conceived in a spirit of rivalry, were deemed to be a danger to the newly-won unity of the liberal rabbinate through the Central Conference.

We have no such apprehensions about your organization. We note that you are careful to call your assembly the Western Association and not the Western Conference. Clearly, you understood at the very beginning that your function was regional. We know that you will not ever be inclined to step into the field of the Central Conference, of which you yourselves are members, and make resolutions on national and world problems. This is the function of the Conference, of which you are a part.

You have evidently organized yourselves for the practical tasks of establishing an encouraging congregational life on the Pacific Coast. May God bless you in your work, so that through your efforts loyalty to Judaism may grow stronger in the area of your special influence.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Colleague:

I will send you in a day or two the galleys of the Yearbook covering the last Convention. Would you kindly look over it and give me your reaction. As far as the discussion is concerned every man has received a copy of his remarks and has had an opportunity to correct them, so you need not bother with those.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible so that I can return the galleys to the printer.

I presume you know that Isaac Landman died. I would suggest that Eugene Sack, his associate, in Brooklyn, be asked to write a Memorial Resolution. If you write to him, please ask him to let me have it as quickly as possible, and I shall try to include it in this year's Yearbook.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I wrote to Wice. According to the Auditor's Report, Miss Montague is mistaken. We had been paying our dues.

With best wishes for a happy New Year, I remain

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

IEM:EM
Encl

September 16, 1946

Rabbi Isaac Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

What do you know about the thousand dollars which
we owe the World Union?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

P.S. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter which I received
from Rabbi Raphael Levine of Seattle, Washington.

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Dear Colleague:

I sent you yesterday a copy of a letter which I wrote to Rabbi Wice in regard to the World Union dues. I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I am sending Mr. Mayer, the auditor,

The only explanation I can give is that Margolis used the Conference check to buy foreign exchange and something went wrong with the foreign exchange. Our books certainly show that the money was paid and I cannot believe that the Treasurer of the World Union would wait two years without notifying me or Margolis that he had not received our check.

Let me find out if Mr. Mayer knows anything about it.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson

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Administrative Secretary

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September 18, 1946

Mr. Herbert J. Mayer
20 E. Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Would you help us try to straighten out a matter which is rather confusing.

Rabbi Wice just returned from England and reports that the office of the World Union stated that we had not paid our dues of \$500. a year for the last two years. Your audit shows that such a check was drawn and since the check does not appear among the outstanding items it must have been cashed. I am under the impression that Rabbi Margolis bought foreign exchange or some other form of foreign credit when he transmitted this money to out of the country agencies.

Have you any knowledge of this proceeding, or how he used to transmit this money. Have you the cancelled checks, or if you can get at them, would you mind finding out to whose credit these checks were endorsed. This may enable us to learn how the money was sent.

With best wishes for a happy New Year, I remain

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

IEM:EM
CC - Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

September 22, 1946

Rabbi Isaac Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Dr. Silver has requested me to send you a copy of a letter which he received from Dr. Jacob Singer, and his reply.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

October 7, 1946

Rabbi Isaac Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Phineas Smoller wrote me that it would be very helpful to the members of the Executive Committee of the Conference, when they meet, that the auditor, Mr. Mayer, attend the Conference at the time that Smoller makes his financial report. Smoller has requested the auditor to make a complete audit of the finances of the Conference, which was a very wise thing to do.

I would suggest that you write to Mr. Mayer and invite him to attend the Session of the Executive when Smoller reports. According to Smoller, it is quite likely that Mayer will be in Cincinnati at the time anyhow, conferring with Rabbi Zepin on matters of the Rabbinical Pension Board.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of October 7th in regard to
inviting Mr. Mayer to the Executive Board meeting.

I had already made an appointment with Mr. Mayer
to meet with him in Cincinnati the day of the meeting,
to talk over a couple of matters of Conference finance
and I shall tell him to be on call on Wednesday morning
when the matter of officer's reports comes up.

According to the action of the Executive Board post-
Conference meeting, we were to devote Tuesday evening
to a discussion of the report of the Committee on
Pulpit Placement. So far I have heard nothing about
this committee being ready to report.

I shall tell Mr. Mayer to be at the hotel on Tuesday
evening in case we take up officer's reports then.

Very truly yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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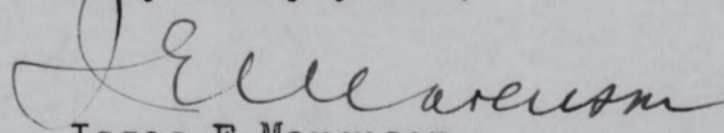
Dear Colleague:

At the Executive Board meeting last week you were authorized to appoint a committee to study the attitude of the Conference on the subject of inter-marriage, which committee was to report to the Executive Board.

You named Solomon B. Freehof, Chairman, and Bernard Harrison; and added: "and the old committee". In looking up the records I find that the old committee consisted of Louis L. Mann and Abba Hillel Silver.

I am wondering if you wish to serve on this committee or perhaps name someone else in your place.

Very truly yours,


Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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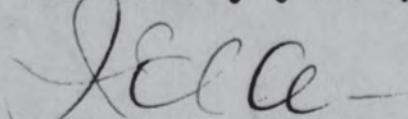
Dear Colleagues:

I note an error in my minutes in regard to the
Committee on Inter-Marriage.

At the last meeting of the Executive Board the
President named a committee consisting of Freehof,
Chairman, Bernard Harrison, and the old committee.
I looked up the matter in the Yearbook and found
that the old committee named to further study the
matter was Louis L. Mann and A.H. Silver.
Evidently they brought in no report for the next
year, at the meeting of the Executive Board, a new
committee was appointed consisting of Freehof,
Chairman, James G. Heller, A.H. Silver, Louis Mann,
Sidney E. Goldstein and Lauterbach. I have notified
Freehof of these additional men on this committee
and am also trying to find out whether the other
committee ever prepared a report. I can find no
reference to it, either in the Executive Board
records or the Yearbook.

I imagine the committee never drew up a report
and never functioned.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

IEM:EM

November 5, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

In place of my name on the Committee on Inter-marriage,
please substitute the name of Rabbi Currick.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 12, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Will you please write to Mr. Weil and send him the names of the men whom we have appointed to represent the CCAR on CANRA.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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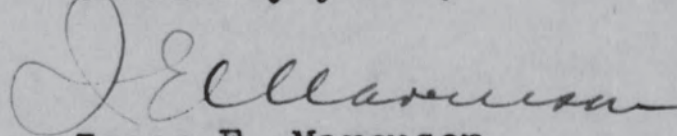
Rabbi A. H. Silver
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E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I wish to bring to your attention a letter I just received from Jacob Singer, "The holiday supplement for Volume II, prayerbook as it appeared leaves much to be desired. I fear that it needs radical changes and insertions. I'll lose no time in getting in touch with both Heller and Werner."

At the Executive Board meeting I was instructed to go ahead and get out 400 copies of this supplement. Now where do I stand? Why they didn't make the corrections and insertions last year I cannot understand. If this text is changed these negatives will have no value and the whole thing will have to be rephotographed and reprinted. These musicians are a hard lot to work with.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

Copy to Rabbi Feldman

rhc

November 25, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I am leaving this Friday for Switzerland to attend the World Zionist Congress. I shall be gone through the month of December. If there are any matters which call for action during the month, I would suggest that you get in touch with Rabbi Feldman.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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December 24, 1946

Mr. Louis Kraft
National Jewish Welfare Board
145 E. 32nd Street
New York - 16, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Kraft:

I am in receipt of a carbon copy of a letter sent to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President, Central Conference of American Rabbis, giving the list of representatives on the Jewish Welfare Board. I do not know where you got these names but they could not have been furnished you by the Conference. Our two representatives on the National Council are Rabbis Brickner and Tedesche. On the National Army and Navy committee, which I presume is the same as CANRA our representatives are: Barnette R. Brickner, Chairman, Louis I. Egelson, Solomon B. Freehof, Abraham M. Granison, Edgar F. Magnin, Jacob P. Rudin, Elkan C. Voorsanger, with Rabbis Wm. Rosenblum and Benjamin Friedman as alternates.

May I also call your attention to error in address. The address of the Central Conference of American Rabbis is 204 Buford Place, Macon, Georgia, not Merchants Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio. I am wondering whether you have not confused the representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations with the Conference.

Very truly yours

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Administrative Secretary

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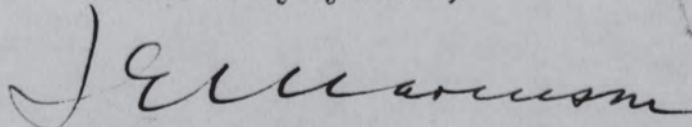
Dear Colleague:

After the meeting of the Executive Board in October I sent Mr. Weil, President of the Jewish Welfare Board, a list of the appointments of our representatives on the Jewish Welfare Board and on the Chaplaincy Committee.

A couple of weeks ago I received a carbon copy of a letter both from Mr. Kraft and from Rabbi Feldman, which had been forwarded ^{from} your office, giving a different list of Conference representatives. I replied to Mr. Kraft giving him the list which was appointed by the Executive Board. His secretary replied that the names she had furnished were given in a letter from you dated December 20, 1945, and that you had made these appointments.

Would you kindly take this matter up with Mr. Kraft and straighten it out, and let me know finally who are our representatives on the Jewish Welfare Board.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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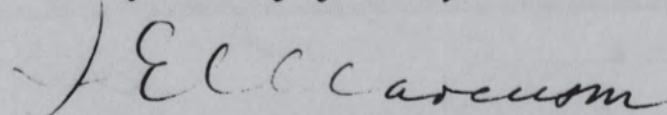
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Dear Colleague:

I have a letter from Rabbi Henry Tavel, who is at present in the Office of Chief of Chaplains, War Dept., Washington, D.C., asking to be relieved as a Conference representative on the Synagogue Council of America. He says that it is impossible for him to attend meetings of the Council under present conditions.

Do you wish to appoint someone else in his place, or just let one of the alternates serve for him?

Very truly yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

IEM:EM

January 28, 1947

Dr. Isaac Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Dr. Marcuson:

Please keep this in the Dr. May dossier which we
will present at the next meeting of the C.C.A.R.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

February 12, 1947

Dr. Isaac Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I am enclosing herewith a Memorandum from the Synagogue Council of America with reference to a compendium of prayers for Jewish patients in hospitals. Have you any comments to make on it. He asks for the approval of the project before March 1st.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

February 6, 1947

Rabbi Phineas Smoller
77 W. Washington St. Suite 916
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Pete:

There is nothing you or I can do about Zepin's attitude in regard to contributions to the Relief and Pension Fund. As you suggest the only solution is a joint committee to talk the matter over and come to another understanding. I know it will not do any good because we have come to understandings with them two or three times, and each time they forget all about it.

I shall put it on the agenda and let the Executive Board take definite action. I thought it was clearly understood that if money was willed to the Conference specifically for the Pension Fund, that it shall go to the Pension Fund. But never has it been contemplated that money given to the Conference by federations and congregations as a result of our solicitation should go to Pensions. That was clearly meant for Relief, and should go to the Relief Fund.

I am enclosing two air cards and if I find any more I shall send them to you.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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CC- Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman

February 11, 1947

Rabbi Isaac Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Please keep the enclosed communication for reference
to the next meeting of the Executive of the CCAR.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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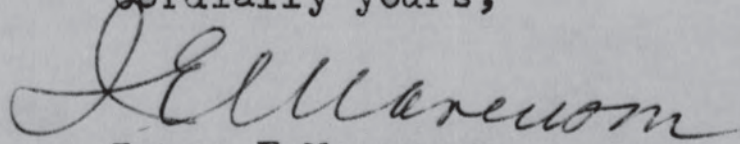
Dear Colleague:

I presented to the Liturgical Committee the letter which you sent me, asking permission for the Synagogue Council to issue a book of devotion for the B'nai B'rith, for use in hospitals, etc.

There was quite a bit of discussion. Bamberger, who served on the committee which prepared the book, was anything but enthusiastic about it. Feldman stated that he protested against the preparation of the book when he heard of the plan. According to Ephraim, the thing had been planned a couple of years ago, then dropped, and then referred to a committee. When I asked why permission was not requested before the book had been prepared, since seemingly the request was that the constituent organization should approve the plan and not the material in the book, he said he didn't know.

Finally the committee voted to approve this specific service, but with the definite understanding that this approval does not mean approval to the Synagogue Council to issue liturgical services.

Cordially yours,


Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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

Dear Colleague:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. Jacob R. Marcus asking that Rabbi Sidney Lefkowitz of Jacksonville, Fla., be named a member of the Committee on Contemporaneous History.

Since I know of no reason in the world why he should not be, kindly authorize me to tell Marcus it is all right.

Cordially yours,

I E Marcuson
Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

IEM:EM

March 6, 1947

Rabbi Samuel M. Gup
575 Government Street
Mobile, Ala.

Dear Sam:

I am in receipt of a letter from the United Service for New Americans, which reads in part as follows:

"Mrs. Karoline Aptowitzer, Rehavia, Ben-Maimon 9, Jerusalem, Palestine, has communicated with us and states that she is the widow of an outstanding scholar who has been receiving stipends from your organization. She states that in his will her husband requested that this stipend be continued and given to his wife. Mrs. Aptowitzer states that she is elderly and ill and unable to manage on her present income of \$30. a month from the Israel Matz Foundation".

You will recall that the case of Prof. Aptowitzer has been a thorn in our sides for many years. We began to help him to publish certain books and it dragged on for about fifteen or twenty years. Seemingly, in the end, he considered it a pension.

Would you kindly look into this case and make a recommendation to the Executive Board as to what can be done. It was said repeatedly that this is not an obligation of the CCAR. However, the Executive Board can decide what we should do after you have investigated the case.

With cordial personal greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

IEM:EM
CC - Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman

March 17, 1947

Dr. Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary, CCAR
204 Buford Place
Macon, Georgia

Dear Ike:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter to Rabbi Smoller of March 14.

Of course, there is only one Pension Fund and the gift of \$1200.00 is intended for that fund.

But for tax purposes, our legal advisors caution us that in the books of entry, the CCAR be credited with gifts and legacies received through their agency and that the Union be similarly credited with gifts and legacies received through the agency of the Union.

You may call it a bookkeeping entry if you wish.

Even at that, it seemed to me to be a rather high-handed procedure for me to turn over to the Joint Committee on Investment of Pension Funds that part of the gift which was to be credited to the CCAR.

The action requested of the CCAR or those authorized to do so is merely formal.

With kind regards,

Cordially,

Administrative Secretary

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P.S. Of course, the quicker the money is released, the quicker it will be invested.

CC - Rabbi Phineas Smoller, Treasurer
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Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman
701 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Abe:

Silver
Not knowing whether ~~Smoller~~ has returned or not, I am
enclosing herewith a letter which I received from
Maurice Eisendrath.

I think that this matter could well be referred to
Freehof for an official statement or to Bettan as
Chairman of our Committee on Responsa. In this way we
would get an official statement from the Conference
and not the opinion of individual rabbis.

However, I can leave this in your hands.

Cordially yours,

IEM
Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, O.

Dear Colleague:

We will have to call on you to help us out of a difficulty. In preparing the program Feldman looked at an old program of the Montreal convention of 50 years ago, and saw the names of Dr. Philipson and Franklin on that program. As a result he put both of them on the present program. Later I read the minutes of the Montreal convention and found that he had made a mistake. While Rabbi Franklin's name appeared on the program, the Yearbook states that he did not attend the convention, but that Sam Hirshberg did.

Philipson and Hirshberg are the only two survivors of those who had attended the Montreal convention of 50 years ago. I wondered whether in your President's Message, wherein you will no doubt mention the previous convention in Montreal, you will not state that Dr. David Philipson and Dr. Samuel Hirshberg are the two living members of the Conference who attended the previous session in Montreal.

In this way the failure to put Sam Hirshberg on the program will be corrected.

Cordially yours,

I. E. Marcuson

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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April 3, 1947

Rabbi Isaac Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Ga.

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from Julius Mark. I do not recall that the Executive took any further action, but I may have forgotten.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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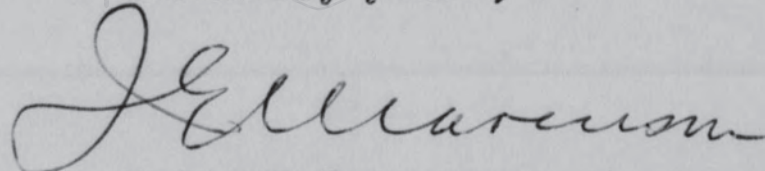
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Colleague:

The Executive Board took no action on the matter of engaging a secretary for the Commission on Justice and Peace, after the joint commission was formed. I understood that the joint commission would engage a secretary and not the Conference.

I was given to understand that that is the plan of the Union.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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April 15, 1947

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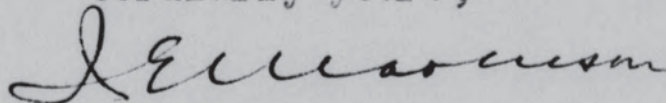
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Cleveland, O.

Dear Colleague:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Department of State calling attention to a meeting of representatives of national organizations for an exchange of views on American Foreign Policy with officers of the Department of State, to be held in Washington June 4-6.

The enclosed forms were included in the letter. You have probably received a similar letter for other organizations. Should you care to appoint a representative of the Conference, please fill out enclosed form and return them to the Department of State.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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April 18, 1947

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Thank you for your letter of April 15. I wish you would send me the letter which you received from the Department of State inviting the CCAR to send a representative to the meeting in Washington July 4-6.

I am enclosing the letter which I received from Rabbi Malcolm Stern with reference to Dr. Englander. I have acknowledged the receipt of this letter and stated that the matter will come up for discussion at our Executive meeting. Please put this matter on the agenda.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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

Dear Colleague:

I have your letter of April 24th.

I have sent a copy of the Stern letter on to Rabbi Gup, asking him to refer the matter to the Joint Pension Commission and get their reaction on the proposal made in the letter so that we will have it before us at the Executive Board meeting. Should their action be favorable, I am asking Rabbi Gup to take the matter up directly with the family.

I am enclosing herewith a resolution received from Rabbi Perilman. In the covering letter he states that you named him to serve as a Conference representative on the committee. I do not know how this committee happened to be organized, but after reading the resolution it occurred to me that the resolution was not one on which the rabbis could act, but a matter for congregations. I, therefore, sent a copy of the resolution to Dr. Eisendrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and asked him whether this resolution should not be presented to the Union committee on Ethics, which is a joint committee with the Conference committee on Rabbinical Ethics. Dr. Eisendrath replied that he thought the whole matter was a matter for the Union to handle and not the Conference, and that he therefore asked the Program Committee of the next biennial to put this on the program, to be discussed by the Union. He feels as I do that the congregations must accept these proposals, and enforce them, and he will try to see that the Union accepts the resolution, either in its present form, or as possibly amended. I thought that perhaps you might see fit to mention it in your message. Of course I shall also put it on the agenda of the Executive Board, in case the Executive Board wishes to urge the Union to adopt the matter contained in the resolution.



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Very truly yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson, Administrative Secy.

PRINCIPLES GOVERNING RABBINICAL AGREEMENTS

The agreement entered into between a rabbi and his congregation is between a religious community and its chosen leader. It goes beyond the stipulations of a legal agreement; it also covers a spiritual relationship. The congregation is not merely an employer and the rabbi not simply an employee. The very nature of the congregation in Israel as a holy assembly, and the character of the rabbi's office as an ordination in the service of God, dictate that the agreement between rabbi and congregation be preserved on the highest plane of mutual integrity, mutual respect, and mutual devotion to the religious purpose for which the congregation exists.

THE RABBI'S OFFICE

The rabbi shall be the spiritual leader of the congregation, the recognized authority on Jewish law and practice, the preacher, and the one in charge of religious services. He should also direct the religious school and other educational endeavors of the congregation. No one shall appear in the pulpit during religious worship unless it be at the invitation of the rabbi.

TERM OF OFFICE

The minimum term for which a rabbi shall be called shall be one year; the succeeding term shall be for a minimum of three year; the following succeeding terms shall be for a minimum of five years each.

It is a desideratum that after a rabbi has ministered to a congregation for approximately fifteen years, it shall be considered that the relationship between rabbi and congregation is permanent. The rabbi's ministry shall then continue for an indeterminable period or until the rabbi attains a mutually agreed upon retirement age.

RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

The congregation and the rabbi shall agree that the rabbi be enrolled in a retirement plan to which he may be eligible, and each should agree to pay the respective share of the cost based upon the rabbi's salary.

NON-RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT

Agreements between rabbi and congregation should be renewed upon expiration except for the weightiest reasons, which reasons should represent a genuine expression of the will of the congregation.

In the case of non-renewal of agreement, both rabbi and congregation should give sufficient notice so that the rabbi, on the one hand, might make himself available for calls to other pulpits, and the congregation, on the other hand, might make provision for uninterrupted rabbinical ministration.

Should the congregation fail to renew the rabbi's agreement on or before its expiration, it should pay him the equivalent of ten per cent of the salary provided for in his current agreement multiplied by the number of years he has served the congregation under his current and previous agreements.

ARBITRATION

In the event of any dispute or disagreement arising between rabbi and congregation, the matter in controversy shall be settled by arbitration, by three arbitrators selected from rabbinical or synagogue bodies.

April 24, 1947

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I think that you are probably right about the letter of Malcolm Stern. Will you therefore refer it to the Joint Pension Commission?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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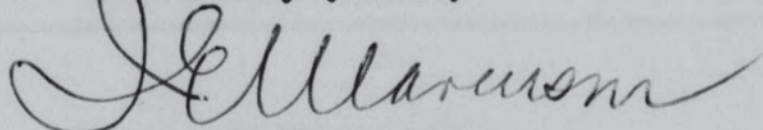
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E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I am enclosing herewith a notice in regard to two books which arrived some months ago and which I forwarded to you.

In my letter I told you that I thought the price was unreasonable but you should decide whether for any reason we should purchase them. Not hearing from you I took for granted that you had done something about them.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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May 12, 1947

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I would suggest that you have the CCAR pay the
L 1.12.0 for the two books which were sent. The whole
business involves something like \$5, and we should not
make an issue of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 12, 1947

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

Dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Dr. Silver requested me to send you the enclosed letter which he received from Dr. Harry S. May.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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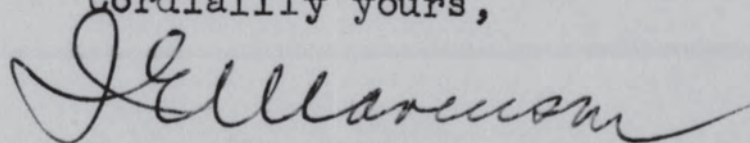
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Dear Collegeaue

In my letter to you a day or two ago, I forgot to ask you whether you knew of the death of Arron L. Weinstein of Jamica Long Isalnd. You will have to appoint someone to prepare a memorial resolution. He was a graduate of the class of 1909 and Samuel Schwartz and Jacob Singer were his classmates. I would suggest Samuel Schwartz for the assignment.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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May 16, 1947

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

I referred the matter which Rabbi Mattuck raised to Dr. Freehof. I am enclosing herewith his letter to me, and a copy of a letter which will be sent to Rabbi Mattuck after the Executive of the CCAR approves of it. Please put this matter on the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive, and bring the correspondence with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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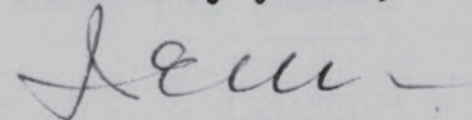
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I received a copy of a letter from Ernest L. Trattner to you and I am submitting for your consideration the letter which I wrote to Trattner. Of course I never said that either Neches or anybody else was not sufficient authority. I told Trattner what I was told to tell him, namely, that we had drawn up certain regulations to guide the Executive Board and that in the United States the Executive Board felt that a man should receive his semicha from a theological seminary, the recognized authority for giving a semicha at the present time. Trattner challenged this action of the Executive Board on the ground that there is no such statement in the Constitution and that all the Executive Board can do according to the Constitution is to decide whether the person giving the semicha constitutes a recognized authority. It seems to me that is a matter for the Executive Board to decide and not Trattner, and the Executive Board has decided. I'm giving this for your information.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary



IEM:re

cc: letter to Trattner

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Rabbi Ernest Trattner
Emanuel Temple Center
8844 Wilshire Boulevard
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Dear Colleague:

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This is the rule which guides the Executive Board. In strictist confidence let me add, that the son-in-law of Dr. Israel Mattuck is in the same position that you are. His membership was not accepted on the same basis as yours and Dr. Mattuck graciously bows to the decision of the Executive Board much as he desired to have his son-in-law a member of the Conference. I need not assure you that Dr. Mattuck was not singled out for discrimination although he is one of the most popular men in the rabbinate.

Very truly yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

IEM:re
cc:Rabbi Alvin S. Luchs

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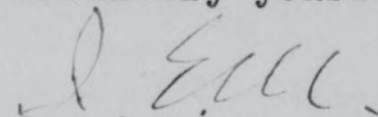
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E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I'm sure you know that Rabbi Currick died. Please appoint someone to prepare a memorial resolution. I looked over the list of his classmates and there is no one there. You could either name Louis A. Josephson who was associated with him in Erie or perhaps some member of the Board of Liberal Judaism with which he was connected. Please let me know who is named.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

IEM:re



May 28, 1947

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

My dear Rabbi Marcuson:

Will you please send me the complete list of the members of the Conference who passed away during the year. I wish to include their names in my presidential message.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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To DR. JULIAN MORGENSTERN

Care of or Apt. No. 8 BURTON WOODS LANE

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~~DUE TO AN OVERSIGHT ON THE PART OF MY SECRETARY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS DELAYED STOP~~
~~I JOIN YOUR HOST OF FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN EXTENDING TO YOU~~
~~MY TRIBUTE ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR RETIREMENT FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF THE HEBREW UNION~~
~~COLLEGE. YOU HAVE HONORED THIS HISTORIC INSTITUTION THROUGH YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED~~
~~SERVICE. YOU HAVE ORDAINED MANY RABBIS WHO ARE CARRYING ON THE NOBLE TRADITIONS~~
~~OF LIBERAL JUDAISM WITH WHICH YOU INSPIRED THEM. YOU HAVE ENRICHED JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP.~~
~~ALWAYS YOU HAVE HELD HIGH THE GREAT IDEALS OF PROPHETIC JUDAISM AND RELATED THEM~~
~~TO WHAT WAS FINEST IN AMERICAN LIFE AND THOUGHT. PERSONALLY AS A FRIEND AND FORMER~~
~~PUPIL AND OFFICIALLY IN THE NAME OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS I~~
~~SALUTE YOU AS YOU PASS FROM ONE FIELD OF SERVICE WHICH HAS BEEN ABUNDANTLY BLESSED~~
~~TO ANOTHER WHERE I PRAY YOU MAY ENJOY MANY YEARS OF PRODUCTIVE LABOR IN OUR COMMON~~
~~CAUSE. WARMEST REGARDS.~~

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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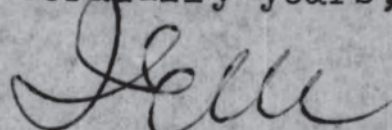
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Dear Colleague:

I have the names of Joseph Blatt, Harry S. Margolis, Aaron L. Weinstein, and Max C. Currick, as having died during the year. If there is any others I have not heard of it.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
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Dear Colleague:

My attention has been called to a situation concerning which I suppose we will have to take action but I would prefer not to bring it up before the Executive Board unless you think otherwise.

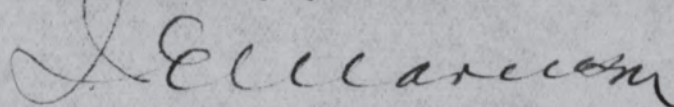
Rabbi Joseph Messing, was rabbi at Brunswick, Ga. He was a married man. He became a chaplain and went to Europe. When he returned he told his wife to get a divorce as he had met a woman in Europe with whom he fell in love. I am told he brought the woman back with him. Just how he managed this I do not know. The wife refused to divorce him and of course there is a terrible scandal in Brunswick and they will not let him return. He proposed that he would go to Mexico, get a divorce there, and marry the other woman. He is a J.I.R. graduate and he told someone that Dr. Wise knew the circumstances and approved. I have since been informed that this is not true. Two courses of action are open for us. The President of the Conference could delegate someone to take the matter up with Dr. Wise and if the facts are true, suggest that Dr. Wise tell the young man to resign from the Conference thus avoiding the necessity of expelling him. The other alternative would be for the President to refer the matter to Rabbi Leipzig, Chairman of our arbitration committee who could get the facts, present them to the Executive



Board and if the facts are correct after offering the young man a hearing he could be expelled from the Conference, under the Constitution.

Please advise me which course you think is better.

Cordially yours,



Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

IEM:re

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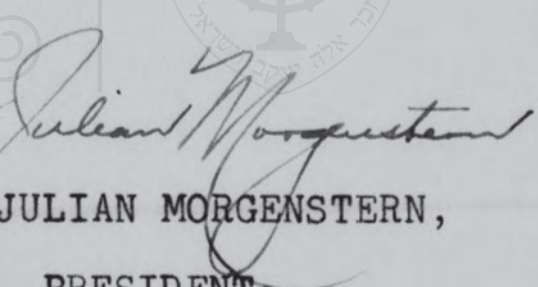
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

My dear Abba,

Let me at this, my very first, opportunity thank you and, through you, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, in whose name you wrote, for the kind, thoughtful and generous message of congratulation and good wishes which you expressed upon the occasion of my retirement from the Presidency of the Hebrew Union College. Everything that you said therein touched me very deeply and made me very happy. I know that the sentiments expressed in your telegram came straight from your heart. You may be sure that they went straight to mine.

With heartiest greetings for yourself and Virginia, I am

Very sincerely yours,


JULIAN MORGENSTERN,

PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
President, Central Conference of American Rabbis
The Temple
Cleveland

P.S.-- I hope to be able to extend greetings in person to the Conference.