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Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1946-1947.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents of Constituencies of the  
Synagogue Council of America

July 2, 1946

FROM: Rabbi Ahron Opher  
607 West 161 St., NYC 32

Among the recommendations of the Committee on Scope which were approved unanimously by the Synagogue Council was the following: "In order that the Jewish religious community be more fully and adequately represented in the Synagogue Council, our congregational constituencies should be encouraged to include in their delegations representatives of their respective women's groups; all constituencies should be urged to name such delegates as will represent a cross section of the interests and views of their membership."

In view of this recommendation and in order that we may have the complete list of your delegates immediately for the purpose of appointing our standing committees, we would appreciate it very much if you designate your full delegation to the Synagogue Council and send us a list immediately.

The following is the present list of your delegation to the Council:

Rabbis Bernard Bamberger, Maurice Bloom, Solomon Freehof, Benedict Glazer, Bernard Heller, Theodore Lewis, H.S. Linfield, David Wice, Max Maccoby, Ahron Opher, Marius Ranson, Max Richler, William Rosenblum, Alexander Steinbach and Henry Tavel.

You will note that there are 15 delegates while our constitution calls for only 14.

*Acknowledged*  
*July 8 - 46*



# Synagogue Council of America

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## CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

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July 9, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In answer to your letter of July 8th, I am sending you herewith the attendance record of those who have served as delegates of the CCAR to the Synagogue Council in the last four years.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Meetings Attended Since 1942</u>
Bernard Bamberger	6
Maurice Bloom	1 (just recently appointed)
Solomon Freehof	none
Benedict Glazer	1
Bernard Heller	7
James Heller	none (dropped)
Theodore Lewis	4
H. S. Linfield	2
Max Maccoby	11
Ahron Opher	21
Marius Ranson	9
Max Reichler	7
William Rosenblum	14
Alexander Steinbach	none
Henry Tavel	1
David Wice	1 (just recently appointed)
Abba Hillel Silver	none (dropped)
Louis Wolsey	none (dropped)

Sincerely yours,

*Ahron Opher*

Rabbi Ahron Opher

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National Religion &  
Labor Foundation

see letter

Ferdinand M. Casserman

10-29-46



January 25, 1947

Dr. Max Nussbaum  
1740 North Ivar  
Hollywood, California

My dear Dr. Nussbaum:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 21 with reference to the application for membership in the CCAR of Dr. Harry S. May. I am forwarding your letter to our secretary who will bring this subject up at the next meeting of the CCAR.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



DR. DAVID POLISH  
ASSOCIATE RABBI

TEMPLE MIZPAH  
1615 MORSE AVENUE  
CHICAGO 26, ILLINOIS

June 10, 1947.

Rabbi Julius Mark,  
136 - 7th Avenue,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Julius:

I have gone through the report of the Commission on Social Justice. I believe it is admirable, and although it is voluminous, it is packed with essential information and opinion.

I am, however, troubled by one omission which has been consistently made down through the years. While the report contains special sections on many aspects of social justice, there is no special section on justice to the Jewish people. Aside from a tribute to Abba Hillel Silver, and a brief reference in the section on the United Nations, there is little if any other reference to the Jewish question. I do not believe that we can doubt the validity of a Rabbinical body commenting on the Jewish situation as a matter of social justice. Nor can there be much question about the fact that as a Jewish group we have no right to subsume this matter under other headings, or to infer it in connection with "broader" matters. I am aware that other committees within the Conference make recommendations concerning Jewish affairs. Yet even at the risk of over-lapping, it would add strength to our pronouncements if we incorporated our attitudes on Jewish disabilities and Jewish troubles into the body of our text on social justice. I search in vain for example, for a single reference to discrimination against Jews in universities and employment. I search in vain for an attack on British Star Chamber proceedings in Palestine. These are omissions which cannot be rectified by isolated Conference resolutions. They belong in the text of the Social Justice report.

How can we justify a long statement on race relations which is replete with excellent material on the Negro question and has not a word to say about anti-Jewish abuses.

Aside from this, I believe your Commission has done a grand job.

Cordially,

Dr. David Polish