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THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF *Temple Sisterhoods*



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May 15, 1946.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President  
Central Conference of American Rabbis  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you know, the Hebrew Union College Dormitory was erected and equipped in 1925 at a cost of \$345,000, raised through the generosity of members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Now, two decades later, the NFTS is about to embark on a second building project in the interest of Liberal Judaism and on behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its affiliates.

Delegates at the recent XVI Biennial Assembly held in Cincinnati, gave the "green light" authorizing the raising of a fund for administrative offices of the UAHC and its affiliates to be located on the campus of the Hebrew Union College - and for suitable branch offices in New York City.

The technique will be to secure a minimum of \$10 per capita from each Sisterhood member. Special gifts of larger amounts will be welcomed.

The House of Living Judaism campaign will be officially launched early in the Fall. During the summer months, however, we wish to prepare public relations material, in order to distribute this simultaneously with the announcement of the project.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

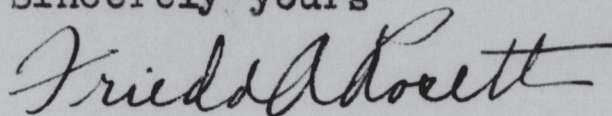
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May 15, 1946.

By virtue of your association with the Central Conference of American Rabbis and your outstanding leadership in Jewish communal life, a statement from you endorsing this vital NFTS undertaking would be of far reaching influence.

With warm thanks for your anticipated cooperation and with cordial personal regards,

Sincerely yours



(Mrs. Louis A.) Frieda Rosett  
President

FR:EJ





Wildwood, N. J.

August 19, 1946

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since I knew you were not in Cleveland and didn't want to bother you I sent vouchers for signature to Feldman while he was still home. Now that he is away too, I'm sending these vouchers to Cleveland to be forwarded to you.

You know, I suppose, that Phineas Smoller has taken over the duties of the Treasurer's office. His address - in case you don't have it with you - is

77 W. Washington St. Suite 916  
Chicago 2, Ill.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Lisney L. Regner -

P.S. I'm in Wildwood on vacation & will be here until Sept. 1. If there is anything to get in touch with me while I'm here, my address is 6606 Pacific Ave., Wildwood, N. J.



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September 6, 1946

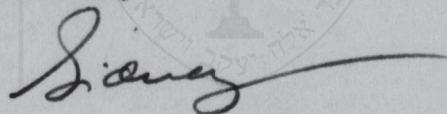
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing two vouchers. The one to the Rabbinical Pension Board for \$2500.00 is our payment for this year as voted by the Executive Board.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



SLR:r

AMERICAN JEWISH  
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C O P Y

September 17, 1946

Rabbi David H. Wice  
Temple B'nai Jeshurun  
17 Waverly Avenue  
Newark 3, N.J.

Dear Dave:

I have the copy of your letter to Dr. Silver which you sent me regarding the CCAR contribution to the World Union. We did not make our payment yet this year, but the contributions of previous years should have been paid. My records show that we made out a voucher to Harry S. Margolis, dated June 26, 1945, for \$500 for transmission to the World Union. There was a similar voucher in June, 1944.

I am writing to Pete Smoller, who has taken over the treasurer's duties, to look through Duke's records to see if he can find anything indicating how and when this money was transmitted. Does the \$1,000 you mention include the \$500 we owe for this year?

Meanwhile there is no reason why we should not pay the \$500 due this year. How shall I make out the check, to you or to World Union for Progressive Judaism and send it to you?

With cordial greetings and good wishes for the New Year,  
I am,

Sincerely,

SLR:r  
Copy to Dr. Silver

Sidney L. Regner



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November 11, 1946

Rabbi Jacob Rudin  
Temple Beth El,  
Old Mill Road  
Great Neck, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Rudin:

The Central Conference of American Rabbis takes pleasure in inviting you to deliver the Conference Sermon at the forthcoming annual convention which will be held this year in Montreal Canada beginning June 24. Your sermon would be delivered on Saturday morning, June 28. I trust that it will be possible for you to accept this invitation, and we shall all look forward with pleasure to hearing from you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



November 25, 1946

Rabbi Sidney Regner  
Perkiomen and 13th St.  
Reading, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Regner:

I am leaving for Switzerland this coming Friday to attend the World Zionist Congress. I shall be gone throughout the month of December. I would therefore suggest that you get other authorized signatories to the checks which you will have to send out during the month of December. Please inform Smoller of my departure.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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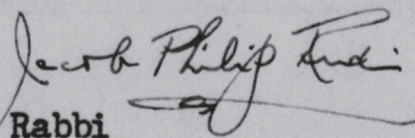
November 25, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very happy to say I have been able to make the necessary arrangements so that it will be possible for me to be at the Conference Saturday, June 28. Therefore, it gives me the greatest pleasure to accept the invitation to deliver the sermon at the Convention. I deeply appreciate the privilege which is mine and I want you to know how honored I feel at the invitation.

Most cordially,

  
Rabbi

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November 27, 1946

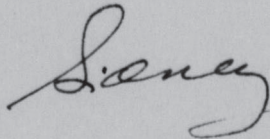
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Rabbi Smoller writes that among the vouchers made out November 12, he did not receive the one made out for you. Did you by any chance keep the voucher without sending it on to him for signature?

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



SLR:r

copy to Rabbi Smoller



November 29, 1946

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner  
Perkiomen Ave. and 13th St.  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Rabbi Regner:

Your letter of November 27 arrived after Dr. Silver's departure for Switzerland to attend the World Zionist Congress.

It is possible that the voucher made to Dr. Silver was deposited to his account. I shall be glad to check with him when he returns to Cleveland. That will be around the first of next year.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



November 29, 1946

Rabbi Jacob Philip Rudin  
7 Old Colony Lane  
Great Neck, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Rudin:

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Your letter of November 25 arrived after Dr. Silver's departure for Switzerland to attend the World Zionist Congress. I shall be happy to refer it to his attention when he returns to Cleveland around the first of January. I know that he will be pleased that you found it possible to accept the invitation to deliver the Conference Sermon.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



March 12, 1947

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner  
Perkiomen Ave. and 13th St.  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Rabbi Regner:

The checks which you sent to Dr. Silver for signature arrived in the mail this morning. The problem is this. Dr. Silver has left for Palestine to attend meetings of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and will be gone possibly two or three weeks, perhaps longer. I would not like to hold up these checks. Do you recall who signed them the last time Dr. Silver was gone for a month? I'd appreciate hearing from you so that I may forward them to the proper person for signature.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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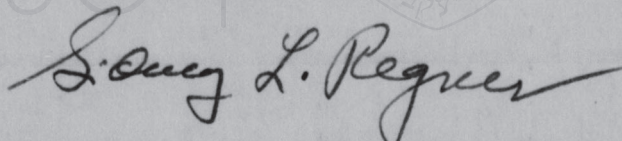
March 14, 1947

Miss Bessie Kline  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, 701 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Conn., is the one authorized to sign our CCAR checks in Dr. Silver's absence. Would you please send the checks to him. From now on I'll send any checks I make out directly to him until Dr. Silver returns. Please let me know when Dr. Silver gets back.

Sincerely yours,



SLR:r

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner, Fin. Secy.



March 17, 1947

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner  
Perkiomen Ave. and 13th St.  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Rabbi Regner:

Thank you for your note of March 14. I have  
this day forwarded the CCAr checks to Rabbi Feldman  
for signature.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



April 1, 1947

Rabbi Sidney Regner  
Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom  
Perkiomen Ave. and 13th St.  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Rabbi Regner:

This is to inform you that Dr. Silver is now back in Cleveland.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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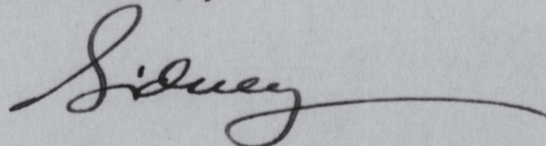
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The voucher for the Hebrew University is for certain of our subventions as indicated on the back of the voucher. Originally they were made out in separate vouchers and were signed, together with the rest of our annual subventions, by Abe Feldman in your absence. Smoller returned the vouchers to me saying that Felix Levy, who was to have mailed them, asked that one voucher be made out in favor of the Hebrew University to cover these items, and he will forward the single voucher to the Hebrew University with the request that they forward to the payees the sums allocated to each. This was done to save money on exchange by handling one item instead of several. I have voided the original vouchers.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely,



Sidney L. Regner, Fin. Secy.

SLR: r  
enc.



April 24, 1947

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner  
Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom  
Perliomen Ave. and 13th St.  
Reading, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Regner:

I received the enclosed telegram from  
the American Jewish Conference. Have we paid them the  
1947 assessment?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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April 28, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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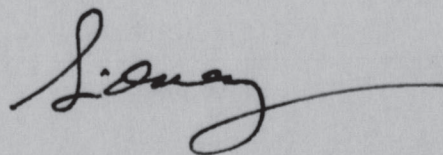
Dear Dr. Silver:

The telegram you sent me from the American Jewish Conference is the first request that has come to me this year for our payment. Our last payment was at about this same time last year. I am enclosing a voucher for \$500.00, which is what we gave them in past years and the amount we included in our budget this year for this purpose.

I have just received a letter from Smoller, copy of which he also sent you, asking about vouchers released April 14th and 17th. These vouchers were sent to your office.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely,



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May 2, 1947

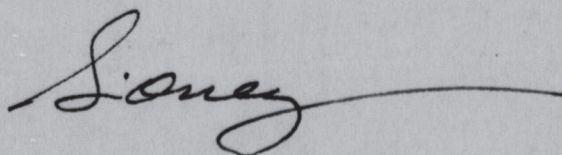
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The vouchers for Heinrich Schalit and Jacob Weinberg  
are for music they prepared for the new Prayerbook.  
The rest are vouchers Julius Mark asked me to make out  
for expenses in connection with the Institute the  
Justice and Peace Commission held April 20 and 21 in  
Chicago.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely,



SLR:r



THE HOUSE OF LIVING JUDAISM will serve as permanent quarters for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its affiliates. It will be dedicated to the preservation of Judaism as a tribute to the Jewish men and women who served in the cause of democracy and religious freedom. Permanent quarters in New York City will also be provided. This is the VICTORY PROJECT of



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May 15, 1947.

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The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the women's branch of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is engaged in a project of significant importance to Liberal Judaism, and one which is closely related to contemporary congregational life. This project is intimately associated with the expanded program of the Union and the advancement of Liberal Judaism in America and the world over.

The NFTS project, THE HOUSE OF LIVING JUDAISM, represents a tremendous responsibility in the effort to raise funds for the erection of permanent quarters for the Union and its affiliates. It is hoped that THE HOUSE OF LIVING JUDAISM will meet an imperative need by providing a center which will be the headquarters and meeting place of Liberal Judaism - and enable the Union further to develop its services as a fountain-head of our vital and living religious activities.

In every community, the Sisterhood looks to the rabbi for moral support and guidance. Never was the sympathetic understanding of the rabbi needed more than in aiding Liberal Jewish American womanhood to bring to an early and successful conclusion the building of THE HOUSE OF LIVING JUDAISM.

Because of the intangible quality inherent in the philosophy of this project, it requires some explanation. May we therefore ask you to grant a brief audience to an officer of NFTS, at one of the sessions of the CCAR on Wednesday, June 25th or Thursday, June 26th, to state the purpose, plan, progress and goal of THE HOUSE OF LIVING JUDAISM.

Your early and favorable reply is anticipated with appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob Aronson*  
Jacob Aronson, Chairman  
Executive Board of Union of  
American Hebrew Congregations

*Frieda S. Rosett*  
Mrs. Louis A. Rosett, President  
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

CC: Rabbi Abraham Feldman  
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# HOUSE OF LIVING JUDAISM, NFTS Victory Project

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May 21, 1947

Mrs. Louis A. Rosett, President  
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
3 E. 65th Street  
New York 21, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Rosett:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of May 15. The Central Conference of American Rabbis would be pleased to have a representative of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods address the Conference for fifteen minutes on Thursday evening, June 26 and present the project, "The House of Living Judaism."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



May 29, 1947

Mr. Louis Rittenberg, Editor  
Liberal Judaism  
34 West 6th Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:

The Central Conference of American Rabbis would like to prepare a memorial resolution on the passing of Rabbi Currick. Customarily, we select a classmate, but there is no one available. Perhaps you can suggest some member of the Board of Liberal Judaism who knew Currick well whom I could invite to prepare the memorial resolution.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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July 3, 1947

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner  
Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom  
Periomen Ave. and 13th Street  
Reading, Pa.

My dear Sidney:

I do not know whether the CCAR receives the courtesy of a room for its President at the hotel where the headquarters of the Conference are. If so, I would suggest that you ask the Mt. Royal Hotel to re-imburse you for the charges for the suite which I occupied which amounted, as you will from the enclosed statement, to \$80. The enclosed bill was paid. If you receive a re-imbursement, I would appreciate it if you would send me a check for the amount.

I thought that the convention in Montreal was successful in every way.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

*Bill was 109.92  
sent to S. Regner*



## RACE HATRED IS BLASPHEMY

### A Message on Race Relations

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At this season, hallowed by memories of Abraham Lincoln, the Commission on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis reaffirms its faith in the brotherhood of all men and urges the removal of all barriers to the achievement of one Humanity under one God.

To maintain that God has placed any race or class of men in a state of permanent inferiority is to blaspheme His name. Such an idea, whether based upon a misinterpretation of Scripture or a misreading of nature, is but the rationalization for inherited bias and contemporary prejudice. A hundred years ago the same ideas were used to condone the institution of slavery. Our current prejudices are surely no more lasting. In the years to come, those attitudes reflected in our treatment of colored peoples which are regarded by the majority as normal, even moral, will likewise have been outgrown by a humanity become more humane.

Every Jew who believes in Judaism, every man who believes that God is the father of all, must take up the struggle against discrimination. No man, created in the image of God, may say of another man, created in that same image, that he should "keep his place." We who believe that to love our neighbor as ourselves is life's highest aim must lead in efforts to ameliorate the condition of our colored brothers.

We applaud the strides made in recent years in the direction of interracial brotherhood: the opening of American shores to the citizens of several, if not all, Oriental countries; the recognition accorded the heroism of Negro troops in our Armed Forces; the provisions embodied in the federal aid bills guaranteeing greater educational opportunities for Negroes; the U. S. Supreme Court rulings requiring equal treatment for Negroes in cases involving the franchise, education and union membership; the increasing recognition of Negroes in sports; and the inter-racial activities of many religious and labor organizations.



But there is yet a task for us and all men who believe that God is our common father. We are witnessing today a tragic revival of the most bitter and brutal attack on groups of our fellow citizens. Lynchings have increased in number and violence, but the guilty have not been brought to justice; the political leaders of great States are openly advocating that Negroes be deprived of the right to vote. Many men who fought for America face today, in times of stringency and overcrowding, a special handicap in finding homes, educational opportunities and employment because of race or color. The right to vote, the right to work, even the right to live are being challenged.

To this end, we favor federal legislation to outlaw lynching and to abolish the poll tax; measures to establish the FEPC on both state and national levels, and other measures designed to afford full opportunity to all Americans.

In the larger perspective, race relations are crucial to the peace of the world. Racial antagonisms know no boundaries. We favor action by the United Nations to defend and extend the rights of all men of every race in every country in the world. We hope to see our country lead in this effort by our treatment of our own possessions, as well as by liberal and constructive attitudes in the United Nations. But we must first of all set an example by the treatment of the minorities within our own borders. Only by the achievement of a truly free America in which all men, regardless of color, have equal opportunities for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, can we point the way to a world in which all nations may live together in harmony and build together in peace.

We appeal particularly to the conscience of our fellow-Jews to express in their lives the traditional Jewish love of humanity, to extend justice to all men, to become exemplars of universal brotherhood.