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Central Conference of American Rabbis, "S", 1946-1947.

July 31, 1946

Rabbi Phineas Smoller
916 Chicago Temple Building
77 W. Washington St.
Chicago 2, Ill.

My dear Pete:

I was waiting until I knew that you had returned to your desk before writing you more formally, knowing that Herbert Mayer has contacted you by telephone.

Here is the story: At the Post-Conference meeting of the Executive Board, at which I presided in the absence of Rabbi Silver, it became evident to us that Harry Margolis might not be able to carry on effectively. There was some discussion of appointing an assistant to the Treasurer, and I suggested your name. This suggestion was unanimously and enthusiastically approved by the members of the Board.

In the meantime, when Harry died and Mayer telephoned to me, I immediately designated you as Acting Treasurer. When Mayer telephoned Marcuson, Marcuson informed him of the decision of the Executive Board to ask you to become assistant to the Treasurer. This I interpreted to be a mandate from the Executive Board authorizing your appointment as Acting Treasurer in the emergency. Mayer in the meantime urged me to inform the bank, authorizing you to act in that office, which I did, as per the letter of July 22, copy of which you have.

After some difficulty in reaching him, Mayer finally contacted Rabbi Silver, who gave his entire approval to the action that had been taken.

So, you might consider this a formal notification and request for you to act as Treasurer, and you may feel free to act accordingly. Knowing your spirit and your readiness to serve, I felt confident that we may have your wholehearted cooperation. We had to act quickly, as you are well aware, and there was no need duplicating telephone calls when Herbert Mayer informed me that he had spoken with you over the long distance phone and secured your gracious acceptance.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Vice-President

AJF:B

CC: Dr. Silver ✓
Dr. Marcuson

August 5, 1946

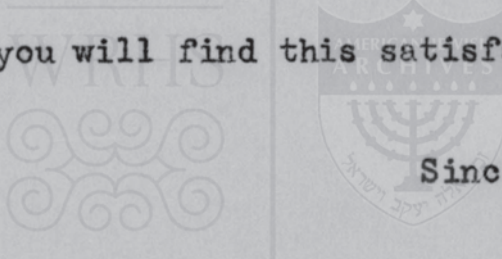
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Smoller has asked me to forward to you
a Central Conference of American Rabbi's check
No. 7332 in the amount of \$50.00.

I trust that you will find this satisfactory.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Lurie

Dorothy Lurie
Secretary to Rabbi Smoller

DL/rb

September 18, 1946

Rabbi Eugene Sack
Congregation Beth Elohim
8th Avenue & Garfield Place
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Sack:

The Central Conference of American Rabbis will be indebted to you if you would ~~write~~ ^{write} a Memorial Resolution on the passing of Rabbi Isaac Landman for inclusion in this year's C.C.A.R. Yearbook. The Yearbook will go to press in the very near future and we would appreciate it if you would send us the Resolution as early as possible. The Resolution should be no longer than a page in the Yearbook. It would expedite matters if you would send it direct to the Secretary of the C.C.A.R., Rabbi Isaac Marcuson, Macon, Ga.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Copy made on

DR. JACOB SINGER

RABBI
TEMPLE MIZPAH
1615 MORSE AVENUE
CHICAGO 26

September 19, 1946

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

Dear friend:

I am advised by Dr. Bernard Carp that an organizational meeting has been called for Oct. 23d & 24th of the Society for the Advancement of Jewish Liturgical Music, to be held in New York City.

You will recall that you have authorized me to represent the C.C.A.R. last spring for the preliminary meeting. Will you be good enough to sanction my attendance or to designate some one to represent us at this meeting. I shall be guided by your decision and will make my arrangements accordingly.

With every good wish to you and your family for a Happy New Year in which Mrs. Singer joins me and with the hope for a speedy redemption through a genuine "Yeshos Zion vereesholoyim"

Faithfully,

Jacob Singer

September 22, 1946

Dr. Jacob Singer
Temple Mizpah
1615 Morse Avenue
Chicago 26, Ill.

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 19.
Of course the CCAR would want you to attend the meeting
called to organize a Society for the Advancement of Jewish
Liturgical Music, and will be happy to pay the expense
involved in the trip.

I wish you and all your dear ones a very happy
new year.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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October 3, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

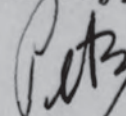
I have requested the auditor of the Conference to make a complete audit of the finances of the Conference as of October 1st and to make same available to you, Abraham Feldman, Sidney Regner and Isaac Marcuson, in preparation for the Executive Committee Meeting which is to be held later in the month. The finances of the Conference have in recent months become quite involved.

I believe that it will be to the advantage of the officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Conference, if at the time that I make my report at the October meeting, Mr. Mayer sat in with us to answer all questions which may be asked and more especially to familiarize the whole Executive Committee with the financial matters of the Conference. I would strongly urge this even if this would involved a special trip on the part of Mr. Mayer to attend our meeting, but it so happens that Mr. Mayer expects to be in Cincinnati with Rabbi Zepin conferring on matters of the Rabbinical Pension Board, and I believe that we should utilize this opportunity and invite him to sit in with us for approximately twenty or thirty minutes or just long enough to go over the report with us.

Please let me have your reaction to this suggestion, and if it meets with your approval, I think that you should write Rabbi Marcuson to issue an invitation to Mr. Mayer.

Cordial personal greetings and G'mar Chasima Tova-

Sincerely,



Phineas Smoller
Acting Treasurer

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CC Rabbi Isaac Marcuson

October 7, 1946

Rabbi Phineas Smoller
915 Chicago Temple Building
77 Washington Street
Chicago 12, Ill.

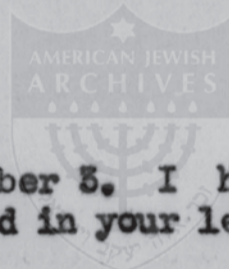
My dear Rabbi Smoller:

Thank you for your letter of October 3. I have written
to Rabbi Marcuson as you suggested in your letter.

With all good wishes for a very Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



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October 7, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

After Rabbi Smoller assumed the office of Acting Treasurer of the Conference, he communicated with the American Airlines to ascertain the status of the Conference account. We have just received a detailed statement from the American Airlines and note that we owe them for four flights which you made:

May	FROM TO	Tax	Charges	Total
2	CV HT	\$ 3.27	\$ 21.80	\$25.07
3	CV DO	.64	4.25	4.89
8	CV NY	2.79	18.60	21.39
June				
20	CV NY	2.79	18.60	21.39
				<u>\$72.74</u> (Total of four trips)

Our records indicate that these flights have not been paid for to date. If our records are not correct, please advise Rabbi Smoller at once, so that we can bring them up to date, otherwise I assume that the Conference is to receive your check for \$72.74.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Lurie

Dorothy Lurie
Secretary to Rabbi Smoller

October 8, 1946

Rabbi Phineas Smoller, Treasurer
CCAR
77 W. Washington St., Suite 916
Chicago 2, Ill.

My dear Rabbi Smoller:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 7.
I am enclosing herewith a check for \$72.74 for the four flights
which I made on the script of the CCAR.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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October 29, 1946

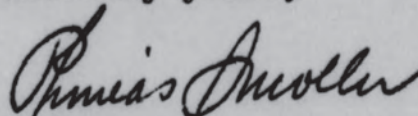
Dear Colleague:

The enclosed copy of a letter to the American Airlines is self-explanatory. The CCAR originally opened this account with the Airlines so that members of the Conference might take advantage of the 15% discount which was then in vogue.

This discount arrangement has long since been revoked and there is no advantage to the members of the Conference in keeping this account. Accordingly, we have discontinued the arrangement and notified the American Airlines. Please return your card to their office at 100 East Forty-second Street, New York.

With cordial personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

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enc.

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

AMERICAN AIRLINES CARD HOLDERS
(Account Number 7493)

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>
Rabbi G. Heller	Cincinnati, Ohio
" Solomon N. Bazell	Louisville, Ky.
" Herbert I. Bloom	Kingston, New York
" Philip D. Bookstaber	Harrisburg, Pa.
" Wm. G. Braude	Providence, R. I.
" Abraham J. Feldman	Hartford, Conn.
" Alan S. Green	Houston, Texas
" Solomon B. Froehoff	Pittsburgh, Pa.
" Isaac E. Marcuson	Macon, Georgia
" Julius Mark	Nashville, Tenn.
" Albert G. Minda	Minneapolis, Minn.
" Sidney L. Regnor	Reading, Pa.
" Abraham Shusterman	Baltimore, Md.
" <u>Abba H. Silver</u>	Cleveland, Ohio
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October 29, 1946

Re: Account
No. 7493

American Airlines System
100 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

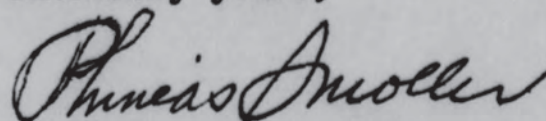
Gentlemen:

On my recommendation and by action of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis taken at its meeting in Cincinnati on October 23, 1946, we are discontinuing, for the present, our account with you and we desire to cancel all air travel cards now held by the men listed on the attached sheet.

We believe that we have on deposit with you the sum of \$425.00. Will you be good enough to return this deposit to us at your earliest convenience?

We deeply appreciate your courtesies of the past and trust that when we will be ready to reopen the account that we will continue to receive the same courteous attention.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Phineas Smoller
Treasurer, CCAR

enc.
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WESTERN UNION

November 23, 1946

Congregation Shaarai Shomayim
Lancaster, Pa.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF
THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR CONGREGATION. THE CENTRAL
CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS IS PROUD TO GREET YOU ON THIS
OCCASION TO EXTEND TO YOU AND YOUR DISTINGUISHED RABBI ALL
GOOD WISHES FOR CONTINUED FRUITFUL SERVICE IN THE GREAT CAUSE
OF ISRAEL AND AMERICA.

Abba Hillel Silver

CONGREGATION SHAARAI SHOMAYIM

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

extends to you a cordial invitation

to join in celebrating its

NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY

and in commemorating the

TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

of the founding of the Cemetery of

the Congregation

November twenty-second to November

twenty-ninth

Nineteen hundred and forty-six

The Program of the Anniversary Observances is

contained within

*Anniversary Services
And Observances
In Temple Shaarai Shomayim*

SABBATH EVE SERVICES

Friday Evening, November Twenty-second
at a quarter to eight o'clock

DR. JONAH B. WISE

Will Deliver the Anniversary Sermon

SABBATH MORNING SERVICES

Saturday Morning, November Twenty-third
at half-past ten o'clock

RABBI CLIFTON H. LEVY

Will Deliver the Sermon for the Anniversary
Service for Young People

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Thursday Morning, November Twenty-eighth
at ten o'clock

The Church of Our Father, Unitarian, The St. Peter's
Reformed and Evangelical Church and Congregation
Shaarai Shomayim Will Unite for the Annual Thanks-
giving Services

COMMUNITY SABBATH EVE SERVICES

Friday Evening, November Twenty-ninth
at a quarter to eight o'clock

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN

Will Deliver the Sermon for Community Sabbath

*The Anniversary Banquet
In The Hotel Brunswick*

Sunday Evening November Twenty-fourth
at six o'clock

DR. LOUIS I. NEWMAN

Will give the Anniversary Address

Kindly return the enclosed reservation card promptly.

December 20, 1946

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

Dear Sidney:

I went over to the First National Bank today and personally checked our portfolio which is held in safekeeping there. I am happy to report to you that everything is in good order.

I have in my possession safekeeping receipts for each item in the portfolio as follows:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
151377	\$10,000.00
157136	2,000.00
168397	2,000.00
171067	1,000.00
171068	1,000.00
171116	2,000.00
186582	11.00
187810	4,000.00
190861	4,000.00
192033	4,000.00
201388	5,000.00
202175	57,000.00
189257	8,500.00
205700	300.00
205702	11,500.00
220395	2,000.00
220396	8.00
TOTAL	\$114,319.00

If you will refer to the auditor's report under date of September 30th, exhibit C, you will note that United States Treasury bonds were purchased on May 7, 1945 in the amount of \$5,000.00, but these have not yet been delivered to date. I asked Mr. Mayer about this transaction and he told me that he has taken it up with the bank in St. Paul and that he is checking into it. Upon my return to the city, I will discuss this again with Mr. Mayer and see if we can get the bank in St. Paul to hurry some information to us. After all, the Treasurer's office should have some tangible evidence of a \$5,000.00 expenditure or investment and, except for some memos and Mr. Mayer tells me some correspondence, we have nothing really to show for it.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Phineas Snoller
Treasurer

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CC: To all officers
Auditor



December 20, 1946

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

Dear Sidney:

I have just returned from a conference with Mr. James Becker regarding Conference investments. I am happy to tell you that he regards our present portfolio in excellent condition.

He advises that we invest our \$25,000.00 in Series G 2 1/2% Government Bonds. Accordingly, will you be good enough to ~~create~~ a voucher in the sum of \$25,000.00 payable to the A.G. Becker and Company. Send it air mail to Feldman for his signature and ask Abe to rush it air mail to me c/o Fleischaker's, 404 E. Byers, Joplin, Missouri. I will sign it and send the check on to Chicago. *to my office*

I am eager to complete this transaction before the end of the year, so that we may have the advantage of this month's interest. I am preparing a letter which I will leave in my office, so that just as soon as the check will come back to Chicago, my secretary will forward it to Mr. James Becker with instructions to purchase on our behalf the bonds and arrange to have them delivered to the First National Bank of Chicago-Safe Keeping Department.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

dl
Air Mail

cc Auditor
All Conference Officers

December 20, 1946

Rabbi Nathan E. Barasch
Brooke General Hospital
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas

Dear Rabbi Barasch:

I am sorry about the delay in reply to your letter of December 8th and your inquiry with regard to the matter of dues payments for colleagues who are still in the Armed Services. As far as I know the executive board has made no ruling on this subject.

We did excuse payment of dues during the duration of the war, but I am inclined to believe that the "duration" is over. However, I shall not presume to rule on the subject. I shall be glad to call it to the attention of the officers of the Conference and as soon as I know one way or the other, I will write to you.

With cordial personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

CC: All officers
Accountant

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January 16, 1947

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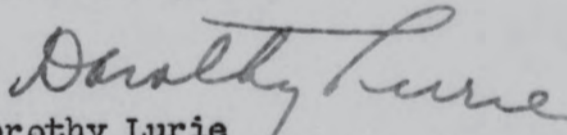
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Smoller has heard that you will be in Chicago shortly, and if at all possible, would like to arrange to meet with you privately for about fifteen minutes to discuss matters of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Rabbi Smoller realizes that you will have a very busy schedule, but if a time which is mutually convenient can be found, he would appreciate hearing from you.

With cordial personal greetings from Rabbi Smoller, I am

Sincerely yours,


Dorothy Lurie
Secretary to Rabbi Smoller

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WESTERN UNION

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

To CONGREGATION SHAARI ZEDEK

Care of or Apt. No. 221 KINSTON AVE.

Street and No. BROOKLYN, N.Y.

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Place

PLEASE ACCEPT ~~THE~~ CONGRATULATIONS OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
TO WHICH I ADD MY OWN PERSONAL FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE TENTH
ANNIVERSARY OF DR. THEODORE S. ROSS AS RABBI OF YOUR CONGREGATION. HIS
DISTINGUISHED SERVICES HAVE MEANT MUCH TO YOUR RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP AND
COMMUNITY, ~~AND~~ I PRAY THAT IT WILL CONTINUE INCREASINGLY THROUGH THE COMING
YEARS AND THAT A FULL MEASURE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND HAPPINESS WILL BE VOUCHSAFED
TO YOUR SPIRITUAL LEADER.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

Congregation Shaari Zedek of Brooklyn

cordially invites you and your friends to attend

A Special Anniversary Service

in honor of

Rev. Dr. Theodore S. Ross

in observance of

The Tenth Anniversary

of his Ministry in our Congregation

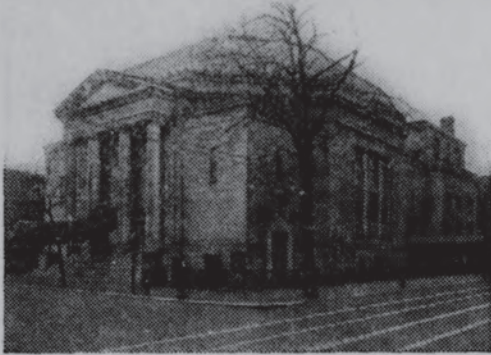
Friday Evening, January Seventeenth

Nineteen Hundred and forty-seven

at the Temple

Kingston Avenue and Park Place

at eight o'clock



CONGREGATION SHAARI ZEDEK OF BROOKLYN

REV. DR. THEODORE S. ROSS, RABBI
RABBI HARRY WEISS, EMERITUS

KINGSTON AVENUE AND PARK PLACE
BROOKLYN 13, N. Y.

January 22, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the officers and members of
Congregation Shaari Zedek let me thank you
sincerely for your kind message in connection
with the Tenth Anniversary of the ministry of
Dr. Theodore S. Ross in our Congregation.

We very much appreciate your good wishes
and want you to know that your message helped
to make this occasion an exceedingly significant
one.

With all kindest regards, we remain

Sincerely yours,

M. Karp
President.

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cc: Mr. Mayer
✓ Rabbi Abba Silver
Rabbi A. Feldman
Rabbi S. Regner

January 31, 1947

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Georgia

Dear Ike:

You have seen George Zeppin's humorous (???) and lengthy reply to me in answer to my letter of January 27th raising "moral" and "legal" issues. I just don't understand his reaction and before I answer him, I want to cool off for about a week or so. Thank you very much for your letter of January 29th.

It seems to me that somebody ought to take the bull by the horns and raise hell about the misunderstandings which exist between the CCAR and the Rabbinical Pension Board. Don't our representatives on that board know what it is all about? Or is it that only I am confused? Here we have several controversial matters pending: (1) The board claims that we owe it interest on the \$150,000's worth of bonds which we turned over to them; (2) The board claims that we must contribute certain annual sums for the maintenance of the office plus the annual contribution to it for capital funds and there has been a dispute about these amounts; (3) According to Zeppin's reply to my letter, he is evidently under the impression that certain checks which some of us are convinced should go to the account of the Solicitation Funds Committee and which come to us as a result of the activities of that committee belong to it, etc. etc. I believe that a small committee representing the Conference and an equal committee representing the NAHC and the Rabbinical Pension Board ought to sit down and ~~perhaps discuss~~ and review the situation and clear up all existing misunderstandings. I for one, and I believe that I share the view of the members of the Conference, do not want to rob the Union and I am sure that the Union does not want to take monies from us that do not belong to it. These transactions are not complicated except insofar as they are now ~~snarled~~ *snarled* up by misunderstandings. Please let me have your reaction to this suggestion.

Pending action by the Executive Board which should discuss the issues involved in this change of correspondence between Zeppin and myself, I am inclined to forward the \$25.00 check from Columbus, Georgia to Zeppin and let him dispose of it in any way that he believes is right. If ultimately, that check should have gone into our treasury, I have confidence that the Rabbinical Board will make it good. In the meantime, let ~~us be~~ *have* an "ochez b'yad" and according to the Talmudic law "olov harayah" which when translated in hillbilly English, which I remember from my Joplin days, simply ^{means} give them enough rope to.... With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

February 3, 1947

Mr. Isaac E. Marcuson
204 Buford Place
Macon, Georgia

Dear Ike:

Please disregard the last paragraph of my letter which I wrote you late last Friday. The first part of it is okay.

Immediately after the letter was mailed to you with carbon copies to all officers, I felt that I wrote something which should not have been written. On re-reading the letter this morning, I am convinced that not only was the last paragraph written in a bad mood, but it is incorrect in quotation and confused in application.

Cordially yours,

Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

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cc: ✓ Rabbi A. Silver
Rabbi A. Feldman
Rabbi S. Regner
Mr. H. Mayer

February 3, 1947

Mr. John R. Snyder
American Airlines System
430 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago 11, Ill.

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This is in reference to your letter of November 19, 1946.

We have received no other travel cards in this office and in accordance with your suggestion, I am advising you that we will assume the responsibility for the use of any card which has not been returned to your office. Accordingly, will you be good enough to return our deposit in the sum of \$425.00.

Sincerely yours,

Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

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P. S. Please send me a memo of the names of the men whose cards have not been returned to you.

cc: Mr. H. Mayer
✓ Rabbi A. Silver
Rabbi A. Feldman
Rabbi S. Regner

February 4, 1947

Rabbi Abraham Shusterman
6300 Park Heights Ave.
Baltimore 15, Md.

Dear Abe:

Enclosed is a check in the sum of \$25.00 from the Jewish Welfare Federation, P. O. Box 883, Columbus, Georgia, transmitted to us by Mrs. Ben Rothstein, secretary, payable to the CCAR Pension Fund as a 1946 allocation. I also enclose a copy of the letter of transmittal which as you see was addressed to the CCAR Pension Fund, Holly & Avon Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota, the address of our late colleague and friend Rabbi Margolis.

As you know, from previous correspondence this check and letter were forwarded to Rabbi Zepin who sent it on to me as per his letter of January 24, 1947, a copy of which I believe you have. Rabbi Zepin acknowledged receipt of the items to Miss Grossman, the secretary at Mt. Zion Temple of St. Paul.

Will you be good enough now to acknowledge receipt of the check to Mrs. Rothstein and return it to me in the usual manner as a contribution through the Solicitations Committee, which I will deposit and credit to that account.

Enclosed copy of my letter to Rabbi Zepin, I believe, is self-explanatory. With best greetings from house to house, I am

Sincerely yours,

Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

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cc: ✓ Dr. A. H. Silver
Rabbi A. J. Feldman
Rabbi I. E. Marcuson
Rabbi S. L. Regner

*Rabbi
Silver*

February 4, 1947

Rabbi George Zepin
The Rabbinical Pension Board
34 W. 6th Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear George:

I shall not try to describe the mood in which I still find myself, as after some delay I reply to your letter of January 28, 1947. I think it only fair for you to know that this letter "just did not set well." There is, however, no use in making further controversy out of this matter.

I confess that in my reply of January 27th to your letter of January 24th, I may have mis-used technically the word "agreement" but I am still under the impression that if what I said was not officially an "agreement," it certainly was a verbal understanding. Logic, as well as "morals" and "law" (as I interpret these) will sustain my contention.

After having consulted the "older heads" in the CCAR, and you have seen copies of their letters to me, I shall now temporarily close the subject and bring it up at the next Executive Board Meeting of the Conference.

In the meantime, I have forwarded the check which you sent me in the sum of \$25.00 from the Jewish Welfare Federation of Columbus, Georgia, payable to the CCAR Pension Fund to Rabbi Shusterman for acknowledgement and to be returned to me for deposit. If the principle involved will not be established in accordance with my interpretation of the understanding between the Conference of the Union, I guarantee personally to make good the sum of \$25.00 by certified check made payable to the Rabbinical Pension Board. At present, however, I am sure that you will agree with me that the Columbus, Georgia check should be deposited and cleared through the banks.

Sincerely yours,

Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

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cc: To all officers of CCAR.
Rabbi M. N. Eisendrath
Rabbi S. M. Gup
Rabbi A. Shusterman
Mr. J. Aronson

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WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Field Secretary for the USA
Rabbi David H. Wice
Temple B'nai Jeshurun
17 Waverly Avenue
Newark 3, N. J.

February 5, 1947

Rabbi Phineas Smoller
77 W. Washington Street
Chicago 12, Illinois

Dear Pete:

I have just had another urgent, pleading letter from the World Union. They are out of funds and we here are not living up to our promises. Has anything happened in your check on past remittances? London insists that there has been no transmitting of dues for 1945 and 1946, amounting to \$1,000. It is obvious that some of the remittances were held up during the war. Let us clarify this once and for all and if we owe it to them, pay it, and if we do not owe it let us produce the proof and be done with it. I am sure you agree and will cooperate.

Sophie joins in love to you and Bonita.

Fondly, always,

(Signed) David

DHW:FC

Rabbi Silver

February 7, 1947

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

Dear David:

Only this week I discussed with our accountant, Mr. Mayer, the subject of your letter of February 5th. He is continuing to make inquiry, but the bank in St. Paul has not yet supplied us with the necessary information.

It so happens that I shall be in St. Paul on Friday, February 28th to participate in the installation service for Saul Appelbaum. I will utilize this opportunity to call at the bank personally and to pursue this matter further. Upon my return, I will write to you the results of my visit.

With very best regards from Bonita and myself to you and your family, I am

Cordially yours,

Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

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cc: All officers of CCAR and
Mr. Mayer with a copy of Rabbi Wice's
letter attached.

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RABBI A H SILVER
THE TEMPLE

WITH REFERENCE TO RECENT CONFERENCE YEAR BOOK OUR RESOLUTION
UNDER COMMITTEE ON CONTEMPORARY HISTORY REGARDING DELEGATION
TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO INQUIRE CONCERNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
IN RUSSIA WAS THIS DONE I UNDERSTAND MARCUS WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN
OF COMMITTEE BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND YOU DID NOT CONSIDER THE TIME WAS
RIPE A FEW MONTHS AGO TO PAY VISIT DID YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND AFTERWARDS
AND WAS VISIT PAID TO AMBASSADOR AND IF SO WHAT WAS RESULT WILL
APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN GETTING THIS INFORMATION

BENJAMIN SCHULTZ
65 ELLIOTT AVE YONKERS N.Y.



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March 1, 1947

Dear Colleague:

Frequently individuals and organizations, responding to the annual appeal of the Committee on Solicitation of Funds, make the mistake of designating our fund as the "Pension Fund". This has led to confusion and to occasional disagreement between the C. C. A. R. and the Pension Fund officials.

The purpose of this letter is to request that you bring to the attention of your Congregation and local federation that our Conference Fund is a Relief and Subvention Fund, that we help our needy colleagues and widows and orphans of colleagues, and that we assist worthy individuals and organizations engaged in scholarly pursuits of Jewish interest. Checks should be made out to the Central Conference of American Rabbis or to the C. C. A. R. Committee on Solicitation of Funds.

I will appreciate your bringing this to the attention of your Congregation and Welfare Fund.

Warmest personal greetings.

Fraternally yours,

Abraham Shusterman
Abraham Shusterman
Chairman



March 14, 1947

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

Dear Pete:

I have your letter of March 11th, addressed to the office of the Conference, and attaching thereto your letter to Egelson and the correspondence with Mr. C. Ralph Weil.

By all means this should be brought before the Executive Board. I do not understand what Egelson means when he says that \$600. shall be credited to the Union Capital Pension Fund, and \$600. to the Conference Capital Pension Fund.

As I understand the situation there is but one Pension Fund, and that is the Joint Pension Fund. We turned over to the Pension Commission \$15,000 to be added to whatever the Union contributed to one joint fund, and I cannot quite understand what Egelson means when he says that \$600. has been taken and put into the Union Pension Fund, and asking what to do with the other \$600.

From my understanding of the situation the \$1200. should go to the Joint Union-Conference Pension Fund, and not be divided at all.

Cordially yours,

Isaac E. Marcuson
Administrative Secretary

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CC - Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman
Rabbi Sidney L. Regner
Rabbi Louis I. Egelson

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
Washington 6, D. C.

March 14, 1947

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
The Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Marcus:

We have received your letter of February 27, 1947
and regret to inform you that the Ambassador, Nikolai
Novikov, will not be able to accept your invitation to
meet rabbinical leaders since he has left for the Soviet
Union to participate in the Conference.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) A. Ermolaev
Third Secretary

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March 17, 1947

Rabbi Phineas Smoller
77 W. Washington St., Suite 916
Chicago 2, Ill.

Dear Pete:

Any money which we have received and in which it was the clear intent that it be used to augment the capital of the Pension Fund we have turned over to the Joint Committee on Investment of Pension Funds. Since Mr. Weil's contribution is for this purpose, this is where it belongs and I believe we should authorize that this be done. We don't need Executive Board action for this.

There is a matter of bookkeeping to be kept in mind. We should have a record in our accounts of this money. If it were turned over to us and we in turn transmitted it to the Joint Committee on Investment Funds, we would have such a record. There may be a simpler way of handling this. I suggest you consult Mr. Mayer about it.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Sidney L. Regner, Fin. Secy.

CC: Rabbis: Silver, Feldman, Marcuson, *Egelson*
Mr. H. J. Mayer

April 9, 1947

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz
Temple Emanuel
65 Elliott Ave.
Yonkers, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Schultz:

In February you sent me a telegram inquiring about the Conference resolution about religious education in the Soviet Union. I wrote to Dr. Marcus and asked him whether he had already made an appointment with the Soviet Ambassador for himself and a small committee representing the Conference. On February 27 Dr. Marcus wrote to the Russian Embassy and requested such an appointment. On March 14 he received the enclosed reply. I am sure that Dr. Marcus will follow through with his request at the conclusion of the Moscow Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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COPY FOR YOUR ATTENTION

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH CHAPLAINS
Army and Navy of the United States
3080 Broadway
New York 27, N. Y.

April 15, 1947

Dear Rabbi Egelson:

Rabbi Aryeh Lev has transmitted to me your request for a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Association of Jewish Chaplains in reference to the National Jewish Welfare Board, and I am pleased to give them to you as follows:

- "I. Be it resolved that the Secretary be directed to convey to the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board our expression of gratitude for the splendid cooperation which we received from CANRA in our chaplaincy work through its publications, through its general services, and above all in the comradeship and fellowship which we enjoyed together.
- II. Be it resolved that the Secretary be directed to communicate to the National Jewish Welfare Board our sincere appreciation for its work of providing us with supplies, with material assistance, and for its efforts in assisting us in our work with Jewish men during World War II and in the general cooperation which its offices afforded us.
- III. Be it resolved that the Association of Jewish Chaplains, in convention assembled, call upon the national Rabbinical Associations to reorganize the work of the CANRA so as to bring it under the exclusive jurisdiction of rabbinical bodies. The Association pledges its wholehearted support to the rabbinical associations and to the reorganized CANRA in their work for the religious needs and spiritual ministrations of our men in the armed forces.

Be it further resolved that the membership in CANRA be limited exclusively to Rabbis; that the members thereof shall be appointed by the three Rabbinical bodies only; that the CANRA be responsible in its activities to its rabbinical parent bodies and have full charge of all phases of chaplains' activities, as recognized by the Army and Navy, Veterans Administration and National Guard. We urge upon CANRA to take all possible steps to carry out this resolution and we pledge our wholehearted support in this direction."

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Bern

Bernard Segal

Rabbi Louis I. Egelson
34 West 6th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

Rabbi

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TEMPLE EMANU-EL

63 HAMILTON AVENUE

YONKERS 5, N. Y.

April 17, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your recent
letter concerning the projected visit of the committee
to the Soviet Ambassador after the Moscow Conference.

I appreciate the cordial spirit of
your letter, and am hopeful that the visit referred
to will help the religious situation in Russia.

With fraternal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Benj. Schultz

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz

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April 18, 1947

Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern
Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel
1717 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Stern:

Thank you for your letter of April 14. I was very sorry to hear of the ill health of Dr. Englander and of the problems involved. I shall take this matter up with the Executive Board when it meets in Montreal the latter part of June. Perhaps the Conference will find a way of helping in the situation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 25, 1947

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

Dear Doctor:

Dr. Linfield of the Jewish Statistical Bureau phoned me from New York to ask me to substitute for you, at your request, as the representative of the C.C.A.R., at a conference with directors of the Federal Census Bureau.

I attended that meeting in Washington yesterday. In addition to Dr. Linfield, the following attended:

Dr. Hugo Schiff of Alexandria, representing Eisendrath and the U.A.H.C.

Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Rabbi Bernard Segal of the Rabbinical Assembly

Rabbi S. H. Markowitz, representing Mr. Roger W. Straus and the Statistical Bureau.

Isaac Frank of the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council.

These gentlemen, at a preliminary meeting, designated me as their spokesman. Also in attendance at the later session as an auditor was Marcus Cohn, representing Judge Proskauer.

We met at the Commerce Bldg. with five or six officials of the Census Bureau, among them Mr. Capt, Census Director, Dr. Philip Hauser, the Deputy Director, and Dr. Truesdale, Chief of the Population Division.

I presented the statement you and the other leaders of our religious bodies drew up and tried to make clear why nothing should be done to differentiate in the census between "religious" Jews and those who are not nominally affiliated with Congregations. On the basis of the final summary by Mr. Capt, Census Director, I think we succeeded in convincing him and his committee that,

- (a) The whole number of Jews should be included in the census of the Jewish Religious Group; and that
- (b) The objections raised by Dr. Lurie of the Jewish Demographic Society and the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds and Dr. Dublin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company should be disregarded, since we as representatives of religious bodies (and not they who speak solely for themselves or for secular agencies) have the right to say how Jewish religious membership should be determined. At the close of the session

Mr. Capt. assured us that our "traditional criteria of membership" would again be the basis of counting.

I am always ready to serve you and our common causes. Please do not hesitate to call on me.

Warmest greetings,

Faithfully yours,

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Abraham Shusterman

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May 12, 1947

Mrs. J. R. Jarcho
American Jewish Conference
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Jarcho:

In reply to your letter of May 9th, I will bring its contents to the attention of our Executive Board at our meeting in Montreal on June 24th.

The sum of \$500.00 which was sent to you came out of our own Budget which was drawn for the year 1946-47. Under the circumstances, no further allotments can be made now, unless there be Executive Board action taken.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

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CC Rabbis: Abba Hillel Silver
Isaac E. Marcuson
Abraham J. Feldman
Sidney E. Regner

Mr. H. J. Mayer

PS: This concerns a request from the American Jewish Conference to increase our contribution to \$600.00 in view of their increased budget.

May 12, 1947

Rabbi Louis I. Egelson
34 W. Sixth St.
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Louis:

I am winding some matters up that are still left open, and among them I find Mr. Ralph Weil's Contribution of \$600.00 to the Conference to be applied to the Rabbinical Pension Board.

This sum is still being held by you in our behalf. This is your authority to turn over the \$600.00 gift of Mr. Weil to the Joint Committee on Investment of Pension Funds and for their record to show that the sum has come from the CCAR. In turning over the money, please ask the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Investment of Pension Funds to acknowledge receipt of this sum in a letter to me with carbon copies to you and the other officers of the Conference whose names appear below.

Cordially yours,

Phineas Smoller
Treasurer

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CC: Rabbis: Abba Hillel Silver
Abraham J. Feldman Sidney E. Regner
Isaac E. Marcuson
Mr. H. J. Mayer (auditor)

May 16, 1947

Rabbi Samuel Schwartz
Washington Blvd. Temple
308 N. Taylor Ave.
Oak Park, Ill.

My dear Rabbi Schwartz:

You undoubtedly learned of the death of Rabbi Arron L. Weinstein, of Jamaica, L.I. He was a member of the CCAR. I understand that you were a classmate of his in the class of 1909. I would greatly appreciate it if you would prepare a Memorial Resolution in tribute to Rabbi Weinstein which would be incorporated in the next yearbook of the CCAR.

With all good wishes, and hoping to see you at the conference in Montreal, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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