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Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1949.

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April 11, 1949

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

My dear Abba:

I am writing this to you confidentially^{and ask} for your guidance.

Marcuson sent to me, from the Z.O.A., a letter, dated April 1st., copy of which I enclose.

The request puzzles me somewhat, seeing that it has not been the custom of the Z.O.A. to send greetings to the CCAR for its Convention, nor, for the CCAR to send greetings to other national bodies, except on some special anniversaries.

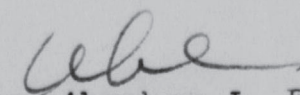
Moreover, in view of the policy of the CCAR, I am not sure but that I might be letting myself in for some headaches which, at the moment, may be needless.

On the other hand, if there be some reason that would be useful and valid for sending such a greeting as the letter asks for at this particular time, I might do it.

But, I am puzzled. Hence, I am turning to you confidentially, for your thought in the matter.

With best wishes for a happy Pesach, I am

Faithfully yours,


Dr. Abraham J. Feldman



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Enc.

April 1st, 1949

Central Conference of American Rabbis
222 Buford Place
Macon, Georgia

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Zionist Organization of America, I cordially invite you to extend written greetings to our Organization on the occasion of its 52nd Annual Convention at New York, N.Y. on May 28-30, 1949.

The establishment of the State of Israel and the need to provide Israel with an undisturbed, constructive, economically self-sustaining free future makes this Convention of major significance.

The importance and length of our sessions do not enable us regretfully to extend the privilege of oral greetings.

I respectfully solicit your immediate courtesies in these respects. To facilitate adequate treatment of this material, I would appreciate receiving your statement no later than May 15th, 1949.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:dh

April 15, 1949

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman
Central Conference of American Rabbis
701 Farmington Avenue
Hartford 7, Connecticut

My dear Abe:

In reply to your letter of April 11th, I recall occasions where the Z.O.A. and the C.C.A.R. exchanged greetings at their Convention. I think it would not be out of order for you as President of the Conference to send such greetings to the Convention.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 27, 1949

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Marks:

I have your letter of April 1st, in which you apprise me of the forthcoming convention of your organization. I am pleased to extend to you the greetings of most of the members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, at this convention in which there will be thoughtful consideration given to the achievements of the State of Israel during its first year of existence, as well as counsel taken with reference to the aid which American Jews might give in assuring "an undisturbed constructive, economic, self-sustaining, free future" for our people in the land of our fathers.

I pray that your deliberations will be fruitful of blessings for our people, in all directions, materially as well as spiritually, economically as well as culturally, and that out of your convention there may emerge a dedicated will on the part of all your members, and the communities from which they come, to build a vigorous Jewish life, not alone in the State of Israel, but an affirmative Jewishness in our own land and in the communities of our beloved country here.

I salute you and your delegates at this convention.

"For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will say: 'Peace be within thee'.
For the sake of the house of the Lord
our God
I will seek thy good."

Sincerely,

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman

AJF/sz

cc/ Dr. Silver

Tentative Program

SIXTIETH

ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

OF

AMERICAN RABBIS



BRETTON WOODS, NEW HAMPSHIRE

THURSDAY, JUNE TWENTY-THIRD

TUESDAY, JUNE TWENTY-EIGHTH

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PROGRAM

Thursday Morning, June 23, 1949, 9:30 A. M.

Mt. Washington Hotel

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday Evening — 8:00 P. M.

Mt. Washington Hotel

Opening Prayer	Joseph Klein
Greetings	Jacob R. Marcus
President's Message	Abraham J. Feldman
Memorial Tributes: Moise Bergman	George Zepin
Henry J. Berkowitz	Julius Mark
Leo M. Franklin	B. Benedict Glazer
Alvin S. Luchs	Felix A. Levy
Judah Leon Magnes	Emil W. Leipziger
Jacob B. Menkes	
Isador Philo	Sidney M. Berkowitz
Samuel Rabinowitz	Julian B. Feibelman
Stephen S. Wise	
Kaddish and Closing Prayer	Earl Stone

Friday Morning, June 24, 1949, 9:30 A. M.

Opening Prayer	Herman E. Snyder
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REPORTS:

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*Synagogue Activities	Jacob D. Schwartz
*Committee on Palestine	Philip S. Bernstein
*Arbitration	Emil W. Leipziger
Chaplains	Solomon B. Freehof
12:45 — Religious Service	Nathan Perilman
1:15 — Luncheon — "World Union for Progressive Judaism", Dr. Maurice Jacobs	

Friday Afternoon, 3:00 O'clock

REPORTS:

*Religious Work in Universities	Edward E. Klein
Church and State	Joseph L. Fink
*Ceremonies	Louis Witt
*Curator of Archives	Sheldon H. Blank
Synagogue Music	Charles E. Shulman
Justice and Peace	Abram. V. Goodman

Friday Evening, 8:00 O'clock

Opening Prayer	Aaron M. Kamerling
Evening Service from the Union Prayer Book	David Lefkowitz, Jr.
Conference Lecture	Bernard J. Bamberger
Adoration and Kaddish	Theodore S. Ross
Benediction	Abraham J. Feldman

Saturday Morning, June 25, 1949, 10:00 A. M.

Opening Prayer	Henry Tavel
Morning Service from Union Prayer Book	David Wice
Torah Reading	
Conference Sermon	Abram M. Granison
Adoration and Kaddish	Dudley Weinberg
Benediction	Jacob R. Marcus

**Saturday Afternoon, 2:30 P. M.
(Executive Session)**

Paper: "The Personal Problems of the Rabbi in the Light of Psychiatry"	Dr. Sol. W. Ginsburg
Discussion	Abraham N. Franzblau, Albert A. Goldman, Henry E. Kagan

Saturday Evening

Alumni Association Meeting

Sunday Morning, June 26, 1949, 9:30 A. M.

Opening Prayer	
REPORT:	

Committee on Placement	Roland B. Gittelsohn
12:30 — Religious Service	Herbert E. Drooz

Sunday Afternoon

Open for Committee Meetings

Sunday Evening, 8:00 P. M.

Papers: (A) "What Have We Accomplished Spiritually Since 1889"	
	Samuel H. Goldenson
Discussion	Morris Lieberman
(B) "Jewish Religious Liberalism in the World of Tomorrow"	
	Harry Essrig
Discussion	Joshua Trachtenberg

Monday Morning, June 27, 1949, 9:30 A. M.

Religious Education Day

Albert T. Bilgray — Chairman

Opening Prayer Allen Tarshish

REPORT:

Commission on Jewish Education Solomon B. Freehof

PAPER:

“Religious Education Among American Reform Jewish Congregations”
Richard C. Hertz

Discussion

12:45 — Religious Service David W. Pearlman

Monday Afternoon, 3:00 O'clock

REPORTS:

*Pensions Samuel M. Gup
*Scouting Philip D. Bookstaber
*Psychiatry Albert A. Goldman
Marriage, Family and the Home Samuel S. Thurman
*Information on Judaism Harry W. Ettelson
*Relief and Subvention Samuel M. Gup
*Institutes on Judaism Louis L. Mann
Nominations
Placement (continued)

Monday Evening, 8:00 P. M.

PAPER:

“American Jewish Life a Century Ago” Bertram Korn
“The Union and the Seminaries” Nelson Glueck, Maurice N. Eisendrath

Tuesday Morning, June 28, 1949, 9:30 P. M.

Opening Prayer Malcolm H. Stern

REPORTS:

Resolutions

President's Message

Closing Prayer Nelson Glueck

Tuesday Afternoon

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Reports marked * to be presented to the Executive Board only. All others to be condensed.