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Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1959-1960.

# CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

40 WEST 68th STREET

NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

November 7, 1957

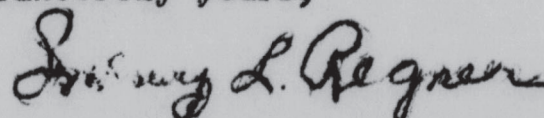
Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to inform you that committee appointments have been made for the year 1957-58 and that you have been appointed a member of the following Conference committee:

APPEALS  
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With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Sidney L. Regner  
Executive Vice President



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# CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

40 WEST 68th STREET

NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

March 11, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
1855 Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The 1958 Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis will be held in Chicago at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, June 24th to 29th. On Thursday evening, June 26th, the Program Committee is planning a special session which will commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the State of Israel, and cordially invites you to deliver one of the two addresses to be given on that occasion. Ambassador Abba Eban has been invited to deliver the other address.

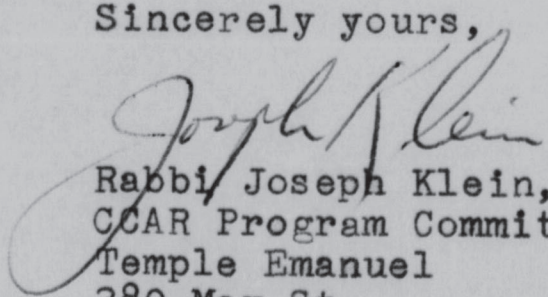
It would be inconceivable to us to celebrate in the CCAR so important and significant a milestone in the history of the State of Israel, without your participation. We hope, therefore, that you will find it possible to accept.

We remember other occasions in the past, when you brought new light and understanding to your colleagues in the CCAR concerning Zion, and feel certain that your participation again will make for one of the memorable events in the history of the Conference.

Hoping to receive an early and affirmative reply, and with warm personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

JK/abc

  
Rabbi Joseph Klein, Chairman  
CCAR Program Committee  
Temple Emanuel  
280 May St.  
Worcester 2, Mass.

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March 27, 1958

Rabbi Joseph Klein, Chairman  
CCAR Program Committee  
Temple Emanuel  
280 May Street  
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Rabbi Klein:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of March 11th. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to address the Central Conference of American Rabbis on Thursday evening, June 26th.

I shall make every effort to be with you on that day.

With all good wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



# TEMPLE EMANUEL

MAY AND CHANDLER STREETS  
WORCESTER 2, MASSACHUSETTS



RABBI JOSEPH KLEIN

RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

April 1, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was delighted to get your letter of March 27th, informing me that you accept the invitation to be on the program of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Thursday evening, June 26th. I know that the other members of the Program Committee will be as happy as I am to learn of this.

Mr. Eban has also accepted the invitation to address the Conference that night. I am certain that this evening, commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of the State of Israel, will be a most felicitous one, and because of your participation, one of the great events in Conference history.

With hearty greetings of the Pesach season,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Joseph Klein, Chairman  
CCAR Program Committee

JK/abc



TEMPLE EMANUEL

MAY AND CHANDLER STREETS  
WORCESTER 2, MASSACHUSETTS

RABBI JOSEPH KLEIN



RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

May 2, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
1855 Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

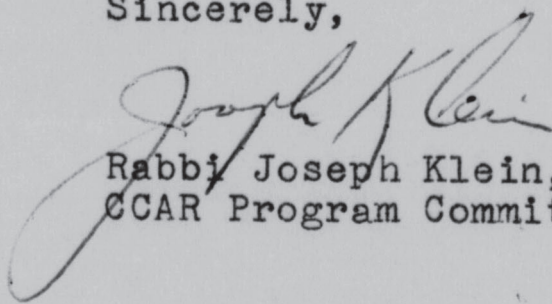
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to ask if you have selected a title for the address you will deliver at the CCAR Convention on June 26th. If you have selected a title, would you please be good enough to send it to me so that we may get it into the printed program of the Convention.

As I mentioned to you in my last letter, the session on Thursday evening, June 26th, will celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the State of Israel. The only addresses will be those delivered by you and Ambassador Eban. Rabbi Jacob P. Rudin will preside.

With warm personal greetings,

Sincerely,

  
Rabbi Joseph Klein, Chairman  
CCAR Program Committee

JK/abc



May 13, 1958

Rabbi Joseph Klein, Chairman  
CCAR Program Committee  
Temple Emanuel  
May and Chandler Streets  
Worcester 2, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Klein:

Thank you for your letter of May 2nd.

Inasmuch as I have not yet written the address I have not any special title for it. I do not believe that a title is really necessary other than a general one of the 10th anniversary celebration. I am sure that both Ambassador Eban and I will address ourselves to that subject.

With kind regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:s1

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



The Central Conference of American Rabbis announces  
with profound sorrow the death on May 14th, 1958

of our immediate past president

BARNETT R. BRICKNER

who served our Conference with faithfulness and devotion.

May his memory be for blessing.



# NEWS Letter.



*From*  
**CENTRAL CONFERENCE  
OF AMERICAN RABBIS**

40 West 68th Street  
New York 23, N. Y.

Vol. IV, No. 4

May 19, 1958

Dear Colleague:

THE PROGRAM for the convention at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago June 24-29 promises to be unusually interesting. We are indebted to Rabbi Joseph Klein and his committee for arranging it. Copy is enclosed.

BUSINESS at the convention will include a full dress debate on the question of changing the CCAR'S traditional position on religious education and the public schools. The session at which this important subject will be dealt with calls for the annual report by the Chairman of the Commission on Church and State, the presentation of two statements - one by a proponent of modification, the other by a supporter of the traditional Conference stand, and floor discussion.

The chairman of the Commission reports that a great deal of interest has already been aroused by the prospect of such a discussion. The last Newsletter suggested that you send in your reaction to the proposal for modification to the chairman of the Commission. Many letters have already been received and you will be interested to learn that they divide themselves fairly evenly between those which favor and those which oppose modification. If you would like to express your opinion on this question, as well as on any other aspect of the larger issue on church and state, please write to Rabbi Edgar E. Siskin, chairman, Commission on Church and State, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe, Illinois.

Other important business will be the report of the Committee on Liturgy, which will ask for approval of material for the revised Rabbi's Manual; and action on the proposed amendment to the Constitution, copy of which was sent with the last Newsletter. The proposed amendment deals with procedure in amending the Constitution.

A RECEPTION will be given by the Chicago Sisterhoods after Services on Friday evening.

A BUFFET LUNCHEON will be given by Temple Sholom after services on Saturday morning.

We must let our hosts know how many will attend these two functions. Please indicate your own plans on the enclosed postcard.

DINNER HOSPITALITY will be arranged Friday evening for rabbis and their wives who desire it. If you would like to accept a dinner invitation at a Chicago home, please indicate it on the postcard enclosed to be sent to Rabbi Ernst M. Lorge, president of the Chicago Board of Reform Rabbis, through whose graciousness these dinner invitations are being arranged and who, together with the Chicago rabbis and their wives, are going all out in planning to make our stay in Chicago pleasant.

A LUNCHEON FOR RABBI'S WIVES on Wednesday noon is being planned by the wives of the Chicago Rabbis. It will be dutch treat, at the hotel - \$3.50 per plate. Note on the card provided if your wife will attend.

BABY SITTER SERVICE will be provided by the Chicago Youth Groups for children over three years of age. If you want this service check it on the card to Rabbi Lorge.



BUS TOURS will be arranged on Thursday afternoon for those who are interested. There is a place on one of the enclosed cards to indicate if you want this.

CONVENTION EXHIBIT...If you published a book last year we should like to have it for the display of books at the convention by members of the Conference. We must limit this exhibit to printed books and published within the year. Send a copy directly to the hotel to reach there no later than June 20. Address it to - Central Conference of American Rabbis, Edgewater Beach Hotel, 5300 Block Sheridan Road, Chicago 40, Illinois, and mark "Please Hold." Also send a note to the office that you are sending it. At the close of the convention the books are returned to the CCAR office and made a part of the CCAR library.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION?...We are enclosing another reservation card in case you did not send in the one we mailed with our last Newsletter. Note that to assure accommodations the hotel requires that reservations be made no later than three weeks before the convention. Get yours in now if you have not already done so.

CLERGY TICKETS...Arrangements have been made with the various passenger associations allowing you to purchase through round trip clergy tickets to Chicago, Ill. and return, using only the clergy certificate of the territory in which you begin your journey. Selling dates for such tickets are June 1-29 inclusive. The return limit on these tickets is 30 days in addition to date of sale, except for the Southern Passenger Association which allows a 6 months return limit.

PUBLICATIONS OF WORLD UNION...The World Union for Progressive Judaism informs us that they have available the reports of the 7th International Conference held in London in 1951, the 8th International Conference held in London in 1953, the 9th International Conference held in Paris in 1955 and the 10th International Conference held in Amsterdam in 1957. The first three are \$1.00 each plus postage. The Amsterdam report is \$1.50 plus postage. If you would like us to order any of these for you, send your order to our office, 40 W. 68th Street, New York 23, N. Y.

PROJECTS FOR ISRAEL...Our chairman, Herbert Weiner, reports that a group of Israelis with a liberal religious outlook conducted High Holyday services last year and have been holding regular Sabbath services. They have organized seminars and would like, with our cooperation, to put out a publication. The project depends on our ability to raise the money necessary for this publication. In view of these developments the chairman of our committee requests our men to emphasize and increase their contributions to the CCAR Committee on Projects for Israel. Remember the committee in your allocation this year. Checks for this purpose should be made out to CCAR Projects for Israel and sent to Rabbi Herbert Weiner, 432 Scotland Road, South Orange, N. J. (Israeli bonds would be welcome and useful for this project.)

The committee also reports that a number of congregations have committed themselves to full scholarships(\$150.00) for the Leo Baeck School, which will be sent to the school through the American Board of the World Union. Rabbi Weiner asks that you consider a commitment from your Temple or Keren Ami funds for a full, or at least a partial, scholarship. Send the check for the Leo Baeck School either to Rabbi Weiner or Rabbi Jacob Shankman, chairman of the American Board of the World Union.

SOLICITATIONS...If you have not yet responded to the Solicitations appeal for contributions from your congregation, community or individuals for our relief and subvention fund, won't you please give it your attention. Checks should be made out to Central Conference of American Rabbis, but please indicate when you send it that it is for Solicitations.



OUR COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING, of which Rabbi Philip David Bookstaber is chairman, ask us to call the attention of our members to the project the Boy Scouts of America has of sending a delegation of scouts to Israel this summer to participate in a national jamboree of the Boy Scouts of Israel. If you are interested in sending one of your Scouts in this delegation to Israel, get in touch with Rabbi Harry Lasker, National Director Jewish Relationships, Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, N.J., who will be glad to send you an application form and provide you with further information.

DR. JACOB R. MARCUS calls our attention to a book our members may find helpful - American State Papers and Related Documents on Freedom of Religion, 4th Revised edition, published in 1949 for the Religious Liberty Association, Washington, D.C., by the Review and Herald.

IN SORROW we record the death of our past president, Barnett R. Brickner, who died in Spain on May 14th while on a trip home from the State of Israel. In his passing we mourn the loss of a devoted leader in our Conference.

HADOAR is publishing a special issue celebrating the tenth anniversary of the State of Israel, and is having in it a register of congregations at \$10.00 for each listing. The publishers of Hadoar are also making available for congregations listed a subscription to the magazine at \$8.50 a year instead of the usual \$10.00. We are glad to bring to the attention of our members this practical way of supporting Hadoar, the only Hebrew weekly published outside the State of Israel.

AIRPLANE CLERGY RATES...Northeast Airlines and Allegheny Airlines now give a 50% clergy discount. To get a clergy card you must fill out an application provided by the Airline and pay a \$5.00 fee, in each case good only on the particular airline for which you have the card. The clergy rate is given only on a space available basis. Seats cannot be reserved in advance but you go to the field on a stand-by basis. The Airline also reserves the right to remove clergy passengers at any intermediate point to accommodate other revenue passengers.

A CALL FOR HELP...In 1923 the CCAR published the Proceedings of the Pittsburgh Rabbinical Conference. We do not have a copy in our office. If you have a copy and would be willing to give it up so that our office may have this important publication, we should be very grateful.

Greetings for Shavuot and hope to see you at the convention in Chicago.

*Sidney L. Regner*



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May 28, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

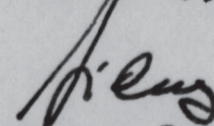
We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the address you are scheduled to deliver at the convention in Chicago.

In order that we may have it ready for the Yearbook, may I ask (1) that you turn the paper over to me in final form for publication immediately after presenting it, (2) that if there is any Hebrew in it, you write out the Hebrew in Hebrew characters and (3) that you supply me with an original manuscript and a carbon copy.

We would also appreciate having an advance copy which may be used in connection with our publicity. Would you please, therefore, in addition to the above, send a copy to me for this purpose as soon as you can.

Appreciating your cooperation and looking forward to seeing you at Chicago, I am with cordial greetings,

Sincerely,



Sidney L. Regner  
Executive Vice President

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June 13, 1958

The Edgewater Beach  
5300 Block on Sheridan Road  
Chicago, Illinois

Attention Room Reservations

Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who has a reservation for June 25 - June 27 (small suite accommodation) will share his room with his son, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver who is also a participant in the CCAR function.

It will be appreciated if you ascertain that the room has twin beds.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver





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ME AT EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL THANK YOU

DOROTHY MILLSTONE PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

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June 23, 1958

Dorothy Millstone, Publicity Director  
Central Conference of American Rabbis  
Edgewater Beach Hotel  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Millstone:

I am enclosing herewith the address which I am to deliver before  
the Central Conference of American Rabbis on June 26th.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



# CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

40 WEST 68th STREET

NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

July 16, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

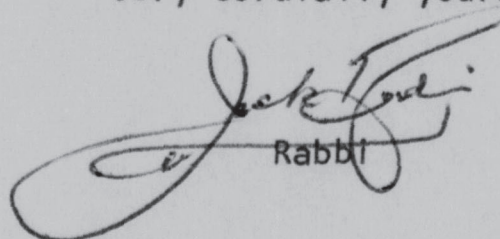
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Absence from Great Neck has excessively delayed this letter and I am sorry for that.

I want to tell you once more how grateful the Conference is to you for your participation in the Convention Program. Your address was brilliant in its insight and boldly searching in its analysis. You were not satisfied to gloss over difficulties and you made all of us think hard about the realities which confront Israel in its inner and outer relationships. I know that scores of men expressed their appreciation to you personally and to the gratitude that was voiced that evening I want to add my own heartfelt thanks and the thanks of the entire Conference.

I trust that you are enjoying the pleasantest of summers.

Very cordially yours,



Rabbi

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July 23, 1958

Rabbi Jacob Philip Rudin, President  
Central Conference of American Rabbis  
40 West 68th Street  
New York 23, New York

My dear Rabbi Rudin:

Thank you so much for your kind note of July 16th.

I enjoyed my evening with the Central Conference of American Rabbis tremendously. My one regret was that I could not stay over for another day or two to enjoy the other sessions of the Conference.

Let me congratulate you upon your election as President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and wish you all success.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER