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Council for Democracy, 1940-1941.

ARTHUR J. GOLDSMITH
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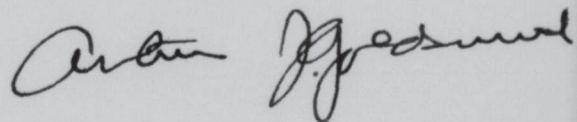
September 5, 1940.

Dear Rabbi Silver,-

Under separate cover you will be receiving an invitation from Charles G. Taft, Henry R. Luce, Colonel William Donovan and several others to join the Board of Directors of the Council for Democracy of which the Chairman is Raymond Gram Swing. I hope that you will accept this invitation as I have urged that you be invited because I know how militant you are for our objectives and that the officers and the directors are of the type with whom you will be happy to work.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arthur J. Goldsmith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Arthur" and last name "Goldsmith" clearly distinguishable.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
Murray Hill 3-2465

October 4, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY, we want to thank you for accepting the invitation to serve on the Board of Directors of the Council, and we are confident that your services will be of inestimable value to us in the work we have set ourselves to accomplish.

We will keep you in touch with the progress and activities of the Council at regular intervals by means of bulletins which will be sent to all Directors, and as soon as it is complete, we will send you a full list of the Board of Directors of the Council.

You will be advised from this office of the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Looking forward to the pleasure of working with you in this cause, we are

Cordially,

Raymond Gram Swing

Raymond Gram Swing
Chairman of the Board

C. D. Jackson

C. D. Jackson
President

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October 15, 1940

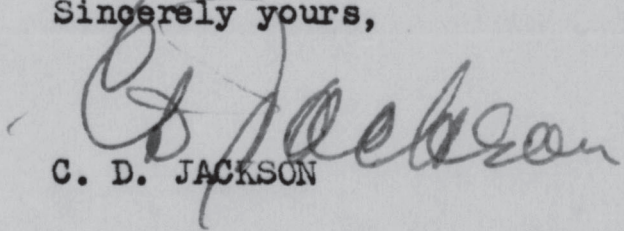
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As a result of the recent newspaper publicity given to the Board of Directors of the Council for Democracy, you may receive letters querying you on the Council. Any mail which you do not care to answer personally will be taken care of promptly by this office if you will send it to Mr. Marshall D. Shulman, Council for Democracy, Room 929, 420 Lexington Avenue.

We would appreciate receiving copies of such mail as you do answer personally in case it contains material which we should know about.

Sincerely yours,


C. D. JACKSON

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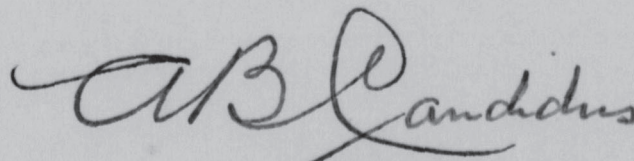
October 18, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our By-Laws, under Section IV Article (d) provide that the dues of its various classes of members shall be fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time. At a special meeting held on September 4, 1940, it was resolved that the dues of the regular members shall be \$1.00 per annum. In compliance thereto, I am writing to ask you as a Director to forward \$1.00 to me at this office at your convenience.

Yours very truly,



A. B. Candidus
Cashier

**COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
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October 23, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The first of a series of fortnightly news-letters will be in your hands in a few days. With this letter the Council wishes to give a brief preview of it and to assure you that it intends to keep you continually posted on every branch of its work.

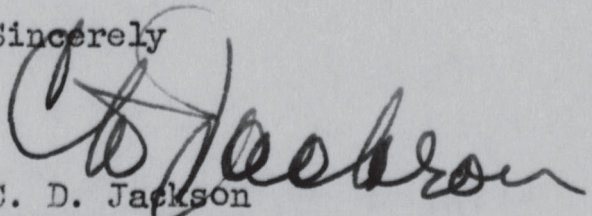
Enclosed are the credo written for the Council by Archibald MacLeish, a list of the members of the Board of Directors to the present date, and a list of the consultant scholars who are now enrolled for our Committee of Correspondence.

Active committees of the Council have been set up and are now at work. The radio committee is studying those programs which are under consideration. The Publishers' and Writers' committee is meeting every week to decide on the action program to be set in motion. Committees on our research work and the affiliated organizations are likewise busy.

Organizations with which the Council is now actively cooperating in the stimulation of immediate projects include the American Council on Education, whose executives have conferred with the Council on the formulation of a broad educational program for schools and colleges; the Junior Bar Conference, whose members may be available to the Council as active speakers for its program; the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the National Municipal League. Other groups have seen the Council with the idea in mind of closer collaboration with it.

The news-letter will tell you in greater detail of these separate projects. In the interim we can assure you that the Council's work is marching ahead at double-step. Naturally we shall always welcome any suggestions you have to make on the Council's work, or any criticisms you hear of its tactical approach.

Sincerely


C. D. Jackson
President

COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY

PANEL OF CONSULTANTS, COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE - October 22, 1940

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COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Murray Hill 3-2485

October 28, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
E. 105 St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

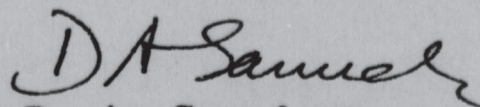
I understand that you are scheduled to appear before the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Memphis, Tennessee on December 9 - 13.

Recently we were in touch with the officers of this Association in the hope that the work and program of the Council for Democracy might be at least introduced to the participants at that meeting. It is somewhat unlikely that we shall be allowed platform time for a special representative of the Council, since the program has already gone to press. I am writing you as a Director of the Council in the hope that you will be able to bring something of its program and background perhaps in the course of your own address. Anything which would serve to introduce us to them would be of great mutual benefit, since the meeting will be composed of men with whom we shall have to work very intimately in the future.

I realize of course that the topic of your address may prevent our inclusion in it, nevertheless, we would be very glad, if you could furnish us the briefest kind of description of your topic, to prepare some material on the Council especially devised for the purpose.

I should appreciate hearing from you on this matter soon, and don't hesitate to bring up any considerations which we may have overlooked.

Sincerely yours,


D. A. Saunders

COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Murray Hill 3-2485

October 30, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Council has been increasingly aware of the necessity of drawing to the attention of all Americans the essential need for post-election national unity. Whether the individual American finds himself on the winning or losing side next week, he should subordinate his political pleasure or disappointment to the greater objective of an America spiritually united in the hour of crisis.

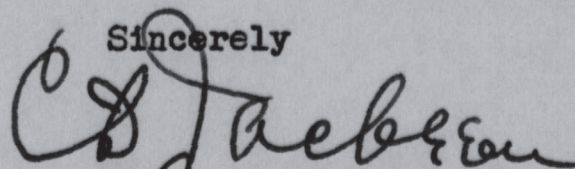
In order to get across this idea to the American people as extensively and emphatically as possible, the Council has set up the following course of action:

On the night of Wednesday, November 6, the Council is sponsoring a United America rally in Carnegie Hall, New York City, at which prominent speakers from both political parties will urge Americans not to gloat if they are the winners, not to sulk if they are the losers, but to work together under their next President to make America a strong bulwark of freedom and security in today's crisis world. At this rally emphasis will naturally be on speakers representing whichever party turns out to be the loser -- men who can say that, even though they had a large stake in the success of the defeated candidate, they feel that as Americans they should stand united irrespective of their particular political bias. Since the rally is at this writing in the process of organization, a full list of speakers cannot be given here. However, acceptances to date indicate that Attorney-General Jackson will be the leading political speaker for the Democratic side, ex-Governor Landon for the Republican side. The Hon. Newbold Morris, president of the Council of the City of New York, will be master of ceremonies; Raymond Gram Swing will speak as chairman of the Board of the Council. Besides, there will be the necessary music and artistic talent.

The Columbia Broadcasting System will carry the significant portions of the rally on a coast-to-coast network from 10:15 to 11 p.m., E.S.T. It is naturally cooperating to the fullest extent so that we may have the largest possible radio audience.

Viewing the meeting unselfishly, we believe it will be a terrific tonic to a people which has taken an active part in a campaign almost unprecedented in its intensity. Viewing the meeting selfishly, we believe it a splendid introduction to the public not yet informed of the Council, its aims and activities. We shall appreciate whatever assistance you can give in calling this meeting to the attention of all citizens. Naturally, we hope you will be able to attend.

Sincerely



C. D. Jackson,
President.

Council for Democracy



*A Brief Statement of
Aims and Activities*



420 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK
TELEPHONE: MURRAY HILL 3-2465

I.

BELIEFS AND AIMS

The COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY Believes

THAT the right and power of the American people to remain free to build a better, more prosperous civilization for America and the whole world is threatened from within and without by the menace of totalitarianism . . . THAT the American people are determined to remain free and that their spirit is now gradually awakening in the face of danger . . . AND THAT if all the law and religion, science and art, justice and personal freedom that we call civilization are not to perish, this rising spirit must be stimulated and channeled to make Democracy a real, dynamic, burning creed worth fighting and dying for.

FOR THIS THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY has been created, and to this cause it has dedicated itself.

The COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY Proposes

To Define

1. To crystallize and instill in the minds of Americans the meaning, value and workability of Democracy as the best way of life under which they could live.

To Vitalize

2. To engender the will to defend and promote that American Democracy and to stimulate the *participation* of each individual in the activities necessary for its defense and promotion.

To Counteract

3. To publicize and counteract the propaganda of all organizations and individuals whose obvious purpose is to supplant American Democracy by a philosophy and form of government contradictory to our heritage.

II.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

The COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY is conceived both as a service agency and as an organization equipped to initiate and disseminate its own pro-Democracy program. Many of its activities are designed to aid and supplement, to stimulate and unify the work of the many existing organizations and spontaneously formed groups which are trying to give expression to the rising concern for the cause of Democracy. And all of the Council's facilities will be available to implement the work of its members or collaborators specializing in any single field, to combat by education the forces which oppose Democracy's forward march.

Here follows an outline of the specific activities in which the Council is now engaged or is planning to engage.

1. EDUCATION AND MORALE

(a) **The Printed Word.** The Council will prepare and disseminate pamphlets and handbills, syndicated articles, advertising and direct mail campaigns, and perhaps one or more periodical publications. It will also seek to assist, through publicity or reprints, authors and publishers whose books and articles deal with subjects of concern to the Council and its work.

(b) **The Spoken Word.** The Council will make extensive use of radio to reach the public in broad cross section. Both recordings and live programs will be utilized, on small independent stations and on the major networks. Several of the Council's affiliates are already producing programs which the Council plans to amplify and extend.

The Council has a bureau to supply speakers to meetings, organizations, conventions, etc. A large panel of writers, actors and business and professional men is available.

(c) **Pictorial.** To further the cause of Democracy, the Council is cooperating with the motion picture industry with every facility at its command.

Recognizing the industry's technical skill, the Council is ready to assist in the preparation of scripts and research material for pro-Democracy films.

The Council will distribute free to newspapers and magazines cartoons, cartoon strips and other syndicate and feature material. The Council will use posters to dramatize pro-Democracy ideas and to back up various other phases of its program.

(d) **Schools and Colleges.** The Council is enlisting the cooperation of outstanding educators in preparing special courses designed to give students a better appreciation of and foundation in the principles of American Democracy. Under its auspices, regional educational conferences will be held to develop new techniques of education in this field.

2. RESEARCH

(a) **Committee of Correspondence.** Through its Committee of Correspondence, headed by Dr. Carl Friedrich, professor of Government at the School of Public Administration at Harvard University, the Council will make available to interested American citizens and groups the benefits of the best research technique and personnel. A panel of several hundred consultant scholars, specializing in those fields vitally related to our political heritage, is organized to place at the disposal of the Council's research staff reports and memoranda dealing with particular aspects of the problems that confront our Democracy today. These basic reports will be converted into definite plans for procedure in every field of Council activity and education.

(b) **Research on anti-Democratic Forces.** This phase of the Council's work is entrusted largely to two affiliated agencies which have the most extensive files and facilities for it. The Council intends no amateur, hysterical spy hunt. It feels it imperative, however, that Americans have undisputed evidence of those groups and individuals acting to destroy American Democracy.

(c) **Research on Morale.** The Council will sponsor basic research on the problems confronting America in the field of national morale. While the importance of national morale is generally recognized, no comprehensive study or attack has so far been under-

taken. By utilizing research facilities to the utmost, the Council will be aided in testing the effectiveness of its own work as well as that of its affiliates and co-operating organizations.

III.

COOPERATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS

The COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY is ready to cooperate as far as possible with all trade and professional groups, patriotic and civic organizations, women's clubs, etc., in carrying out or extending their activity along pro-Democracy lines. The Council is prepared not only to supply expert assistance wherever it is needed, but also to give wide distribution to definite projects developed by local organizations. Large national organizations such as women's groups, Boy Scouts, Y.M.C.A., churches, labor organizations, educational groups, fraternal organizations, etc., may want to take part in some of the activities described on preceding pages.

IV.

OFFICERS *of the* COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY

Chairman of the Board - - RAYMOND GRAM SWING
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November 6, 1940

Mr. D. A. Saunders
Council for Democracy
420 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Saunders:

In reply to your letter of October 28, let me say that the subject of my address before the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Memphis, Tennessee on December 12 will be RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AS RELATED TO NATIONAL DEFENSE. That, I am sure, will fit in with any material which the Council for Democracy would care to send to this gathering.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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PLEASE ADVISE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY OFFICES AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE

WHETHER YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND

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JOHN W. BRICKER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS

March 8, 1941

Rabbi Hillel Silver
2 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In recognition of present needs and pursuant to resolutions adopted by three recent meetings of representative Ohio citizens urging me to do so, I am giving the encouragement of this Office to the formation of Citizens' Committees in communities throughout the State for concerted voluntary efforts to meet local needs, and am creating an Ohio Commission for Democracy, to be a clearing house for such efforts.

I take pleasure in inviting you, as a patriotic duty to serve as a member of that Commission, for a period of one year, or until successors are otherwise chosen for membership.

The first meeting of the Ohio Commission for Democracy is to be held at the Columbus Athletic Club Tuesday, March 18, at 12 noon. I hope you will accept the appointment, and will attend the initial meeting, if possible. The attached memorandum indicates the membership of the group.

Yours very sincerely,

A large, stylized cursive signature of John W. Bricker.
John W. Bricker
Governor

Please reply to:

Harrison M. Sayre
400 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio

Members

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Mr. Harrison M. Sayre (Chairman)	Columbus

March 28, 1941

The Honorable John W. Bricker
Governor, State of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor Bricker:

Please pardon the delay in answering
your letter of March 8. I have been on the Pacific
Coast.

I appreciate greatly the appointment
on the Ohio Commission for Democracy and I shall
be very pleased to serve.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Handwritten: 15.00 sent

**COUNCIL
FOR DEMOCRACY**

MURRAY HILL 3-2465
285 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

PERSONAL

April 17, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As Directors and friends of the Council For Democracy, we have, since April 1, obtained \$6,000 in contributions toward the Council's work, both as pledges from ourselves and as donations from others. This sum is the nucleus of a fund of \$30,000 which is urgently needed between now and July 1. That is why we are writing to ask you as a member of the Council's Board of Directors to share with us the responsibility of obtaining this sum.

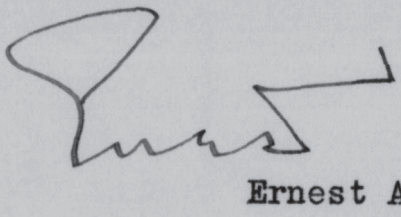
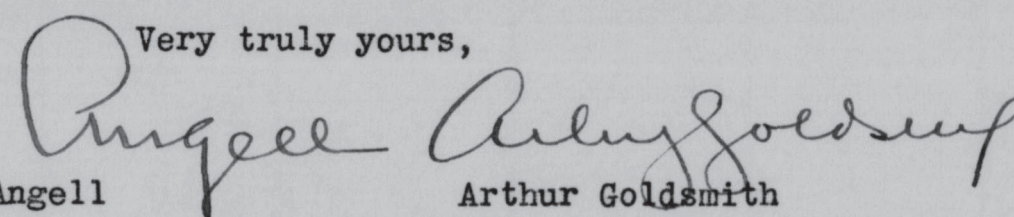
Two persons have already given more than one-half the total amount received by the Council since last August. Some Directors have contributed liberally, some more modestly, some not at all. We feel that it would be unfair and unwise to expect that this work should continue to be financed solely by a very few.

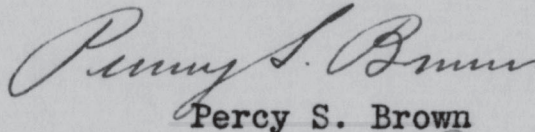
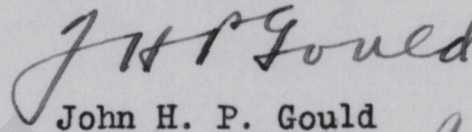
Please read the enclosed letters from Raymond Gram Swing, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and C. D. Jackson, President of the Council. We feel sure you will agree with Mr. Swing that this is truly a "must" program for all of us. By July, the Council's regular fund-raising program will be in active operation, designed

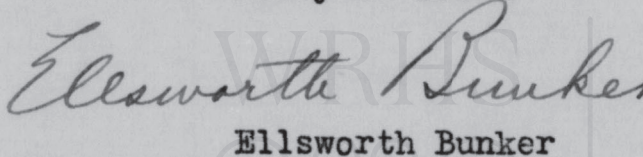
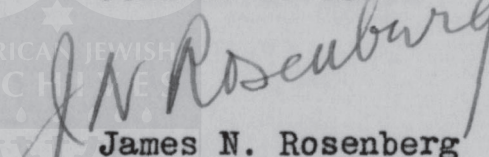
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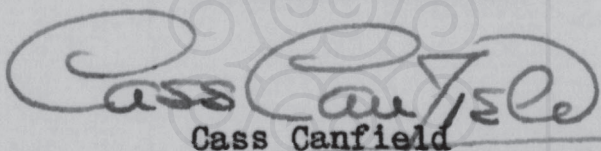
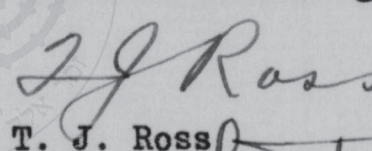
to secure the larger financing which the Council will need on entering its second year of activity. But these plans cannot yet be announced. We are, therefore, confining our present appeal to the Directors and immediate friends of the Council, who know what it is doing and why it is so important.

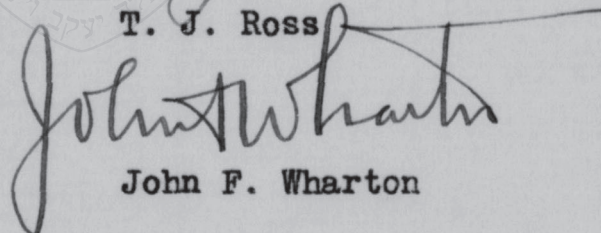
Very truly yours,

 
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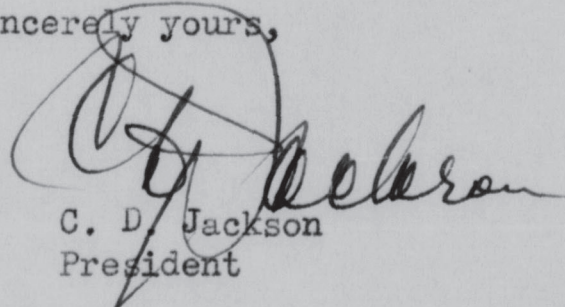
May 16, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your check in the amount of
\$15.00 toward the work of the Council For Democracy.

We are very grateful to you for your assist-
ance to us in our job of propagating American faith in
Democracy.

Sincerely yours,



C. D. Jackson
President

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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