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My dear Rev. Silver:

You are cordially invited to meet Miss Yung Wang famous actress and student leader from China; Lieut. Vladimir Pchelintsev and Nikolai Krasavchenko of the Soviet Union, Captain Peter Cochrane of England and Raden Kadir of Java representing the Netherlands, at a dinner being given by the Youth Committee of Russian War Relief and the War Chest organization of Cleveland.

These young people bring us their personal stories of the peoples who are writing a glorious chapter in the war against Fascism. As a leader in the Cleveland community, your participation in this welcome will serve to show our guests that this city is keenly aware of the heroic role the armies of their respective nations are playing in the fight of the United Nations toward victory.

The dinner will be held at six-thirty p.m. on Wednesday, October 14th, at the City Club 712 Vincent Avenue. Reservations may be made by returning the enclosed postal card or by calling MAin 1517.

We hope that it will be possible for you to be present.

Sincerely yours,

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October 7, 1942

Miss Katherine Bulkley, Chairman
Russian War Relief, Inc.
457 The Arcade
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Bulkley:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 1. I should very much like to attend the meeting on Wednesday evening, October 14. Unfortunately I shall have to officiate at a wedding at that time. If I can get away from my engagement in time to hear part of the program, I shall be very happy to do so.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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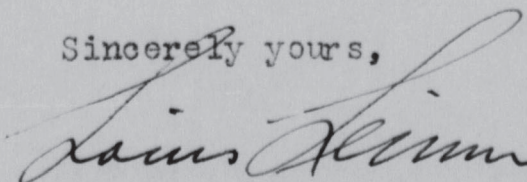
Dear Rabbi Silver:

February 22, 1943 will mark the First Anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief, Inc. The Council is planning a great unity conference and dinner to commemorate the event, to be held Sunday, February 28th. We expect delegates from 1,500 New York Jewish organizations and from key cities throughout the country. The conference will summarize the year's work of the Council and will lay plans for an even greater campaign during the coming year.

The proposed text of the Conference Call is enclosed. It will be sent to thousands of organizations as soon as it is printed. We are eager to have it signed by ten or twelve outstanding leaders in Jewish life, including yourself. Professor Albert Einstein, Sholem Asch, the Honorable Jonah J. Goldstein, Rabbi Joseph H. Lockstein, and Dr. Chaim Zhitlowsky have already agreed to act as signatories.

There are only two months in which to prepare the conference, and I hope that you can let us have an immediate reply. If you are willing to add your name to the Call, will you please sign one of the copies and send it to me by return air mail. The other copy is for your files.

Sincerely yours,



Louis Levine
Acting Chairman

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find the papers which contain the derogatory articles about the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief concerning which the committee visited you last week.

Anything further which comes to our attention will be sent direct to you. We hope that some action will be taken very soon.

Russian War Relief appreciates your willingness to cooperate and is most anxious to see some early solution to this unfortunate circumstance.

Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Leona Hole

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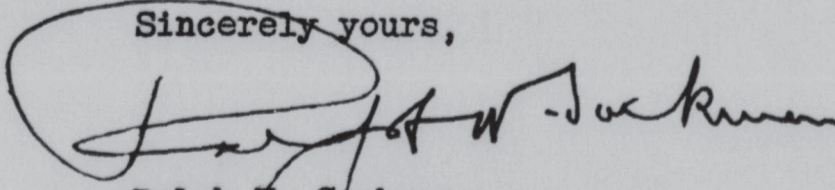
Dear Rabbi Silver:

You were good enough, two years ago, to accept membership on the Religious Committee of Russian War Relief. Because of the change in the program brought about by the participation of Russian War Relief in the National War Fund, this Committee, as you know, has not been active in recent months.

With the increased interest in the ecumenical movement throughout the world, we believe that church members will want to participate more actively in getting as much help as possible to the suffering Russian people.

I have, therefore, accepted the chairmanship of the Inter-Faith Committee of Russian War Relief and I trust that you will be willing to continue as a member of this Committee. May I count on you?

Sincerely yours,


Ralph W. Sockman
Chairman, Inter-Faith Committee

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January 7, 1944

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman
Russian War Relief, Inc.
11 East 35th St.
New York 16, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Sockman:

In reply to your kind letter of
January 4 permit me to say that I shall be
very happy to continue as a member of the
Religious Committee of Russian War Relief.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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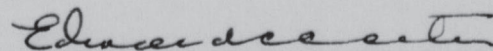
Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief, Professor Albert Einstein is writing to you to ask that you join with him in serving as an Honorary Chairman of the Council as it starts its new campaign to be launched at a great national conference on February 27th.

I think you should know that I strongly endorse this request by the Jewish Council. The Council has made a splendid contribution to our work in the past two years and gives promise of an even greater contribution in the coming year.

You have been most cooperative with Russian War Relief and I share the feeling of the leadership of the Jewish Council that your support of their work, in the capacity of Honorary Chairman, will be most helpful to them.

Sincerely yours,



Edward C. Carter

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February 11, 1944

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Executive Board of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief has requested me to write and ask you whether you would join with me in serving as an Honorary Chairman of the Council and I am most happy to accede to this request.

Should you agree, your name will be presented to the Third Annual Conference of the Council which will be held in Manhattan Center on February 27th, at which time some two thousand delegates will join in launching a very important new campaign.

You have been associated with the work of Russian War Relief in many ways in the past and I know that you agree with me wholeheartedly that as friends of human progress, as Americans and not least, as Jews, we have the very strongest reasons for giving our utmost to the struggle of the Russian people. I should like to mention one fact of peculiar and decisive importance for us Jews, and that is that in the Soviet Union there is not only a formal but an actual equality of nationalities and cultural groups of every sort.

We realize, of course, that you have a very heavy program. I can assure you that your acceptance of the position of Honorary Chairman of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief will not entail any additional drain on your energies or time, but it will be of inestimable assistance to the Council in its sacred work.

Sincerely yours,

A. Einstein

Albert Einstein
Honorary Chairman

C O P Y

February 22, 1944

The Consul General,
The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,
7 East Sixty-first Street,
New York City

Sir:

I deeply appreciate your invitation to attend the reception for the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief on Saturday, the 26th of February. Unfortunately, I shall not be able to get away from Cleveland to avail myself of your gracious invitation.

Permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NEK



*The Consul General
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics*

and

Mrs. Kisseler

request the honor of the company of

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

at a reception

for the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief

on

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March 13, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to welcome you to membership on the Inter Faith Committee. You will be gratified, I am sure, by the breadth of fellowship which this committee represents.

I am most anxious to have your advice and counsel, and since the members are so widely scattered that meetings are impractical, I shall try to keep you completely informed.

As a participant in the National War Fund, Russian War Relief no longer engages in fund-raising. Due, however, to the desperate needs of families in liberated areas, Russian War Relief is promoting a campaign to send three million household emergency kits to Russian families.

It is our hope that church members throughout the country will find in this project an opportunity to demonstrate their fellowship with the courageous men and women of the Soviet Union. The Southern Baptist Convention several months ago took a quota of 100,000 kits but the response has been so enthusiastic that they expect to fill more than 150,000.

In April after the Red Cross drive, we will be approaching the various denominational leaders in the interest of this project. I will very much appreciate any comments or suggestions that you may wish to make.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph W. Sockman
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MINUTES OF THE INTER-FAITH
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1944

The Inter-Faith Committee of Russian War Relief met on Friday, November 10 at Christ Church, 520 Park Avenue, New York City, where the Chairman, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman entertained the Committee at luncheon. There were present Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Right Reverend Charles K. Gilbert, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Reverend Vincent A. Brown, Dr. David deSola Pool, Mr. David Licorish representing Reverend A. Clayton Powell, Dr. Robert W. Searle, Reverend Stanley I. Stuber, Reverend Norris L. Tibbetts, Dr. Edwin A. Bell, Dr. Leslie Bates Moss, Mrs. B. D. Burhoe, Miss Anna Goldsborough, Director of Public Relations of Russian War Relief, Miss Annemarie Ewing, Radio Director of Russian War Relief and her assistant, Miss Marguerite Temple. A press representative from Religious News Service and the New York Herald Tribune were also present.

Before luncheon, a transcription made by the Radio Division of Russian War Relief for use by radio stations was played to the Committee. It is a dramatization of a report received from the Russian War Relief representative in the U.S.S.R., Mr. Leo Gruliov, which describes conditions in Mozhaish county.

The meeting opened with an invocation by Bishop Charles K. Gilbert. The minutes of the previous meeting, October 20, were read and accepted.

Dr. Sockman read a report on the activities of the Committee to date and it was voted that a copy be sent to all members of the Committee (attached).

The secretary described the Christmas campaign in considerable detail. At the Christmas season, Russian War Relief wants to send a ship-load of warm Christmas gifts to the children of Russia, whose fourth wartime Christmas finds millions of them orphaned, crippled, being gathered with great difficulty into hundreds of children's homes throughout the Soviet Union. All of these Russian children face another winter in a country where there is still no civilian production of clothing.

Dr. Israel Goldstein reported on plans for a Chanukah campaign to parallel the Christmas campaign among Jewish congregations.

There was considerable discussion of ways and means of bringing the Christmas campaign to church groups throughout the country. The secretary reported that a letter from Dr. Sockman is being sent to all the church groups that have participated in the kit campaign. They will also receive information about transcriptions available.

The Secretary reported progress made to date in placing appeals for the Christmas campaign in various church papers.

Dr. Sockman said that he would write to Dr. Roy L. Smith asking that he write an editorial for the Christian Advocate, Dr. Smith's previous editorial on the kit campaign - having achieved such phenomenal results.

Bishop Gilbert promised to place appeals in the three Episcopalian weeklies.

Father Brown offered to write to the National Catholic Welfare Conference in the interest of the Christmas Campaign and to help in getting an appeal into "Commonweal" and "America".

Dr. Searle promised to get in touch with Dr. Graham Wilson in the interest of having an appeal made in the publications of the Presbyterian Church. He also suggested that a letter be sent out to the churches in the N.Y.C. Federation, such letter to carry the signatures of the officers of the Committee.

Dr. Stuber offered to see that the material is used in the Baptist News Letter.

Mr. David Licorish said that he would see that the appeal is carried in the Abyssinian Baptist papers "The Voice" and "The Informer".

Bishop Gilbert said that he would propose a resolution on the campaign at the meeting of the Federation Council of Churches to be held next week in Pittsburgh.

Bishop Gilbert introduced the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, churches and synagogues of this country have responded so zealously to the appeal of the Russian War Relief Inter-Faith Committee for household emergency kits for Russian families,
AND, WHEREAS, religious groups in 2,327 communities in 47 states and the District of Columbia are actively cooperating in this Russian War Relief project,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the members of the Russian War Relief Inter-Faith Committee, mindful of the desperate plight of children in war-ravaged Russia, now call upon religious groups of all denominations throughout this nation to use the approaching Christmas and Chanukah seasons to join in loading a goodwill ship with warm, new clothing for the afflicted children of Russia, one or both of whose parents have given their lives in the war against our common enemy.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) B. D. Burhoe, Secretary

November 13, 1944

MINUTES OF THE INTER-FAITH
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1944

A meeting of the Inter-Faith Committee of Russian War Relief was held in the Woolverton Room, Christ Church, 520 Park Avenue, New York City, October 20 at 3 o'clock.

There were present the Chairman, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Dr. William E. Lampe, His Eminence Metropolitan Benjamin, Dr. David de Sola Pool, Mr. Stanley I. Stuber, Mr. Lewis V. Mays, representing the Board of Directors of Russian War Relief and Mrs. B. D. Burhoe, Secretary.

The Secretary reported on the enthusiastic cooperation of church groups throughout the whole country. The denominations which are working on the kit campaign are the Southern Baptists, Northern Baptists, Unitarians, Christian Scientists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Evangelical and Reformed, Lutheran, Congregationalists, Reformed, Evangelical, United Brethren, Universalists, Church of Nazarene and Seventh Day Adventists (Southern Union). Various Jewish organizations are filling large numbers of kits, notably National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, National Women's League of the United Synagogue, Jewish-American Section of I.W.O., A.Z.A. (B'nai Brith youth organization) Independent Order of Brith Abraham, B'nai Brith Girls and Women's Branch of Orthodox Jewish Congregations. Local Russian War Relief Committees report a great deal of cooperation from Catholic groups in many parts of the country.

Since the first of August, orders for over 34,000 kits have been received in the national office from Sunday schools, Women's Societies for Christian Service, Women's Missionary groups and local churches. This does not include orders received directly through the hundreds of local Russian War Relief committees.

Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber reported that the Northern Baptist Convention, through their White Cross Society Chairmen, have ordered over 25,000 kits. He stated that the New England area is especially enthusiastic about the project and indicated that many more thousands of kits will be filled before the close of the campaign.

Dr. de Sola Pool suggested that an effort be made to enlist the support of Boards of Jewish Ministers in the large cities. His Eminence Metropolitan Benjamin explained the situation among the Russian Orthodox Churches in the United States and offered his services as a lecturer on freedom of religion in the U.S.S.R.

The committee recommended that a wider coverage of the activities of the Committee be sought in the press. Dr. Sockman voiced the belief that the wide participation of church members in the kit campaign, the packing of simple household articles so desperately needed by Russian families who have been bombed out of their homes, is weaving a texture of good-will between the peoples of the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. He expressed the hope that this would help to strengthen the will of the people for permanent peace among the nations.

The secretary described the plans for the Christmas Campaign, the goal - a shipload of new clothing for the children of the Soviet Union - and the committee members present expressed their warm approval of the project.

Dr. Sockman offered to entertain the Committee at luncheon if a convenient date could be found during the early part of November.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

October 25, 1944

(Mrs.) B. D. Burhoe, Secretary

RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF
INTER-FAITH COMMITTEE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1944:

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AND, WHEREAS, religious groups in 2,327 communities in 47 states and the District of Columbia are actively cooperating in this Russian War Relief project,

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REPORT TO THE INTER-FAITH COMMITTEE - DR. RALPH SOCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

Friday, November 10, 1944

The Interfaith Committee of Russian War Relief was organized in March, 1944 with Dr. Ralph W. Sockman as Chairman, the Right Reverend Charles K. Gilbert, Suffragan Bishop - Cathedral of St. John the Divine and Dr. Israel Goldstein, President, Zionist Organization of America as Vice-Chairmen. The Committee is composed of 57 religious leaders from 17 denominations.

The first formal activity of the Committee was the reception held at the headquarters of Russian War Relief on April 28 for the Most Reverend Cyril Forster Garbett, Archbishop of York who gave an eye-witness account of the devastation which the Germans had brought to the Soviet Union. He said in part, "I congratulate you on your practical sympathy with them in their terrible ordeal by sending relief so that they may be able, with our help, to succor those who are suffering so terribly from this war. I congratulate you very much on what you are doing, and I hope your efforts may prosper in the months to come."

A meeting of the Committee was held on June 20 to work out plans for carrying the kit program to churches and synagogues throughout the country. In order to facilitate the participation of the churches, a special Inter-Faith kit leaflet was prepared which carried an appeal from Dr. Sockman, a list of the supplies to be packed in each family kit and an excerpt from Dr. Van Kirk's broadcast. Over 85,000 copies of this leaflet have been sent to church groups all over the United States.

In one of his broadcasts, "Religion in the News", Dr. Walter Van Kirk reviewed the reasons for the formation of the Committee and said "And it may well be that three million household emergency kits distributed among needy and destitute Russian families will do as much and maybe more in promoting goodwill between the peoples of the two countries than the communiques of diplomatic conferences."

To date, church groups have responded to this appeal with orders for kit cartons from 2327 cities, towns and villages in 47 states and the District of Columbia. The total of orders for cartons received at the national office since the first of August, not including those received directly by local Russian War Relief committees, has exceeded 38,000. The denominations which are promoting the kit campaign are the Southern Baptists, Northern Baptists, Unitarians, Christian Scientists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Evangelical and Reformed, Lutheran, Congregationalists, Reformed, Evangelical, United Brethren, Universalists, Church of Nazarene and Seventh Day Adventists (Southern Union). The Southern Baptists started out with a quota of 100,000 kits. They have already filled 175,000 and hope to reach 200,000 by the end of the year. The Northern Baptists' campaign is now in full swing with over 25,000 kits being filled currently and orders coming in every day.

Over and above the substantial material relief shipped to the Soviet Union through the work of this Committee, we can rejoice in the widening circle of fellowship between the peoples of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. The membership of hundreds of little crossroads churches in remote parts of the country as they painstakingly shop for the diversified articles which go into the kits are building ties of friendship with Russian families that should bear precious fruit in the years to come.

Because this response from the churches has been so warm and generous and because so many letters come in almost daily saying in substance "What else can we do?" we are confident that we can count on them to take an important part in the Christmas gift campaign which we are officially launching as an Inter-Faith group at this meeting today.

War brings unspeakable torture to children. In the Soviet Union there are hundreds of thousands who have lost one or both parents. Many of them have seen their mothers tortured and shot. Many of them have been wounded. They need everything, but most of all they need warm clothing. Practically no civilian clothing has been manufactured in the Soviet Union for three years. The Germans rifled whatever they could find, even stopping small children on the roads to take off their outer clothing and their shoes. We hope to send them a shipload of warm, new clothing as our Christmas offering.

The churches in all the many towns and villages that have worked on the household kits will receive information about this campaign. Russian War Relief Committees throughout the country will get in touch with all the churches in their areas.

It is our hope that the millions of garments for Russian boys and girls will express to our Soviet ally our hope for "peace on earth, good will to men" not only this Christmas but in the post-war world.

Merry Christmas, Tanya



From your American friends

Tanya Skorovina saw her very first Christmas tree in a Leningrad hospital. She has known only war in her brief three years of life, and the frightening shock and wounds a Nazi shell can bring. Tanya's mother isn't with her. She died in the second year of Leningrad's siege. Her father lies among the honored dead at Stalingrad.

Tanya, and three million more like her, will have a brighter Christmas in 1944. The enemy is finally brought to bay and they need no longer live in fear of crippling bombs and Nazi overlords. Life is secure, but life is hard in a devastated, war-torn land.

American hearts are warm to Russia's children, orphaned by the war. Now in this Christmas season Americans can warm the hearts and bodies of Russia's Tanyas through Russian War Relief's campaign to send them a Christmas shipload of warm, attractive new clothes.

Your organization can help us send the real and personal message to our small allies that we will not forget their sacrifice in our common cause.

Send a Warm Christmas Gift to a Little Russian Friend December 11-25

All Types of Warm New Children's Clothing Needed

Following is a partial list of suggested items for babies and children up to the age of 16. These and other garments can be made either by your members or their wives. Or you may want to choose a special gift when you shop for your own children for Christmas.

Dresses, coats, suits, jackets, sweaters, caps, shirts, overalls, underwear, socks, mittens, snowsuits, nightgowns, pajamas, bathrobes . . .

Campaign Materials Available to Organizations

A special gay Christmas gift tag, with space for the donor's name and address, will be supplied to tie or pin to every gift, making it a personal message of goodwill. Bulletin board posters and leaflets for distribution to your members will be available.

A Russian Christmas Party

If you are planning a Christmas party, Russian War Relief will gladly provide suggestions on how to make it specially interesting with Russian dishes, party customs, and a ten-minute play. Each guest might bring his gift to the party as the admission fee.

How to Collect and Ship RWR Christmas Gifts

Collection depots may be set up in your own headquarters and gifts shipped to Russian War Relief in bulk.

If there is a Russian War Relief Committee in your community, gifts may be delivered locally. Otherwise, they should be shipped as follows:

Residents WEST of the Mississippi should send their gifts to the Russian War Relief warehouse at 50 Northwest 14th Avenue, Portland 9, Oregon.

Residents EAST of the Mississippi should send their gifts to the Russian War Relief warehouse at 401 Washington Street, New York 13, New York.

Gifts should not be wrapped with Christmas paper and ribbons. They must be baled for shipment under pressure which would destroy the paper. To make your gift doubly useful, we suggest pinning on the gift tag with a safety pin as these are almost non-existent in wartime Russia. Or you can tie it on with a bright ribbon which will make a bow for some small girl's hair.

We have told Tanya and her friends, through Russian War Relief's representative in Moscow, Leo Gruliow, that Americans are going to share their Christmas gifts with them this year. We hope your members help us launch our Christmas ship and send it loaded to overflowing.

For further information and campaign materials, see your local Russian War Relief Committee or write to:

RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF, INC., 5 CEDAR STREET, NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The beacon light of liberty is already spreading its rays of freedom over large parts of Central and Eastern Europe.

Thanks to the heroic struggles of the Red Army, in coalition with our valiant armed forces and the forces of Great Britain, hundreds and thousands of cities towns and villages have been liberated. Liberty-loving humanity rejoices and applauds the speedy extermination of the Hitler blood hounds.

We, the Jewish people, more than all others share this joy, but our joy is darkened by heavy clouds. Hitler's bloody trail was costly to us. Every liberated town and village relates a story of inhuman tortures and the bestial extermination of our brothers and sisters. In the final balance, the number of Jewish victims of Hitler's atrocities runs into the millions.

Our immediate task is to help rebuild the devastated towns and villages and to rehabilitate those of our people who managed to escape the traps set for them by Hitler's hangmen. Those escaped Jews are now coming back home and they find waste and ruin, they are coming back hungry, naked and forlorn.

It is our sacred duty to give them a helping hand. We must do everything in our power to answer their call for aid. Every Jew, man, woman and child, who survived Hitler's devilish plan to exterminate all the Jews must be given the opportunity to come back to a normal life and every town and village must be rebuilt. Only thus, will we have succeeded in defeating Hitler's plans to wipe us off of the face of the earth.

We, American Jews, who are blessed to live in a land of liberty, happiness and plenty, must bear the full responsibility for this gigantic but sacred job of rebuilding the ruined Jewish life in Central and Eastern Europe. Only in the complete unity of all elements of Jewish life can this task be executed in full measure.

To unite Cleveland Jewry for this great work the Jewish Council of Russian War Relief, the only agency through which this aid can be rendered most efficiently and promptly, is calling a conference of organizations and influential individuals of all walks of life. In order to give this conference a broader aspect the council is inviting you, as an influential leader in our community, to be one of the sponsors of this very important conference.

For convenience we enclose a self addressed post card for your reply of acceptance.

For the rehabilitation of the Jewish life in Eastern and Central Europe,

Very truly yours,

Rudolph M. Rosenthal

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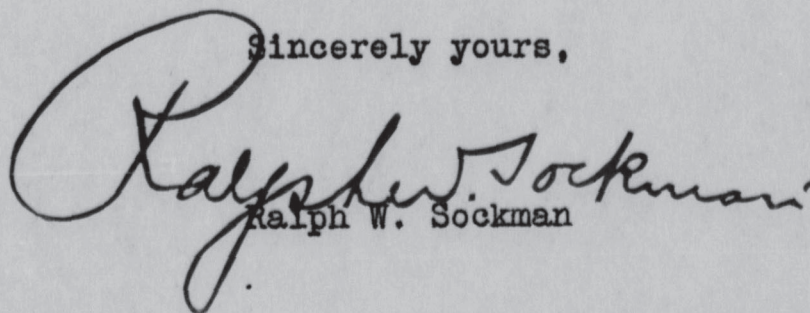
I am sending you in this letter two enclosures which I consider of very great importance; a copy of a letter from Dr. Leslie Bates Moss to the war service chairmen of twenty-eight major Protestant denominations, urging the participation of church members in Russian War Relief's program to send food to the people of Soviet Russia; and excerpts from the speech of His Eminence Metropolitan Benjamin, recently returned from the Soviet Union, on "Freedom of Religion in the U.S.S.R."

We are hopeful that Dr. Moss' letter will be fruitful both in tangible contributions of much needed foods and in continuing to strengthen the fellowship between the peoples of our two countries.

The Metropolitan's address was enthusiastically received by the New York members of the Inter Faith Committee and their guests. Eyewitness reports like this will, I hope, stimulate us to further efforts.

With my good wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Ralph W. Sockman

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

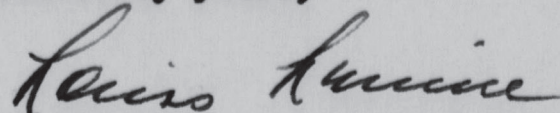
The Jewish Council for Russian Relief is holding its Fifth Annual Conference Sunday, May 12th at the Hotel Astor in New York. Representatives of the organized Jewish community throughout the United States will be present, with an expected attendance of at least 2,500 delegates representing organizations with a membership of several million. These delegates will meet all day for the purpose of discussing their program of sending aid to and cultivating friendship with the people of the Soviet Union.

I know you will agree that the maintenance and strengthening of American-Russian friendship is today the most important single issue confronting the American people and that we who desire peace must do everything in our power to extend the area of understanding between America and the Soviet Union. It is for this reason that the Fifth Annual Conference of the Jewish Council assumes such vast importance.

A message from you to the assembled delegates will help inspire the success of the Conference, and contribute materially to a program which has been indorsed enthusiastically by the American people and which is not only a humanitarian work but a program which serves our own national interests as well.

We eagerly await your statement. Won't you please send it to us as soon as possible?

Sincerely yours,


Louis Levine

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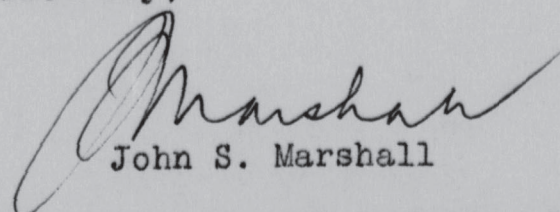
My dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to announce to you the formal closing of the Cleveland Committee of the American Society for Russian Relief, Inc., on April 30, 1946. We are dissolving as a committee not because the need is over, but because the national program can be conducted more effectively and more economically through other channels; first by the national organization itself working from New York, and secondly by the continuation of relief activities in Cleveland under the sponsorship of the Russian Relief Jewish Council and the American Russian United War Relief Committee, who will make their headquarters at 1512 Prospect Avenue. To them go our best wishes, and we know you will continue to support both the national program and the efforts of those who will carry on the work in Cleveland.

For the past four years the citizens of Cleveland have generously responded to our appeal for aid to war-torn Russia. Through our local committee almost a million dollars worth of supplies have been sent to the Soviet Union. This is a record of which we can justly be proud. Our efforts have been a concrete and heart-warming evidence of the good will existing between the peoples of these two great nations.

In behalf of the national organization of Russian Relief, I want to thank you, as one of our loyal sponsors, for your personal support. It is to you and thousands of sympathetic Americans like yourself that Russian Relief owes its fine record of achievement, and we are deeply grateful for your association with the Cleveland Committee.

Sincerely,


John S. Marshall

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September 12, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
198-10 Shaker Blvd.
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Council is about to make its first shipment of religious articles to Jews of Russia. This shipment consists of two sefer torahs and a substantial number of tfillen, siderim, chremeshen, machzarims, tzitzis and taleisim.

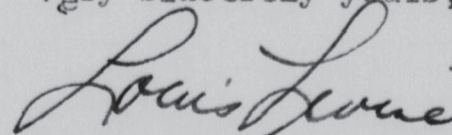
We arranged for religious gifts to be sent to the Jews of Russia during a telephone conversation with the Chief Rabbi of Moscow as shown from the enclosed piece "Help Build Jewish Culture."

The proposed joint statement of Rabbis Joseph H. Lookstein, Israel Goldstein and David de Sola Pool will be issued publicly sometime next week when the shipment is made.

We know it will be very important for the Jewish people all over the world at this time if you would join in the statement with them and that they would be very happy for you to do so. We are enclosing a return envelope for your convenience, and hope that you will accept the statement as your own.

With warmest greetings on Rosh Hashonah and with the hope for a bright future for our people.

Very sincerely yours,



Louis Levine
National President

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NATIONALLY PROMINENT AMERICAN RABBIS
GREET SHIPMENT OF FIRST GIFTS OF
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FROM AMERICAN TO
RUSSIAN JEWS.

Oct. 5, 1947, N.Y.C. - Blessing those "who help rehabilitate the Jews and religious Jewish life in Soviet Russia" many nationally prominent rabbis greeted the first shipment of religious articles from the Jews of America to the Jews of Russia, it was announced today by Rabbi Mordecai A. Kaplan of the American Jewish Council to Aid Russian Rehabilitation, 40 East 26th Street, New York City.

Among the signers of the greeting are Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, President of the Rabbinical Council of America and Vice-President of the Mizrahi; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President of the American Zionist Emergency Council and Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, President of the American and World Jewish Congress; Rabbi David de Sola Pool, Rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Shearith Israel; Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Rabbi of B'nai Jeshurin, Member of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, Former President of the Zionist Organization of America and Rabbi Louis I. Newman, Chief Rabbi of Congregation Rodeph Sholom, Representative of Central Conference of American Rabbis at Sessions of United Nations.

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The first gifts of religious articles from the Jews of America to the Jews of Russia has just left on board the vessel Sergei Kirov and consisted of two sefer torahs and a substantial number of tfillem, chremeshen, siderim, thilems, machzarim, tzitzis and taleisim. In addition to the religious articles the shipment which was made by the Jewish Council on behalf of the Preluker Relief Committee also included penicillin, Rabbi Kaplan stated.

The first gifts are "an important contribution to the development of religious life of the Jews in Soviet Russia, and as strengthening the bond of fellowship which should exist between these communities just as it exists between other religious communities in Russia and corresponding religious communities in the United States," continued the joint statement.

Additional signers of the statement are Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress and Member of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal; Rabbi Abraham J. Bick, Rabbi of Warshawer Chaim Solomon Synagogue, Member of Rabbinical Council, Member of Histadruth Harabonim; Rabbi Robert Gordis, Member of Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference, Professor of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Past President of and Executive Committee member of the Synagogue Council of America; Rabbi Ephraim E. Yolles, Prominent Philadelphia spiritual leader; Rabbi Mordecai A. Kaplan, Professor of Yovne Theological Seminary, Rabbi of Synagogue Ben Yehudi and Rabbi Harry J. Hurwitz, Beth Lechem Community Center.

"It is our duty to help rehabilitate the spiritual life of the orthodox Jews in communities in Russia," reads the joint rabbinical statement after pointing out that the largest Jewish community of European Jews now live in Soviet Russia and that among these are large numbers of orthodox Jews. The statement continues, "During the war the Nazis destroyed synagogues and burned sefer torahs and other religious objects."

Louis Levine, National President of the American Jewish Council to Aid Russian Rehabilitation, has sent heartiest thanks to the Preluker Committee for sending this first transport of religious articles to Preluke, Ukraine. In his greetings Mr. Levine states, "The wounds of our sisters and brothers in Russia are not healed as yet. The Nazi barbarians tried to enslave the Russian people who had already succeeded in putting an end to anti-Semitism. This was made possible because under the Russian constitution anti-Semitism is a criminal offense and religious freedom is fully guaranteed. Our duty as Americans and as Jews is to help rehabilitate the lives of our sisters and brothers in Soviet Russia."

The joint greeting follows in full:

"We consider the first gifts of religious articles from the Jews of America to Jews of Russia as an important contribution to the development of religious life of the Jews in Soviet Russia, and as strengthening the bond of fellowship which should exist between these communities just as it exists between other religious communities in Russia and corresponding religious communities in the United States.

"The largest Jewish community of European Jews now live in Soviet Russia. Among them are large numbers of orthodox Jews. During the war the Nazis destroyed synagogues and burned sefer torahs and other religious objects. It is, therefore, our duty to help rehabilitate the spiritual life of the orthodox Jews in communities in Russia.

"Our request to send religious articles was welcomed by the Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Solomon Schliffer, and the Rabbi of Kiev, Joseph Schectman.

"May the hands of those who help rehabilitate the Jews and the religious Jewish life in Soviet Russia be strengthened.

"Rabbi Abraham J. Bick
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