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DeHaas memorial, 1937-1938.

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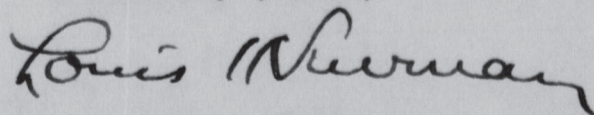
June 21, 1937

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A Committee is being organized on behalf of a Memorial Fund in honor of the late Jacob de Haas, eminent Jewish historian and leader of Jewish thought, whose services to the ideal of Palestine Restored have given him an historic place in the annals of the people of Israel. It is hoped that this fund will make possible the establishment of a sanatorium on Mt. Canaan at Safed, in the Galilean region of Palestine which was especially dear to Mr. de Haas. This sanatorium would be a health and recuperation resort for Jewish National pioneers in Palestine, and/or some other suitable Memorial to be selected by the Memorial Fund Committee.

Knowing of your admiration for the late Mr. de Haas, we are confident that you will wish to join the Memorial Fund Committee. We invite you to become a member, and trust you will signify your acceptance on the enclosed postcard.

Sincerely yours,



Louis I. Newman
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We are now in preparation of a special Jacob De-Haas issue to commemorate his personality and services to the Jewish Renaissance Movement.

This Jacob De-Haas memorial issue will be the greatest monument for posterity. It will reflect the ideals and dreams of this great and colorful personality—the renown scholar and historian of Zionism, the secretary of Dr. Herzl, the gifted man of letters, the Zionist leader and staunch friend who passed away one year ago. With his passing, the Jewish people have lost a great champion of their cause.

In this connection, we beg of you, as a friend of Mr. De-Haas, to include your name to appear on the letter-heads of the committee. We would, also, greatly appreciate if you would contribute an essay to this issue. We would recommend that you write:
"DE-HAAS'S ROLE IN SHAPING ZIONIST HISTORY!"

The committee also decided to arrange numerous memorial meetings all over the country on the day of his Yortzeit—April 10, 1938.

Such an undertaking requires great financial support. May we, therefore, take this opportunity to ask you, since you are considered by us as one of his many friends, to send us your kind contribution as is worthy of our and your friend—the late Jacob De-Haas.

Is it possible for you also to arouse the attention of some of your friends to assist us financially in our great cause? We would be very thankful to you.

Awaiting your early reply, with Zionist greetings, we remain

Respectfully yours

RABBI I. JACOB ROGOFF
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