



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

Featuring collections from the Western Reserve Historical Society and
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.

Series I: General Correspondence, 1914-1969, undated.

Sub-series A: Alphabetical, 1914-1965, undated.

Reel
27

Box
10

Folder
638

Food Conservation Committee, division of United States Food
Administration, 1918.

[1918?]

Form 1204

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION



TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

RECEIVED AT 5516 EUCLID AVE., CLEVELAND, OHIO

C23HEB 34 5 EXTRA

COLUMBUS OHIO 4PM MARCH 1

RABBI A E SILVER

THE TEMPLE EAST 55ST CLEVELAND O

AM PLEASED APPOINT YOU MEMBER COUNTY FOOD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

STOP REPORT TO H D NORTH LUNCHEON MEETING TWELVE NOON SATURDAY CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE BUILDING ROOM TWO SIXTH FLOOR CLEVELAND

FRED C CROXTON

FEDERAL FOOD AMINSTRATOR FOR OHIO

640PM

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR OHIO

FRED C. CROXTON

Cleveland, O.

March

Fifteenth

1918

COUNTY FOOD ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DR. R. H. BISHOP, JR., CHAIRMAN

W. S. WHITE, SECRETARY

Rabbi A. I. Silver,
The Temple, City

FOOD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

H. D. NORTH, CHAIRMAN

B. M. BRYAN, SECRETARY

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

As our "Boys in the Trenches" our Food Conservation Committee stood ready to go "OVER THE TOP" for a 100% city in its contemplated food pledge card campaign.

A conference with Dr. Bishop, upon his return from a conference of State and County Food Administrators with Federal Administrator Hoover at Washington, made a decision necessary to postpone indefinitely the pledge card drive, scheduled for the week of March 17th. Postponement was made necessary by the fact that the home cards recently printed are now ruled obsolete because of numerous changes in rules governing wheatless and meatless days and meals.

The outcome of the conference in Washington resulted in permission being granted Cleveland to proceed, but without a nation wide or state wide movement. It was therefore deemed necessary to postpone the Cuyahoga County drive until such time as the Government requested a drive thruout the nation in unison, with proper instruction cards in accordance and general instructions in regard to a definite conservation program.

Members of the Committee cannot help but feel disappointed after the hard and earnest work in every branch of our Committee undertakings, but we must stand loyal to THE CAUSE, however disconcerting - True Soldiers in Service - to give our best when called upon, and therefore, as Chairman of the Food Conservation Committee, I request all members to hold our organization intact, that we may be ready with our organization to take up this important work when officially called upon to do so.

It will not be necessary for further meetings at the present time and I therefore desire to thank you, Rabbi Silver, for your personal endeavors and hearty co-operation in the Cause of Food Conservation.

Very truly yours,

Chairman
FOOD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

A SUB-COMMITTEE OF
THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY WAR COMMITTEE
CITY OF CLEVELAND

MYRON T. HERRICK, CHAIRMAN

F. H. GOFF, TREASURER

WARREN S. HAYDEN, SECRETARY

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION
FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR OHIO
FRED C. CROXTON
THE STATE HOUSE

COLUMBUS, May 23, 1918.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Tifereth Israel Congregation,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

In order to secure the further cooperation of the people of America in the matter of food conservation Mr. Hoover, U. S. Food Administrator, has asked that on Sunday, May 26th, an appeal be made in all churches of the country.

We are enclosing to you a copy of Mr. Hoover's appeal that you may bring it to the attention of your congregation.

Please allow me to take this occasion to thank you for your valuable assistance in the past in the furtherance of food conservation.

Very truly yours,

Fred C. Croxton
Federal Food Administrator,
for Ohio.

AN APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

To all Churches of Ohio:

The confidence of the United States Food Administration that the people of the country would respond enthusiastically and whole heartedly, upon presentation of the facts, to any necessary requests for reduction in consumption of food has been fully justified. We have demonstrated our ability not only to think together but to act together. This response of the people is the reason for the present appeal.

Our work is not yet complete. In spite of the encouraging results of our efforts, in spite of the fact that our exports of food stuffs are constantly increasing and are approaching the minimum requirements abroad, the need for renewed devotion and effort is pressing. While all the requirements of the Food Administration should be constantly observed, there are certain matters which I desire to stress at this time.

In the case of meat and meat products the necessities for shipment abroad are very great. Whereas the allied consumption has been reduced to an average of about one and one-quarter pounds per person per week, we are today enjoying an average of about three and one-quarter pounds per person per week. This division is inequitable. An understanding of these facts will justify our request that the consumption of all meats, including poultry, as nearly as possible, be reduced to two pounds per week per person over four years of age.

In the case of sugar we are embarrassed by the necessity of using ships for carrying our soldiers and feeding the allies, and, in consequence, *we must use sugar with great economy*. We must emphasize the importance of canning and preserving on a large scale among our people this summer and our available sugar must be conserved for this purpose.

But the situation with regard to wheat is the most serious in the food supply of the Allied world. If we are to satisfy the minimum wheat requirements of our armies and the allies and the suffering millions in the allied countries, our consumption of wheat in the United States until the next harvest must be reduced to approximately one-third of normal. It is inconceivable that we should fail in this crisis. For each of us who can personally contribute to the relief of human suffering it is a privilege, not a sacrifice.

All elements of our population cannot bear this burden equally. Those engaged in physical labor need a larger bread ration than those in sedentary occupations. Because of the constant daily employment of women and the lack of home baking facilities, many households in large urban centers require a food ration already prepared such as the bakers standard Victory bread loaf. Furthermore, we must constantly safeguard the special requirements of children and invalids.

To meet the situation abroad and to prevent serious suffering at home it is imperative that all those whose circumstances permit shall *abstain from wheat and wheat products in any form until the next harvest*. It is realized and deeply appreciated that many organizations and some communities have already agreed to follow this plan.

It is hoped that you will communicate this to your organization and your community, urging those whose circumstances will permit to join with us and take this stand.

HERBERT HOOVER

May 25, 1918.



UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR OHIO

FRED C. CROXTON

COUNTY FOOD ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DR. R. H. BISHOP, JR., CHAIRMAN
W. S. WHITE, SECRETARY

✓ 7/28/18

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 55th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi:-

I am forwarding you under separate cover fifteen envelopes containing appeals from Mr. Hoover, as well as a letter from this Committee asking all Cleveland Ministers to base their sermons June 2nd on the restrictions on the use of Wheat products.

If you will kindly send these to the Ministers of your denomination in time for use next Sunday the courtesy will be appreciated by

Yours very truly,

LA.

Wm. Bryan
Secretary,
CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

did send

A SUB-COMMITTEE OF
THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY WAR COMMITTEE
CITY OF CLEVELAND

MYRON T. HERRICK, CHAIRMAN

F. H. GOFF, TREASURER

WARREN S. HAYDEN, SECRETARY

HARRY L. VAIL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR OHIO

FRED C. CROXTON

COUNTY FOOD ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DR. R. H. BISHOP, JR., CHAIRMAN

W. S. WHITE, SECRETARY

To All Cleveland Ministers:-

We wish to call to your attention the attached appeal from Mr. Hoover, relative to the wheat situation.

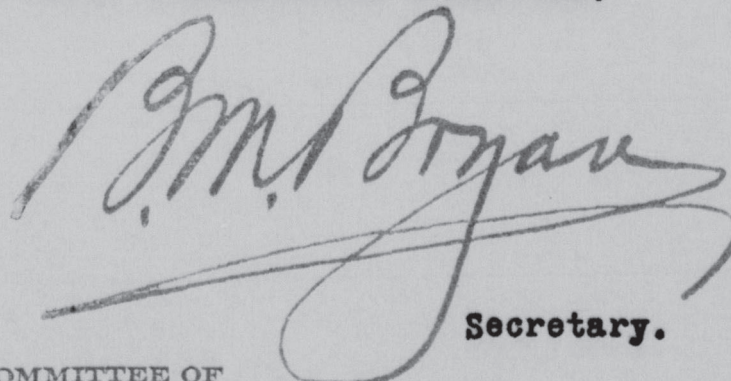
We ask that you appeal to your congregations Sunday, June 2nd, to voluntarily give up the use of wheat and wheat products until the next harvest so far as circumstances of the individual families permit; following example of the leading hotels, clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

WHEAT must be sent to our allies and it is the duty of all Americans, native and naturalized, to give up their share until the next harvest, which will again supply enough for those people "Over There" as well as ourselves.

Will you assist us by basing your sermon for June 2nd on this subject?

Yours very truly,

FOOD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE,



Secretary.

A SUB-COMMITTEE OF
THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY WAR COMMITTEE
CITY OF CLEVELAND

MYRON T. HERRICK, CHAIRMAN

F. H. GOFF, TREASURER

WARREN S. HAYDEN, SECRETARY

HARRY L. VAIL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY