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French National Committee, The Effort of France and her Allies
(Office Bureau of French Information), 1918.

February 27, 1918.

Cap't Marcel Knecht,
Vanderbilt Hotel,
New York City.

My dear Captain:

Enclosed please find a copy of the
night letter which I sent to Andre Tardieu.

You will also receive the requested
number of copies of the local Jewish Review and Observer.

I trust that I shall have the
pleasure of meeting you right soon again.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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C O P Y

Night letter 2/26/18.
6 P. M.

Andre Tardieu, French High Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.

Your representative M. Marcel Knecht brought the message of France and of French Jews to an audience that filled our Temple to its capacity last Sunday. His words were received with unprecedented enthusiasm by our people. We were proud of the service which our co-religionists are rendering France at this great hour of her destiny and we wish to express to you our great faith in the righteousness and in the ultimate triumph of the cause of France, which is our common cause.

Rabbi A. H. Silver.

The Effort of France and her Allies

FRENCH NATIONAL COMMITTEE

VANDERBILT HOTEL, NEW YORK

ROOMS 1517-1518

March 8th, 1918.

OFFICIAL BUREAU
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My dear Dr. Silver:

I just received the Jewish review and have been delighted to find in such good place your beautiful address and my lecture. I am sending copies to our official representatives and to the Jewish French organizations: you would even oblige me greatly if you could send me by return mail ten or twelve more copies.

I have been so busy that I could not, as yet, send the translation to the French newspaper of New York and to the French review in which it could be published: I shall do it these next days.

I met to-day at the banquet for Lord Reading, Ambassador Elkus, and told him how we should like you to go to France for a certain time and to bring back a message to your Jewish audineces.

I expect to go to Boston next week, and afterwards I shall be here, at the Rockefeller War Hospital, for one month. If you come to New York, come and visit me.

I shall never forget your friendly hospitality and the enthusiasm and applause of your elite gatherings. I am speaking next Sunday evening for an important Jewish organization, the Forum of Brooklyn, and shall mention to them some parts of your speech.

With my best souvenirs to your friends and to the
Editor of the Jewish Review, I remain

Very faithfully yours

Marcel Knecht



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Rabbi of the "Temple"
Cleveland.

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FRENCH NATIONAL COMMITTEE

VANDERBILT HOTEL, NEW YORK

ROOMS 1517-1518

March 14th 1918.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

It would have given me a great pleasure to accept your very kind invitation and take part in the exercises you are planning at your Temple on Sunday March 31st. But, unfortunately, owing to an anterior engagement, I must be on the same date in the South.

Kindly excuse me and believe me,

Yours very truly,

Nephane Laumann

Dr/ A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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After the introduction of your very distinguished Rabbi,
I am more loath than I have ever been since I am lecturing thru the United
States, for I never have heard before, a speech in which France was so highly, so
beautifully lauded, and I hope that Dr. Silver will kindly allow me to have
this address printed in one of the most important reviews of France.