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Please return

November 22, 1927.

In re Geneva Jewish Farmers' Hebrew School

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On the 14th instant I attended a meeting of the Geneva Jewish farmers at which a committee consisting of the President and Secretary of the Organization, Messrs. Joseph Golomb and Morris H. Brody respectively, reported of your (and your Congregation's) fine consideration and assisting them so generously with a contribution of $1000. for the purpose of establishing a Hebrew School for the children of the Geneva Jewish farmers.

congratulations and pledged.

A resolution was passed at the meeting on the 15th instant instructing me to express to you the unanimous gratitude of the parents and children for your kindness and readiness to answer their spiritual needs. I join them in their sentiments.

Our Jewish farmers want to be abreast with the times in matters of Jewish education and Jewish culture as well as farming. Their craving for Jewish spiritual things is greater than that of City folk because of the farmers' mode of living. All our farmers in the Geneva territory come from the City of Cleveland and feel themselves part of that City. If they would return to the City they would avail themselves of the splendid opportunities offered by your Board of Jewish Education. The Geneva Jewish farmers reflect creditably on the Cleveland Jewish community at large. They are accordingly deserving of the encouragement and assistance that you have so wisely seen fit to extend to them.

At this meeting a thousand dollars were raised by the Geneva Jewish farmers and more will be raised if necessary at a later date to match the contribution of your Congregation. I am also pleased to advise you that your contribution has given incentive towards planning for the building of a Synagogue and community center of their own. There is a great need for a spiritual home for the Jewish farmers in order to assure their permanency on the farms. They cannot be good farmers unless they are good Jews as well. I trust that when the time will come the Cleveland Jewish community will likewise see fit to come to the assistance of the Geneva Jewish farmers in building a spiritual home which will symbolize the Jewish ideals in the country as well as in the City.

Thanking you again for your moral and financial assistance in behalf of the Geneva Jewish farmers, I am

Very cordially yours,

Samson Lifsh

Asst. Western Manager.

SL:FG

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Assistant Manager

Telephone
ASHLAND 1881

November 23, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Samson Liph of our Western Office, advises me that you have generously pledged a contribution of $1000 (from the Congregation of which you are the spiritual head,) toward the maintenance of a religious school for the children of Jewish farmers in Geneva, Ohio. May I take this opportunity of expressing to you my very heartfelt appreciation of this splendid deed. The question of making religious education available to the Jewish farm boy and girl, has always presented a pressing and perplexing problem. While forward steps have been made in some Jewish farm communities, there is still much to be done in this direction. It is a phase of work that interests me deeply. Imperative as religious education is in the city, it is still more imperative in the country. Most city children are brought under some Jewish influences, even outside the religious school. On the farm, these outside influences are lacking. Hence, the religious school assumes all the more importance.

I hope that this project will be as fruitful of result as both you and I wish it.

Very sincerely yours,

Gabriel Davidson

GD/K

Geneva Farmers

Nov. 25th, 1927.

Mr. Alfred Benesch,
1333 East Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Benesch:-

Knowing of your great interest in the cause of the Jewish Farmers in the neighborhood of Geneva, I am taking the privilege of sending you the enclosed two letters from The Jewish Agricultural Society of New York and the one of Chicago, which are self explanatory.

I promised to raise $1000. to assist the Jewish Farmers to establish a religious school, as well as to procure the services of a teacher. I shall endeavor to raise that sum among my friends some time later on. I understand that the money is not immediately required inasmuch as the farmers themselves will first advance their $1000.

When the time is ripe for the raising of this small sum in our Community, I shall get in touch with you and talk the matter over.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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IRA D. LUCAL
EUGENE H. FREEDHEIM

December 10, 1927.

Rabbi A.H.Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I have not forgotten my promise to help you raise some money for the Geneva farmers. I shall be out of the city for a day or two over the week-end, but upon my return I shall see what I can do.

With regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Loeser

NL-K

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

Dec. 23d, 1927.

Mr. Nathhn Loeser,
National City Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Loeser:-

I should like to send $1000.00 to the Jewish farmers of Geneva within the next week or ten days. They have asked me for it.

I intend to raise a few hundred dollars myself and Mr. Benesch will raise a few hundred. I will appreciate very much if you can help this worthy cause along by reaching some of your friends.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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FRANK G. MOONEY
IRA D. LUCAL
EUGENE H. FREEDHEIM

December 31, 1927.

Rabbi A.H.Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I enclose checks as follows as contributions toward the fund for the Jewish farmers in Geneva:

11212 Euclid — N.L.Dauby. $100:
Nathan Loeser. 50;
15800 S. Woodland — E.L.Geismer. 25;
1615 Magnolia — Louis Stearn 25;
1021 Euclid — M. Rohrheimer. . . . . 25.
aunice

I shall see if I can get you some additional amounts.

Very truly yours,
Nathan Loeser

NL-K

Dec 5 - 100

$200.00
Sent to J Golomb
Jan 3 - 1928

MAIN 5380

ALFRED A. BENESCH
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
912 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BLDG.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

1-3-28.

My dear Rabbi Silver, —

As requested, I am sending you check for contributions to the Geneva Religious School Fund. —

Very sincerely yours

Alfred A. Benesch

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

Jan. 3d, 1928.

Mr. Nathan Loeser,
National City Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Loeser:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of the sum of $225.00, which you were kind enough to raise in behalf of the Jewish farmers in Geneva. I have this day forwarded the amount to them.

I need not tell you that I am deeply appreciative of your kind spirit of cooperation.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

following letter sent to
N. L. Dauby,
E. L. Geismer
Louis Stearn
M. Rohrheimer

Jan. 3d, 1928.

Mr. N. L. Dauby,
11212 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Dauby:-

Mr. Loeser has turned over to me the generous contribution, which you made to the Jewish farmers in Geneva.

You have helped a very worthy cause and I want you to know that I am deeply appreciative of your fine spirit of cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

MOONEY, HAHN, LOESER & KEOUGH

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CLEVELAND

M. P. MOONEY
AARON HAHN
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EDGAR A. HAHN
IRWIN N. LOESER
WILLIAM C. KEOUGH

January 3rd, 1928

2307 Chatfield Dr.

Rabbi A.H.Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed please find check for $25 from Gus Keller for the fund for Geneva farmers.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Loeser

NL-K

WRHS
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

Jan. 3d, 1928.

Mr. J. Golomb,
President Jewish Farmers,
Geneva, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Golomb:-

I am enclosing herewith an additional sum of $200.00 on account of the $1000.00, which I promised to send to help you in procuring the services of a teacher. This makes a total of $300.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

100 -
200 -

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

PHONE CORK EXCHANGE

J. GOLOMB
GRAPE GROWER
GENEVA, O.

בעלזער רעבעס, יה"ר טובא, תרנ"ה.

רבי יהודה הלל מילוואי טייטעלבוים שליט"א

ביידהויז רבינו

אויך פיר יאהר טייטעל פון $200.00 אויסגעלייגט
פאר וועלטלעכן אויך בעניין אויך, און פון אויך אויף ברוב
(יהי בדבר הדבורה כל בדבורים) אין נייטיגן פון
בחור תלמיד של בית רבן. ווייל אויך אין יאהר
אלעס ווי מוהל אין בכח לעשין, און הגיהה פון
בעלין. ווייל שנד טובה וטובה. פאר אלעמען אויך אמן
בקן ירוך ושמחה

יוסף גולומב

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
CLEVELAND

J. H. ORGILL
MAURICE MASCHKE
L. W. WICKHAM

H. FRANK VAN LILL

Jan. 5, 1928

Dr. A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 4th inst.

It is a pleasure to me to help any worthy cause in which you have an interest.

Sincerely,

Maurice Maschke

MM:G

WRHS ARCHIVES

Jan. 4th, 1928.

Mr. A. A. Benesch,
Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Benesch:-

I received this morning, your letter of January 3d, enclosing a check for $550.00 representing the amount of money which you have raised among your friends for the Jewish Farmers' Hebrew School of Geneva, and which also includes your own generous contribution.

Mr. Loeser sent me $250.00 and I have personally given them $100.00 some time ago, so that our fund is short just $100.00, which I shall raise in a day or two.

I want you to know how deeply I appreciate the fine spirit of cooperation which you manifested. I feel that I can always call upon you when there is a worthy task to be done and I am never disappointed.

Thanking you, not alone in my own name, but in the name of the Jewish farmers, in whose behalf you have interested yourself more than once in the past, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

FRANK R. HERRICK
DECEASED
EVAN H. HOPKINS
JOHN N. STOCKWELL, JR.
ALFRED A. BENESCH
WALTER C. KELLEY

HERMAN B. FISHMAN

LAW OFFICES
OF
HERRICK, HOPKINS, STOCKWELL & BENESCH
904-912 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BUILDING
CLEVELAND

January 9, 1928.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I beg to send you herewith contribution of $10.00 from Mr. Henry A. Marks to the Geneva Religious School Fund. I have acknowledged receipt.

I neglected to acknowledge receipt to Mr. William C. Treuhaft for the $5.00 which he sent me, and shall be grateful if you will kindly acknowledge receipt of same to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred A. Benesch

AAB-MD

I James

January 10th,1928.

Mr. Wm. C. Treuhaft,
6700 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Treuhaft:-

Mr. Benesch has turned over to me the generous contribution, which you made to the Jewish farmers in Geneva.

You have helped a very worthy cause and I want you to know that I am deeply appreciative of your fine spirit of cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

January 10th,1928.

Mr. Henry A. Marks,
2939 E. Overlook Rd.,
Cleveland Hts., Ohio.

My dear Mr. Marks:-

Mr. Benesch has turned over to me the generous contribution, which you made to the Jewish farmers in Geneva.

You have helped a very worthy cause and I want you to know that I am deeply appreciative of your fine spirit of cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

GENEVA RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

C. L. Richman	$100.00 -	1600 E 55th
L. B. Koblitz	25.00 -	12349 Cedar Rd.
Solomon Ulmer	50.00 -	Ulmer Bldg
I. N. Stone	50.00 -	14299 Superior Rd
I. F. Freiberger	50.00 -	Cleve Trust Co
Maurice Maschke	50.00 -	Natl City Bldg
S. N. Weitz	10.00 -	Leader Bldg
J. H. Miller	10.00 -	2872 Washington Blvd
Henry Spira	25.00 -	2207 Ontario
Adrian Ettinger	25.00 -	2580 W. St. James Pkwy
J. M. Ulmer	10.00 -	Ulmer Bldg
W. J. Schoenberger	25.00 -	10255 Haward
R. H. Kohn	20.00 -	Wade Pk Manor
Bert Keller	25.00 -	2258 Denington
S. M. Gross	25.00 -	~~2823 Winthrop~~ May Co.
A. A. Benesch	50.00 -	See for Sav. Bldg.

550

Mrs Greenhaft - $5
6700 Euclid

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AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

FRANK R. HERRICK
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CLEVELAND

January 13, 1928.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

WRHS
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I beg to send you herewith contribution of $15.00 from Mr. Milton P. Altschul to the Geneva Religious School Fund.

I have acknowledged receipt of this contribution.

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred A. Benesch
(Per MD)

AAB-MD

Jan. 31st, 1928.

Mr. J. Golomb,
President Jewish Farmers,
Geneva, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Golomb:-

I am enclosing herewith a further check of $200. to assist you in paying the salary of your Hebrew teacher.

Please let me know how his work is progressing, also his name and address.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

PHONE CORK EXCHANGE

J. GOLOMB
GRAPE GROWER
GENEVA, O.

Feb. 9/28

רבי יחזקאל הלל סילוומ!:

ווערטער רבי!

איך האב אזוי ווהל ווען מיר זאלן אין
קייר נעם איינקומען אין אייך וואוינונג. איך
האב קאלט נעם גיקומען, איך האב אויך
קיין רקיהלס (נעם קיין יאשקע גיבינטס) אין
הון בי ווילן אין דעם בית המדרש אלטער הייפצין.
אלטער! מיר בינקען אין קיין ישמח טאיך
פון אלטער המקום בי אלטיר, אין מיר מעגן
אין דעם אנגעבן ברכה בי אייך אט.
אין מיר האבן ווהל אנגעבן אזוי אין
לעבענס ווערטער!

Rev. M. S. Gleiberman
42 Fibbit St.
Geneva Ohio

דעם ברוך ווערט ישמח
יוסף בלומ

MAIN 5380

ALFRED A. BENESCH
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
912 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BLDG.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

2-10-28.

Dear Rabbi Liber, —

Herewith check of A. Kallin (741 Society for Savings) for $15.00, as his contribution to the Religious School in Geneva.

Sincerely yours

A A Benesch

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

Feb. 13th,1928.

Mr. Abraham Kollin,
741 Soc. for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kollin:-

Mr. Benesch has turned over to me the generous contribution, which you made to the Jewish farmers in Geneva.

You have helped a very worthy cause and I want you to know that I am deeply appreciative of your fine spirit of cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

PHONE CORK EXCHANGE

[Feb. 28, 1928]

J. GOLOMB
GRAPE GROWER
GENEVA, O.

ג׳ אדר, תרפ״ח

רבי ומורי הילל פינלעד

שיחיה יבי:-

מאורי לורי מה שאשמן לשם שמים ואמצעם
לבני מודה יקר״ ראם שעיקר, כן ואם לא אמצע בוה
בהשם לוקח שמן ומבין אמצעים. אמן מאורי לורי
ולהלה ראשך מאוד בולהלה ברכתי, כיר לולהלים
ועוד כיר בשמן אודהים נם. ולהלה, אולה מאלין
ולהלה הנה רבי, לא קודמין לא אמצע בוה לוקח שמן
בדם עולמן מלבד אמצעים בוה ראשה לוקח שמן
אוקן לולהלה ודק ראשך ובהשמן מאורי בשמים
ואם מר בישמן בוה הדרמה ראשה לולהלה
ומבדיל ומבין. ולא ראשך לא לא מה מלאין
לוהר ובהשמע ראשי.
בחקן אלהי ראשך כיבלוה. כשבלה ראשך אמה
בדרך ארץ ראשהמה
ולא לבי מלאים

PHONE CORK EXCHANGE

[March 19, 1928]

J. GOLOMB
GRAPE GROWER
GENEVA, O.

בס"ד אדר, תרפ"ח

רבי יהודה הלל פינקלשטיין
הלוויל"מ.

ליבר טאטע רבי: -

איך האב אלע יאהרס מיר שטארק געקאנט
אנטפר שאלוס נאך אמריק בדעם וכדומה.
איך קום אין שטוב נאר בדעם וועגן רבי,
שליחה בעלמא מן יאנק, האלטען מיין
ירושלים פיינגערשאפט.
רבי בריקלין קען נאך קומען פריהער אדער
בדעם וכדומה אזוי,
אלס מיר בין וויבושר ביי דאנקס, אלס לעבן
בין צום וועלטען טאטה בעזרת השם מיר שולדיג צו
אלעס רבי, איך וועל לעבן אלס אלס בדעם
באשום אין אדער קיין צו אנק קומען נעטסטן
מיינונג.
אובר
הערצליך גרוס אלע אנק גרייטן אין תשובה שאלוס
נעבלעטשן אנק שטוב ברוך אלעס

יוסף גולומב

נ.ב. רבי בעלמאן טאטה מיר מיין בוי
וויבושר בווטרייס צו בייד מלוכלוכלטן.

PHONE CORK EXCHANGE

[March 29, 1928]

J. GOLOMB
GRAPE GROWER
GENEVA, O.

ת. יום. תרפ"ח

רבי יהודה הי. לל סילמן.
מיוחדים את רבי:-

אור ביום יום שבוע שעבר קבלתי מכתב מאת
אחי שיחיה שבו הוא מודיעני. אבל זה לא בא
בשם ובזכות מכם ושאת תורה. אב המשפחה שלנו
ויהי מאלה יודעים אבל אין לאיזה תענוג ולא שום
טובים.

רבי, אור ווילסון שלנו מאוד בא אלינו בחור
בוולין ואין מאוד לחוס אמא ווסיל ואין מאוד
קשה מה אמא ואין שאינו. ולוב מאוד קשה
אם קשה קשה אמא בשם ליות בחור ירושלים
ליקח אמא ליות מאוד הוא אור בלתי אפשרי
ולקח יותר יש בחלב ווילסון ווסיל. ואמא בחור
בשם אמא קרוב אמא בחור ורבשם קיים.
יותר הכל מאוד מאוד אור בחלב שקבלתי
ואמא יש אמא קשה קיים אם. ואמא בחור בום
מכם שאינו לשלוח אור אמא ג'רוסלם. ואין קשה
מאד רבי סילמן ב
יש הרבה מאוד ~~מאוד~~ לאמא אלו קרוב שיקרבו
רבי בלבד אמן.
עוד בחלק אחרון ואמא
יוסף בלומב

April 6th, 1928.

Mr. J. Golomb,
Geneva, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Golomb:-

In the first place let me thank you for the kind wishes which you extended on the occasion of the birth of our son. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness and I am happy to say that both mother and child are doing splendidly.

In view of the new developments in my home you will readily understand that I would like to be away from my home during the next month or so as little as possible. I have in fact, cancelled many an engagement which I had for the month of April. I should therefore like to beg off for the present.

I plan to be in Cleveland during the entire summer and I am sure that an opportunity will offer itself to me to come out and visit you. I trust that you will understand.

With kindest regards and best holiday greetings, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

בית מסחר ספרים

REZNICK, MENSCHEL & CO., INC.
BOOKSELLERS
Books of Jewish Interest

PHONE: DRY DOCK 8216

40 CANAL STREET
NEW YORK

August 20, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir;

In reply to your telegram of today, we take pleasure in quoting you prices on the following Sefer Torahs:

18	inches,	Russian,	finest	Kesiva	$165.00
20	"	"	"	"	140.00
22	"	"	"	"	200.00
18	"	Palestine	"	"	210.00
20	"	"	"	"	230.00
22	"	"	"	"	255.00

These prices include the Etz Chaim and the cover for the Sefer Torah.

We can also send you a special Etz Chaim made by a Yemenite Jew of the Bezalel School, for which there will be an extra charge. This Etz Chaim is made of the finest silver with filigree work on it. We made one of these for Judge Aaron J. Levy of New York.

This Sefer Torah can be sent you within a week or two after the receipt of your order.

Hoping to hear from you soon, we are

Yours very truly,

REZNICK, MENSCHEL & CO., Inc.

Per: J. Reznick

August 21st, 1928.

Mr. A. A. Benesch,
Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Benesch:-

I have another job on my hands.

A committee of the Geneva Jewish farmers was in to see me yesterday. They are in a great quandary. The Sefer Torah which they have had for some years and used in their services has been reclaimed by the Cleveland Congregation which loaned it to them. They must have a new Sefer Torah for the holidays.

A Sefer Torah will cost about $140. I myself, should be glad to contribute $25. to this fund. How shall we go about raising the rest of the money? We ought to have the amount in by the end of the month in order to procure the Sefer in time for the holidays.

Incidentally you might be interested in knowing that I gave them yesterday the fourth and last installment of the amount of $1000. which we promised them. I hope that next year they will be able to take care of the salary of their teacher without any appeal for aid.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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DONATIONS TO JEWISH FARMERS IN GENEVA

N. L. Dauby - - -	100.
Nathan Loeser - -	50.
E.L.Geismer - -	25.
Louis Stearn - -	25
Maurice Rohrheimer-	25.
Gus Keller - -	25.
C. L. Richman	100.
L. B. Koblitz	25.
Solomon Ulmer	50.
I. N. Stone	50.
I. F. Freiberger	50.
Maurice Maschke	50.
S. N. Weitz	10.
J. H. Miller	10.
Henry Spira	25.
Adrian Ettinger	25.
J. M. Ulmer	10.
W. J. Schoenberger	25.
R. H. Kohn	20.
Bert Keller	25.
S. M. Gross	25.
A. A. Benesch	50.
	$800.00

Sent to J. Golomb, Pres.

$100.	Dec. 5th,1927
200.	Jan. 3d 1928
200.	Jan. 31st 1928

1/10/28	Wm. C. Treuhaft	5.00
"	Henry A. Marks	10.00
1/10/28	Ben Lowenstein	10.00 ✓
1/16/28	Milton P. Altschul	15.00 ✓
2/13/28	Abraham Kollin	15.00

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My dear Rabbi Silver, -

I think you and I might go into the "schnorring" business as co-partners - or seem to "synchronize" -

For so happens that I received "100" the other day from Henry C. Richman for the Benevolent Community. as since a Sefer Torah is needed there, I know, I can offer no better use to which the "100" can be put. ~~attend.~~

Accordingly, I am enclosing the check herewith.

If you need more, please let me know. -

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours

A A Benesch

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August 23d, 1928.

Mr. A. A. Benesch,
Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Benesch:-

Thank you very much for your prompt and kindly cooperation. I have this day ordered a Sefer Torah from New York.

The Committee has invited me to spend Labor Day with them out on the farms. I wonder whether you and Mrs. Benesch would be free to come along. I have never seen the Jewish farms and I should love to get acquainted with the men out there.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

August 23d, 1928.

Reznick, Menschel & Co. Inc.,
40 Canal St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of August 20th.

I am purchasing a Sefer Torah for the Jewish farmers around Geneva, Ohio who need one. I would therefore request you to give me your best possible price. I will take the twenty inch Sefer Torah which you quote for $140. and would ask you to give us a discount. I assume from the contents of your letter that this will include the Etz Chaim and the cover.

Please send the Sefer at once to my address. Upon receipt of the bill from you I shall forward you a check.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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40 CANAL STREET
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PHONE: DRY DOCK 8216

August 29, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

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Dear Sir:

We take great pleasure in informing you that the Sefer Torah was already shipped to you, as per your order of Aug. 23, 1928, for which we beg to thank you.

We are enclosing herewith bill for same, and trust that you will be satisfied with the Sefer Torah.

Hoping to hear from you again, and thanking you for your kind patronage, we are

Yours very truly,

REZNICK, MENSCHEL & CO., Inc.

M. Reznick

August 31st, 1928.

Reznick, Menschel & Co.,
40 Canal St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith the bill which you sent me. Evidently there must be a mistake. The Sefer Torah which I ordered was priced $140. The price to include the cover and the Etz Chaim.

Please send a corrected bill and I will send you a check.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Oct. 10th,1928.

Mr. J. Golomb,
Geneva, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Gbbomb;-

I am pleased to advise you that we have packed for you a number of books and to ask that the next time that you are in the city, that you drop in to the Temple and get them.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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June 28th, 1929.

Jewish Farmer's Association
Geneva, Ohio.

Att: J. Flock

Gentlemen:-

You will find herewith enclosed a check for $15.00 from the Temple Women's Association in payment of 100 tickets for the picnic and bazar.

Very sincerely yours,

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July 8th, 1929.

Mr. B. Silverman,
8901 St. Clair Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silverman:-

Will you please advise me the number of tickets that you sent to Rabbi Silver for distribution for the Jewish Farmers Ass'n.'s picnic and Bazaar. You can reach me on the telephone at Cedar 0132 any time from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m.

Thanking you very kindly in advance, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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July 12th,1929.

Mr. J. Golomb,
Geneva, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Golomb:-

On June 28th The Temple Women's Association sent a check for $15 covering one hundred tickets for the Jewish Farmer's Association picnic to the Jewish Farmer's Association at Geneva, c/o Mr. J. Flock.

I am enclosing herewith Rabbi Silver's check for $30. which covers the remaining two hundred tickets.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

S. LIEBENTHAL
919 NATIONAL CITY BLDG.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

June 18th, 1930

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

Mrs Walter Goldsmith spoke to me regarding a Geneva Rabbi and asked if I would not contribute toward this fund.

I am pleased to enclose my check for $15.00 and Mrs. Goldsmith requested that I should mail the check to you.

With my kindest personal regards to you, I beg to remain, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

S. Liebenthal

June 19th,1930

Mrs. Joseph Gross,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Gross:-

I am enclosing herewith Mr. Sylvester Liebenthal's check for $15 as his contribution to the Geneva Farmers Fund.

Rabbi Silver has asked me to tell you that the moneys which we raise are not to be included in any Council fund. It is to be a Special Geneva Farmers Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

June 19th,1930

Mr. Sylvester Liebenthal,
919 National City Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Liebenthal:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of June 18th and for the check of $15 which you enclosed as your contribution to the Geneva Farmers Fund. I will see that your generous gift will reach the proper people.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Dear Rabbi Silver —

Mr. Peiser and I called to see you about the Geneva farmers matter —

You know of their inability to raise the money needed to take care of them entirely with their Rabbi Schochet — that is, among themselves —

What shall we do about it? Would you come to a joint meeting of Sisterhood representatives, Mr. Benesh, Rabbi Buckner and Council representatives to discuss this matter? —

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Mr. Benesch would like to have the meeting in the evening.

Would you please let me hear from you as soon as possible so that we may give the farmers an answer.

Sincerely

Bess E. Fishel.
1728 E 115

Garfield 3982

4 pm
Monday June 9
Council office

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THE CLEVELAND SECTION
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Lip. 25 families - all farmers
1 tradesman
2 " do not contribute & have no children in schools
51 children in classes
$1096.00 21 members contributed
100.00 Mr. Benesch raised
50.00 maximum individual contribution
$840.00 needed

Pay the Rabbi for full time work $41 per week - He goes from place to place & meets them in groups.

Mr. Wyman & Mr. Brody here from Geneva

June 10, 1930

3 yrs. have had Rabbi

$2100 - expense each year

Last year raised the entire sum

Will either raise the sum before they sign contract next year or will discon= tinue.

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TELEPHONE 36-354

TIFERETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION
713 PROSPECT ROAD
ASHTABULA, OHIO

ARTHUR LOUIS
PRESIDENT

JACOB B. GROSSMAN
RABBI

411 West 52nd Street
Ashtabula, Ohio
January 8, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

When I visited the Temple and met you at your office recently, I mentioned that some twenty-five years ago you took an active ~~part~~ interest in the Geneva Jewish agricultural community,

The few remaining Jewish families are now members of my congregation in Ashtabula. I would appreciate it if you could send me any additional information which you may have in your file. We are thinking of compiling a brief history of the Jewish community in Ashtabula County in connection with the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Jews in the United States.

Perhaps your secretary could take the trouble to get the information for me.

Let me at this time add my felicitations to the very many who have given you their good wishes on the many Simchas in your life at this time, - your 30th Wedding Anniversary; your 35th year with The Temple; and your birthday. May the years to come be years of happiness and continued fulfillment and achievment.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob B. Grossman

Jacob B. Grossman

P.S. I am enclosing an item in one of our bulletins which may interest you.

J.B.G.

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A bit of local History: At a recent visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Orkin of Geneva, they showed the Rabbi a panoramic picture of the Jewish farmers in Geneva. It was dated Sept. 3, 1928, a little more than 24 years ago. The center of the picture showed Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, who took an active interest in the community, and Dr. Gabriel Davidson, head of the Jewish Agricultural Society. Mr. and Mrs. Orkin pointed out the members of their families. It is quite evident that there was a substantial Jewish community in Geneva at that time, and we know that religious services were conducted in the area, even though some of the people expressed a national rather than a religious attitude.

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May 3, 1953

Rabbi Jacob B. Grossman
Tifereth Israel Congregation
411 West 52nd Street
Ashtabula, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Grossman:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter about the Geneva Jewish aggicultural community. I really have no records which would serve your purpose. I know that I visited the community a few times in the early years of my ministry. I know that we arranged to present that community with a Sefer Torah. From time to time members of the community would come in to consult me about their communal affairs.

The man who was very close to them is Alfred A. Benesch, an attorney in the Citizens Building in Cleveland, and he might be in position to give you additional information. Mr. Jules B. Flock of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, also might be able to assist you. His family owned a farm near Ashtabula for many years.

I want to thank you for your good wishes on the occasion of my anniversary.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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