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Geneva (Ohio) Farmers, including fundraising efforts for Jewish
farmers in vicinity of, 1927-1953.

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GEORGE W. SIMON, Western Manager

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.

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,

Asst. Western Manager.

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not pledged*

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November 23, 1927

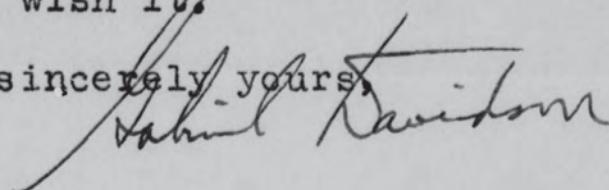
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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,



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,

AHS/IR

MOONEY, HAHN, LOESER & KEOUGH

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

NATIONAL CITY BUILDING

CLEVELAND December 10, 1927.

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

PARKER K. FULTON
MONROE A. LOESER
FRANCIS H. BEAM
FRANK G. MOONEY
IRA D. LUCAL
EUGENE H. FREEDHEIM

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

Dec. 23d, 1927.

Mr. Nathan 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/TR

MOONEY, HAHN, LOESER & KEOUGH

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

NATIONAL CITY BUILDING

CLEVELAND

December 31, 1927.

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

PARKER K. FULTON
MONROE A. LOESER
FRANCIS H. BEAM
FRANK G. MOONEY
IRA D. LUCAL
EUGENE H. FREEDHEIM

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.

I shall see if I can get you some additional

amounts.

Very truly yours,

Nathan Loeser

NL-K

Dec 5- 100

\$200⁰⁰

Sent to J Golomb
Jan 3-1928

ALFRED A. BENESCH

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

912 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BLDG.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

1-3-28.

My dear Rabbi Selver, -

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

Very sincerely yours
Alfred A. Benesch

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

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

NATIONAL CITY BUILDING

CLEVELAND January 3rd, 1928

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

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

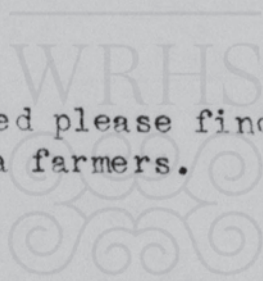
Enclosed please find check for \$25 from Gus Keller for
the fund for Geneva farmers.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Loeser

NL-K

2307 Chatfield Dr.



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

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ORGILL, MASCHKE & WICKHAM

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

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

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Sarners

January 10th, 1928.

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

My dear Mr. Treuhart:-

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
 L. B. Koblitz
 Solomon Ulmer
 I. N. Stone
 I. F. Freiburger
 Maurice Maschke
 S. N. Weitz
 — J. H. Miller
 Henry Spira
 Adrian Ettinger
 J. M. Ulmer
 W. J. Schoenberger
 R. H. Kohn
 Bert Keller
 S. M. Gross
 A. A. Benesch

\$100.00 - 1600 E 55th
 25.00 - 12349 Cedar Rd.
 50.00 - Ulmer Bldg
 50.00 - 14299 Superior Rd
 50.00 - Cleve Trust Co
 50.00 - Natl City Bldg
 10.00 - Leader Bldg
 10.00 - 2872 Washington Blvd
 25.00 - 2207 Ontario
 25.00 - 2580 W. St. James Pkwy
 10.00 - Ulmer Bldg
 25.00 - 10255 Harvard
 20.00 - Wade Pl Manor
 25.00 - 2258 Demington
 25.00 - ~~2825 Winthrop~~
 50.00 - See for Sav. Bldg. May Co.

550

Mme Trayhaft - \$5
 6700 Euclid



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CLEVELAND

January 13, 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 \$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 Mrs.)

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

J. GOLOMB

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GENEVA, O.

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GENEVA, O. Feb. 9/28

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Rev. M. S. Gleiberman

42 Tibbit St.

Geneva Ohio

מחבר: ד"ר יצחק שניידר

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ALFRED A. BENESCH

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

912 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BLDG.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

2-10-28

Dear Rabbi Linn, -

I enclose check of A. Kallin
(741 Society for Savings) for \$15.00, as his
contribution to the Religious School at
Geneva.

Sincerely yours

A. A. Benesch

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

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



בית מסחר ספרים

REZNICK, MENSCHEL & CO. INC.

BOOKSELLERS
Books of Jewish Interest

40 CANAL STREET
NEW YORK

PHONE: DRY DOCK 8216

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,

AHS/IR

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. Freiburger		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.
		<u>\$800.00</u>



Sent to J. Golomb, Pres.

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

1/10/28	Wm. C. Treuhart	5.00
"	Henry A. Marks	10.00
1/10/28	Bene Lowenstein	10.00 ✓
1/16/28	Milton P. Altschul	15.00 ✓
2/13/28	Abraham Rollins	15.00

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8-22-28.

My dear Rabbi Silver, -
I think you and
I ought to go into the "scholarship"
business as co-partners - or
simply to "synchronize" -
It so happens that I received
\$100.00 the other day from Henry
C. Richardson for the
Hebrew Community. Since
a Sefer Torah is needed there,
I know of no better use to which
the \$100.00 can be put.
Accordingly, I am enclosing
the check herewith.
If you need more, please
let me know.

With kindest regards, I am,
Cordially yours
R. A. Berman

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,

AHS/IR



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REZNICK, MENSCHEL & CO. INC.

BOOKSELLERS

Books of Jewish Interest

40 CANAL STREET
NEW YORK

PHONE: DRY DOCK 8216

August 29, 1928

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



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.

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,

AHS/IR

Oct. 10th, 1928.

Mr. J. Golomb,
Geneva, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Golomb;-

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

June 28th, 1929.

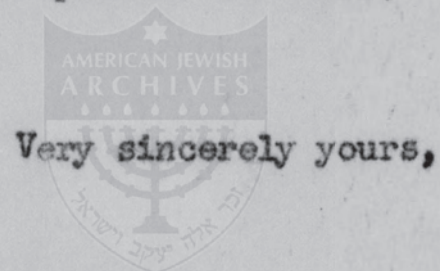
Jewish Farmer's Association
Geneva, Ohio.

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.

HL:FS



Very sincerely yours,

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

300

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

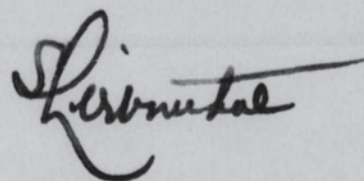
Dear Rabbi,

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. Lieberman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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,

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Dear Rabbi Glitz -

Mr. Peiser and I
called to see you about the
General Farmers matter -

You know of their inability
to raise the money needed to
take care of their contract with
~~the~~ Rabbi Schocher - that is,
among themselves -

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

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

Pess & Fishel -

1728 E 115th

Garfield 3982

4pm
Monday June 9
Council office

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Up. 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. Brady here from Geneva
June 10, 1930.

3⁴ 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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Ashtabula, Ohio
January 8, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

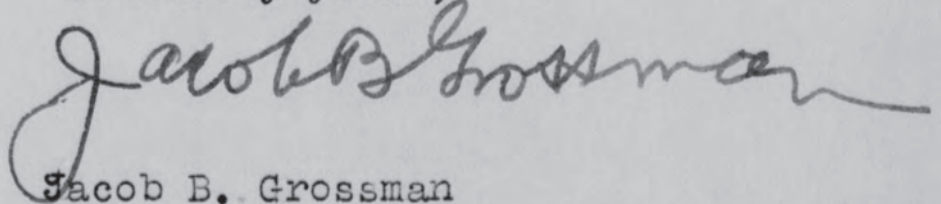
When I visited the Temple and met you at your office recently, I mentioned that some twenty-five years ago you took an active ~~part~~ interest in the Geneva Jewish agricultural community,

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 achievement.

Sincerely yours,



Jacob B. Grossman

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

J.B.G.

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.

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 agricultural 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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