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Hebrew Union College, 1918-1920.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

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CINCINNATI,

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

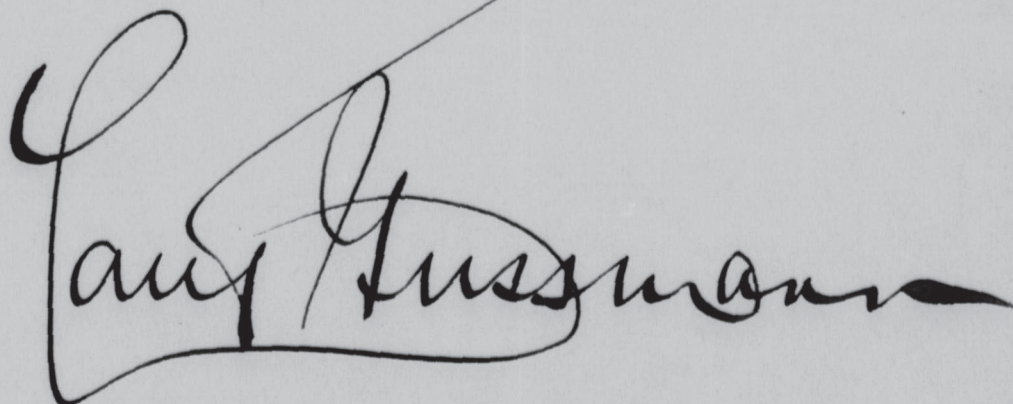
My dear Rabbi Silver :

As you know, we have been holding Summer Sessions of the Teachers' Institute at Cleveland for a number of seasons. We are now arranging for the season of 1918 and should like to have your suggestions as to Course of Subjects and such other matter as you may regard as important and conducive to making the session useful to the teachers. I am sending you at the same time with this a copy of last year's program which will inform you of the work that was done in 1917. I shall be obliged to you for your view as to what you think should be offered this year.

The aim of the Summer session is to afford the teachers of the Cleveland Religious Schools such academic help as will enhance their efficiency.

With sincere regards, Yours as ever,

February 21. 1918

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Louis Grossmann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.



# Hebrew Union College Monthly

CINCINNATI, OHIO April 8, 1918.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Hebrew Union College Monthly is planning to have its May number dedicated to our revered and beloved President Dr. Kohler on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday and in honor of the appearance of his new book on "Jewish Theology". We hope to publish a number that shall fully bespeak of the honored and lofty position Dr. Kohler occupies in the field of Jewish scholarship and learning.

I am therefore taking this opportunity to request of you the favor of an article of about 2000-2200 words on some phase of Dr. Kohler's activity. We are taking the liberty of asking this favor of you as a representative of the Alumni ordained by Dr. Kohler. We shall have an article on "Dr. Kohler-the Theologian", including a review of his book, by Dr. Schulman as well as a few other articles by members of the Faculty and representatives of the C.C.A.R.

Trusting that we shall be honored with a favorable ~~rep~~ reply, let me say that all contributions will have to be in by April 25th, so as to enable us to have the number ready by May 10th.

Assuring you of our appreciation, I wish to remain with personal greetings,

Most cordially yours

*Joseph E. Sales* Ass. Ed.



## Hebrew Union College Monthly

CINCINNATI, OHIO April 22, 1918

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

You doubtlessly must have received our communication of a few weeks ago in regard to the special Kohler number which we are going to publish next month in honor of his 75th birthday and on the occasion of the appearance of his recent book on Jewish Theology. We have ~~an~~ asked you to send us an ~~extra~~ article for the number as a representative of the alumni ordained by Dr. Kohler. As yet we have not heard from you. May we ask you to oblige us by submitting same before the end of this week so as to enable us to have the number out before the 10th of May.

Reassuring you of our profound appreciation, I wish to remain with personal greetings from myself and the other members of the Board,

Fraternally yours

*Joseph E. Sales*

Ass.Ed.



## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

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CINCINNATI,

My dear Rabbi Silver :

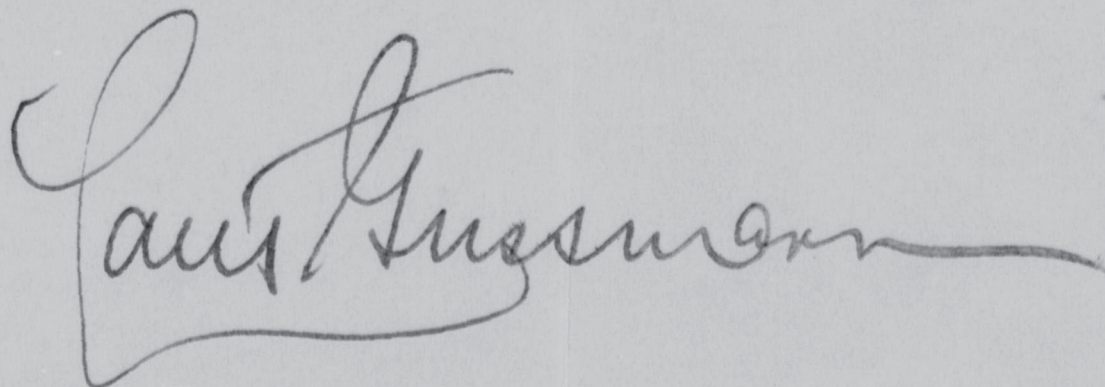
May I ask you to be kind enough to let me have, and that at once, the names and addresses of your teachers, so that we may be able to send them the Announcement of the Summer Session? It would be good, if you would also mark the Grades in which they teach respectively so that we could adjust our work for them. Also in what Grade those teach who are in the Public Schools. We should like also to know when your Public schools close, for we do not wish our work to conflict with the duties of the Public schools teachers.

It has been customary, as you may know, for some of the Professors to deliver Public Lectures in connection with their work at the Session, (or upon subjects requested for the purpose). What are your preferences, who and when and where? \*

I shall be greatly obliged to you for your full and immediate answer so that we may go at the work without delay.

With hearty regards, and sincere thanks in advance,

As ever Yours,



May 9. 1918



May 14, 1918

Dr. Louis Grossman  
Hebrew Union College  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Dr. Grossman:-

Enclosed please find a list of the names and addresses of the teachers as you requested. Our Public School will close on June 14.

I cannot at present think of subjects for the Public Lectures which you contemplate. I would leave that to your best judgment. The lectures as I understand will be held at my Temple and the open meetings may likewise be held here. Should the audience justify, we could use the main auditorium of The Temple, if not the Assembly.

With kindest regards I am

Very sincerely yours,



May 20, 1918

Mr. Alex Segal  
c/o Hebrew Union College  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Segal:-

Rabbi Silver directs me to write you. He is planning to be away from Cleveland part of the summer and would be glad to know whether you would be available to conduct the brief Saturday or Sunday service here at The Temple, as you used to do for Rabbi Gries a few years ago. For the last two years the service has been for one half hour duration on Sunday morning but may be changed back to Saturday. Will you kindly let Rabbi Silver know at your earliest convenience so that I may know how to plan,

Trusting that you are very  
well, I am

Sincerely yours,



low found in your report, which  
first chapter and add to them  
of adultery is prohibited to marry. Also that a woman divorced because  
of adultery is prohibited to marry. The correspondence in the case  
of adultery is prohibited to marry. Not in the opinion of R. Abbahu  
I would also state that in the opinion of R. Abbahu  
majority decision is against him. I would also state that  
the Rabbin abolished all the laws prohibiting marriages with  
certain nations as on the ground, that the inhabitants  
of those countries are no more the aborigines of the time of Moses.  
I have just given you a suggestion which I hope you will carry  
out. As to how to do it I have no doubt that you will give us  
as correct an exposition of the Rabbinic laws of prohibited marriages  
as you already did in report to the Biblical Commission.  
With kindest personal  
greetings, Yours truly,  
Johannes Zantzen



MAGAZINE FOR  
Philosophy and Science  
of Judaism

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TO BE ISSUED QUARTERLY

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Vol. I.

OCTOBER, 1918

No. 1.

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OUR PROGRAM.

The aims and functions of this Magazine are clearly expressed in its name:

MAGAZINE FOR PHILOSOPHY AND SCIENCE  
OF JUDAISM.

It is to be devoted to the cultivation of higher Jewish learning in all of its branches and aspects.

It sets out with the single-minded purpose of furthering and spreading the knowledge of Judaism.

This Magazine undertakes to serve no specific religious, political, or cultural party in Judaism. Its aim is rather to serve Jewry as a whole by paying equal attention to all disciplines of the vast field of Jewish learning from a purely and objectively scientific viewpoint—thus to serve that noble cause which is common and dear to all of us.

This will be carried on with the view to strengthening and steadying the system of Jewish thought, both in its theoretical outlook upon and in its practical organisation of life. No interpretation of Judaism will be denied the privilege of the floor at this forum,



so long as it will advance its cause, in defensive or offensive, as the case may be, with clean and honest weapons of scientific arguments. Criticism of that interpretation of Judaism for which the editor, as an individual, happens to stand, will be freely admitted. Such objective criticism will be made the occasion for clearing away mutual exaggerations and misconceptions.

Moreover, not only the opponents *within* will be treated on a basis of complete equality, but also those *without*. It will be one of the foremost tasks of this Magazine to submit articles of such a nature to competent authorities, (reformed or conservative, as the case may require), and to solicit their opinions to be laid down in essays written with the specific purpose of clearing up certain fundamental questions.

Such as are not able to express their questions and doubts in a systematically written up article, may send in their questions in the plainest form best suitable to them. These inquiries will be assigned to specialists for discussion in the Magazine.

This Magazine is conceived of as a clearing-house of knowledge of Judaism. It proposes to serve as a medium of communication between scholar and scholar, and between scholar and lay-reader.

Many a scholar preparing a book on a given subject often experiences great difficulty in limiting the volume of his publication. There are to every problem many side-issues that cannot feasibly be exhaustively treated in the book itself. And still, the full discussion of this or that detail is often in-



dispensable, if the author is to justify his attitude in the essential problems of his work. This Magazine, then, proposes to serve the scholar as a repository for preparatory work and as a medium through which he will be enabled to fortify his position before the scholarly world, without burdening his book with discourses not germane to his original problems.

As a mediating agency between scholar and lay-reader, the Magazine will serve by publishing summaries of scholarly books and essays prepared either by the authors themselves or by competent reviewers.

Another function of the Magazine, and one of foremost importance, will be the reawakening of the old spirit of Jewish scholarship among the rabbis. Many of the older rabbis, men of scholarly inclination and ability, would, no doubt, now and then, prepare and publish articles and essays on some scholarly Jewish topic. But, at present, there is no Jewish scientific periodical open to the discussion of all scientific questions and to all scientific views in Judaism. (In fact, such has not been in existence for the last half century, all Jewish scientific periodicals in that period, other than Hebrew, having been and being at present, avowedly conservative, barring certain views and the discussion of certain questions from publication,—from their point of view a legitimate procedure against which no complaint would be justified). Of course, there are some non-Jewish scientific periodicals which do accept contributions from Jewish scholars. But here, too, there is a large *noli me tangere*-area from which the Jewish author



must keep away at a respectable distance. And then, too, you cannot do full justice to the spirit of Judaism in a non-Jewish environment, even if it does not happen to be anti-Jewish.

To those rabbis and other Jewish scholars who even now, under the most unfavorable conditions, are doing their duty to the Torah, but have no open forum where they could give literary expression to the results of their labors, as also to those yet to be won for an intensified study of the Torah, the Magazine will create a new opportunity to activate their interest in the Science of Judaism.

To the younger generation of rabbis, again, the Magazine has the ambition of being a watchful educator, guiding them on the path leading to higher Jewish learning. They, as a rule at least, are in smaller congregations, and can give more of their time to the study of the Torah, in the widest modern sense of that term. Of course, not all rabbis are expected to do literary work. Even in ages most replete with Torah the majority of the rabbis confined themselves to practical duties, devoting themselves to studies only to the extent necessary to sustain and to increase their knowledge. Indeed, only a very small minority has produced works of a literary character, to say nothing of real literary value. But we must not close our eyes to the fact that many a young rabbi who is known to be well equipped for advanced studies, and who is expected to show continued interest in Jewish learning, has failed to display active ambition to realize the scholarly ideals of his student-days.



Here the Magazine will try to bring about a turn to the better. The young rabbi will be kept in friendly contact with specialists of recognized standing in the scholarly world, who will guide him in his advanced studies and help him develop to successful fruition any scholarly ability that may be in him.

To him, as also to those rabbis who may have no literary ambitions, the Magazine will serve as a source of instruction and inspiration.

The thus reawakened spirit of Jewish learning will bring about, as one of its beneficial effects, a higher appreciation of the Torah in the congregations and in the Jewish world at large. It will inspire the rabbis with the redeeming zeal for Jewish learning and Jewish wisdom, and it will disseminate the knowledge of God and of the Torah among the rank and file of the people.

Let there be more appreciation of the Torah, more of the old ideal of Jewish learning, more of that ardent love of the Torah which filled the souls and the hearts of our forefathers,—and there will be no difficulty about popularization.

The average intelligent Jewish reader with the right Jewish heart in his bosom will receive great benefit not only from popular scientific articles, but even from such as will contain text-investigations and technical details, most, or even all, of which he may have to miss. The very contact with higher Jewish learning in the modern sense of the term may still ennoble the life of the modern Jew as the old ideal of and reverence for the Torah ennobled the life of the Jew in former days.



MONROE A. ULLMAN

1612 EAST 115TH STREET N. E.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

November 8/18

Mr. A. H. Silver  
Cleveland, O.

11/16/18

My dear Rabbi.

Your of 4 inst. to hand, and in  
accordance to your request, in  
reply of Prof. Neumark, I herewith  
tender a check for the assistance  
in cultivating higher Jewish-  
learning.

With kind regards.

I am. Sincerely yours.  
Monroe A. Ullman.



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November 9th, 1918.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 55th St. & Central Ave.,  
City.

My dear Doctor:-

Enclosed please find my check for \$50.00  
in compliance with yours of October 25th.

You will please pardon the delay. I have  
been absent from town and upon my return, found so many things  
accumulated that I did not get a chance to attend to this before.

Please forward this check thru the proper  
channels and with my best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Louis N. Gross*

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November 16th, 1918

Mr. Louis H. Gross,  
Care The L. H. Gross Company,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Gross,

I desire to thank you for  
your prompt and liberal response to my  
appeal for funds to help defray the ex-  
pense of publishing the Jewish Quarterly  
edited by Prof. David Novmark.

Appreciating your willingness  
to co-operate, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Leopoldo*  
*[Signature]*

WRHS





November 16th, 1918.

Mr. M. A. Ullman,  
657 Deliver Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Ullman,

I desire to thank you  
for your prompt response to my appeal  
for funds to help defray the expense  
of publishing the Jewish Quarterly,  
edited by Professor David Newman.

Appreciating your willingness  
willingness to co-operate, I am

Very sincerely yours,



November 21st, 1918

Mr. Louis Hays,  
6925 Etnad Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hays,

I desire to acknowledge  
and to thank you for your prompt and  
liberal response to my appeal for funds  
to help defray the expense of publishing  
the Jewish Quarterly, edited by Professor  
David Hestmark.

Appreciating your willing-  
ness to co-operate, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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Nov. 23, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th & Central Ave.,  
City.

My dear Mr. Silver:-

Yours of the 22nd is received and contents noted. I enclose herewith my check for \$10.00 for Professor Davis Newmark's Jewish quarterly, which, to your mind, is a great-felt want in every Jewish household in America.

I hope and trust it will prove as such.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Sigmund Joseph.*

*J. Hill I have to read this?*



November 26th, 1918

Mr. Siegmund Joseph,  
632 St. Clair Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Joseph,

I desire to thank you  
for your prompt and courteous response  
to my appeal in behalf of the fund for  
publishing the Jewish Quarterly, edited  
by Dr. Neumark.

I beg to assure you  
that with your generous subscription there  
goes no compulsion to read the contents of  
each Quarterly, as that might be considered  
"returning evil for good".

Sincerely yours,



January 6th, 1919,

Dr. David Neumark,  
Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Neumark,

I hope that you will pardon the long delay in sending in to you the contributions which are enclosed with this letter. I have been waiting for some of the checks to come in and I have really not had the time to follow them up closely.

I am enclosing herewith checks to the amount of \$250.00. There may be a few more come in during the next few weeks. As soon as they reach me, I shall mail them to you.

I hope that you have had success in your undertaking, and that you have raised the full amount.

I do not know whether Rabbi Wolsey has sent in any subscriptions or not. The enclosed are from members of my Temple.

Wishing you the best of luck, I am with kindest regards to you and Mrs. Neumark,

Very sincerely yours,



JOURNAL OF JEWISH LORE  
AND PHILOSOPHY

836 ROCKDALE AVE

CINCINNATI, OHIO, January 10 1919

My dear Rabbi Silver

Yesterday afternoon I received your kind letter and checks to the amount of \$250—when I come to college (you know, I have no sessions on Wednesdays).

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your faithful cooperation. The first issue is almost done and I hope you will have it in your hands in a week or so, and I am sure you will like it, and you will continue to support it.

Mr. Pettinger is out of town, he is expected back towards the end of next week, and as soon as he returns I will transmit the checks to him, and he will make acknowledgement directly for the individual donors, as has been the custom here. But except for two or three the addresses of the donors are not on the checks. Please let me have the addresses as soon as possible, as we will need them to put them on our mailing list (the donors will get the Journal free, as long as their donation holds).

Now please think of your literary contribution. With kindest regards from all of us  
From Rabbi Wolsey I have not heard yet. Give him my regards. I expect his share will come in soon. Very sincerely yours  
D. Kenmark



## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

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HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI,

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver :

While you were here, I was not able, I am sorry to say, to confer with you on the subject of the Summer session of the Teachers' Institute. But Dr. Morgenstern tells me that he had a talk with you and that you expressed yourself favorably on the matter. I am glad to hear that and put all we have of the Teachers' Institute at your disposal most cheerfully. Let me know whom of the Professors you wish and what subjects you prefer your teachers to have this year and we shall arrange accordingly.

Dr. Lauterbach has expressed diffidence about his subjects and thinks that the Cleveland teachers have had enough of them. I doubt that for I know the people have spoken very appreciatively of what he gave them. Still, I am sure he will be glad if you will suggest a subject which you think would be acceptable and profitable from him.

Have you any preferences as to the time when the sessions should begin and end. There may be local conditions we should have to adjust ourselves to.

Please give me your full opinion .

The Announcemnt should go out without delay. Do you not think so? I am writing to Rabbi Wolsey at the same time.

Cordially Yours,

April 18.1919

*Louis Grossmann*



April 30, 1919.

Dr. Louis Grossman,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Grossman,

I had to delay the reply to your first letter in order to canvass my teaching staff to find out whether they desired the summer session of the Teacher's Institute this year. My teachers are very eager to have it again and the Secretary of Rabbi Wolsey's Temple informs me that more than half of their teachers wish to attend.

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
I would therefore suggest that you proceed with your arrangements. Inasmuch as Dr. Morgenstern and Lauterbach were here last year, I would suggest that you invite Dr. Englander and Dr. Deutsch to visit us this year.

I would furthermore suggest that the session be held as early in June as possible, preferably shortly after Confirmation.

With kindest regards, I am



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Cincinnati,

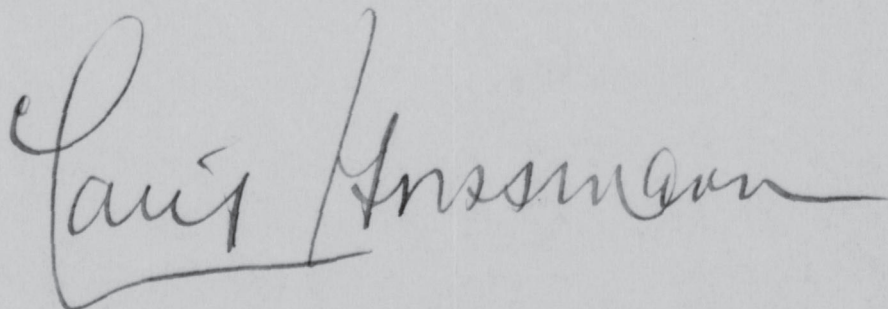
Jan. 24. 1920

My dear Rabbi Silver :

There is now quite a number of those who attended courses at the several Sessions we have held at the Teachers ' Institute in Cleveland and are entitled to the Diploma which the completion of the Course offers, and I am thinking of making the occasion of the award of the Diploma a Public Matter, as it should be. I wrote to Rabbi Wolsey about this and I am writing to you in the same spirit. What do you think of holding such a Public Graduation ceremony and where do you suggest it might be held ? We would come up to represent the Faculty at such a function and will be glad to have you co-operate. I shall be very grateful to you for your suggestions as well as co-operation. Please give it to us.

With hearty regards, Yours as ever,

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.





# TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

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*Cincinnati,*

Feb. 3. 1920

Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver :

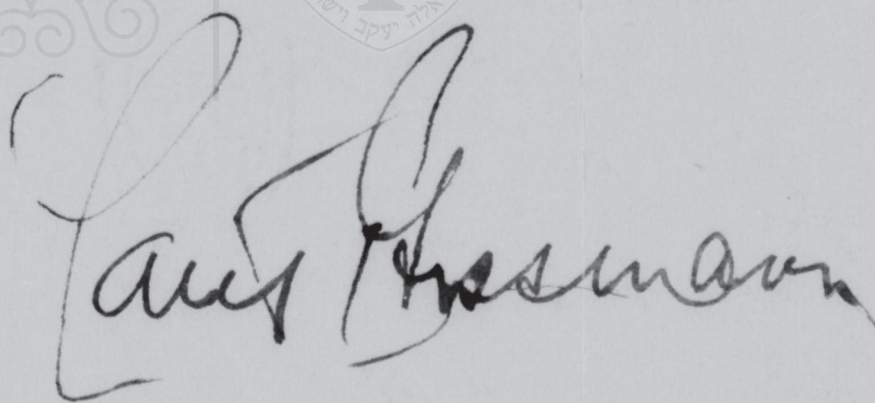
May I ask you to be kind enough to let me have  
the courtesy of your reply to my recent letter ?

You will oblige me, greatly.

The matter concerning which

I wrote should be attended to without further delay.

Cordially Yours,

  
Louis Grossmann



February 6th, 1930

Dr. Louis Grossman,  
Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Grossman,

Reply to your letters of January 24th  
and February 3rd has been delayed because of my  
frequent absence from the city.

Your idea of a public Graduation Ceremony and distribution of Diplomas is a good one. I would suggest that the exercises be held in conjunction with the next Graduation of the Normal School, which will be held, in all probability, the latter part of May. These exercises are held in connection with the regular Temple Service, either at Rabbi Wolsey's Temple or my own.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



# TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

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HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI,

My dear Rabbi Silver :

Two things today.

1. I suppose you agree with Rabbi Wolsey as to the Joint Graduation of your Normal Class graduates and those of the Summer Sessions of the Teachers' Institute. We are thinking of the 16th of May at your Temple. I hope this is agreeable to you. I propose to come to

Cleveland for the occasion and help in the Service and Program.

We three might deliver the addresses, after a Short Service, and one of the two Classes, a short Valedictory regarding the Teaching of Judaism, or on the interest of the Congregation in Jewish Education.

2. I suppose also, that it is satisfactory to you that we hold a Session of the Teachers' Institute in Cleveland in June, the dates under consideration being, June 18 to 27. Another week is suggested, that of July 4-10. But we here feel that the students would be more likely to attend on the earlier dates, and would be less available on the later. The Faculty of the Teachers' Institute wishes to be advised by you in the matter.

May I ask you to be kind enough to let me have your suggestions and advice at once, for the matter must be arranged and publicity secured without delay.

I shall be grateful to you.

Very cordially Yours,

*Louis Grossmann*

April 14.1920



April 18th, 1920

Dr. Louis Grossman,  
Hebrew Union College  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Grossman,

The arrangements which you are making for May 16th are quite satisfactory to me.

I would suggest that Rabbi Wolsey speak on The Normal School in his message, as I delivered the address last year, and that you speak on The Teachers' Institute.

May I suggest also, that neither speeches exceed twenty minutes in length, as our Service begins at 10:30 and closes promptly at 12 o'clock, and we must, of course, have our usual Sunday morning Service.

The Valedictory should be given by one of the members of the Normal School.

With reference to the Teachers' Institute, I believe that the dates, June 18-27 preferable to the latter date.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



**LITERARY SOCIETY**  
**Hebrew Union College**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio**

June  
Third  
1920.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

The Literary Society as you probably know, is a college organization which has in the past functioned as a forum, where prominent Cincinnatians have addressed the students. The time has now come, when this organization should enlarge its scope. It is the plan of the present administration to attract to the meetings of the Literary Society some of the leaders of Jewish and secular thought in this country. Thus the students will be enabled to meet personally the great personalities of the day. That this is vital and essential is unquestionable.

To realize this plan, a sum of five hundred dollars is necessary. We are appealing to ten of our alumni to aid us in securing the necessary funds. Could you help us in this most worthy project?

With thanks for your consideration, and appreciating a prompt reply, we are,

Sincerely yours

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

*Ferdinand M. Isserman*  
President.

P.S. Kindly address reply to  
F.M. Isserman,  
C/O Jewish Orphan Asylum,  
Cleveland Ohio.



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7. Act as Women's agency - to  
reveal capacities & human  
will -

WRHS





June 9th, 1920

Mr. Ferdinand M. Isserman,  
Care Jewish Orphan Home  
5000 Woodland Avenue, City.

My dear Mr. Isserman,

Referring to your letter of  
the third instant - I wish to say that if you  
succeed in securing the pledge of the necessary  
\$500.00, I shall be very pleased to give you my  
share of \$50.00.

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With kindest regards, I beg to

Very sincerely yours,