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Hebrew Union College, 1920-1921.

STONELEIGH COURT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 12/20

Br. Robt. Blair:

Upon my Rhine Mountain Road  
I find your kind message.

We have made a beginning of worthy  
effort and with the Brotherhood  
men like you may hope for worthy  
achievement

With every good wish  
Vance D. Chandler

Rabbi A.M. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
East 55 Street  
Cleveland

Ohio

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

— OF THE —

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI,

November 13, 1920

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
C/O Temple 55th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio  
My dear Mr. Silver:

I am writing to you as secretary of the Teachers Institute to inquire whether *a* session of the institute for next June will be desired. May I ask you to take up this matter with Rabbi Wolsley at your earliest convenience and with the other local Rabbis who may perhaps be interested in this work as for instance Rabbi Goldman. I am sending a copy of this letter to Rabbi Wolsley.

As you know the institute of last summer was not as successful as the institutes of previous years, probably due to a number of seasons into which we need not go. We are however loathe to allow this work which has in the past been so successful in your city to drop without making a determined effort to continue it with the success which attended our efforts in the past. We earnestly hope therefore that it will be your desire to go on with the work this summer and that it will meet with your approval if one of our staff would come to Cleveland on some favorable occasion in April or May to organize the work and make all necessary preparations while your schools are in session and your teachers could be most easily reached. Please let me hear from you frankly as to your opinion in this matter. With cordial greetings, I am as ever,

Faithfully yours,

*Julian Morgenthau*  
Secretary

JM/AF

Office: Wise Center Building  
Avondale, Cincinnati, O.  
Telephone Avon 4562

# K. K. Bnai Beshurun

PLUM STREET TEMPLE

Rabbi DR. LOUIS GROSSMANN  
Rabbi JAMES G. HELLER

Cincinnati, Ohio

March  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
55th & Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I do not know whether you have read that at the last meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College Dr. Kohler presented his resignation as President of the College. The probability seems to be that it will be accepted, that he will be made President Emeritus within a short time, and that therefore, there will be an immediate necessity for choosing his successor.

This letter is strictly confidential and is in no way intended to campaign for any person. I write to you as an individual, representing no organization, merely as one of the Alumni of the College who happens to be on the ground.

Dr. Englander, the present President of the Alumni Association feels himself, I know, unable for obvious reasons to take the necessary steps in this matter. But, unless some action be taken in the near future, there is more than a mere possibility that a President will be selected without previous consultation of the wishes or opinions of the Alumni.

In the present juncture of affairs this is a matter of the gravest import, which I am sure you will be among the first to recognize. This letter is being sent to a few of the Alumni whose opinion I wish to solicit as to the advisability and method of securing some expression of opinion on the part of all the Alumni of the College. This should be for the purpose of impressing upon the Board of Governors of the College that the Alumni feels strongly that the College cannot prosper in the future, cannot cope with the crucial situation that exists today in regard to the character and number of applicants for the Rabbinate, unless the cooperation of the Alumni is enlisted in the selection of a President.

Trusting to receive a reply from you in the near future, which will, of course, be considered entirely confidential, I am,

Yours fraternally,

JGH:AK

*James G. Heller*

SAMUEL S. MAYERBERG  
RABBI K.K.B'NAI YESHURUN  
DAYTON, OHIO

March 7th. 1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abe,

This letter is sent Special Delivery because it is of utmost importance. Dr. Kohler has retired as president of the College and the time is now ripe for us of the Alumni to express an opinion as to whom we want to succeed him in office. We have always kicked about the way in which the College has been run and I now call upon you as one of the truly big men in the ministry to get behind a movement which I am starting to go before the Board of Governors with a request that they put Julian Morgenstern at the head of the College to bring it where it ought to be.

I desire him to have the position not only because of my high regard for him but because I believe sincerely that he is the best man for the job. I believe he is the one to lead the College out of the present slough of inefficiency and negativeness and low spirituality in which it is now sunk deep and bring it to its proper and destined place of influence and leadership in shaping the destinies of American Judaism.

Dr. Morgenstern has served the College unselfishly and loyally for a dozen years when he might have accepted a pulpit at a large salary. He is a man universally respected and loved and he has become a scholar of note. It would indeed be a fortunate thing for the College if the Board elected him to follow Dr. Kohler. In addition it will incidentally break the Philipson domination of the College.

*Mann* Now this is what I ask of you Abe. Will you work in conjunction with men like Bettan, Sam Cohon, Tedesche and Magnin and myself (to whom I am writing with the idea of getting men to work who have graduated since Morgy came to the College) to communicate with the boys and crystalize sentiment for him so that at the Alumni meeting at the Conference we may present a resolution urging his election, or send such a resolution direct to the Board of Governors!

Abe, please accept this in the same spirit in which I write it and if you can, please help. It will mean much if you are back of it. With affectionate greetings and hopes for a speedy answer, I am as always,

*Sam*  
Gibbons Hotel  
Dayton, Ohio

March 9th, 1921

Rabbi Samuel S. Mayerberg,  
Gibbons Hotel,  
Youngstown, Ohio.

My dear Sam,

I am in receipt of your letter of March 7th and have received a letter from ~~Julius~~ Heller about the same thing.

I believe that the Alumni Association should be consulted in the matter of the selection of a successor to Dr. Kohler. It would, no doubt, at the present time be better to concentrate on this one idea, rather than on any candidate for the position, because, even among our Alumni, there is sure to be a difference of opinion. The Alumni should not be ignored, and I believe that the selection should not be left exclusively in the hands of the small group likely to be dominated by the personality to which you refer. Perhaps it would be most appropriate that a petition, signed by a large number of our Alumni, or a resolution to this effect be adopted at the next meeting of the Alumni Association.

I have long thought of the candidature of Dr. Morganstern, but I have not come to any definite opinion.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

March 9th, 1921

Rabbi James G. Heller,  
Wise Center Building,  
Avondale, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Heller,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March fourth. I have had a letter of similar import from Rabbi Mayerberg of Dayton.

I am entirely in accord with the thought that the selection of a successor to Dr. Kohler should not be left entirely with the Board, which may be influenced by one or another in its consideration.

The Alumni of the College should be consulted. I believe a resolution to that effect should be introduced at the next annual meeting of the Alumni Association and I should be very ready to endorse any such movement.

With kindest regards and trusting you are enjoying the work in your new field, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

# TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

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## HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

*Cincinnati*, March 11, 1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
55th St. & Central Av.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Silver:-

I am writing to you again in regard to the session of the Teachers' Institute, which we hope to hold in your city this summer as usual. We could begin this year's session on the day after Shabuoth, June 13th, and continue uninterruptedly for two full weeks. If we are to make the sessions the success that we hope it is not too early to begin to prepare for them now.

I have written to Wolsey also in regard to this matter. I hope that you two may get together at as early a date as possible and discuss this question. I have also put to him the question, which I wish to put to you, whether, in your judgment, it will be good and worth while for one of the members of our Faculty to come to Cleveland on some Sunday in April or May and meet with the teachers and discuss plans for the session. If, in the judgment of you and Wolsey, this seems good, one of us will be very glad to come up.

Kindly give this matter your careful and prompt consideration and let me hear from you in regard to it at as early a date as possible.

With warmest regards in which my dear ones join, I am, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

JM:DA

*Julian Morgenstern*  
SECRETARY.

CONGREGATION K. K. B'NAI YESHURUN  
SAMUEL S. MAYERBERG, RABBI  
DAYTON, OHIO

March 24, 1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear friend and Colleague:

Believing that you will take this letter in the spirit in which it is written, I take the liberty of addressing you upon a subject very dear to my heart and in which I am sure you will agree with me.

Dr. Kohler, after many years of devoted service to the College has retired and his successor is soon to be appointed by the Board of Governors.

Now is the time for the Alumni of the College to express their opinion as to who shall be the next president of the College, and I believe that the Board will welcome a suggestion from the members of the Alumni, as to whom it shall appoint.

It is to this end that this letter is written. I am sure that those, who graduated since Dr. Morgenstern took up his work on the Faculty of the College will agree with me that he is the man best suited to head the College, to lead it from its present slough of inefficiency and low spirituality in which it is now sunk so deep to the exalted pinnacle which it is destined to occupy in the life of American Israel. I realize to the full that there will be several other aspirants to the presidency of the College and I have no doubt that the men who desire the office are all of them capable and splendid gentlemen but I know of no man in the country who is so well deserving of this high honor in points of service already rendered and from the viewpoints of scholarship and executive ability, as is Dr. Morgenstern.

You will bestow a great service upon the College and you will be expressing a spirit of appreciation for Dr. Morgenstern's fine abilities if you immediately sign the enclosed resolution and mail to me.

With sincere regards and cordial greetings, I am,

*Samuel S. Mayerberg*  
Gibbons Hotel,  
Dayton, Ohio.

To whom it may Concern:-

I, the undersigned, hereby grant to Samuel S. Mayerberg, the privilege of signing my name to a copy of the appended resolution, to the original of which I have attached my signature.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas,

Dr. Julian Morgenstern, an Alumnus of the Hebrew Union College, has, served that institution most capably, unselfishly and loyally for twelve years and

Whereas, Dr. Morgenstern possesses great scholastic accomplishment and an executive ability of rare and high degree and

Whereas, Dr. Morgenstern has earned the devotion of every right thinking student since his term began on the Faculty, and is universally respected by Scholars and laymen at large and

Whereas the presidency of the College is about to become vacant through the retirement of our venerable and beloved friend, Dr. Kaufman Kohler, and,

Whereas, we earnestly believe that Dr. Morgenstern is the one man above all others, pre-eminently fitted to succeed to the presidency of the College in order to bring our beloved institution to the high pinnacle it should occupy in the life of American Judaism.

Therefore be it resolved by the undersigned Alumni of the College that the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College at its meeting in Washington in April 1921, pass this resolution endorsing Dr. Julian Morgenstern as the next president of the College and that a petition be forwarded immediately to the Board of Governors of the College earnestly requesting <sup>it</sup> to select Dr. Morgenstern as the successor to Dr. Kohler.

Respectfully submitted,

File this copy for reference.

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Respectfully submitted,

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March 24th, 1921

Dr. Julian Morgenstern,  
Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Morgenstern,

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter. I have been out of the city a good deal of the time.

I had a talk with Rabbi Wolsey a day or two ago about the Summer Session of the Teachers' Institute. We will be pleased to have you come to us again this year. I believe that a visit from some member of the Faculty, on some Sunday in April or May, is highly advisable. It would give your representative an opportunity to learn just what the Teachers would like to have presented to them during the session.

If you will let me know definitely when you are coming, I shall make necessary arrangements.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ISAAC BLOOM, SECRETARY  
P. O. BOX 266



ALFRED M. COHEN  
PRESIDENT

Cincinnati, April 4, 1921.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

You probably know that the number of graduated Rabbis in the United States is far less than the number of Communities that need spiritual leaders. This unfortunate condition is becoming more and more accentuated. At present scores of congregations are applying to the authorities of the Hebrew Union College for graduates to fill their pulpits, with scarcely any hope that their appeals will be satisfactorily answered. New congregations are being organized and these too cry out for men fit to lead them. Thus the situation is indeed acute. Relief can come from one direction only. More men must be educated for the sacred office which you honor, and none are as well qualified to find, encourage and help prepare youths to enter the Hebrew Union College, as those who are now active in the Rabbinical profession.

Every community in which there is a Rabbi and a religious school holds within it at least one youth, who if properly inspired and directed, will look with favor on the prospect of becoming a minister in Israel. Obviously the Rabbi by reason of his position, is best qualified to know who of the boys and youths coming under his observation give promise for usefulness in the calling to which he is giving the best that is in him.

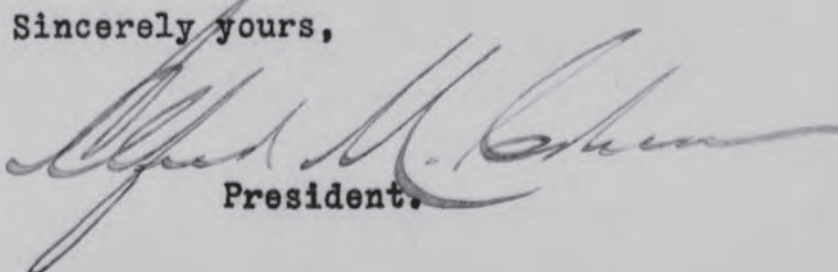
The Hebrew Union College is able, willing and anxious to care for additional students. It is its duty to do so. To you the merits of the institution need not be told. The Board of Governors asks your assistance and cooperation in the direction of recommending at least one student, worthy, especially as to character, of being prepared for the ministry.

In a discussion of the subject matter of this letter, at a recent meeting of the Board of Governors, Dr. William Rosenau acquainted his fellow members with the method he is at present pursuing to attain the end in view. He was requested to state in writing what he had expressed verbally, and I have the honor to attach hereto Dr. Rosenau's communication. It may be of assistance to you in your endeavor to comply with this urgent appeal which is being addressed to the members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis by Order of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.

With expressions of personal esteem, and asking the favor of an early response, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple, E. 55th & Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

  
President.

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WILLIAM ROSENAU  
RABBI  
EUTAW PLACE TEMPLE  
RESIDENCE: 1515 EUTAW PLACE  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Board of Governors, Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

At the last meeting of your Honorable Body, the necessity of the preparation of young men for entrance into the Hebrew Union College was discussed. The statement was made that Rabbi George Zepin, Secretary of the Synagogue and School Extension Department of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, had suggested that it might be well for Rabbis thruout the United States to give such instruction in the advanced classes of their religious schools as to fit the young men preliminarily for training for the Jewish ministry.

While personally I consider this a step in the right direction, I called attention, at the last meeting of your Honorable Body, to plans I am making at the present time to obtain young men in Baltimore for the Student Body of the Hebrew Union College.

The plans are these:

I advertised in the Jewish Press of our city the following:-

"Rabbi William Rosenau of the Eutaw Place Temple will be pleased to have all young men desirous of preparing themselves for the Rabbinate, communicate with him at an early date. Dr. Rosenau personally will give the instruction necessary for entrance into our theological seminaries."

In this connection I might state that before I prepare anyone I endeavor to find out by an examination of the young man's antecedents and his ideals as to whether he is fit to enter the calling of the Rabbi. Again I should like to observe that in preparing boys I ignore entirely previous attainments and follow the curriculum of the Hebrew Union College as published in the latest catalogue of the Institution, advancing from grade to grade in my instruction. Moreover, I prefer to train such men who have gone thru or are about to complete the high-school, inasmuch as I would rather send students of more matured minds to the Hebrew Union College than boys of 14 or 15 years of age. The reasons are certainly apparent to you without specification on my part.

It is my intention to send two boys to Cincinnati—who have already applied—either September 1st, 1921, or at the latest, September 1st, 1922. They are University students and will, I hope, be sufficiently prepared to enter either the first collegiate or second collegiate class.

What I am doing in Baltimore can easily be done in other communities. Thus can be solved the important problem so frequently asked: "How shall we increase the Student Body of the Hebrew Union College and supply pulpits with Rabbis which must of necessity remain vacant unless the Hebrew Union College graduates Rabbis in sufficient numbers from year to year?"

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) WILLIAM ROSENAU

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

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HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, April 8, 1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Silver,

Yours of the 24th reached me just as I was leaving for Baltimore to attend the annual meeting of the American Oriental Society. I returned only a few days ago, and since then have been trying to catch up with my correspondence. This accounts for my delay in replying to you, which, I trust, you will pardon.

I am delighted that Cleveland will have another session of the Institute this summer, and also that you approve of the plan of having one of the members of the Faculty come up some Sunday to meet with the teachers and arrange matters in the most constructive way possible. I have written to Dr. Grossmann, the Principal of the Institute in regard to this, and am now awaiting word from him, stating his idea as to who shall come up for that purpose.

Inasmuch as the Conference and Pessach come so close together, we will have to postpone this visit until some Sunday in May, probably either the 8th or the 15th, whichever is most agreeable to you and Rabbi Wolsey. Meanwhile if you have anything further to suggest in regard to either this visit or the Institute itself, I shall be happy to hear from you, or, if you will be at the Conference next week, we may get together for a short while and talk matters over. Perhaps you have in your mind some ideas as to the courses which would be most profitable.

Trusting that I may see you in Washington next week, and with warmest regards, in which my dear ones join, I am, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

*Julian Morgenstern*

764 Greenwood Ave.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

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HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, May 5, 1921.

My dear Silver,

Ever since I received your letter some weeks ago, I have been trying to arrange to come to Cleveland to meet with your teachers and those of the other schools. But I have been away on some lecture trip or something similar every Sunday for the last six or seven weeks, and this has prevented my coming, and nobody else seems to be willing to undertake this task.

Moreover Wolsey was here last week and talked the matter over with Englander, and expressed the opinion that it was unnecessary for any one to come up, for it would be impossible for him to meet with the teachers of more than one school on a Sunday morning, and of course this would help little. I still think that it would have been a good thing, but under the circumstances, feel it best not to come up in person, but to arrange everything by correspondence as in the past.

H May I ask you therefore, to please send me at your very earliest convenience, the names and addresses of your present teaching staff, and also of any others upon whom you may have your eye as teaching possibilities, or who may be in any way interested in this work. Also please ascertain from your teachers what time in June, after the 15th, will be best for the Institute, and what professors they prefer to have come this year, and what courses they would like to have. We can come at any time after June 15th and stay for a full two weeks, since this year the Conference will not interfere.

I would also be greatly obliged if you would get in touch with Rabbi Goldman, and any other local rabbis, who you think, might be induced to cooperate in this work and have their teachers attend our sessions, and extend them a cordial invitation to do so. I shall write to Rabbi Goldman myself, and if you will send me the names of other rabbis who might be interested, I shall write to them also personally, and invite them from this end.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. With very best regards, I am, as ever,

Faithfully,

*Julian Morganstern*



# Congregation

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DAVID STERNBERG, TREASURER  
I. DINKELSPIEL, SECRETARY

May 11th, 1921.

Dear Colleague:

At the recent annual meeting of the Alumni at Washington, D. C., a communication from Mr. A. M. Cohen, President of the Board of Governors, requesting the cooperation of the Alumni in the matter of selecting a successor to Dr. Kohler was discussed and the following action was taken. A committee of three, Rabbis Wolf, Witt, and Fineshriber were elected, and were instructed to obtain the preference of each alumnus for president of the H. U. C., and if it prove agreeable to the Board of Governors, to sit in an advisory capacity with the Board Committee entrusted with the task of recommending a successor to Dr. Kohler. Mr. A. M. Cohen wrote to the Secretary of our Association last Saturday, May 7th, expressing the satisfaction of the Board at this arrangement.

There is need for immediate action in this matter, because it is imperative that this committee be informed of your choices before the Board Committee meets, and especially before the U. A. H. C. meeting at Buffalo. Please write at once or wire the names of the men you consider best fitted for the Presidency of the H. U. C. in the order of your preference. Name two or three, but only those who are known to be receptive candidates. Mail or wire your replies immediately on receipt of this letter to the chairman, W. H. Fineshriber, 1241 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Cordially,

Horace Wolf,  
Louis Witt  
W. H. Fineshriber.

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HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, May 13, 1921.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Silver,

I am happy to be able to inform you that at last we have practically completed all the details for the coming session of the Teachers' Institute in Cleveland. Dr. Englander and I will conduct the courses this year. I am not able to announce the titles of the courses we will offer, for he is out of the city right now. But he will be back tomorrow, and I will take up the matter with him then, and will communicate them to you early next week. My own courses are, of course, somewhat contingent upon what he may decide to give.

The sessions will begin upon Wednesday, June 22nd, and will continue through the 30th, or possibly even later, should it be desired. We have been informed by Rabbi Wolsey that the public schools will be closed and that the picnics of the two schools will be over on the 21st; so if we begin on the 22nd, there will be nothing to interrupt our work or mar the promise of success of the session. Will you please let me know whether these dates meet your approval also.

I want to put another matter squarely before you. Our experience during past years has demonstrated conclusively that the location of the Euclid Ave. Temple is more central and better suited to the needs and conveniences of our students than is the present location of your Temple. Of course, after the new Temple is built, conditions will be altogether different. But for this year we deem it most conducive to the success of the session, if all meetings can be held in the Euclid Ave. building. We have also learned that it is unwise to meet for one week in one place, and then to shift to the other place for the second week. So that the wise thing will be to meet this year altogether at the Euclid Ave. Temple, and then, when your new Temple is completed, meet in alternate years in each Temple. I am sure that you will understand this situation and realize its wisdom and that we wish above all else not to seem to slight you congregation. I would greatly appreciate a word from you stating frankly your own opinion in regard to this. We shall be happy to act upon it, now that we have stated the results of our own experience.

May I request you to give these matters your prompt consideration, and let me hear from you at once, so that we can prepare our circulars and get in touch with the teachers of the various schools through them.

With very best regards, in which my dear ones join, I am, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

*Julian Morgenstern*

C O P Y

May 19th, 1921

Dr. Julian Morgenstern  
Hebrew Union College  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Morgenstern,

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of the 13th. I was out of the city most of the time.

I am glad to learn that you and Dr. Englander are coming here to conduct the courses of the Teachers' Institute.

The dates which you have selected are perfectly satisfactory.

I have given consideration to the suggestion with reference to the place of meeting. We have, however, been using our East End Extension during the past year, a building on our Temple building site, on East 105th Street and Ansel Road, near Euclid, for our Board Meetings, Clubs &c. It is very accessible and very convenient. ~~There is no reason why this could not be continued for class~~ ~~work.~~ You could, therefore, have the sessions either entirely there or partially there. You realize, do you not, that we cannot shut down our activities because our present Temple location is inconvenient. Our activities during the year have shown no decrease because of the location of our Temple.

Trusting to have the pleasure of seeing you soon, I beg to remain, with kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,

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CINCINNATI, May 21, 1921.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Silver,

I was pleased to receive this afternoon your special delivery letter, and to note its contents. I am glad to know that you are pleased that Dr. Englander and I will hold this year's Institute courses in Cleveland, and that the dates selected are satisfactory.

As for the place of meeting, it shall be as you suggest. I did not know of your place on E. 105th St. I am sure that will make a very convenient and satisfactory location. I therefore propose that we hold the first week's sessions at the Euclid Ave. Temple, and those of the second week in the rooms of your 105th St. building. I shall so announce it upon the bulletin, which we will have printed and distributed this week.

I hope that you will still be in Cleveland when we come there, so that we may enjoy a few hours together. It will be a pleasure to see you again.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

*Julian Morgenstern*

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RABBI A H SILVER

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The Class of 1921  
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## **Courses of Extension Lectures**

**The Aim—The Purpose of the Courses** of Lectures in the Extension Department of the Teachers' Institute of the Hebrew Union College is twofold. It aims:

1. To assist teachers in Religious Schools, who are already engaged in teaching; and
2. To prepare students for competent teaching in Religious Schools by affording them opportunity for systematic study.

There is a great need, throughout this country, of trained and competent teachers in our Religious Schools and the Extension Courses of the Teachers' Institute are designed to meet that need, and it is hoped that the Jewish Congregations and communities will avail themselves of the opportunity which the Teachers' Institute now offers.

The Courses of Lectures are meant for those who teach and for those who wish to teach. It is a matter of prudence and foresight to provide for capable substitutes and successors, in the teaching staff of the Religious Schools, so that the work of the schools may suffer no interruption.

The Faculty invites the co-operation of all Rabbis and Superintendents of Religious Schools to further this work.

Congregations and Communities are requested to select Courses of Lectures and to indicate their choice at the earliest moment.

The Courses of Lectures of the Extension Department of the Teachers' Institute is based upon the Course of Study of the Teachers' Institute at Cincinnati.

## Departments in the Course of Study

The **Departments in the Course of Study** of the Teachers' Institute of the Hebrew Union College are:

1. Pedagogy, History of Jewish Education and Jewish Ethics.
2. History of the Bible and Biblical History before the Exile.
3. Biblical History after the Exile.
4. Post Biblical History to Modern Times.
5. Judaism, its Doctrines and Institutions.
6. Hebrew.

## Certificates and Diplomas

A **Certificate** will be awarded upon the completion of a Course in a Department and the presentation of satisfactory evidence that the applicant has attended the lectures, has done the prescribed collateral reading and has passed a satisfactory examination.

**Diploma**—The possession of Certificates of all the Courses in the curriculum of the Teachers' Institute will entitle the holder to a **Teachers' Diploma**, as Teacher in Religious Schools.

Applicants for a Diploma must satisfy the Faculty as to their academic qualifications.

Students who have attended a Course of Lectures and wish to do further work in the subject may register in a Continuation Course, under the direction of the respective Professor.

Work done in such a Continuation Course will be credited toward the obtaining of a Certificate, upon the recommendation of the Professor.

Detailed information as to the requirements of work **after the Lecture Sessions** may be obtained by consultation with the Professors of the respective Departments.

## **Courses on Pedagogy and Practice in Teaching**

BY DR. LOUIS GROSSMANN

The Stories of the Bible and their educational content.

The Art of Story Telling, with reference to the use of the Biblical stories in the Religious School.

The Methods of Organization of Religious Schools.

The Meaning of Discipline in Religious Schools.

School Management.

The Methods of Preparation of a Lesson.

Child Religion and the Teacher.

Child Needs and Child Interests.

The Child and the Class.

The Development of Child Religion and Child Morality.

The History of Jewish Education.

The Work of a Superintendent.

The Equipment of a Religious School.

The Social Service Work in the Religious School.

Model Lessons and Practice Work.

# Courses in Jewish History, Literature, and Apologetics

BY DR. G. DEUTSCH

## COURSE 1: JEWISH HISTORY

1. The Reconstruction of Judaism, 70-200. Johanan Ben Zakkai, Gamaliel II, Eliezer Ben Hyrcanus, Akiba, The Bar Kochba Rebellion, 132-135, The School of Akiba, Judah Hanasi and the Compilation of the Mishnah.

2. The Settlement of the Jews in the New States of Europe, established on the Soil of the Old Roman World-Empire, Italy, Spain, France, and Germany, 400-1000.

3. The Era of Persecutions, 1096-1492. Summary of the most important charges against the Jews, Ritual Murder, Host Desecration, Well - Poisoning, Usury. Poland, the Haven of Refuge.

4. Leading Literary Characters of Medieval Judaism, Rashi, 1040-1105, Abraham Ibn Ezra, 1092-1167, Maimonides, 1135-1204.

5. Modern Judaism, 1791-1917. Political Emancipation, Educational and Religious Reforms. Jews in Literature, Art and Public Life.

## COURSE 2: JEWISH LITERATURE

Mishnah, Talmud and Midrash.

The Period of the Geonim. Legal Literature. Synagogal Poetry. Beginnings of Mysticism and Religious Philosophy. Eldad Hadani and the Oldest Karaite Authors.

The Spanish Period. Grammarians. Philosophers. Bahya, Judah Halevi and Gabirol.

Maimonides.

The Exegetical School. Rashi. Abraham Ibn Ezra, David Kimhi.

Mystic Literature. Nahmani. Zohar. The Renaissance. Reuchlin and the Christian Hebraists. Elijah Levita, Dei Rossi and Leon Modena.

The Codes. Shulhan Aruk. Prominent Rabbinical Authors. Isserles. Isaiah Horwitz.

The latest Rabbinical Literature. Jakob Emden, Ezekiel Landau. Elijah Wilna. Moses Sofer. Jacob Ettlinger. H. H. Medini. I. J. Reines.

Moses Mendelsohn and his school.

The "Wissenschaft des Judenthums." Zunz. Steinschneider. Graetz. I. H. Weiss. Isaac Halevy.

Reform and Orthodoxy in their Literary Representatives with special reference to America.

The Ghetto Novel. Prominent Jewish Poets. Neo-Hebraic Literature.

### COURSE 3: APOLOGETICS

1. General introduction into apologetics. Judaism in its fight against attacks by Greek philosophy. Philo and Josephus.

2. Talmud and Midrash as source of Jewish apologetics.

3. Medieval apologists in the defense of Judaism. Disputations with Christians. Literature on the subject. Maimonides. Nahmani. Crescas. Joshua. Lorki.

4. Period of emancipation. Orthodox rabbis in defense of Judaism. Jacob Emden. Ezekiel Landau. Hirschel Levin. Eleazar Fleckeles. Liberal apologists. Moses Mendelssohn, David Friedlander. Christian apologists Grégoire and Dohm.

5. The modern anti-Semitic movement from its religious and its racial aspects. Houston Stuart Chamberlain, Friedrich Delitzsch, Adolf Harnack and his Jewish opponents. Christian apologists of Judaism, Schleiden, Franz Delitzsch, Herman Strack, and others.

6. The Russian Hebrew literature in defense of Judaism, especially Isaac Baer Loewinsohn.

7. Specimens of rabbinical literature illustrating false principles of apologetics.

## **Courses in the History from the Babylonian Exile to the End of the Jewish State**

BY DR. HENRY ENGLANDER

**Course 1:** The Literature of the Exilic and Post-Exilic Period. This course consists of readings from the prophetic and historical books produced during the Exile and after. The most significant passages and chapters are read and discussed in the class room; the historical bearing and religious implications in each passage or books are set forth. The student is thus given the historical background of a number of books of the Bible. Students taking this course are required to bring a copy of the Bible in English to the class room.

**Course 2:** The Wisdom Literature of the Bible—Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes. The character, contents and composition of these books are set forth. Selections from each are read, illustrating style and principal themes. A copy of the English Bible is required in the class room for this course.

**Course 3:** Jewish History from the Babylonian Exile, 538 B. C. E. to the Destruction of the Second Temple, 70 A. C. E.

This course is subdivided into five sub-divisions, as follows:

- (a) The Babylonian Exile, 586-538 B. C. E. The several Jewish centers during this period. The religious effects of the loss of Temple and land. The literary activity produced by the Exile.
- (b) The Persian Period, 538-332 B. C. E. The restoration of the Jewish State Temple. The respective activities of Ezra and Nehemiah. The Men of the Great Synagog. The new Community of Israel.
- (c) The Early Greek and Early Maccabean Period, 332-142 B. C. E. The influence of the presence of Greek life and thought on the Jews in Palestine and in Egypt. The changing political conditions of the Jewish State. The events that led to the Maccabean uprising. The Maccabean Struggle for religious independence.
- (d) The Later Maccabean Period, 142-63 B. C. E. Attainment of political independence. The succeeding generations of Hasmonean Rule. The rise and influence of the Pharisees, Sadducees and Essenes. The makers and leaders of the Oral Law.
- (e) The Roman Period, 63 B. C. E.—70 A. C. E. The decline and death of Hasmonean Rule. The reign of Herod. The Schools of Hillel and Shammai. The growing discontent with Roman Rule. The rule of the Roman Procurators. The situation of the Jewish Community in Alexandria, Egypt. Rebellion and war with Rome. Destruction of the Jewish State and Temple. The rise of Christianity and its relation to Judaism in the first century of the common era.

# **Courses in Talmud, Jewish Ceremonies and Institutions of Judaism, and the Jewish Calendar**

BY DR. JACOB Z. LAUTERBACH

**Course I. The Talmudic Period**, with special reference to the historic development of Judaism and the origin of Jewish religious institutions and practices.

This course comprises the following lectures:

- (1) General survey of the important political events and the changes and the developments in the religious and cultural life of the Jews, which took place during this period.
- (2) The activities of the "Men of the Great Synagogue," or the Soferim.
- (3) The Transition period, i. e., the period after the Men of the Great Synagogue up to the time of the formation of the two parties, Sadducees and Pharisees.
- (4) The Sadducees.
- (5) The Pharisees.
- (6) The Jewish Bible according to Tradition, dealing with the history of the canon of the holy Scriptures, its arrangement and its use in the Synagogue.
- (7) The Literature of the Talmud.

## **Course II. Jewish Institutions and Ceremonies.**

This course comprises four lectures:

- 1) Origin and history of the Synagogue. 2) Ceremonies in the Synagogue. 3) Ceremonies in the Home. 4) Ceremonies at special occasions.

### **Course III. The Jewish Calendar.**

This course deals with the peculiar arrangement of the Jewish Calendar, the Jewish year, the Jewish month, the Jewish week, and the mode of reckoning of each one of these time-divisions and the religious observances connected with and depending on the seasons and special periods of time.

## **Courses in the History of Israel During the Biblical Period**

BY DR. JULIAN MORGENSTERN

### **Course I. A Jewish Interpretation of Genesis** (twenty lectures in four courses):

1. The pre-Abraham Stories; Genesis I-XI (five lectures).
2. The Abraham Cycle of Stories; Genesis XII-XXV (five lectures).
3. The Jacob Cycle of Stories; Genesis XXV-XXXVI (five lectures).
4. The Joseph Cycle of Stories; Genesis XXXVII-L (five lectures).

### **Course II. The Prophets of Israel: A Study of the Origin and Historic Evolution of the Jewish Religion** (forty-two lectures in seven courses).

1. The Origin and Early History of Prophecy (six lectures).
2. Amos and Hosea (six lectures).
3. Isaiah and Micah (six lectures).
4. Jeremiah and the Deuteronomic Code (six lectures).
5. Ezekiel and the Priestly Legislation (six lectures).

6. Deutero-Isaiah and the Universalistic Tendency in Judaism (six lectures).
7. The Minor Prophets of the Post-Exilic Period; the Decline of Prophecy; Its Successors (six lectures).

**Course III. The Book of Daniel and Apocalyptic Literature** (six lectures).

**Course IV. Psalms: An Interpretation of Selected Psalms** (six lectures).

The above courses of lectures are so arranged that a course of five or six lectures constitutes a unit of work at a session of the Teachers' Institute. Courses I and II should be taken in the order indicated.

To secure Courses and dates address your communication to Dr. Louis Grossmann, Principal of the Teachers' Institute of the Hebrew Union College.

In view of the large number of schools, applications for the Lectures should be made at once. Dr. Grossmann will arrange for the Lectures, immediately after receipt of a request for them.

The Courses of Lectures are free and at the disposal of all communities. This is made possible because of the policy of the Teachers' Institute. It makes no charges for the Lectures and offers tuition free to all students.

The Menorah Journal is now the only national Jewish magazine. It is in its seventh year. It has won a national prestige. The biggest men in Europe and America look upon it as the only single means of reaching the thinking men and women of English-speaking Jewry. It is our imperative duty to at least approximate this picture. If we don't do so mighty soon, some one else will. The opportunity is ripe now as it never was before. And in seizing it to enhance the influence and circulation of The Menorah Journal, we will at the same time be aiming straight at two things:

(1) Ensuring the success and stability of The Menorah Journal as a self-supporting business proposition, by means of increased circulation and advertising revenue.

(2) Realizing a possible surplus revenue from this source to pay part of the maintenance of the Intercollegiate Menorah Association, and thus reduce the demands on our supporters for the latter purpose.

To sound the possibilities of securing increased circulation on a wholesale economical plan, I have had personal interviews in the past six weeks with the Presidents and other Officers of the Councils of Jewish Women in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Washington, Philadelphia, and Syracuse; The Chicago Woman's Aid; the Temple Sisterhoods in most of these cities; and the Y.M.H.A.'s and other Jewish organizations in some of them. Enthusiastic cooperation including carefully planned official appeals to the members to subscribe, has been promised, and in some instances started. We have a plan by which this stirring up of interest can be made to produce subscriptions even if the officials of the societies fail. No other publication could possibly secure such cooperation from various elements in the Jewish community. By appointing reliable solicitors, students or others, in each of these cities, and maintaining contact with them in a business-like way, we can cash in on all this good work. Such solicitors have already been appointed in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Boston, and Los Angeles. We need cash capital for the necessary expenses involved in this salesmanagement and direction; for the circulars, multigraphed letters, postage, etc., essential to this work on even the most economical basis. The work thus begun must be followed up in expert fashion at once, or we don't deserve to be given the opportunity again.

Secondly, the time is ripe for aggressive solicitation for advertising. With no competition in the national magazine field we have a wonderful opportunity to get national advertising. Moreover, a number of firms are anxious to show that they appreciate Jewish patronage and have no sympathy with anti-Semitic propaganda. The Menorah Journal, the only national Jewish publication, with its fine appeal to moulders of Jewish thought and opinion, can be made to loom up as the one vehicle in which to place their advertising with this indirect effect in mind.

But The Menorah Journal isn't known to national advertisers and agencies. We have secured two solicitors of first-rate calibre who will certainly get business for us if we keep them at work -- and even though they get no drawing account, the moment they get contracts we must advance commission on these contracts in lieu of salary. This requires cash on hand for the purpose.

In the last two years the Managing Editor has personally secured some \$8000 in cash advertising revenue. This helped the Journal to practically break even. If we can maintain these solicitors on our staff we should secure an excellent additional revenue.

Also if we can have cash on hand to meet much more promptly our obligations to the paper manufacturer, the printer, and engraver, we can issue the Journal on time, and secure better cooperation all around.

Also, to be sure that each issue of the Journal strikes home to the various groups that we are particularly appealing to for increased circulation, we must have some ready cash to secure certain articles promptly, instead of merely relying upon the volunteer good-will of authors, in which case they must be allowed to take their time.

For all the above purposes -- that is, to make our Journal at least a self-paying proposition and very probably a profit-making proposition, so that it will in any event not be a financial burden on the Intercollegiate; also to give our Journal that circulation and influence that it deserves -- Mr. Hurwitz and I have carefully figured out that a ready fund of \$10,000 is needed.

This money is needed only as a loan, for I am confident that within a year we shall be able to return every dollar. I would suggest that a special financial committee from the Board or other friends of The Menorah Journal be appointed to have charge of this fund, and either undertake full responsibility for its use, or, with the responsibility in the Editorial Board of the Journal, to give them their constant and detailed advice.

I would like to re-emphasize the absolute bona fides of this proposition as a loan, for I feel confident that with such an opportunity of ready capital that we have never had before, we are absolutely bound to make good.

I have particular pleasure in reporting that I have taken this matter up with Justice Irving Lehman, the Honorary Chairman of our Board, who has promised his support and participation providing the Board ratifies this proposal.

H. Askowith,

Managing Editor.

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Dear Sir:

You no doubt are aware that the MacMillan Company will soon publish Dr. Battenwieser's "Book of Job."

The Senior Class of the Hebrew Union College, having been greatly inspired by Dr. Battenwieser's lectures on Job, has requested him to let them handle the advance subscriptions for this volume.

It is not necessary for us to tell you of the position which Dr. Battenwieser holds in the fields of prophetic literature, for we are positive that there is no Rabbi in the United States who is not acquainted with Dr. Battenwieser's works.

It may interest you to know that the MacMillan Company in its prospectus of the books which are to be published by them, makes the following statement regarding Dr. Battenweiser's book.

"One of the foremost American Old Testament scholars who has read this book in proof, says of it--There is nothing in English to compare with it on the Book of Job, and I prefer it to any of the standard foreign interpretations."

This is one of the rare cases when MacMillan has given its stamp of approval to an, as yet, unpublished book.

The MacMillan Company has consented to include the Hebrew Text rearranged and revised by Dr. Battenwieser. This is the Text upon which the continuous English translation is based.

It may interest you to know that some of the Rabbis in the country have subscribed for as many as fifteen copies, for they felt that this book will be invaluable as a text book for their religious school teachers as well as their sister-hoods.

The advance subscription price of this book is \$4.50. Will you kindly fill the enclosed coupon and return it to us at once in the envelope enclosed?

Sincerely yours,

N. V. C. '21