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Hebrew Union College, 1923-1924.



*Temple Emanu-El*  
*Fifth Avenue and Forty-third Street*  
*New York*

September 27th  
1923

My dear Dr. Silver,

Rabbi Levinger, Secretary of the H. U. C. Alumni Association, expects to be in New York around October 15th. He suggests that it might be desirable to have a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alumni. I wonder what you think of it. Do you think it might serve a purpose to have such a meeting, and would you be willing to attend one? Personally, I believe it might do some good to discuss matters and see whether the Alumni Association might not undertake some effective work. On the other hand, there is the question of expense. At any rate, I should like to know what you think of it, and I shall thank you for an early reply.

With kindest regards and best wishes  
for the New Year, I am

yours cordially,

*H. D. Suelow*

The Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
55th and Central Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

P. S. According to the Minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee, Rabbi Horace J. Wolf reported finding that provision has been made previously for the Executive Officers to meet once during the year, if advisable. But, unfortunately, the funds of the Association are limited, and I believe would be entirely exhausted if all the members of the Executive Committee attended a meeting and had all their expenses paid.



HEBREW UNION COLLEGE MONTHLY  
ACADEMIC YEAR 1923-1924

September 30, 1923.  
39 W. McMillan St.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

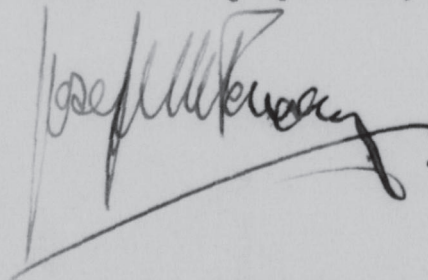
My dear Rabbi Silver,

The editorial board of the HUC Monthly hopes to have a review of Herr Stefan Zweig's "Jeremiah" appear in a forthcoming issue of our periodical. We have recently learned that you had spoken from your pulpit regarding the merits of this book and the message which it conveys. We shall be very glad to have you oblige us and furnish us with a copy of your discussion of this great drama.

Permit us here to make vocal our trenchant appreciation of your promise to furnish us an article within a few months. We are eagerly awaiting its arrival, resting assured that it will be pre-eminently worth-while. Of course, we shall be overjoyed to receive your contribution as early as is analogous with your convenience.

Thanking you for whatever courtesies you may extend us, and wishing you a year of perfect health, vast accomplishment and limitless success, I am,

Most earnestly yours,



JMT:MM



October 8th, 1923.

Dr. H. G. Enelow,  
Temple Emanu-El,  
Fifth Ave. and Forty-third St.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Enelow,

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of September 27th. I believe that you are in a better position to decide whether a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alumni is necessary. I am scheduled to be in New York on Monday, October 22nd. I should be very happy to set aside an hour at noon or in the afternoon for such a meeting.

With kindest regards, I beg  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,



*Temple Emanu-El*  
*Fifth Avenue and Forty-third Street*  
*New York*

October 8th  
1923

My dear Dr. Silver,

The other day I wrote to the members of the Board of the H. U. C. Alumni Association, in regard to the advisability of a meeting. From the replies I have received, I judge that the members feel that it would not be proper to incur the expense of a meeting of the entire Board, as there is not very much money in the treasury of the Association. However, the feeling seems to prevail that there should be a meeting of those members of the Executive Committee who live in the vicinity of New York. It is felt that the Association should defray the railroad fare, at clergy rate, and that the expenses in New York should be borne by the men themselves.

Personally, I believe this to be a good plan. I think it is important that at least some members of the Board get together and talk over the work of the Association. If I am to do anything at all as President, it will depend largely on the results of such a conference.

May I ask you, therefore, to attend a meeting for this purpose in New York City, on Monday, October 22nd, at 10:00 a. m. at Temple Emanu-El? I hope that you can do so and that you will kindly let me hear from you without delay.

yours cordially,

Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
55th & Central Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

*A. W. Ruelow*



October 12th, 1923.

Dr. H. G. Enelow,  
Temple Emanu-El,  
Fifth Ave. and Forty-third St.,  
New York City.

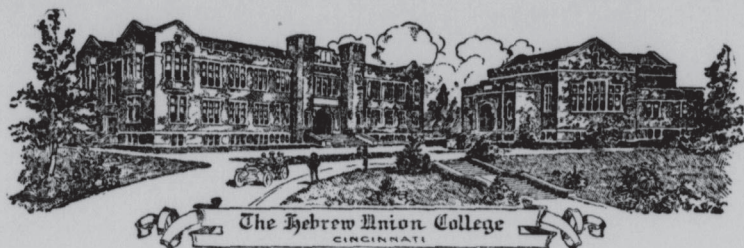
My dear Dr. Enelow,

I shall try to be with  
you on Monday, October 22nd at  
10 o'clock.

With kindest regards and  
trusting that you are well, I am

Very sincerely yours,





October 23, 1928

My dear Silber :-

The Executive Board of the C.C.A.R. has confirmed my conversation with you at Cape May about the paper on Mysticism. It has authorized me to request you to prepare the paper for our next meeting, which will, in all likelihood, take place at Cedar Point.

Kindly advise me of your acceptance of the invitation at your very earliest convenience.

With kind greetings, I am  
Faithfully yours,  
Samuel H. Cohen



November fourteenth  
1923

Rabbi Samuel S. Cohen,  
Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Cohen,

I shall be very pleased to write a paper on Mysticism, although I shall have to limit its scope, of course. But one thing I would request, and that is, that the session, whether morning, afternoon or evening, be given to the paper and to the discussion of it. Unless I am assured of this, I do not wish to take the trouble to write it.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



November 21, 1923.

My dear Rabbi Silver :-

I am glad to know that you will write the paper on Jewish Mysticism, for the next meeting of the C.C.A.R. You are at liberty to limit your subject in any way that you see fit. In preparing the paper, it may be well for you to bear in mind that the central theme of the forthcoming Conference's program is: "A Re-evaluation of Reform Judaism", under the headings: "Theory of Reform", "Achievements of Reform Judaism" and "The Future Outlook." Your subject may offer a much



needed element to Reform Judaism.

I shall communicate your request that a complete revision be given to your paper to President Simon, and confidently hope to see your request fulfilled.

With kind greetings, I am

Sincerely Yours,

Samuel V. Cohen.





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*Dr. Neumark*

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE MONTHLY  
ACADEMIC YEAR 1923-1924

39 W. McMillan St.,  
Cincinnati, O.  
December 26, 1923.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Perhaps you recall that about two weeks ago, after a few remarks in the College Chapel, you promised us a letter of congratulations upon the occasion of Dr. Neumark's sesquidecennial as professor at the institution.

Our materials for the Neumark Issue is all ready, and we are waiting for your letter of felicitations to reach us before we can go to press. Please, please, try to have this in our hands within a few days that we may proceed with the publication of our Neumark Number.

Thanking you and with sincere good wishes, I am,

Earnestly,  
*W. A. F.*



# THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

Office of the President

May 2, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 55th St. & Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Silver:

Upon my return from a ten days trip I found yours of the 18th ult. upon my desk. Please accept my sincere thanks for the information which you have given me with regard to Mrs. Nussbaum. This will help us materially in coming to a decision about the matron of the Dormitory.

After receiving the opinions of yourself, Rabbis Wolsey and Goldman, I believe it will be well to fix the date of this year's Teacher's Institute for Sunday, June 15th through Thursday, June 26th. We understand that Monday and Tuesday, June 23rd and 24th will be picnic days, and that we will have to accommodate ourselves to that fact.

Drs. Lauterbach and Bettan will deliver the courses of lectures. May I ask you to kindly let me know at the earliest possible moment whether it will be possible for us to hold this year's sessions in your new building. I understand that Rabbi Wolsey's building will be in process of re-building at that time, and that therefore we will not be able to make use of it.

Will you kindly let me have at your earliest convenience a complete list of your teachers, and the members of your normal school, and the names of all others who you believe might be interested in the Institute, so that we may send our announcements to them.

Awaiting your reply, and with warmest regards for yourself, and Virginia, I am ever

Faithfully yours,

*Julian Morgenstern*  
JB

PRESIDENT

JM:JB



May 7th, 1924.

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern,

I am afraid that our new building will not be ready in time for the Teachers Institute to hold their sessions there. We should be very happy to have them meet in the present Temple. I am enclosing herewith a list of our teachers and I hope the announcements may be sent to them early so that they will make no other arrangements. I shall ask Miss New to send you a list of the Normal School.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



HEBREW UNION COLLEGE MONTHLY  
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*Neumark issue*

39 W. McMillan St.,  
Cincinnati, O.  
May 10, 1924.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I was indeed sorry to hear from Leon Feuer that you had sent us a contribution for the Neumark issue of several months' ago, which article we have never received. The only logical explanation that we can find is that it must have been lost in the mails.

Surely, you will understand how keenly regretful we are when you will hear that we had delayed the appearance of the Neumark Number for ten days, in the hope that something would be contributed by you, as you promised me when I spoke to you immediately after your brief remarks to the students in the College Chapel. When we saw that nothing arrived, after a ten-day wait, our disappointment was truly deep. You can readily picture to yourself our surprise when we were informed by Feuer of your having sent something for the MONTHLY, after all.

However, our regret was somewhat mitigated when we were told that if we persist we might be able to elicit a contribution from you for the June issue. Permit me to assure you that should you find it possible to send us an article within a week or two, we shall be glad to hold up the appearance of the MONTHLY for this length of time.

With many thanks for whatever attention you may give this note, and with sincerest good wishes to you and your dear wife, I am,

Most earnestly,

*Joseph Taxay*



# THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

Office the President

April 17, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
55th Ave. and Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Silver:

I am now in a position to take up with you the question of the next session of the Teacher's Institute of the Hebrew Union College in Cleveland. The courses this year will be conducted by Prof. Bettan and Lauterbach. They are the only professors available this year, but I know that their work will be helpful and stimulating to your teachers.

Prof. Lauterbach has been in Cleveland often before, and the value of his work is well-known. He will give this year a new course of lectures entitled, "The Jewish Calendar and Ceremonies".

Prof. Bettan has never been with you before, and so his work will be entirely new to your teachers. He will deliver two courses of lectures, both pertaining in some way to "The Midrash", although the two courses will differ essentially in character.

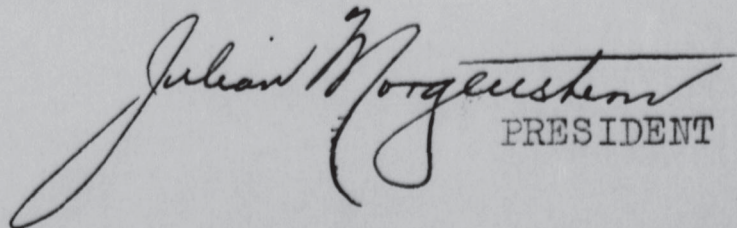
I would like to propose for the date of the session, Sunday, June 29th through Thursday, July 10th. This date is one week later than the time when we usually hold our sessions, but I believe that it will be more advantageous than were we to begin a week sooner. This date will avoid the conflict with the days of your Religious School picnics, and also with the sessions of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

May I ask you, therefore to take up this question with your teachers, and let me know at the earliest possible moment whether this time will be satisfactory. Of course, if it is not, we shall have to begin earlier, if this be possible. May I ask you to let me hear from you with regard to this at the earliest possible date.

Copies of this letter are being sent to Rabbis Louis Wolsey, and Solomon Goldman.

With cordial greetings and all good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

  
PRESIDENT

JM:JB