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SESSIONS WILL BE HELD THIS SUMMER

JULIAN MORGANSTERN

June 2nd, 1927 Cincinnati, Ohio

Dr. A. H. Silver

Imperative we know immediately where institute will be held this is our third wire printer waiting.

Henry Englander.

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TELEGRAM

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

June 2, 1927.

Institute to be held at Euclid Avenue Temple.

AHS:NEB 4:05 A. H. Silver

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

SPECIAL DELIVERY.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 30, 1927.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver, c/o The Temple, E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba:

I am addressing you today as a member of the Committee on Filling Vacancies upon the Faculty of the Hebrew Union College and with regard to a very important matter requiring immediate action. You will understand from what I shall explain that it could not await the holding of a full Committee Meeting, but that a decision must be reached immediately. I have consulted the local members of the Committee in person and wish now to take up the matter with the two out-of-town members of the Committee. of whom you are one.

The Chair of Jewish Philosophy at the Hebrew Union College has been vacant ever since the death of Dr. Neumark, three years ago. Quite a number of possible candidates for the Chair have been under consideration. Of these, the three outstanding and most desirable men could not be secured, namely. Dr. Harry Wolfson. Professor Julius Guttmann and Dr. Leon Roth. The other men, particularly men in this country, were considered by the Committee, but, for one reason or another, were not felt to be altogether satisfactory and further consideration of them was dismissed. At the present moment, the names of only two young men are before the Committee, namely, Dr. Rawidowicz and Dr. Bamberger, both of Berlin. Both of these men were well recommended by Professors Elbogen and Guttmann. I myself had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing both of these gentlemen last summer in Berlin and was favorably impressed by both of them. They were likewise very carefully interviewed by Dr. Rosenau and during this past summer Mr. Alfred M. Cohen, Chairman of the Board of Governors and a member of this Committee, and Dr. Louis L. Mann, likewise a member of the Board of Governors, also met and interviewed them. Mr. Cohen's report upon these two young men is very favorable, but, as he says, he could judge only of their personalities, not at all of their scholarly ability and authority. I have not yet had the report of Dr. Louis L. Mann upon these two gentlemen.

Furthermore, Dr. Lauterbach, of the Faculty of the College who was in Europe this summer, at my request likewise met both these gentlemen and was favorably impressed by them and considered them both promising material for the Faculty of the College. However, after meeting them in Berlin, Dr. Lauterbach met and became very well acquainted with Dr. Diesendruck in

Vienna. Dr. Diesendruck had been previously recommended to me last summer by Dr. Klatzkin, but at such a late and imopportune moment that it was impossible for me to go to Vienna at that time and make his acquaintance and form some opinion of him. I did, however, confer with both Professors Elbogen and Guttmann about him and these two gentlemen professed to know so little about Dr. Diesendruck that they would not undertake to recommend him. Under these conditions, I very naturally dismissed him from further consideration until the very strong and favorable recommendation of Dr. Lauterbach reached me. Very naturally, I have in this particular connection great confidence in Dr. Lauterbach's judgment and recommendation, since, in addition to weighing the personal merits of a man, he, more than any of the other men whom I have consulted, is in a position to judge whether the person under consideration would be adaptable to conditions obtaining here at the College and would fit into our system of instruction. In Dr. Lauterbach's judgment, Dr. Diesendruck is greatly superior to either Dr. Rawidowicz or Dr. Bamberger. Naturally, I would not want to make any appointment under the present circumstances without giving to Dr. Diesendruck's candidacy careful and sympathetic consideration which it manifestly deserves. I am planning to go to Europe again next summer in order to attend the second convention of the World Union for Progressive Judaism in Berlin and also the International Congress of Orientalists at Oxford. This would give me the opportunity which I desire to interview Dr. Diesendruck and form my own opinion of his fitness for this vacant position upon our Faculty. It would likewise give me the opportunity to meet Drs. Rawidowicz and Bamberger again and determine what progress they have made during these two years, both in their mastery of the English language and of Arabic studies, in which languages they were just beginning last year. I would then be in a good position to judge which of these three men is best fitted for permanent appointment to our Faculty and would be prepared to make a recommendation to our Committee and through them to the Board of Governors shortly after my return. I should also add with regard to Dr. Diesendruck that, during the past year, he was here in America and lectured on Jewish Philosophy during one semester at the Institute of Religion. I understand that he made a very favorable impression. I was strongly urged by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, a member of our Board of Governors, to invite him to give a course of lectures at College and I would probably have extended such an invitation to him had it not been that at the time I was negotiating with the late Professor Hugo Gressmann, who was likewise in this country at that time and who subsequently died very suddenly, for a similar course of lectures, and I did not feel that we could take care of two courses of lectures by visiting lecturers during a very brief interval of time and near the end of the academic year.

Such is the situation with regard to permanent appoint-

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ment to this vacant Chair.

However, just during the last week, a new angle to the situation developed and it is this which necessitates prompt action on the part of our Committee. In the course of the last year, this Committee, at an informal meeting held here in Cincinnati, instructed me to make some provision to tide over the present year. Their suggestion was that we encage a number of American scholars to give courses of lectures in Jewish Philosophy. They suggested in particular that Dr. Wolfson be invited for this purpose. It happens, however, that Dr. Wolfson is in Palestine and therefore will not be available for such lectures this year. It is true that there are a few other American scholars who might lecture with fair satisfaction upon themes of Jewish Philosophy. but, for one reason or another, I am reluctant to engage them. Now it happens that last week Dr. Walter E. Rothman, a graduate of the College of the class of 1922, returned to America quite suddenly after four years spent in Europe, where he specialized in the field of Philosophy and Semitics and obtained his degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Jena with Philosophy as his Major and Semitics as one of his Minors. His work, particularly in these two fields, was prowned with distinction. He greatly prefers to teach rather than to go into the active pulpit. During the past seme ter, he has been working entirely in the field of Jewish Philosophy under Dr. Julius Guttmann in the Hochschule in Berlin. He is a young man of the finest character, splendid personality, thorough integrity and sound scholarship and scholarly method. It occurred to me that he might be able to solve our problem for this year. I discussed the matter with him and he professed, on the one hand, his willingness and even eagerness to do this work and, on the other hand, his confidence in his ability to give the students profitable courses in the field of Jewish Philosophy. Discussing he matter in detail, we agreed that he might be appointed as Teaching Fellow in Jewish Philosophy at a salary for this year of \$1.500. This is of course a comparatively small salary, but, on the one hand, since he is possessed of independent means and since his wife also comes of a very wealthy family, this would be altogether adequate and satisfactory to them, at least for this year, and in the second place I do not contemplate that he should teach more than four or at the most six hours a week, and inasmuch as the beginning salary of an Instructor, teaching fifteen (15) hours a week, ranges from three to four thousand dollars, this proposed salary is by no means disproportionate, and, as I said, Dr. Rothman is fully satisfied with this offer. We discussed the question as to what he might teach and agreed that he could very well give a text course in Sefer Hammadda and also a lecture course of elective character that is not required for graduation, but open to students who wish to take it, on what is called in German RELIGIONSPHILOSOPHIE, in which field he has done a great deal of work both of a general character

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at the University and of a specifically Jewish character under Professor Guttmann. If need be, he might also give two hours' work a week with a small group of students who wish to discuss some particular problem or phase of Jewish Philosophy. I believe that systematic work like this would be far more profitable to our students and give them a far wider and more authoritative and useful knowledge in the field of Jewish Philosophy than would two or three courses by visiting lecturers, even though these may be men of far greater authority in this field than Dr. Rothman. I therefore desire to recommend the appointment of Dr. Rothman as Teaching Fellow in Jewish Philosophy for the academic year 1927-28 at a salary of \$1,500., and ask your consideration of this recommendation, and, I trust, your approval of it. It will undoubtedly interest you to know that Dr. Philipson, Rabbi Heller and Mr. Alfred M. Cohen, local members of this Committee on Filling Vacancies, with whom I conferred during the last two days, have given their unanimous and hearty approval of this recommendation.

You will understand that, owing to the fact that Dr. Rothman returned from Europe only about ten days ago, this question has come up very suddenly and if the appointment is to be made, it is imperative that it be made at once so that Dr. Rothman may not only begin his teaching work with the opening of the College on October the twenty-second, but that he may immediately begin his own preparation for this work. It is for this reason that the matter could not be delayed for a later meeting of the Committee and that I am compelled, with the approval of the local members of the Committee, to take up the question with the two non-Cincinnati members by mail and ask for their vote upon this question in this way. May I ask you to give this matter your very careful but immediate consideration and let me have your reply by telegram, so that as little time may be lost as possible.

Of course, the question must be raised as to the future of Dr. Rothman here at the Hebrew Union College, and what bearing this appointment would have upon the consideration and possible appointment of one of the European scholars whose names were mentioned above. I discussed this very question with Dr. Rothman and made it perfectly clear to him that I do not contemplate that this will be a permanent appointment, but that it is only for the present academic year and that, unless informed in time to the contrary, his connection with the College in this capacity will terminate at the end of the present academic year. This is not only satisfactory to him, but it is also very advantageous, due to the fact that at the present moment there is no vacant pulpit available for him and the chances are therefore that he would secure no pulpit appointment for some time. This appointment therefore would enable him to go through the present year advantageously and likewise place him in a good strategic position to secure a suitable pulpit appointment next spring, if that be

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the advisable thing for him to do. In other words, not only would no injustice be done to Dr. Rothman by this appointment, even though it have no permanency here at the College, but a real and valuable service would be rendered to him thereby. However, it stands to reason that, if, during this year, Dr. Rothman should demonstrate that he is an able and efficient teacher of Jewish Philosophy, that he commands the respect and regard of the students of the College and exerts a good. upbuilding, spiritual influence upon them, as I am quite confident he will, and if he should furthermore give real promise of steady growth in the field of Jewish scholarship, so that we might expect that within a reasonable time he would be able not only to teach, but likewise to do scientific work with authority that will bring credit to the Hebrew Union College, naturally then he would deserve consideration for a permanent appointment equal at least to that of any of the three men whose names I have mentioned above. After all, his situation differs but slightly from that of Dr. Bamberger who is also a young man, if anything somewhat younger than Dr. Rothman in years, and who also stands just upon the threshold of a useful and honorable scientific career in the field of Jewish Philosophy. Certainly there would be less responsibility and a larger chance of success in engaging permanently one whom we know thoroughly as we know Dr. Rothman, who is himself American and knows the spirit of American students and American institutions, and is already in this country and with whom, therefore, we would not have to incur the very grave responsibility of bringing to America another foreign scholar who may or may not be able to adapt himself completely to our life and ways and point of view. It seems to me, therefore, that even in the light of the at present remote possibility that Dr. Rothman's may eventuate in a permament position here. there are many advantages in favor of this and no disadvantages whatsoever. In the light of all these facts, I make this recommendation and ask for your approval of it.

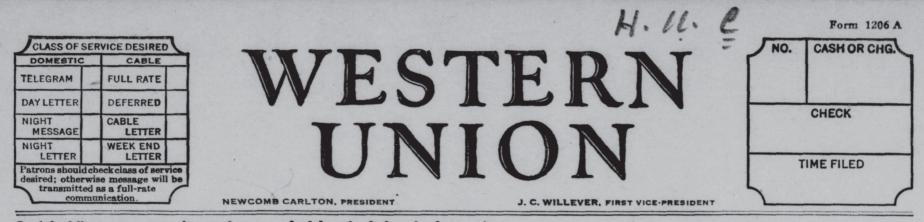
Please pardon the great length of this communication. I felt it due you, however, to lay the facts before you in full just as they developed in my discussion of this question with the local members of the Committee. Please give this matter your careful and sympathetic consideration and let me have your reply by wire at the earliest possible moment.

With cordial greetings and sincere wishes for a very happy New Year for you and yours, I am ever

Faithfully, Julian morgenstern, PRESIDENT.

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JM/s



Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

October 2, 1927.

Dr. Julian Morgenstern Hebrew Union College Cincinnati, Ohio

I approve of the engagement of Dr. Rothman under the terms of your letter.

A. H. Silver

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 7, 1927.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver, The Temple Road, 105th St. at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba:

Just a line to thank you for your prompt reply to my letter regarding the appointment of Dr. Walter E. Rothman. I am glad to be able to tell you that Dr. Rosenau, the other non-Cincinnati member of the Committee on Filling Vacancies, and at present Chairman of this Committee, has likewise approved of the appointment. I have, therefore, informed Dr. Rothman thereof and look to the Executive Committee of the Board to give official approval of this unanimous recommendation of the Committee at the meeting at the end of October. You understand, of course, that this procedure was necessary so that Dr. Rothman might begin his work here with the opening of classes on October 24th.

With warmest regards for yourself and Virginia and the sincere wish that the New Year has started auspiciously, I am ever

Faithfully yours. Julian Morgenstern,

JM/s

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS CINCINNATI

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY MERCHANTS BUILDING

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October Seventeenth, 1927.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors will be held on Tuesday evening, October 25th, at eight o'clock in the Board Room of the Rockdale Avenue Temple.

Very truly yours,

BENJ, MIELZINER,

Assistant Secretary.

SYLLABUS

Meeting October 25th, 1927.

1 - Approval of Minutes of Sept. 29th, 1927.

- 2 President's Report.
- 3 Teacher's Institute Report,
 4 Report of New York School for Teachers,
- 5 Report of College Physician.
- 6 Report of Treasurer.
- 7 Reports of Standing Committees.
- 8 Reports of Special Committees.

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October Nineteenth 1927

Mr Benjamin Mielziner, Assistant Secretary, Board of Governors, Hebrew Union College, Merchants Building, Cincinnati.

My dear Mr. Mielziner,

I regret that it will not be possible for me to be present at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, to be held on Tuesday evening, October 25th. An important speaking engagements will prevent my attending.

With best wishes for a successful meeting, I am

Very sincerely yours,

October Twenty-seventh, 1927.

Mr. Eugene Wolf, Pres., % Bloomberg & Wolf, Engineers Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Wolf:

I am taking it for granted that your interest in preserving the Union and the College will prompt you to give us your utmost assistance in our November tour of the United States.

Eighty-six rabbis and seventy-five laymen have been selected by the Alumni Committee to visit cities in their neighborhood or as near as possible.

The Committee has assigned Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, Aragon Hotel, 54th & Cornell Ave., Chicago, Ill., and Mr. Milford Stern, 560 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich., to visit your city on November 20th.

Please accept the date and assignment of speakers without requesting changes. The Committee has done its best with the number of cities that have to be assigned and with the open dates of the speakers.

Please send me your acceptance today by wire to The Merchants Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

I am writing to you and to the President of the other Congregation esking you to do the following:

> 1. Get up a large mass meeting of both Congregations so that the visitors to your city can bring the message to as large a number as possible.

2. Arrange a noonday luncheon or an evening dinner on the day of the meeting where the visitors can give your Trustees, the Boards of Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods and your large givers an intimate picture of our present distress and needs.

Make use of your Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods together with a Committee whom you will appoint to follow up these meetings with actual work.

We are not going to let our national religious institutions go begging year after year for the cost of keeping their doors open. Every one hundred members of your Congregation should yield ninety subscribers.

Only one word more - a few lines of invitation from you to the rabbi and layman (who is traveling at his own expense) would be the courteous procedure and would be deeply appreciated by myself.

With best wishes for a successful meeting, I am

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) DAVID A. BROWN

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Chairman.

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My deas Selver : -The alumin of the N. U.C. is about to publick S. Neumark's second dolume of the Priliz wolotton status. Duly nine fundred fifty dollars have this fas been contributed, and a similar amount à still needed. Here are only a few men upon whom de can rely. I am confident that you dell help. Deinf not only an alto but also a stor, will you sleast get same of your Cleveland friends and colleagues to help. you may send your contribution to Lewis L. Mann, who has been actif as peasurer. With cerdial greetings, I am Faith fully yours, Samuel V. Coden

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Department of **Religious School Teachers** MRS. HARRY S. ROSEWATER, REGISTRAR EUCLID AVE, TEMPLE, 8206 EUCLID AVE. TEL. CEDAR 0862

December 23, 1927.

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My dear Rabbi Silver,

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This is to inform you that there will be no sessions of the Teacher's RABBI B. R. BRICKNER Institute this coming week, as we have decided to give the students a vacation for one week, RABBI ABRAHAM NOWAK (since most of them would be absent). We will resume work on Tuesday, January 3rd.

> If I do not hear from you to the contrary, I shall take it for granted that you will take the class at 4:30 P.M. on that day. May I again ask your co-operation in the matter of finding a substitute when you expect to be out of the city?

Last week it happened that I was called to teach school, Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, therefore I did not get word from your secretary until Tuesday noon, that you would not be present that day. I spent that afternoon at my telephone, with no success, and finally had to call Mr. Friedland, who saved the day, and took the class, As you will remember, at our last board meeting, the instructors were asked to find their substitutes, if possible, in order that they might give them the assignment of the lesson, or to let me know sufficiently ahead of time, so that I might be able to secure some one to take the class.

No doubt you have been notified that there will be a board meeting of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Tuesday, December 27th. Following the Bureau meeting, the Curriculum and Faculty Committee, of the Teachers Institute will meet to decide the Hebrew question. I trust that the matter will be settled amicably, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Hoping to see you a week from this coming Tuesday, and with cordial greetings, I am.

Very sincerely yours.

Adline R. R.

A. H. Friedland, Director.

Mrs. Harry S. Rosewater, Registrar.

SCHEDULE OF COURSES THE JEWISH TEACHERS INSTITUTE 1927 - 1928

SESSIONS HELD AT ROOM 204 - EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE 4:30 Principles of Judaism Tuesday Rabbi Silver FEBRUARY 28th 5:15 Pedagogy of Jewish Religious Instruction SEMESTER Mr. Brilliant Jewish History and Literature 4:30 1 Thursday NOVEMBER 15th Rabbi Goldman FIRST Jewish Movements and Institutions 5:15 Rabbi Brickner or Hebrew Language and Literature Mr. Friedland 4:30 Principles of Judaism Tuesday Rabbi Nowak - JUNE 15th 5:15 Pedagogy of Jewish Religious Instruction SEMESTER Mr. Brilliant 4:30 Jewish History and Literature Thursday MARCH 1st Rabbi Feuer SECOND Jewish Movements and Institutions 5:15 Rabbi Brickner or Hebrew Language and Literature Mr. Friedland

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 26, 1927. (Dict. Dec. 23)

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver, The Temple, 105th St. and Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba:

I am writing to you at this early date to take up with you the question of the continuation of the work of the Teachers' Institute in your city during the coming summer. As you know. the Teachers' Institute has held a two-weeks' summer session in Cleveland for the past thirteen years. I believe. Up to the present, the entire cost of the Cleveland summer session has been borne by the Hebrew Union College and been paid for out of the income from the Schiff Fund to the Teachers' Institute. However, the new Teachers' Institute department of the Summer School of the Hebrew Union College will claim. from now on, almost the entire income from this fund. The remainder, amounting to not more than \$500, will be needed to remunerate the Professors for the lectures which they deliver at the various State Conventions of our Jewish Religious Educational Associations. In consequence, we have no longer any resources that will enable us to carry on the former activities of the Teachers' Institute in local communities. Therefore, we must look to the communities themselves to hereafter meet the entire expense of this work. both incidental to the travel and entertainment of the visiting lecturers and also to their remuneration. This would mean an expense of approximately \$250 for a two-weeks' course of lectures as in the past.

May I request you to take this matter up with your colleagues and let us know whether it is your desire to continue this work during the coming summer, under these conditions. If so, we shall then be happy to consider the next stage in this undertaking with you. Copies of this letter are being sent to Rabbi Brickner and Rabbi Goldman.

Awaiting your prompt reply and with cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Julian Morgenstern,

JM/s

December 28th, 1927.

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:-

In reply to your kind letter of December 26th, permit me to say that while the Teachers' Summers Institute of our City has hereto-fore been in charge of the Rabbis of the Temple, it has now been taken over by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Cleveland and will hereafter be operated by that body, of which I happen to be the president.

We would be glad to meet the expense of \$250.00 involved in bringing the Institute here, but for the fact that we had not included that item in our budget for this year. If you can see your way clear to meet the expense for this coming session, as you have here-to-fore, the Bureau will undertake the expense from them on. Please let me know if this arrangement is satisfactory.

With kindest regards, permit me

to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 30, 1927. (Dict. Dec. 29)

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver, c/o The Temple, E. 105th St. at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have yours of the 28th inst. and have noted its contents. I am sorry indeed to say that it will not be possible for the Hebrew Union College Teachers' Institute to provide the \$250 necessary for the conduct of the regular summer session at Cleveland this coming summer. I wish we might be able to do this, but our circumstances will not permit. The fund will be completely exhausted with the carrying out of the present plans for this year. Furthermore, were we to make this provision for Cleveland this year, we would be compelled to do the same thing for Philadelphia and for Nashville, where similar institutes have been conducted for a number of years either in the summer or in the winter. You can see, therefore, that this would mean an outlay not merely of \$250, but at least of \$750, and this we cannot manage from this already limited fund.

I can well understand the difficulty of continuing this work with no provision in the budget of the Bureau of Jewish Education. None the less I trust that your Bureau may find it possible in some way to meet this expense. Perhaps you have an emergency item in the budget upon which you may draw, or some other source that may be tapped for this purpose. It would be indeed a pity to let this work be interrupted even for a single year. But under the circumstances I see nothing further that the College can do beyond to supply the Lecturers. I am sure that you will agree with this.

It will interest you probably to know that Rabbi Brickner replied to the letter which was sent to him, that he would lay the matter before the Executive Committee of the Bureau for their consideration. I have no doubt that if you will communicate with them also, the project will receive sympathetic consideration from them.

With warmest regards and sincere wishes for a very happy New Year for yourself and Virginia, I am ever

Faithfully yours, Julian Morgenstern,

JM/s

January 4th, 1928.

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:-

At the meeting of The Teachers' Institute of the Bureau of Jewish Education, which has taken under its wings the summer seminar, it was decided to assume the financial responsibility which would be involved in bringing the seminar to our city this year, to an amount not exceeding \$250.00. You will probably hear from the chairman of the Normal School directly.

I wish to acknowledge also receipt of your letter with reference to Maurice Feuer.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me in detail. There is still however, a doubt in my mind as to the wisdom of your course. I hope to attend the next meeting of the Board in Cincinnati and I shall talk this matter over with you again.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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February 29, 1928.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Cur students are very anvious to learn the result of the recent evamination you gave them, and have asked if they might have their papers back. If you still have the papers, and have marked them, would it be possible for you to return them? You might send them with one of our students who is attending your High School-- Rhea Birnbaum or James Bravo or one of the others.

There is another favor I wish to ask of you. At our recent Board Meeting, you suggested that our students who have exceeded the 10 cuts allowed them, be given an opportunity to make up the work they missed, by writing a paper. If you will suggest subjects for the following students, I will be deeply grateful:

I trust that you will not consider this request an imposition, but somehow or other, I feel that you are the most interested of all of our rabbis, in the affairs of our Institute, and the one to whom I can turn for helpful advice.

With cordial greetings, I am.

Very sincerely yours ,

Addine R. Rosewater

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS CINCINNATI

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY MERCHANTS BUILDING

> April Twelfth, 1928,

Dear Sir:

The Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College has called a Special Meeting of the Board to be held on Tuesday, April 24th, 1928, in the Board Room of the Rockdale Avenue Temple at eight o'clock P.M.

The purposes of this Special Meeting were as follows:

- A. Consideration of and taking action in the matter of conferring of Honorary Degrees at the Graduation Exercises on June 2nd, 1928.
- B. Report of the Committee on Filling Vacancies in the Faculty on the matter of revision of hours of teaching by the Faculty as recommended in Dr. Morgenstern's report of February 28th, 1928.

Immediately upon the adjournment of this Special Meeting of the Board of Governors, there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board for the transaction of the usual monthly routine business.

Your attendance at both of these meetings is earnestly requested.

> Sincerely yours, BENJ. MIELZINER,

Secretary.

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April 18th, 1928.

Mr. Benjamin Mielziner, Sec'y. Board of Governors, The Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Mielziner:-

I regret that I will not be able to attend the special meeting of the Governors of The Hebrew Union College on Tuesday, April 24th. I must be in Montreal on the 25th and I can not make the necessary connections between Cincinnati and Montreal in order to get into Montreal in time for my meeting.

With kindest regards, permit

me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 9, 1928. (Dict. May 8)

My dear Dr. Silver:

An important meeting of the Committee on Filling Vacancies upon the Faculty is called for Tuesday, May 29th, at 4.30 P. M. in the office of the President of the College.

The business under consideration will be the preparation of a report upon the recommendation of the President made at the February meeting of the Board of Governors with regard to a systematic limitation and arrangement of the number of teaching hours per week of the members of the Faculty and the appointment of an additional Instructor. It is essential that a report on these two important items be presented at the meeting of the Board on the evening of May 29th. It is hoped, therefore, that there will be a full meeting of the Committee.

Will you kindly designate upon the enclosed card whether you will be present at this meeting.

With fraternal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

DAVID PHILIPSON,

CHAIRMAN.

Enc.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver, c/o The Temple, E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 9, 1928. (Dict. May 7)

My dear Abba:

Just a hurried line to remind you that the next meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on Tuesday, May 29th.

As you may have noticed from the Minutes of the last meeting of the Board, no action has yet been taken upon my recommendation with regard to the teaching hours of Professors, nor on one or two other important matters that must come up. For one reason or another, they have postponed action upon these important matters since the February meeting. It is of great importance that action be not delayed beyond this month and that, at least in my judgment, it be taken in accordance with the recommendations which I made to the Board after very careful consideration of the various matters. I hope, therefore, that if your affairs permit and it be not too much of a burden to put upon you, you will be able to get out to this meeting. I may need some support for these progressive measures.

With warmest regards for yourself and Virginia, I am ever

Faithfully yours,

JM/s

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver, c/o The Temple, E. 105th St. at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.