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Hebrew Union College, 1928-1929.

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
CINCINNATI

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
MERCHANTS BUILDING

October  
Twenty-second  
1 9 2 8

Dr. Abba H. Silver  
10303 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

By reference to the copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee, held on September 25th, you will note that the paragraph in President Morgenstern's report relative to admission and retention of students was referred to a joint meeting of the Board of Governors and the Faculty to be held in November.

In view of that fact, it was deemed more expedient to hold the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors, scheduled for November 27th, in Cincinnati instead of in Cleveland as originally proposed by you. The Board of Governors hope at some future meeting to avail themselves of your cordial invitation to meet in Cleveland.

With all cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Benjamin M. ...*  
Secretary

BM:PF



THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
CINCINNATI

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
MERCHANTS BUILDING

November  
Fifteenth  
1 9 2 8.

Dr. Abba H. Silver  
10303 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

At a meeting of the Board of Governors held on May 29, 1928, upon your suggestion, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to study the future financial responsibility of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College to the Hebrew Union College School for Teachers in New York and present its report to the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

The chair appointed on said Committee Dr. Abba H. Silver, Chairman; Dr. J. Morgenstern, Messrs. Simon Lazarus, Marcus Aaron and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

As the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on Tuesday, November 27th (of which notice will be mailed to you in due course) you will see the advisability of having a conference with your Committee so as to present some definite recommendations at said meeting of the Board of Governors.

Sincerely yours,

*Sam. M. Mirginer*  
Secretary

BM:SE

*Referring to the above I refer you to page 8 of enclosed booklet showing action taken at meeting of the Executive Board of the Union relative to the N.Y. School.*



Special Com. on N.Y. School  
appointed May 29<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Abba H. Silver Chairman  
Dr. J. Margenaturn  
Rabbi Joseph D. Wise  
Simon Lazarus  
Marcus Aaron



THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE  
CINCINNATI

THE CHAIRMAN

November  
Sixteenth,  
1928.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
Special Committee on New York School,  
1485 E. 106th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

You are probably aware of the fact that the next stated meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on Tuesday, November 27th. The meeting of the Board itself will take place in the afternoon at the College, and in the evening there will be a dinner and a joint meeting of the Faculty and the Board of Governors at the Hebrew Union College.

We are eager to make this meeting significant, and to bring before it all fundamental questions of policy. Naturally, it is advisable that all standing committees meet and be prepared to report to the Board of matters of sufficient importance.

May we therefore request you to get in touch with the members of your committee at the earliest possible moment and notify them that a meeting will be held, - provided that you feel there are matters of sufficient interest to warrant calling such a meeting. We have set aside the morning of that day, beginning at 10 o'clock for the meetings of standing committees. These meetings are to be held at the Cincinnati Club. Chairmen are asked to communicate with Mr. Benj. Mielziner, Secretary, their intention of holding such a meeting, and a room will be assigned to them.

With friendly greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Alfred M. Cohen*  
Chairman.





THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

CINCINNATI

November  
Sixteenth,  
1928.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Tuesday, November 27th, will be held the first stated meeting of the entire Board of Governors for this season. The purpose of holding these meetings and of assigning the routine work to an Executive Committee was so that only important matters of policy might be considered by the Board as a whole. We have given a great deal of attention to the arrangements for this meeting, so as to carry out this intention. We are extremely eager that every member of the Board should attend this meeting. Will you kindly inform us on the enclosed postcard whether it will be possible for you to come or not?

The day has been planned as follows: In the morning beginning at 10 o'clock all Standing Committees are asked to meet at the Cincinnati Club. Chairmen are requested to inform the members of their committee of this fact and to prepare for them those matters that should be brought to their attention and to the Board of Governors that afternoon.

At half past twelve o'clock a luncheon will be served at the Cincinnati Club in accordance with the enclosed invitation. The local members of the Executive Board of the Union will also be our guests at this luncheon in honor of Mr. Vogelstein.

The stated meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College will be held at half past two o'clock in the Board Room of the Hebrew Union College.

At half past six o'clock the Board of Governors and the faculty will dine at the College Dormitory.

Following this informal dinner there will be a joint meeting of the Board of Governors and the faculty of the Hebrew Union College.

We trust that every member of the Board of Governors will make an effort to be present at these meetings.

With friendly greetings, I am

Yours Sincerely,

*Alfred M. Cohen*  
Chairman.

AMC:RH



same letter sent to

Dr. J. Morgenstern, Simon Lazarus, Marcus Aaron

Nov. 22d, 1928.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,  
35 E. 62d St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Jonah:-

At the last meeting of The Board of Governors of The Hebrew Union College it was resolved that a committee be appointed to study the future financial responsibility of the Board of Governors to The Hebrew Union College School for Teachers in New York and to present its report at the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

Inasmuch as a meeting of the entire Board of Governors has been called for Tuesday, November 27th at 2:30 p. m. it is desirable that our Committee should meet in the morning of that same day. I am accordingly calling this meeting for 10:00 a. m. at The Cincinnati Club. I trust that you will be present.

With kindest regards, permit  
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



Nov. 22d, 1928.

Mr. Benjamin Mielziner,  
Merchants Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Mielziner:-

I have called a meeting of the  
Committee to study the matter of The Hebrew Union  
College School for Teachers in New York for  
Tuesday morning at 10:00 a. m. at The Cincinnati  
Club.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



# THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 1, 1929.  
(Dict. Jan. 29)

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of Dr. David Philipson, Chairman of the Committee on Filling Vacancies upon the Faculty of the Hebrew Union College, I take pleasure in informing you that Professor Julius Guttmann of the Hochschule in Berlin has formally responded to the invitation extended to him to occupy the Chair of Jewish Philosophy at the Hebrew Union College. Professor Guttmann writes first, thanking the authorities of the College for the invitation and expressing his appreciation of the high honor shown him thereby. He then goes on to say that he experiences great difficulty in reaching a definite decision, since he has no personal and adequate knowledge of the Hebrew Union College and therefore cannot judge adequately whether he would fit in completely to its point of view, its system of instruction and the character of its students, nor can he be sure that he himself would find the opportunity and the atmosphere here which would be most conducive to the successful carrying on of his life work. Therefore, he suggests that an invitation be extended to him to come to the Hebrew Union College to teach for the first semester of the next academic year, that is from October, 1929 to February, 1930. He is confident that he can arrange for a leave of absence from the Hochschule for this period, and in such case he will be very happy to accept the invitation. This will give him the opportunity to satisfy himself whether he belongs here or not and likewise will give to the College the opportunity to satisfy itself that he is the man for this position.

Personally, I am deeply gratified at this decision of Professor Guttmann and I strongly recommend that this invitation to teach here for the first semester of the next academic year be extended to him in the manner which he suggests. I am hopeful that we shall be able to convince him and ourselves that the Hebrew Union College is just the place where he belongs. May I request you to kindly communicate with Dr. Philipson, Chairman of this Committee, at the earliest possible moment, expressing your vote either for or against the recommendation to extend this invitation to Professor Guttmann.

With most cordial greetings, I am ever

Faithfully yours,

JM/s

PRESIDENT.

Rev. Dr. Abba Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

February 1, 1929.  
(Dict. Jan. 29)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

My dear Abba:

Quite recently, I circularized those Rabbis who during the last four years have attended the Hebrew Union College Summer School, inviting suggestions for enlarging the service which the Summer School renders them. Quite a number suggested that a course be given in the practical problems of the Rabbinate, the course to consist of both lectures and round table discussions between Professor and students. I have given careful thought to this suggestion and discussed it with the Committee of the Board of Governors on Summer School and have, with their approval, evolved the following plan:

The Summer School continues for a period of six weeks, from July 8th through August 16th. I shall invite six outstanding Rabbis, most of them Alumni of the Hebrew Union College, to take charge of this work, each one to assume responsibility for one week, with five periods of one hour each in the week, to be devoted to lectures and round table discussions as the lecturer will deem advisable. I venture to suggest that either three lectures and two round tables or two lectures and three round tables would be a worthwhile distribution.

It gives me great pleasure to extend to you, on behalf of the authorities of the College, an invitation to be one of these lecturers. Due accommodations for you will of course be provided in the Dormitory of the College. May I hear from you at your early convenience whether you will be able to accept this invitation? You will of course have full freedom to select the particular material which you wish to present to or the problems which you wish to discuss with the students.

With cordial greetings and all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Julian Mordecai*  
PRESIDENT.

JM/s

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



Feb. 5th, 1929.

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:-

Permit me to acknowledge  
receipt of your letter of February 1st  
addressed to Rabbi Silver.

Rabbi Silver is attending  
the Convention of the Union of American  
Hebrew Congregations on the Pacific Coast  
and will be gone until the 27th of February.  
Immediately upon his return I will place  
your letter before him for attention.

With kindest regards, permit  
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



Feb. 25th, 1929.

Dr. David Philipson,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Philipson:-

Under date of February 1st Dr. Morgenstern wrote me that Prof. Guttman would consider coming to the College for the first semester of the next academic year in order to acquaint himself with our institution prior to reaching a definite decision as to whether he would accept the Chair of Jewish Philosophy at the College. I am of course heartily in favor of extending to Prof. Guttman an invitation to come to the College for the first semester of the next academic year.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March  
Sixth  
1929

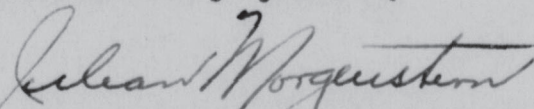
Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abba:

I am enclosing for your consideration a copy of a letter which I have just sent to the Rabbis of our largest cities and congregations in the interest of the Hebrew Union College Endowment Fund. You can see that we are contemplating inviting just a few of the alumni of the College and some other friends of the institution to do this campaigning and visit these various cities. We believe that you are particularly well qualified for such a task. Would you therefore consent to visit Buffalo, N. Y. and Indianapolis, Ind., provided satisfactory dates can be arranged? It would be a great service indeed to the College. Please let me hear from you at the earliest possible moment.

With cordial greetings, I am ever

Faithfully yours,



President

JM:PF



COPY

March  
Sixth,  
1929.

You have of course heard of the splendid progress being made by Mr. Adolph S. Ochs of New York City in the raising of the Hebrew Union College Five Million Dollar Endowment Fund. You have also heard of the very generous gifts of Mr. Julius Rosenwald and of the Guggenheim Brothers, and of the conditions governing these. The first of these conditions is, as you no doubt know, that four million dollars 80% of the entire Fund, must be subscribed by July 1st, 1929. At the present moment, contributions to the Fund total approximately, \$3,200,000. Through an earnest effort on the part of the loyal friends and graduates of the College, we are confident that not only can the remaining \$800,000 required to comply with the above named condition be secured by July 1st, but also the entire Five Million Dollar Fund may be completed.

It is accordingly planned that systematic campaigns for contributions to the Endowment Fund be made throughout the country: in the smaller cities by mail, in the larger cities through personal solicitation by myself, or since, of course, I cannot visit all cities, by some other carefully selected representative of the College. Our purpose is not to secure many small contributions, but only large contributions, ranging in general - at least so far as lay contributions are concerned - from \$1,000 up, payable, however, in as many annual installments up to ten as the donors may desire. Nor is it our purpose to solicit those people upon whom contributions such as these would lay an undue burden.

Yours is one of the cities which we would like to visit. We ask you therefore if you will kindly undertake to arrange for this visit at a suitable time between now and May 25th. A most effective procedure has been found to arrange for either a luncheon or a dinner, at which the best prospects in your city will be present and an opportunity will be given to the visiting representative of the College to state



his case and make his plea. It should be made clear that no contributions will be solicited at this gathering. This last should be attended to by a local committee which will undertake this task.

Of course as a loyal alumnus of the Hebrew Union College, we are counting upon your hearty cooperation in this important task. May I not hear from you, if possible by return mail? As you can see, we have none too much time at our disposal and therefore in making plans and arrangements, every day counts.

With fraternal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JM:RH





THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 13, 1929.  
(Dict. March 12)

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

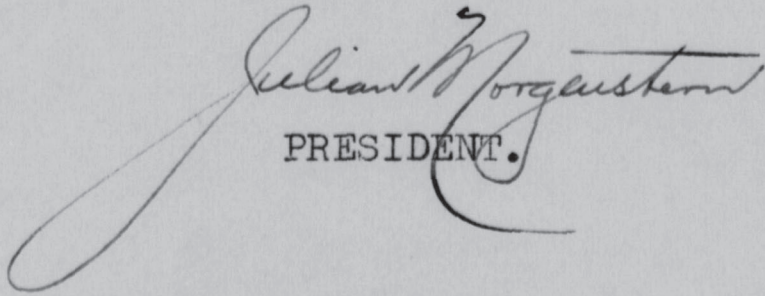
My dear Abba:

I am waiting eagerly to have definite word from you about your plans for the summer, so that I may know whether I can count upon your accepting the appointment to the Faculty of the Summer School for the one week this summer, about which I wrote to you. I remember that we discussed this briefly in San Francisco, but I believe that you were to give me final word after you got back to Cleveland and had made definite plans for the summer. I am trying to complete arrangements for the Summer School so that I may get out the Bulletin within the next week or two, and would appreciate definite word from you at the earliest possible moment.

Likewise, I had a conference recently with Mr. Adolph S. Ochs, when he was here in Cincinnati on his way back to New York City. He told me that you had conferred with him and that he had agreed to come to Cleveland when a certain very promising prospect there seems ripe. He told me that he hopes that this will develop soon because he is planning to go to Europe at the end of April and would of course like to dispose of this matter if possible, and pluck this prospect when ripe, if these are the proper terms to use, before he goes. Will you not keep this in mind and communicate with him with regard to it?

With warmest regards for yourself and Virginia, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
PRESIDENT.

JM/s



March 14th, 1929.

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:-

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of March 6th. I have not been real well. My laryngitis, which I picked up on the Pacific Coast, has not entirely left me and you will therefore understand my hesitancy in accepting your invitation to speak in Buffalo and Indianapolis in behalf of the H. U. C. Endowment Fund.

If these addresses are to be delivered in the near future, I am afraid that I shall not be able to undertake the work. My voice simply is not in shape. If the meetings would be arranged for the latter part of April or the early part of May I shall be very happy to lend my services.

As far as Cleveland is concerned I hope that you are not making any other arrangements for us here, except those which I have already tentatively made with Mr. Ochs. As soon as some of the people whom I am counting on return from their winter vacations, I shall write to Mr. Ochs, who has undertaken to come to Cleveland, and shall arrange a meeting for him.

My plans for the summer are so indefinite involving the possibility of my going abroad for the Zionist Congress, that I am afraid that I can not accept your kind invitation to lecture before the summer school. Please keep me in mind for some future occasion.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 19, 1929.  
(Dict. March 18)

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

My dear Abba:

Many thanks for your good letter of the 14th inst. I am particularly happy to know that you will speak in Buffalo and in Indianapolis on behalf of the Hebrew Union College Endowment Fund.

I am sorry to learn that the effects of your California laryngitis are hanging on so long and I trust sincerely that you will very speedily be free thereof.

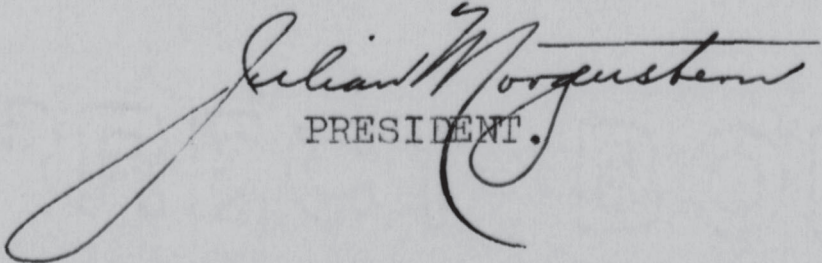
I have written to both Fink in Buffalo and Feuerlicht in Indianapolis, telling them that you have consented to visit their cities, but that you prefer that the dates be at the end of April or in the month of May. I have also asked them to correspond with you and arrange the dates of your coming to meet your wishes.

I understand fully that Mr. Ochs has reached an understanding with you, that he will come to Cleveland to make his appeal in person, whenever, in your judgment, the time is ripe. I am therefore making no other arrangements for Cleveland.

I am sorry, too, that you will not be able to be with us at the Summer School this summer, but am cheered by the fact that we may count upon your cooperation in this service some other year. I shall therefore endeavor to find some one to take your place.

With warmest regards for yourself and Virginia and all good wishes, I am ever

Faithfully yours,

  
PRESIDENT.

JM.s



Simon Lazarus  
Columbus, Ohio

May 27th,  
1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Friend:

Please do not feel that I am intruding, but I just want to remind you of the Board of Governors' meeting at Cincinnati next Thursday. As this is a holiday I thought possibly your chances for attending might be better than otherwise, and you will do a real service by being there.

Kindest regards to your nice family.  
and you.

Sincerely,

*Simon*



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DAVID NEUMARK SOCIETY  
OF THE  
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE STUDENT BODY  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

June 9, 1929

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road & 105th Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

During your recent stay at the College I spoke to you concerning the David Neumark Memorial Volume which the David Neumark society of the College hopes to publish in the near future in memory of the fifth anniversary of Dr. David Neumark's death. I requested of you to write a short Hebrew article for our Volume and to contribute ten dollars or more to help us meet the cost of publication. Concerning the article you said that you would like to translate an essay which you once wrote about Dr. Neumark, and concerning financial assistance you said that you would be glad to give us your contribution. You asked me to write you a note reminding you of this matter.

We hope to publish the Volume immediately after the High Holidays. You may send us your article any time during the summer. It is, however, essential for us to know how we stand financially. We beg you, therefore, to let us have your contribution as soon as only possible.

May we hope for an immediate response?

Sincerely,

*Frederic A. Doppelt*

Chairman of the Comm.



June 10th, 1929.

Mr. F. A. Doppelt,  
Chairman, David Neumark Society,  
Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Doppelt:-

I am enclosing herewith a contribution  
of \$10. to the contemplated David Neumark Memorial Volume.

I hope that I shall have time to send  
you an article on Neumark.

Wishing you every success, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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DAVID NEUMARK SOCIETY  
OF THE  
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE STUDENT BODY  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

June 11, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We wish to express our appreciation  
for your kind contribution of ten dollars toward the  
publication of the David Neumark Memorial Volume.

We beg you once more to write an  
article for the Volume during the summer, as the number  
of people who can write Hebrew with ease is limited.

Hoping that you will spend a pleasant  
summer, we remain

Sincerely,

*Frederic A. Doppelt*

Chairman of the Committee