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October 1, 1933

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
E. 105th Street and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am asking you to join with a small group of distinguished scholars and rabbis, Reform and Conservative, in a symposium, which we expect to publish in a forthcoming number of the Hebrew Union College Monthly, on "What Makes A Thing Jewish".

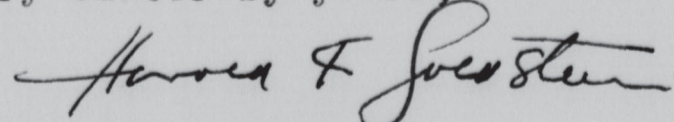
You have doubtless been asked again and again in discussing certain habits or doctrines, "What is particularly Jewish about that?" The answer to the question we put, should reveal the basic aspects of each contributor's philosophy of Judaism.

Contributions should range from 300-1000 words.

We hope to have your co-operation in our enterprise. We are trying hard to supply through our magazine the place for a much-needed forum on Jewish ideas. Your assistance will be of great value in bringing us to this goal.

We should like to have your contribution in hand by December 5.

Very sincerely yours,



Harold K. Goldstein
Editor

N.B. An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

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April 18, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Alumni Association recognizes that many of our colleagues are in dire need of assistance. Some of them have been and are now without positions. Others have pulpits which are unstable and may at any time find themselves without a position. The emergency is not over.

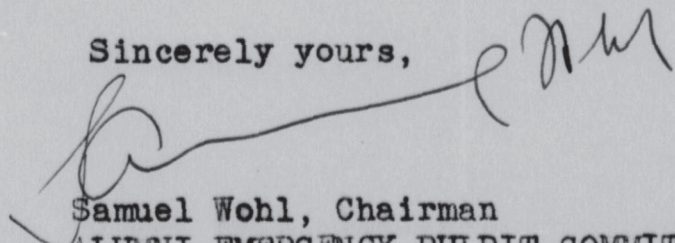
There will be a very large graduating class this year also. Something has to be done. I therefore submit to you a request on behalf of the Alumni to devote a little time and some effort toward the solution of this problem.

One way in which you can be of immediate help is to tell me if you know of some communities in your vicinity that should have a Rabbi, what can be done to motivate them properly, and how much they could pay if they did get a Rabbi. Second, in order to make it possible for some communities to retain their Rabbi for next year, an Alumni Emergency Fund will have to be raised to give loans and make subventions to these communities.

Please consider this letter in the nature of a telegram, for the need is great and the time is urgent! May I have your reply by return mail?

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Samuel Wohl, Chairman
ALUMNI EMERGENCY PULPIT COMMITTEE

SW: CR

April 24, 1934.

Rabbi Samuel Wohl,
Isaac M. Wise Congregation,
Reading Road and Crescent Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Wohl:

In reply to your letter of April 18th, I do not know of any community in the vicinity that is at present in need of a rabbi.

The suggestion of an Alumni Emergency Fund to assist communities financially so as to enable them to engage rabbis is an interesting but a very expensive one. I do not see how our alumni can raise enough money to subsidize more than two or three such communities. I believe that the matter should be discussed at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association in June.

We have just circularized the membership of our congregation for Union dues. I have just received an urgent appeal from Irving Reichert to circularize the congregation in behalf of the Central Conference Pension Fund and now you ask about making another appeal for another special alumni emergency fund.....

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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Greensboro, N. C.
June 6, 1934

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Would you be kind enough to serve on a committee to draft a resolution on the retirement of Dr. Lauterbach? Harry Margolis is chairman of the committee and I suppose will call the members of the committee together at some favorable time during the conference.

With cordial personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Fred.

F. I. Rypins, Sec'y.

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Greensboro, N. C.
August 4, 1934

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Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Abba:

We are having the testimonial to Dr. Lauterbach embossed. The artist doing the work has suggested that we secure the signatures of the committee separately, as he will be able to duplicate them. This will save the time and trouble of sending the testimonial separately to the different men.

Accordingly, would you as a member of the committee send me a brief note with your signature as you would wish it to appear on the testimonial?

Thanking you in advance for your immediate attention to this, I am

Cordially yours,

Fred.

F.I. Rypins, Sec'y.

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*Ans.
Aug. 10.*

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Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Colleague:

I suppose you know that you have been elected as Vice-President of our Alumni Association. This is supposed to be a more formal notification of that fact.

Freehof is our new president, so I suppose that ~~you~~ you will have little or nothing to do this year unless you hear from him. Of course, I know that if you have any suggestions about the work of the Alumni Association of the College he would be glad to receive them from you.

With cordial regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Fred

F. I. Rypins, Sec'y.

FIR:ER

The HEBREW UNION COLLEGE *Monthly*
- CINCINNATI
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October 28, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

In the second issue of the Monthly, we are planning a Symposium on "A Peace Platform for Jewry." The contributions may be in reference to, or without regard to the Resolution of the Central Conference last summer. We should appreciate very much your contributing an article of preferably not more than a thousand words on this topic. The enclosed galleys of Dr. Morgenstern's article to appear in our first issue may be of interest to you in this connection.

Symposium articles must be in by November 15. Kindly let me know at your earliest convenience whether you will participate in the Peace Symposium.

Warmest personal regards to yourself and Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely,

Adolph J. Feinberg

Adolph J. Feinberg, Editor

N.B. Should you care to write any other articles of current Jewish or Rabbinical interest, we should be pleased to accept them.

A.J.F.

The HEBREW UNION COLLEGE *Monthly*

CINCINNATI

Ohio

Nov. 11, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Annually or perhaps more frequently you receive requests to contribute to the Hebrew Union College Monthly. As you know, the Monthly has taken on during the past two years a distinct alumni flavor due to the numerous symposia on controversial Jewish and rabbinic problems. The pressure of your multitudinous tasks has probably made it impossible for you to write for any of these recent symposia or to contribute more lengthy articles to the Monthly in recent years. I should like now to repeat the request that I made to you last summer in your ~~MONTHLY~~ study that you write something for the Monthly this year, not only because the Monthly itself is one of your literary progeny but because its editor for the year 1935-36 is one of your most ardent admirers.

The second issue is now in the process of formulation. A symposium entitled A PEACE PLATFORM FOR JEWRY is planned for this issue (deadline Nov. 25). If you should care to write a brief article for this symposium, I would appreciate it very much. But I am primarily interested in your writing a key-note article for the third or fifth issues (or both) to precede the symposia on THE NEEDS OF JEWISH EDUCATION and ZIONISM AND REFORM JUDAISM to appear in the fourth and sixth issues, respectively. If you would prefer to write on a subject of your own choosing independent of these suggestions, I should be delighted to publish it. Articles for the third issue are to be in by Jan. 1, 1936. The best length for publication purposes would be 8 or 12 typewritten pages, altho a concise, cogently written article of even 16 would be acceptable.

Kindly let me know if you will be free to write something for the Monthly this year, and if for the third issue, your subject. With warmest regards to yourself, Mrs. Silver and your two sons, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Adolph J. Feinberg
Editor.

P.S. If you have any criticisms or comments to offer on the first issue do not hesitate to do so. A.J.F.

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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE
Cincinnati, Ohio

February sixth, 1936

My dear Sol,

I am writing to you today, as President of the Alumni Association, to venture a suggestion for your consideration.

I was sorry that you could not be present at the last meeting of the Board of Governors. Quite a mass of interesting and important business came up. At the close of the meeting Mr. Alfred M. Cohn accepted the election as Chairman of the Board of Governors, but announced formally to the Board that this was the last year in which he would serve as Chairman of the Board, and therefore he requested the members of the Board to give careful consideration to the question of a successor. He had made a similar statement to me personally at the January meeting last year. Evidently his formal statement to the Board this year would indicate that he is now fully determined not to accept reelection. This conclusion is confirmed by the fact that he must have given a similar statement to the Israelite for publication, since two days after the Board meeting the Israelite appeared with this announcement, and this could hardly have come from any one other than Mr. Cohn himself.

Mr. Cohn will have served as Chairman of the Board for nineteen years. During this entire period he has given himself wholly, generously and loyally to the duties of his office. The value of his services cannot be over-estimated. Furthermore, by virtue of the fact that he has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Law from the College he is in consequence an honorary alumnus of the College.

I would like to suggest therefore for your consideration that it would be nice and proper for the Alumni Association to invite Mr. Cohn to be their guest of honor at the regular meeting next June. It seems to me that it would be a very worthy expression by the Alumni Association of their appreciation of the high value of his services. I believe too that he would be greatly pleased and that he would probably make a strong effort to come to the meeting. What do you think of the suggestion?

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

Faithfully,

(signed) Julian Morgenstern

JM/s:MG

PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
President, Alumni Association
Hebrew Union College
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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February tenth
1936

Dear Friend:

Alfred M. Cohn is resigning as chairman of the Board of Governors. Dr. Morgenstern has suggested that since he has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Law and is in consequence an honorary alumnus of the College, and in consideration of his nineteen years of loyal service, that he be invited to be the guest of honor at our regular meeting in June.

I am writing to you first for your vote on this suggestion and second for whatever alternate suggestion you may have to make.

Very sincerely,

(signed) Solomon B. Freehof

SBF:MG

PRESIDENT

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

February tenth
1936

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

Dear Abba:

I have sent the inclosed letter to all the members and officers of the Alumni Board. For your information, I am inclosing a copy of Dr. Morgenstern's letter. Will you please give me your opinion?

I am sorry I could not oblige you and speak for you on that Sunday which you suggested. I had already been away one Sunday from my pulpit and as you say, I am still new enough in my pulpit to be over-conscientious!

With best wishes and kind regards to Virginia, I am

Sincerely yours,

Salomon B Freehof

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February 11, 1936

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof,
Rodef Shalom Temple,
Fifth and Morewood Avenues,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I think that it would be a nice gesture to have
Mr. Alfred M. Cohn as guest of honor at the Alumni meeting
in June.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours.

AHS:EK

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

Department of Social Studies
DR. ABRAHAM CRONBACH

February 22, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

With the approval of President Morgenstern, I am trying to raise the sum of \$370.00 to finance the participation of two Hebrew Union College students in the Peace Caravan to be conducted by the American Friends Service Committee in the Summer of 1936. Hebrew Union College students, acquitting themselves most creditably, participated in this venture during the Summers of 1932 and 1934, funds being supplied by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and by the National Council of Jewish Juniors. Certain fiscal changes in one of these organizations preclude a repetition of this support for the immediate present. Hence my attempt to obtain the sum from other sources.

The Peace Caravan consists of a group of thirty young men and women who, after an intensive course of instruction in international problems at one of the universities, travel in pairs throughout the rural districts where they arrange and address all types of meetings in the interests of world peace. Supervision is exercised by the American Friends Service Committee but financing proceeds from separate sponsors.

The four Hebrew Union College students who have served in the past have been the only Jewish participants. As matters shaped themselves, these students turned out to be emissaries for Judaism as well as for world peace. They have combatted, among the rural folk, not only erroneous ideas about international affairs but even more absurdly erroneous ideas about Judaism and the Jews. We as Jews have our own additional interests at stake even though the interests of world peace are primary in this endeavor.

Can you possibly get some well-to-do person to make a substantial contribution to this fund of \$370.00? Will you thus help us out?

Fraternally,

Abraham Cronbach.

Checks are made payable to the American Friends Service Committee.

February 27, 1936

Dr. Abfaham Cronbach,
Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Cronbach:

Let me thank you for your letter of February 22. As I am not in favor of the approach to the problem of peace of the American Friends Service Committee, I do not feel that I should contribute or raise money for its activities. As you probably know, I am working through two or three other peace organizations in the United States.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

The HEBREW UNION COLLEGE *Monthly*

CINCINNATI

Ohio

March 22, 1936.

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

Dear Dr. Silver;

Shall be in Cleveland for a few days during the Passover vacation, so shall see you at that time. I should like, however, to make a final request of you in my capacity as editor of the magazine which you founded. The Graduation Issue, which because of its special nature will have a wider circulation than the C.C.A.R., Bd. of Governors, faculty, a dozen libraries and the student body, will carry a symposium entitled, "Reform Judaism and Zionism." A number of the leading Zionist members of the conference, James G. Heller, Felix A. Levy, etc. have indicated a desire to write on this subject. I should feel that the symposium would indeed be incomplete if the outstanding alumnus of the Hebrew Union College and the leading Zionist figure among the alumni were not to contribute an article on this topic. I know you are a very busy man, but somehow those people that are the busiest find time to accomplish the most and to do the things they wish. I should be very pleased to publish anything you might care to write on this subject. Symposium contributions are usually not more than 2000 words. Contributions for the last issue are to be in my hands by May 1, if possible.

Please let me know within a week or ten days if I may count on you for an article, what phase of the subject (if it will not be a general treatment) you will treat, and when I may expect the manuscript.

Graduation takes place on May 25. If the seniors are consulted as to their choice for a baccalaureate speaker, there will be 13 votes for Abba Hillel Silver. Incidentally, the prospect of positions this year is very slim. If you have anything to suggest or should know of anything by Pesach Hol hamoed when I shall be in Cleveland, I shall be very grateful to learn about it.

Thanking you once again for your numerous favors in the past and wishing you continued success, I am with warmest personal regards to you, Mrs. Silver, and the two darling children,

Very Sincerely yours,

Adolph J. Feinberg

RABBI JEROME DANIEL FOLKMAN
JACKSON, MICHIGAN

May 25, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel at 105th St., E.,
Cleveland, Ohio..

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should like to take this means of telling you again how much I appreciated your address at the Ordination services at the Hebrew Union College last Saturday. It was a very practical statement defining the general message that should come from the Jewish pulpit today. On the fifth anniversary of my own ordination, I found it helpful and inspiring; certainly the graduates to whom it was addressed must also have found it so.

Thanking you for your message, and with cordial Shabuoth greetings, I remain,

Your devoted colleague,

Jerome Daniel Folkman

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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

May 26, 1936.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

My dear Abba:

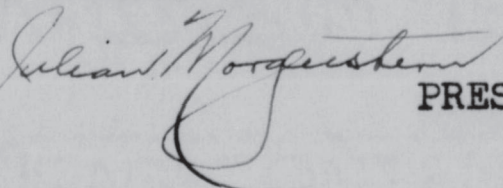
Now that a few days have passed since Graduation and there has been time to meditate upon things somewhat, let me tell you again how much I appreciated both your Baccalaureate Address itself and the spirit of wholehearted and generous loyalty to your Alma Mater with which you responded to my invitation. The Address was beyond all question one of the very finest, most timely and most stimulating that we have heard for many years. I know from various utterances which I have heard that it meant very much to the thirteen young men who were ordained as Rabbis. You may feel assured that this ordination will remain long as an inspiring memory for many of us.

Also in behalf of the authorities of the College let me express to you my deep appreciation of your generous action in refusing to accept the repayment of the expenses incurred by you in coming here.

I know too that it must have been a source of great joy to you to have been present and to have participated in the Exercises on the occasion when your brother received his D.D.

With warmest regards for yourself and Virginia and all good wishes for a very pleasant and restful summer, I am ever

Faithfully yours,



PRESIDENT.

JM/s

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March 28, 1936

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105 St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:--

I hope you will not consider me presumptuous for addressing you with a request. In our Social Studies Department under Dr. Abraham Cronbach we are now engaged in research on the problem entitled "Sectarian Factors in Contentions over Communism, Pacifism and Similar Controversial Issues." This study is to figure as one of a series proposed by the National Conference of Jews and Christians.

We want to determine how the participation of Jews in radical and other movements creates anti-semitic feeling. Besides Communism and Pacifism the other controversial issues are: birth-control, the Negro problem, the New Deal, etc.

Dr. I. M. Rubinow and others have been most helpful with material from their personal files. We have in mind to include in our study the attack of J. F. Lincoln in connection with the Ohio Unemployment Insurance Legislation of 1933. We understand that you answered Mr. Lincoln. Would you choose to send us your clippings, your lecture, or any other material that you have on this and similar incidents.

In the sphere of our study there also enter the problems you discussed in an article "Pogroms Are Not Such Simple Matters" published in The Jewish Daily Bulletin, October 21, 1934 in connection with James W. Gerard's speech on the Jews and Communism in America. You must have written and lectured on this problem. Will you be good enough to lend us the material. I shall be personally responsible for the items you send us, and of course, I shall not fail to acknowledge my indebtedness to you in the study.

Perhaps you can recall any other cases in which some Rabbis or Jewish laymen were attacked in the press as radicals, pacifists, etc. Perhaps it has been your good "fortune" to be accused of that in print. If so we are ready to use you as one of our "cases."

We are rather eager to have the information at the earliest possible date. Please help us. *Thank?*

With kindest regards and sincerest wishes, I remain

Faithfully yours,

George Lieberman

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Greensboro, N.C. June 3rd, 1936

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Vice-President,
Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Would you be good enough to attend the meeting
of our Executive Board of our Alumni Association,
at lunch, Friday, June 26th, at Cape May?

If, for any reason, you are unable to attend
please let me know.

With cordial regards, I am



Very truly yours,

Fred.

F. I. Rypins
Secretary

FIR:FK

June 9, 1936

Rabbi Frederick I. Rypins, Secretary,
Alumni Association, Hebrew Union College,
713 Woodland Drive,
Greensboro, N.C.

My dear Fred:

I am sorry that I will not be able to
attend the sessions of the Alumni Association
as I plan to go abroad with my family the 17th
of this month.

With all good wishes for a very pleasant
summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 10, 1936

Rabbi Jerome Daniel Folkman,
Jackson,
Michigan.

My dear Jerome:

Let me thank you for your kind note of
May 25. It was a pleasure to meet you in Cincinnati.
I am having the Baccalaureate Address published in
booklet form and I shall be very happy to send you
a copy of it.

I remain

Wishing you a very pleasant summer,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 15, 1936

Dr. Henry C. Englander,
Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Englander:

We would appreciate it if you would send
us a list of the names and addresses of the thirteen
Rabbis who were ordained in this year's class.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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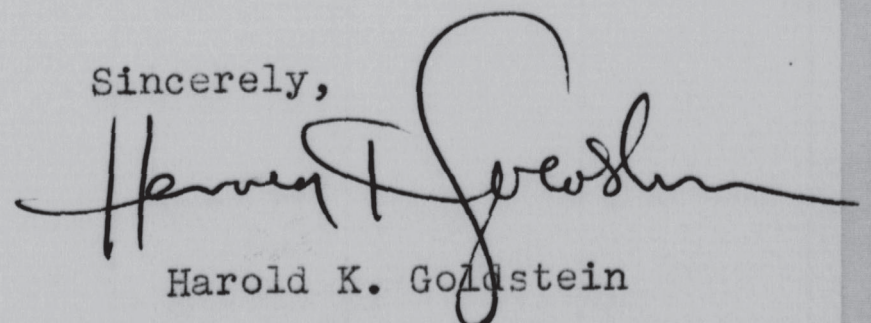
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My dear Dr. Silver:

I should like very much to get an article from you for our Graduation issue..dealing perhaps with advice to the graduating class..perhaps describing and evaluating the status of the ministry today. I do hope that you will be able to find time to comply with this request....am especially desirous in view of the fact that you were the founder of this publication.

Would like to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


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