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Hebrew Union College, 1936-1945.

Cape May, N. J.

Thursday, ^{June}~~May~~ 25, 1936.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE HEBREW UNION
COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The following members were present:

Freehof, Segel, Feldman, Brill, Julius Mark,
Morgenstern, Voorsanger, A. Weinstein, Rosenblum.

1. A motion that a committee be appointed to study the feasibility of publishing a volume by Profs. Bittenwieser and Lauterbach as a testimonial in connection with their retirement from the H.U.C. Faculty, was approved.

2. Appointment of a Committee consisting of Morgenstern, Feldman and Voorsanger to compile an Alumni Register, was approved.

3. Rosenblum moved that the Alumni provide \$1000.00 toward purchasing the David Frankel collection of manuscripts for the H.U.C. Library. The committee expressed regret at being unable at this time to go through with this request.

4. Appointment of Walter Rothman as curator of Alumni Archives to safeguard minutes, by-laws and other documents, was approved.

5. Morgenstern and Margolis were appointed a committee to dispose of the remaining volumes of the Kohler Memorial Set, to new College alumni and others, with authority to spend up to \$50.00 for binding and additional expense.

6. A motion was passed that the Alumni should tender a suitable testimonial to Alfred M. Cohen, President of the Board of Governors of the College.

7. The following bills were approved:

Abraham J. Feldman, Stenographic Service in connection with Alumni Bulletin	\$14.58
Bureau of Synagogue & School Extension, for issuing Alumni Bulletin	30.07
For postage	10.71

(Minutes taken by Fred Rypins, Sec.)

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE ALUMNI MEETING
At Cape May, June 27, 1936.

President Freehof called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. Seventy-eight members had attended the dinner.

The roll was called by classes in reverse order, beginning with 1936 and proceeding backwards. The recent graduates were welcomed briefly by the President.

The reading of the minutes were dispensed with since they were published in the last issue of the Alumni bulletin. It was moved and carried that a committee should be appointed to consider the possibility of publishing a volume in connection with the retirement of Professors Bittenwieser and Lauterbach from the college. It was also moved and carried that a Curator of archives be appointed. Our Historian, Feldman, reported on his work during the year. He moved that thanks be expressed to the Bureau of Synagogue and School Extension for publication of the Alumni bulletin. This motion was seconded and carried. He also moved that a computation of the Alumni register should be made. This was also carried.

The Secretary's report was given, combined with the Treasurer's report, which showed a cash balance on hand of \$530.00. The report was accepted with thanks. Harry Margolis, Chairman of the Publication Committee, gave his final report. He promised that a final check-up on the financial items would be made with the Secretary at his first opportunity.

Dr. Philipson reported orally regarding the work of the Board of Governors of the College. Five students and two professors have been brought from Germany. The Alumni Electorship, inaugurated by Dr. Rosenau, is to be permanent. A closer co-operation has been arranged between the Bureau of Synagogue and School Extension and the College.

President Freehof spoke briefly in honor of Alfred M. Cohen. Dr. Morgenstern expressed on behalf of the Alumni Association its gratitude, respect and affection to Alfred M. Cohen upon the ending of his service as President of the Board of Governors of the College. This marks the conclusion of 35 years of service, 17 years as member of the Board and 18 years as President.

Feldman, as Historian, presented a set of resolutions in honor of Alfred M. Cohen that were adopted with the understanding that they were to be engrossed and sent to Mr. Cohen, a copy later to be appended to the minutes.

Alfred M. Cohen responded in part as follows, "To have a place in your hearts is dear to me. The turbulence of the College has given way to a more peaceful period."

He summarized the progress of the College over the last 35 years and gave some interesting personal impressions. He

Predicted that Europe will look more and more to American Jewry.

The Committee on Nominations, Bettan, chairman, made its report which was accepted unanimously.

The Alumni meeting adjourned for a brief period while the President of the Conference, Felix Levy, called to order a short C.C.A.R. meeting, after which Freehof resumed the chair. He called for a meeting of the new board of the Alumni Association immediately after the evening's program.

The meeting adjourned for the initiation of new members and a program of stunts.

Report of the Committee on Nominations:

President	Abba Hillel Silver
Vice-President	Joseph Rauch
Secretary	Sidney L. Regner (for 5 year term)
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(Minutes taken by Fred Rypins, Sec.)

Minutes of H.U.C. Alumni Executive Board
Cape May, N. J., June 27, 1936

A meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at Cape May, N. J., Saturday, June 27, 1936, at 10:20 P.M. In the absence of President Silver, Freehof presided. The following were present: Feldman, Leon Feuer, Margolis, Julius Mark, Morgenstern, Rauch, Regner, Rosenblum, Rypins, Charles Shulman, and Voorsanger.

Freehof brought up the matter of publishing books by Drs. Bittenwieser and Lauterbach as testimonials in connection with their retirement from the College. It was decided that a committee, consisting of Freehof, chairman, Feldman and Rauch find out about the book Dr. Bittenwieser has ready for publication and communicate with the Board, and that the committee also talk to Dr. Lauterbach. The committee was instructed not to contract any financial obligation. Dr. Morgenstern suggested that if the plan would contemplate disposing of copies of the Bittenwieser book, contributions might be solicited from persons willing to contribute to such a purpose.

Members were asked to send material of interest to Rothman to be deposited in the archives of the Alumni Association. Dr. Morgenstern suggested that six complete files of the Bulletin be sent. Feldman stated that he will attend to this. Margolis stated that he will see that several copies of the two Kohler volumes are sent. The secretary was instructed to ask Prof. Cohon if the Association can have ten or more copies of the Neumark volume put in the archives. Dr. Morgenstern also suggested that copies of the stunts presented at the meetings be deposited.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that Feldman be re-appointed historian. He was authorized to continue publishing the Bulletin.

Rypins brought up the names of a number of members in arrears. It was decided that Braun and Krohngold be dropped from the Association. It was decided that letters be sent to the following, offering to cancel back dues if payment of current dues is made: Bergman, Harvey Franklin, Gordon, Herman, Liebowitz, Macht, Julian Miller, Rosenzweig, Shillman, Starrsels, Wessel.

It was decided that the following be carried, payment of all dues being waived for the present: Hurvitz, Kelson, Jerome Mark, Weiss, Joseph. It was decided that bills for all back dues be sent to Lichtenstein, Mendoza, Merrit, Peiser, Reinhart, Schachtel, Tavel, Unger, Waterman, Trachtenberg, and Goldblatt, with requests to pay. It was decided that a letter be sent to Taxay, quoting the rule on suspension for non-payment of dues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

Sidney L. Regner, Sec.

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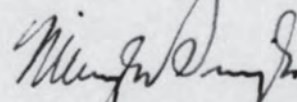
July
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1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the request of Rabbi Sidney L.
Regner, Secretary of the Hebrew Union
College Alumni Association, I am send-
ing you under separate cover, 250 let-
terheads of the Alumni Association.

Sincerely yours,



M. Myer Singer
For-~~THE~~ UNION OF AMERICAN
HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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July 27, 1936

Mr. Edward M. Baker,
The Jewish Welfare Federation,
1900 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 23. Rabbi Silver is spending the summer in Europe and will be gone until the early part of September. I shall, however, forward your letter to him.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Reading, Pa.,
September 1, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Greetings from the new Secretary to the New President. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Constitution of the Alumni Association and copies of the minutes of the Executive Board and of the annual meeting held at Cape May. You will note that since you were not at the meeting to make the appointment the Board re-appointed Feldman Historian.

During the summer I had 250 letter heads sent to you. If there is anything that I can do for the Association please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney L. Regner

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enc.

September 7, 1936

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner,
Perkiomen Ave. and 13th St.,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Regner:

Thank you for your letter of September 1 and for the enclosures of the Hebrew Union College Alumni Constitution as well as the minutes of the various meetings. I also received the bills which I o.k.'d and sent to Feuer. Is there anything that I am supposed to do as President of the Alumni Association?

With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Sept. 18, 1936

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Here is another bill to be O.K.d and
sent to Feuer.

With good wishes for the New Year,



Sincerely,

Sidney L. Regner

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

September 30, 1936

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Dr. A. H. Silver

E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abba:

The Publicity Department of the Union has communicated with me, suggesting the possibility of their releasing under the Alumni Association's imprint items of interest relating to activities of our members.

I think that is a very good offer. The only possible expense for the Association may be the printing of some stationery and envelopes on which to send the news releases.

May I have your authority to authorize the printing of 800 sheets and envelopes to be used by the Director of Publicity of the Union, in cooperation with the Historian of the Alumni Association?

With every good wish for a happy year, I am

Faithfully yours,

Abraham J. Feldman

Pardon the use of last year's stationery. We have new stationery with the names of this year's officers. Abe

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October 23, 1936.

Dr. A. H. Silver,
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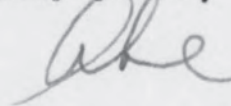
My dear Abba:

On September 30 I wrote to you asking your authority to order printed 800 sheets and envelopes of the Alumni Association, for use by the Director of Publicity of the U. A. H. C. in cooperation with the Historian of the Alumni Association. I know that in the rush of the holiday season this routine matter may have been misplaced, and I venture to call it to your attention again.

Also in the matter of the Bulletin of the Alumni Association, last year I put out only one issue towards the end of the season. The year before there were two issues, one about December or January, and the other one in May or June. Similarly, in the year before that. I shall be glad to start working on this Bulletin now; but do you think that we ought to have one Bulletin a year, or two as previously? I should like to have your thought on this project.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,



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AF:VH

October 27, 1936

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman,
145 Ballard Drive,
W. Hartford, Conn.

My dear Abe:

I see where I have been neglectful in my presidential duties. Of course you have my authority to print the sheets and envelopes for the Alumni Association which you require.

As regards the issuing of the Bulletin of the Alumni - you are in a much better position to judge whether we should have one or two Bulletin's a year. If the members like it and welcome it, there is no reason why you should not give them two.

With all good wishes to you and to your dear lady, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

C O P Y

Temple Emanuel
Greensboro, N. C.

Nov. 6, 1936.

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof,
4905 Fifth Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sol.,

I regret to report to you that I have heard nothing to date from Margolis despite his promise to arrange matters with us in the fall. He has not even seen fit to reply to my letter. Nor has he made any accounting to Regner. Would it be possible for you to secure some action upon his part?

I, for one, am willing to listen to his explanation, if he has one, but do not feel that the matter should go by default, since there is about one thousand (\$1,000.00) involved. Do you believe that we can afford to overlook this? I have pondered on the case with a heavy heart. I still hope that it was more a result of carelessness and indifference than direct embezzlement.

With cordial regards,

Very truly yours,

Fred

(Signed)

Fred I. Rypins.

DR. LOUIS L. MANN
RABBI



Chicago Sinai Congregation

4600 SOUTH PARKWAY

November
9th
1936

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

My dear Colleague & Friend:

Doubtless you know that Professor Moses Bottenwieser has been working for many years on the Psalms. He has now completed his studies and his manuscript, when printed, will make a book of some 850 pages.

As a former pupil who feels most indebted to him, I am undertaking to have the work published. The Press of the University of Chicago, after submitting it to the Department of Oriental Languages, is most enthusiastic about the work and feels that it is a monumental work of great erudition and a real and lasting contribution to the literature of the Psalms. The University of Chicago Press, as you doubtless know, is not given to superlative statements.

But — inasmuch as a book of this kind and running 850 pages ought to sell for \$7.50 to pay its own way and inasmuch as the University Press assured me that \$7.50 books will not sell, the Committee of the University Press suggested to sell the book for \$5.00 so that scholars and those interested in such a work might not be deprived of it.

After going thoroughly into this situation and many other possibilities for the publication of the book, I have come to the conclusion that this suggestion ought to be embraced. It will require about \$5,000 to publish an edition of

a thousand copies, \$2,000 of which can probably be returned at the end of one year when nine hundred copies of the book are sold. That means a "loss" of \$2,000.

I am writing to twenty-five of Professor Battenwieser's former pupils - who are in a position to help. You are one of them. If the other twenty-four do their share, can I count on you for \$200.00, of which you will in all probability have \$120.00 returned a year after the volume appears?

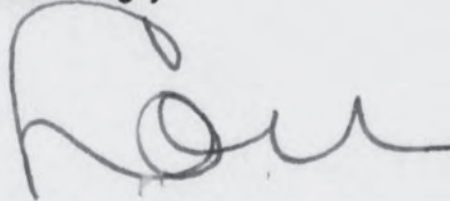
Whether you do this personally or ask some influential and literary minded member of your congregation to do so, or are in a position to get it some way or other, naturally makes little difference to me.

I shall not ask you to send the check unless I have the full amount pledged. I have spoken with Professor Battenwieser about this plan and he feels assured that his pupils who are in positions of influence will gladden his heart during his advancing years by the publication of this book.

Needless to say, I personally have pledged my \$200.00.

Looking forward to hearing from you affirmatively, I am

Sincerely,



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CHICAGO SINAI CONGREGATION
4600 South Parkway

November 9, 1936

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
Congregation Rodef Shalom
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Sincerely,

LLM:SB:MG

(signed) Lou (Dr. Louis L. Mann)

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
THE RUSKIN APARTMENTS
120 RUSKIN AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA.

November 11, 1936.

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

Dear Abba:

A very troublesome matter with regard to the finances of the Alumni for the last few years still remains unsettled and I am afraid I have to put it into your hands. It involves a discrepancy between the accounts of Margolis, the alumni treasurer, and Fred Rypins, for many years the Alumni Secretary. I am enclosing a copy of Rypins' letter. I do not believe that the implications of his last sentence are at all justified. I am certain that there can be no question of dishonesty. A number of banks had failed during Margolis' treasureship and then there were a number of complicated dealings with the late Dr. Enelow with regard to books which the Alumni had published, then Margolis took sick with a heart attack and naturally his ledgers got confused.

However, the discrepancy, which I believe is purely one of bookkeeping, troubles Rypins' conscience and although his term as secretary is over he does not desire to let the matter go by default. We do not want any scandal particularly since a study of the books will undoubtedly explain everything.

I am going to write to Rypins and to Margolis and tell them what I wrote to you and ask them to wait until they hear from you.

Looking forward to seeing Virginia and you here very soon I am as ever

Sol

P. S. When you write to me on this matter please write to me at home, 120 Ruskin Avenue.

S. B. F.

P. P. S. I am enclosing copies of letters to Margolis and Rypins.

S. B. F.

C O P Y

November 11, 1936.

Rabbi F. I. Rypins,
Temple Emanuel,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Fred:

I was deeply grieved at your letter because it indicated that the discrepancy in the books is not yet settled. Since both you and I are no longer officers of the Alumni, I have written to the present President, Silver, and sent him a copy of your letter and explained the background of the affair and asked him to arrange matters. I know you agree with me when I say that there is no reason to assume any evil intention on the part of Margolis. During his term as Alumni treasurer there were a number of bank failures and complicated publication enterprises and Margolis' own heart attack which inevitably caused the neglect of the books and the resulting confusion. I am sure that Silver will see to the matter and see that everything is settled satisfactorily.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Solomon B. Freehof

C O P Y

November 11, 1936.

Rabbi Harry Margolis,
Holly & Avon Aves.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Duke:

I received a letter from Rypins a few days ago again discussing the discrepancy between your books and his during the last few administrations of the Alumni Association.

Rypins says: "I for one am willing to listen to his explanation if he has one but do not feel that the matter should go by default since there is about one thousand (\$1,000.00) involved. Do you believe that we can afford to overlook this?"

Naturally, if Rypins feels so keenly about it he will not let the matter rest, nor would you and I want to let the matter rest. I have written to Silver, the present President. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to him. I know that Silver will get in touch with you, or if you care to you can write to him without waiting to hear from him, since I am sure you want to get this matter cleared up as soon as possible.

I am sorry that you have been troubled so much.

With best wishes,

As ever,

(Signed) Solomon B. Freehof

November 16, 1936

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, D.C.
The Ruskin Apartments
120 Ruskin Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

While in St. Paul, I had two or three conferences with Margolis with reference to the discrepancy in the finances of the Alumni. Margolis is making a memorandum for me detailing the income of monies during the period in question, going through all available sources and itemizing the funds collected. He has requested a friend of his who is an expert accountant and auditor to assist him. He will probably have the information before very long - certainly by the end of February when I am to visit St. Paul again. Margolis is very anxious to get to the bottom of this matter and straighten it out.

With reference to the subject of my address before your group on December 16 - I suppose any Chanukah theme would be appropriate. I would suggest "Chanukah Lights and Shadows", "If the Maccabees Were Alive Today" or "The Light That Never Failed". Of course, what I am going to say is another matter and that will require some thinking.

With all good wishes to you and Lillian
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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November nineteenth
1936

Dr. Louis Mann
4600 South Parkway
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Lou:

You can take it for granted that I will help; however, we want to avoid cross purposes. The Alumni Association at its last meeting in Cape May, New Jersey, appointed a committee, of which I am chairman, to see what it can do to help in the publication of Dr. Bittenweiser's book.

Your plan seems to me to be quite adequate and perhaps therefore will make it unnecessary for the Alumni Committee to do anything further than to cooperate as individuals with you. However, I believe that I should write to the present President of the Alumni, Dr. Silver, and put the matter before him. Whatever decision is arrived at, count on me to do my share.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

SBF:MG

Solomon B. Freehof (signed)

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

November nineteenth
1936

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

Dear Abba:

I am afraid we are going to have a fast and furious correspondence this year, chiefly over Alumni affairs. The latest thing is a letter from Louis Mann with regard to Dr. Battenweiser's book. I am sending you a copy of his letter, although in all likelihood you already have it. A copy of my letter to him explains why I have to bother you on this matter.

Shall we just give up our committee work on the matter now that Dr. Mann is taking it up? It may be, for example, a simple solution of the problem if we ask our Alumni to buy five hundred books and thus distribute the load a little. In all events, what is your reaction to it?

As ever,

Sol

SBF:MG

November 24, 1936

Dr. Louis L. Mann,
Chicago Sinai Congregation,
4600 South Parkway,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Lou:

I am so happy to know that you have interested yourself in the publication of Dr. Battenwieser's book on the Psalms. I think the plan outlined in your letter of November 8 is an excellent one and I shall be very happy to hold myself responsible up to the amount of \$200 in connection with the cost of publishing the book.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

DR. LOUIS L. MANN
RABBI



Chicago Sinai Congregation

4600 SOUTH PARKWAY

December
10th
1936

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

My good Friend:

I want to express to you my deep appreciation for your letter of November 24th, in which you pledged cooperation for the publication of Dr. Bittenwieser's monumental manuscript on the "Psalms."

If you could forward the sum of two hundred dollars to me between January 1st and 15th, I should be very grateful. I am working hard to bring the matter to a close.

Again thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely,

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P.S. Freehof, in his letter to me, felt that the Alumni had made some kind of pledge at the last Conference toward the publication of Bittenwieser's book. Unless it could come from the Alumni treasury — as it probably cannot — it would duplicate the work that I am doing, inasmuch as it would appeal to the same men.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
of the
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CONSTITUTION

Article 1.

This association shall be known as "The Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College (hereinafter referred to as "the Association").

Article 2.

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote the welfare of Judaism, of the Hebrew Union College and of its graduates.

Article 3.

Officers.

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and nine trustees, who together shall constitute the Executive Board. In addition to these, the retiring President upon leaving office by reason of the completion of his term shall become for a period of one year a member of the Executive Board and as such shall have all the rights and prerogatives of a Trustee. The President of the Hebrew Union College shall be ex-officio a member of the Executive Board and as such shall have all the rights and prerogatives of a Trustee.

Article 4.

Membership.

All graduates of the Hebrew Union College are eligible for membership in the Association.

Members of the faculty will be eligible for membership.

Article 5.

Meetings.

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Forty members who are in good standing shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

Section 2. Special meetings shall be held at the call of the President or by petition signed by twenty-five members of the organization.

Article 6.

Amendments.

Any proposition to alter, amend or repeal the foregoing Constitution or any part thereof, shall be made in writing, signed by at least three members and submitted at the Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting of the Association called for this purpose. It shall require a two-thirds vote of those present to adopt such a proposition.

BY-LAWS

Article 1.

Election of Officers

Section 1. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a period of one year and serve until their successors shall have qualified. The Secretary shall hold office for a period of five years and until his successor shall have qualified. The Historian shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board and shall serve for one year and until his successor shall have qualified.

Section 2. At the meeting at which these laws are adopted nine trustees shall be elected, three for a term of one year, three for a term of two years and three for a term of three years. Thereafter, at each Annual Meeting there shall be elected three Trustees for a term of three years each.

Section 3. No Trustee shall hold office as such for more than two successive terms but he shall again be eligible for the office of Trustee one year after the termination of his last term.

Section 4. Representatives of the Association to other organizations shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Article 2.

Dues.

The dues of the members of the Association shall be \$2.00 per year, payable in advance.

Article 3.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The President shall perform the usual duties of that office. He shall also, at his discretion, approve all bills against the Association and transmit them to the treasurer. He shall appoint all committees except as otherwise provided. Before each annual meeting of the Association he shall appoint a qualified person or persons to audit the books of the treasurer.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the event that the President shall be absent or unable to act.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association and the Executive Board; on the receipt of bills properly approved by the President and Treasurer and checks signed by the treasurer, he shall, at his discretion, approve such bills and countersign such checks and keep an accurate record of them. He shall transmit the checks to the proper person and retain the approved bills as vouchers. He shall receive all dues from the members, keep an accurate account of such receipts and transmit the funds to the treasurer; he shall inform the members periodically of their indebtedness to the Association. He shall also remind the members at the time of the quinquennial anniversaries of their respective graduation, and solicit appropriate contributions for the Quinquennial Fund.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the Association. He shall keep separate accounts of each fund, including all the individual items of receipt and expenditure. On receipt of bills approved by the President he shall at his discretion approve them and make out and sign checks for their payment. He shall send both the bills and the checks to the secretary.

Section 5. The Historian shall report at the meetings of the Association significant events, such as honors, celebrations and appointments in the lives of the members of the Association.

Article 4.

Executive Board.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall have control and management of the affairs of the Alumni Association except as otherwise provided.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet at least once a year. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called at the discretion of the President.

Article 5.

Standing Committees.

Section 1. The President, with the consent of the Executive Board, shall as soon as it is convenient after the annual meeting, appoint the following standing committees: Publications, Placement and Relief, and Program. There shall also be a standing committee on Co-operation, as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. The Kaufman-Kohler Memorial Fund Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Executive Board and three of whom shall serve for four years.

This committee shall have charge of the Kohler Memorial Publications and the collection of the Quinquennial contributions. These contributions shall be turned over to the Alumni treasurer before the annual report is prepared.

Withdrawals from the Memorial Fund must be approved by a majority of the committee, together with the President of the Association. All Kaufman-Kohler moneys shall be kept in a separate saving fund.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Publications to take charge of publications of the Association, to render an annual report on new publications and on the state of former publications; to encourage as its means will permit scholarly work by rabbis and to transmit all funds obtained from the sale of publications to the treasurer of the Association. The committee shall also appoint a depository for all the publications of the Association on hand. It shall have discretion to give to such persons and institutions, as in its discretion are entitled to receive them, free copies of the publications of the Association.

Note: This by-law does not alter the present plan of the Association to cooperate with the Hebrew Union College Press.

Section 4. The committee on Cooperation shall consist of the delegates of the Association to the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the Department of Synagogue and School Extension. It shall be the duty of the Committee to promote harmonious relations between the Association and the bodies to which they are delegated and also between the members of the Association. They shall report through their chairman, appointed by the President, to the Executive Board any actions they may have taken as a committee or what may have been done by an individual member of the committee.

Section 5. The Committee on Program shall prepare the social program for the Annual Meeting of the Association. It shall be within the discretion of the Committee with the approval of the Executive Board to decide whether the annual meeting of the Association shall be divided into two, one for business and one for recreation or one meeting for both purposes.

Section 6. The Committee on Placement and Relief shall consist of three members. It shall be the duty of the Committee to assist graduates of the Hebrew Union College in finding suitable positions. The Committee shall also at its discretion intercede with the Central Conference of American Rabbis and other bodies having relief funds for the relief of unemployed rabbis who may be in need of financial assistance.

Article 6.

Loss of Membership.

Section 1. Any member in arrears for three years may be suspended from membership by the Executive Board. Such suspension, however, shall not take effect until after thirty days' notice in writing to the last address of record in the books of the Alumni shall have been given to the member. Upon suspension, all rights and privileges of an active member in the Association shall cease and become void.

Section 2. A member thus suspended may be re-instated with the approval of the Executive Board.

Article 7.

Suspension and Amendment of By-Laws.

Section 1. Any of the foregoing By-Laws may be suspended at any meeting of the Association duly convened, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Section 2. Any proposition to alter or amend or appeal the foregoing By-Laws or any part thereof, shall be made in writing signed by at least three members in good standing and submitted at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Association called for this purpose. It shall require a majority vote of the membership present to adopt such a proposition.

Amendment 1.

The President of the Hebrew Union College shall have a place on the Alumni Program each year.

(Adopted, June 17, 1934, at
Wernersville, Pa.)

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD) OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
INCLUDING THE SETTLEMENT OF GERMAN JEWS AND THE CHILDREN'S ALIYAH (IMMIGRATION)
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ONE-ELEVEN FIFTH AVENUE
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Suite 703

January 13, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President,
Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

In connection with a visit to the United States of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, we are arranging in Washington, D. C. a National Conference for Palestine, to be held on Saturday evening, February 6th, and Sunday, February 7th, for the purpose of enabling representative American Jews to meet with Dr. Weizmann and to hear from him a statement of the Jewish position in Palestine and of the part which we in America can play in influencing the situation that exists.

Not since the Balfour Declaration was issued in 1917 has American Jewry been in a position of such decisive influence with respect to the outcome of the present situation in Palestine.

The affection and esteem in which all Jews hold this outstanding leader were intensified during the past few weeks as a result of the appearance by Dr. Weizmann before the British Royal Commission now in Jerusalem to study the administration of the League Mandate for Palestine. The dignity and candor with which he presented the Jewish case in Palestine and reviewed the Jewish plight in the Diaspora won for Dr. Weizmann from all sections of Jewry new admiration for his statesmanship and devotion to the Jewish people.

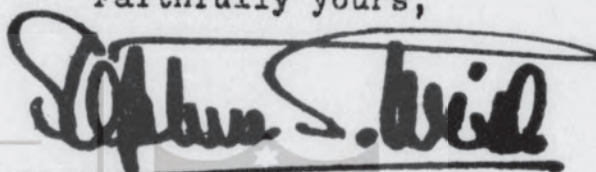
It is our conviction that all Jews concerned with the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home will wish to utilize the visit of Dr. Weizmann to acquaint themselves at first hand with the problems that must still be met and with the responsibilities still to be assumed.

The United Palestine Appeal hereby formally invites your organization to join with us in sponsorship of the National Conference for Palestine so that Dr. Weizmann's appearance at Washington may truly be on a platform on which are represented all sections of American Jewry. This is essential for the success of his mission. We of the United Palestine Appeal are, of course, concerned with the

material support that will be required of us during 1937 to carry out the program adopted by the Jewish Agency, but Dr. Weizmann's visit is not directed at fund-raising, but at mobilization of American Jewish public opinion in connection with the just claims and the demands that have been presented to the British Government.

Our first wish is to have you represented among the list of national Jewish organizations joining in the official reception to Dr. Weizmann. We hope that at the next meeting of your organization, you will be able to adopt a formal statement of welcome in connection with Dr. Weizmann's visit. We also invite you to send five representatives as delegates to the National Conference for Palestine and to notify us of the names and addresses of these representatives so that the proper credentials may be issued immediately.

Faithfully yours,



Stephen S. Wise
Chairman



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January 19, 1937.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Will you please O.K. the enclosed bills and send them to Leon Feuer? The J.P.S. bill is for the binding of books ordered by Margolis, and the others are for the questionnaires sent out for historian Feldman.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sidney L. Regner

DR. LOUIS L. MANN
RABBI



Chicago Sinai Congregation

4600 SOUTH PARKWAY

January

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1937

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

My dear Colleague:

Some time ago I wrote you about getting together two hundred dollars from a few prominent members of your Congregation to help publish the Bittenwieser manuscript on the "Psalms." The University of Chicago Press has paid this work the highest possible tribute.

If at all possible for you to do so, will you kindly send me what you have collected not later than February 1st. People will respond if you ask them personally and if you yourself have made your own contribution.

Assuring you of my appreciation and with the kindest of greetings, I am

Sincerely,

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Please keep soon
Have raised half the
amount -
also have Alvin M.C. Heep!

January 21, 1937

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner, Secretary,
Alumni Association, Hebrew Union College,
Perkomen Ave. and 13th St.,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Regner:

I received the enclosed invitation from the United Palestine Appeal directed to the Alumni Association of the H.U.C. requesting that we join in sponsoring the National Conference for Palestine which is to be held on February 6th and 7th in Washington and that we also send five delegates to this Conference. Has the Alumni Association acted on a similar request in the past? This Conference is the third of its kind. If we have acted affirmatively on this matter in previous years, I shall authorize the use of the name of the Alumni Association in connection with the Conference and I shall also appoint five representatives. If not, do you think that we should circularize our Board of Trustees about this matter? I notice from a letter received this morning from Rabbi Felix Levy that the Central Conference of American Rabbis is sending representatives to this Conference. Because of the proximity of the date of the Conference, I would appreciate your favoring me with an early reply.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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

January twenty-first
1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

"Exit Antoinette; enter business." Inclosed is a letter from Louis Mann and a copy of my answer to him. The correspondence explains itself.

Please get a set of dominoes in readiness for our next visit and the four of us will have a real contest. It was fortunate for Lillian and me that Virginia and you were on the train to help the day pass delightfully.

As ever,

Sol

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January twenty-first
1937

Dr. Louis L. Mann
4600 South Parkway
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Lou:

I have your letter of January nineteenth with regard to the \$800 in the Alumni fund. I have already spoken to Rabbi Silver about it on the train coming north. Naturally the decision is in his hands.

I know he is eager to help in the publication of Dr. Buttenwieser's important work. As you know, the Alumni Association had appointed a committee to consider the publication of works by Dr. Buttenwieser and Dr. Lauterbach to honor them both on the occasion of their retirement as active members of the faculty.

It may well be that Rabbi Silver considers that you will be able adequately to take care of Dr. Buttenwieser's book and we might use the Alumni's money to aid in the publication of whatever work Dr. Lauterbach might desire to have published. However, I would not presume to anticipate Silver's decision in the matter.

With best wishes to you in this large and worthy undertaking in which I assure you you can count on me to help, I am

Sincerely yours,

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(signed) Solomon B. Freehof

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Sincerely yours,

Sol

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ought help without
forcing me to the
straining point Lou*

January 22, 1937

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner, Secretary,
Allumni Association Hebrew Union College,
Perkiomen Ave. and 13th St.,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Regner:

Will you please check the minutes of the Alumni Association and let me know what action was taken with reference to the publication of works by Dr. Bittenwieser and Dr. Lauterbach to honor them both on the occasion of their retirement as active members of the Hebrew Union College. My impression is that a committee was appointed for that purpose. Was any appropriation made? I understand that the sum of \$800 has been "discovered" in the Alumni funds. Dr. Mann would like to have that sum applied to the publication of Bittenwieser's "Psalms" for which project Dr. Mann has been raising funds.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 22, 1937

Dr. Louis L. Mann,
Chicago Sinai Congregation,
4600 South Parkway,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Lout

I am enclosing herewith my check for \$200 to help make possible the publication of Dr. Battenwieser's "Psalms". I hope that the response which you have received plus, of course, your own efforts in Chicago will make it possible for you to proceed with the publication of this important work.

With all good wishes to you and Ruth, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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January 24, 1937

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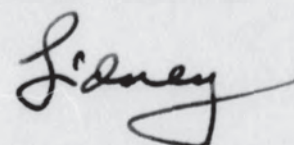
SAMUEL WOLK,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Not having been an officer until this season, I am not in a position to say if there is any precedent for Alumni Association participation in the National Conference for Palestine. I have looked through the minutes of the past few years to see if any official action was taken, and I have found no reference to it. Perhaps it would be best to circularize the Board of Trustees, as you suggest. Do you want to do it, or shall I?

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



DR. LOUIS L. MANN
RABBI



Chicago Sinai Congregation

4600 SOUTH PARKWAY

January
26
1937

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

My good Friend:

I want to thank you for your kindness in helping to publish the Bittenwieser manuscript. I am sure that Dr. Bittenwieser will also be very grateful when, in the near future, I shall tell him the names of all who participated in this great endeavor.

With the kindest of greetings, I
am

Sincerely,

LLM:SB

Enclosure

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January 26, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President,
H.U. C. Alumni Association,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

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I know of no discovery of \$800 in the Alumni funds. It may be that when Margolis gets finished straightening out his accounts, the Association may find it has money which it knew nothing about. Some time ago Margolis wrote me that he had a conference with you, and that, on your suggestion, he was checking up on his records. The latest word I have had from him is that he is making progress in tracing the error, and that he is still checking. He wrote that he found several items charged to the Alumni fund in his keeping which should have been charged to other funds in his control.

We have in the neighborhood of \$670 in our general Alumni Fund. I can let you know the exact amount if you want it. Leon Feuer and I both have complete records of this. But this is no "find". Most of it is a balance from previous years, which former treasurers undoubtedly reported to the Board.

With kind regards, I am,
Sincerely yours,

Sidney

January 26, 1937

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner,
Perkiomen Ave. and 13th St.,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Regner:

Thank you so much for your
letter of January 24. I am circularizing the
membership of the Board of Trustees.

WRHS Very sincerely yours,
AHS:BK
Enc.



sent to all
members of
T.S.D. of H.U.C. Alumni Ass'n

January 26, 1937

Rabbi Samuel Wolk
70 W. Union St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Friend:

The United Palestine Appeal has extended an invitation to the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College to join in the sponsorship of the National Conference for Palestine which will be held on February 6th and 7th in Washington, D.C. and to send five representatives as delegates to this Conference. The purpose of the Conference will be to "enable representative American Jews to meet with Dr. Weizmann and to hear from him the part which we in America can play in influencing the situation that exists".

I have asked our secretary, Rabbi Regner, whether action was taken at any previous meetings of our Alumni Association on a similar request. The minutes of the last few years contain no reference to such action. I am accordingly circularizing the Board of Trustees and I am requesting you to express yourself on the subject. I am enclosing herewith a card. Please vote and mail the card back to me immediately. In this connection, it might interest you to know that the Central Conference of American Rabbis has designated five representatives to this Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



January 28, 1937

Dr. Louis L. Mann,
Chicago Sinai Congregation,
4600 S. Parkway,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Lou:

Thank you for your letter of January 26 and for the enclosure. The following are two paragraphs from a letter which I have just received from Rabbi Sidney L. Regner, secretary of the Alumni Association:

"At the meeting of the Alumni Executive Board held in Cape May on June 27, 1936, the matter of publishing books by Dr. Bittenwieser and Dr. Lauterbach as testimonials in their honor was discussed. A committee was appointed, consisting of Freehof, chairman, and Feldman and Rauch. The committee was to find out about the book Dr. Bittenwieser had ready for publication and also confer with Dr. Lauterbach. The committee was to consult with the Board before taking any action. No appropriation was made. In fact I was asked to state in the minutes that the committee was instructed not to contract any financial obligation without authorization by the Board".....

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I am not clear in my own mind as to what \$800 you referred to when you spoke to me in New Orleans. Is it the \$670 to which Regner refers which represents the general fund of the Alumni Association?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

1/28/37

Dear Abba —

It is customary for the President of the Association to write a "message" to the men for publication in the Alumni Bulletin. Inasmuch as I am preparing the Bulletin, now, may I ask you for your *Mr. P. P. ?*

With best wishes I am, as ever,
yours
Abe

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January 28th
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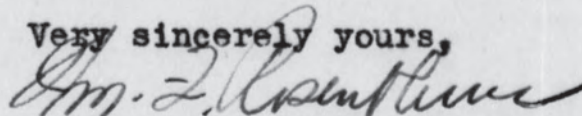
My dear Colleague:

I enclose my card in answer to your circular letter of January 26th and also add a word as one of the Trustees.

It is very important that we be represented at the National Conference for Palestine and also that we act as sponsors. It is high time that our organization realized that our members should welcome every opportunity to meet with those representatives of Jewish ideas and Jewish communities who are trying to solve Jewish problems.

There are few impending conferences which are likely to be more significant and more provocative of results than the Washington conference on February 6th and 7th and I am heartily in favor of our participation.

Very sincerely yours,



WFR:SSB

Encl. card

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

January 29, 1937.

(Dict. Jan. 28)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,

My dear Abba:

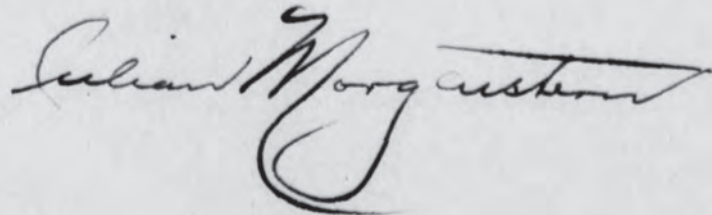
I am replying to yours of the 26th inst. by letter, instead of filling out the enclosed postal card, for my vote must be a qualified one.

I believe that we ought to send representatives of the HUC alumni association to the meeting of the UPA in Washington on February 6-7, in order to represent our Association and to be present as auditors and to report back to the Association at its next meeting. I do not think that these representatives of our Association ought to have the power to commit our Association to any action or any policy. They may of course make definite recommendations to the Association, but no more.

Of course in principle I desire to assist in the up-building of Palestine in every way possible, but as a matter of practice I have a great distrust of some of the foremost leaders in the activities of the U P A and in the politics which it plays, and particularly in its unquestionably close affiliations with the American Jewish Congress. For these reasons I have serious misgivings about the entire matter. On the other hand, we owe that courtesy to Weitzmann and doubly so since Weitzmann himself, as the holder of an honorary degree from the Hebrew Union College, is actually an honorary member of our alumni association. Therefore, let me repeat that I believe that we should send our representatives, who should however report back to us with any recommendations which they may wish to make as to future policies of the HUC Alumni Association with regard to affiliation with the UPA.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,



JM/s

January 29, 1937

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof,
120 Ruskin Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sol:

I am somewhat disturbed about the whole business in connection with the publication of Dr. Bittenwieser's book which Lou Mann has undertaken to see through. Can you tell me on what basis Mann assumed responsibility for this job? The enclosed letters indicate that Dr. Mann has been putting on a general campaign among the graduates of the Hebrew Union college, not as he originally intended - among twenty-five of Dr. Bittenwieser's former pupils - asking them to help him raise a sum of \$5000 and solicit contributions from Men's Clubs, Sisterhoods, and children's philanthropic funds. Was that contemplated in the original understanding which you had with Mann? Did the Alumni Association approve of this kind of a campaign? Have we done that in the past in connection with the publication of books?

I heard from Regner the other day. He writes me that he is not aware of any "find" of \$800 in the funds of the Alumni Association. He knows of a general alumni fund of \$670 which represents an accumulation in the alumni treasury over a period of years.

I note too that Man, in his letter of November 9, addressed to the twenty-five former pupils states that "if the other twenty-four do their share, can I count on you for \$200?" The implication here is that if he did not obtain twenty-five pledges, he would not ask anyone to send him the \$200. He has evidently not received these pledges and yet he has asked for the contributions. I forwarded mine to him last week.

Dr. Freehof

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January 29, 1937

It seems to me that considerable criticism might develop among the Alumni Association about this whole matter. I should like to have your judgment as to how to proceed in the matter. I came into the picture late and I should not like to anything that would displease Mann. At the same time, I should not like to have the Alumni Association subjected to criticism.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



January 31, 1937

Rabbi Charles E. Shulman,
North Shore Congregation Israel,
Glencoe, Ill.

My dear Rabbi Shulman:

A National Conference for Palestine will take place in the City of Washington on Saturday and Sunday, February 6th and 7th. The Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College has been invited to send five representatives to the Conference and I am accordingly taking the pleasure of appointing you as one of our representatives. I trust that you will be able to attend this important gathering.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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January 31, 1937

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman,
145 Ballard Drive,
W. Hartford, Conn.

My dear Rabbi Feldman:

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With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi William F. Rosenblum,
210 W. 91st Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Rosenblum:

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With best wishes, I remain

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AHS:BK

January 31, 1937

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner,
Perkomen Ave. and 13th Street,
Reading, Pa.

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With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 31, 1937

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

As president of the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College, I have appointed the following five members of our Association as representatives to the National Conference for Palestine which will take place in Washington, D.C. on February 6th and 7th:

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner
Perkiomen Ave. and 13th St.
Reading, Pa.

Rabbi William F. Rosenblum
210 W. 91st St.
New York, N.Y.

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman
145 Ballard Dr.
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Rabbi Leon I. Feuer
Collingwood Avenue Temple
Collingwood and Acklin Avenues
Toledo, Ohio.

Rabbi Charles E. Shulman
North Shore Congregation Israel
Glencoe, Ill.

Please send them their credentials at once.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 31, 1937

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer,
Collingwood Avenue Temple,
Collingwood and Acklin Avenues,
Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Feuer:

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With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

I vote

(for)

~~(against)~~ accepting the invitation of
the United Palestine Appeal to attend the
National Conference for Palestine.

Signed

Abram Brill

Shrewsbury La

I vote

(for) ✓

(against) accepting the invitation of
the United Palestine Appeal to attend the
National Conference for Palestine.

WRHS
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Signed

Sidney L. Regner

I vote

(for)

(~~against~~) accepting the invitation of
the United Palestine Appeal to attend the
National Conference for Palestine.

Signed

Samuel Holt

I vote

(for)

(~~against~~) accepting the invitation of
the United Palestine Appeal to attend the
National Conference for Palestine.

Signed

E. C. Woodard

We should go as observers at least — if in
no other capacity and get our own impressions
for Reports to our membership —

I vote *Emphatically*

(for)

(~~against~~) accepting the invitation of
the United Palestine Appeal to attend the
National Conference for Palestine.

Signed

Charles E. Trulman

I vote

(for) ✓

(against) accepting the invitation of
the United Palestine Appeal to attend the
National Conference for Palestine.

Signed

Sidney S. Tedeschi

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I vote

(for)

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United Palestine Appeal to attend the National Conference
for Palestine.

Signed

A. Feldman
Hartford

I vote

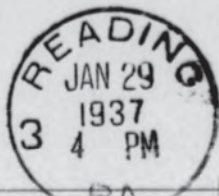
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the United Palestine Appeal to attend the
National Conference for Palestine.

Signed

Julius Mark

Deeply regret that this card
was not mailed soon
promptly - was out of the city -
Jm



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

I vote

(for) ✓

(against) accepting the invitation of
the United Palestine Appeal to attend the
National Conference for Palestine.

Signed

Chaim Weizmann

I vote

(for)

(against) accepting the invitation of the United Palestine Appeal to attend the National Conference for Palestine. ✓

Signed

I vote

~~(for)~~

(against) ✓ accepting the invitation of
the United Palestine Appeal to attend the
National Conference for Palestine.

Signed Abraham Holyberg

I vote

✓(for)

(against) — accepting the invitation
of the United Palestine Appeal to attend the
National Conference for Palestine.

(Signed) Solomon B. Treachof

The J.D.C

Should invite us too if they
know this business.

February 1, 1937

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman,
145 Ballard Drive,
S. Hartford, Conn.

My dear Abe:

Would you send me some of the earlier
presidential messages addressed to the Alumni
in the Bulletin to indicate to me the type
of message your require.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK



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TOLEDO, OHIO

February 1st, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi:

I have received your letter, asking me to serve as one of the representatives of the Alumni, at the National Conference for Palestine.

As I have been planning to attend the conference anyway, I shall be very glad to serve.

As ever,

LIF-ms

WRHS



February 2, 1937

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner, Secretary,
Alumni Association Hebrew Union College,
Perkiomen Ave. and 13th St.,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Regner:

I sent out a questionnaire to the officers and board members of the Alumni Association as to whether the Alumni should be officially represented at the forthcoming Washington Conference for Palestine. To date, the vote has been eight "for" and one "against". I have accordingly appointed the following men to represent our Association at the Conference next Saturday and Sunday and have so notified the U.P.A. in New York:

Leon I. Feuer
Abraham J. Feldman
Sidney L. Regner
Wm. F. Rosenblum
Charles E. Shulman

I trust that you will be able to attend the Conference. I hope to get there late Sunday afternoon, by plane. I want to be in my own pulpit Sunday morning.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

February second
1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

As I re-read Mann's letter to the Alumni and your letter with regard to it, I realize the problem involved. I just had my secretary read to me the correspondence between Dr. Bittenwieser and myself. I am sending you a copy of the entire correspondence. You need not return it.

You can see from this correspondence that very early in the proceedings we offered to be of help. While Dr. Bittenwieser did not officially accept our offer, nevertheless he is grateful for it, as you can tell from his letter. It seems to me that if the Alumni is to help Dr. Bittenwieser it should do so officially and have the privilege of assisting its old teacher. I do not think the Alumni assistance should be surreptitious.

It would seem to me that Dr. Mann should agree either to merge his efforts with an Alumni effort or if he wants to do it all himself, that he should do so without expecting direct aid from the Association as an Association.

With kind regards,

As ever,

Sol

SBF:MG

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P.S. Thank you very much for the copy of your father's Commentary. I will use it in the following way: I am going to keep it on my desk; when I prepare the Saturday sermon I am going to use it and in this way I will, as the weeks go by, become more and more acquainted with it. Thank you very much.

S.B.F.

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June 29, 1936

Dr. Moses Bittenwieser
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Bittenwieser:

At my suggestion the Alumni Association Executive Board and with the unanimous concurrence of the Alumni Association itself at its recent annual meeting at Cape May, it was decided to appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of the Association aiding you in the publication of your book of Psalms or any other publication, if you prefer it. It may not be possible for the Association to guarantee the publication of your book in case too much money is involved, but the Association pledges itself to help you in any way that it can. We mean to honor you and ourselves for the many years of loyal and inspiring service which you have given to us as individuals and to our beloved Alma Mater.

Please write to me at your leisure, making suggestions as to how we might be of assistance to you.

With best wishes for a happy and restful summer, I am

Sincerely,

P.S. My address during the month of July and the first two weeks in August will be in care of Jacob M. Loeb, Loeb Lodge, Cable, Wisconsin. After that my address will be Rodef Shalom Temple, 4905 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Southampton
Ontario
July 15, 1936

Dear Dr. Freehof:

I purposely delayed my answer to your gracious letter of June 29th, as I expected from day to day to hear from the Chicago University Press--which I did yesterday.

But I wish first of all, to express to you personally--and through you to the Alumni Association--my heartfelt gratitude for the financial assistance you have offered me in the publication of my work on the Psalms. I have been deeply touched by this manifestation of devotion to me on your own part as well as on the part of the H.U.C. Alumni as a whole.

I am inclosing a copy of the report of the special reader and of Gordon J. Laing's--Chairman of the Board of University Publications and Dean of the University--letter to Louis Mann, who was asked to forward both to me. They are self-explanatory.

With regard to the financial arrangement suggested by Dean Laing, Louis Mann writes:

"Personally, I believe we should go ahead and ask them to make the exact estimate as to how much money would be required for, say, one thousand or two thousand volumes. The financial arrangement they suggest is novel, and while I was taken back when I first read it, the more I think about it, the more the idea seems favorable and fair to me. With your permission I shall ask the University Press to make the estimate...Most of the fund that a group of us--if it were not too much--would advance would be returned during the first year.... As I envision it, all is within the range of possibility."

Agreeing with Mann, I gave him my permission to ask for the estimate. In doing this I was determined by the following consideration. When last January Macmillans wrote to me that because of the present condition of the book market they would assume too great a financial risk were they to undertake the publication of "even such an important work as this book of yours." I turned for advice to three academic friends of wide experience. Every one of them told me that what Macmillans said about the present stringent condition of the publishing business was true, and that at present publishers will not undertake the publication of worthy scholarly works, unless the cost of publication is assumed by the author.

Trusting that you are enjoying a pleasant vacation, I am with cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Moses Bittenwieser

P.S. I forgot to say in the body of my letter that I sent Mann a copy of your letter to me and wrote him that I would send you a copy of the report of the special reader and of Dean Laing's letter.

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From the point of view of scholarship the work is eminently suitable for our list. The author's competence as a Hebraist is universally acknowledged. His grammatical and exegetical notes are of great value and should see the light of day. His literary and historical criticism is also valuable. Perhaps the most valuable feature of this part of his work is his discussion of the literary relations of the psalms with other writings, particularly those of the prophets, which no one knows better than he. Here we reap the benefit of a lifetime of faithful and patient study of the text of the Old Testament in the original by a scholar who is psiritually as well as technically equipped for his work.

Professor Battenwieser's work is, in my view, the best attempt that has yet been made to relate the Psalms to the historical process using the methodology of the literary-historical critic. Here he exhibits a much more sound and sane view of the evolution of this literature and of the religion which it reflects than any commentator I know. His recognition that a great proportion of this corpus is pre-exilic stands in wholesome contrast with the German critics to regard the bulk of the Psalms as late post-exilic. His recognition of prophetic influence on the Psalter is also highly valuable.

He has made a contribution of permanent value in the study of this literature and one which helps to counteract many of the extravagances of an orthodox higher criticism that has run to seed. From the point of view of scholarship, therefore, my judgment is cordially favorable.

The book is not well organized. In order to improve it, the excursuses should be gathered together in one introduction and used as illustrations of the author's point of view on interpretation, and as illustrations of the general historical background reflected in the Psalms. Or else each historical section should have an introduction in which the historical excursuses are so used. For example, the excursus on Deutero-Isaiah's attitude to Cyrus could go into the introduction to the exilic psalms.

I should also remark that the footnoting in the manuscript is very inadequate insofar as form is concerned.

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5750 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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July 7, 1936

Dr. Louis L. Mann
Box 1
Leland, Michigan

Dear Dr. Mann:

Re: Moses Bittenwieser's The Psalms

The Board of University Publications considered this title at its last meeting and approved its issue under our imprint. The action was as follows: "Approved for publication provided the manuscript is revised in respect to minor details of form and provided the cost of publication is furnished." All the members of the Board, several of whom were familiar with Dr. Bittenwieser's wide reputation as a scholar, were interested in this work. The decision to have it on our list was unanimous. The reference to the desirability of revision is due to the criticism made by the special reader that the book in spite of its excellence is badly organized. When the reader made this criticism I was reminded of what you said to me when we first discussed the manuscript.

I wish very much we could finance the book ourselves, but unfortunately financial conditions prevent our doing so. We shall be able to undertake it only if the whole cost of publication (including advertising and promotion, etc.) is furnished. Under this contract, however, we should return to the financial sponsor 75% of the actual receipts. On account of the author's reputation there is no doubt that the book will have a steady sale in its field. No library that pretends to have any collection of books on Old Testament literature can be without it and there would be a sale also to individuals who are specialists in this subject. This form of contract generally works out very well. The return is a very substantial part of the price of every copy sold.

Will you please let me know whether you are interested in this kind of an arrangement. If so, I will have an estimate made of the cost of publication as soon as I hear from you. I would rather not have this estimate made unless the plan is being seriously considered as it is a very long job to estimate so large a manuscript.

I am inclosing a carbon copy of this letter and also of the report of the special reader in case you wish to forward it to Dr. Bittenwieser.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

signed:

G. J. Laing
Editor

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Southampton
Ontario

July 21, 1936

Dear Dr. Freehof:

Though I know that you are not a member of the Associated Press, I meant to mention in my letter to you of last week that for the present I do not want that anything get in the press about my work or what the men of the University of Chicago Press said of it.

With cordial Greetings,

Sincerely,

(signed) Moses Bittenwieser

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July 25, 1936

Dr. Moses Bittenwieser
Box 146
Southampton, Ontario
Canada.

Dear Dr. Bittenwieser:

I was very happy to receive your letters concerning the publication of the Psalms and as soon as we can know more specifically from the University of Chicago what they deem the cost of publication we will be able to arrive at more specific arrangements. One thing you can be sure of, that the Alumni Association will make every effort to raise a considerable part of the sum needed, whatever that sum may be. We will either raise our part of the money as money or else sell the book in advance to our members and through our members to others.

I hope you are having a delightful summer.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

As ever,

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(signed) Solomon B. Freehof

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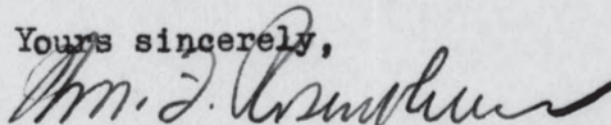
Dear Dr. Silver:

I shall try to represent the Alumni Association at the forthcoming Conference for Palestine in Washington next Saturday and Sunday.

Naturally, this acceptance is subject to "acts of God" (rather, acts of the Malach Ha-Maveth and of the Angel of the Bow and Arrow) which may compel me to remain at home.

With reciprocal good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,



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February 3, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letters regarding Alumni Association representation at the Conference for Palestine in Washington. I am pleased to accept the appointment as one of the representatives, and I look forward to being there.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sidney L. Regner



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

February fifth
1937

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I re-read your letter of January 29 and from the letters sent out by Dr. Mann which you inclose, thinking it over, I believe that we have one direct line of procedure.

Inasmuch as we offered Dr. Bittenwieser to help him with his book, apparently before any definite plans for raising money were made by Dr. Mann, and since Dr. Dr. Bittenwieser, although not definite, welcomed our offer, that we renew it in the following way:

We offer Dr. Mann to make the publication of Dr. Bittenwieser's book a joint enterprise; that he can continue to try for larger contributions and the Alumni Association circularize its members in order to get a widespread distribution through smaller subscriptions. We can offer to make Dr. Mann a member or president of the Alumni committee. In other words, it would be much better if the pupils of Dr. Bittenwieser, as the Alumni Association, would be able to help in the publication of his book in an official way. This suggestion of mine is only a suggestion.

With best wishes,

As ever,

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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

February 9, 1937.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland.

My dear Abba:

✓ I am writing to you today with regard to the next meeting of the Alumni Association of the College and particularly with regard to the entertainment which is customary in connection with this meeting. I understand that the Conference will meet in Columbus this year during the last week in May. This will probably make it possible for this year's entire graduating class of the College to be present at the sessions of the Conference and also of the Alumni Association. One member of this year's class is Sam Sandmel, a young man of unusually fine personality and ability. For the last four years he has written extremely clever musical comedies for the annual Purim celebration. Of course, as you can readily imagine, the faculty of the College furnishes the usual theme for the comedy. Without exception they have been very clever and entertaining. I spoke to him yesterday and he expressed his willingness, in response to my suggestion, to put on one of these comedies at the Alumni evening, if it be desired. I told him that I would write to you about it. I commend it very highly. It would bring a new note into our annual alumni meetings. (I think we have all gotten a little tired of the entertainment which has been offered in recent years by the same group of men. There is a little too much sameness about that. This would be something entirely new and far beyond anything that has ever been done at any of the alumni meetings.) I am sure that the alumni as a whole would welcome this.

✓ Furthermore I think it could be arranged without very great trouble or expense. A goodly number of participants in recent years are now alumni of the College and will probably be present at the Columbus meeting. It would be a simple and inexpensive matter to have these undergraduate students who have participated in these entertainments in past years and who might be needed for this show to come up to Columbus for the one day. It would mean of course paying their expenses and entertainment, but this would amount to very little. What do you think of the suggestion? Personally I believe it would go over big. Let me hear from you with regard to this so that I may, if you so wish, take the matter up with Sandmel and authorize him to go ahead with his arrangements.

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

Faithfully yours,

JM/s

Julian Morgenstern

February 10, 1937

Rabbi Harry Margolis,
Mt. Zion Temple,
Holly and Avon Streets,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear "Duke":

I received, today, a letter from
Dr. Morgenstern in which he writes the following:

"I am writing to you today with regard to the next meeting of the Alumni Association of the College and particularly with regard to the entertainment which is customary in connection with this meeting. I understand that the Conference will meet in Columbus this year during the last week in May. This will probably make it possible for this year's entire graduating class of the College to be present at the sessions of the Conference and also of the Alumni Association. One member of this year's class is Sam Sandmel, a young man of unusually fine personality and ability. For the last four years he has written extremely clever musical comedies for the annual Purim celebration. Of course, as you can readily imagine, the faculty of the College furnishes the usual theme for the comedy. Without exception they have been very clever and entertaining. I spoke to him yesterday and he expressed his willingness, in response to my suggestion, to put on one of these comedies at the Alumni evening, if it be desired. I told him that I would write to you about it. I commend it very highly. It would bring a new note into our annual alumni meetings. I am sure that the alumni as a whole would welcome this.

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What do you think about the suggestion? If you approve of it, I will write to Dr. Morgenstern and go ahead. This, of course, would not supplant your part of the program. It would, perhaps, mean that your part would be a little briefer than formerly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Mount Zion Temple
Holly at Avon Street
Saint Paul

HARRY S. MARGOLIS
RABBI

February 15, 1937

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

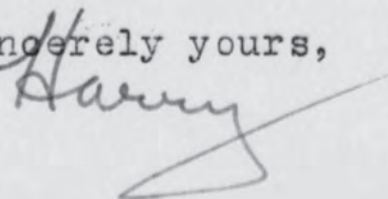
Dear Friend:

I have your letter of February 10 in which you quote from Dr. Morgenstern's letter regarding the Alumni program. I have no objection to inviting Mr. Sandmel to prepare a sketch for the Alumni meeting. In fact, I think it is about time that new material was introduced into our programs. After all, as I wrote you earlier in the season, we old war horses can't go on forever. There comes a time when even the best of machinery breaks down.

However, I believe we ought to know in advance what the expense of this entertainment will be. Morgenstern suggests that it may be necessary to invite a number of students to come to Columbus to participate in the play. This will surely involve paying their expenses, and we ought to know this in advance. Heretofore, the Alumni programs have been inexpensive. I see no need of spending unnecessary amounts for this year's program. Might I suggest that you write Dr. Morgenstern to tell Sandmel to go ahead, provided, of course, the expense is not too great? It might also be well for him to get in touch with me so that I may know how much time he needs. We do not want too long a program. One of the features of our Alumni programs has been brevity. We do not want to prolong the entertainment to the point of boredom. We can discuss some of these matters when you are here next week.

With warmest greetings and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



HSM:ME

February 17, 1937

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:

I did not answer your letter earlier because I wanted to communicate with Rabbi Margolis who together with Berkowitz, have had the Alumni programs in charge for the last few years. I received a letter from Margolis this morning in which he writes:

"I have no objection to inviting Mr. Sandmel to prepare a sketch for the Alumni meeting. In fact, I think it is about time that new material was introduced into our programs. After all, as I wrote you earlier in the season, we old war horses can't go on forever. There comes a time when even the best of machinery breaks down."

Margolis feels that the expense involved in the presentation of the musical comedy which Sandmel plans to put on should be held down to a minimum; also that the program be not too long. Margolis and Berkowitz want to put on a bit of a skit as in previous years. Margolis suggests that Sandmel get in touch with him so that they can arrange the time schedule.

I would therefore suggest that you authorize Sandmel to proceed with the musical comedy, keeping in mind the above suggestions.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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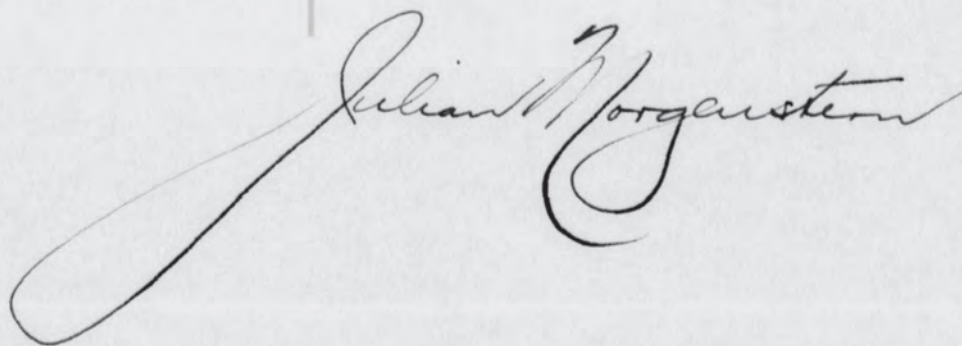
Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland.

My dear Abba:

This is my earliest opportunity to reply to your good letter of the 17th inst. Just a few moments ago I had a conference with Sandmel with regard to the entertainment for the next alumni meeting. I communicated to him the contents of your letter, and especially the quotation of the passage from Margolis' letter to you. Sandmel was well pleased and will immediately get in touch with Margolis and make all arrangements with him. I am confident that I can promise to you and to the alumni an unusually interesting, unique and enjoyable entertainment.

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

Faithfully,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julian Morgenstern". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Faithfully,". There are some faint, illegible markings above the signature, possibly from a stamp or another signature.

JM/s

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Mar. 3, 1937

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

My dear Abba:-

When may I expect to receive your message for
the Alumni Bulletin?

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

AJF:B

The HEBREW UNION COLLEGE *Monthly*
CINCINNATI
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March 4, 1937.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just learned of the meeting of the Commission on Re-valuation of Judaism which took place in Cincinnati yesterday. It occurred to me that the readers of the Hebrew Union College Monthly most of whom are, as you no doubt know, Reform Rabbis, would be interested in a discussion of the projected program, which, I understand, was formulated yesterday.

Toward this end, I am asking the members of the Commission for short statements on the projected platform. A statement from you, not exceeding 1,000 words (preferably less), would be greatly appreciated. If you can possibly find the time to write such a statement, for the Monthly, kindly let me know, so that I may plan accordingly. The issue in which the discussion is to appear is the issue of April 15th, and the manuscript must be in my hands no later than April 5th.

The men whom I am asking to write on the proposed program are only those who are members of the program Commission. Therefore I am eager that all of them shall write, so that the readers of the Monthly may receive a full impression of the discussion which led to the formulation of the new program.

Thanking you for your interest in our publication, and hoping that you will find time to avail yourself of this invitation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Alexander P. Feinsilver
Alexander P. Feinsilver, Editor.

March 10, 1937

Dr. James G. Heller,
Isaac M. Wise Temple,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Heller:

In looking through my datebook, I find that I have the evening of March 29th free, one of the few free evenings this month. If the meeting of the Alumni Association is of sufficient importance, I would make an effort to come. It means two nights on a sleeper. If it is just another meeting and another program, I should like to spare myself. What is the purpose of the meeting? Where is it to be held? And how many people are expected? I do not wish to burden you with these details but I would have asked for this information if the Alumni Association had written to me direct.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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March 16, 1937

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman,
145 Ballard Drive,
W. Hartford, Conn.

My dear Abe:

I really have no message to give for the Alumni Bulletin. There has been nothing important that has happened during the year. Perhaps it would be better to let the Bulletin go through without any message from me.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

May 3, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Will you please O.K. the enclosed
bill and send it to Leon Feuer? It's for
multigraphing letters soliciting quinquennial
contributions, which I have just sent out.

With cordial regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Regner

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Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof,
120 Ruskin Avenue,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Sol:-

As you know, Bob Goldman will address the Conference. His presence is certain to prove an excellent innovation in our program.

The thought occurred to me that a similar arrangement should be made between the Alumni and the lay head of the Board of ~~the Union of American Hebrew Congregations~~ ^{Gen. J. H. C.C.}. As a matter of fact, I have been given to understand that Mr. Ralph Mack would be pleased to have an invitation to speak to the Alumni. He has certain definite things in mind which he wishes to bring to our attention. I am wondering whether you would be so good as to extend him an invitation to speak at the Alumni dinner on Saturday night, May 29.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

SMG:dr

Dear Abba:-

I received
these two letters
which I am forwarding
to you. I wrote to
Mr. Mack & told him
you were president
of the V. & you
presides for
Sol.

RALPH W. MACK
SUITE 1215-16 CAREW TOWER
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May 14, 1937

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
120 Ruskin Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Freehof:

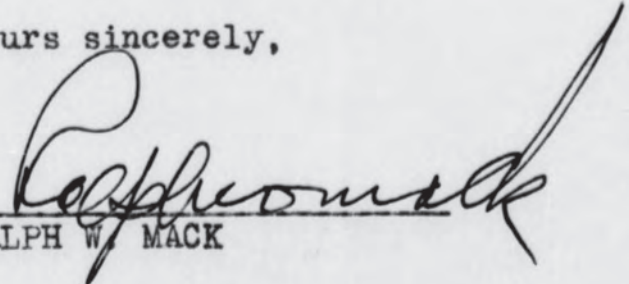
I am informed that the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 29th, at Columbus, Ohio immediately following the meetings of the C. C. A. R. and that you are the President of the Alumni Association.

There are some important matters in connection with the Hebrew Union College that I think should be brought directly to the attention of the Members of the Alumni Association. If agreeable to you, I will be glad to appear before that body on May 29th to present the matters that I have in mind.

I trust that you will not consider that I am presumptuous in making this suggestion.

Awaiting your reply and hoping to see you here on May 20th for the Board of Governors meeting, I am,

Yours sincerely,


RALPH W. MACK

RWM:LW

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:-

Word has come to me that Mr. Ralph Mack, Carew Towers, Cincinnati, is desirous of receiving an invitation to speak to the Hebrew Union College Alumni at the Annual Dinner Meeting on Saturday night, May 29. I am sure that as President of the Alumni you will want to give Mr. Mack's request favorable consideration.

As you know, the newly elected President of the Union, Mr. Robert P. Goldman, is scheduled to address the Conference on Wednesday evening, May 26. I am sure that both of these gentlemen are anxious to establish close and harmonious relations between the Conference and the Alumni on the one hand, and the Union and the Hebrew Union College on the other.

Looking forward to seeing you, and with kindest personal regards,
I am,

Cordially yours,

Sam.

SMG:dr

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

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Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
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Alumni Association
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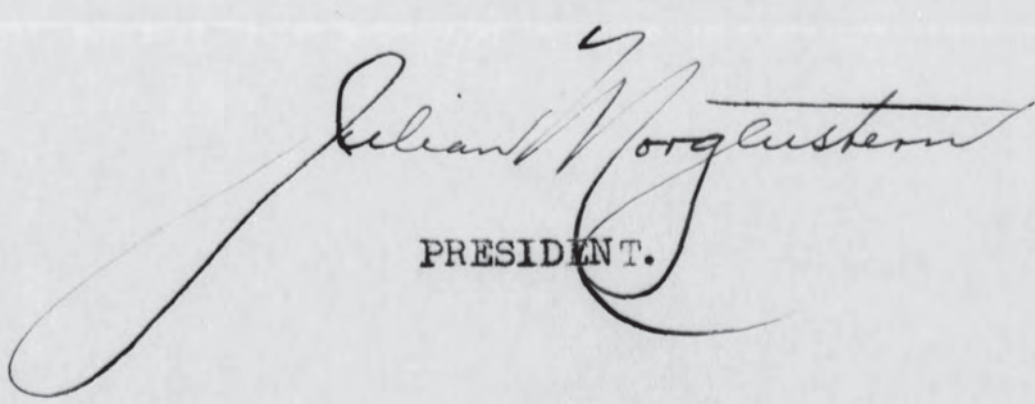
My dear Abba:

I am writing to you today to suggest that an invitation be extended to Mr. Ralph W. Mack, the newly elected Chairman of the Board of Governors of the College, to meet with and address the Alumni Association of the College at its meeting to be held in Columbus on Saturday, May 29th. I know that there are a number of very important matters concerning the College which he would like to present to the consideration of the Association and its individual members. I believe, therefore, that the meeting of the Association offers the very best opportunity for this. I know too that he would be very happy to receive this invitation and would plan to attend the meeting in Columbus. If this suggestion meets with your approval, as I am sure it will, may I further suggest that you write to Mr. Mack directly and invite him to be present. His address is:

1215-16 Carew Tower, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

Very sincerely yours,


PRESIDENT.

JM/s

May 18, 1937

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of May 17. Before leaving the city yesterday, Rabbi Silver dictated a letter of invitation to Mr. Ralph W. Mack to address the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College in Columbus on May 29th. This letter was mailed today.

Very sincerely yours,

BKL

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

May 18, 1937

Mr. Ralph W. Mack, Chairman Board of Governors,
Hebrew Union College,
Suite 1215-16 Carew Tower,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Mack:

Dr. Freehof has forwarded to me the letter which you addressed to him on May 14th in which you bring to his attention the fact that there are some important matters in connection with the Hebrew Union College which you would like to present to the members of the Alumni Association and in which you graciously offer your services to appear before our group and present these matters.

I need not tell you that we shall be glad to have you and I am accordingly extending to you an official invitation to address our group on Saturday night, May 29th.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RALPH W. MACK
SUITE 1215-16 CAREW TOWER
CINCINNATI

May 19, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. and Ancel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

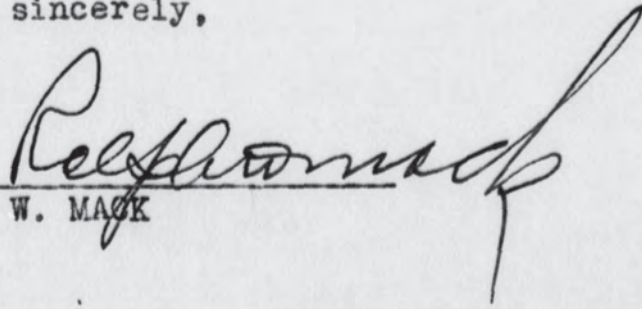
Thanks for your courteous letter of the 18th instant and your official invitation to address the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College on the night of May 29th.

An important meeting of the Board of Governors will be held to-morrow afternoon and, as you doubtless know, Graduation Exercises will take place next Saturday afternoon. A number of very important matters will come before the Board of Governors; and I am sure your group will be interested in some of the very important problems that confront us.

Unless something unforeseen interferes, I will arrange to be in Columbus on Saturday night, May 29th.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Yours sincerely,


RALPH W. MACK

RWM:LW

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June 9, 1937.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a check
from the Alumni Association for \$11.65 to
cover the amount you advanced for banquet
expenses.

With kind regards and good wishes
for a pleasant summer, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sidney L. Regner

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

July 7, 1937

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
Cleveland

My dear Miss Kline:

Replying to yours of the 6th instant
I beg to say that Rabbi Joseph Rauch, of Louisville,
Kentucky, was elected as President of the Alumni Asso-
ciation of the Hebrew Union College at the recent
meeting in Columbus.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Englander

ACTING REGISTRAR

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December 13, 1937.

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

Dear Colleague:-

I have your letter of December 10 together with the invitation of the United Palestine Appeal over the signature of Dr. Stephen S. Wise, asking the Hebrew Union College Alumni Association to send representatives to the meeting of the National Conference of Palestine to be held in Washington, D. C., on January 22-23.

I am assuming from your letter that the President of the H.U.C. Alumni Association has the authority to do this though I am a bit in doubt about it. I note in Dr. Wise's letter the following, "the officers of the United Palestine Appeal cordially invite your organization to associate itself with the National Conference for Palestine". This inclines me to the view that the President of the H.U.C. Alumni Association has no authority to commit it to any association with the U.P.A. unless that body has so decided.

Further in the letter Dr. Wise states, "in inviting your organization to associate itself with the sponsorship of the conference. . . .". This means that the impression would be given that our body is having a part in sponsoring and planning the meeting, whereas it is not.

What I, therefore, propose to do is to ask five men who are either in the vicinity of Washington or who plan to attend the meeting to sit in at the Conference and then report to the Association both what took place there and if they deem it advisable to make recommendations to the Alumni Association as to whether or not it wants to associate officially with the U.P.A. I believe that this is the only thing I can do as President of the Association.

While writing this to you may I say that you are one of the five whom I shall appoint and I shall, therefore, ask you to consider yourself an official representative of the Alumni Association and report back to our body at its next meeting.

I am holding up the other appointments because if I am

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Dr. Silver -2- 12/13/37.

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wrong in this interpretation of both my office and the
the H. U. C. Alumni I shall be grateful to you for any
correction.

Always with good wishes to you, I am



Very cordially yours,



THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

THE FACULTY

February 4, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We, a group of Education students at the Hebrew Union College, have been seeking, in connection with one of our projects, a clear formulation of the special excellencies, uniquenesses and advantages of Judaism. To date we have not found what we are after, hence we are prompted to attempt such a formulation; we would like to ask your cooperation in our task.

What, if any, are the specific excellencies, uniquenesses and advantages which are to be found in the Jewish way of life, i.e. the Jewish theological system, ethics, social outlook, racial characteristics, etc? As examples of these, some would list ethical monotheism, the Jewish concept of atonement, higher intelligence and lower delinquency and criminality rates.

Would you be kind enough to list these briefly, (in outline form if you prefer) and return your answer to us by February 19 since we are eager to formulate our results before the end of the school term? Thank you for your cooperation and courtesy in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

One of your old pupils
a. u. l.

Albert M. Lewis
Meyer H. Marx

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

October 3, 1939.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver;
Cleveland.

My dear Abba:

You will, I am sure, be interested to learn that our College has been invited, and perhaps even requested, to take over completely the Graduate School for Jewish Social Work which, as you know, has been operating in New York City for the last fifteen years. The Board of Governors has taken the matter under advisement and has given considerable study to the matter.

Two problems are of immediate concern:

a) The reaction of professional social workers and also of the Federations in the different cities and their leaders to the project of the Hebrew Union College operating such a school and the willingness of the Federations to accept graduates of such a school, if operated by the College, for positions with them. As you know, there is not a little opposition to the linking of social work with religious institutions in any kind of a relationship.

b) The amount of support for this school from Federations and Welfare Chests upon which the College could count. The Federations have been supporting the school with steadily increasing generosity during the last few years. For the current year their contributions to the school would total \$35,000. The College must know in advance whether it can, within reason, count upon a continuation and a gradual expansion of this support. As you can readily understand, the College is in no position to operate the school out of its own present resources.

I am scheduled to be in New York City on Monday, October 9th, to meet with the Budget Committee of the Federation there in conjunction with Dr. Maurice J. Karpf, the Director of the School. We are planning to be in Cleveland on Thursday, October 12th, for a similar conference with the leaders of the Cleveland Federation and Welfare Chest. Dr. Karpf has arranged for this. The Board of Governors and I myself personally are very eager that you and Dr. Brickner, as the leading alumni of the College in Cleveland, should likewise be present at that meeting. I would want your cooperation in the discussion which may develop and likewise both the Board of Governors and I would welcome the reactions of both of you to the project as it will be submitted to the lay leaders of the Cleveland community. We feel that my own single reaction may not be sufficient to form a thorough and responsible judgment of the reaction of the lay leaders of your community to the project and also to the promise of continued support from the Cleveland Federation. Your reactions and the information and suggestions which you may

-2- Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver.

be able to give in addition to those which I myself will bring away from the meeting will be of very great value to the Board of Governors. I hope therefore that you will be able to attend this meeting whenever it may be called. I would suggest that you communicate with the Head of the Federation so that you may arrange for your attendance at this meeting, of course, as you will make clear, at my request.

I am writing to this same effect to Dr. Brickner.

With warmest regards for yourself and all your dear ones, I am ever

Faithfully,

WRHS
AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES
William Bronk
PRESIDENT.

October 6, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 3rd. I should very much like to attend the meeting on October 12th at which time you will take up with the local leaders the proposal that the Hebrew Union College should take over the Graduate School for Jewish Social Work. Unfortunately, I am scheduled to be out of town on that day. I will, however, get a report of your discussions and will be very happy to send you my own reactions to the proposal. I plan to return to Cleveland on the 13th and if you stay over an extra day, I shall be very happy to see you and talk the matter over with you in person.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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October 13, 1939.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland.

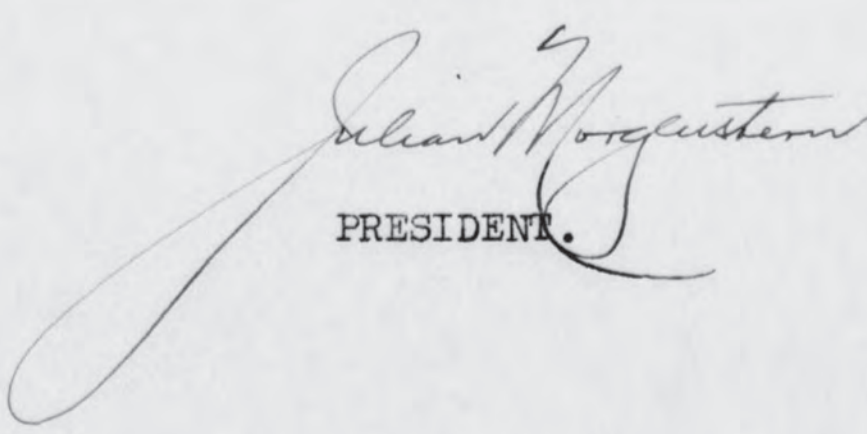
My dear Abba:

I was sorry indeed that you could not be with Dr. Karpf and myself yesterday and attend the meeting which was held in the afternoon in the office of Mr. Goldhammer. Not only would it have been a great joy to me to see you again, but also, I am certain that your participation in the very fruitful discussion of the afternoon would have helped greatly to clarify matters with regard to the projected evaluation of the Graduate School for Jewish Social Work with the Hebrew Union College even better than was actually achieved. At the same time I am happy to be able to tell you that we had a very satisfactory meeting, indeed one of the very best of the entire trip, and received reasonable assurance of wholehearted approval of the project and of a continuance of the support formerly accorded by the Cleveland Federation to the Graduate School for Jewish Social Work.

Unfortunately I could not stay over in Cleveland for another day for, having been away from my office an entire week, it was of utmost importance that I get back here to catch up with the work which accumulated. Perhaps on some other occasion we may have a chance to discuss this matter thoroughly.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I am ever

FAITHFULLY,


PRESIDENT.

JM/s

HUC

The Graduate School for Jewish Social Work

1776 Broadway, New York City

TELEPHONE, CIRCLE 7-7967

November 8, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

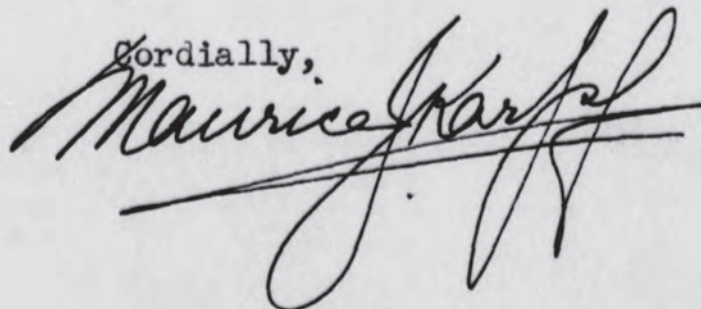
It was a source of deep regret to me and Dr. Morgenstern that you were not in Cleveland when we visited your community to discuss with the leaders there the contemplated affiliation between the School and the Hebrew Union College. Dr. Morgenstern and I were eager not only to have you present at the meeting but to discuss with you personally the project we have been thinking about. I trust that we may have an opportunity to do so in the near future. If you should come to New York I hope you will call me so that I may tell you about it.

Had I seen you in Cleveland I would have taken pleasure in telling you how profoundly impressed and grateful I was for the stand you took in Geneva with respect to some of the issues facing Palestine at the present time. Unfortunately you left Geneva before I arrived there, but I heard a good deal about it and was glad that your eloquent voice was on the side we consider wise and just.

A few days ago I received a letter from Mr. Ostrovsky of the Vaad Leumi, with a copy of his letter to you, urging that the Department of Social Service founded by Miss Szold be included in the distribution of the proceeds of the "Night of Stars." Before attempting to do anything in the matter I should like to know what you are planning to do and whether you wish me to do anything. I shall be glad to hear from you.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially,



MJK.RL.

Please note change of address

November 14, 1939

Dr. Maurice J. Karpf
The Graduate School for Jewish Social Work
1776 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Karpf:

Thank you for your letter of November 8.
I am sorry too that I did not get a chance to see
you and Dr. Morgenstern when you were in Cleveland.
I do hope that we will have a chance before very
long to see each other and to talk over quite a
number of things.

With reference to Mr. Ostrovsky's request
that the Department of Social Service of Palestine
be included in the distribution of the proceeds of the
"Night of Stars", permit me to say that these proceeds
go directly to the general fund of the United Jewish
Appeal. We have no authority to make any allocations
out of it. Such requests as that of Mr. Ostrovsky
should be directed to the Jewish Agency in Palestine
to which all funds which the United Palestine Appeal
receives from the United Jewish Appeal are forwarded.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

CCAR February, 1942 - Jewish Army

Atlantic City June, 1942

Heller makes effort to prevent meeting. Writes letter October 30th. Offers special session of Conference. They decline.

Heller calls special meeting in Pittsburgh May 11, 1942 with Freehof, Goldenson and Wolsey. Makes proposal that if they would call off meeting, he would call special session of Conference to have a by-law on Neutrality on Zionism made part of the constitution of CCAR. He himself favored such a by-law. *Wrote Heller*

Following this meeting, the opposition group rejects Heller's proposals. *- May 15, 1942 -*

I write a letter to Heller on May 15, 1942, cautioning him against his by-law proposal.

Heller makes another attempt at negotiations on January 15, 1943 in Baltimore, attended by fourteen Rabbis. Proposals rejected.

Meeting called by Adolph Rosenberg of Zionist and anti-Zionist Rabbis and laymen in Philadelphia. Adopt Philadelphia platform, which neither mentions Balfour Declaration nor Jewish National Home. *Transmitted by Ex. 9 Union*

Heller approved
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Pres. to obtain
Leg. to obtain
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Houston =
Rift
Executive Committee ZOA disapproves of Heller's actions. *Oct. 3, 1942 Union Exe - left it to Brannin*
November 30, 1943, Eisendrath calls meeting of Rabbis in Cincinnati. Adopt resolution to be presented to Executive of Union: "Union cannot associate itself with Agencies control of immigration and with Jewish Commonwealth" and incorporates Philadelphia resolution.

Eisendrath afraid. Had attempted in September to get Executive to say that it cannot concur in Palestine resolution of Conference.

Meeting with Dr. Goldenson called off.
Temple meeting in Cleveland December 6th called off.
I send letter 7/10/43 - Dec. 17-1943
Revised resolution suggested by certain people in reply to my protest.

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To Mr. Ralph W. Mack
Mr. Carl Pritz

January 12, 1943. 19

Care of or Apt. No. Netherland Plaza Hotel

Phoned 9:20 AM bw

Street and No. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Place

MAY I JOIN YOUR HOST OF FRIENDS IN THE TESTIMONIAL WHICH IS BEING TENDERED

TO YOU YOU HAVE RENDERED LOYAL SERVICE TO A GREAT CAUSE OVER MANY YEARS

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AT THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE ARE PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL TO YOU

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WRHS



Mr. Adolph Rosenberg
Seventh Floor
34 W. Sixth St.
Cincinnati, Ohio

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Date

I shall be present at the dinner in honor
of Mr. Ralph W. Mack and Mr. Carl Pritz,
Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 P.M. at the
Netherland Plaza Hotel.

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Signature

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

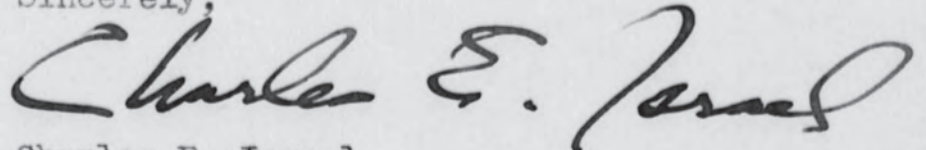
We of the MONTHLY Editorial Board are deeply interested in the discussion by liberal thinkers of social, political, and economic advances in the post-War world. We feel that the recent Institute in Cincinnati has formulated a sound credo. This is indicative of the fact that more Rabbis are becoming aware of the tie between religion and social conditions.

However, we are of the opinion that steps should be taken to implement this post-War planning by stimulating a discussion of current problems. Naturally, being Jews, we are intensely interested in the minority problem and all its implications. Perhaps some of our Rabbis have not been as outspoken as they might have been on the Jewish problem and anti-Jewish feeling.

For this reason, we should like to pose in the next issue of ~~the~~ MONTHLY the question, "Can Anti-Semitism be Outlawed?" We should be grateful to you if you could write an article for us on this question, which we feel is extremely pertinent at this time. We turn to you, for to our mind, you are eminently qualified to write convincingly and progressively on this subject. Could you, then, let us have 1000-1200 words by February 15th? If you can do this, it will go a long way toward arousing the men in the American rabbinate to awareness on this vital issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Israel

RALPH W. MACK
SUITE 1215-16 CAREW TOWER
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February 3, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

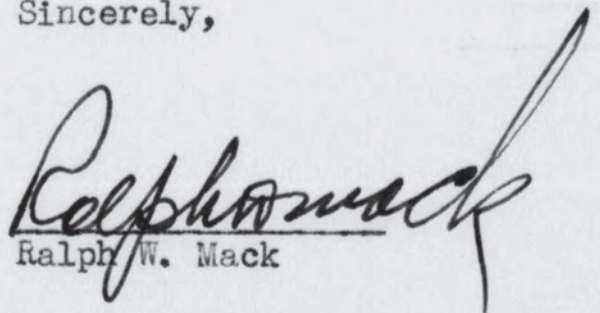
Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your kind telegram on the occasion of the testimonial dinner tendered to me on my retirement as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College.

We had a delightful evening and regret that you were not able to be with us.

Please accept my thanks for the cordial and over-generous sentiments expressed in your message.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


Ralph W. Mack

RWM:mh

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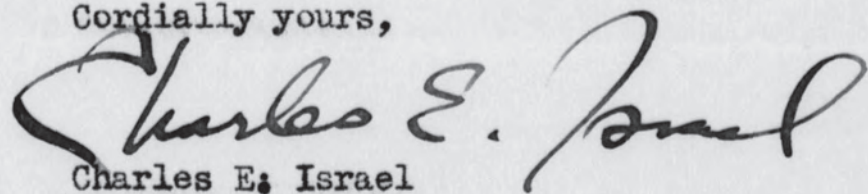
Dear Dr. Silver:-

Several weeks ago, I wrote you in regard to your sending us an article on "Can Anti-Semitism Be Outlawed?" Since then, we have heard nothing from you. I hope that this means you have decided to write the article for us. We are very anxious to have you discuss the subject.

However, since our deadline is February 15th, we should appreciate hearing from you, informing us of your decision in the matter.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,


Charles E. Israel

February the sixth
1943

My dear Friend:

I wish I could comply with your request to send you an article. Had I the time, I would have been delighted to do so, but, as you probably know, I have been immersed in anniversary celebrations in the last few weeks. I am wading through a mass of correspondence, most of which is still unanswered. I am also scheduled to be in Chicago for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and in New York for the United Jewish Appeal for the next two weeks. It will, therefore, be simply impossible for me to write any article.

I hope that at some future time, I may be of some service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Mr. Charles E. Israel
Hebrew Union College Monthly
Cincinnati, Ohio

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June 7, 1943

Dr. Abba H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College has approved a plan, submitted to it by its Committee on Publicity and Public Relations, to form an organization to be known as Sponsors of the Hebrew Union College. It is to be recruited from men and women in all parts of our country, and particularly in congregations and communities ministered to by Alumni of the College. They shall be people who, on the one hand, are representative of Progressive Jewish opinion and, on the other hand, are already or can, presumably, be made interested in the College and the expansion of its resources, its activities and its service to American and world Judaism.

It is planned to send to each of these sponsors all the publicity literature of the College, such as, for example, its Bulletin, occasional addresses, and the like.

We would appreciate greatly, as an act of loyal cooperation with your Alma Mater, if, upon the enclosed blank, you would record the names and addresses of the members of your congregation, both men and women, and even those residents of your community who may not be members of your congregation, who, in your opinion, should be included in this organization of Sponsors. We would appreciate it doubly if you would give this matter your prompt attention.

For the service of the Hebrew Union College, I am

Cordially yours,

Alfred Segal

Alfred Segal,
Chairman

AS:rk
Encl.

HUC

November 3, 1943

Dr. Joshua Liebman
Temple Israel
Longwood Avenue at Plymouth
Boston, Mass.

My dear Joshua:

Thank you for your letter. I know your sentiments with reference to Dr. Morgenstern. Many of them I share with you. I, too, have no personal grievances against Dr. Morgenstern and we have been, as you probably know, most friendly. But if his statement warranted the action which you initiated among the alumni of the College, circularizing them by telegram, obtaining signatures and giving the statement to the press, it certainly warranted bringing it officially to the attention of the Board of the Hebrew Union College. This was the sole reason for my writing to you about the subject. If Dr. Morgenstern's address has hurt the College, as I believe it has, and has contributed to an alarming intensification of the controversy, then surely the matter should have been presented in a formal way and discussed by the Board of the Hebrew Union College.

Perhaps it was discussed anyhow. I have not had any word whatsoever.

With all good wishes, and hoping that you are well,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. By the way, did you finally go to Houston, and if so, what took place there and what are your reactions to the situation?

November 3, 1945

My dear Joshua:

I was happy to learn that you have obtained signatures to a protest telegram on Morgenstern's speech from among the alumni of the Hebrew Union College.

There is to be a meeting of the Board of the Hebrew Union College next week. I would suggest that you lodge a formal protest, inclusive of the signatories, with the President of the Board of the Hebrew Union College in time for the meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Dr. Joshua Liebman
Temple Israel
Longwood Avenue at Plymouth
Boston, Mass.

DR. JOSHUA LOTH LIEBMAN
TEMPLE ISRAEL
BOSTON 15, MASS.

STUDY OF THE RABBI
LONGWOOD AVE. AT PLYMOUTH ST.

November
15th
1943

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

Dear Friend:

I have been away from my office almost continuously during the last days since my appointment by Governor Saltonstall, to the Massachusetts Advisory Committee on anti-Semitism. You can well imagine how involved and complicated this problem is, and the work in going through all of the police reports and all of the material gathered by the Commissioner on Public Safety, has literally taken all of my time. The last ten-day period has really been an emergency period here in Boston and I worked night and day in order to prepare a comprehensive memorandum on the whole program for the Governor's Committee which met several days ago. I know that you will be happy to learn that we are really making progress in this vital matter and I shall be glad to let you know of future developments.

I wanted you to understand why I did not answer your last letter before this time. I did not come into the office until this past Wednesday when the Board of Governors was already meeting in Cincinnati. I am sure that Dr. Felix Levy and you must have expressed our attitude to Dr. Morgenstern's recent address. At the same time, I want you to know I would not have felt it possible for me to have preferred formal charges against Dr. Morgenstern since I would have regarded such action on my part as inappropriate for one who had received so many kindnesses from Dr. Morgenstern's hands. I was more than willing to lead in the issuance of a public statement to the press of the country rejecting his reported views on Zionism and Palestine because I did feel that his words would injure our Movement to a certain degree in the eyes of America public opinion. At the same time I am aware of the real friendship which Dr. Morgenstern has shown to me throughout my rabbinical career. He not only was a revered teacher of mine at College, but his kindness to me since graduation has been of such an unusual nature that I shall ever feel indebted to him. You will realize no doubt, how difficult it was

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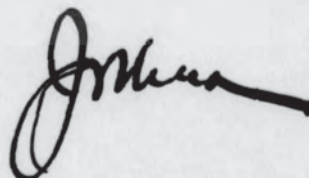
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for me to put aside these considerations of personal affection and gratitude in order to lead in the public repudiation of Dr. Morgenstern's views. I am certain that you will also understand how reluctant I would have felt to have preferred charges against him to the Board of Governors.

I trust that you will understand the spirit of frank friendship in which I have written this letter, even as I hope that the statement against Dr. Morgenstern's views may have been of some slight assistance to you in your magnificent battle against the anti-Zionist forces in this country.

Fan joins in warmest personal greetings to your darling wife, to the boys, and to yourself. As ever -

Cordially yours,



JLL:brb

Effort to get Union approval
The resolution is finally adopted. Union Ex. Jan. 17-14

All along, the anti-Zionists made it clear that they will agree to nothing short of a platform which is non-Nationalistic, non-political. They have been consistent.



C O P Y

LAW OFFICES
FOX, ROTHSCHILD, O'BRIEN & FRANKEL
Bankers Securities Building
Juniper and Walnut Streets
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

April 27, 1944.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise,
c/o Opinion
19 West 44th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Wise:

I am writing this letter as counsel for Congregation Rodeph Shalom of Philadelphia. The President of the Congregation has brought to my attention an editorial entitled "The Philadelphia Rabbinate", which appeared in the March 1944 issue of "Opinion", and which I am informed was written by you.

The Congregation and Dr. Wolsey, its Rabbi, in common with you, have dedicated their activities to the furtherance of those theological and ethical concepts which constitute Judaism. Within that dedication it is inevitable that differences should arise, but those differences must be tolerated, not merely with charity, but with respect. Nevertheless, your editorial, directly and by necessary implication, hurls the most vituperate of epithets against the Philadelphia Community, the two leading Reform Congregations and their Rabbis, in tragic violation of every precept and mandate of the Jewish Creed and of the very spirit which makes Judaism a religion to be cherished.

I realize that as an Editor you have the legal privilege of criticizing persons in public life with whom you do not agree, but the law will not permit this privilege to be abused. In this editorial you have gone beyond your rights, and, because you do not agree with their views on Zionism, have viciously attacked the character of two of your colleagues and their fitness to act as Rabbis. To refer to these Rabbis, though indirectly, as "Quislings", to accuse them of "treacherous leadership", to call upon them "to cease to defame their people, to defile their people's altars, and to blaspheme....", is to be guilty of a gross libel.

I believe that, upon full reflection, it will be apparent to you that you have sinned against your religion and your calling, and that you will conceive it to be your duty to make all possible reparation in the next issue of the "Opinion". A retraction of these scandalous charges would be a religious obligation at any time, but with bigotry rampant as it now is, we should all do what we can to prevent our enemies from fighting us with weapons which we forge for them.

One of the principles of our Congregation, Rodef Shalom, is embodied in its name, and Dr. Wolsey has no intention of pursuing his legal rights.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Bernard L. Frankel

BLF:B
cc Rabbi Louis Wolsey
Philip Sterling, Esq.; Mr. Harry Nusbaum

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O P I N I O N

A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters

19 West 44th Street
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Office of Dr. Wise
40 West 68th Street
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May 12, 1944

Bernard L. Frankel, Esquire
Bankers Securities Building
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

My dear Mr. Frankel:

Your letter has been before me for some days, and I have carefully considered and reconsidered its contents.

As editor of OPINION, I have only to say to you that there will be no correction of the editorial which appeared in the March 1944 issue. I meant exactly what I said when I wrote it; I mean exactly the same thing now. Your use of the terms "scandalous", "vituperative", "viciousness", does not in the slightest degree change my feeling with respect to the two gentlemen who have deeply -- and I cannot help adding, unforgivably -- sinned against their people. In writing as I did, I did not wish to give pain to them or to their congregations. But feeling as I did and do, that their conduct has been deeply disloyal to the spirit and the tradition of the Jewish people, I found it incumbent upon myself to write as I did.

I am,

Very truly yours,

(Sgd) STEPHEN S. WISE

C O P Y

REFORM CONGREGATION KENESETH ISRAEL
1717 North Broad Street
Philadelphia

May 24, 1944

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise
19 West 44th St.
New York 18, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

The Board of Trustees of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel has directed me to write you concerning an editorial entitled "The Philadelphia Rabbinate" which appeared in the March 1944 issue of "Opinion". As the editor of that journal you are responsible for the editorials which appear therein, whether or not they are written by you.

The article attempts to compare unfavorably our spiritual leader, Dr. William H. Fineshriber, with his great and revered predecessors. It states that we are in honor bound to disown him, indeed to replace him. The members of our Congregation strongly disapprove the derogatory statements in the editorial concerning our rabbi. We are, of course, proud of the eminent men who preceded Dr. Fineshriber in our pulpit but we are also proud of Dr. Fineshriber's fine achievements in advancing the cause of Judaism in this community and in his outstanding leadership of this large congregation during his twenty years' ministry. The criticism in the editorial apparently results from the fact that the views expressed by our rabbi before the House Foreign Affairs Committee are different from those of the editor of the magazine. It might be of interest to you to know that our Board of Trustees is thoroughly in accord with its rabbi's views on the subject of Zionism, having recently so declared by a vote of 24 to 2.

Therefore, what Dr. Fineshriber said before the Committee of the House of Representatives represented the views of the Board of Trustees and, we believe, of the membership of the congregation as a whole. Even were this not so, we are of the firm opinion that Dr. Fineshriber has the same right to express his convictions on this important subject as you or anyone else who are of the opposite belief. We feel it would not become us, or any publication to denounce you, or to attempt to hold you up to public ridicule because of your views on this question, no matter how strongly we may disagree with you. Therefore, as the Board of Trustees of this Congregation, and on behalf of the Congregation as a whole, we register our vigorous protest over the intemperate and unfair language used in the editorial and the intolerant views expressed therein.

In the spirit of true religion, which teaches tolerance, one towards the other, it is our hope that "Opinion" will at an early date retract its unjust attack on Dr. Fineshriber.

Very truly yours,
(S) LESTER S. HECHT
Secretary

LSH:CR

C O P Y

EDITORIAL IN "OPINION" dated March, 1944.

There was a time within the lifetime of the older among American Jews when people held in deepest reverence and honor the Philadelphia Rabbinate. It stood out in every sense, for it included some star-like names, among them Isaac Leeser, scholarly leader and teacher, Sabato Morais, a saintly servant of Israel, Samuel Hirsch, eminent as a Jewish philosopher, and Marcus Jastrow, erudite Talmudist and learned battler for his people.

In later years there came to Philadelphia two younger men, both graduates of the Hebrew Union College, Joseph Krauskopf and Henry Berkowitz, each of whom for a generation made a contribution of high value to the welfare of the Philadelphia community. The National Farm School and the Jewish Publication Society being Krauskopf's enriching gifts to American Jewry, and the Jewish Chautauqua Society the landmark which Berkowitz, saintly sage, reared in Philadelphia.

And now what has befallen the Jewish community of Philadelphia and its Rabbinate? It includes two men, successors of the great Hirsch and Jastrow, each of whom, namely, Wolsey of Rodef Shalom and Fineshriber of Keneseth Israel, is within the leadership of the American Council of Judaism. That is in itself an adequately evil disservice to American Jewry. But, as if that were not sufficiently evil, these two men, OPINION repeats, successors to Samuel Hirsch and Marcus Jastrow, recently stood before a Congress Committee, making the ludicrously exaggerated and mendacious claim that they represent the largest number of the Jewish people in America in opposition to the Congressional Bill which looks to the furtherance of the establishment of a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth in Palestine.

Shades of the Titans who have been named and who stand out as pillars of light in the history of a great Jewish community--these Titans followed rather than superseded by the pygmies who gravely misrepresent Jewish

loyalties and Jewish ideals by speaking as Rabbis against their people's most precious ideal, their people's loftiest hope.

These figures, sinister in the measure of their misrepresentation of American Israel, are "servants of the people," who utterly betray their people. There is a name for them. The Norweigans have found it in the malign betrayer of their country and its people. What OPINION desires to know is--is there no way of ending the shame of Jewish Philadelphia. Transferring a term from the political realm and slightly paraphrasing it, is Philadelphia Jewry forever to remain corrupt and content? Philadelphia owes it to the honor of its onetime giants to neutralize, if not displace, these dwarfs. They are a blot upon the landscape of a fair and even noble history. Honor demands of Philadelphia Jewry and the Congregations which these men technically lead that it formally disown them. If these men knew what honor means, OPINION would say that honor demands that they have the decency not to denounce their people but to renounce their own treacherous leadership. The place for them is not within the pulpit of Israel but in some silent, if not penitential retreat wherein they will cease to be able, though perhaps willing, to defame their people, to defile their people's altars, and to blaspheme against the sacred dreams and passions and yearnings of Israel Eternal.

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August 24, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. & Inzel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing this letter in the hope that among your many duties on behalf of our people you may find time to write a short contribution to our magazine. I realize that a man in your position and with your responsibilities must find very little leisure at the present time, but if you could find yourself in a position to agree to our request, we should be extremely grateful for your kindness.

Of course, any subject you

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might care to treat would be very
satisfactory to us. Our articles average
a thousand to two thousand words.

Hoping that we may hear
from you shortly, and with New
Year greetings, I am

WRHS

Very truly yours

Hillel S. Fine
% H.U.C. Monthly.

C O P Y

CONGREGATION RODEPH SHALOM
615 North Broad Street
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Louis Wolsey, D.D.
Rabbi

Eugene J. Sack
Assistant Rabbi

October 20, 1944

Rabbi Emil W. Leipziger, Chairman
4238 St. Charles Avenue,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Colleague:

In accordance with the Code of Ethics of the Conference, (more particularly its Preamble and Article 6 of Section I), we wish herewith to present charges against Rabbi Stephen S. Wise for violation of the provisions of that Code, more particularly Article 3 of Section I. We, therefore, enclose a photostatic copy of an editorial by Rabbi Wise, which appeared in "Opinion" of March 1944, entitled "The Philadelphia Rabbinate -- An Editorial". A copy of letter herewith enclosed from Rabbi Stephen S. Wise to Dr. Bernard L. Frankel, of May 12, 1944, admits his responsibility for the editorial. We also enclose copy of letter from Mr. Lester Hecht, Secretary of Congregation Keneseth Israel, to Rabbi Wise (which letter has not been answered).

We wish to call you especial attention not alone to this public attack of one Rabbi upon colleagues and to the utterly untrue charge he makes in the last sentence of the third paragraph of his editorial, but also to his demand of Philadelphia Jewry and its two Reform congregations, "that it formally disown them". We also call your attention to this sentence in his editorial: "Philadelphia owes it to the honor of its one-time giants to neutralize, if not displace, these dwarfs. They are a blot upon the landscape of a fair and even noble history".

We submit to the Arbitration Committee that these public utterances of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise are a flagrant and deliberate violation of the Conference's Code of Ethics and its spirit, and we ask your Committee and the Conference to declare the entire editorial a violation of "the highest principles of professional ethics", and an unworthy calumny of the undersigned both as Rabbis and as human beings. We invoke the action of your Committee not alone because of what we consider to be our moral right of protest, but also in view of former decisions of the Arbitration Committee.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) W. H. Fineshriber
(Signed) Louis Wolsey

enc.

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
THE RUSKIN APARTMENTS
120 RUSKIN AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA.

October 30, 1944.

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

Dear Abba:

Every now and then I will write you a long letter about Conference business, one which you can read at your leisure; but this one I should like you to read now and give me your opinion as soon as possible. It deals with the troublesome matter of a case which has come up before the Arbitration Committee. I am telling you all about it first, because it might hang over into your administration, and secondly, even if it is settled by our next convention, I want your advice.

You will recall that when Elmer Berger sent his letter to the members of Brickner's congregation, Brickner complained to the Conference that the letter deprecated his standing as rabbi of the congregation and therefore was an un-colleague-like act which should be dealt with by the Arbitration Committee. The Arbitration Committee took the matter up and in its report first to the Executive Board and then to the Conference through the Executive Board, without mentioning the names of the culprit and the victim, rebuked Berger for a violation of the spirit of the Code of Ethics.

Now a similar case has come up on the other side (by the way, I am having this letter typed here at home because at this stage I do not even want to handle it at the office). Stephen Wise wrote an article about Fineshriber and Wolsey in his magazine OPINION. He contrasts them with their predecessors in Philadelphia and says that those titans were followed by pygmies; he calls them quislings; and he calls upon the Philadelphia congregations to formally disown them (I am enclosing a copy of the editorial).

Thereupon the officers of Fineshriber's and Wolsey's congregations wrote to Dr. Wise and asked him to retract. He wrote and refused to do so. Now the two rabbis wrote to Emil Leipziger, Chairman of our Arbitration Committee, for arbitration. (I am enclosing copies of all these letters.) What I have to decide is whether officially to notify Emil Leipziger to handle the case.

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4905 FIFTH AVENUE
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November 3, 1944

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

Dear Abba:

You will find a copy of the Code of Ethics of the Conference in Volume 50 (Charlevoix, 1940) beginning on Page 165 of the Yearbook.

I must explain what the anonymity of the printed report signifies. The investigation itself is, of course, not anonymous. The Arbitration Committee works as follows:

The President decides that a certain matter should be investigated by the Arbitration Committee. Whenever a colleague or a congregation (involving a colleague) asks for arbitration, the President generally refers the request without ado to the Arbitration Committee. Then it is for the Committee to investigate. The Committee not only investigates but also negotiates. It tries to achieve an amicable agreement between the two parties.

Then when the Committee has its report to make, it makes it to the Executive Board, specifically by name. The Executive Board acts on the report as it sees fit. Many arbitration matters are never printed in the Yearbook at all. When, however, a matter is printed in the Yearbook, the Conference has always considered it good practice not to mention the names of the people involved because it may be only a temporary dispute and there is no use making it permanent; or it may be a question involving morals and it would be ugly to record in print.

This is exactly what occurred in the Berger case. Brickner complained and I at once referred the matter to the Arbitration Committee. The Committee studied the matter; it came to the conclusion that Berger should acknowledge that it was wrong of him to conduct propaganda for his cause in such a way as to destroy the respect of a colleague's congregation for that colleague. And Berger was also asked to refrain from that type of uncolleague-like propaganda in the future. The report was made precisely and in full to the Executive Board, but when it was printed in the Yearbook the names were omitted.

I could have simply referred this matter to the Arbitration



Committee to investigate and study and negotiate, and if you prefer (in case you desire not to be involved in this particular matter) I will just do that, as is usually done, as if I had not written to you at all. Although, really, you are not involved.

The reason I wrote to you is this: first, because I always want your advice when I can get it, and secondly, because this matter may possibly drag on into your administration and I do not wish to burden you with unpleasant carry-overs.

My opinion is that since two colleagues have made a complaint we cannot refuse to ask the Arbitration Committee to consider it. Before the Arbitration Committee will act it will have to submit its report to the Executive Board. Let me hear from you.

As ever,

Sol

SBF:ls

P. S. Yes, please issue the invitations now to the people who are to participate in the next Conference program. I note that in the minutes of the Executive Board meeting Marcuson omitted the name of Philip Bernstein for the Conference lecture on Friday night. This is certainly an oversight.



November 24, 1944

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

Thank you for your letter of November 22. I did not reply to your earlier communication on the same subject (1) because I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and (b) because I did not have the opportunity to familiarize myself with the Code of Ethics which had been adopted by the Conference.

I suppose there is nothing to be done about the matter but to present it to the Arbitration Committee. Wise's language was certainly most violent. On the other hand, Wolsey and Fineshriber, as spokesmen for the American Council for Judaism, did make the most violent, false and shameless accusations against Zionism at the hearings before the Foreign Affairs Committee, and laid themselves open to attack. Surely they should not expect their Rabbinical mantles to protect them from the attacks of their colleagues whose Rabbinical responsibility prompts them to rush to the defense of what they regard as a sacred cause of Israel. Rabbis who enter the political arena must be prepared to receive blows even as they give them, and should not turn squeamish when the blows which they receive are resounding ones.

If Wolsey and Fineshriber were smart, they would have ignored the criticism. After all, their congregations did not take Dr. Wise's advice. In fact their presidents rushed to their defense. This itself should have been their sufficient vindication.

However, I am not a judge in this case. The Arbitration Committee, I assume, will go into this matter quite thoroughly. I agree with you fully that the matter should be disposed of as soon as possible.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK



THE ISAAC M. WISE TEMPLE

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RABBIS

James G. Heller

Samuel Wohl

February 15, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
105th Ave. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This letter is confidential. The subject matter will be discussed at a special meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College and I am very eager to have your counsel and interest for the guidance of the committee that will be charged with the responsibility to carry out the plans and proposals.

You may remember that when the Endowment Fund was raised some twenty years ago, the agreement entered into was that most of its capital would have to be expended during that period. It was the condition made by Mr. Julius Rosenwald at the time, and other gifts were made to comply with this provision.

Now is the time when funds can be raised. There may not be another period of prosperity similar to the one experienced now, when large gifts can be obtained under the terms of the tax laws. The plans call for a large endowment, or Anniversary fund (70th Anniversary) to be raised throughout the country from a group of large contributors. It is intended not merely to secure the College in its present needs, but also to undertake some projects for the advancement of Reform Judaism and to increase its service.

One idea is to establish a Graduate School at the College for the purpose of training men for professorships in Jewish studies in various Universities. With the increase of so-called 'Jewish civil service', social service, civic defense, etc., in which some thousands of men and women are now engaged, it has become essential that these people should have a place where they could get orientation courses in Jewish life and its history. Such Institutes can be developed and their usefulness would be appreciated by the American Jewish community.

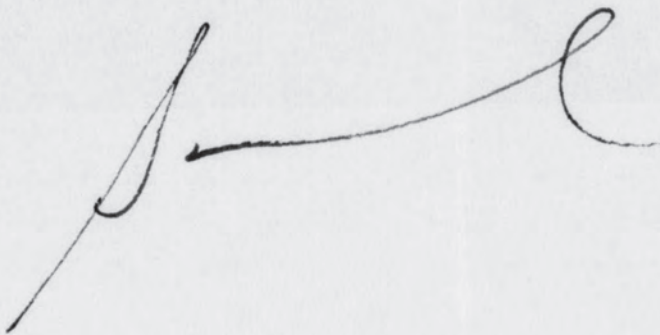
The Board of Governors is planning to call together a small group of Alumni for a one-day conference in Cincinnati, to discuss and act upon plans and proposals. I was asked to write to you before the formal in-

visitation is issued, to tell us whether the suggestions made here would have your approval, and ask that you be good enough to make some suggestions that you may have for the development and carrying out of such an undertaking.

I will appreciate greatly any help you may give me and I would like to present your reply to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors at their meeting to be held on February 28th.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a loop.

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JULIAN MORGENSTERN PRESIDENT H B WEISS CHAIRMAN
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IONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Deeply regret cannot come March 20
Testimonial dinner my home New York next
day. Shall be most happy to cooperate in
any plans which will benefit College.
Kindest regards

WRHS



Cincinnati, March 14, 1945.

Dear Colleague:

This letter is being sent to fifteen of the alumni who have been invited to this conference, but have regretfully indicated their inability to be present. If you are one of those who will receive a carbon copy of this letter, please do not misinterpret this as a lack of courtesy and appreciation, but understand that, because of the immediacy of this project and the extreme narrowness of the time, this letter must be gotten out with the utmost despatch; and the use of these carbon copies seems the quickest way. Please note also that this letter is personally signed as an expression of personal regard and greeting.

Faithfully,

WRHS
AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES
William Horowitz
PRESIDENT.

JM/bs

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver.

Cincinnati, March 14, 1945.

Dear Colleague:

We regret exceedingly that you will be unable to attend the conference of a small group of alumni invited to consider with me, here at the College, on Tuesday, March 20, some problems of major importance concerning the College. We do appreciate, however, your prompt reply to our wire and your assurance of your readiness to participate loyally in whatever program may be developed.

It is obvious that American Judaism and Jewry are standing upon the threshold of a new era. In the development of their program and destiny professionally trained leaders of various types other than rabbis alone will be needed. It will be the task of the College to train in adequate manner various types of such leadership. This will of course necessitate a marked expansion of the activities and service of the College. This will necessitate, in turn, a considerable enlargement of the resources of the College.

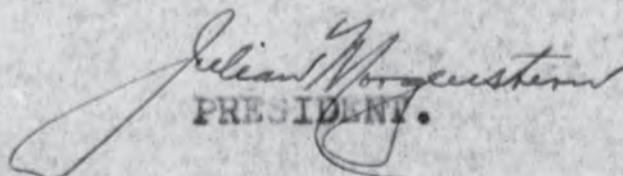
It is almost self-evident that this is an unusually favorable opportunity to secure large capital gifts for the College both from individuals and corporations. The present system of income tax rules makes this possible. As you know, many institutions are taking golden advantage of this opportunity. Perhaps the College should have initiated a project like this at least a year ago. However, various circumstances beyond its control prevented this. The time is now short for launching such an enterprise, for of course the imminent cessation of at least the European war and the problems of industrial and economic readjustment which will follow may bring this present opportunity to a speedy end. It is imperative, therefore, that action be inaugurated immediately.

It is also self-evident that this campaign must be conducted very quietly and in such manner that it will interfere in no way whatever with the Joint Campaign of the College and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for enlarged annual income for maintenance of present and attendant activities. Only relatively large contributions, ranging from \$1,000. up, must be solicited, and this too in a way which will suggest to no one that faith is not being kept with them with relation to their annual contributions to the Joint Union-College Campaign. The authorities of both the College and the Union are satisfied that this can be done with discretion and so have sanctioned this campaign for capital gifts.

It is planned to consider these problems carefully at Tuesday's conference and to work out an efficient program by which, with the cooperation of alumni of the College, this goal may be achieved. We would be very grateful if you would give this matter your immediate and thorough consideration, and send to us in the enclosed envelope, in time to reach us by Tuesday morning, March 20, whatever suggestions you may be able to contribute to the deliberations of this conference.

Again assuring you of the deep appreciation of the authorities of the College of your loyal interest and readiness to cooperate in this important project, and with friendliest greetings, I am ever

Faithfully yours,


PRESIDENT.

JM/s

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 26, 1945

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, Director
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
34 West Sixth St.
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please inform the proper officers of the Union of the following resolutions adopted by our Board of Directors Wednesday night, April 25, 1945.

WHEREAS, Congregation B'Nai Israel is an American Reform Jewish Congregation loyal to the ideals of Isaac M. Wise and having the Pittsburgh Platform written in its Charter, and

WHEREAS, these principles and this Charter include "We consider ourselves no longer a nation but a religious community, and therefore expect neither a return to Palestine, nor the restoration of any of the laws concerning the Jewish State," and

WHEREAS, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has not only renounced that principle of its founder Isaac M. Wise by its neutrality stand on the subject of Zionism, but is even inconsistent with that neutrality stand while it remains a member of the American Jewish Conference which is ever becoming more and more a mere cover up implement of the Zionist Organization of America, and

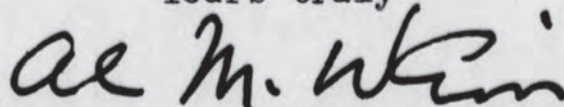
WHEREAS, the American Jewish Conference is using the name of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in its propaganda material without explaining the latter's so-called neutrality stand, the Union has done practically nothing to correct this wilfull attempt to confuse the public mind,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Congregation B'Nai Israel hereby lodges a very vehement protest with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for continuing to remain a member of the American Jewish Conference.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that all Congregations in the Union and the Executive Board Members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, of which our Sisterhood is an affiliate, be provided with copies of these resolutions, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Congregation explore the possibility of a new league of American Reform Jewish Congregations that shall be loyal to the ideals of Isaac M. Wise and the Pittsburgh Platform.

Yours truly



A. M. Weiss

President, Congregation B'Nai Israel

AMW/as

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1, 1945.

Dear Friend:

It is of urgent importance that we hold a meeting of the Steering Committee of our Hebrew Union College Capital Gifts Campaign for Five Million Dollars at the earliest possible moment. Time is of course of the essence. Considerable progress has already been made by Rabbi Wohl and myself in planning this campaign. Several fruitful meetings have been held with different alumni groups. All our ideas must now be coordinated and an effective general plan worked out. Rabbi Wohl and I, therefore, are calling a meeting of the Steering Committee for Monday, May 28. That seems the earliest possible day when such a meeting can be held. This should give you ample notice and make it possible for you to be present.

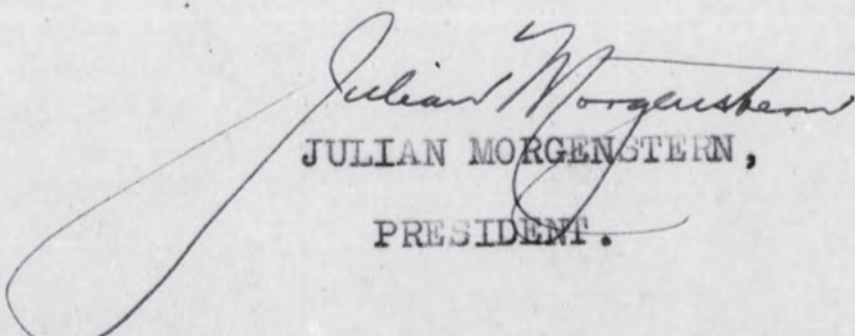
This will be an all-day meeting here at the College, of hard and diligent work and careful planning. Should you desire accommodations over-night in the Dormitory, kindly let me know and this will be provided. Ofcourse, all expenses will be borne by the College.

Will you let me know at your earliest convenience whether it will be possible for you to be present. Bear in mind that this project is of utmost importance for the welfare and firm upbuilding of your Alma Mater.

This letter is being sent to all members of the Steering Committee.

With cordial greetings and all good wishes, I am ever

Faithfully,


JULIAN MORGENSTERN,
PRESIDENT.

Copy to:

Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson
Rev. Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin

JM/s.

May 10, 1945

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 1. I am wondering whether you could not hold the meeting of the Steering Committee which you have scheduled for Monday, May 28, here in Cleveland. Judging from this letter, the Steering Committee is small and is limited to Goldenson, Freehof, Magnin and myself. For all but Magnin, Cleveland would be nearer to their home towns than Cincinnati.

The Temple holds its Annual Meeting on Sunday evening, May 27, and it would rush me considerably as well as tire me to get away from the meeting onto a sleeper in order to reach Cincinnati in the morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Cincinnati, May 28, 1945

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Hebrew Union College Capital Gifts Campaign was called to order at ten o'clock in the Board Room of the Hebrew Union College on Monday morning, May 28th, 1945.

Present: Rabbi Samuel Wohl, Drs. Louis B. Mann, Jacob Singer, Abraham Shusterman, Julian Morgenstern, and H.B. Weiss, Chairman of the Hebrew Union College Board of Governors.

Rabbi Wohl, Chairman, presided.

President Morgenstern reported on the various meetings of Alumni held in Cincinnati, New York City, Chicago, and Cleveland, regarding the Campaign.

Rabbi Wohl also reported upon the trips he made to New York City and Washington for the purpose of establishing contact with key persons whose counsel and cooperation were desired.

Rabbi Wohl, Chairman, then presented for discussion various matters affecting the contemplated campaign, in the hope that these suggestions and ideas, which were offered at the several meetings referred to, might now be coordinated and an effective general plan worked out.

It was unanimously felt that the Alumni should be called upon to cooperate in the following three vital phases of the campaign:

- 1) to prepare and submit a carefully selected list of large potential donors.
- 2) to inquire of each alumnus as to how many speaking assignments in behalf of the campaign he could undertake.
- 3) That a National Council of the Hebrew Union College be formed. That Dr. Morgenstern will ask the alumni to recommend key persons in their respective communities to be so named by him. These members of Council will become the Anniversary Committees in their own communities.

The need of a campaign director was re-emphasized and the immediate engagement of such a person was urged.

Upon motion made and duly carried Dr. Morgenstern and Rabbi Wohl were authorized to secure the services of Mr. Isidore Sobeloff of Detroit, Michigan, and to use their influence with the lay leaders of that city to obtain a leave of absence for Mr. Sobeloff for the duration of the campaign.

Rabbi Wohl then presented the following suggestions made at the Cleveland meeting, namely, that a statement or pronouncement, dealing with the achievements, hopes, and aspirations of the Hebrew Union College be prepared and widely distributed on the occasion of the 70th anniversary, and likewise in furtherance of the campaign for capital gifts. It was felt that a statement of 500 to 1,000 words should be prepared on behalf of the Hebrew Union College Alumni and to be signed by each alumnus.

On motion made and duly carried the Chairman was authorized to appoint a sub-committee of three to prepare such a statement to be issued in the name of every alumnus on the occasion of the 70th anniversary celebration. The following committee was thereupon appointed: Dr. Louis L. Mann, Chairman, Drs. Abba H. Silver and Solomon B. Freehof.

Dr. Mann stressed the importance of selecting 50 alumni, or less, occupying strategic posts in key communities, who may be called upon to further the campaign in their respective areas. He also emphasized the importance of selecting a single community, wherein the campaign should be carefully planned and the proper techniques developed in order that a high degree of success may be assured. In consequence, such a community would become the standard for other communities throughout the campaign.

Dr. Singer pointed out the advisability of agreeing upon certain objectives in connection with the 70th anniversary celebration and suggested the publication of a book containing popular essays to be distributed as a feature of the celebration. He submitted the following subjects which might be dealt with in this proposed publication:

- 1) The Place of the Hebrew Union College in the Academic World: the Rabbi and his Academic Contributions During the Past 70 Years.
- 2) The Relation of the Hebrew Union College to the Community: Its Contribution to the Security of American Judaism.

Rabbi Wohl explained that a volume written by Alumni may include the suggestions of Dr. Singer; and Dr. Morgenstern and Rabbi Wohl were authorized to determine action in this matter.

It was the unanimous sentiment of the meeting that it is of vital importance to the success of our campaign and celebration that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations defer its bi-ennial meeting, scheduled for next November, to 1946. The Union could then fittingly link its deferred meeting with the program and celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of the arrival in America of Isaac Mayer Wise.

The Chairman thereupon delegated Dr. Mann to act, on behalf of the Steering Committee, and present these views to the next meeting of the Executive Board of the U.A.H.C.

Adjourned

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H.U.C.

Cincinnati, Ohio

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meeting for May 14 here arranged

Kindest regards

A. H. Silver

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Dr. Julian Morgenstern

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Cincinnati Ohio

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Rabbi Silver suggests meeting in Cleveland
May 8th Staller. Please send invitations
by airmail if date acceptable.

Sam Wohl

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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 11, 1945

Dr. Abba H. Silver
Cleveland,
Ohio

Dear Friend:

The Hebrew Union College will celebrate its three-score and ten next Fall. In connection with this significant event we plan to bring to the attention of the American community in a worthy manner the primacy of the Hebrew Union College as manifested by the achievements rendered by our Reform rabbinic and lay-leaders to the cause of Judaism and to the magnificent development of our country.

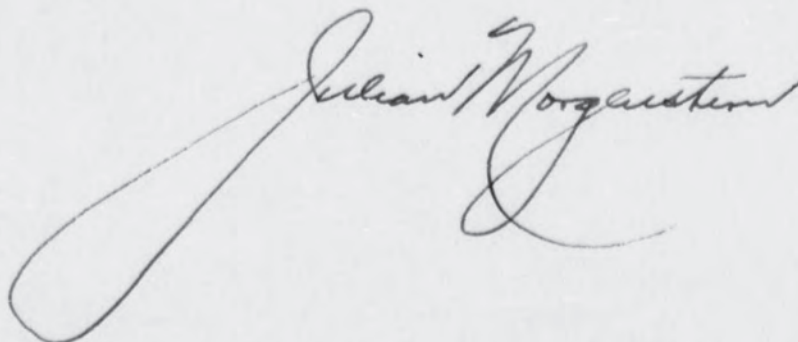
It will be my privilege to recommend for election to the National Council of the Hebrew Union College a number of distinguished lay-leaders of the land. May I, therefore, ask you to suggest some outstanding people in your community, who should be so honored and whose interest in the Hebrew Union College will give us the opportunity to extend the area of its service.

Please send me ten names, with a word or two about each for my immediate guidance. I shall appreciate it if you will act upon this request at once. This matter is, of course, in the confidential stage.

With fraternal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Enc.



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JULIAN MORGENSTERN PRESIDENT.

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=JULIAN MORGENSTERN.



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June 19, 1945

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:

In reply to your letter of June 11, I am sending you herewith the names of ten members of my congregation, some or all of whom you may wish to add to the National Council of the Hebrew Union College. From your letter I can not decide whether you want me to suggest the names also of members of the Euclid Avenue Temple or whether you have written to Brickner about it. The names which I am enclosing herewith are from The Temple. Those to whom I have given first preference are starred.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



HEBREW UNION COLLEGE



Oct. 29

Dear Rabbi Silver -

Sam Silver the editor of the H. U. C. Monthly asked me to write to you with reference to an article that he would like to have from you. He has written to you about it, but apparently you have not had the time to answer. He is planning a 25th Anniversary number of The Monthly which will include articles by ex-editors only. Since you are the founder and first editor, the issue will be pointless without something from you. All he wants is a short guest editorial of about 1000-1500 words on a subject of your own selection. If you would get the article in by Nov. 20, you will be conferring a greater favor on him and also add much to the importance of this first issue. Please let me know whether you will be able to do it.

With sincerest regards, I remain, Sincerely yours
Irving Hausman

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