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Hebrew Union College, 70th anniversary, 1945-1946.

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

January 3, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want our press department to get out a statement or declaration by you, as Associate Chairman of the Hebrew Union College Foundation Fund, stating how vital, essential and challenging is the task we have ahead of us; how important it is for the Hebrew Union College to create its best and to give its best to American Judaism and to world Jewry; the important reasons why American Judaism must flourish, and why we can make this a Golden Age for Jewish life and letters. Something graphic - a call that should ring out and stir the hearts of all readers.

This is the kind of statement the Planning Committee is eager to have you send us, so that we could make use of it to the utmost of our potential strength.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

SAMUEL WOHL, CHAIRMAN

H.U.C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

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FRED A. MUSCHENHEIM R. K. CHRISTENBERRY Chairman of the Board President HOTEL ASTOR TIMES SQUARE · NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

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July 17, 1945

Dr. Julian Morganstern Hebrew Union College Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Dr. Morganstern:

I have given some thought to the questions then you asked he over the telephone the MARTER TRANSCRIPTION THAT MORGAN-thau would be a cartiful than. He has position, and a believe deep Jewish loy Chao he sher he can be persuaded to accept the assignment, I do not know. I should like to go with you to see him, but unfortunately, I am leaving for London in a few days. I would suggest that some prominent layman whom you have already interested should together with you, approach him.

As far as a representative of the campaign in the Ohio region is concerned, there are a few names which come to mina. Mr. Herman Morse is an excellent man, of fine reputation, related to the late Rabbi Gries. He is not a young man, but he is still very active. Leo Neumark is a younger man, very much interested in Judaism, and exceptionally capable in matters of organization. He was head of our Cleveland United Jewish Appeal for a few years, and was very successful. If interested, he would devote considerable time to the cause. And so would Mr. A. M. Luntz, formerly of Canton, Ohio, and now of Cleveland. He is energetic and generous,

Dr. Julian Morganstern -2- July 17, 1945

very deeply interested in the Temple, and in what goes on in Jewish life.

The address of Mr. Morse is 10305 Lake Shore Souldward; of Mr. Neumark 2943 South Bouldward; and of Mr. Luntz, 2846 2020 nord William.

With a Prood wishes and hoping that you will have a pleasant summer, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE CINCINNATI, OHIO July 20, 1945. Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver The Mayflower Hotel

Plymouth, Mass.

My dear Abba:

Hearty thanks for your good letter of the 17th inst., in which you replied so promptly and completely to my inquiry of you with regard to Mr. Morgenthau. I am sorry indeed that you cannot join me in approaching him, for I am sure that your influence and persuasion would have been very effective. I note your suggestion that I endeavor to associate with myself some prominent layman who is well disposed to our campaign. That seems to me a wise procedure and I shall endeavor to follow it. Thank you also for the three suggestions with regard to Regional Chairman which you have made. All of these seem to be excellent men. I am sure that we will follow them up promptly.

I hope earnestly that your trip to London will be both pleasant and fruitful.

With renewed greetings for yourself and Virginia and all/good wishes, amever

Faithfully,

JM/s

REFORM -- PROMETERALIZE WITHIN JEWISH TRADITION

Emil W. Leipziger - August 7, 1945

No student of Jewish History can fail to see that there has been no final, no absolute Judaism. "No generation of men reached the finality of adjustment to the world of men and to the God of the Universe." The Patriarchs conceived God differently than the Prophets. It was the external force of history which generated the changes, but the resilience and vitality in Judaism came from within.

The cult of the sanctuaries was no finality to the greater Prophets. The Babylon experience transformed the spirit of the whole people in two generations. Rome set the course of Jewish life and thinking in entirely new directions and so on in all history, the Jewish thinker was a seeker.

Without realizing this mood of Jewish History, men have viewed the history of Reform Judaism without a background of knowledge. They see only the changes. They are appalled at the daring excisions of right and custom and they decide that Reform is negative, pragmatic, opportunist, superficially adaptive.

Pragmatic every people has at times to be. Adaptability is a warrant of survival -- but one misconceives the whole purpose of the modern Reform Movement, if one regards it as negative -- if one fails to see in the movement the working of a vital principle which has been at the heart of Jewish Life.

Now, of all times, the duty is ours to set before the world daringly and before all our conflicting groups, the conviction that the soul of Judaism, not only will be, but must be adaptable itself to the challenge of the new and chastened world.

SPIRITUAL ATTACK -- THE BEST DEFENSE

Emil W. Leipziger - August 8, 1945

Into a discussion by a group of Rabbis, on the future of Hebrew Union College, one threw in the thought that what would appeal most of all to its prospective supporters is its value in Jewish Defense. Not all caught the real point. Some seemed from the debate to believe that there should be put to work that "hardy perennial" -- the Jewish fear complex.

Such strategy is unworthy in regard to the great institution which is the symbol of our faith in the future. Our cause will not subsist on negative values.

There is a positive aspect of defense all too often ignored. The spiritual and constructive attack upon the Jewish problem must be our strategy if the Jew is to be at home in tomorrow's world. We must not only spend millions for defense against external forces of antagonism, but equal millions for strengthening our own inner powers of resistance. Anti-Semitism is a terrible evil against material security, against our desired place in the sun, but it becomes catastrophic and irremediable when it destroys our own sense of worth.

We Jews have contributed much to the building of America -- the habit of generous giving and the practical institutions that flow from it; the methods of combat against tendencies subversive of democracy, the organizations of community life emulated by our neighbors -- but all these become ineffective guarantees of good will, if the Jew has lost some of the pride in his spiritual religious heritage.

Never has opportunity knocked so loud for the Jew in America to recover ground lost within the terrain of his soul life. Not less, but more Judaism, will win for him the stature that brings inner peace and most of all the approval of his claim that American and Jewish ideals, having their source in the Biblical heritage and the Jewish-Christian tradition, coalesce.

WITH A TRADITION OF CHANGE -- WHAT ENDURES IN JUDAISM?

Emil W. Leipziger - August 8, 1945

When men say that the spirit of Reform is a perennial principle of Judaism, they are not making a fetish of mere change.

Israel would not have endured if it had no nuclear spiritual power. That power differentiated the Hebrew Nation of the First Commonwealth from others by the mystic rise of the ancient Prophets. It gave character and quality to every succeeding age by a unique God consciousness and theory of man stamped with the divine image. It expressed itself often as a protest against idolatry, ignorance, slavery and injustice. If this were not so an Amos would never have excoriated the nobles of Samaria, nor Isaiah have hurled philippics in the court of kings. The Ghetto far from being the cradle of a new mood of Judaism, would have been the grave of the old.

That which endures in Jewish life, in spite of change, is creative energy produced when the blows of fate produce a fission of the atom lying at the core of Israel's soul structure.

Forms change, ways of life are altered, the mold of government and of society into which Jewish life is poured changes; but the desire to know God's will and purpose, that persists and vitalizes life and thought.

It was thus that the spiritual and ethical affirmations by which the pulse of mankind has been quickened and its integrity evaluated, came into being. It was thus that, out of the elements of Jewish individualism and exclusiveness, were conjured universal aims and trends.

This energy must be evoked today when mankind, emerging from convulsive wars is given another chance. In the making of tomorrow's religion, the Jew had the duty and privilege to contribute. Beyond the cataclysm of today, the spiritual and ethical forces which have been ours must become dynamic. Some one said: "A destiny evaded is a doom." As it is the nature of the sun to give light, of the flower to exude fragrance, it is the duty of the Jew to reach out to the high task of spiritualizing a shattered world.

LIBERAL JUDAISM AND THE INDIVIDUAL

Emil W. Leipziger - August 9, 1945

The atomic bomb is the latest symbol of man's ability to harness the forces of nature. Tomorrow's world must be humble before this new demonstration of man's power, or be destroyed.

If this revolutionary knowledge is used only to fashion devastating weapons of destruction, or, as a handmaid of commerce and industry to create leisure which man has not yet learned to transmute into happiness, it will be man's greatest curse.

Men of tomorrow's world must see clearly what they have as yet but dimly perceived -- that they must overcome the lag between what man accomplishes with his mind and what he perceives with his soul.

Spiritual and religious forces must help him in this challenging task and liberal Judaism will have a large share in this commanding duty.

There must be a corollary to the boast of the progressive Jew that he "welcomes all truth" and adapts his religious moods to findings of modern science. That corollary lies within his will to preserve a humility before the Majesty of God -- in his determination to make his Judaism cosmic and therefore personal.

Our fathers were intimate with God. The Divine was immanent and that immanence was expressed in rite and ceremony. Breaking bread, drinking wine, perceiving lightning and thunder to the accompaniment of a benediction was his mode of hourly communion with his God. Liberal Judaism will not restore these discarded rites, but the followers of the progressive Faith must make up for the loss by a personal humility before the mystery of God, by a conviction of the Divine in man, by a deep sentimental love for those prayers and psalms for that wisdom and that life which meet his desire for beauty, truth and goodness.

LIBERAL JUDAISM AND JEWISH UNITY

Emil W. Leipziger - August 9, 1945

One of the outstanding facts in the career of Isaac M. Wise -- the founder of American Judaism -- was his desire for Jewish unity.

That his desire to build a unified structure of Jewish American life failed, does not abate the glory of his dream.

We may look upon it, not as failure, but as one of the unfinished temples which strew the fields along the pathway of history.

One aspect of the challenge of today is to revise the blue-prints of that unfinished temple and build a new structure of unity. Our starting point cannot be that of the Nestor of American Judaism. Ideologies have sharpened. Patterns of religious thought and practice have become set.

But we are interested in tomorrow. We must ride into the future with complete conviction as to our own tried philosophy of liberal progressive Judaism, but with the clear perception that we and other Jewish groups hold in common loyalty the sources of our differing moods of Judaism.

That common ground, the leaders of Reform Judaism must explore. Upon it, they must fraternize.

In the Torah as the "depository of permanent spiritual ideals" and as the dynamic source; in the enduring ideals of social righteousness as proclaimed by the Prophets; in the language of our fathers as the noblest instrument of devotion; in the land of Israel as a haven of refuge and as a center of spiritual life; in the Jewish concept of One God not only as a belief but as an ethical imperative; in morality "blending in indissoluble unity with religion" -- in all these we may find golden threads of conviction which all America and world Jewry may weave into a pattern of peaceful fraternal living.

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 22 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd., Cleveland 6 Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you herewith a draft of the Pronouncement which the subcommittee of the Hebrew Union College Anniversary Celebration, consisting of yourself, Dr. Freehof, Dr. Mann and Dr. Heller was to draft. The original draft was prepared by Dr. Freehof. It was revised in Cincinnati and is herewith submitted to you for final consideration and revision.

It is imperative that you revise this draft immediately and return promptly. It must be in my hands not later than August 29th so that it may be mimeographed and sent out to all Alumni of the College for their signatures and in time for them to read it to their Congregations on Rosh Hashana.

If possible the draft should be condensed further, without, however ommissions of any essential thought. It will be a real service to our cause if you will give this your immediate attention and return it immediately you have finished.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL WOHL, CHAIRMAN H.U.C. STEERING COMMITTEE

A duplicate copy of this letter was sent to you to Plymouth

A PRONOUNCEMENT

by the

Graduates of the Hebrew Union College

This year of victory and triumph marks the beginning of a new era in the life of man. Very fittingly, too, it marks the beginning of a new era in the life of the Hebrew Union College.

Seventy years have passed since Isaac Mayer Wise founded the College. For him and his associates it symbolized that even in a land far from their places of birth, their loyalty to Judaism was undimished, and their determination that although only a handful, they would be pioneers of a reverent, cultured and progressive Jewish community in this fair new world.

Many in those days questioned whether the College could live. How could this raw land, far from the great centers of old-world learning, appreciate and maintain a seminary for Jewish studies and for the training of rabbis? But Isaac Mayer Wise never doubted the vitality of Judaism or the destiny of America. He envisaged a glorious future; and it came to pass. The Hebrew Union College, with God's help, lived and prospered. Its influence spread to every corner of the United States and to distant lands. Its graduates became leaders of mighty congregations. They pioneered institutions, causes and movements and guided American Judaism securely along the road of creative existence and progress.

Under their influence hundreds of Jewish congregations throughout our nation and in other lands have begun to adjust ancient Jewish tradition and practice to the needs and demands of modern life. The progress of the American Republic itself towards a more dynamic social justice and a democracy more responsive to the yearnings of millions of its citizens has been influenced by their fearless advocacy of social fieals. Many among them give

themselves today wholeheartedly to the efficient leadership of momentous Jewish movements of national and world scope.

During these last few tragic years the organization of society and the destiny of Israel have suffered drastic change. The historical Jewish communities of Europe are virtually non-existent; their seminaries are destroyed, their libraries despoiled, their synagogues burned, and their survivors wander in bewildered exide in a disrupted world. The College, once on the periphery of Jewish cultural life, is now at the very center of intellectual and spiritual responsibility. The noble tradition of rabbinic learning now depends largely upon American Jewry and its institutions. The College, which began its career in what was deemed the western wilderness of a new continent, must now, with all of Europe a wild rness, take on a heavier burden of Torah, and of Jewish cultural obligation. The College and its graduates are confident that here in this great and virile land, Jewish science can be furthered, Jewish knowledge diffused throughout Jewish life, and Jewish books produced, so that the United States of America may become in the days which lie ahead, all that Spain, Germany fre in Sound Kindon and Poland once were. We are resolved that American Jewry shall become a dynamic force in the revival of the soul of world-wide Israel.

The needs of the Jewish people are manifold; many and multifarious the tasks which may renew its security and happiness. We, graduates of the Hebrew Union College, will continue to serve whole-heartedly for the amelioration of social evils and the furtherance of world-unity and human well-being, so that in every land our brethren and dall men may live normal and fruitful lives, unrestricted and unafrasid. We will continue also to labor for the revival of a self-reliant, vigorous Jewish community in Palestine, the fulfillment of an age-old Jewish hope.

But ours are primarily the immediate tasks of the rabbinate, and our especial function is as Reform rabbis. In a Jewish milieu in which old institutions have disappeared, old habits and traditions have vanished with them.

Jewish life and Jewish worship must once again make brave accomodations to a new environment. Only so can Judaism survive in a changed and changing world and continue to create spiritual values indispensable to the true progress of mankind. Here in this new land, where men seek constantly for that which is better and truer, the thought of progress beckons ever onwards. Here, in an environment sympathetically attuned to the Jewish spirit than ought it has ever known, Reform Judaism has matured; and from here its achievement under the leadership of the Hebrew Union College and its devoted sons will bring confidence, illumination and blessing to Israel everywhere.

The entire world is entering upon a strange and unpredictable era. As the advent of steam power built great cities and created an industrial revolution, as the age of electricity and of air-travel made vast world groupings inevitable and changed the alignments of political power, so the age of atomic energy promises to once again transform economic, social and political life the world over. This transformation may even become catastrophic. The world may well stand aghast at its present power of human mass annihilation. But equally it may look forward eagerly to the dedication of the new-found source of energy to the equalization of society and the emancipation of all who are slaves to inequitable and debasting toil.

In the last two centuries science and technology have progressed more rapidly than religion and ethics. Man's mind has run ahead of his conscience. The world will never be safe again until human decency and reverence regain their rightful authority, until the heart finally outstrips the brain.

The Hebrew Union College enters upon its second seventy years at a time of world-crisis, when the future of civilization sways in the balance and only the enlightened spiritual leadership of religion can give it assurance of security and progress. It is our faith that Judaism, living, historic Judaism, has by no means exhausted its potentialitities of inspiration and guidance for the household of Jacob and for all mankind, were even that the world is famishing for that word of God which Judaism may impart to it. To such interpretation of Judaism, to such service to such leadership, in the name of God and for the blessing of Israel and of humanity, the Hebrew Union College, through its graduates, reaffirms its devotion this day.

CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

August 30, 1945

Dr. Abba H. Silver The Temple E. 105th at Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio TI

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Steering Committee of the Hebrew Union College Anniversary Celebration requests of every Alumnus of Hebrew Union College, that he open the New Year by reading to his Congregation the enclosed Pronouncement.

During these epoch-making times, we desire to give testimony of our faith and to call our people to greater loyalty and greater activities on behalf of Reform Judaism. This pronouncement was drafted by a committee consisting of our colleagues, Dr. Freehof, Dr. Silver, Dr. Mann and Dr. Heller.

If you find that you cannot use this Pronouncement at the Rosh Hashana services, please feel free to use it on Yom Kippur.

The Pronouncement will be published after the Holidays in pamphlet form and every alumnus of the College will be asked to endorse and attach his signature to it. The Committee believes that it is a most significant statement and that it will record our loyalty and devotion to our Alma Mater. We hope to give the Pronouncement wide distribution after it has been read from the pulpits. We also hope that the Church Press of the country will publish it, and certainly the Anglo-Jewish Press will give it deserved recognition.

with all good wishes for a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL WOHL, CHAIRMAN H.U.C. STEERING COMMITTEE

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If for some reason the enclosed card does not reach you before the Holidays, feel free to wire your acceptance to Dr. Mann care of the Hebrew Union College.

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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 11, 1945

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

In celebration of the Three Score and Ten Anniversary of the Hebrew Union College, the Board of Governors and I have the privilege of extending to you a most cordial invitation to attend a National Conference, to be held at the Hebrew Union College on Tuesday, October 16th, Wednesday, October 17th, and Thursday, October 18th.

The main theme of the Conference will be "Judaism and American Democracy". A number of distinguished scholars and leaders in the several areas of Jewish life have been invited to present papers and to lead in a group of seminars. Many of the outstanding issues of our time will be discussed. The findings will be printed by a special editorial board. The Press Association and outstanding metropolitan newspapers will be present to cover the Conference.

Because of O.D.T. regulations, which are still in effect, the Conference is limited to a very small number, but each participant invited has been selected for his or her distinguished position and achievement. It shall be my privilege to welcome you to the halls of the College and I hope you will enjoy our hospitality during the Conference. May I ask you to please use the enclosed card for your acceptance. I am most eager to go forward in the preparations in the knowledge that you will be with us.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours most sincerely,

Julian Morgenstern

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On the Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Hebrew Union College A memorandum for Dr. Morgenstern The program suggested here deals primarily with activities for the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Hebrew Union College on three levels: 1) the national celebration in Cincinnati, 2) the region, 3) the local community. It is important to use every possible opportunity and every medium of communication: a) to make the Jewish community of America conscious of the contribution of Liberal Judaism, of its present vitality, and of its plans and purposes and promise for the future. b) to play upon every possible key that Liberal Judaism and American democracy are indivisible. c) to give the American community of neighbors of other faiths an appreciation of Liberal Judaism. I. On the National Scene a) A pronouncement in which the ideas and ideals of the Hebrew Union College shall be written, to which every alumnus shall be invited to sign his name. b) This pronouncement shall be read on Yom Kippur Eve in every congregation in which an alumnus of the Hebrew Union College is officiating. It should be printed in the size of the Prayer Book page and distributed to every congregant, so that it may be taken home. c) It should be syndicated through the Anglo-Jewish press, the Church press, and wherever it is possible to have it published. A group of daily papers in key communities may also be willing to publish it, with or without the signatures of all the Alumni attached. d) Transcriptions of the pronouncement can be made, and wherever the opportunity offers, be presented over the local radio by the local alumnus with supplementary program. II. Volume of Essays In order to give more adequate expression, in a more permanent way, to the essential ideas of Reform Judaism, a volume of essays shall be published, consisting of ten or twelve topics, which are vital and informative. This volume shall be published under the auspices of the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College. Members of the Alumni Association shall encourage its distribution and sale. It can pay its cost and may even make available some

funds for future publications of the Alumni. The contents of this volume should be planned by a publication committee and contributors to it be invited by an editor, designated by the President of the Alumni Association. The editor shall be chairman of the publication committee.

III. Commemorative Medal

A medal commemorating the 70th anniversary shall be struck off with the towers of the College on the one side, and the portrait of the founder on the other side. This medal shall be presented at the local anniversary celebrations, to each alumnus of the Hebrew Union College and to distinguished lay leaders who will have participated in the Capital Gifts Campaign (H.U.C. Foundation Fund Campaign).

IV. Publications

A series of articles suitable for the general magazine field shall be prepared by some Alumni, whose writings can be accepted by

A series of articles suitable for the general magazine field shall be prepared by some Alumni, whose writings can be accepted by such magazines as The Atlantic Monthly, Harpers, etc. Similar articles or essays for the Church press, and a group of articles to be syndicated in the Anglo-Jewish press. A special booklet with material prepared by a number of our alumni Chaplains. This material can also be used in the Anglo-Jewish press.

a) The Hebrew Union College Monthly: one or two issues shall be given to the Anniversary and widely circulated. LIBERAL JUDAISM, the magazine, shall have a complete issue dedicated to the College with suitable content. All congregational Bulletins throughout the country shall carry brief items week after week in connection with the Anniversary. A special sticker stamp, which can be used by all Alumni in the correspondence of the respective Temples, be printed for publicity purposes.

V. Paid Advertisements in the Anglo-Jewish Press

A series of messages on the Anniversary theme shall be prepared and placed as paid advertisements in the outstanding weeklies in the Anglo-Jewish field. The number may be from 6 to 8, depending on funds to be made available for that purpose. These messages shall be signed by the President of the Hebrew Union College and shall be placed in those newspapers, under the sponsorship of the local anniversary committees. It is possible that the local anniversary committees. It is possible that the local anniversary committees may be willing to meet the necessary cost. But it may be advisable for the College authorities to make an appropriation for that purpose.

VI. The Anniversary Celebrations

In each community the anniversary celebration shall begin with a major religious service. A Special Committee shall be asked to prepare a special four-page folder for the occasion. A contest to be announced for a suitable hymn, which shall express with fervor and beauty the theme of the Anniversary, to be adapted to the tune

In order to give scope to the outstanding laymen in various communities, to inspire them, and to make them participants in the anniversary celebrations, as well as in the forthcoming campaign, members of the Hebrew Union College National Council of the several regions shall be invited to spend a day in conference in some central city of the region. It is planned to divide the country into ten or twelve regions, and to prepare a program which shall make this day vital and important for all participants. A team, consisting of an outstanding alumnus, the President or a member of the Faculty of the College, and a distinguished layman shall be present and deliver addresses and participate in discussions during these regional sessions. A detailed program for such a regional day can be prepared in a manner that it will be possible to use it in various regions. Wherever possible at any of those regional meetings, some of our Alumni, who are Chaplains, shall participate. At every local and regional meeting the message from the President of the United States and the President of the Hebrew Union College shall be read to the audience and the special hymn used on every occasion associated with the celebration.

VIII. The National Celebration in Cincinnati

It is assumed that the celebration is to come at the end of November and should be preceded by some functions which will draw the attention of the country to the established center of the Hebrew Union College. It is for this purpose that we must plan to have one or two events of major importance.

-4a) A national conference on Religion, Liberal Judaism and American Democracy. To this conference some of the most distinguished leaders of thought in the fields of Religion, Education, Science, Industry, Labor, Government, and our own Faculty and representatives of the Alumni shall be gathered. Because of the ODT regulations, it will not be possible to have hundreds of participants. Therefore careful selection shall be made to bring only such persons who have received national and international distinction. The papers and the discussions should be carefully prepared and later made available in published form. Some national radio time may be secured during that conference. Important newspapers shall be asked to send their representatives to attend and cover the conference, also the news and radio services. b) A conference on Liberal Judaism and the American Jewish Scene, to which distinguished leaders in the field of Jewish Education, National Welfare Funds, National Welfare Board, United Jewish Appeal, National Social Agencies, Jewish Journalism, men who are in the forefront of all Jewish affairs, including our Alumni, shall have a conference here in Cincinnati, similarly prepared from the technical point of view, as the one previously suggested. c) The concluding celebration shall be held during the Thanksgiving Week-end. 1) A service on Friday evening at the Isaac M. Wise Temple. 2) A Morning Service at the Rockdale Avenue Temple. Saturday morning. 3) A Dinner at the Hotel Netherland-Plaza. Saturday night. 4) A solemn ceremony of Convocation on the College grounds or the College Gymnasium. The speakers at the various events mentioned above can be from among those who will be awarded Honorary Degrees. ADDENDA a) The news reels shall be invited to film the celebration. b) A Life Magazine story with photographs be secured. c) Small 16 mm. films be made available, which can be shown on various occasions in various communities of the country, in schools and in the homes.

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September 20, 1945

Dr. Abba H. Silver The Temple E. 105th at Ansel Rd Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I have been asked by those arranging for the 70th Anniversary Celebration of our Alma Mater to address you regarding one phase of the splendid project - that which has to do with morale and public relations.

You will agree that this is quite as important as money raising. All of our success as to the financial goal would be meaningless if it were not accompanied by a mobilization of our spiritual resources.

To this end, acting for the Steering Committee, I am urging every alumnus to set aside one whole month (either October or November) to bring home, with the story of the H.U.C., the inspirations, values and trends of Reform Judaism.

To make your task easier we have prepared and now enclose material which we intend to be merely suggestive and helpful. Each of you, of course, will pursue the task in his own way, and we know that will be in a spirit which will impart to your people the vision of Isaac M. Wise and of his spiritual children.

Please respond on the enclosed card that you will cooperate in this way to make the 70th Anniversary Celebration of the H.U.C. a landmark of material growth and of spiritual achievement.

Looking forward to hearing from you favorably, I am

Yours fraternally,

Emil W. Lei pziger

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CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

September 21, 1945

PRIVATE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Dear Colleague:

There will be some news releases concerning the 70th Anniversary, but every alumnus of the College should have the information before it reaches the public - if that information is of special value to the alumnus.

- (1) October 16th, 17th, 18th, 1945: a National Conference on Judaism and American Democracy. A group of papers will be presented and several seminars will be held. At the end, the findings will be given a special Board. This will be an all-Jewish Conference.
- (2) November 13th, 14th, 15th, 1945: a National Conference on Religion and American Democracy. To this Conference a group of men from key universities and theological schools, representatives from labor, industry and other areas in American life are invited. The invitations will be extended to a number of prominent non-Jews to present papers, participate in seminars and round tables. The idea of these two conferences is to focus attention upon the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. The Press Association and the radio will give these conferences national attention.
- (3) December 7th and 8th, 1945: This celebration will take place on Friday and Saturday. The events are as follows:
 - A Friday evening service at the Isaac M. Wise Temple, Plum St. at 8th.
 - B Saturday morning service at the Rockdale Temple.
 - C Saturday afternoon Convocation at the College. Honorary degrees will be awarded.
 - D Saturday evening. The graduating class will be ordained. Anniversary dinner in the Hall of Mirrors, Netherland Plaza.

Every alumnus is invited to any one or any two or any three of these events if he can attend them.

The President and the Board of Governors will be very happy to welcome the alumni on these significant occasions. If you intend to come, please make your plans now and let us know and the College office will try to be helpful in every way.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

SAMUEL WOHL, CHAIRMAN

H.U.C. STEERING COMMITTEE

NOTE: This information is for Alumni of the H.U.C.
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members of the National Council and to official bodies associated with the College.



THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE DORMITORY

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CLIFTON AVENUE CINCINNATI

Rabbi Abba H. Silver

Oct. 18

Dear rabbi.

As you know, this year marks the seventieth anniversary of our institution. In many respects, there is promise that this will be a year great importance. The staff of the HUC Alumni Bulletin is desirous of having an issue which will be in accord with the meaning of this year.

It is our plan to have three articles concerning HUC in its various capacities, written for our Bulletin. For that I am writing you, on behalf of the staff, to ask you to write the article, "HUC as a Religious Institution". The article should run about 1200 words. We would like to have it in our hands by the 14th of November. Please inform us via the enclosed card whether or not you willbe able to write the artcle.

Very sincerely yours,

Maurice Davis

Associate editor

Alumni Bulletin

CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

October 22, 1945



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

Dear Colleague:

This is an advance letter to inform you that the great celebration of the Anniversary itself will be held in Cincinnati on December 7 and 8, 1945. A full program will be made available later. The College is most eager to have as many alumni as can possibly come. It is not easy to get accommodations, and therefore we ask you to please act promptly in your reply to this invitation.

It is planned, if you can come and stay over Sunday (the Anniversary itself will be on Friday and Saturday), to have you speak in one of the Christian pulpits in Cincinnati. As soon as we receive your reply, we shall then contact the Council of Churches and tell them of this opportunity. The theme is "Judaism and American Democracy", and we want this community and every community in the land to become fully conscious of our enterprise.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

SAMUEL WOHL, CHAIRMAN H.U.C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

P.S. We discovered, unfortunately, a mistake in the second Hebrew word on our Anniversary stamp. These stamps, if you already have them, may be cut off at the last line altogether, but we will get up a new stamp and you may repeat your order to the Union.

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CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

Oct. 25, 1945

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



Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Morgenstern, who is ill in the hospital, has asked me to invite you to give the commemoration address at the observance of the 70th Anniversary of the Hebrew Union College on Friday evening, December 7, 1945, in the Isaac M. Wise Temple, (8th and Plum Streets).

We are planning a great occasion. It was in this Temple that the exercises opening the College were held on Oct. 3, 1875. I should like to have your acceptance at an early date.

Sincerely,

ALTRED SEGAL, CHAIRMAN

H.U.C. 70th OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

The program of events on Friday and Saturday, December 7-8, in celebration of the Seventieth Anniversary of the Founding of the Hebrew Union College, is as follows:

Friday Evening Services at eight o'clock, at the Isaac M. Wise Temple, 8th and Plum Streets. Guest Speaker - Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, H.U.C. '15

Sabbath Morning Services at ten o'clock, at the Rockdale Avenue Temple, Rockdale and Harvey Avenues.

Guest Speaker - Rev. Dr. Emil W. Leipziger,

New Orleans, H.U.C. '00

Luncheon at the Hebrew Union College Dormitory at 12:30 P.M.

Opportunity following the luncheon for the guests to visit the Hebrew Union College Library in order to view a special exhibit of rare books and the Library Collection of the published works of Hebrew Union College Alumni.

Convocation at the Graduation Exercises, at the Isaac M. Wise Temple, at three P.M.

Baccalaureate Address by Rabbi Julius Gordon, St. Louis, H.U.C. '26

Anniversary dinner at the Netherland-Plaza Hotel at 7:00 P.M.
Toastmaster, Dr. Jonah B. Wise, New York, '03

Transportation will be provided from the Rockdale Avenue Temple, after the Sabbath Morning Services, to the College for luncheon, and from the College to the Isaac M. Wise Temple for the afternoon Convocation.

We would like to know how many persons to expect at the Dormitory luncheon, and would request your acceptance on the enclosed card which we hope to receive by December 3.

October 28, 1945 Mr. Alfred Segal, Chairman H.U.C. 70th Observance Committee The Hebrew Union College Cincinnati, Ohio My dear Mr. Segal: Permit me to thank you for your letter of October 25 and for your invitation to deliver the commemoration address on the occasion of the observance of the 70th anniversary of the Hebrew Union College on Friday evening, December 7. I shal be happy to be with you on that occasion. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

November 2, 1945 Mr. Maurice Davis, Associate Editor ALumni Bulletin The Hebrew Union College Dormitory Clifton Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio My dear Friend: Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter. I have been away from the city most of the time. I wish I were free to comply with your request to write an article for the HUC Alumni Bulletin. Unfortunately I am working under such pressure and will be for some time to come, I am afraid, that I cannot undertake any new assignments. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS:BK

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Alfred Segal, Chairman 70th Anniversary Celebration Hebrew Union College Cincinnati, Ohio WANT A REPLY?

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AN EMERGENCY MATTER NECESSITATES MY FLYING TO PALESTINE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. I REGRET DEEPLY THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ADDRESS THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WHICH INVITATION I HAD ACCEPTED WITH PROFOUND APPRECIATION. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND. I REGRET THAT I WAS UNABLE TO GIVE YOU MORE TIME BUT I HAVE NOT MYSELF HAD MUCH NOTICE. I HOPE THAT THE CELEBRATION WILL BE AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AND THAT THE GREAT PROJECT IN WHICH THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE IS AT PRESENT ENGAGED WILL RECEIVE THE FULLEST MEASURE OF SUPPORT FROM AMERICAN JEWRY. KINDEST REDGRDS.

A H SILVER

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE CINCINNATI 20, OHIO December 20, 1945 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple E. 105th at Ansel Rd Cleveland, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver: Dr. Freehof, Dr. Morgenstern and I are planning to begin the Campaign for the Hebrew Union College Foundation Fund immediately. Within the next few weeks, some visits will be made to a number of communities. We are planning various ways by which we shall be able to make personal contact through various alumni, faculty members and distinguished laymen. In each community there are several people or, perhaps, only one or two, who must set the standard of giving. We do not know who these people are. We must have their names. It may become necessary to deal with such prospects in a personal way. You are the one to tell us whether there is, in your community, say, a man or several men who may be able, if properly approached, to contribute substantial sums. It does not follow that men who are known to be national figures will always give the largest sums. It is perfect-

ly possible that there are new people or some to whom the plans of expansion of the College may appeal more than anything else.

We therefore urge you to send at once such names of those who, in your opinion, should be placed in such a category. These names are essential to us and we must know how they should be handled. Please tell us also how, in your opinion, the best results can be obtained from such persons. Please write Special Delivery, because the mails are very slow now.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

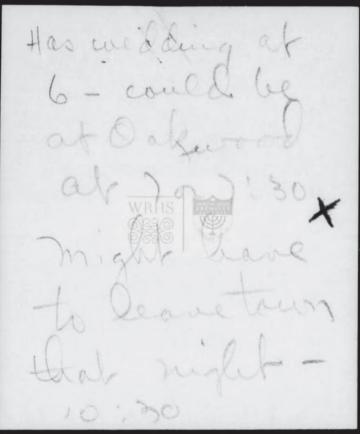
SAMUEL WOHL, CHAIRMAN H.U.C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

SW:W

January 4, 1946 Dr. Barnett R. Brickner The Euclid Avenue Temple 8206 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio My dear Dr. Brickner: Following our conversation this morning, I telephoned Freehof. He is free to come to us on Sunday evening, January 27. If the date is convenient for you, I will proceed to make arrangements for a dinner at the Oakwood Club. The idea is to invite about fifty or sixty people to make sure that thirty or forty will be present. They are to be the prospective large donors to the Fund. I think that we should send out an official invitation, signed by those who have been appointed members of the HUC Endowment Fund. That invitation should go out right soon and that should be followed up by personal telephone calls from the two of us to insure attendance. It might also be advisable to see a few of the leading people prior to the dinner to get them to act as bellwethers at the meeting. A little later on we will meet and plan the details of the program. With all good wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, AHS: BK

Euclid Avenue Temple Euclid at East Cighty - Second St. Cleveland Barnell R. Brickner, Ph. D. January 8th Rabbi 1 9 4 6 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th St. at Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: Replying to yours of the 4th, in checking my calendar for Sunday, January 27th, I find that I have a wedding for 6:00 P. M. and an Alumni Affair later that evening. However, if that is the most convenient date for Freehof andyourself, I am sure that I could . manage to get to the Club by 7:00 P. M. and leave there at 10:00 P. M., by which time our business should be finished. There are a number of people in my congregation, and - suppose in yours too, who are leaving for Florida during the middle of this month, but there is nothing we can do about it, because that exodus will continue from now on until March. Unless we hold the meeting now, we will be running into the Welfare Fund campaign. I shall draw up a list of people from my congregation to whom an official invitation should be sent, and I will be glad to do anything I can to insure a good attendance. Let me know when it will be convenient for us to meet, so that we may plan the arrangements and the program. Sincerely yours, frieduce BRB: VW

January 8, 1946 Dr. Barnett R. Brickner Euclid Avenue Temple 8206 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio My dear Dr. Brickner: Miss Kline conveyed to me the message which your secretary gave her over the telephone. The dinner will probably not start much before seven or seven-thirty and should be over by ten-thirty. You will thus be able to keep your wedding appointment and be in time for the dinner meeting. I have reserved the Oakwood Club for the evening of January 27th. I think that it would be well that the invitations be sent out in the name of all the Cleveland members of the HUC Endowment Fund. I have wired to Wohl to send me the names. I will draft the letter of invitation, a copy of which I will send you for approval. In the meantime. please select the twenty-five or thirty people from your congregation to whom the invitation should be sent. We ought to send out these invitations by the middle of the month. With all good wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, AHS: BK



January 9, 1946 Dr. Julian Morgenstern 8 Burton Woods Lane Cincinnati, Ohio My dear Dr. Morgenstern: We have definitely arranged for a dinner meeting here with Freehof for Sunday evening, January 27 at the Oakwood Club. We are now preparing the lists of the people whom we are to invite. The invitation will go out over the signatures of the Cleveland members of the National Council of the Hebrew Union College Endowment Fund. I hope that the meeting will be successful. Brickner and I will try to contact a few people before the meeting. I do not know how extensively you sent out that attractive brochure on the Hebrew Union College among the people here in Cleveland. It might be well to send a copy to each one of the invitees to the dinner meeting. Perhaps your office would send me fifty or sixty copies and envelopes and we will mail them out. You may recall that I spoke to you about Daniel. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which you sent to him on July 28, 1943 in reply to his communication of the 7th of the same month. Daniel would like to complete his studies at Harvard before he comes to the Hebrew Union College. He is now taking regular Hebrew instruction from a very competent Hebrew teacher, Mr. Jacob Rutman, and he is making good progress. Daniel will complete his sophomore year this month and should be graduated in January, 1948. He will be eighteen this coming March. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK Enc.



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January 22, 1946

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

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Dear Dr. Silver:-

I will be pleased to attend the Dinner Meeting at the Oakwood Club on January 27th in commemoration of The Hebrew Union College 70th Anniversary.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Friedman, Pres. THE CHEMICAL RUBBER CO.

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May 27, 1946

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

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:

I received a letter from Rabbi Harry J. Stern of Montreal in
which he writes in connection with the new National Act of 1940
which has been postponed and comes due October next; "I am
anxious that the Conference be on guard and see to it that the
Union takes action in safeguarding the citizenship of non-native
born U. S. citizens ministering in foreign lands. The Legislation

Upon consulting Marcuson, he sends me the following reply:

might be amended so that it will not affect clergy and educators.

I am writing to you as President of the CCAR on this vital subject that you may look into the matter or appoint a Committee to examine

"I would suggest that you take this matter up with Morgenstern who handled it a few years ago and see just what was accomplished. At the request of Dr. Mattuck's brother, Morgenstern went to Washington and consulted the State Department and finally they succeeded in having the thing postponed until 1947. I am sure that a further postponement could be secured or that some change could be made in the law. Dr. Morgenstern could tell you who handled the matter for the Union and the Conference."

I would deeply appreciate if you would indicate to me what should be done in this matter.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you are well, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you at the CCAR Convention in Chicago, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: GR

what can be done. "

SUBJECT: The 70th Anniversary Celebration in Local Communities To Graduates of the Hebrew Union College MEMORANDUM: by Samuel Wohl Each community in which a graduate of the Hebrew Union College serves may arrange the 70th Anniversary Celebration of the Hebrew Union College, in accordance with local conditions. The Celebration should be synchronized with a possible event for 2. the purpose of obtaining financial resources for the Foundation Fund of the College. WHAT KIND OF CELEBRATIONS A . Wherever there is only one Temple in a community that is served by a graduate of the College, it is recommended that -He dedicate one Sabbath to the Hebrew Union I. College. That he plan to have a dinner in his community II. in honor of the 70th Anniversary of the College. B. WHAT KIND OF SERVICE The service can be a regular Friday night service with the insertion of the Special Liturgy prepared for the occasion. The special Hymn would be distributed and used by the congregation. That Hymn won the prize in the contest and was written by our colleague, Joseph Gumbiner. The address may deal with some aspect of Reform Judaism, particularly its main theme, "Judaism and American Democracy." If the Friday evening is the main service, and if no dinner is planned, or can be held in the community, the Chairman of the Anniver-sary Committee of the local community (selected by the rabbi from the list hereto attached) or someone whom the rabbi feels will do the best job. shall present the Anniversary Medal to his rabbi on behalf of the congregation. Our colleague, Rabbi Minda, will prepare a brief ritual for that presentation. Again, if no dinner is held in the community, there should be a festive reception after the service on Friday evening. If the main service is held on Saturday or Sunday, II. the same procedure may be followed.

In communities where there are two or more congregations, the services might be held separately or may be combined. The Anniversary dinner, wherever possible, should be planned as a joint event.

C. WHAT KIND OF DINNER

The chief purpose of the dinner is to focus the attention of the community upon the College. It is to be a festive occasion. For that purpose a member of the faculty of the College, or an outstanding alumnus should be invited to deliver the principal address. The dinner should not be an occasion for fund-raising. It should be one in which we take pride in what has been achieved, and accept the challenge for the future. The congregation should be told that it is a great expansion program - one which will reach into every corner of the American community and which will be of value to Jew and non-Jew alike, and will serve to strengthen the link between Reform Judaism and American Democracy. (The program as outlined at the request of Dr. Paul Baerwald will soon be forwarded to you.) This will contain the three major ideas for the advancement of the College. If a dinner is held in your community, then the presentation of the Medal is to be made to the rabbi at the dinner, with appropriate citation.

Within the next week or so, a large artistic picture of the exterior and interiors of the College, designed by Ronsheim and produced by Max Singer, will be presented by the President of the Board of Governors of the College to every alumnus as a gift from the College to the Temple. The rabbithen will present it to his congregation, or to his Board. It is beautiful and should be placed where most people will be able to see it and then given a permanent place.

D. FOUNDATION FUND

The College desires to win friends in every community, to enable it to carry through its program and to assure itself of the security it needs for the future. It will, therefore, seek to enlist the support of men and women who can contribute large sums. These will have to be selected by a group, in consultation with the rabbi, and arrangements be made for the method and procedure upon which they can be approached, and rating of such individuals be made by a special committee.

In the meantime, every alumnus should survey his congregation, with the help, if necessary, of some people whom he could consult and deal with them confidentially, and would let us know.

I. The names of all the people within his congregation who can afford to contribute, if properly approached and interested in the cause, from \$1000 up.

- II. The names of family corporations and who owns them.
- III. If they are individuals they must be dealt with separately. Such people might establish some important foundation themselves, who might give large and very large sums.
 - TV. These names are absolutely indispensable for the carrying out of the plan, and it is of utmost urgency that these names be forwarded to the College office immediately.

E. TIME

Time is of the essence. Experts agree that it is necessary to act now, but arrangements must be made to carry through the effort in certain regions separately. It is felt that we shall have to continue this effort for several months; perhaps the entire Fall and Winter period. The services and dinners, on the other hand, should be held some time in December and January.

NOTE:

These are suggestions and nothing else. The Planning Committee will appreciate reciprocity. Any good ideas that can further the interests of the College will be followed through.

CONFIDENTIAL

Please treat this memorandum as a confidential paper. I hope that you have read the statement recently sent out by Dr. Eisendrath, which gives you an idea that we have but one choice - either to go forward or to be relegated to a position of inferiority among the institutions of the country. This is our chance to mobilize our manpower, our leadership, our constituencies and our resources to win.

DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE ON JUDAISM AND AMERICAN DEMOCRACY Held at HEBREW UNION COLLEGE October 16-18, 1945, on the occasion of the Seventieth Anniversary of the Founding of the College. We are at the dawn of a new age in which the world has suddenly been made more compact in time and space. We realize that the more the earth thus contracts the more humanity needs that broad vision which is embodied in both American Democracy and Judaism. The hope of civilization is more than ever in an immediate resurgence of the vital spiritual forces which lie in these two historic traditions. The nihilism and materialism of our times have led us into two world wars. We have just emerged from the most devastating struggle in the annals of mankind. Now generals and statesmen and the scientists who fashioned the atomic bomb join with the religious leaders to proclaim that the salvation of the world depends upon the mobilization of our ethical, moral and spiritual resources. The American accent and the Judaic emphasis have always been that of the prophet - not on might and not on power, but on the spirit of God inherent in Man. This Conference, which inauguarates the celebration of the Seventieth Anniversary of the Founding of the Hebrew Union College, the oldest rabbinical seminary in America, declares anew that in American Democracy and in Judaism, and very clearly in Reform Judaism, there exists a natural synthesis. Already in our Bible the essence of the democratic process is discerned. Rabbinic and Mediaeval Judaism are marked by the continued insistence on every man's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which are also at the very core of the American design for living. The devotion to one God, the respect for the individual person, the regard for the sacredness of human life, the establishment of checks and balances to insure justice and freedom of opportunity, the enoblement of learning as the patrimony of the common man -- all these are as much of our continuing Jewish lore as they are of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the vast body of American law. American Democracy not only drew freely and frankly on Jewish principles in the composition of its fundamental charters, but also contributed mightily to the growth and progress of Judaism which finds itself in perfect harmony with it. We are certain that this spiritual reciprocity will endure. Though we view with concern the recrudescence of subversive forces in American life, nevertheless we believe firmly that the heart of America is sound. This Conference declares its unswerving faith in the reality and vitality of American Democracy and in its manifest destiny to preserve for us and to bring to all mankind a realization of the blessings of liberty and justice.

Impelled by a sense of our prophetic heritage, we believe that, with all fellow Americans who are of like mind, we must keep alive in the larger community the awareness of the principle that all men, created in the image of God, are equal. America, more than any other nation, is the hope of the Twentieth Century for the establishment of peace and freedom. Though we Jews are comparatively few in number, we regard it as in line with the moral imperative of our unbroken tradition, to help in this universal task.

We declare that political democracy must be reinforced by economic democracy, that equality before the law is inadequate without the guarantee of economic security. We are confident that our democracy, which succeeded in mobilizing the spiritual and technological resources to fight and win a global war, has within it the genius to feed, house and educate all its people.

As we look back over the seventy years since the Hebrew Union College was founded, we are convinced that God's Providence has created this great American Jewry. Here, on this soil, there lies before us the unparalleled opportunity to develop a vigorous Jewish life, consonant with our glorious history. To accomplish this we must add strength to the Synagogue, intensify our faith, promote Jewish religious education, in which the spirit of democracy is strongly imbedded, build a Jewish communal life on completely democratic principles, both locally and nationally, and devote ourselves to the rehabilitation of European Jewry and the enlargement of opportunity for free and creative Jewish life in Palestine and in every land where Jews dwell.

Here in Cincinnati, where almost a century ago, Isaac Mayer Wise called upon his people to help create "a universal republic" founded on equality, justice and freedom, we, his spiritual children, pledge ourselves in humility and faith, ever to advance this sacred cause.

A PRONOUNCEMENT

by the Graduates of the Hebrew Union College

This year of victory and triumph marks the beginning of a new era in the life of man. Very fittingly, too, it marks the beginning of a new era in the life of one of the great religious institutions of our country, the Hebrew Union College.

Three score and ten years ago Isaac Mayer Wise opened the doors of the first modern rabbinical college in America. With a handful of devoted fellow-workers, he founded in this fair new world a progressive and cultured Jewish community.

The Hebrew Union College, with God's help, has lived and prospered. Its influence has spread to every corner of the United States and to distant lands. Its graduates have become leaders of great congregations. They pioneered institutions, causes and movements. They guided American Judaism securely along the road of creative existence and progress.

Under their influence hundreds of Jewish congregations throughout our nation and in other lands have given to ancient Jewish tradition and practice a vital interpretation, consonant with the needs of modern life. Reform Judaism has made its greatest advance in this blessed land. Freedom and justice are inherent in the Hebraic heritage. American democracy and Judaism are indivisible. We have set our minds and hearts to the great goals of America, to make society dynamic and democracy more responsive to the yearnings of its citizens. Our rabbis have given themselves fearlessly to the service of our country and our people. For all this achievement of seventy years we give grateful thanks unto God.

During these last tragic years the organization of society and the destiny of Israel have suffered drastic change. The historic Jewish communities of Europe are virtually non-existent; their seminaries are destroyed, their libraries despoiled, their synagogues burned, and their survivors wander in bewildered exile in a wasted world. In our day the College finds itself at the very center of intellectual and spiritual responsibility. The noble tradition of Torah, of rabbinic learning, of Jewish culture now depends largely upon American Jewry and its institutions. The United States of America must become in the days which lie ahead all that Spain, Germany and Poland once were in Jewish history. The College and its graduates are resolved that American Jewry shall become a dynamic force in the revival of the soul of world-Israel.

The needs of the Jewish people are manifold; many the tasks required for its security and happiness. We rabbis, sons of the Hebrew Union College, will continue to serve whole-heartedly every worthy undertaking for social advancement and the furtherance of world-unity and human well-being, so that in every land our brethren and all men may live normal and

fruitful lives, unrestricted and unafraid. We will continue also to labor for the revival of a self-reliant, vigorous Jewish community in Palestine, the fulfillment of age-old Jewish faith.

But ours are primarily the immediate tasks of the rabbinate. Jewish life and Jewish worship, faithful to historic tradition, may never stand still. In a changed and changing world Judaism must always advance, under the guidance of consecrated rabbis.

The world is entering upon an unpredictable era. The age of atomic energy promises once again to transform economic, social and political life the world over. The world may well stand aghast at its present power of human mass-annihilation. But, equally, it is imperative that it dedicate the new-found source of energy to the emancipation of society and the liberation of all who are slaves to inequitable and debasing toil.

In the last two centuries science and technology have progressed more rapidly than religion and ethics. Man's mind has run ahead of his conscience. The world will never be safe again until human decency and reverence regain their rightful authority.

The Hebrew Union College enters upon its second seventy years at a time of world-crisis, when the future of civilization sways in the balance, and only the enlightened leadership of religion can give assurance of security and progress. It is our faith that Judaism, living, historic Judaism, has by no means exhausted its potentialities of inspiration and guidance for the household of Jacob and for all mankind. To such service and to such leadership, in the name of God and for the blessing of Israel and of mankind, the Hebrew Union College, through its graduates, rededicates itself this day.

Private destine On the Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Hebrew Union College A memorandum for Dr. Morgenstern The program suggested here deals primarily with activities for the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Hebrew Union College on three levels: 1) the national celebration in Cincinnati, 2) the region, 3) the local community. It is important to use every possible opportunity and every medium of communication: a) to make the Jewish community of America conscious of the contribution of Liberal Judaism, of its present vitality, and of its plans and purposes and promise for the future. b) to play upon every possible key that Liberal Judaism and American democracy are indivisible. c) to give the American community of neighbors of other faiths an appreciation of Liberal Judaism. I. On the National Scene a) A pronouncement in which the ideas and ideals of the Hebrew Union College shall be written, to which every alumnus shall be invited to sign his name. b) This pronouncement shall be read on Yom Kippur Eve in every congregation in which an alumnus of the Hebrew Union College is officiating. It should be printed in the size of the Prayer Book page and distributed to every congregant, so that it may be taken home. c) It should be syndicated through the Anglo-Jewish press, the Church press, and wherever it is possible to have it published. A group of daily papers in key communities may also be willing to publish it, with or without the signatures of all the Alumni attached. d) Transcriptions of the pronouncement can be made, and wherever the opportunity offers, be presented over the local radio by the local alumnus with supplementary program. II. Volume of Essays In order to give more adequate expression, in a more permanent way, to the essential ideas of Reform Judaism, a volume of essays shall be published, consisting of ten or twelve topics, which are vital and informative. This volume shall be published under the auspices of the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College. Members of the Alumni Association shall encourage its distribution and sale. It can pay its cost and may even make available some

-2funds for future publications of the Alumni. The contents of this volume should be planned by a publication committee and contributors to it be invited by an editor, designated by the President of the Alumni Association. The editor shall be chairman of the publication committee. III. Commemorative Medal A medal commemorating the 70th anniversary shall be struck off with the towers of the College on the one side, and the portrait of the founder on the other side. This medal shall be presented at the local anniversary celebrations, to each alumnus of the Hebrew Union College and to distinguished lay leaders who will have participated in the Capital Gifts Campaign (H.U.C. Foundation Fund Campaign). IV. Publications A series of articles suitable for the general magazine field shall be prepared by some Alumni, whose writings can be accepted by such magazines as The Atlantic Monthly, Harpers, etc. Similar arti-

cles or essays for the Church press, and a group of articles to be syndicated in the Anglo-Jewish press. A special booklet with material prepared by a number of our alumni Chaplains. This material can also be used in the Anglo-Jewish press.

a) The Hebrew Union College Monthly: one or two issues shall be given to the Anniversary and widely circulated. LIBERAL JUDAISM, the magazine, shall have a complete issue dedicated to the College with suitable content. All congregational Bulletins throughout the country shall carry brief items week after week in connection with the Anniversary. A special sticker stamp, which can be used by all Alumni in the correspondence of the respective Temples, be printed for publicity purposes.

V. Paid Advertisements in the Anglo-Jewish Press

A series of messages on the Anniversary theme shall be prepared and placed as paid advertisements in the outstanding weeklies in the Anglo-Jewish field. The number may be from 6 to 8, depending on funds to be made available for that purpose. These messages shall be signed by the President of the Hebrew Union College and shall be placed in those newspapers, under the sponsorship of the local anniversary committees. It is possible that the local anniversary committees may be willing to meet the necessary cost. But it may be advisable for the College authorities to make an appropriation for that purpose.

The Anniversary Celebrations

In each community the anniversary celebration shall begin with a major religious service. A Special Committee shall be asked to prepare a special four-page folder for the occasion. A contest to be announced for a suitable hymn, which shall express with fervor and beauty the theme of the Anniversary, to be adapted to the tune

A pageant suitable for presentation by the women of the Sister-hood should be prepared to be used throughout the country in their October or November programs. A Brotherhood Round Table or Symposium, or something suitable in the nature of a radio program, should be prepared and made available for the October and November meetings of the Brotherhoods throughout the country.

A school pageant should be commissioned to be prepared by a competent writer and made available to all Religious Schools. Perhaps two or three different kinds, depending upon the size and possibilities for performance in the respective schools, should be prepared.

VII. Regional Hebrew Union College Day

In order to give scope to the outstanding laymen in various communities, to inspire them, and to make them participants in the anniversary celebrations, as well as in the forthcoming campaign, members of the Hebrew Union College National Council of the several regions shall be invited to spend a day in conference in some central city of the region. It is planned to divide the country into ten or twelve regions, and to prepare a program which shall make this day vital and important for all participants. A team, consisting of an outstanding alumnus, the President or a member of the Faculty of the College, and a distinguished layman shall be present and deliver addresses and participate in discussions during these regional sessions. A detailed program for such a regional day can be prepared in a manner that it will be possible to use it in various regions. Wherever possible at any of those regional meetings, some of our Alumni, who are Chaplains, shall participate. At every local and regional meeting the message from the President of the United States and the President of the Hebrew Union College shall be read to the audience and the special hymn used on every occasion associated with the celebration.

VIII. The National Celebration in Cincinnati

It is assumed that the celebration is to come at the end of November and should be preceded by some functions which will draw the attention of the country to the established center of the Hebrew Union College. It is for this purpose that we must plan to have one or two events of major importance.

-4a) A national conference on Religion, Liberal Judaism and American Democracy. To this conference some of the most distinguished leaders of thought in the fields of Religion, Education, Science, Industry, Labor, Government, and our own Faculty and representatives of the Alumni shall be gathered. Because of the ODT regulations, it will not be possible to have hundreds of participants. Therefore careful selection shall be made to bring only such persons who have received national and international distinction. The papers and the discussions should be carefully prepared and later made available in published form. Some national radio time may be secured during that conference. Important newspapers shall be asked to send their representatives to attend and cover the conference, also the news and radio services. b) A conference on Liberal Judaism and the American Jewish Scene, to which distinguished leaders in the field of Jewish Education, National Welfare Funds, National Welfare Board, United Jewish Appeal, National Social Agencies, Jewish Journalism, men who are in the forefront of all Jewish affairs, including our Alumni, shall have a conference here in Cincinnati, similarly prepared from the technical point of view, as the one previously suggested. c) The concluding celebration shall be held during the Thanksgiving Week-end. 1) A service on Friday evening at the Isaac M. Wise Temple. 2) A Morning Service at the Rockdale Avenue Temple. Saturday morning. 3) A Dinner at the Hotel Netherland-Plaza. Saturday night. 4) A solemn ceremony of Convocation on the College grounds or the College Gymnasium. The speakers at the various events mentioned above can be from among those who will be awarded Honorary Degrees. ADDENDA a) The news reels shall be invited to film the celebration. b) A Life Magazine story with photographs be secured. c) Small 16 mm. films be made available, which can be shown on various occasions in various communities of the country, in schools and in the homes.