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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

October 10, 1949

To Members of the
Board of Governors
Hebrew Union College

Ladies and Gentlemen:

During the period since our last meeting there have been some changes in personnel and new developments in various departments of the College.

Dr. Philipson

For the first time in very many years, our Board meets without being graced by the presence of Dr. David Philipson, who has departed to the Academy on High. In his person and works he spanned the entire history of our College, with which his name will always be connected. He greatly served our institution and our cause. "The memory of a righteous man is for blessing."

New Personnel

Mr. Milton Robertson of New York City, formerly on the publicity staff of the United Jewish Appeal and part-time consultant in our Public Relations Department in New York during the past year, has been appointed to the position of Public Relations Director of the Hebrew Union College for a term of one year. Mr. Robertson will supervise the office established in New York City by Dr. Klausner last year, and will, in addition, use his creative writing talents in producing radio scripts, essays, and stories describing the role of the College. Mr. Robertson will carry out publicity plans in connection with the celebration of our 75th anniversary.

Our Publicity Department under Mr. Robertson's supervision worked out a publicity outline for the Combined Campaign, and carried out the tasks assigned to it by the Joint Campaign, until a separate publicity director was appointed by the Joint Campaign for that purpose. Our Publicity Department will continue to make its services available to the Joint Campaign in every way possible.

Dr. Bertram W. Korn, my able and indefatigable assistant during the past year, resigned to accept the pulpit of Keneseth Israel Congregation in Philadelphia. We shall miss Dr. Korn's assistance greatly. We are confident that his religious leadership in the great community of Philadelphia will always be marked by dedication to the College and by the winning of new friends for our cause.

Dr. Abraham J. Klausner, who was in charge of our publicity office last year, has taken up his duties as rabbi of Temple Israel in Boston. We wish him all success in his new position and we are confident that he will continue to build loyalty for the College in that great congregation and in the New England area.

It has been difficult to find a replacement for Dr. Korn. We have been fortunate in securing for a three-month period the services of Mr. Richard N. Bluestein, the Public Relations Director of the Jewish Community Council. He has obtained a leave-of-absence for that period. We are grateful to the Jewish Community Council for making his services available and to Mr. Bluestein for stepping into the breach.

Faculty

We anticipate welcoming back within a few days to our campus, as Efroymsen Visiting Professor in Theology, our beloved teacher and friend Dr. Leo Baeck, who had returned to England for the summer. His visit with us last year proved to be an inspiration to our students, faculty, and alumni, alike. Dr. Baeck will offer two courses to our students in Early Post-Talmudic Literature. We feel that the presence of Dr. Baeck is not only an ennobling influence, but also adds distinction and luster to the College. He has begged to be spared the burden of outside engagements. Professor Baeck is now seventy-six years of age.

Dr. Julius Morgenstern, President Emeritus, who has, with the current year, become Professor Emeritus of Bible, has kindly consented to continue his teaching this academic year, and will offer a full program of courses in the Rabbinic and Graduate Departments.

Our newly appointed Assistant Professor of Jewish History, Dr. Ellis Rivkin, has taken up residence, and will begin his active academic career at the Hebrew Union College this semester. He is a young scholar of brilliant promise.

Professor Jacob R. Marcus, the "Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History," has been honored with the Presidency of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which position he will occupy while continuing to offer a full quota of courses at the College. We delight in the deserved honor accorded our colleague, who in this wise also reflects credit upon our institution. He continues to act as Director of the American Jewish Archives, and editor of its highly successful quarterly journal.

Dr. Eric Werner, Professor of Jewish Music, will again assist Dr. Franzblau at the Hebrew Union School of Jewish Sacred Music, and will carry a large part of

the teaching there. Our present plans call for him to be at our School in New York for the first semester, and at the College for the second. Dr. Werner has been invited to deliver a scientific paper at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome during the International Congress of Sacred Music next year.

Dr. Samuel Atlas, Professor of Philosophy and Talmud, will spend the first semester in New York City where he will lecture at the J.I.R. as Professor of Talmud. His going to the J.I.R. for a semester, represents one of the steps in the developing integration of the two parts of our united H.U.C.-J.I.R.

Visiting Lecturers

Through the generosity of Temple Emanu-El of New York City, two Lectureships have been established in honor of Dr. Samuel Schulman and Dr. Nathan Krass, Rabbis Emeriti of Temple Emanu-El. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Baeck will deliver the Dr. Samuel Schulman Lectures at the J.I.R. and the Dr. Nathan Krass Lectures at the College. The titles of Dr. Baeck's lectures will be announced at a later date, and will carry out the intent of the Schulman and Krass Lectureships of Temple Emanu-El.

During the coming year we intend to continue the precedent of inviting outstanding members of the Rabbinate and related fields to reside on our campus for brief periods, address our student-body formally and informally, and generally acquaint themselves with the life and spirit of the College. A very real advantage of these visits is the invaluable contact given our students with the developments in the various phases of the practical rabbinate, which they will encounter upon graduation. These supplementary lectures and visits round out the training in academic disciplines offered by our permanent teaching staff. Those thus far invited include:

Dr. Solomon Goldman, Rabbi of Anshe Emeth Congregation of Chicago, whose presence on our campus was so warmly appreciated last year; Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, dynamic interpreter of Reform Judaism and rabbi of Temple KAM in Chicago; Dr. Nathan Brilliant, Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Cleveland, Ohio, and Dr. Samuel Blumenfield, Director of the College of Jewish Studies, Chicago, Ill. Dr. Goldman and Rabbi Weinstein were specifically requested by our student-body, to whose wishes we were pleased to accede.

Exchange Lectures

The original grant from the Jeannette Miriam Goldberg Foundation to establish the Jeannette Miriam Goldberg Exchange Lectures has been exhausted. These Exchange Lectures between the College and outstanding Christian seminaries have been of inestimable value.

I very strongly hope that special funds may be found this year in order to continue this very fine tradition of academic exchange with our Christian colleagues.

1949 Summer Rabbinical Institute

The Summer Rabbinical Institute sponsored jointly by the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion was held in New York during the week of June 13 through the 21st. It emphasized homiletical source materials. In addition, outstanding experts with national reputations spoke on some of the most critical issues of the day.

Sessions of the Institute on Jewish Liturgical Music were conducted on June 12th, 13th and 14th under the auspices of the Hebrew Union School of Education and Sacred Music and the Society for the Advancement of Jewish Liturgical Music.

Next summer, the Summer Rabbinical Institute will be held at the Hebrew Union College. We are planning to hold these institutes alternately at the J.I.R. and H.U.C.

Education Department

For the present academic year, we are again constrained to do without a regular full-time Professor of Education. It is our intention to make haste slowly in this regard. In the meantime, Rabbi Harry Essrig, who very successfully served as Instructor in Education last year, will continue in that capacity this year, spending two days a week at the College during the second semester, giving one required and one elective course in the field of Education.

During the first semester, he will conduct a series of four workshops dealing with classroom techniques in the elementary school. Arrangements are being made with the Cincinnati public school system to provide teachers, who will give demonstrations in the field of audio-visual aids, arts and crafts, music and dramatics.

Professor Abraham N. Franzblau will remain in New York City, directing the Schools of Education and Music.

In order to supplement the part-time instruction in education offered by Rabbi Essrig, and in a larger sense in order to assist the College in planning the future course of our Education Department, we have extended invitations to a number of renowned leaders in the field of Jewish Education to speak to our students.

Dr. Samuel Blumenfield, alumnus of the Jewish Institute of Religion of the class of 1930, presently Dean of the College of Jewish Studies in Chicago and

President of the Board of Jewish Education of that city, will deliver a series of four lectures to our students in the Spring of 1950. Dr. Nathan Brilliant, Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Cleveland, Ohio, and previously Director of Education of Rabbi Brickner's very large Religious School of Temple Anshe Chesed, will also deliver a series of lectures to our students. They have been asked to help evaluate the achievements of religious education up to the present, and outline the directions they think American Jewish Education should pursue in the future.

Department of Human Relations

We are continuing to make and carry out plans for the development and expansion of the Department of Human Relations as an integral part of the College curriculum for the training of Reform rabbis. National attention has been directed already to this Department by the outstanding Institute on Religion and Psychiatry held two years ago. Two of the addresses delivered at the Institute have been published thus far. They are "Man's Place in God's World" by Dr. Sol W. Ginsburg, and "Emotional Security of the Child" by Dr. Othilda Krug-Brady.

The latest of the series of publications in this department is Dr. Sol W. Ginsburg's brochure entitled "Concerning Religious Values," which has just been issued. Last year, the lectures in this Department were limited for the most part to our students.

Dr. Sol W. Ginsburg held an institute at the College again last year, giving one public lecture in our gymnasium, entitled "Religious Values - Opiate or Necessity."

The attention of the Board is called to the fact that by mutual agreement, the College has withdrawn the grant of \$2000.00 which it paid towards a Fellowship in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati Medical School in return for the assistance rendered by the Department to our Department of Human Relations, under the guidance of Professor Maurice Levine, Director of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati Medical School. We are glad to report that that service will now be rendered without charge.

Speech Department

At the close of the last academic year, Miss Cora T. Kahn, Instructor of Elocution, retired and was given the status of Instructor Emeritus. She will continue, however, to act as special tutor for students in need of intensive speech correction.

Our entire Speech Department is being reorganized in terms of the newest developments and research in

the field of speech instruction. Four members of the Speech Department of the University of Cincinnati will offer courses on our campus for all rabbinical students. Rabbi Robert L. Katz will assist in the integration of this Speech Department into our curriculum of rabbinic training.

Our agreement with the Speech Department of the University will obtain for two years. After a reasonable interval of time, we shall review the work that has been accomplished, and determine the permanent basis of our Speech Department.

H.U.C. Library

During the last six months 626 books have been accessioned and prepared for the shelves; of this total, 293 were acquired by purchase and 333 as gifts from authors, publishers, societies and private donors.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of \$1000.00 for the establishment of the "Benjamin S. Katz Family Book Fund." Many valuable additions will be made to our Library in the near future through the use of this gift.

Recognizing the extreme value of our manuscript collection and the necessity for a descriptive list of them, Dr. Isaiah Sonne has been appointed Curator of Manuscripts to catalogue our manuscripts, and supervise their proper maintenance and preservation.

Mr. Moses Marx, our head Cataloguer, is in the process of compiling a descriptive and annotated list of our Hebrew incunabula.

American Jewish Archives

The work of the American Jewish Archives is progressing most satisfactorily, being restricted only by severely limited funds. Its magazine, The American Jewish Archives, goes all over the world now, and was recently reviewed by a scientific periodical in St. Gallen, Switzerland. The American Archivist, the outstanding general periodical in the field, has also drawn attention to our list of acquisitions. Students, scholars and research workers now come with increasing frequency to the College to make use of our collections.

We now have almost 300 volumes of temple minutes -- the most representative collection of this type found anywhere. Through the courtesy of Mr. Murray Seasongood, we have acquired the Philipson papers. These include some hitherto unknown diaries which should throw a great deal of light on American Jewish religious life in the 1800's. We are now in the process of cataloguing the Nathan-Kraus Genealogy Collection, the most extensive in existence, which was given to us as a gift by the family. This collection is extremely

significant as it contains genealogical tracings of all the old colonial American Jewish families. It is the most important Jewish-American genealogical collection in the world.

In our exhibition cases we have an interesting presentation of material dealing with the Civil War, and we cordially invite members of the Board of Governors to view this exhibition during their stay in Cincinnati.

Jewish Museum

All the art treasures of our Jewish Museum have been unpacked, and are being properly catalogued. Many of our museum pieces are now on display. The Cincinnati Fine Arts Museum continues to display prominently a fine selection of our Museum materials.

Our traveling exhibit has been in great demand, and is already booked for several special occasions during the coming Fall and Winter. It will be used for the 75th anniversary of Temple Beth El in San Antonio, at which occasion, Dr. Landsberger the Curator of the Museum, has been invited to explain the display and lecture on Jewish Art. It is our intention to have other traveling exhibits prepared.

Graduate Department

Graduate Interfaith Fellows

The number of Christian Fellowships which were granted by the College this year has been increased from five to eight. The Christian Fellows will continue under the counselorship of Rabbi A. Stanley Dreyfus.

The Louis J. and Mary E. Horowitz Foundation, impressed with the success of the program during the last two years, continued the two Fellowships formerly awarded by the Foundation and added two further Fellowships.

The American Jewish Committee continued the three Fellowships, which the Committee made available last year.

Friends of Dr. David Lefkowitz of Dallas, Texas, created the "David Lefkowitz Fellowship" for one year, for an Interfaith Fellowship.

Three of the Christian Fellows are holding fellowships for the second year; five are new men. Three of the Interfaith Fellows belong to the Disciples of Christ, two are Methodists, one is a Baptist, one a Southern Baptist, and another a Unitarian. They have been carefully selected from a large number of appli-

cants, all of whom were eager to avail themselves of the opportunity of advanced study in the Graduate Department.

H.U.C.
Graduate
Fellows

In our last report, we listed the names of our H.U.C. graduates who will be working towards their Doctor's degree at the College this year. The development of Jewish scholarship requires, furthermore, that graduate Fellowships be made available not only to our own HUC-JIR graduates, but also to other Jewish scholars who have obtained their academic competence elsewhere.

Ph.D. Degree

Beginning with this year, our Graduate Department will include a program leading to the degree of "Doctor of Philosophy in Hebraic and Cognate Studies." Ours is one of the very few theological institutions in the United States that has been authorized to give the Ph.D. degree.

Reference
Department

General interest in the Reference Department continues. Each Sunday morning, the Message of Israel radio program concludes by referring all requests for information to the Reference Department of the H.U.C. We feel that the service rendered is valuable from a public relations point of view.

Department of
Admissions and
Field Activities

Admissions

Admissions for the fall term are as follows:

New rabbinic students	5
Regular rabbinic students previously admitted now taking up residence for the first time	2
Former special students now granted full student admission	3
Former pre-rabbinic, now entering as regular student	1
Special students	5
Lay and Pre-rabbinic	<u>6</u>
	22

There are now 144 students registered at the College. They include:

Rabbinic Department	68
Graduate Fellows	13
Undergraduates - pre-rabbinic and lay-students	23
University of Cincinnati visiting students who receive credit at UC towards their B.A. for evening courses taken at H.U.C.	<u>40</u>
	144

Need for
Scholarship
Assistance to
Married
Students

Our present system of scholarship awards, which provides only for Dormitory maintenance, accords more help to single than to married students. Some married students experience difficulty in maintaining themselves, since our system of aid is not in the form of "Cash Grants." Married students are subject to the same restrictions regarding outside employment as are single students.

An equitable system of scholarships should be worked out to assist all students who require such help - single or married.

The need for a married students' dormitory is most urgent. It would resolve in a great measure the difficulties that such students experience in finding and maintaining quarters, and would help attract a very desirable type of mature students.

In this connection, I call attention to an amendment to the National Housing Act, which proposes a Three Hundred Million Dollar Revolving Fund, to make possible the construction of housing for students and faculty. Under this provision (S. 2246), forty year loans at 2½% would be made available for the purposes. I have also been advised that the House has passed H.R. 6070, which provides for loans at an interest rate not to exceed 4% through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

I recommend that this acute problem be referred to a special Board committee for study, and that it report back as soon as possible.

We now have twenty-three married students and Graduate Fellows.

Dormitory

The refurnishing and redecorating program of the Dormitory, in accordance with action taken by the Board of Governors, was limited to the grants which the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods so generously gave to us. The program, however, is only half finished. Its completion, as quickly as possible, is an urgent and compelling one. We hope that the Execu-

tive Board of the N.F.T.S., at its next meeting, will find it possible to authorize an additional grant of \$20,000.00 - the amount we estimate is required to complete our refurnishing program.

Memorial Cards

Every Saturday morning, names of departed friends of the College are mentioned at the reading of the Kaddish in our services at the Chapel. We have had printed the enclosed memorial card which is being mailed to relatives of the deceased. Our purpose is to strengthen the bond which ties the community to the College.

Chapel

I should like to call the attention of the Board to the completion of the Chapel improvements. The renovation of the chapel for the first time in twenty-five years will add a great deal to our services.

Publications

A new volume of studies and essays by our beloved President Emeritus, Dr. Morgenstern, will soon be published by the Jewish Publication Society.

We are also pleased to announce the appearance of the attractive volume, "Essays on Reform Judaism," which was published by the H.U.C. Press. This volume epitomizes the contributions which our Alumni are making, and dramatizes the central position which the Hebrew Union College occupies as the spiritual center of Reform Judaism. Our HUC-JIR Bulletin, American Jewish Archives Magazine and Department of Human Relations publications will continue to appear.

Hebrew Union Schools New York City

The Hebrew Union Schools of Religious Education and Sacred Music opened on October 10. In the School of Education the enrollment numbers ninety-three.

In the School of Sacred Music ten students of the first year class returned, and a new class of approximately fifteen trainees is being admitted this year. All the students in the original entering class, and several of the students admitted this year, served as cantors for the High Holy Days. A number of our students have likewise been employed as cantors in congregations during the entire year.

Since the date of the last report to the Board of Governors, the School of Education and Sacred Music conducted two activities of note: A Pedagogic Practicum on the subject "Teaching the God Idea to Children," attended by 250 teachers of New York City; and an Institute on Jewish Liturgical Music, which was held over a period of three days, and included a series of four Workshops on "The Music of the Synagogue," and a full evening concert of synagogal music. There was a

large attendance, including many out-of-town cantors and music personnel. All sessions are held at the HUC-JIR building in New York.

75th Anniversary

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of our College. In October, 1875, Isaac Mayer Wise established this College to serve the needs of American Jewry. Our College was dedicated to the enduring and challenging principles of our ancient faith. This 75th anniversary event is not only a significant milestone in our own history, but is also an occasion for nation-wide celebration and observance.

We intend to celebrate the 75th anniversary with appropriate publications, lectures and ceremonies. We also feel that this occasion can quite properly be used to dramatize the role of the College and to bring our program to the attention of the wider Jewish and general community. It is our hope that old and new friends of the College will be stirred by this great occasion, to identify themselves more closely with our needs and be moved to accept greater financial responsibility for the security and continued progress of the College. We have suggested to the Combined Campaign Committee that it emphasize the Anniversary in connection with its campaign.

The following events have been scheduled:

In connection with the celebration, the College plans to issue a special commemorative Anniversary Volume, in which approximately seventy-five of the outstanding Jewish and non-Jewish scholars of the world will participate. We feel confident that this volume will focus the attention of scholars all over the world on the leading role which the College plays in the preservation and development of Judaism and Jewish lore. Dr. Abraham Cronbach will serve as editor of the Anniversary Volume, and Rabbi A. Stanley Dreyfus and Dr. Elias Epstein as Assistant Editors.

As another feature of the celebration, we have invited a number of scholarly associations to hold their annual meetings at the College during the coming year. Acceptances have already been received from the following groups:

National Association of Biblical Instructors
Society of Biblical Literature
American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers
American Jewish Historical Society (at JIR in
New York)
American Oriental Society
American Schools of Oriental Research
C.C.A.R. Institute on Reform Theology

HUC Alumni Institute
Annual Meeting of the C.C.A.R. in Cincinnati in
honor of the 75th anniversary

Saturday, April 1, 1950, is to be proclaimed as Hebrew Union College 75th Anniversary Sabbath throughout the country.

A 75th Anniversary Seminar is planned for the occasion of Founders Day. The time tentatively selected is March 22nd through March 25th. The Seminar will take place at the College. The subject is "Religion in the Atomic Age." Arrangements have been made to reserve 120 rooms at the Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati for participating guests, delegates, newspapermen and journalists who will be invited to come to the Seminar. The Public Relations Department is working with Mr. Benjamin Sonnenberg, Publicity Consultant in New York City, and his associate, Mr. Ray Josephs, who are very generously offering their services for this purpose.

It is planned to have the Sisterhoods, Brotherhoods, Religious Schools and Youth Groups participate in the 75th anniversary. In order to facilitate this cooperation, we plan a kit of materials which can be implemented by these groups. This kit will vary from suggestions for lectures and forums to special talks for lay leadership, and will include dramatic material which can be utilized by the groups or by local radio sources. In all cases, of course, these activities will be followed up with releases, interviews, stories and features in the general press.

Combined
Campaign

A copy of the agreement reached by the Union and the College-Institute concerning the Combined Campaign, was sent to all the members of the Board some time ago, so that you could become familiar with its terms.

At the September 14th meeting of the Combined Campaign Committee, the following members were elected: As Chairman, Dr. Samuel S. Hollender, as Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. Herbert R. Bloch, Fred Lazarus, Jr., Philip Meyers, and Herman M. Stein.

Mr. Isidor Coons has been appointed Executive Vice-Chairman of the Combined Campaign. He comes to us with a record of distinguished achievement. Mr. Saul Elgart is Director of the Combined Campaign, and has already demonstrated his splendid capabilities.

I know that all Board members will give them, and Dr. Samuel Hollender and his associates, their unstinted support and assistance. They bear a heavy responsibility, and the College-Institute pledges itself

to assist them and the members of their staff in every possible way to help our great institutions of Liberal Judaism secure the financial means to carry out their programs.

Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will meet in Cincinnati in December, 1949. Many other activities in American Jewish life have received full hearings at previous CJFWF meetings, but the religious institutions have been overlooked. It may be well to present the purposes and needs of our institutions to the Council.

I would recommend that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to appoint a Committee to deal with this matter, in consultation with the U.A.H.C.

HUC-JIR Merger

The Hebrew Union College Legal Committee has been working with the legal committee of the JIR in order to work out final details regarding the merger of our two institutions. Mr. Jaffe has asked our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Frank L. Weil, who is Chairman of our Legal Committee, to report on the progress of the merger arrangements.

Insurance Retirement Plan

The insurance retirement plan of the Hebrew Union College needs to be reexamined in the light of our experience with it, and also to eliminate disparities between our plan and the JIR plan, which corresponds with the U.A.H.C. and C.C.A.R. retirement plans. I recommend the appointment of a special committee to reexamine our retirement plan and report to the Board whatever suggestions it feels should be adopted.

The year ahead and the years ahead are full of challenge and opportunity. We invoke God's blessing on our United School, that through the development and strengthening of American Judaism, we and our children may be strengthened to glorify His name.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON GLUECK

President

DIRECTOR OF ARCHIVES: JACOB R. MARCUS, PH. D., *Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History*
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American Jewish Archives

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

November 2nd 1949.

Rabbi Abba Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
E. 105th Street and Ansel Rd
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

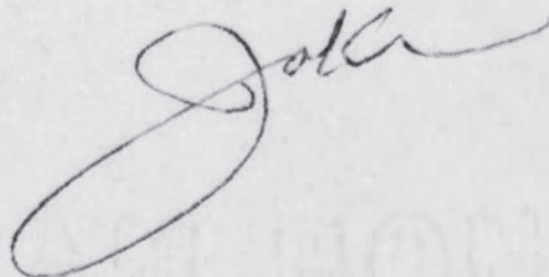
As you know, among my many other duties, I am the Director of the American Jewish Archives.

I hope you will pardon my pride when I say that I think we are doing a splendid job here. We now have the archives, complete or partial, of about two hundred congregations. The future history of American Judaism cannot be written without recourse to this material. Unfortunately, the pruning knife has cut our budget by 33.1/3%, namely \$5,000.

Frankly speaking, I now have to raise \$5,000 from various sources. Most of my rabbinical friends have a special fund for worthy purposes. I hope you consider us worthy and you will find it possible, out of this special fund, to let us have about \$200. Naturally, if the fund is not that extensive, we will take less. We have pride...but we are not proud.

Please do what you can for us. With best wishes to you and Virginia, I am

As ever



JRM:pk

November 22, 1949

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
American Jewish Archives
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Jake:

Thank you for your letter of November 2nd. I am sorry that I cannot comply with your request to the amount which you suggested, but after the first of the new year, I shall send you \$100 towards the American Jewish Archives.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th at Ansel Road
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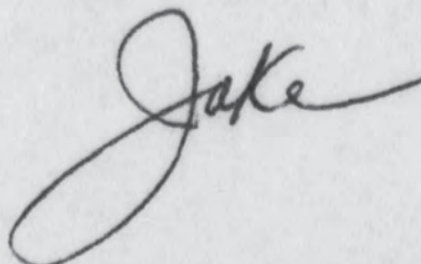
Dear Abba:

A thousand thanks for your lovely note of the 22nd. Whenever you send us money, it will certainly be welcome.

I hope that sometime you will really have a chance to drop in and see what sort of set-up we have here. We now have over two hundred volumes of pinkesaoth and I have just been granted permission to microfilm the Shearith Israel collection from 1728-1900. If we continue this way we will have the core collection of materials, at least for the religious history of American Jews.

With best wishes to you, Virginia and the children for the coming year, I am

As ever



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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE...CINCINNATI
JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION...NEW YORK

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Office of the President:

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November 28th, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
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Cleveland 6 Ohio

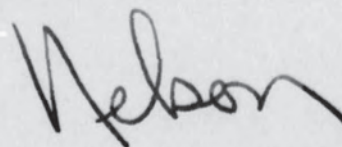
Dear Abba:

On Saturday, March 25th, the College will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding. We would like very much for you to give the Founder's Day Address. The services commence at 2:30 P.M.

The history and hopes of our College and its cause require the kind of presentation you can so masterfully give.

Looking forward to hearing affirmatively from you soon and with all good wishes and personal regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



Nelson Glueck, President



December 8, 1949

Dr. Nelson Glueck, President
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Nelson:

I delayed answering your kind invitation of November 28th because of an inner resistance and conflict. As you must know, I have greatly resented your intervention in the local congregational situation concerning which you have never taken the trouble either to consult me or in any way to explain your action.

I was further aggrieved by your failure to pay me the rudimentary courtesy of introducing me by name to the student body at a time when I attended the Chapel services on the last Founder's Day when Mrs. Silver and I came to Cincinnati to be with our son, Daniel, on his 21st birthday. You asked me before the service, you will recall, to deliver the closing benediction which I was very pleased to accept, but you omitted to express a single word of welcome to which any alumnus returning to the College is entitled.

However, I do not wish to have my unhappy state of mind in relation to you to be reflected in my relationship to the Hebrew Union College. Accordingly, I shall be very pleased to accept your invitation to deliver the Founder's Day address on Saturday, March 25th.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE...CINCINNATI
JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION...NEW YORK

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Office of the Provost:

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

December 14, 1949

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

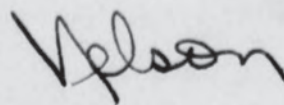
I am happy that you have found it possible to accept our invitation to deliver the Founder's Day address on Saturday March 25th. Our service is scheduled to start at 2:30 in the afternoon and will include the regular Sabbath service in addition to your address. I hope you can have lunch with us that noon.

With regard to the other points in your letter it was farthest from my thoughts to disregard you or not welcome you properly. I regret exceedingly any hurt I may have inadvertently caused.

Perhaps your schedule will permit you to come to the College a couple of days in advance of the 25th in order to spend the time in the dormitory with the student body. I am sure that they would all be inspired by your presence and would profit by the informal chats you could hold with the boys in the dormitory.

With all good wishes and warm personal regards, I remain, as ever,

Sincerely yours,



Nelson Glueck, President



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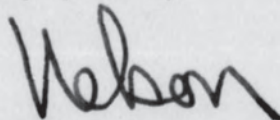
Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I have just received copies of the
second Hebrew edition of my book "The River
Jordan" and I am taking the liberty of sending
you a copy, under separate mail.

With very cordial greetings and
looking forward to seeing you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Nelson Glueck, President

December 20, 1949

Dr. Nelson Glueck
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Nelson:

I appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the second edition of your book which will be a welcome companion to the first edition which is already in my library. The printing and the photography are an exceptionally fine performance, and I am glad to know that they are turning out books of such attractive physical appearance in Israel today.

I need not, of course, comment on the contents of the book and on its importance to archeological literature.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

January 5, 1959

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
American Jewish Archives
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Jake:

In accordance with my note to you of November 22nd,
I am herewith enclosing a check for \$100 towards
the American Jewish Archives.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

DIRECTOR OF ARCHIVES: JACOB R. MARCUS, PH. D.
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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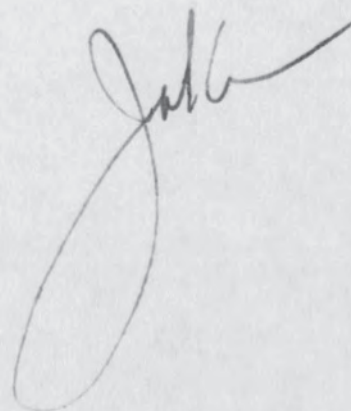
Dear Abba:

I was delighted to receive your lovely note
of the 5th and appreciate your contribution.
Believe me it is very welcome and will be put to
good use.

At the present time we are exploring every
avenue which might assist us in securing the Louis
Marshall collection and hope to have some success.

Wishing you, Virginia and the boys a very
happy New Year, I am

As ever



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January 16, 1950

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof
Congregation Rodef Shalom
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

Dear Sol:

This is a quinquennial year for members of your H. U. C. class and you are familiar with the fact that the Alumni Association hopes to have every member of a quinquennial class contribute \$1.00 for every year out of college to the Quinquennial Fund. That means we would expect to receive \$35.00 from each member of your class.

Would you please serve as Quinquennial Chairman of your class, the class of 1915, and contact each member and see if you can pry \$35.00 loose from each one of them? The checks are to be made payable to the Hebrew Union College Alumni Association, sent to you, and you will relay them to me.

Do let me know if you will take on this job. I will appreciate it if you will do this at once, before other appeals come along.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Ferd

Hebrew Union College
Alumni Association

Quinquennial Chairman

FMI:ltf

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Office of the President:

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January 23, 1950

Dear Abba:

I have been greatly encouraged by reports reaching me from several important communities where Combined Campaigns are now taking place. Through the efforts of the rabbis in these areas, communities and congregations have accepted substantially higher quotas and are on their way to reaching their goals. In some instances, 1949-50 quotas have already been exceeded.

On the debit side, I regret to say that in too many communities, our representatives find a woeful ignorance of the work of the College-Institute and the Union and an unfortunate lack of identification on the part of congregational members with our time honored institutions.

It is my deep conviction, that we have no better interpreters of our program than our own HUC-JIR rabbis. None is better equipped nor more conversant with the needs of our institutions than the men who are our spokesmen and advocates in the communities.

There is no need to tell you how imperative it is that our program be fully maintained. Inadequate financing over a period of years has greatly increased our indebtedness and compelled severe curtailment of our programs.

I am appealing to you to make a special effort in your community this year. We have found that where our program and needs have been fully explained and understood the results have gone far beyond previous years. On the other hand, where there has been insufficient briefing and information, the results have been disappointing.

Our campaign office now has considerable educational material which can be made available to you. I would appreciate hearing from you on how the campaign is shaping up in your community and what if anything I can do to assist you in relation to the Combined Campaign in your area.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Nelson Glueck
Nelson Glueck



RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

January 23, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Ferd Isserman. It means only you and me because we are the only members of our class in the rabbinate here in America. I suppose I could write to Reinhart for Isserman; but I do not suppose they have much money available in England. Nevertheless, I guess it is my duty to try.

Would you be kind enough to send a check to Ferd Isserman?

With best wishes,



As ever,

Sol

SBF/rms
Enclosure 1

January 24, 1950

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I am enclosing herewith my contribution to the quinquennial fund of the Hebrew Union College Alumni Association.

I am looking forward eagerly to your coming here on February 19th. I would appreciate if you would let me have the subject of your address at your earliest convenience so that we may proceed with publicity. I should also like to know when you are planning to arrive and whether you would like us to make a hotel reservation for you.

With all good wishes to you and Lillian, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

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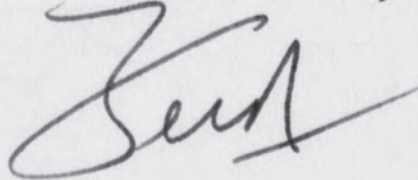
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba Hillel:

Thanks very much for your contribu-
tion of \$35.00 to the Quinquennial Fund.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



FMI:ltf



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February 10, 1950

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your esteemed letter of April, 1, 1949 brought us the welcome intimation that you would honor, with a contribution, the forthcoming Jubilee Publications of the Hebrew Union College.

We have deferred, until April 1, 1950, the time limit within which manuscripts for this purpose might be received. Accordingly our Editorial Board hopes that we might be enabled to obtain your valued article soon enough for inclusion in our project. The length of each article, as you will recall, is not to exceed twenty printed pages.

Awaiting your favorable response, I am

Cordially yours,

Abraham Cronbach

Secretary

*It was to me a
great privilege to have
your son in my class.
Kind personal regards!
enc.*

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Office of the President:

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

February 16, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

We are presently arranging the details for our Founders Day program on March 25th. In setting the program up it becomes important to have an estimate from you on the length of your address. You are the only speaker for this occasion, except for a few comments by the Chairman of our Board and myself. Therefore, you may use whatever time you wish.

We shall start our services at 2:00 P.M. It happens that I must leave Cincinnati that evening on a 5:00 o'clock plane in order to fill an engagement in Detroit that same night.

I am looking forward with much anticipation to having you and Virginia with us on this occasion. You have probably heard from Dan that he is to read the services on Founders Day. Helen and I would love to have the three of you for dinner at my house on Friday night. If you are unable to be in Cincinnati for Friday night, we'd be happy to make it for lunch on Saturday before services. Please let me know which you would prefer.

Please let me know when you plan to arrive, and whether Virginia will be accompanying you, so that we may make your hotel reservations accordingly.

With warm personal regards, I remain, as ever,

Sincerely,

Nelson

Nelson Glueck

February 22, 1950

Dr. Nelson Glueck
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Nelson:

Thank you for your letter of February 16th. The length of my address will probably be about 35 to 40 minutes. If you think that is too long, please let me know and I shall shorten it to fit in the schedule.

I appreciate your invitation to me, Virginia and Dan to have dinner at your home on Friday. Virginia is not coming along with me, and I am not at all sure that I shall be in Cincinnati for Friday evening, but I shall be very pleased to have lunch with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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February 23, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

May I appeal to you to secure from a member of your congregation or congregation or from any fund that you may have at your disposal a contribution to the Leo Baeck Fund, which is used to maintain Rabbi Baeck as visiting professor at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute.

I have received contributions through colleagues in the rabbinate ranging from \$5.00 to \$200.00.

Anything that you can do will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ferd,

P.S. Please make checks payable to the Leo Baeck Fund.

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February 28th, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland 6 Ohio

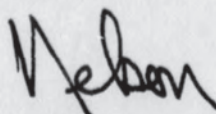
Dear Abba:

Please do not shorten your Founders Day
address. We shall have all the time you may care
to take.

I am sorry that Virginia will not be accompanying you. I look forward to having you and Dan at my house on Saturday at 12:00 noon.

With all good wishes and warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Nelson Glueck

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER

=THE TEMPLE EAST 105 AND ANSEL RD CLEVE=

I WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR AN ADVANCED TEXT ON EXCERPTS OF
YOUR FOUNDERS DAY SPEECH AT THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE IN
CINCINNATI MARCH 25TH IN ORDER TO PREPARE A STORY

INCLUDING QUOTES FOR WIDEST POSSIBLE NATIONAL PRESS
COVERAGE PLEASE SEND AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE=

MITTON ROBERTSON JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
40 WEST 68 STREET=

March 7, 1950

Mr. Milton Robertson
Jewish Institute of Religion
40 West 68th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Dr. Silver is at present out of the city and I am, therefore, acknowledging your telegram of March 6th. Upon his return to Cleveland some time next week, I shall bring the matter to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

FROM: Milton Robertson, Director of Public Relations
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
40 West 68th Street, NYC 23 -Tr.3-0200

Release Friday, March 17, 1950

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER WILL BE THE FOUNDER'S DAY SPEAKER
AT THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
IN CINCINNATI; PROF. TEPFER TO SPEAK AT N. Y. EXERCISES

Liberal Seminary Will Honor Achievements and Pay Tribute
to Memory of Isaac M. Wise and Stephen S. Wise
at Ceremonies on Two Campuses

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, one of the outstanding leaders of American Jewry, will deliver the principal address at Founder's Day ceremonies Saturday, March 25, at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

The traditional exercises will be coupled with a salute to the 75 historic years of service rendered by the seminary Dr. Isaac Mayer Wise founded in 1875.

Rabbi Silver, a graduate of the Hebrew Union College ('15) and spiritual leader of The Temple, Cleveland, is one of the most prominent figures in the world Zionist movement and honorary president of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Adding to the interest surrounding the ceremonies will be the unusual fact that sharing the platform with Rabbi Silver will be his son, Daniel J. Silver, a third-year student at the College-Institute, who will read the service.

Dr. Abraham Cronbach, Professor of Jewish Social Studies, who will retire at the end of this academic year after 28 years of service, will give the invocation and Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president emeritus, will ask the benediction.

Dr. Nelson Glueck will deliver a word of welcome and Lester A. Jaffe, chairman of the Board of Governors, will extend a greeting. The full College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Eric Werner, Professor of Jewish Music, will sing.

New York Exercises

Dr. John J. Tepfer (JIR '27), Associate Professor of Jewish History and Talmud, will deliver the major address at Founder's Day ceremonies in New York today. The program will take the form of a service in memory of the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who founded the Jewish Institute of Religion in 1922.

Exercises will take place at 11 A. M., during the time formerly assigned to a class in Homiletics, over which Rabbi Wise presided for many years.

Dr. Glueck will deliver a presidential greeting and Judge Joseph M. Levine of New York, vice-chairman of the Board of Governors, will extend a welcome. Rabbi Martin J. Zion (JIR '46) of Temple Beth El, Great Neck, N. Y., will deliver the invocation and Rabbi Abram M. Granison, assistant to the president, will ask the benediction. Herbert Baumgard, fourth-year student and president of the student body, will read the service.

Judge Justine Wise Polier and James Waterman Wise, daughter and son of the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise, will be special guests.

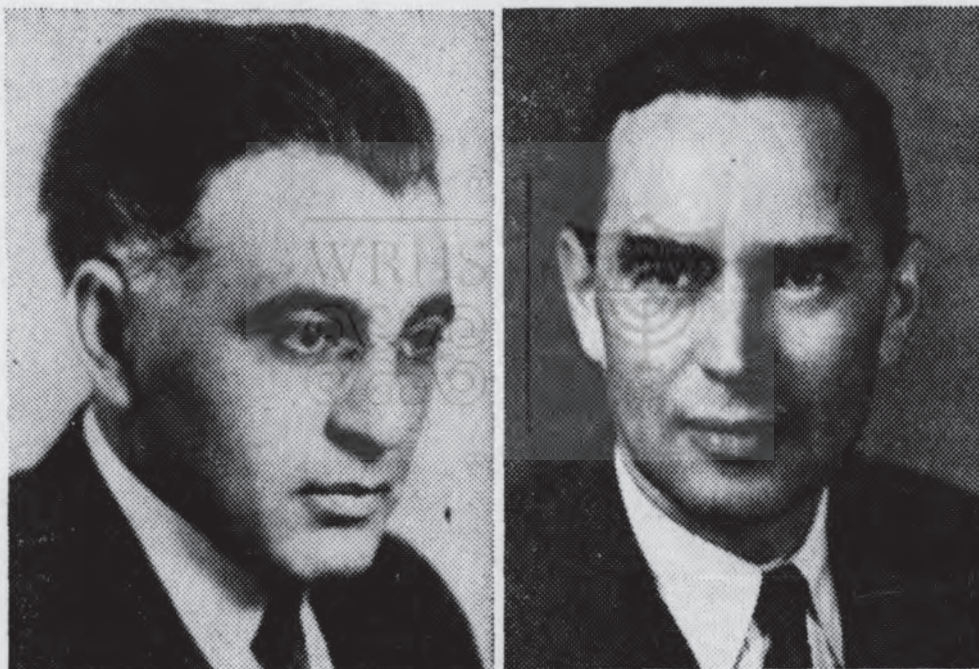
The College-Institute, with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is participating in a Combined Campaign which seeks a \$1,875,000 maintenance fund to support the program of Liberal Judaism to prepare rabbis and cantors and educators, and to provide guidance and religious materials to more than 400 member congregations in 325 United States communities.

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**FROM: Milton Robertson, Director of Public Relations
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
40 West 68th Street, New York City 23, TR 3-0200**

For Release Friday, March 17, 1950

TO ADDRESS FOUNDER'S DAY EXERCISES



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver (left), honorary president of the American Zionist Emergency Council and a graduate of the Hebrew Union College ('15), will present the principal address at Founder's Day exercises at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati on Saturday, March 25, which will pay tribute to Dr. Isaac Mayer Wise, who founded HUC 75 years ago, in 1875. Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of HUC-JIR, will offer presidential messages at exercises in both Cincinnati and the New York City section of HUC-JIR, which will be held today.

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Office of the President:

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

March 17, 1950

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

All of us are looking forward eagerly to your visit to the College. We anticipate that these Founders Day service, commemorating our 75th anniversary, will be one of the most significant in the history of the institution.

I wonder if you would be kind enough to send me the title of your talk together with a copy of your manuscript if that is available. Otherwise, if you could send us a couple of paragraphs we could use these excerpts for publicity.

The New York Times has already requested this material, and we will undoubtedly need it also for follow-up stories in other cities.

It is my understanding that you will not need a hotel reservation and that you plan to return to Cleveland on Saturday. If this is not correct, please let me hear from you and I will make the necessary reservation.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Richard N. Bluestein

Richard N. Bluestein,
Assistant to the President



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40 W. SIXTY-EIGHTH STREET · NEW YORK 23, N. Y.
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March 17, 1950

Miss Elizabeth Rice
The Temple
East 105th Street at Adel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

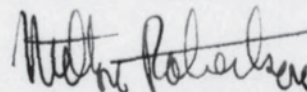
Dear Miss Rice:

Thank you for your letter of the 7th in which
you informed me that Dr. Silver was out of town.

I will be grateful if you would call to Dr.
Silver's attention the necessity of haste in order to
service the press effectively with a story covering the
Founder's Day Exercises in Cincinnati on the 25th.

We will still be able to do a comprehensive
coverage job if we have at least a few paragraphs of
quotes from Dr. Silver on Tuesday the 21st.

Very truly yours,



Milton Robertson
Director of Public Relations

MR/ss

March 20, 1950

Mr. Milton Robertson
Department of Public Relations
Hebrew Union College
40 West 68th Street
New York 23, New York

My dear Mr. Robertson:

I am enclosing herewith a few paragraphs from the Founders' Day address which I am to deliver at the Hebrew Union College next Saturday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

March 20, 1950

Mr. Richard N. Bluestein
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bluestein:

I am enclosing herewith a few paragraphs from the Founders' Day address which I am to deliver at the Hebrew Union College next Saturday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 23, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for sending on those paragraphs
from your Founder's Day address.

We sent out yesterday an advance post-Founder's
Day story, two copies of which I am enclosing with this
letter.

I am also sending you two copies of the advance
story, together with two proofs of a mat we sent out.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank B. Blumenfield

Frank B. Blumenfield
Public Relations Department

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FROM: Milton Robertson, Director of Public Relations
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
40 West 68th Street, NYC 23 - TR. 3-0200

Release Sunday, March 26, 1950
or thereafter

GREATER CONCERN FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING IS URGED
BY DR. SILVER AT LIBERAL SEMINARY'S FOUNDER'S DAY IN CINCINNATI

Zionist Leader and Graduate of Hebrew Union College Calls For
Balance as Compared with Philanthropic Organizations

CINCINNATI, March 25 -- Greater balance in American Jewish life, with stronger emphasis on religious institutions of learning as compared with philanthropic organizations, was urged here today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at Founder's Day exercises at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Dr. Silver, a major American Zionist spokesman, rabbi of The Temple in Cleveland and a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, declared at the ceremonies in the College-Institute Chapel this afternoon that "The establishment of the State of Israel makes even more imperative the strengthening of our religious institutions -- synagogues, schools and academies in the Diaspora. The hope of national restoration which was a potent factor in Jewish survival through the ages must, in its realization, be compensated for by an intensification of the purely religious and cultural values of Jewish life."

An innovation at this year's Founder's Day program was the presentation of eight seniors for their rabbinic degree, the Master of Hebrew Letters. Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the College-Institute, conferred the degrees, which were confirmed by Lester A. Jaffe, chairman of the Board of Governors. Those who received degrees are: Irwin M. Blank and Meyer Heller of Brooklyn, N.Y., Earl A. Grollman and Martin Katzenstein of Baltimore, Robert A. Raab of Shaker Heights, O., Harold I. Salzman of Cleveland, Alexander H. Sandman of Monroe, La., and Milton L. Shulman of Toronto, Canada.

The early granting of degrees, instituted in this year of the 75th Anniversary of the Hebrew Union College, will take place on all Founder's Days hereafter it was announced by Dr. Glueck. Although the eight men have completed all their requirements for the degree and one of them already has left the Cincinnati campus for a full-time post as assistant rabbi, they will be formally ordained at the Commencement exercises in June.

Dr. Silver said in part: "In establishing the Hebrew Union College 75 years ago, Dr. Isaac Mayer Wise made a major contribution to the preservation of Judaism

in the United States. No Jewish community in any part of the world has ever survived which relied exclusively on philanthropy and on places of worship, and did not sink its deep roots into the nourishing soil of Jewish learning and scholarship. Judaism is a religion for mature men and women, and it calls for the deepest of insights and for profound and continuing study. It is more than a faith and a code of conduct. It is the intellectual quest of God and what the best minds and the most inspired souls in the unique religious enterprise called Judaism have had to say, and the records of their experiences constitute not only the priceless treasures of Judaism, but its indispensable means of survival.

" American Jewish life lacks balance. It has over-concentrated on philanthropic institutions as against religious institutions, and on religious institutions as against religious schools and academies and the training of our youth in the lore and literature of their people. Indifference increases as you pass from the social agency to the synagogue to the school. In the long run this might prove disastrous to American Judaism....

"It is clear that a considerable part of the Jewish people - perhaps a majority - will continue to live outside of Israel in the indeterminate future. It is to the interest, not alone of the State of Israel, which will have to draw replenishment from the reservoir for years to come, but of the Jewish people as such and of Judaism, the noblest creation of the Jewish people, and its supreme gift to mankind, that Diaspora Jewry should remain vital, vigorous and spiritually sound and wholesome. Hence, all talk, however nobly motivated, which derogates Diaspora Jewry or altogether writes it off, is harmful in the extreme. What our people possess of cultural treasures is not exclusively the creation of the Jews of Palestine. Even when there was a flourishing Jewish life in Palestine, there were also flourishing Jewish communities in other countries.

"The establishment of the State of Israel has contributed to a large measure of dignity and confidence to Jewish life, and therefore, has brightened the prospects for a spiritual renaissance among our people. Upon surer foundations the world Jewish community of tomorrow, inside and outside of Israel, may be able to build a more affirmative religious life and re-capture perhaps that revolutionary religious leadership which twice in the past moulded the civilization of mankind.

"The Hebrew Union College has been a spokesman of Reform Judaism for three-quarters of a century. In a sense the work of reforming the outer forms and practices of our ancient faith is pretty well accomplished. There is not much left to reform. It has been 'modernized and streamlined' to suit the most radical tastes. But I am afraid that the 'modernization' of our faith has not made our people more

religious, more spiritual, more pious, and has not filled our temples with devout worshippers.

"Progress in religious reform consists not so much in going forward or in going backward, but in going inward. It is upon the inwardness of Judaism, upon the intellectual quest of God through the time-honored techniques of Jewish religious life, learning, study and the disciplines of the devotional life and the ethical life, that we shall have to concentrate in the days to come. It is no longer a question of the competitive values of orthodoxy, conservatism or reform. None of them has scored any significant victories in our day for Judaism. It is Judaism as such, like all spiritual religion, which is being threatened in our day."

Added to the interest surrounding the ceremonies was the fact that Dr. Silver's son, Daniel J. Silver, a third-year student at the seminary, read the service.

Dr. Abraham Cronbach, Professor of Social Studies, who will retire at the end of the academic year after 28 years of service, delivered the invocation, and Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president emeritus of the Hebrew Union College, asked the benediction. The full College-Institute Choir, under the direction of Dr. Eric Werner, Professor of Jewish Music, sang.

DEGREES CONFERRED ON SENIORS

The following eight seniors received M.H.L. degrees:

Irwin M. Blank has occupied the pulpit at Congregation Beth El, Danville, Ill., during the past year on a bi-weekly basis. Blank, president of the College student body in 1949, shared with another student the Mollie Lena Cohn Memorial Prize for the best essay on "The Significance for Biblical Authors of Miracles."

Earl A. Grollman served Congregation B'nai Israel in Chillicothe, O., on a bi-weekly basis as a student rabbi during the past year.

Meyer Heller, while preparing for ordination at the College, has been carrying out a part-time educational assignment at the University of Cincinnati. He has had an outstanding record for scholarship. In 1949 he won two of seven scholastic awards, the Mitchell Meyers Prize for the best Hebrew essay on "The Religious Motif in Sh'muel Yosef Agnon's Ma-Az Uma-Attah, and the Simon Greenbaum Memorial Prize for the best essay on "The Use of Jewish Historical Situations and Personalities in Recent American Fiction."

Rabbi Martin Katzenstein, who completed requirements for his degree at the conclusion of the Fall semester, has been named assistant to Rabbi David H. Wice at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia, and is already at work in his new post.

Robert A. Raab has been serving as an assistant in Temple Shalom, Chicago, commuting from the College-Institute on weekends to carry the assignment.

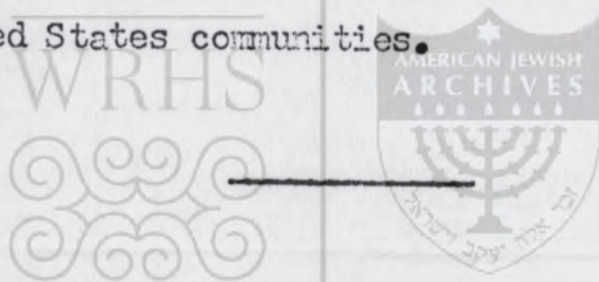
Harold I. Salzman has been serving as student rabbi at the Price Hill Jewish Community in Cincinnati during the year.

Alexander H. Sandman has been serving as student rabbi at Congregation K.K.B.A. at Portsmouth, O., during the past year.

Milton L. Shulman has been serving Congregation Chev Shalom in Sandusky, O., on a bi-weekly basis as a student rabbi during the past year.

The College-Institute, with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is participating in a Combined Campaign which seeks a \$1,875,000 maintenance fund to support the program of Liberal Judaism to prepare rabbis and cantors and educators and to provide guidance and religious materials to more than 400 member congregations in 325 United States communities.

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March 27, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I need not tell you again that I was greatly stimulated by your masterful address which you delivered at the Founders' Day exercises at the Hebrew Union College.

If the College does not publish that address, I wonder if you could let me have, for LIBERAL JUDAISM, that portion of your address in which you outline a program for the future of Reform Judaism. Such an article would fit in very well in the June issue of LIBERAL JUDAISM, which will have a section devoted to the 75th Anniversary of the HUC and will, at the same time, contain an article on the centenary of your congregation.

I was also to remind you with reference to your outlining the objections to the Placement Plan as proposed by the Joint Commission on Placement. I realize that you have very strong objections to it and I think these objections will be considered by the Placement Commission at its meeting in New York on April 23. There will have to be another communication to the congregations and the material that you present could very well form part of that communication.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Louis I. Egelson
Secretary

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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE...CINCINNATI
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March 28, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
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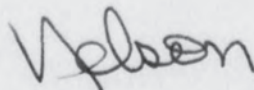
Dear Abba:

I want to tell you again how much all of us were impressed with your excellent talk on Saturday. Will you please send us your manuscript once you have gone over it, so that we may have it printed and distributed to our Alumni.

I can't tell you how much all of us appreciate your participating in the Founder's Day exercises. I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to spend some ^{more} time at the College. I would like our boys to have the benefit of talking with you further.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Nelson Glueck, President

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March 28, 1950

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was grateful for the opportunity of hearing you talk on Saturday and especially for the chance of getting to know you through the course of our day together. All of us sincerely hope you will visit us again soon.

I trust you will have your secretary let us know what your expenses were so that you may be properly reimbursed.

You will remember that you were going to give some thought to the matter of a quiet approach to Bernard Baruch. Perhaps you have had an opportunity to devise a means by which Mr. Baruch could be familiarized with the important role of the College-Institute in America today.

With many thanks and with kind personal regards, I
am

Sincerely yours,

Richard N. Bluestein

Richard N. Bluestein,
Assistant to the President



March 30, 1950

Mr. Richard N. Bluestein
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bluestein:

Dr. Silver's expenses in connection with his visit to Cincinnati last Saturday amounted to \$35.00.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

April 3, 1950

Dr. Nelson J. Glueck
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Nelson:

I am sending you at your request copy of the address which I delivered at the Founders' Day exercises on March 25th.

I enjoyed my visit to the College very much indeed, and I am grateful to you and Mrs. Glueck for the hospitality which you extended to me and to Daniel.



With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

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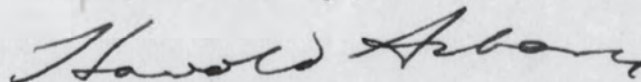
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I should like to have two or three copies of the address which you delivered March 25, 1950, at the Founder's Day exercises at the Hebrew Union College. I enclose stamped, addressed envelope for these items and would appreciate your sending them to me if the address is in either printed or mimeographed form.

If there is any charge or expense in connection with this item, if you will let me know, I will be glad to send check to cover.

Respectfully,



Harold Ashare
195 Maple Avenue
Patchogue, New York

April 6, 1950

Mr. Richard N. Bluestein
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bluestein:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the photograph taken of Daniel and me at the Hebrew Union College on the occasion of Founders' Day. It is a very fine photograph and I am grateful to you for sending it to me. I am equally indebted to you for the fine courtesies which you extended to me during my visit to the College which was a very pleasant experience in every way.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 11, 1950

Mr. Harold Ashare
195 Maple Avenue
Patchogue, New York

My dear Mr. Ashare:

Thank you for your kind note of April 4th requesting copies of my Founders' Day address. The address is in process of being printed by the Hebrew Union College, and as soon as I receive copies of it, I shall be glad to forward several of them to you.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
105th and Ansel Rd.,
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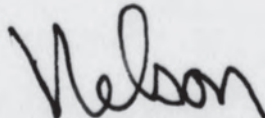
Dear Abba:

Thank you very much for sending me
the copy of the magnificent address which you
delivered at the Founders Day Exercises on
March 25th.

I am going to have it printed as soon
as possible. I shall order an extra thousand
to be sent directly to you. Should you not desire
to have that many or should you want more, please
let me know as soon as possible.

With all good wishes, in which my wife
joins me, I remain,

Cordially yours,



Nelson Glueck, President

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April 12, 1950

Dr. Abba H. Silver
East 105th and Ansel Rd.
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am happy to acknowledge receipt of your check in the amount of \$1,000.00 which has been credited to your pledge to the Foundation Fund of the Hebrew Union College.

The members of the Board of Governors have asked me to express to you the most appreciative thanks of the College. Your support is heartening and we hope for its continuance.

Sincerely,

Leon Lederer

Leon Lederer
Treasurer, Board of Governors



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Dr Silver*

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cong. Tifereth Israel
E. 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

April
19th
1950.

Dear Abba:

The Z.O.A. two or three years ago made complete micro-
film copies of all the Brandeis papers down in Louisville. The
American Jewish Archives is particularly interested in getting
microfilm copies of some of these microfilms. Brandeis, as you
know, was a very methodical man and saved every piece of paper
touching on his career. The material on the anti-Brandeis
Agitation as he was about to be appointed a member of the U.S.
Supreme Court, is one of the best collections we have of anti-
Jewish material in this country.

The American Jewish Archives wants microfilm copies of
some of this material, and is, of course, willing to pay for it.
Confidentially I have written two letters to the authorities of
the Zionist Archives in New York, and have gotten no decision.
I know that you can do something for us. We are asking no favors,
we are trying to secure material here that will be available for
men doing research, writing dissertations and the like. Frankly
speaking the Z.O.A. ought to be eager to have copies made for us
so that we could work in this field and keep alive the memory of
a distinguished Jew.

Please advise me what to do. With best wishes to you
and Virginia, I am

As ever,

JRM

JRM:pk

April 24, 1950

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
American Jewish Archives
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Jake:

I have written to the Z.O.A. office in New York about the matter which you raised in your letter of April 19th. I hope that your request will be complied with.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 24, 1950

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Sidney:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Director of Archives and Professor of History at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. It is self-explanatory. I would strongly urge that the request of Dr. Marcus be granted. The American Jewish Archives at Cincinnati has been building up over a period of years a most impressive collection of original documents relating to American Jewish history. They have microfilms, for example, of the minutes of nearly all the American Jewish congregations. The Temple this year was pleased to make available to the Archives a microfilm of all of its minutes since 1850.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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*Please return to
Dr. Silver*

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

April 26, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

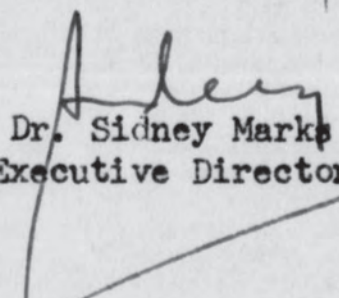
I am truly grateful to you for your letter dated April 24th.

I am going to look into this matter of the Brandeis papers. Frankly, I am not familiar with any microfilm copies made by us but there must be some basis in fact for it.

I will look into the matter and advise you accordingly.

Accept my affectionate regards and please extend them to Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

April 28, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 5, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I made further inquiry with reference to Rabbi Marcus' request. The microfilms were secured by the Zionist Archives. These films were made with the express permission of Mr. Flexner, Executor for the Estate of Judge Brandeis. A great deal of the contents of these papers were not to be revealed or reprinted and "strings" were placed upon their reproduction.

The librarian of the Archives has been substituting for Sophie Udin who is on leave at the National Library in Israel. She is fully familiar with the entire matter and the librarian has written to her.

As soon as a reply is forthcoming, Dr. Marcus will be notified. I will follow through on this to assure Dr. Marcus of constant attention to his request.

I trust that this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits.

Accept my kindest personal regards and please extend them to the family.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:fl

cc: Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
American Jewish Archives
Clifton Avenue
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

April
28th
1950.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for the letter you received from the Zionist Organization of America. I have made a copy for Dr. Marcus to see upon his return to the office and am therefore returning the original letter to you.

We will keep you advised of the situation. With many thanks for your kindness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Pauline Kolsky.

Pauline Kolsky,
Secretary to Dr. Marcus.

C O P Y

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

May
1st
1950.

Dear Dr. Marks:

I thank you very much for your kind letter of the
28th and also for a copy of the letter you sent to Dr. Silver.
I am very grateful to you for the time and effort you are expend-
ing on my behalf to help me in securing microfilm copies of the
Brandeis papers, and hope that we may have some success.

Again with many thanks and with kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

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John

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Thanks

John

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May 1, 1950

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Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
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Again with many thanks and with kindest regards,

I am,

Very cordially yours,

/s/ Jacob R. Marcus

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: May 3, 1950

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I received from Dr. Marcus. It is self-explanatory.

It is always a pleasure to be of help.

My affectionate regards and please extend them to the family.

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Handwritten signature

FRED LAZARUS, JR.
3101 CLIFTON AVENUE
CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
19201 S. Moreland Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

May 16, 1950

Dear Mr. Weitz:

I am anxious that you become a member of The Society of Friends of American Judaism and vote yourself membership dues ranging from \$1,000 to \$250 per year. Although the first invitations are just being issued, I am happy to tell you that a substantial number of those responding became members in the \$1,000 class. You may cancel the subscription any time you desire.

The funds, as you may note from the enclosed card, are for the purposes of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Briefly, the program of the Society is dedicated to the reintegration of American and Jewish life and the revivifying of the role of organized religion in American Jewish life. There is great demand for this, particularly on the part of the younger Jewish group - those who have returned from war wanting a religious expression that will be valuable in their day to day life. I have given a good deal of time to this movement, particularly to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. I feel deeply that the institutions which will benefit from the activities of the Society will provide American Judaism with rabbis who understand individual problems and bring to their work an increased sense of pastoral responsibility.

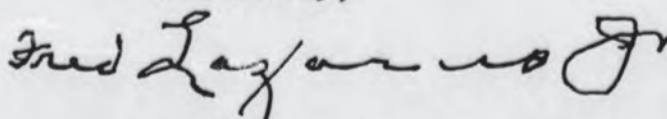
The budgets of both organizations have been gone over with utmost care by responsible committees, and I think their amounts can be looked upon as reasonable. We are trying to raise throughout the country \$1,875,000 for the total purposes of this group.

The Society will be a select group of men who will have intimate association with the broad general planning. We will submit a quarterly report to each member of the Society indicating changes in plans, if any, and what has been accomplished in the development of the total program.

I know how generous you have been for all matters affecting Temple activity. I do hope that you will regard this as important as I do and that you will return to me your signed card.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially,



Fred Lazarus, Jr.

June 15, 1950

Rabbi Aryeh Lev
Jewish Welfare Board
1145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Friend:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to write to me, and I appreciate the kind things which you say about my address to the Rabbinical Conference last Sunday evening. I enjoyed the evening and the Conference very much. I have been greatly heartened by the type of men who are represented in the Conference today and who are taking over the leadership.

I trust that you will have a pleasant and restful summer. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

June
27th,
1950.

Dear Abba:

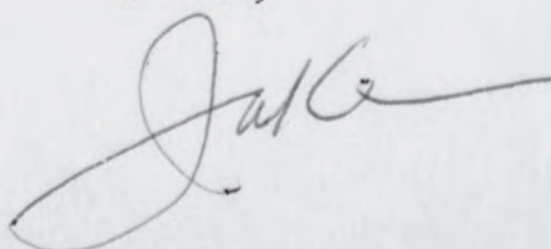
I am writing to ask you whether you have any letters of importance among your personal papers, particularly those of Jewish interest, which you would consider giving to the Archives as a gift. We are eager to start an ABBA SILVER COLLECTION. I am sure you know that unless important papers are preserved, they are, as a rule, lost irrevocably.

Any material you may send us of a confidential nature is restricted in accordance with the Library of Congress Restriction Order and is not open for study except by the permission of the donor. Anything that will reflect in any respect on living people is not offered for public use.

Will you see what you have for us. I will be grateful to you.

With all good wishes, I am

As ever,



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From: Al Harris
To: Saul Elgart

MINUTES
Cleveland Campaign

Committee meeting attended by James Miller, Sr., Euclid Avenue Temple; Alfred A. Benesch, The Temple, Abe Luntz, The Temple; Bernard Pincus, I. J. Kabb, Euclid Avenue Temple; Gerson Curtis, Temple Emanuel. Howard Klein who was to have represented the Suburban Temple was in New York and could not make the meeting. In the preliminary discussion all were agreed that the time element did not allow for a big meeting and that the congregations would proceed at once in the developing of the campaign with their respective membership.

It was decided that Mr. James Miller, Sr. act as chairman of the overall campaign. He was to be assisted by all those present who would support him in carrying through the campaign decisions in their respective congregations. It was decided that the campaign period start on January 30th and be carried on until approximately March 15th, allowing thereafter for each congregation to continue and solicit until all funds possible are made available. It was decided that each congregation be immediately asked to appoint a congregation campaign chairman with several assistants who would supplement with their support their efforts in soliciting the congregation membership.

It was decided that the Rabbis of each congregation be requested to meet with the campaign personnel and brief them as to the campaign activities, purposes and needs. The campaign personnel be supplied by the National Office with kits so that they may have information available to aid them in their approach for solicitations. It was decided that the National Office be requested to send literature to each congregation directly for distribution to their membership. It was decided that the National Office be requested to send publicity releases to the congregations bulletins as often as possible. It was decided that the Rabbis be requested to announce in their respective congregations the beginning of the campaign and request support and co-operation of same.

It was decided that all people listed as previous contributors will be billed for further contributions and if not responsive will be solicited for their gift. It was decided that the general staff to carry through the campaign consist of those at today's meeting. James Miller, Sr., Alfred A. Benesch; Abe Luntz; Bernard Pincus; I. J. Kabb, and Howard Klein, including others whom Mr. Miller may feel will be helpful in the campaign. A pledge card will be made out for each person to be solicited and will be placed in the hands of those who will be responsible for obtaining the gifts from the congregation membership. It was decided that a letterhead be printed by the National Office using the combined campaign head listing the names of the Cleveland campaign committee. It was decided that each Rabbi send a letter to their congregation membership explaining the campaign and soliciting support and cooperation in the campaign.

It was decided that the goal of \$80,000. be interpreted to the various congregations by their local campaign chairman in the manner considered best for acceptance by their respective groups. It was decided that the sisterhoods and men's organizations be approached for their aid in using their organized effort to support the campaign. It was decided that all potential big givers will be approached by members of the overall campaign committee for their contributions in the campaign.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE - JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

The Hebrew Union College was founded in Cincinnati 75 years ago by Dr. Isaac M. Wise and is the oldest Jewish theological seminary in the United States. The Jewish Institute of Religion was founded in New York 26 years ago by Dr. Stephen S. Wise. Joined by merger last year, the new institution is the largest and most influential Jewish theological seminary in the world. The Hebrew Union College has graduated over 500 rabbis during its 75 years of existence, and the Jewish Institute of Religion slightly over 200. Some 500 graduates of the two institutions now serve American Jewry. During the war, graduates of these two institutions comprised one-half of the total number of chaplains in the armed forces of the United States.

1. A program of rabbinic training is the prime purpose of the merged institution. Although the number varies from year to year, present plans call for the graduation of 25 to 30 rabbis each year.
2. Libraries of the two sections of the College are maintained in Cincinnati and New York. The library in Cincinnati has one of the three greatest Jewish collections in the world, comprising more than 100,000 volumes and 2,500 rare manuscripts. The library in New York houses over 50,000 volumes.
3. The Hebrew Union College section in Cincinnati is developing the Joshua Loth Liebman Department of Human Relations, which includes seminars in religion and its relation to psychology, to economics, to sociology, and to world politics. This Department publishes important monographs. Thus far these have appeared: "Man's Place in God's World" by Dr. Sol W. Ginsburg and "Emotional Security of the Child" by Dr. Othilda Krug-Brady.
4. The Jewish Institute of Religion in New York annually sponsors the William Elliot Lectureship. This important series of lectures was delivered in 1948 by Dr. Leo Baeck, former Chief Rabbi of Berlin, in 1949 by Prof. Gershom Scholem of the Hebrew University. A number of years ago it sponsored the lectures on psychiatry and religion by the late Dr. Joshua Loth Liebman, which were the basis of his well-known "Peace of Mind." The Samuel Schulman and Nathan Krass Lectureship was established in 1949 by Congregation Emanu-El of New York City for two series of lectures, one to be given at the Hebrew Union College in honor of Dr. Schulman and the second to be given at the Jewish Institute of Religion in honor of Dr. Krass. Dr. Leo Baeck will deliver both series during the year 1949-50.
5. The Hebrew Union School of Sacred Music has recently been inaugurated in New York. Designed to train cantors, and to further the cause of Jewish music in America, it sponsored this year an Institute of Jewish Liturgical Music. It is conducted in cooperation with the Hebrew Union School of Religious Education, which is also under the auspices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

6. Recently founded in Cincinnati is the American Jewish Archives, which seeks to bring together the basic source materials of Jewish Americana. It publishes the American Jewish Archives, in which articles dealing with American Jewish history appear.

7. Both the New York and Cincinnati sections of the College conduct refresher courses for rabbis and seminars for temple functionaries and religious school administrators.

8. A Pre-Rabbinic Department has been established to prepare students for admission to the Rabbinic Department of the College, thus enabling them to acquire the prerequisite Jewish background necessary for admission while they are still university undergraduates.

9. In cooperation with the University of Cincinnati, the Hebrew Union College section sponsors a lay student program whereby students receive credit for Jewish studies at the HUC toward their BA at the University of Cincinnati. Some of these students live in the dormitory at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

10. Eleven eminent Jewish European scholars driven from their homes, who constitute the last remnant of the great Jewish culture of Europe, have found refuge at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

11. Greater understanding and better relations between clergymen of all faiths is promoted through exchange Lectureships with the Union Theological Seminary and other famous Christian seminaries.

12. An enlarged department of Graduate Studies is being developed to train the Jewish scholars, who must be the teachers for the tomorrow of American Judaism and Jewish culture.

13. Eight fellowships have been awarded this year to outstanding, young ministers for residence and graduate study at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations is the central organization for 400 Liberal Jewish Congregations. It has a membership of over 100,000 Jewish families in the United States and Canada. The Union is the central unifying service organization of the member congregations. It is the largest and oldest Jewish religious organization in the country, having been founded in 1873.

Among the more important programmatic aspects of the Union's work are:

1. Bringing back to Judaism some of the hundreds of thousands of unaffiliated Jews in the large metropolitan centers. This is done largely through the organization of new congregations in communities

where need exists. Through its Committee on New Congregations, the Union helps organize new congregations, provides rabbinic aid in the formative stages, and in many cases gives financial aid through a subsidy or loan. During the past year, over thirty new congregations have been organized, the greater part of them in the New York Metropolitan area and Southern California. Other new congregations have been organized in Philadelphia, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

2. The maintenance of Regional offices throughout the country to provide consultation service through personal visits to the Liberal Jewish congregations in their area. Regional offices are now operating in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Dothan, Alabama (Southeast), and Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Midwest).

3. The Union, through its Commission on Jewish Education, creates textbooks and curricula for religious schools and adult education. The education materials of the Union, which was a pioneer in this field, are used by over 1,000 religious schools, more than half of which are in Conservative or Orthodox congregations.

4. The Union, in cooperation with member congregations, conducts Institutes on Judaism for Christian ministers. About 100 such Institutes are sponsored each year in various communities. Over 10,000 ministers in 32 states of the country have attended these Institutes, and through them a better understanding of Judaism has been afforded to millions of Christians.

5. Paralleling the work of the Institutes on Judaism, the Union's Commission on Information about Judaism has printed and distributed several million copies of its Popular Studies in Judaism, a series of informative pamphlets on various aspects of Judaism, and its history. These popular pamphlets, especially prepared for non-Jews, have been enthusiastically acclaimed. A special series of these pamphlets were widely used in the armed forces by non-Jewish as well as Jewish chaplains and educational leaders during World War II.

6. The Department of Synagogue Activities stimulates religious life in the home and in the Synagogue through the preparation of special material. It is the service branch of the Union and is prepared to answer all questions concerning congregational life. It has sponsored conferences on synagogue architecture in both New York and Chicago. It has recently issued an album of Jewish liturgical material "Israel Sings"; recorded Jewish music for religious radio programs, a special Purim scroll and a new Chanuko Menorah.

7. The Union maintains two colleges for the training of religious school instructors, one in New York (jointly with the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion) and the other in Los Angeles.

8. The Rabbinical Pension Plan jointly sponsored with the Central Conference of American Rabbis, offers a program of social security to over 275 rabbis in the United States.

9. The Union publishes a monthly illustrated journal LIBERAL JUDAISM, which regularly goes to about 100,000 homes.

10. The Union sponsors a women's affiliate, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, with 447 units and 75,000 members. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is an active Jewish women's group that participates in all phases of Jewish communal life.

11. The National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods with 214 units and over 45,000 members is the men's affiliate of the Union. The National Federation of Brotherhoods is the sponsor of the good-will program of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, which annually sends rabbis as lecturers and chapel speakers to over 450 college campuses throughout the country. Like the Sisterhood organization, it participates in all phases of Jewish communal life.

12. The National Federation of Temple Youth has 150 units throughout the country. It is an important force in maintaining Jewish ties with our youth. It conducts a wide program of youth activities highlighted by camp conclaves and Youth leadership conferences in various sections of the country.



COMBINED CAMPAIGN IN BEHALF OF
THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

NEEDS FOR 1949-1950

Expenditures 1948-49	UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS	Needs for 1949-50
\$ 22,218.13	<u>Establishing New Congregations</u> Organizing new congregations among un- affiliated Jews and subsidies to congregations.	\$ 35,984.37
26,306.35	<u>Interfaith Activities</u> Institutes for Christian clergy and education- al material for ministers, YMCA leaders, re- ligious school teachers and public opinion molders.	36,530.46
84,940.31	<u>Jewish Education</u> Service to religious schools; curriculum planning; publication of books and new materials for religious schools and adult education.	85,258.76
28,287.52	<u>Teacher Training Schools</u> Union's share of maintaining New York School for Teacher Training and maintenance of West Coast School for Teacher Training.	28,820.00
34,920.15	<u>Youth Work-N.F.T.Y.</u> Expansion of youth work to involve large numbers of additional young people in religious and cultu- ral activity. Youth Summer Camps and Leaders In- stitutes.	41,062.60
63,268.80	<u>Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods</u> Financial assistance to Federations of Temple Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods and to National Federation of Temple Secretaries.	66,210.23
12,400.00	<u>Pensions for Rabbis</u> Contributions to Rabbinical Pension Board to underwrite grants made for pensions for Rabbis and for administration of this department.	12,750.00
116,599.44	<u>Religious Field Service</u> Religious field service for 300 communities with offices serving New York, Chicago, South East, Midwest, West Coast and Philadelphia areas and new offices to serve New England and South West. Also, subsidies to various organizations, pensions for retired employees and funding of a pensions fund for employees of the Union.	142,210.10

Expenditures 1948-49		Needs For 1949-50
\$ 23,452.46	<u>Synagogue Activities</u> Bureau serving day to day needs of congregations, including synagogue building, ceremonials, etc.	\$ 26,102.04
6,944.40	<u>American Jewish Cavalcade</u> A revival preaching mission involving more than 400 congregations.	12,000.00
58,089.07	<u>Liberal Judaism - A Magazine</u> Mailed to nearly 100,000 members. Funds needed to improve content and increase frequency of publication.	69,538.47
--	<u>Radio Program</u> To provide National Radio or Television Program for the Union.	25,000.00
51,754.96	<u>Community Relations and Publicity</u> Community relations and public education, including national publicity program and Union's share of Campaign budget.	95,000.00
577.11	<u>Committee on Social Justice</u> Implementation of a joint commission with the C.C.A.R. as mandated by the Assembly.	10,000.00
60,630.21	<u>Administration, Clerical, Office Expenses</u> Unallocated administration and clerical expenses, office rent, supplies, postage, travel, printing, telephone and interest on indebtedness.	68,626.75
<u>\$590,889.01</u>	TOTAL-UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS	<u>\$755,093.78</u>

Expenditures
1948-49

Needs for
1949-50

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

\$440,404.58	<u>Educational Costs for Training Rabbis</u> Cost for training rabbis in Cincinnati and New York; including the maintenance and operation of the buildings and grounds and essential administration.	\$449,564.00
67,478.38	<u>Hebrew Union School of Education & Sacred Music</u> Maintenance of the New York School for Teacher Training and the School of Sacred Music which trains cantors.	51,500.00
56,641.15	<u>Library and Museum</u> Maintenance of one of the largest Jewish libraries in the world and historical museum as centers of scholarship and research.	70,171.00
21,967.14	<u>American Archives</u> To further study of Jewish contribution to American life from Colonial days onward through the collection, preservation and publication of American Jewish historical material.	22,600.00
19,200.00	<u>Fellowships for Christian Ministers and Graduates</u> Positive program for Interfaith Understanding through granting Fellowships to Christian ministers and scholars for study at the College; also exchange lectures with Christian seminaries.	24,000.00
41,020.04	<u>Institutes for Rabbis and Laymen; Student & Field Activities and Publications</u> Institutes for rabbis, laymen and congregational administrators conducted in various parts of country; student & field activities and publications.	52,200.00
75,629.81	<u>Scholarships and Dormitories</u> Scholarships to deserving students and maintenance of dormitories.	78,794.00
43,427.62	<u>Pensions and Retirement Fund, Fixed Charges and Interest on Indebtedness</u>	51,171.00
51,754.96	<u>Publicity and Promotional Efforts</u> Public relations, promotional program, including College share of Campaign budget.	95,000.00
<u>\$817,523.68</u>	<u>TOTAL-HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION</u>	<u>\$895,000.00</u>

SUMMARY

\$590,889.01	UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS	\$755,093.78
817,523.68	HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION	895,000.00
<u>\$1,408,412.69</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1,650,093.78</u>
	REPAYMENT ON BANK INDEBTEDNESS	225,000.00
	TOTAL NEEDS FOR 1949-50	<u>\$1,875,093.78</u>