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January 4, 1951

Miss Elizabeth Rice,
Secretary to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

I would appreciate it very much if
you would send me 50 copies of the reprint of "A
Letter to Mr. Truman", an address delivered by Dr.
Silver on December 17th. Naturally, I shall be
happy to pay whatever costs are involved.

Sincerely yours,

Richard N. Bluestein

January 8, 1951

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

Dear Mr. Bluestein:

Under separate cover I am sending you 50 copies of "A Letter to Mr. Truman", in accordance with your request. The cost of these pamphlets is \$.25 per copy.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Dear Friend:

Jake Marcus has just completed thirty years on the faculty of the Hebrew Union College. His former pupils at the Hebrew Union College are going to make some presentation to him, as an expression of their appreciation and affection for him and his fine service. A committee of them, under my chairmanship, is collecting a fund with which to secure for Jake a suitable testimonial.

I know that Jake has many friends among the alumni of the Hebrew Union College who, though they are not among his former pupils, nevertheless would like to share in a testimonial to him. We are asking his former pupils to contribute from \$5 to \$25. If you want to join in this expression of appreciation to Jake, do let me hear from you as soon as possible. Make your check payable to F. M. Isserman, Treasurer, and mail it to me in the enclosed envelope.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

F. M. Isserman

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

Dear Abba Hillel:

At the recent meeting of the Board of Governors, it was called to the attention of the Alumni members of the Board of Governors that \$127,000 is owed by Alumni of the Hebrew Union College to the College for loans made to these Alumni while they were students. The College is somewhat embarrassed as to what to do with these loans. It has sent out bills with negligible results. It does not relish the role of being a collection agency. It has asked the cooperation of the Alumni.

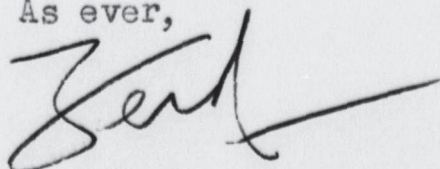
I have seen the list of the men who owe this money. Some of them who owe substantial sums are men with large incomes, as far as the rabbinate is concerned, who occupy pulpits of some of the most prominent congregations in the country.

What, in your opinion, would we, the Alumni, do about getting these loans paid up? This subject, of course, is a delicate one, and I am writing you to ask your advice and counsel on it. Should the Alumni undertake to get this money for the College? Of course there are a number of men on the list who are in distress and from whom no collection could be made. But more than 75% of the money owed is owed by men who should be in a position gradually to pay their debt. What should the Alumni do about this?

Do let me hear from you and thank you very much for your help.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever,



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February 16, 1951

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
Kingshighway & Washington
St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Ferd;

I do not know that I can give you any helpful suggestions in the matter of collecting the outstanding debts to the College of Alumni members. Perhaps a personal letter - not a form letter - written to those men within that 75% that you speak of, who are in position to repay their debt, calling attention to the amount of their debt and suggesting to them that any plan which they would offer for the repayment of their debt, in such installments as would be most convenient to them, would be acceptable to the College.

The financial plight of the College should be brought to their attention and the repayment of their debts should be put up to them not so much as a moral obligation, which it of course is, but as a way of helping the College to which they owe so much at a time when it is so hard pressed. I would not make them feel that failure to do so would carry with it any stigma of moral turpitude. Scolding is of little avail in such matters, inasmuch as many of the Alumni feel that they have repaid the College many fold in many other ways for the debts which they contracted as students.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 7, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will acknowledge with sincere thanks your check for \$1,000 which completes your pledge to the Foundation Fund of the Hebrew Union College.

Our Board of Governors joins with me in appreciation of your kind support.

With renewed thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Leon Lederer

Leon Lederer, Treasurer
Board of Governors

