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August 20, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
E. 105th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As General Chairman of the 1956-57 Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism, I regard it both my duty and my privilege to surround myself with the ablest men and women in the country. I have no illusions about this assignment -- its going to be a long, tough haul. We need more money than ever before and our only hope of success is an intensive, teamwork type of campaign.

Frankly, I am hopefully assuming that you will again this year serve as a member of our Combined Campaign Committee. Every bit of leadership, influence and prestige that we can muster will be helpful in the months ahead. Please let me know that I can count on you. We are now readying our 1956-57 letterheads and literature for publication, and I am most anxious that we use your good name to the fullest extent. ✓

I am hoping that we can get our campaign organization established earlier than usual this year, and that we can report substantial progress by the time of the joint mobilization of the respective Boards of the Union and the College-Institute in New York in October.

My best wishes for a happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

A. B. Polinsky  
General Chairman

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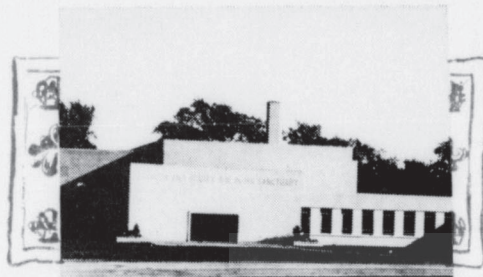


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## WHAT DOES THE UNION DO?

The Union helps establish new congregations, provides temple prayer books and ceremonial materials, supplies religious and Sunday School textbooks, visual aids and other educational necessities. When a congregation needs help in formulating its synagogue program or building program or for any other of the hundreds of important details involved in the efficient operation of a modern day temple, it turns to the Union for assistance.



the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Why are these fund-raising efforts necessary? What is accomplished with your dollars?

Twenty-nine new Reform congregations have been organized in the last twelve months. At least that number, and probably many more, will be established in the year ahead if sufficient funds are available.

Twenty rabbis were ordained by the College-Institute in June, 1956,



In every section of the United States local campaigns have been inaugurated for a total of \$2,548,789 to meet the 1956-57 needs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and

eight of them leaving immediately for service as Chaplains with our armed services. Obviously, the number of capable, well-trained young rabbis is far below the need.

To end the acute shortage of rabbis, the College-Institute is this year accepting 50 students — the largest entering class in the 81-year history of the school, but your support is needed to bring this project to a successful completion.

At the last convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the point was forcefully made that at the present rate of population growth, the United States will witness a 40 per cent increase in juvenile delinquency by





1960. This alarming statistic underscores the need for expansion of the Union's exciting and popular youth programs. Last summer more than 7,000 teenagers gathered in an at-



mosphere of fun and sports at 48 regional conclaves. Several thousand others attended 13 camp conclaves and another 320 participated in Institutes for the training of youth leadership. But 28,000 other teen-agers had to be turned away because of lack of facilities. Your funds will enable the Union to expand

its camp facilities so that no youngster need be deprived of a happy, constructive summer.

A congregation without a Sunday or religious school is a tree without sunlight. With



your funds, Sunday and religious school textbooks are prepared, religious school personnel are trained, holiday games and special films for children are distributed. With your funds, Christian ministers are granted scholarships to study the basic meaning of Judaism and to share their knowledge with Christian congregations. Tracts on Judaism are distributed to members of the armed forces. These are but a few of the projects made possible by your contribution to the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism. For a spiritually rich and meaningful Jewish life, give generously today to strengthen Reform Judaism for the present as well as the future.



## WHAT DOES THE COLLEGE-INSTITUTE DO?

The College-Institute develops and trains rabbis for liberal congregations, trains cantors and religious school personnel, provides special training for young rabbis entering the nation's armed services as Jewish chaplains, maintains libraries and research centers for scholarship and research.



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August 23, 1956

Mr. A. B. Polinsky, General Chairman  
Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Polinsky:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of August twentieth in which you invite me to serve again as a member of your Combined Campaign Committee.

I shall be very happy to continue serving your committee in that capacity.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 9, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Temple Tifereth Israel  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As yet, I have not heard from you in response to my invitation to serve again as a Vice-Chairman of the 1956-57 National Rabbinical Council.

It is of the utmost importance that I have this information immediately, so that we may proceed with our organization and plans.

I would appreciate hearing from you by return mail.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Ariel L. Goldberg*  
Ariel L. Goldberg, Chairman  
National Rabbinical Council

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November 13, 1956

Ariel L. Goldberg, Chairman  
National Rabbinical Council  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York



Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Rabbi Silver has asked that I reply to your communication of November 9 inviting him to serve as a Vice-Chairman of the 1956-57 National Rabbinical Council and advise that he is pleased to accept your invitation.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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February 22, 1957

My dear Friend:

We are happy to know that you have been a contributor to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. We hope that you will renew your contribution this year. Their work must, of course, go on uninterruptedly, from year to year, therefore, we have taken the liberty of instructing National Headquarters to send you a renewal request.

We know of few agencies that are doing more constructive work for American Judaism than the Union and the College-Institute. The College-Institute trains Rabbis for our Reform congregations throughout the country. Many of its graduates serve as Chaplains in the armed forces of our country. It also trains religious school principals and teachers, supports scholars and Jewish studies, and maintains a great Jewish Library and Museum.

The Union of American Hebrew congregations helps to establish new congregations, publishes the text books which are used in our religious schools and carries on an extensive program of adult Jewish education.

The five million Jews of the United States need the influence of religion in their lives. The guidance which the noble traditions of Judaism can give them will enrich their lives and will help them to make their fullest contributions as American citizens. Our young generation especially needs the inspiration of the faith of Israel in the confused and troubled world in which they live.

By helping the work of the Union and the College-Institute you will be rendering a most vital and constructive service to our people and our country.

Very sincerely yours,

A. M. LUNTZ  
President

ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
Rabbi



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*Office of the President:*

CLIFTON AVENUE • CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

May 21, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

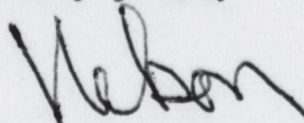
Dear Abba:

We are very eager in our work in Homiletics to have our students benefit from the advice and guidance of alumni distinguished, among other things, in their preaching ability. Dr. Mihaly is succeeding Dr. Bettan in the work in Midrash and Homiletics. I am very eager for you to let our students have the benefit of your experience and guidance. As Dr. Mihaly is envisaging the program, we would want you to come to us for a week during which you would lecture to the classes in Homiletics and be available to students who would seek you out to consult with you. You would be designated as a Visiting Professor. I am sure that you can see the great benefit that would come to our students from such a contact with you.

May we look forward to your acceptance of this cordial invitation? The College is moving in the next year from the semester system to the quarter system. Consequently, I am not able at this moment to suggest the exact date for this invitation. Professor Sandmel, our new Provost, who joins me in hoping that you can accept this invitation, will be glad to conclude the specific arrangements with you.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Nelson Glueck

P.S. I am off to Jerusalem This coming Sunday.



May 27, 1957

Dr. Nelson Glueck  
HUC - JIR  
Office of the President  
Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Nelson:

I deeply appreciate the invitation to spend a week at the Hebrew Union College and to lecture to the classes on Homiletics. It would have given me great pleasure indeed if I were free to come.

Unfortunately, my schedule with local duties and out of town engagements is so crowded that I am compelled to decline your tempting invitation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER