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Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Alumni
Overseers Committee, 1961-1963.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE--JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

TO: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Dr. Nelson Glueck's Office

MARCH 17, 1961
(DATE)

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NAMES TO THE LIST OF ALUMNI OVERSEERS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED:

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Rabbi Alvin S. Roth
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100 Academy Road
Albany 8, New York

SOUTH CAROLINA

Rabbi Norman M. Goldberg
(see Georgia)

CANADA

Rabbi Harry J. Stern
Temple Emanu-El
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Westmount, Montreal 6
Quebec, Canada

Rabbi Bertram Klausner
B'nai El Temple
622 Clara Avenue
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May 1, 1961.

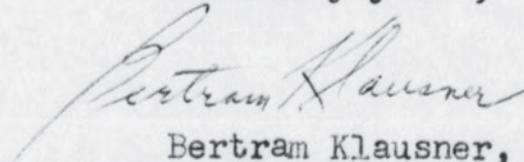
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Chairman Alumni Overseers
The Temple
1855 Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to advise you I plan to attend the initial meeting of the Alumni Overseers of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion that you are calling on Sunday evening, June 4, 1961, 6:30 p.m. at the Cincinnati dormitory.

I look forward to serving on this committee under your chairmanship.

Sincerely yours,



Bertram Klausner,
Rabbi

BK:dmc

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
ONE HUNDRED ACADEMY ROAD
ALBANY 8, NEW YORK

ALVIN S. ROTH, PH. D.
RABBI

May 1, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I shall be at the initial
meeting of the Alumni Overseers
on Sunday evening, June 4 at
6:30 at the dormitory of the
Cincinnati campus.

Alvin S. Roth

copy to Dr. Sandberg
or Silver

Temple Sinai of Long Island
131 Washington Avenue
Lawrence, Long Island

Rabbi Abram Vossen Goodman, Ph.D., D.D.

Cc 9-1267

May 1, 1961.

Rabbi Nelson Glueck
Hebrew Union College -
Jewish Institute of Religion
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Nelson:

I thank you very much for making me an
Overseer at large. I am not sure what is
involved and if you care to give me
instructions, I shall try to fulfil them.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abram Vossen Goodman

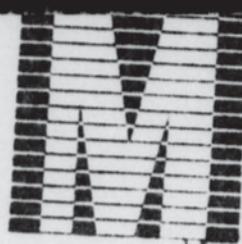
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P.S. I hope you will be able to accept our
invitation to be the Tintner lecturer next
January.

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Mount Zion Temple

1300 Summit Avenue • St. Paul 5, Minnesota
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Dr. Silver
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Rabbi

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
Alumni Overseers
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I hope to be present at the first
meeting of the Overseers on June 4.

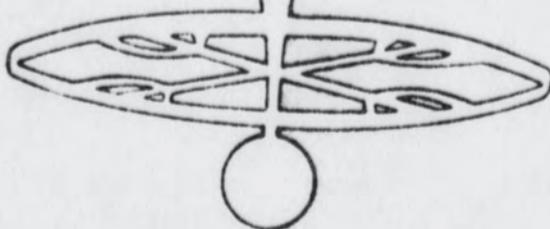
With best regards.

Sincerely,

W. Gunther Plaut
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Rabbi

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CONGREGATION

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ELY E. PILCHIK, RABBI

May 1, 1961

*cc: Dr. Silver
Dr. Santmel*

*Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Alumni Overseers
HUC - JIR
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio*

Dear Dr. Silver:

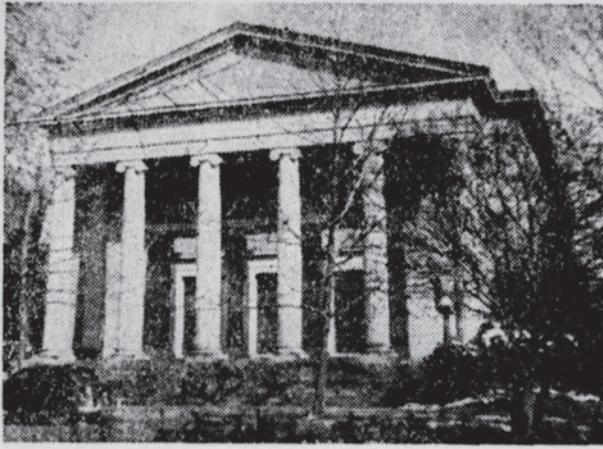
*Much as I would like to be with you for the meeting
of the Board of Overseers, I find that weddings and
other inextricable congregational duties preclude. I
hope to make the next one.*

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Ely E. Pilchik
Rabbi*

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OHEF SHOLOM TEMPLE

RALEIGH AVENUE AT STOCKLEY GARDENS
NORFOLK 7, VIRGINIA

May 2, 1961

MALCOLM H. STERN, RABBI
116 ELWOOD AVENUE
NORFOLK 5, VIRGINIA
OFFICE: MADISON 2-7900
HOME: MADISON 7-2415

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Alumni Overseers Committee
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 1st, inviting me to participate in the meeting of Alumni Overseers on Sunday, June 4th, at the Cincinnati campus.

I regret that two weddings and two baccalaureate services on that date will prevent my coming to Cincinnati. I assure you that I am most interested in furthering the work of our Committee, and hope that you will feel free to call upon me for those services that I can render.

Wishing you a successful meeting, and with cordial regards, I am

Most sincerely,

Malcolm

MALCOLM H. STERN

MHS:h

Congregation Beth Israel

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HYMAN JUDAH SCHACHTEL, Ed. D., D. H. L., D. D.
RABBI

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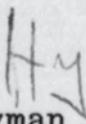
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Hebrew Union College - JIR
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Chief Overseer:

I shall be pleased to attend the June 4th meeting at the dormitory in Cincinnati, please God.

Looking forward to this meeting, I am, your Texas overseer, with affectionate greetings,

Yours sincerely,


Hyman Judah Schachtel

RABBI MORRIS LIEBERMAN

BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION

7401 PARK HEIGHTS AVENUE

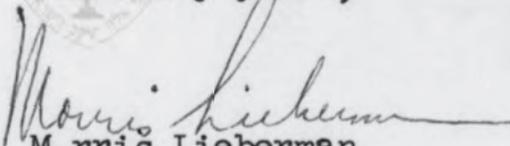
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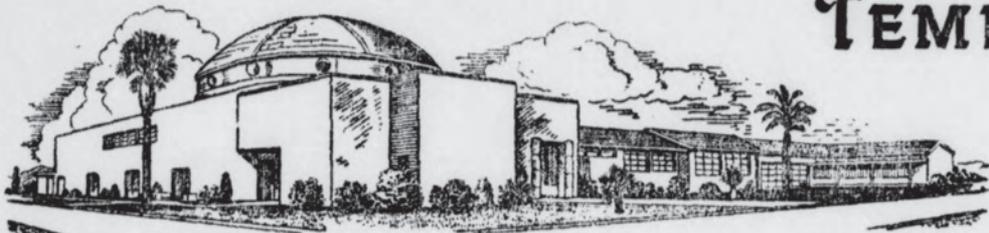
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret that I must be back in Baltimore on June 4th and will therefore not be able to remain in Cincinnati for the initial meeting of the Alumni Overseers. I am deeply interested, however, and I am anxious to do everything within my power.

Sincerely yours,


Morris Lieberman

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio



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3310 NORTH 10th AVE.
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MAY 2, 1961

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
CHAIRMAN, ALUMNI OVERSEERS
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
CLIFTON AVENUE
CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

DEAR DR. SILVER:

I DEEPLY REGRET THAT COMMITMENTS MADE PREVIOUSLY,
MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND THE ALUMNI
OVERSEERS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH IN-
STITUTE OF RELIGION SET FOR SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 4TH,
6:30 P.M. AT THE DORMITORY.

I HOPE I SHALL BE ABLE TO ATTEND OTHER MEETINGS.
KNOW THAT YOU HAVE MY EARNEST COOPERATION IN ANY-
THING THAT I CAN DO FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COLLEGE.

MAY I WISH YOU AND THE COMMITTEE A GREAT DEAL OF
SUCCESS. I HOPE THERE WILL BE OTHER MEETINGS WHICH
I SHALL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES, I REMAIN

CORDIALLY,

Albert Plotkin
RABBI ALBERT PLOTKIN

AP/BF

Sanford E. Rosen, Rabbi

PENINSULA TEMPLE BETH EL
1700 ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS
SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

May 3, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Alumni Overseers
Hebrew Union College -
Jewish Institute of Religion
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am deeply disappointed that my responsibilities with my congregation make it impossible for me to attend the initial meeting of the Alumni Overseers on June 4. Since I am deeply interested in this project and its potential, I will eagerly await word of whatever progress is made at the meeting.

May I suggest also that consideration be given in connection with future meetings, to hold them closer to the time when the Central Conference of American Rabbis meets, or at least that more than a month's notice be given.

If there is any way in which I can be of help, I would be grateful were you to call upon me.

Sincerely,

Sanford E. Rosen

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Dr. Silver

RABBI EARL S. STONE
TEMPLE EMANUEL
DENVER, COLORADO

May 3, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
Alumni Overseers Committee
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I regret that it will be impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Overseers on Sunday, June 4. I will be in Cincinnati to attend the Board of Governors meeting, but must return to my pulpit for a Baš Mitzvah and the closing exercises of our school.

Please be assured of my sincere interest in this very important undertaking and with fond regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Earl
Earl S. Stone
Rabbi

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HARRY J. STERN, L.L.D., D.D., RABBI
STUDY: AT THE TEMPLE

Dr. Silver
TELEPHONE
WELLINGTON 7-3578

Temple Emanu-El
4100 SHERBROOKE STREET WEST
WESTMOUNT, MONTREAL 6
QUEBEC, CANADA

May 5th, 1961.

Dear Dr. Silver - Shalom!

In reply to your letter of May 1st inviting me to the initial meeting of the Alumni Overseers of the College, I am now trying to arrange my schedule so that I may participate in this meeting.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Harry J. Stern
Rabbi Harry J. Stern

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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Chairman,
Alumni Overseers,
Hebrew Union College,
Clifton Ave.,
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Dr. Silver

Temple Israel
7023 CASS STREET
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SIDNEY H. BROOKS, M.H.L., RABBI

May 5, 1961

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very grateful for your invitation to the initial meeting of the Alumni Overseers as well as for the honor of my appointment to this position of service to our College - Institute.

It is with deeper regret than you know that I must forego the pleasure of meeting with you and taking part in the ceremonies of Dedication and Ordination that weekend. My duties and obligations here simply will not permit me to do so. I would have been thrilled to participate, especially on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of my own ordination.

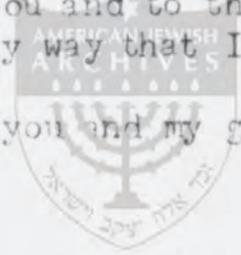
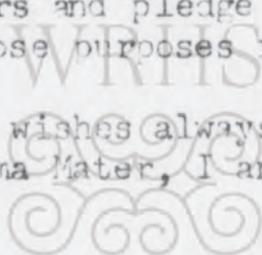
Let me most urgently assure you of my deep interest in the purposes of the Alumni Overseers and pledge to you and to the College - Institute my desire to serve those purposes in any way that I can.

With my personal good wishes always to you and my greetings to our colleagues and our Alma Mater, I am

Cordially,

Sidney

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

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Mr. Silver

THE TEMPLE

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May 5, 1961

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
 Chairman, Alumni Overseers
 Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
 Clifton, Avenue
 Cincinnati, 20, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish it were possible for me to attend the initial meeting of the Alumni Overseers which you are calling for Sunday, June 4th, 6:30 P.M. in Cincinnati. However, as I have already written to Dr. Glueck, that entire weekend from Friday through Sunday is replete with every form of congregational and rabbinical activity and duty. This includes the Bar Mitzvah, the Closing Exercises of our Religious School, a wedding and the Closing Meeting of our Temple Youth Group which is traditionally held at our home.

You know how profound is my regret at not being able to attend this initial meeting of what I trust will be a most successful beginning for the support and maintenance of our beloved seminary.

With kindest greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sidney M. Lefkowitz
 Dr. Sidney M. Lefkowitz
 Rabbi

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CONGREGATION RODEPH SHALOM
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Study of the Rabbi
DAVID H. WICE, D. D., D. H. L.

May 8, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
Alumni Overseers
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I deeply regret that an over-loaded calendar
and heavy local commitments prevent me from attend-
ing the initial meeting of the Alumni Overseers on June
4th. Please have any materials sent to me, and I
pledge my whole-hearted cooperation in the fulfillment
of the purposes for which the "Overseers" were
established.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Faithfully,

David H. Wice

Rabbi David H. Wice

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Temple Israel

POPLAR & MONTGOMERY
MEMPHIS 4, TENNESSEE

JAMES A. WAX, D. D.
RABBI

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Dr. Silver

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Alumni Overseers
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

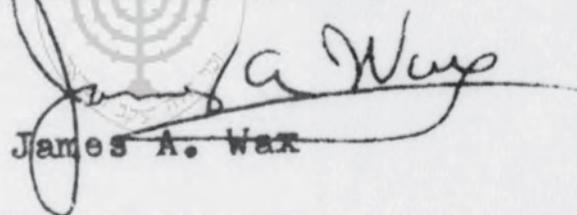
Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the
Overseer's meeting, since I must be in
Memphis on June 4th.

With kindest regards, I am

WRHS



Sincerely yours,


James A. Wax

jaw/tba

CONGREGATION SHAARI ZEDEK OF BROOKLYN
KINGSTON AVENUE AND PARK PLACE
BROOKLYN 13, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF
RABBI MAX SCHENK, B.A., M.H.L., D.D.

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HOME: CLOVERDALE 2-7136

May 8, 1961.

Dear Dr. Silver,

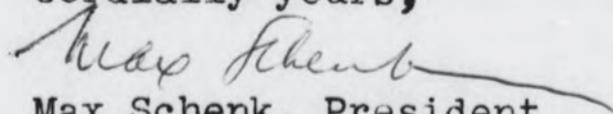
I deeply regret that I cannot remain over in Cincinnati to attend the first meeting of the Board of Overseers which you called for June 4th. I have three weddings in my Congregation scheduled for that week-end. I am sure that you will learn from your responses that many of our colleagues are in the same situation.

May I presume to suggest to you to call the meeting-if it is convenient for you-for Wednesday night preceding the Board of Governors meeting. Since the Alumni members of the Board of Governors are also on your Board of Overseers, it would be quite easy for them to come a day earlier and attend such a meeting which would not interfere with any of their commitments.

It should be very easy to arrange, for those intending to attend, to arrive in Cincinnati on that evening by 6 P.M. so that we may all dine together and spend the evening over our business.

Please reconsider the matter. There is still enough time to make this change in plans.

Cordially yours,


Max Schenk, President
Alumni Assoc. HUC-JIR

R. Silver

RABBI RAPHAEL H. LEVINE
Congregation Temple De Hirsch
Seattle 22, Washington

May 8, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry but I will not be able to attend the meeting of the Overseers on Sunday, June 4. I hope you will keep me informed of any help that I can give on the program.

With cordial greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Raphael Levine



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Dr. Silver

TEMPLE EMANUEL

MAY AND CHANDLER STREETS
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RABBI JOSEPH KLEIN



RABBI DANIEL L. KAPLAN

May 9, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Although I plan to be in Cincinnati for the Dedication Ceremonies at the College-Institute beginning June 1, I will not be able to stay for the meeting of Alumni Overseers on June 4 as I must be back in Worcester that day.

Very cordially yours,

Joseph Klein
Rabbi Joseph Klein

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Rabbi Samuel Volkman, D. D.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Alumni Overseers
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of
Religion
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I look forward to being with you for the Overseers
meeting on June 4, 1961.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRHS

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES
Rabbi Samuel Volkman

May 10, 1961

My dear Dr. Schenk:

Thank you for your note of May 8th. I am sorry that you will not be able to attend the first meeting of the Board of Overseers. We carefully checked over, with Dr. Glueck and Dr. Sandmel, the possible date for this meeting when I was in Cincinnati two weeks ago. June fourth was the one date which we found most convenient. There has been a good response from the Rabbis who have been invited to this first meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Dr. Max Schenk
Congregation Shaari Zedek
Kingston Avenue and Park Place
Brooklyn 13, New York

DR. JULIAN B. FEIBELMAN
RABBI

May 10, 1961.

8287 ST. CHARLES
NEW ORLEANS

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Alumni Overseers
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I regret, very much, that I shall be unable to attending the meeting of Alumni Overseers on June 4. It is not possible for me to leave here that early in the month.

With every good wish for the initial meeting and continued success of the Overseers, I am

Faithfully yours,

WRHS




Julian B. Feibelman

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NORTH SHORE CONGREGATION ISRAEL

DR. EDGAR E. SISKIN
RABBI

840 VERNON AVENUE
GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

May 15, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Alumni Overseers
Hebrew Union College-Jewish
Institute of Religion
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I shall make every effort to attend the initial meeting of the Alumni Overseers of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion which you are calling for Sunday evening, June 4, 1961, 6:30 p.m., at the dormitory.

I expect to be in Cincinnati for the Dedication and unless something unforeseen occurs I shall be with you on Sunday evening.

With warmest personal regards in which Lillian joins, I am

Sincerely,

Edgar E. Siskin
EDGAR E. SISKIN

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For Your Information

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

CINCINNATI
NEW YORK
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CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

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

September 13, 1961

Dear Colleague:

First of all, a Happy New Year.

I am calling a meeting of the Alumni Overseers for Tuesday evening, October 10th, on the Cincinnati campus for dinner at 6 P.M. I earnestly hope that all of the Overseers will be able to attend for it is important that we should get a good start as we embark on our work. President Glueck and Provost Sandmel will be with us.

May I please hear from you as promptly as possible that you can be with us. Would you please write to Mrs. Rissa Alex at the Cincinnati School, indicating what hotel reservations you will want.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman
Committee on Alumni Overseers

COMMITTEE OF ALUMNI OVERSEERS

HUC-JIR

1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman

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October 5, 1961

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

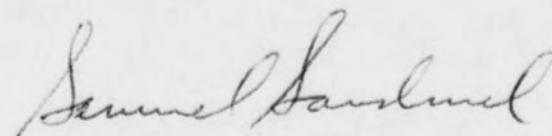
I am presuming to send you a list of topics that might constitute part or all of the agenda for the Overseers meeting next Tuesday on October 10th. Whatever help I can be to you, I would certainly want to be.

- 1 - Size of our enrollment and the need of the survey up to date of personnel needs in the Rabbinate
- 2 - The Rabbinic curriculum of the College
- 3 - Changing to a full-year schooling in place of September-May schooling
- 4 - Internship as part of the curriculum

Either Nelson or I would be prepared to make any relevant statements about these topics in the introduction of them or discussion.

Warm good wishes.

Cordially,



Samuel Sandmel
Provost

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January 16, 1962

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

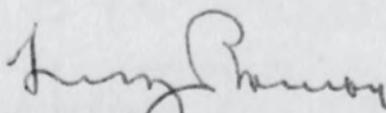
Let me thank you once more for having given me so generously of your time when I visited you in Cleveland.

Today I merely want to let you know that of the 34 Alumni Overseers who were invited to the New York meeting of the Board of Governors on January 31 and February 1, sixteen have written that they will be present. This, I feel, is an indication of a genuinely strong interest on their part considering that the invitation was not for a meeting of the Overseers. The names of those who will attend is enclosed.

The list of tentative assignments of the Overseers to the work committees which we discussed is ready. I have also drafted an outline of the Overseers' aims and working areas. On this I should like to get, this week, the benefit of Cincinnati's thinking. Then both items will be sent to you for approval.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,


Fritz Bamberger

January 16, 1962

List of Alumni Overseers planning to attend Board of Governors Meetings

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February 21, 1962

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Temple Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

I assume that by this time you have returned from your vacation and hope it was a pleasant one.

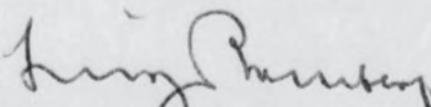
Attached is the information on the Committee of Alumni Overseers to be mailed to its members under your signature if you approve of it: 1) a brief statement of purpose and organization; 2) a proposed list of subcommittees.

An accompanying letter should point out that changes in committee membership will be gladly made if an Overseer feels he can be more helpful on a committee other than the one suggested. It should further state that Dr. Nelson Glueck and the College administration are looking forward to productive cooperation with the Committee. You might also state that pertinent material on matters appearing on the agenda of the Overseers' next meeting will be mailed as soon as word of acceptance of the committee appointments is received from the members.

If you like we shall be glad to prepare the letter for your signature.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,


Fritz Bamberger

The purpose of the Committee of Alumni Overseers, appointed by the President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, is to advise him on matters in which the practical experience of the Alumni is of particular importance. Toward that purpose Subcommittees on College Relations, Curriculum, Internship, and Survey on Needs for Rabbinical Personnel will be formed. In addition, The Alumni Overseers will represent the College-Institute regionally and interpret its program and activities to interested groups.

The Alumni Overseers will meet regularly as a group; preferably at the time and place of meetings of the Board of Governors and/or the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Regional meetings of Overseers will be called when the need arises.

Normal term of office is three years. To assure continuity in the work of the Committee and Subcommittees one third of the initial members will serve two years to be replaced by new appointments and another third of the initial group four years. The members of the initial group serving two or four years will be determined by lot.

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February 27, 1962

Dear Dr. Bamberger:

Dr. Silver is still out of the country. He is expected back about March 6th at which time your letter of February 21st will be called to his attention. I have been on vacation for two weeks which is the reason your letter has not been acknowledged before this.

Warm regards.



Cordially,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Dr. Fritz Bamberger
Hebrew Union College
40 West 68th Street
New York 23, New York

March 14, 1962

My dear Dr. Bamberger:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of February 21st which I found on my desk upon my return from abroad. I would suggest that you send to the Overseers copies of the enclosures which you sent me -- the statement of the purpose and organization of the Committee of Overseers and the proposed list of sub-committees, with a suggestion that changes in these committee appointments will be gladly made, and the other items which you mentioned in your letter. Please prepare such a letter for me. Send it out over my signature. If you think it advisable, send these letters to me for my signature so they can be mailed from Cleveland.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Dr. Frita Bamberger
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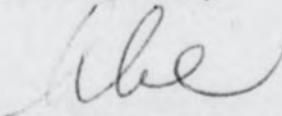
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Committee of Alumni Overseers
40 West 68th Street
New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Abba:

In reply to the circular letter of March 26, containing the proposed list of sub-committee appointments, I might say that, of course, I shall serve in any capacity which you and Nelson wish me to serve. I feel, however, that I would be more useful on the Committee on Curriculum than on the Committee on Survey on Needs for Rabbinical Personnel (I am not sure what this latter encompasses). ✓

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Dr. Abr. J. Feldman

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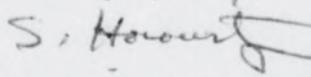
Dear colleague:

I appreciate your circular letter of March 26, and am inter-
ested in the ^{Sub-}Committee on Internship. However, I note that there is no one
from the Pacific coast on that ^{sub-}committee. I think it would be helpful to me,
at least, if a colleague from Calif. were added; I could get together with him
when I visit San Francisco during the summer, and/or at the Western Association
of Reform Rabbis in January which I hope to attend.

I expect to be in Calif. early in June, and must be back here
to officiate June 22; I will therefore be unable to attend CCAR in Minneapolis.
I would appreciate being informed on the proceedings of the Alumni Overseers
during that Conference.

Thanking you again, and hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Faithfully yours


Samuel H. Horowitz

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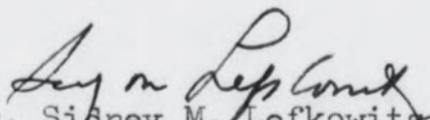
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
Committee of Alumni Overseers
Hebrew Union College
40 West 68th Street
New York, 23, New York

Dear Colleague:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 26th and for its enclosure. I am most happy indeed to work on the committee to which I have been assigned and trust that our program will soon get under way.

With appreciation and with assurances of my wholehearted interest, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney M. Lefkowitz
Rabbi

SML:sg



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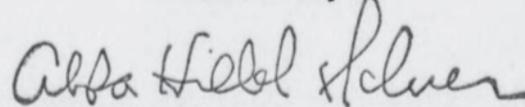
The next meeting of the Committee of Alumni Overseers will take place in Minneapolis in conjunction with the CCAR Convention. We will meet at Hotel Radisson on Monday, June 18th, the day preceding the beginning of the convention. Committee meetings are scheduled for 3:00 P. M. We will have dinner together and after dinner our plenary session.

Please make all efforts to be present. May I suggest that you advise the hotel of your earlier arrival if you have already made reservations indicating a later arrival time.

I look forward to seeing you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,



Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
Committee of Alumni Overseers

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April 6, 1962

Overseers

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Tifereth Israel
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

So far we have received two communications, enclosed in this letter, regarding Alumni Overseers' Committee appointments. Unless letters were addressed to you in Cleveland this means that only one member, Rabbi Feldman, wants to be assigned to another committee.

It seems to me that we need not immediately comply with Rabbi Horowitz' request. I suggest that we keep his proposal in mind until new committee assignments are made. In addition we might tell him that the other Overseers in his area, though they are not specifically on his committee, will be available to him for discussion and consultation.

I assume that you want to answer the letters of these two gentlemen. Some College stationery is being sent to you under separate cover in case you want to make use of it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Fritz Bamberger
Dr. Fritz Bamberger

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UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AND SILVER PARK
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO



DEAR FRIEND:

AS YOUR SECRETARY IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WISH ME TO DO WITH REFERENCE TO THE MEETING YOU HAVE CALLED OF THE COMMITTEE OF ALUMNI OVERSEERS?

CORDIALLY,

RABBI HERMAN E. SNYDER
SECRETARY

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Overseers

April 23, 1962

My dear Rabbi Snyder:

Thank you for your kind note of April 9th. As of the moment, there is nothing that there is to be done in connection with the meeting of the Overseers in Minneapolis. If something develops between now and then, I shall, of course, get in touch with you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Rabbi Herman E. Snyder
Secretary The Alumni Association
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

Ga.
Owens

April 23, 1962

Hotel Radisson
Minneapolis
Minnesota

Attention: Reservations Clerk

Gentlemen:

Kindly reserve a double room and bath for me
for Monday and Tuesday, June 18th and 19th.
I shall arrive Monday A.M. Thank you.

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Overseers

April 23, 1962

My dear Rabbi Horowitz:

I received your letter of April 2nd and I am happy that you will serve on the Committee on Internship. As regards your suggestion that we appoint someone from the Pacific coast on that committee, we will take this matter up when we meet in Minneapolis in June.

With warmest regards, I remain



Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Rabbi Samuel Horowitz
420 Lordwith Drive, Apt. 23
Billings, Montana

Answers

April 23, 1962

My dear Abe:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of March 29th. I have been traveling about a good bit of the time and my correspondence has slowed up. Of course, we shall be happy to put you on the Committee on Curriculum instead of the Committee on Survey. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at the C.C.A.R. conference in Minneapolis. It is a long time since I have seen you.

I also appreciated your letter which you sent me from Cincinnati. Unfortunately, I was compelled to decline the invitation of Nelson Glueck to spend some time at the College, as you have done. It was a very tempting invitation and I know that I would have derived a great deal of pleasure if I could have accepted it. However, I have too many irons in the fire and am unable to disassociate myself from the many commitments which I have.

With warmest regards to you and Helen, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman
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January 12, 1963

Dear Colleague,

As you have been advised, the next meeting of the Committee of Alumni Overseers will take place in conjunction with the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Governors of the College in New York.

We will meet at the New York School, 40 West 68th Street, on February 5th at 2:00 P. M. We will continue through dinner.

We will continue the discussion, begun at the last Overseers meeting, of the Survey on Rabbinic Needs and the Intern Year (see the enclosed materials).

The College has prepared certificates which are to be presented to the Overseers in a ceremony to be held in their home town. Discussion of the form this ceremony is to take is also on the agenda.

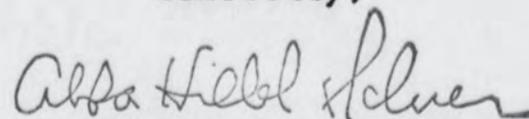
In the morning and at lunch on the same day, February 5th, Dr. Glueck and Dr. Sandmel will meet with the Alumni of the Greater New York Area to speak to them on academic matters of the College. You are cordially invited to participate in these sessions.

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association will join us for dinner.

All Overseers are urged to attend the meetings of the Board of Governors and its committees which will take place on February 6th and 7th.

Please return the enclosed card no later than January 25th.

Sincerely,



Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE - JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

Cincinnati, Ohio

January 4, 1963

FROM: Rabbi Sylvan D. Schwartzman

TO: Overseers

I am attaching a copy of the material which was sent out to the Alumni Overseers in anticipation of the discussion of a proposed internship program for rabbinical students at the College. A subcommittee of five of the Overseer group plus myself met during the morning prior to the opening of the CCAR in June and discussed the proposed program. Hyman J. Schachtel was chairman. This subcommittee unanimously endorsed the program as outlined, and stressed the wisdom of having the internship take place immediately following the achievement of the BHL Degree. The matter of whether an additional year would be required or whether some arrangement could be worked out so that the present five year program could be maintained was left up to the discretion of the Faculty. However, the hope was voiced that the introduction of an internship year would not require the addition of an extra year to the rabbinical program in view, especially, of the possibility of an additional year being required by the Chaplaincy.

The recommendation of this subcommittee was then presented in the afternoon to a plenary session of the Alumni Overseers. The internship plan was approved unanimously with the recommendation that the matter of implementation be worked out by the Faculty. It might also be pointed out that the support for the internship program was not perfunctory, but was quite enthusiastic.

The procedure now, it appears to me, is that the matter should be brought to the Academic Council for adoption in principle. From there it should go to the Faculty with a recommendation that it be adopted by the Faculty in principle with the details to be worked out by the Committee on Course of Study, and final approval to be given by the Academic Council. I believe that such a procedure would safeguard the program from getting bogged down on the level of details. The primary decisions needed are, first, the approval of an internship program, and second, whether or not this will involve an additional year for the rabbinic program. The matter of supervision, financial arrangements, in-absentia study, and other pertinent details can be best worked out by the Committee on Course of Study reporting its recommendations to the Academic Council. Naturally, much of the implementation will require the active participation of the office of the Dean.

At this point it would be helpful if the Overseers would discuss two significant areas, namely supervision and financial arrangements.

May 18, 1962

MEMORANDUM (Revised)

TO: HUC-JIR ALUMNI OVERSEERS

FROM: Sylvan D. Schwartzman

SUBJECT: A Rabbinical Internship Program

As a long-time advocate of a rabbinical internship program, may I point out that the College is one of a decreasing number of ministerial-training institutions that does not provide for such a full-time experience. Studies of co-op education and student teaching as carried on at the university level as well as of all forms of professional internships confirm the numerous benefits that accrue to the individual. Indeed, most professions have come to regard some type of internship as indispensable.

For the most practical benefits to the student in terms of its carry-over to his stay at the College, I prefer having such a program come not after Ordination (when he is no longer pursuing his studies at the College), but immediately following his passing of the B.H.L. examination (at the end of his second year of residence) when he is officially admitted to candidacy for the Rabbinate. Thus he can apply what he will have learned through experience to the remaining years of his stay at the College as well as to his bi-weekly congregation, chaplaincy, and full-time rabbinate.

In general, this internship should involve a full year of apprenticeship to a suitable rabbi, with periodic conference on the part of a director of the program with both the cooperating rabbi and the intern. This should be preceded by a program of several weeks duration designed to prepare the student for his experience and provide him with the necessary tools to be of maximum service to the cooperating rabbi. The congregation would be expected to make provision for the self-support of the intern (and wife). The intern would also be required to carry on certain in-absentia studies to maintain his academic level of performance. (However, this would serve as a precedent for maintaining good study habits in the active rabbinate).

The advantages of such an internship program are:

- (1) The maturing of the student through his confrontation of the realities of life in an adult world.

- (2) Equipping the student for the realities of rabbinical service both in his bi-weekly congregation and ultimately his own rabbinate, as well as developing within him a mature concept of the expectations to be met by the present-day Reform rabbi.
- (3) The development of a greater motivation for learning in the areas taught by the College, with evident relationship between what the student is taught at the College and the day-to-day needs of the rabbi. Similarly it will provide the student with more accurate perspective on the knowledge he is accumulating.
- (4) The curriculum and instructional methods obtaining at the College are bound to undergo significant modifications as subject-matter is brought into greater contact with the experiences and felt-needs of students. The College will also have the benefit of the observations of the cooperating rabbis.
- (5) The possible weeding-out of students whose personality-difficulties or inadequate motivations make it evident that they are ill-suited to the rabbinate.
- (6) For many students this will also serve as a welcome break in the routine of a five-year academic program which often tends to become mechanical and routinized. This alone should serve to improve the climate of the student-body.
- (7) The personal growth of the cooperating rabbi as a result of his work with the intern. (The University of Chicago Divinity School reports this as a consequence of its internship program.)
- (8) More intimate personal contact between the College, its alumni, and the congregations who will be sharing another important common interest.

The possible disadvantages of such an internship program are:

- (1) The practical difficulties of securing sufficient cooperating rabbis, the coordinating of such a program, and the problems of administering it effectively.
- (2) The interruption of the academic routines already developed by the student.
- (3) The lengthening of the College program by an additional year. (It is, however, conceivable that by the addition of heavier summer studies, certain practical course credit, as well as the in-absentia studies during the intern year, this difficulty might be overcome.)

- (4) Additional expense to congregations (for maintenance of interns and their wives) and to the College (for adequate personnel to administer the program).
- (5) With the uprooting of students for their year of internship its effects upon the employment and housing of those with wives.
- (6) The additional burdens imposed upon the cooperating rabbi, as well as the potential of difficulties between the rabbi and intern, and the rabbi and the College.
- (7) The possibility that the intern might be persuaded to stay on as an assistant or educational director, and thereby discontinue his studies at the College.
- (8) The relative immaturity of students at the end of their second year. (However, they are about 23 years old and some are already married.)

All-in-all, though there are possible disadvantages to the plan of an internship coming after the B.H.L. examination, I am persuaded that the potential benefits in terms of the practical gains both to the student and the program of the College itself far outweigh the disadvantages.

SURVEY ON RABBINIC NEEDS

To: Board of Overseers

Re: Rabbinic Survey

In preparation for the forthcoming meeting of the Overseers Committee and our discussions on the rabbinic survey, I am forwarding to you the following information.

I. Background

The projected survey is the fifth in the history of the College. In 1932 Dr. Franzblau published the survey in the HUC Monthly, entitled, "Is There An Oversupply of Rabbis?" Its answer was in the negative. In 1947 he repeated the original inquiry and showed that the situation was the same and that there was definitely a need for rabbis.

In 1951 another Survey Committee was appointed, with Frank L. Weil and Dr. Franzblau serving as co-chairmen. The Committee was requested by the President to conduct a survey to determine the rate at which new graduates would be required and the number of admissions likely to be required to supply the need during the next decade. Its goal was a policy that would guide the Admissions Committee. Recommendations were made at that time to the President concerning the approximate number of admissions for future years.

In the 1951-1960 survey the forecast of deaths indicated for a ten year period was 60. The actual deaths were 57. Dr. Franzblau repeated the study in 1956 and brought those figures up to date. The results indicated then that there are not enough rabbis available to serve in congregational positions and that we have not kept pace in supplying Reform rabbis. In addition, the average number of congregants served by each rabbi has increased considerably. For example, the average rabbi in 1956 ministered to 57 more congregants than in 1932, when there were less than half the number of rabbis than there are today.

The 1956 survey forecast 66 deaths in the rabbinate over the ten year period from 1956-1966. In a follow-up study for the five year period (1956-1961) there were actually 46 deaths. (It should be noted that 16 of this group were men who were no longer in the active rabbinate at the start of the period 1956.) If the 1956 forecast assumes an even distribution of deaths over the ten year period, it had over-estimated the replacement need by six for the first five years.

The 1951 survey indicated that there would be approximately 50 rabbis needed during the next decade. The attached analysis indicates that the estimate was far below. A follow-up study indicates that for the period 1952-1962, 202 congregations were admitted into the movement. 126 of these congregations are served by rabbis.

Number of Congregations Admitted to UAHC in ten year period from July 1952 to July 1962 and the Number of these Congregations which had Rabbis in June 1962.*

YEAR	TOTAL			CENTRAL CITIES			SUBURBS			SMALL CITIES		
	Cong. Admitted	Cong. w/Rabbis	%	Cong. Admitted	Cong. w/Rabbis	%	Cong. Admitted	Cong. w/Rabbis	%	Cong. Admitted	Cong. w/Rabbis	%
July 52 to July 53	16	11	69	3	1	33	10	9	90	3	1	33
July 53 to July 54	24	20	83	7	6	86	12	11	92	5	3	60
July 54 to July 55	20	16	80	7	7	100	9	8	91	4	1	25
July 55 to July 56	25	18	72	4	4	100	12	11	92	9	3	33
July 56 to July 57	10	7	70	3	2	67	5	4	80	2	1	50
Sub Total First 5 Years	95	72	76	24	20	83	48	43	90	23	9	39
July 57 to July 58	18	14	73	4	4	100	12	10	83	2	0	0
July 58 to July 59	20	8	40	4	3	75	16	7	44	4	1	25
July 59 to July 60	29	13	45	4	3	75	8	7	88	17	3	18
July 60 to July 61	28	13	46	9	4	44	6	4	67	13	5	39
July 61 to July 62	12	6	50	1	1	100	7	4	57	4	1	25
Sub Total Second 5 Years	107	54	50	18	12	67	49	32	65	40	10	25
TOTAL	202	126	62	42	32	76	97	75	77	63	19	30

* Does not include 13 Congregations which joined and later left the Union during the ten (10) year period.

1. Sixty-two per cent of all Congregations admitted to the U. A. H. C. in the last ten years have rabbis. When the Congregations are broken down by type of residence, over 75% of the Congregations in the metropolitan areas admitted in the last ten years have rabbis and only 30% of the small city congregations do.

In any study of future rabbinic needs the prospective placements in new congregations should be classified according to small city or Metropolitan area congregations. (In order to make a realistic projection.)

2. The time factor (age of congregation) is an important consideration. The congregations organized in the first five years have an appreciably larger percentage with rabbis than do the group organized in the second five years.

Our survey is aimed at establishing guidelines for future enrollment. The previous surveys to date have not been validated, i.e. the early prognostications have not been checked against what has actually developed. This will be one of the tasks of the new survey in conjunction with a prediction based upon the careful study of the replacement and growth needs of the general community, including the needs of national organizations and communal agencies as well as rabbinic needs overseas. Also examined will be the personnel needs of such organizations as Hillel and the Federal and State Government (military and civilian chaplaincy). The need for training Jewish scholars must also be considered with respect to our own faculty replacement and growth, as well as the indicated needs of other Jewish and general academic institutions.

Finally, in order to arrive at valid conclusions which are based upon scientific methods and techniques, the utilization of professional personnel who specialize in similar studies is strongly indicated and should be given every consideration.

II. Proposed C.C.A.R. Survey

At the C.C.A.R. convention in June 1962, Rabbi Leon Feuer was named co-chairman of a committee charged with the task of projecting and evaluating the future needs of the C.C.A.R. Subsequently the survey described below was proposed.

AGENDA - SURVEY

- I - The age structure of the membership of the C.C.A.R. to determine anticipated retirements over the next fifteen years in five year groupings.
 - A- The need for assistant rabbis over this period and the possibility of extending the employment of assistants in congregations smaller than these that now utilize them.
 - B- The need for specialized training of assistant rabbis in education, pastoral work, counselling, and so forth and the recruitment of men with special capacities for and desire to engage in these fields of congregational work.
 - C- The possibilities for professional advancement in the rabbinate to enable the development of a more realistic program of placement.
- II - The potential for new congregations in larger city-suburban enclaves over next 12-20-25 year period in New York, Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles and other areas.
 - A- Examine the status of present congregations, especially those who have joined the Union during the past fifteen years to determine their viability and growth potential.
 - B- Examine the problem of unserved communities and develop a program for providing such service.

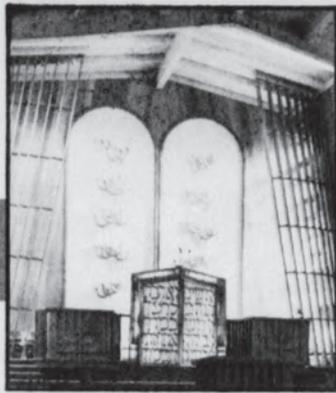
- C- Examine the possibility of establishing reform congregations in college campus communities.

III- Study the recruitment program of the College-Institute to develop a surer and more selective flow of rabbinical candidates.

- A- Determine for a projected time-period the productive capacity of the schools and the adaptability of their faculties and facilities to the needs, taking into account retirements, replacements, leaves of absence and anticipated changes of program.
- B- Consider in collaboration with the C.C.A.R. an orientation program to inculcate proper attitudes in rabbinical candidates of service and commitment, and a realistic view of what the rabbinate requires in the way of service and offers in the way of rewards.
- C- Study the needs of ancillary use of rabbinical service in the Armed Forces, Hillel Foundations, Colleges, and national organizations.
- D- Consider the need and possibility of providing graduate training in Education, Jewish Social Work, Counselling, and Temple Administration.



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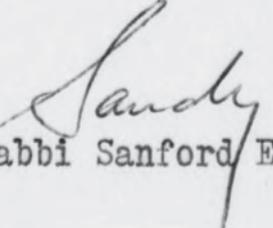
Dear Dr. Silver:

At the last session of the Alumni Overseers in Minneapolis in June, four committees met. As chairman of the Committee on Survey on Rabbinic Needs, I have been conferring with a number of men in our western region and these conferences have led to suggestions which may be of some value. In the interest of time at the meeting which is scheduled for 2 p.m. in New York on February 5, I would like to have the opportunity of trying out these suggestions with my sub-committee before taking them to the Plenary Session.

Will we have time for sub-committee meetings from, let us say, 2 p.m. until 3:30 (or at some other convenient hour)? I would appreciate having your reactions.

Looking forward to hearing from you and to seeing you in New York, and with warm personal greetings,

Sincerely,


Rabbi Sanford E. Rosen



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January 23, 1963

My dear Rabbi Rosen:

Thank you for your letter of January 18th. I am sure that you will have no trouble arranging for a preliminary meeting with your committee on February 5th. I have not the agenda before me of the meeting of the Overseers so that I cannot indicate to you exactly when you will find the appropriate time, but I am sure that you will when you get there.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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