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Hebrew University, 1924-1925.

# Cleveland Committee

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1124 1/2 EAST 105TH STREET  
CLEVELAND

February 27, 1925.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,  
City.

My dear Rabbi:-

We are preparing to celebrate on the evening of April 1st, the opening of the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem, and we would like to have the privilege of using Mahler Hall for that purpose.

Would you be good enough to submit our request, with your favorable recommendation, to your Board of Directors? There will be no solicitation of any kind.

It is important that we have the decision of your board on this matter as soon as possible. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

for the Cleveland Committee,

*D. Gara*  
Chairman.

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March Second  
1925

Mr. D. Gara,  
1124<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> East 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Responding to the request in your letter of February twenty-seventh, I am directed to advise you that The Temple regrets that it will not be possible to grant your committee the use of Mahler Hall on the evening of April first, as the Hall is being used for another purpose.

Very truly yours,

WRHS  






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Rabbi A. Hillel Silver.

Cleveland Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi:-

The Zionist district, the Haddassah, the Council of Jewish Women, and all other Jewish organizations of Oil City are planning a monster celebration in behalf of the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem on April 1st.

We are planning to have at this meeting the clergymen of the Protestant Churches: also the legal profession, as well as the county and city officials.

Our Jewish community in Oil City counting seventy five families have awakened to the realization that the Jewish problems and tribulations must be settled by ourselves, and desiring to acquaint our Christian neighbors with our aims and ideals we have arranged this mass meeting, and to this end we have ordered 100 copies of the University number of the "New Palestine" to be distributed before our mass meeting to the best Christian men and women of this community, so that we may be able to acquire the good will and co-operation of our Christian neighbors in order that they may get acquainted with our Jewish aims and aspirations.

Now to the point. It would be very desirable and a great service to the Jewish causes, if we could secure your services for April 1st at 8 P.M., say for a consideration of \$100.00 if necessary. We must make this a success in the full sense of the word, and we feel that by your presence we will attract some of our rich brothers of the reform wing that have remained aloof in this great Jewish Renaissance.

If you cannot come for the first of April we can make it for Thursday April the 2nd. Among the other speakers, we will have the Judge of our county, also a representative of the Protestant Church: Rev Koontz, a fine broad minded gentleman, but we must have our own talent to tell us about the Jewish Movements, work and aspirations.

Therefore, I ask you in the name of our Jewish community to please accept this invitation, so that we may go ahead with our



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preparations and publicity and make this, our great effort in  
Oil City, a huge success.

With Zion's Greetings,

I am,

Yours respectfully,

Sam Rosen.  
Chairman.  
Zionist District.  
Oil City Penna.



P.S/Telegraph or telephone at your earliest convenience.

*No -  
Wish them well*



*Day Letter*  
Collect Message to

March 24th 1925 - 12:30 p.m.

Sam Rosen  
107 East First Street  
Oil City, Penna.

Regret exceedingly my inability to accept your kind  
invitation on account of previous engagement. Trust  
that your meeting will be a great success.

A. H. Silver





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AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN PALESTINE

*Office of the Chairman*  
52 William Street

NEW YORK  
August 12, 1925.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On July 24th, 1918, the foundation stone of the Hebrew University in Palestine was laid by Dr. Weizmann. In his speech, delivered at a time when the World War was still raging, Dr. Weizmann described the task of the University "to be a unifying centre for Jewry's scattered elements." It was "to form the focus of the rehabilitation of the Jewish consciousness, and to teach everything that the mind of man embraces."

The site of the University occupies a panoramic position on Mount Scopus, looking down on the City of Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and the Valley of the Jordan, with the mountains of Moab in the distance.

A number of buildings have already been erected and the Institutes of Jewish Studies, of Chemistry, and of Microbiology have opened their doors and are now functioning.

The University is fortunate in the ideals that its founders have for it - such men as Professor Albert Einstein, Dr. Weizmann and Dr. Magnes, who desire to make the Hebrew University a place where the universality of the human spirit



shall manifest itself in contradistinction to the spirit of narrow nationalism, and where scholarly research will be pursued in a spirit of honesty and of self-abnegation.

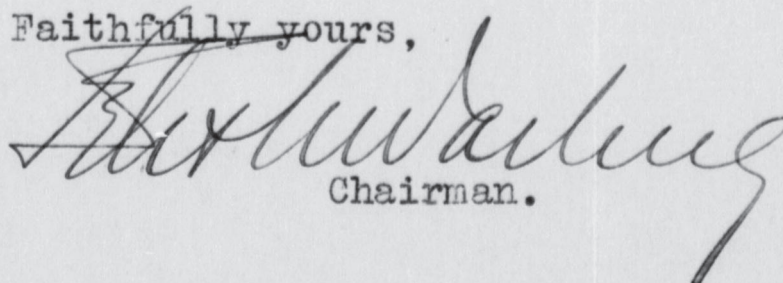
The idea of the University has appealed greatly to our young people and its influence upon them for good has been correspondingly great.

For the purpose of continuing the work begun by Dr. Magnes during his recent visit to this country in arousing in America an interest in the University, a Committee to be known as the American Advisory Committee of the Hebrew University is being formed.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the University, and at the suggestion of Dr. David J. Kaliski, Chairman of The Administrative Committee organized by the Zionist Organization of America, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you an invitation to become a member of the American Advisory Committee.

I sincerely hope that I shall be enabled to enlist your services in this fine work.

Faithfully yours,

  
Chairman.

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September Tenth  
1925

Mr. Felix M. Warburg,  
American Advisory Committee,  
Hebrew University in Palestine,  
52 Williams Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. Warburg,

Your letter of August twelfth reached  
my office during my absence in Europe, hence the  
delay in acknowledging same.

I shall be glad to serve on the American  
Advisory Committee of the Hebrew University in  
Palestine.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,