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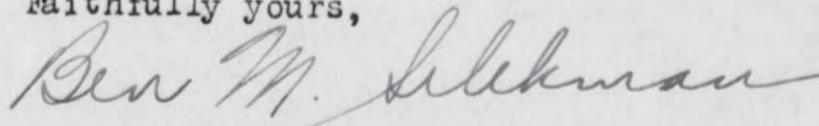
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Hebrew University will celebrate its fourth anniversary in April 1929. At the same time the new Library Building (used by the Christian, Moslem as well as the Jewish population of Palestine) will be dedicated. Will you cooperate with us by presenting the aims and activities of the Hebrew University to your congregation, preferably during the month of April, which we hope to make "The Hebrew University Month" throughout the country?

I know I need not tell you of the importance of the Hebrew University to all Jews. We should be glad, however, to send you material in the form of addresses by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, the Chancellor, and various reports which will give you the most recent information about its development. We shall be happy to send you as many copies as you wish.

If you can cooperate with us, will you give us the date and title of your talks? Could you suggest any other groups in your community before whom the subjects of the Hebrew University might be presented? We can assist in securing speakers. Please accept our thanks for your cooperation.

Faithfully yours,



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THE UNIVERSITY IS OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN,  
IRRESPECTIVE OF CREED, RACE OR NATIONALITY.

# *The Hebrew University Has:*

**Academic and Research Staff of 50.**  
**Students enrolled, 211.**

## **National and University Library**

of 200,000 volumes which includes the only medical library of note in the Near East. This is housed now in four buildings in Jerusalem, but is soon to be in the new Library Building on Mt. Scopus.

**Institute of Jewish Studies,**  
which promotes research and publication.

**Institute of Oriental Studies,**  
which consists thus far of an Arabic Department.

**Institute of Chemistry,**  
which consists of

- a. Department of Analytic and Synthetic Chemistry.
- b. Department of Biochemistry.

Its main task is chemical research, with special emphasis on the economic and scientific problems of Palestine. (Fermentation of tobacco, formation of soils, etc., have been studied.)

**Institute of Microbiology and Department of Hygiene,**  
which is at present concerned with problems of sand-fly fever, typhoid, dysentery and malaria, and with experimental work on cattle diseases.

**Institute of Mathematics and Physics**  
which gives courses in higher mathematics.

**Institute of Palestine Natural History,**  
which conducts research in plant physiology and flora of Palestine.

## *The Hebrew University Needs:*

Funds for Fellowships, Scholarships and dormitories.

Funds for cataloging and binding;  
For completing building according to original plans;  
For purchase of books and periodicals.

Chairs in Bible, History, Philosophy, Hebrew and cognate languages.

Funds for research and publication.  
Assyrian-Babylonian and Egyptian-Coptic Departments.

Funds for more laboratory space, more equipment, and larger staff.



A Nutrition Laboratory.  
A Laboratory of Animal Pathology.

Funds for maintenance, purchase of books, reprints, models and apparatus.

A Building in Jerusalem.  
A Botanical Garden.  
A Museum.  
An Agricultural, Experimental Station.  
A Station for Desert Biology.  
A Station for Marine Biology.

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Feb. 4th, 1929.

Mr. Ben M. Selekman,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Selekman:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt  
of your kind letter of January 28th addressed to  
Rabbi Silver.

Rabbi Silver is visiting the Pacific  
Coast and will be gone the entire month of February.  
Upon his return I will present your letter to him  
for his attention.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple, Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very disappointed when I visited Cleveland about ten days ago to find that you were still on the Pacific Coast. I was anxious to meet you personally, and lay before you the problems of the Hebrew University.

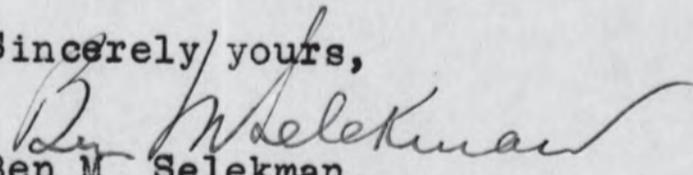
We have already organized Societies of Friends in about a dozen communities, and we hope to organize a similar Society in Cleveland.

I reached the conclusion after I was in Cleveland a day or so that I could not get very far without your help. I had a long talk with Mr. Edgar Hahn. He was really much interested in the University, largely because of conversations which he had had with you. I tried to persuade him to take the Chairmanship of the Cleveland Society, but he was unwilling to make up his mind or give me any decision until he had had a chance to talk with you.

Will you please give me your advice on the best procedure to follow? I should be glad to arrange to come to Cleveland again at a time convenient for you.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Ben M. Selekman,  
Director

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March 20th, 1929.

Dr. Ben M. Selekman,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Selekman:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of February 26th. I have been away from Cleveland a great deal of the time and I am just finding myself in a heap of work which has accumulated.

I should very much like to help you establish a society of the friends of the Hebrew University. Just at present however, I am immersed in a campaign for our Bureau of Jewish Education and I shall be devoting all my attention to this work until the middle of April. If you will be able to come to Cleveland during the month of May I shall try to arrange a meeting for you.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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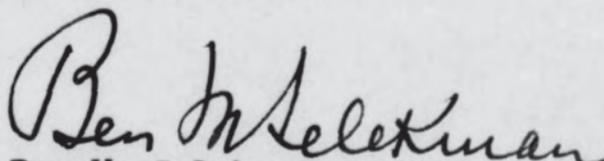
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks ever so much for your letter of March 20th. I fully realize how busy you are, and therefore appreciate all the more your willingness to help us organize a Society of Friends in Cleveland.

I shall definitely plan to come to Cleveland during the month of May and will let you know later as to the time which would be most convenient for me, in the hope that it will meet also your convenience.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

  
Ben M. Selekman,  
Director.

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P.S. I am enclosing two pamphlets which are just off the press. The larger one prepared by James Marshall, the smaller one by our Committee on Science and Technology.

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# The Hebrew University in Palestine

## INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY

This Institute consists of a Department of Analytic and Synthetic Chemistry and a Department of Biochemistry. Though some courses are given, its main task is chemical research with especial emphasis on the economic problems of Palestine; e.g., the fermentation of tobacco and the character of soils.

Some of the investigations conducted by this Department, and published during the academic year 1926-27 are:

### R. Rivlin:

Studies of Adsorption by an Optical Method. Fixation of Methylene-blue by Yeastphosphor-protein Sol within the Disperse Phase. *J. Chem. Soc., London*, 1926.

### A. Fodor and Ch. Epstein:

Die Reversibilität der Säuregelatine bei der Dialyse. *Kolloid-Zeit.*, 1926, XL, 51.

### M. Reiner:

Ueber die Strömung von elastischen Flüssigkeiten durch eine Kapillare. *Kolloid-Zeit.*, 1926, XXXIX, 80.

### A. Fodor und M. Weizmann:

Ueber Glycerinester der Aminosäuren. *Hoppe-Seylers Zeit. f. Physiol. Chemie.*, 1926, CLIV, 290.

Investigations now under way, or in press, include studies on Mineral Salts in the Dead Sea; Physico-Chemical Studies of Soap Solutions, and Coagulation; the Technical Utilization of Certain Alcohols.

## INSTITUTE OF MICROBIOLOGY

This Institute, including the Department of Hygiene, has among its major problems, sand-fly fever, typhoid, dysentery, and malaria, as well as cattle diseases. The American Jewish Physicians Committee appropriates approximately \$25,000 a year toward its support. The Joint Distribution Committee has been supporting the Department of Hygiene and the Nutrition Laboratory.

Recent publications of this Institute include the following:

**S. Adler and O. Theodor:**

On the Minutus group of the Genus *Phlebotomus* in Palestine. *Bulletin of Entomological Research*, 1926, XVI, Pt. 4.

**S. Adler and O. Theodor:**

The Identity of *Leishmania tropica*, Wright 1903 and *Herpetomonas papatasii*, Adler 1925, *Annals of Trop. Med. and Parasitol.* XX, No. 4.

**I. J. Kligler:**

The Control of Malaria in Palestine by antianopheline measures. *J. Preventive Med.*, 1926, I, 149.

**M. Ashner:**

Observations on Breeding *Phlebotomus papatasii*, *Trans. Roy. Soc. Trop. Med. and Hyg.*, 1927, XX, 452.

## INSTITUTE OF NATURAL HISTORY

This Institute, comprising Departments of Botany, Zoology, and Geology, already has extensive collections of Palestinian flora and fauna, together with a geologic collection. Among its recent publications are the following:

### **J. Aharoni:**

Das Vorkommen und Aussterben palaestinesischer Tierarten. Zeit. des Deutsch. Palest. vereins, XLIX.

### **J. D. Oppenheim:**

Researches on the Changes in the opening of Stomata which occur in different species of Citrus. Agricul. Records No. 1 of the P. Z. E. Inst. of Agricul. and Nat. History, Tel-Aviv, Dec., 1926.

### **O. Warburg and A. Eig:**

Pisum Fulvum Sibth. et Smith n. var. Amphicarpum, Agricul. Records, No. 1 of the P. Z. E. Inst. of Agricul. and Nat. History, Tel-Aviv, Dec., 1926.

### **L. Picard:**

Sur la Présence du Jurassique, etc., de l'Antiliban. Acad. des Sciences, 1927.

Spring and Ground Water in Esdrelon and Coastal Plain, etc. (Hebräisch u. englisch). Construction and Industry, 1927.

Zur Geologie der Kischonebene (with 2 geological maps), Zeit. des Deutsch. Palest. vereins, 1928.

Work in progress or in press: Reptiles of Palestine, Syria, etc.; Monographs on Palestinian fauna; Investigations in Plant Physiology.

## INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

The Wattenberg Hall of the Einstein Institute of Mathematics and Physics was completed and dedicated in October, 1928. The Physics Building is in the course of construction. In the meantime the Institutes of Mathematics and Physics will be located in the Wattenberg Hall. Professor L. Ornstein of the University of Utrecht will supervise the Department of Physics, and Professor A. Fraenkel of Kiel will head the Mathematics Institute.

The library of the late Prof. Felix Klein, of Goettingen, forms a part of the Mathematical Library now available to workers.

Funds for a Testing Materials Laboratory to be established in connection with the Institute of Physics, have been appropriated by the Palestine Economic Corporation.

### LIBRARY

The David Wolffsohn Memorial Library will be dedicated on Mt. Scopus in June, 1929. The University has already over 200,000 volumes in this Library, including the only medical collection of note in the Near East. The library includes many rare books and manuscripts; among the latter is the original manuscript on theory of relativity, which has been donated to it by Professor Albert Einstein, Head of the Academic Council of the University.

## INSTITUTES OF JEWISH STUDIES AND OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH

The Institutes of Jewish and Oriental Studies, together with the Administration offices, are to be housed in the Rosenbloom Memorial Building, for which the plans are now being drawn.

The Institute of Jewish Studies has initiated new critical studies of the Talmud, of Jewish History, and of the sociology of modern Jewry.

The Institute of Oriental Studies is devoting itself to a study of the history and literature of the Moslem civilization. The following works are now in preparation: "A Survey of Moslem Heraldry", by Prof. L. A. Mayer, and a Concordance of Classical Arabic Poetry.

Among the archaeological investigations now in progress are the excavation of ancient Synagogue sites in Palestine. A book on the important "Third Wall of Jerusalem", by Dr. L. Sukenik, field Archaeologist, is in press.

### THE UNIVERSITY PRESS

The first enterprise of the newly established Press is to be a Quarterly Review of the Humanities, of which Professor J. N. Epstein will be the editor.

## *Some Needs of the Hebrew University in Palestine*

- 1. Maintenance of Present Scientific Staffs.*
- 2. Equipment for the Physics Laboratory now being built.*
- 3. Equipment for the Departments of Geology, Botany and Zoology.*
- 4. A Meteorological Station attached to the Department of Mathematics to coordinate meteorologic data.*
- 5. Cooperation of the Agricultural Experiment Station with the University, and the expansion of Agricultural Research.*
- 6. Further research on scientific projects having an immediate bearing on the economic development of Palestine; and coordination of the research activities of the Government and other organizations.*
- 7. Additions to its scientific library.*
- 8. A building for the Institute of Natural History and its Museum.*

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ON July 24th, 1918, with the Turkish battle line only ten miles away, guns resounding and war planes in the distance, Lord Allenby, the British Commander-in-Chief in Palestine, and Dr. Weizmann, President of the Zionist Organization of the World, laid the cornerstone of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. It is significant that the first act of the British soldier, and of the Jew, returning to his recovered homeland, should be the dedication of this site to the ideal of scholarship and learning.

The place where they chose to set the cornerstone was on the summit of Mount Scopus, a shoulder of the Mount of Olives. From there one can see to the south the white vaulted roofs and walls of the old City of Jerusalem, the gleaming temple place with the blue Dome of the Rock and Mosque of Akbar, and, in the distance beyond the City, the wilderness of Benjamin. Westerly and Northward are the Mountains of Judea, rugged, white and beautiful; and on the Eastern side the land slopes steeply, creased by the beds of many dry streams, to the Jordan Valley and the deep blue waters of the Dead Sea 3000 feet below. As far as the eye can reach beyond the Jordan are the Mountains of Moab.

After the League of Nations had given to Great Britain the mandate for Palestine and the Jewish Homeland was assured, the University remodeled or constructed its first buildings, and it was officially opened by Lord Balfour in April, 1925. Dr. Judah L. Magnes was chosen as the first Chancellor of the University; Dr. Weizmann is the President.

## WHY A HEBREW UNIVERSITY?

IN the pages that follow a number of scholars and educators have set forth their reasons why this institution should be welcomed, why the ideal of a Hebrew University in Jerusalem appeals to them.

1. The local demand for such a University is insistent. Thousands of children are growing up in the land with Hebrew as their native tongue. It is one of the official languages of the country: ordinances, notices and the names of streets are written in Hebrew. Most of these young people will go into farming and trade, but many of them will want and deserve higher education, for the Jews have always been a people of the Book. The influence of the land itself will lead many of them into historic research and the study of religion, for the country-side is documented with historic references to Bible days, the Greek and Roman occupations, the Crusaders and the Saracens, and all that long succession of peoples to whom Palestine has been an inn or a home, whose voices still echo in its Mountains and the signs of whose civilization can still be traced in the earth.

2. The introduction of modern agriculture and proper breeds of fowl and cattle into a new region creates new problems of soil and climate, water supply, chemistry and physics which can best be solved on the spot in the scholarly atmosphere of a University which is in contact with cognate learning in other parts of the world. So, too, the sudden contact by a people who for generations have dwelt in the West with diseases of the East has inevitably stimulated the study of medicine and especially such ailments as are peculiarly Oriental and which have rarely received the attention of modern science.

3. The Jews who have benefited for centuries from the Universities of the Western world—not merely from the opportunity to go there as students but from the results of their scientific discoveries and scholarship—owe to the world in return the tribute of a place of higher learning.

4. We must provide a place of study for the hounded and disappointed youth of lands which limit the number of Jews who may enter their Universities as students and give them no opportunity for independent scholarly research.

5. Palestine is the logical place for theological students to do post-graduate work. This has long been recognized by Christian sects hundreds of whose priests and ministers visit the land every year.

6. Henry Adams and André Siegfried have pointed out the different streams of civilization flowing in the East and in the West, the one illustrated by American standardized super-production and the other by the East Indian saint earning by self-abnegation the rewards of future worlds. In Palestine where the Jews, the British Government and traders of all nations have brought from the Western world scientific method and industrial organization these two streams come in contact with each other. With their eastern background and their western outlook the Jewish people have a rare opportunity of learning to understand the essence of each civilization, of interpreting one to the other and reconciling these different philosophies.

It has been the function of the Jew throughout his history to be interpreter and mediator among groups and peoples, philosophies and ideals. There is now a great opportunity in Palestine to translate

East to West and West to East and the University on Mount Scopus is the key to the translation; for like the Rosetta Stone it has on one side the Hebraic tradition reaching back to the days of Abraham, the nomad, and on the other the scientific tradition of Spinoza and Einstein and Freud.

#### STANDARD OF SCHOLARSHIP

THERE is no institution in the Near East maintaining such high scholastic standards as the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Following the example of institutions such as Johns Hopkins, it was determined, in order to assure a scholarly basis for the work of the University, that it would at first be restricted to research and the instruction of graduate students who held University degrees. Now, however, undergraduate courses are being introduced to meet the demands of Palestinian students and of Jewish youths coming from those European countries where the *numerus clausus* is applied.

Although the University is open to men and women of all races and creeds, the language of instruction is in Hebrew, as it is in all Jewish schools in Palestine.

#### THE WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY

THE largest department of the University is at present the Institute of Jewish Studies, which is not a theological school, but approaches Jewish problems from the point of view of a western university. It is engaged in historical and archaeological research and in restoring old Hebrew texts.

There is also an institute of Oriental studies which is at present engaged in preparing a concordance of Islamic poetry, which has never before been done. The Institute of Chemistry is engaged in special Palestinian problems. The Department of Hygiene is investigating local diseases and the effect of climate and nutrition on the prevalence of disease. There are also Institutes of Palestine Natural History, and of Mathematics, and a Library which now includes about 200,000 volumes.

A large number of scholars visiting Palestine, and others especially invited for that purpose from Europe and America, lecture at the University each year, thereby enabling it to keep in contact with the scholarly thought of the western world and to avoid the evil of inbred thought.

The Board of Governors of the University is unique in having among its membership men of such rare attainment, science and scholarship as Professor L. S. Ornstein of Utrecht, Professor E. Landau of Goettingen, Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo and Dr. Chaim Weizmann. The Academic Council is headed by Professor Albert Einstein, and Professor Sigmund Freud is also a member.

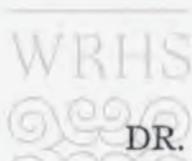
The University is fortunate to have many enthusiastic friends. The following statements by a few of them, Jews and Gentiles, indicate some of the purposes which the University may serve and the ideals which it may forward.

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO

*Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals and  
Trustee of Columbia University.*

I do not know whether the plan of a Jewish homeland in Palestine is destined to succeed or fail. It has its sponsors and its critics. The fate that awaits it may be more than they expect or less. Whatever the fate shall be, the University will be lifted above those temporal mutations. If the home is maintained, an institute of learning will be more than useful; it will then be indispensable. If the home is dissolved, the institute will not be wasted; it will be, like institutes of learning anywhere, a boon to all mankind.

What a mockery of the Jewish past it would be to found a dwelling place for Jewish life without providing at the same time a dwelling place for the spirit which has identified that life and made it luminous and significant for all these centuries of time!



DR. CYRUS ADLER

*President of Dropsie College, and President of The Jewish  
Theological Seminary of America.*

There are many arguments which have been used in support of the University. Palestine and the Near East generally need a great institution of learning. The Jewish students of Eastern Europe, who are actually or virtually debarred from many seats of learning, need it.

To me, however, there is another aspect of the matter: Ever since the eleventh century, when Bologna inaugurated the university movement, whatever secular or professional learning Jews acquired was gotten in these foundations—Paris, Oxford, Cambridge and their successors. As you know, most of these early foundations came out of the church. For nearly a century and a half, hundreds of thousands of Jews have profited by the universities of the world. In what way can this debt be more fittingly repaid than by the Jews giving one University back to the world and where could this University more appropriately be located than at Jerusalem?

GEORGE FOOT MOORE

*Professor of History of Religion, Harvard University.*

Allow me through you to extend to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem my felicitations on its auspicious beginnings and my best wishes for a future of large and long service to learning and science.

M. J. ROSENAU

*Professor of Preventive Medicine and Hygiene, Medical School, Harvard University.*

The Hebrew University made a deep impression on me, which grows with time and distance. It offers a hopeful prospect for advancing Jewish happiness and security the world over. You are the chief priest of a temple for scholarship with opportunity for scientific revelations. On account of its location and spirit, it offers asylum and encouragement for the expression of Jewish Genius.

R. BUTIN, S.M.

*Curator of the Museum of the Catholic University of America.*

I am glad to have this opportunity to say that to my mind, it, The Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, is called upon to render great service and to contribute very efficaciously to the progress of Palestine. Its very location in Jerusalem, where so much of the Jewish history has been made, will surely attract many and will create interest everywhere. It will be the means of introducing modern methods and ideals to the Arabic World and the Arabs to the West. By the practical results of its investigations, the University will in time gain the confidence of the Palestinians who will reap numerous benefits from its presence among them. I remember with pleasure the tests made at the University on the various diseases and plagues of the East and on the ways to combat them. Surely this cannot but win the approval of everybody. It will be so in every line of Research. It will also create a desire for learning, and will play a leading role in the development of the educational system of the land.

STEPHEN S. WISE

*Rabbi, Free Synagogue of New York.*

The Hebrew University combines the love of the Jew for learning and his capacity highly to use the educational instrumentalities of the Western world.

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It opens its doors to the people of Palestine irrespective of faith and race. It stands as a refuge for those European Jews denied access to the Universities in their own countries. Whatever American Jews may think with respect to the validity of the Zionist position, I feel that every American Jew ought to give his support to the building up of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, which already gives promise of becoming a noble and enduring contribution of the Jew in the realm of learning.

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

*Minister of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York.*

That Jerusalem should be made the cultural headquarters of Judaism seems to me an entirely natural and worthy enterprise and I should think that it would capture the imagination of Jewish leaders. A great service can be done to all religions by the right kind of university centre in Jerusalem and I should be very happy to see the project under Dr. Magnes carried to a fruitful success.

KIRSOPP LAKE

*Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Harvard University.*

Of all my recollections of my visit to Jerusalem last year none, I think, is so vivid as that of lecturing to your university. The combination of place, people, and subject rendered it an unforgettable incident. I was convinced then, and subsequent thought has confirmed the conviction, that you possess in Jerusalem the one essential for a great university—the presence of a group of men who add a passionate desire for knowledge to a large ability for learning. Almost anyone can teach but comparatively few can learn, and a university is essentially a place of learning. Since the days of the first rabbis that, if I read history right, has been the tradition of Judaism and yours is

one of the few races which has ever made learning the basis of its aristocracy. It was a real pleasure in Jerusalem to find a society which, though divided by race, language, and politics, was so conscious of that international brotherhood to which scholarship provides admission.

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How far you will be able to follow up this success naturally depends on the generosity of others and as to that I can only express hope. But for you and your immediate colleagues it is true, as Luther said of the German Protestants in the sixteenth century, "the Spirit and the gifts are yours."

### JULIAN MORGENSTERN

*President of The Hebrew Union College.*

It is a real pleasure to extend to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem the congratulations of The Hebrew Union College as well as my own personal congratulations.

In particular, I am happy to express my deep appreciation of the privilege which the Hebrew Union College has enjoyed both in extending to the Hebrew University the services of one of the members of its Faculty as Visiting Professor for the current academic year and also of participating with the Hebrew University in important archaeological research of significance for Jewish study. It is our earnest wish that this joint activity of our two Institutions may continue in the years to come and that our general relations may become, with each passing year, more intimate and friendly.

### NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER

*President of Columbia University.*

The University occupies a unique position physically.

\* \* \*

Situated in a city that is holy to three of the great religions of the world, it possesses also the ability to become a centre of religious studies.

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Located near the desert, the arid regions, and the Dead Sea, this University can do much for the advancement of science.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Although there were sporadic attacks in the immediate vicinity, I know you will be glad to learn that the University was not injured during the recent tragic events in Palestine. Indeed, it was able to perform a unique function as a place of refuge for valuable books and manuscripts which were brought to the vaults of the Library for safety.

November 18th marked the opening session for the academic year 1929-30. On account of the difficulty Jewish students are experiencing in Eastern and Central European universities, it is expected that enrollment will be increased at the Hebrew University.

During the past four years, Arab students have worked side by side with Jewish students in its laboratories, and the School of Oriental Studies has carried on important researches in Moslem history and culture. To further its work, the Board of Governors at its recent meeting in Zurich authorized the establishment of a Chair in Assyriology, and funds are already in hand for a Chair in International Peace. Through these means, and through the practical researches in its Departments of Chemistry, Hygiene, and other scientific departments, the University can do much to increase and develop good understanding in the country.

I know that we may count on your support during the coming year for these projects. We are enclosing a pamphlet descriptive of the work done during the last four years.

Faithfully yours,

*Solomon Lewinstein*  
Chairman, Office Committee

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

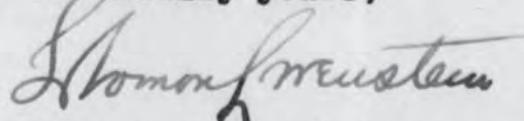
I have the honor to enclose an invitation to the dedication of the Wolffsohn Memorial Library of the Hebrew University, to be held in the Untermyer Open-Air Theatre on Mt. Scopus. Sir John Robert Chancellor, High Commissioner for Palestine, will make the chief address. The University Choral Society in cooperation with the Jerusalem Musical Society will take part in the ceremonies. Special exhibits of the rare manuscripts in the University collections will be shown during April.

A Music Festival in which massed choirs from Tel Aviv, Petach Tikvah, Rehovoth, Nes-Ziona and the University Choral Society will participate, will be given in the Open-Air Theatre as part of the celebration. It is hoped that this Music Festival will inaugurate similar annual events which may form part of a "Passover Pilgrimage" to Palestine.

It is fitting that the fifth anniversary of the University, formally opened by the late Earl of Balfour on April 1, 1925, should be marked by the dedication of the Library, the finest structure of its kind in the Near East. Its collections already number over a quarter of a million volumes, and Moslem, Christian and Jew mingle in its reading rooms. It possesses the only medical library of note in the Near East. The value of this collection may be measured by the fact that two branch libraries for the use of physicians have been established, one in Jerusalem, and one in Tel-Aviv.

Since its opening, five years ago today, the University has made continuous progress in practical research which has benefitted the entire country. It has established a high standard of culture which has already made its influence felt, not only in Palestine, but by Jews everywhere. As a friend of the University, I feel sure you will want to join with us in congratulating it on this latest phase of its development.

Faithfully yours,



Solomon Lowenstein,  
Chairman, Office Committee.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

You undoubtedly know of the very great interest that Mr. Warburg has in the Hebrew University, of which he is a Trustee and Chairman of the American Advisory Committee. I know that you share this interest.

We have never been successful in getting any organized Cleveland interest in the University and I know that Mr. Warburg would be glad to attend a luncheon or any other meeting that you might arrange during his crowded stay in Cleveland when he is coming to address your Jubilee meeting of your congregation if you would find it possible to get together a small group of representative Jewish citizens to whom he might speak on this subject. I have spoken to him about it and he has indicated that he will be glad to accept such an invitation.

Will you undertake it and if so, will you either write directly to him about it or if you prefer communicate through me.

With kindest greetings and congratulations on the forthcoming celebration, I am

Cordially yours,

*Solomon Lowenstein*

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DAY LETTER COLLECT

MAY 19th, 1930

SOLOMON LOWENSTEIN  
71 W. 47th St.,  
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Will be pleased to arrange luncheon meeting  
for Hebrew University with Mr. Warburg Monday  
May 26th. Will Mr. Warburg arrive in Cleveland  
in time for a noon meeting. Please wire

A. H. Silver



Luncheon for Hebrew University  
Monday Noon May 26th, 1930

Sam Wise  
Nathan Dauby  
Salmon P. Halle  
Julius Tuteur  
Edward Baker  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks very much for your very helpful cooperation with Mr. Warburg on behalf of the University during his visit to Cleveland.

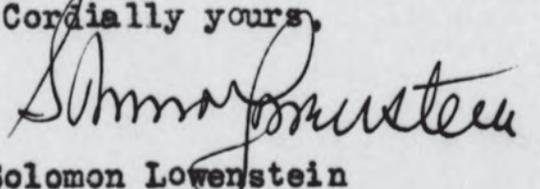
Mr. Warburg told me over the telephone how much pleased he was with his Cleveland experience and in particular with regard to the University matter. This morning he has followed it up with a letter from which I quote the following paragraph:

"I met quite a number of people in Cleveland and talked University and J. D. C. to them. They seemed to be somewhat interested in the University and if you will communicate with Rabbi Silver promptly, before they forget it, I think they would form a Friends of the University society."

If you can do this it will be most helpful and I am sure would be the kind of thing in which you would be particularly interested. May we count upon your help?

With personal greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Solomon Lowenstein

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May 29th, 1930

Mr. Felix M. Warburg.  
52 Williams St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Warburg:-

Rabbi Silver has suggested that you may be interested in seeing the enclosed clippings from the Cleveland newspapers who reported the eightieth anniversary banquet of the Temple.

— With kindest regards, I am

WRHS  


Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



May 29th, 1930

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein  
American Advisory Committee,  
Hebrew University,  
71 W. 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Lowenstein:

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter of May 28th.

I would suggest that you communicate  
with Mr. Edgar A. Hahn, National City Bldg., Cleveland  
and urge upon him, as I already have this morning, to  
proceed with the organization of the Friends of the  
University.

I suggested that he set about  
enlisting fifty men who will undertake to contribute  
\$100 annually to the University. Perhaps you may  
suggest to Mr. Hahn the thought of the Cleveland Friends  
of the University endowing a Chair in some department  
of the University and maintaining that Chair with an  
annual contribution of \$5000.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so much for your letter  
of May 29th which has remained unanswered  
owing to my absence from the city.

I am writing to Mr. Hahn this morning,  
and I know we shall have your helpful support  
in this matter.

With kindest greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,  
*Solomon Lowenstein*  
Solomon Lowenstein  
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Dear Friend:

Accompanying this note you will receive copy of two pamphlets relating to the Library of the Hebrew University in Palestine in which, as a contributor to the University, you will no doubt be interested.

In appreciation of your cooperation with the University, I am

Faithfully yours,

*Solomon Lowenstein*  
Solomon Lowenstein  
Chairman-Office Committee.

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**My dear Rabbi Silver:**

I note in this morning's paper the announcement of your selection as Chairman of the Zionist Committee on Hebrew University and want to tell you how happy I was to hear of this.

I hope that this is going to be an omen of good work for the University, and I want to assure you that if there is any cooperation which this office can render you in your new capacity, we shall be only too happy to serve you.

Faithfully yours,

*Solomon Lowenstein*

**Solomon Lowenstein**

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July 23d, 1930

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Lowenstein:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of July 16th and for what you say about my appointment as Chairman of the Z. O. A. Committee on the Hebrew University.

I am very happy to have been asked to serve on that committee for I am very greatly interested in the Hebrew University. Locally I have been in touch with Mr. Edgar Hahn. I believe that he is making some progress in organizing the Cleveland friends of the Hebrew University. It might be well for you to drop him a note and prod him on a bit.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks for your kind note of July twenty-  
third.

I am writing to Mr. Edgar Hahn to-day.



Cordially yours,

*Solomon Lowenstein*  
Solomon Lowenstein

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August 1st, 1930

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein,  
71 W. 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Lowenstein:-

What function can the newly organized Hebrew University Committee of the Zionist Organization perform? I have been appointed chairman of this committee and we shall probably hold our initial meeting within the next few weeks. You know more about the work than I do and I would appreciate very much if you would let me know just what you think should be the scope of activities of this committee, mindful of the fact that there is already in existence an American Advisory Committee for the Hebrew University.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of August 1 requesting information about the Hebrew University Committee of the Zionist Organization has been received here to-day.

Permit me to advise you that Mr. Lowenstein is at present on his vacation and is not expected back until Labor Day. In the meantime I have sent him a copy of your letter but inasmuch as he is on a motor trip and is constantly traveling I do not know whether he will be able to send you the information you desire before his return to the city. I am therefore sending you this line so that if you do not hear from him directly you will understand the reason.

Yours truly,

*Jennie Michaels*  
Secy. to Mr. Lowenstein

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November 28, 1930

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This year several dozen students are registered at the Hebrew University from institutions in Eastern Europe, where, as you know, there is a particularly virulent form of Anti-Semitism.

The situation of the student-body at the Hebrew University is considerably different from that at our own colleges. Practically every student there must earn his entire expenses. They are willing to work at anything; the difficulty is there is not enough work to go around. Scrub-women, tile-layers, stenographers, day-laborers--both men and young women fill these jobs and are glad to get them. A favored few do tutoring. The University employs as many as possible in construction work, but this too is so scarce that jobs have to be divided between students so that each may have one or two days' work a week.

The minimum monthly expenditure for a student is about \$25. This low sum is made possible by the help offered through the cafeteria, maintained in part by the University and partly by the students. There is also a "Loan Bank" which grants sums from \$10 to \$15 for a period of several months, without interest.

It would indeed be heartening to these young men and women if your Sunday School or junior organization were to join with other groups to make up a scholarship of \$300, the amount necessary to cover a student's minimum living expenses for a year. They might contribute \$25 to cover a month's board and lodging, or if they prefer, they could contribute a special prize of \$25 for a needy student, which would be awarded in your School's name at the end of the year.

I hope you will urge your young people to respond favorably in this extraordinarily difficult year. I know you will will agree that lending aid to their fellow-students in Palestine will enable your boys and girls to carry on in a concrete way the Jewish tradition of learning. I earnestly hope we shall hear favorably from you soon.

Faithfully yours,

*Solomon Lowenstein*

Solomon Lowenstein,  
Chairman, Office Committee

EXCERPT FROM A LETTER REGARDING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED  
AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY - By Dr. Judah L. Magnes

"Prizes and scholarships are, indeed, one of the greatest needs of the University since so many Jewish students of considerably ability lack even the minimum means for existence, and suffer serious hardship in order to go through their course of study.

"To enable a student to live, however modestly, a scholarship should not amount to less than £4 - £5 a month/(\$20 to \$25) or about £50 - £60 (\$250 - \$300) yearly. Smaller scholarships can be used for shorter periods, that is, for one semester.

"Scholarships can be either earmarked for a certain subject or -- which is much better - granted at the discretion of the University Council, which can then take into consideration the relative merits and needs of the students in the various institutes.

"As you are aware, the need for scholarships is very acute in Palestine; probably more so than anywhere else. Cost of living is fairly expensive, the currency high, and many students simply cannot subsist on the pittance that their parents can afford to give them. The University endeavors to employ students wherever possible, even as unskilled laborers on our buildings now in the course of erection. But such work interferes with their studies and moreover, is scarce. This summer, for example, there are twelve vacancies for unskilled laborers available for the students, and the Student Committee divided them among thirty-six students, giving each two days' work a week only. On the other hand, the Jews never admitted that education is for the well-to-do only. As other nations pride themselves on winning because they refuse to know when they are beaten, so we study because we refuse to know that "we cannot afford it."

"Under such circumstances the University authorities were compelled to provide for scholarships temporarily from the regular budget of the Institutes. This practice, however, could not be kept up very long. There are already several regular scholarships provided by special contributions. Among them are the Canada B'nai B'rith Organization Scholarship of £50 per annum; a Boston Palestine Scholarship amounting to £41, the Hebrew Graduates and Undergraduates Association of Australia, etc., etc.

"We are likely to introduce tuition fees which, though a normal and healthy feature of a University's life, will make the position of poor but gifted students even more difficult. There will be many deserving applicants for scholarships, and there should be twenty or thirty scholarships instead of the three or four we now have."....

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February 20, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Magnes will shortly arrive in this country before making a tour on behalf of the Hebrew University. In Cleveland he will, of course, make no public appeal, by reason of the contribution to the University by your Welfare Fund, but we are hopeful that he may be able to meet with the various groups in your city, or with individuals from whom he may get special endowments for the University.

I know that he may count on your cooperation.

With personal greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

*Solomon Lowenstein*  
Solomon Lowenstein,  
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Feb. 23d, 1931

Mr. Solomon Lowenstein,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lowenstein:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind  
letter of Feb. 20th.

I am happy to know that Dr. Magnes  
is coming to the United States and that he may visit  
Cleveland. Should he be able to arrange to be in  
Cleveland over some Sunday I would be most happy to  
have him occupy my pulpit in the morning and I would  
arrange a luncheon for him at my home following the  
services where he could meet some of the leading men  
of the community.

Let me know what his plans are.

With kindest regards and best wishes,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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March 2nd, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 23rd, which I have waited to answer until I heard from Mr. Hyman about some of the arrangements he was able to make for Dr. Magnes in Detroit and other towns, as well as in Cleveland.

I know that Dr. Magnes will be glad to occupy your pulpit and Mr. Hyman writes us that he suggested the date of April 12th, inasmuch as a luncheon meeting has been tentatively arranged for Dr. Magnes to speak before the Adult Education Association on April 11th, and I wonder if you would care to make the date of April 12th now definite.

Dr. Magnes' calendar is filling so rapidly that we would appreciate your prompt reply, so that we may arrange his schedule in other cities accordingly.

I know that Dr. Magnes would be very happy for you to arrange a luncheon for him at your home following the services, so that, as you suggest, he can meet some of the leading men of the community.

With appreciation of your cooperation and kindest regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

*Solomon Lowenstein*  
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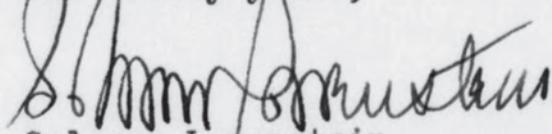
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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This note will be presented to you by Mr. George Hyman, who is visiting your city in advance of Dr. Magnes, to arrange the details for his reception while in your midst.

I bespeak for Mr. Hyman, on behalf of the University, your very kind and helpful cooperation.

Faithfully yours,

  
Solomon Lowenstein  
Chairman, Office Committee

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. George M. Hyman wrote us that you were good enough to say that you would arrange for the publicity in connection with Dr. Magnes' visit to Cleveland.

I am taking the liberty of sending you an advance story which we issued on the dinner which is being tendered Dr. Magnes in New York. We expect to get out another news release to be issued to the general press and the Anglo-Jewish press in connection with Dr. Magnes' arrival on March 12th. At that time I shall be glad to send you a copy.

Would you let me know by early mail whether you prefer to have us send you the material to be issued by the person whom you have designated to handle the publicity in Cleveland for Dr. Magnes, or if you would like us to send our releases directly to the Cleveland papers.

Probably the best way to handle it would be for us to supply you with the material which could be worked over by the person who is handling the publicity in Cleveland and to send general stories out from our national office.

If you will let us know about this at your early convenience, we should appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

*Julietta Kalin*  
Corresponding Secretary.

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March 6th, 1931

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Lowenstein:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your  
kind letter of March 2d.

I am glad to know that Dr. Magnes will be  
able to occupy our pulpit on Sunday morning, April 12th.  
We have definitely scheduled him for that day.

I shall arrange a luncheon for Dr. Magnes  
either at my home or at the Club on the same day where  
he will have an opportunity to meet some of the wealthier  
men of the community.

With kindest regards and best wishes,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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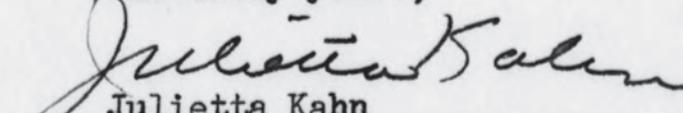
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Lowenstein has handed me your letter of the 6th.

We are very glad to make the date definite for Dr. Magnes to speak from your pulpit on Sunday morning, April 12th. I know that he will be happy to learn that you will arrange for a luncheon for him at your home or at the Club on the same day, where he will have an opportunity to meet some of the men in the community, whom he ought to see in regard to the University.

Sincerely yours,

  
Julietta Kahn  
Corresponding Secretary

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March 17th, 1931

Dr. Judah L. Magnes,  
c/o American Advisory Committee,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Magnes:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your  
letter of March 16th.

I note that you would rather not speak from  
the pulpit on April 12th. Unfortunately I have already  
announced it in our Temple bulletin and to the Congregation  
and a considerable amount of explanation would be necessary  
if a change is now made. There would be technical difficulties  
involved too. Our own service must be held on Sunday morning  
and it would be a problem to get them back to the Temple on  
the same day for a second meeting.

A meeting could be arranged in our Assembly  
Room for Monday evening but I am doubtful whether the people  
whom you really want to reach will come to that meeting.

Everything considered, I would suggest that  
you go through with the original plans of addressing the  
congregation on Sunday morning.

With best wishes and looking forward to your  
coming, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Perhaps you could arrange to have me

address your proof on ~~Friday~~ April 12 in the  
afternoon or evening; or on ~~Monday~~,

with kind regards, love,

Yvonne  
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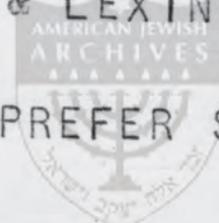
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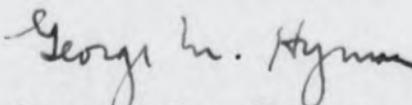
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Upon my return to New York today, I find on my desk your telegram that you cannot make any arrangements other than for Dr. Magnes to speak from the pulpit of The Temple on Sunday morning, April 12th.

Dr. Magnes would have been happy indeed to follow the suggestion made in your letter of March 17th, that he address a gathering in the Assembly Rooms of The Temple on Monday evening, April 13th. He indicated this in his telegram to you on March 18th. However, he still feels quite keenly that he does not wish to speak from any pulpit during services, and since this is the only arrangement you can consider, I am afraid that nothing further can be done in the matter.

I greatly regret any inconvenience caused you by our having been quite unaware of Dr. Magnes' feeling with regard to pulpit addresses. I trust that our advising you of the cancellation of the pulpit addresses well in advance, will enable you to make other arrangements and to hold up any publicity that may cause you further embarrassment.

Very sincerely yours,



George M. Hyman  
For the American Advisory Committee

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

You have been suggested as one of a small group in Cleveland who will be interested to constitute a Charter Membership of a Society of Friends of the Hebrew University. We are therefore writing to you to invite you to join us.

The primary purpose of the Society will be to foster an interest in this unique enterprise which may well prove to be the real contribution of American Jewry to modern educational and scientific advancement.

The Hebrew University was established in 1918 and was dedicated in 1925. Its present buildings and equipment are the contribution largely of leaders among American Jewry. Its faculty includes Scholars and Scientists of note in their respective fields. Under the able direction of its Chancellor, Dr Judah L Magnes, the University has already won for itself the recognition of high merit and standing among the Universities of the World.

About 80% of the annual support of the University has come from American Jewry; Cleveland's share is being provided through the newly created Jewish Welfare Fund from which \$2,500 has been appropriated for 1931.

On the occasion of Dr Magnes's recent visit to Cleveland a small group including the signatories to this invitation, met with him and pledged themselves to enlarge the local interest. Such an interest will serve to stimulate and encourage Dr Magnes and his corps of self-sacrificing workers in their task.

The Annual Dues will be nominal - five dollars per year; just enough to provide for the purposes of the Society in bringing to us currently an intimate knowledge of the University's progress and achievements.

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We trust you are interested and will fill  
in the enclosed membership blank and forward it promptly.  
As soon as these acceptances are in hand, a meeting of  
the Charter members will be called to effect an Organiza-  
tion.



Sincerely yours,

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P S Under separate cover we are sending you a  
Pamphlet entitled "A Bridge from East  
to West" describing the development  
of the Hebrew University of Palestine.

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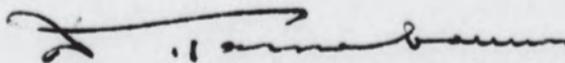
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am planning to be in Cleveland over Saturday and Sunday, November 7th and 8th, in the interests of the Hebrew University. I am managing to get away from my own business for approximately two weeks and am devoting this time in furthering the cause of the University.

The University and Dr. Magnes have many loyal friends in Cleveland. Mr. Louis S. Bing, Jr., together with Mrs. Herzog, are assuming the responsibilities for the local Chapter.

While in Cleveland I shall take advantage of the opportunity to see you. With best personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



D. Tannenbaum  
Director

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Cleveland, O., \_\_\_\_\_ 193\_\_\_\_\_

To the Committee for the Organization  
of a Cleveland Chapter of the Society  
of Friends for the Hebrew University:

I wish to accept your invitation to enroll as a Charter Member of  
the Cleveland Chapter for the purposes set forth in your letter of May 12th  
and to enclose my check for **Five Dollars** as my annual membership.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Society of Friends of the Hebrew University.

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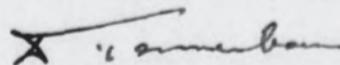
I want to thank you for your willingness to devote some time to the discussion of Hebrew University problems in Cleveland after the busy day that you had and having just returned from out of town.

I am sending you under separate cover several copies of a new booklet which we have just issued in connection with the University work. You might want to hand a copy to someone who is especially interested. Do you think that it would be helpful if you were to send a copy of this booklet to one of the Richman Brothers as a sort of an introduction to the University? If you prefer, we can send it from here, although I am sure it will be more effective if you will forward it with a note.

I understand that you will be in Syracuse on Thanksgiving. A group was organized there recently to further the interests of the University. Perhaps you will find an opportune time to say a word of encouragement to them and I am sure it will be of immense benefit.

My sincerest respects.

Sincerely yours,



D. Tannenbaum  
Director

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March 8, 1932.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As one of the leaders in your community, you are probably being approached now to assume greater responsibilities than ever in the past. But this is so unusual that even though you are severely burdened I am sure you will find time to become one of our group.

The occasion is the Seventh Anniversary celebration of the Hebrew University. This institution, unique in Jewish life, non-partisan and non-political, is the expression of the cultural hopes of our people. Under the leadership of the Chancellor, Dr. Judah L. Magnes, it has become the most effective medium of establishing good-will among conflicting groups. In the halls of this University, Arab, Christian and Jew meet.

We are now preparing to celebrate the Seventh Anniversary of the University on a nation-wide scale. To focus public attention we hope to arrange the first radio broadcast ever made from Jerusalem. The National Broadcasting Company, The American Telephone and Telegraph Company, The British Government in Palestine and the Egyptian Government are cooperating to make this possible. The Marconi Company of London is conducting special tests. We hope soon to know that the last technical difficulty has been overcome. In many cities this occasion will be the culminating point of all fund-raising activities.

We invite you to act as a Sponsor for this Anniversary Celebration and help bring the University to the attention of the Jewish public. Please let me have your acceptance at once so that your name may be included among the other distinguished Sponsors.

Very sincerely yours,

*A. S. W. Rosenbach*

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Dear Sponsor:

The date for the international radio broadcast from Jerusalem which you, too, are sponsoring, has been definitely set for Sunday, May 1st and the hour is 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. The program, as now arranged, is as follows: Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope and Dr. J.L. Magnes from Jerusalem, Sir Herbert Samuel from London, Dr. Oscar Wassermann from Berlin and Grand Rabbin Israel Levi from Paris.

We are sure that you will feel proud to have sponsored such a historic event, the first of its kind ever held.

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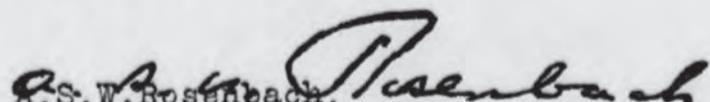
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- b) Invite a group of friends to your home at the time of the broadcast, preferably to luncheon or tea, so that this broadcast might become a community affair.

This luncheon arrangement provides an unusual opportunity of bringing the University close to us. Emphasis can be laid upon the fact that support for the University comes almost entirely from voluntary contributions. Due to the general economic situation, the University has suffered so critically that its future is in danger. Well-wishers of the University have joined as members of our Association, paying nominal sums annually to as high as \$1000 and more. Sponsors are agreeing to raise several hundred dollars each to be paid at the time of the broadcast. We can then cable Dr. Magnes that the future of the institution is assured. We hope that you, too, will join with us to help keep the doors of the University open.

I am taking the liberty of sending you under separate cover a booklet of the University which will give you in greater detail the story of this magnificent institution.

Believe me to be

Very sincerely,

  
A.S.W. Rosenbach,  
President

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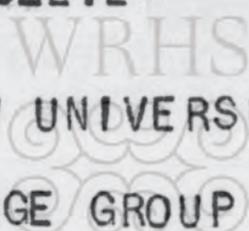
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I am writing to Mrs. Gross who may still be president of the Temple Women's Association. You will recall that when I was in Cleveland and had a minute to talk to you you thought it might be possible to get a renewal of this scholarship. You, of course, know how badly the University needs it and especially this year. I do not know whether you would care to exert any pressure on this group but a word from you, I am sure, would go very far.

My warmest personal greetings.

Sincerely yours,

*D. Tannenbaum*

D. Tannenbaum,  
Director

Cooperating Organization  
American Jewish Physicians Committee

DAVID TANNENBAUM, Director

DT:F  
Enc.

Copy

June 18, 1932

Mrs. H. Gross,  
Temple Women's Association,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Gross:

Last year at about this time you were good enough to award a scholarship in the amount of \$500 to the Hebrew University in honor of Rabbi Hillel Silver. Dr. Magnes, at the time, felt that this would be an annual award and I trust that despite the unusual financial conditions, you will still see your way clear to continue this award.

I do not need to point out to you the very difficult position in which the University finds itself. Its income has diminished considerably, and in spite of the fact that Dr. Magnes has made very substantial reductions and cuts in the budget, he is still unable to meet these reduced needs. I also feel that you have set an example for other institutions in the country. It may interest you to know that Temple Rodeph Shalom in New York is planning to establish a fellowship at the University.

We hope that as time goes on these plans will be duplicated in many places.

Very truly yours,

D. Tannenbaum,  
Director

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July 20, 1932

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A confidential report which has just been received has caused the utmost consternation to us who are struggling with the problem of aiding the Hebrew University, perhaps the greatest cultural institution the Jewish people has ever known.

I am not at liberty to make the letters from Jerusalem public but this one sentence quoted from them will convey to you the tenor of the whole material:

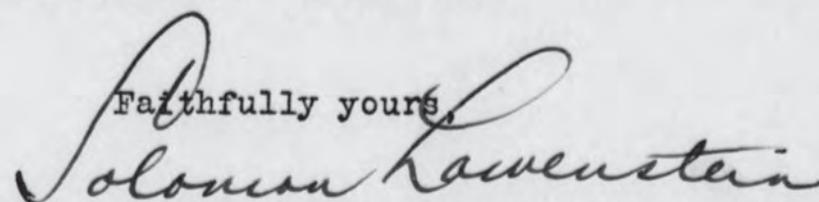
"The Hebrew University will go down  
unless something is done to save it."

We all realize that this is no time to try to enlist new supporters. Nevertheless, I feel that you and all of us who have contributed towards the auspicious beginnings of this University will be willing to do something to save it from the collapse which will inevitably come if we cannot support it through the next months. (Unfortunately the gravity of the financial situation of the Hebrew University is not in any measure realized by either the general or the Jewish public).

I am attaching a memorandum of your former contribution, in the hope that you will feel that those who helped to establish the University should help now when there is grave danger of our work being wholly lost.

I beg your earnest consideration. My deep appreciation for whatever word you may find it possible to send me.

Faithfully yours,



Solomon Lowenstein  
Vice President

SL:KF

האוניברסיטה העברית  
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Jerusalem

ירושלים

May 1st., 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
CLEVELAND. Ohio. U. S. A.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It was a great shock to hear that you had left Jerusalem so suddenly and on so sad a mission. Will you please convey our sympathy to your wife? We had been looking forward to seeing you and her at the little house at Nathania which is just about getting into shape. At that time I had expected to take you on a long walk along the beach up to Wadi El Huwarith to talk over with you the problem of the University and your own relationship to it.

You have gotten a bird's-eye view of the University and I know that you must be pleased with some of it. At any rate, you - with your keen insight - realise undoubtedly some of its great possibilities. These days, when the Hitler reaction is directed primarily against the Jewish mind and spirit, it is an increased duty to strengthen the University in order that it may become genuinely the creative centre for the Jewish mind and spirit.

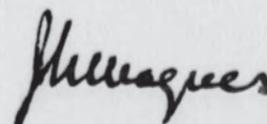
You are eminently fitted to take the lead in America in lifting your voice on behalf of the University. You are a Hebrew and an American, and you are concerned with intellectual and spiritual values. It seems to me that nothing could fit in with your own make-up and sphere of activity better than devotion to the University and intensive work on its behalf.

I know that the Committee in New York would welcome your cooperation and would want to do everything possible to make your task as important and as pleasant as possible. There are doubtless many others who can work on behalf of economic enterprises in Palestine; there are not many so well equipped as you are to engage upon this important work for the University.

I sincerely hope that your all-too-brief visits to the University will have given you a picture of its activities that will urge you on to fall in with this suggestion, and I hope that we may meet soon in common labours in this cause.

With regards to you and your wife,

I am,  
Yours sincerely,



J. L. Magnes.

JLM/m

May 24, 1933.

Dr. J.L. Magnes,  
The Hebrew University,  
Jerusalem, Palestine.

My dear Dr. Magnes:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 1st. I am sorry that due to the sad loss which we sustained, Mrs. Silver and I were compelled to leave Palestine so hurriedly. I look forward with pleasure to our seeing each other again and discussing a little more The Hebrew University.

I am very grateful to you for the warm welcome which you extended to me, to the University and for the tour of inspection and acquaintances on which you conducted me. I learned much more about the University than I knew before.

Of course I am ready to help the cause of the University in America. I cannot, however, accept a position of leadership in the work. Not only because I am burdened with many other responsibilities, but because I have made it a practise never to assume the responsibility of leadership for a cause or an institution with which I am not officially connected and over whose larger policies I can have no say whatever. You will, I am sure, understand the reasons for it. The Hebrew University has quite a number of American Jews on its Board of Governors and from among that group should logically come the man or men to lead in the work in this country. Whatever time and energy I can spare from my numerous other duties I shall be happy to devote to this cause.

With all good wishes to you in your great and arduous task, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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HERBERT ASKWITH, Director

June 1, 1933.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have received a letter from  
Chancellor Magnes of the Hebrew University, ex-  
pressing his appreciation of your great interest  
in the work of the University.

I hope the next time you come  
to New York I may have the pleasure of seeing you  
and talking over the affairs of the University.

With kindest regards, believe

me

Sincerely,

*A. S. W. Rosenberg*

President.

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HERBERT ASKWITH, Director

June 7, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am wondering if you plan to attend the Conference in Milwaukee, and if you would take it on yourself, in view of your recent trip to Palestine, to explain to them something about the accomplishments and aims -- and most of all, the needs -- of the Hebrew University.

I am enclosing an excerpt from a letter written by Dr. Magnes to one of his New York friends, which tells in a few words the position the Hebrew University wishes to take in the present German crisis. In an official report received yesterday, the Registrar writes:

"The Hebrew University could take care of many of the harassed young Jewish men and women at present subject to persecution in certain universities abroad or debarred from higher study in their own countries, if additional funds were made available to strengthen the teaching staff and to increase accommodation and equipment (particularly in the laboratories).

We hope that you will aid us in bringing home to the members of the Conference -- and to any other communities you may visit -- the importance of assisting personally, through their own contributions and that of their communities, the institution which represents a high intellectual effort of the Jewish people. May I hear favorably from you?

Believe me to be,

Very sincerely,  
A S W ROSENBACH  
President

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HERBERT ASKWITH, Director

August 1st, 1933.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

You will recall that last year at this time, you made a contribution to the Hebrew University, and they are wondering if you would care to renew it in this or a larger figure at this time. As you know from the talks which you had at the University, they are making every possible effort to add several of the many outstanding German-Jewish scholars who have applied for posts. However, before this can be done, it is necessary to assure at least a minimum running budget. So far we are short the ridiculously small sum of \$17,000. It seems harder to raise this than the larger sums earlier in the year. If you can see your way clear to renewing your pledge, it would be very helpful. However, you may be earmarking a contribution through the Welfare Federation of Cleveland for the Hebrew University, and if this is the case, we naturally would not wish to ask you to send an additional gift.

Is there any possible chance of the Temple Women's Association appropriating a fund for the University as they did in 1932 in your honor? If you feel it would be wise to approach them now, or perhaps later, we would all be very glad if you would let us know to whom we should write in the matter.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert Askwith*  
Herbert Askwith  
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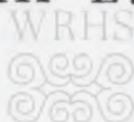
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To  
THE JEWISH PEOPLE

A MESSAGE

*from*

JUDAH L. MAGNES



THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY  
JERUSALEM

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*“In these grim and terrible days that confront Jewry—and not merely Jewry but the most precious conquests of the human spirit—the claims of the Hebrew University are inescapable. I speak not of compassion for the fate of the German Jewish professors. The Jewish men of learning in Germany, whose light is being extinguished, must be saved, not primarily for their sake but for the sake of all mankind. . . . The tragic development in Germany thus furnishes an opportunity, as well as a duty, to win for the Hebrew University in Palestine, men of world-wide distinction.”*

FELIX FRANKFURTER

## TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

IN Germany today, it is not so much 600,000 Jews who are being attacked as it is Judaism. It is not the Jew as an individual human being who is being ground down, but the Jew as the bearer of Judaism.

It is the Jewish mind, the Jewish spirit, the Jewish tradition, the thousand ways in which Judaism has expressed itself in the Western world, that is dreaded by the pagan nationalism of present-day Germany. A drop of Jewish blood is sufficient to create the fear that the Jewish mind will overcome the German mind.

The Jewish book is publicly burned. This is not the first time in Jewish history that the books of the People of the Book have been burned.

WRHS   
*An Assault on Israel's Spirit*

Freedom of thought and of the mind, the liberty of the individual conscience, judging men by ethical standards and not by race or color, the right of minorities to their own lives and ideals, the passion for social righteousness, indignation at oppression, protection of the orphan and the widow and the stranger within the gates, detestation of war and of brute force, the glorification of life and of the spirit, the unity of Mankind in the Supreme Unity of God—it is against these Jewish ideals and values that the onslaught is made. Let men of good will make no mistake. The attack upon the Jew is but the forerunner and the symbol of the will to rule the world through force and war in the name of pagan idols. At Sinai, Israel was commanded not to bow down to these images or to serve them, and throughout Israel's history—even

through its back-slidings and aberrations—it has been the idea of the supremacy of mind, of spirit, of the unity of Mankind, that has dominated his thought. This idea has found expression also in Christianity and Islam insofar as they are derived from Judaism. This idea has found tongue through Jewish personalities of the most varied types and through all ages. It is to this that the continued existence of the Jewish community now and everywhere bears witness; and it is against this that the barbarian and the heathen are raging. It is a sure instinct that leads them to pounce upon Israel and Israel's spirit and ideas as their chief prey. Woe unto mankind if Israel is vanquished! It is the age-long struggle between Esau and Jacob, between Edom and Judea. At this great crisis of the world's history, it is the warfare of Gog and Magog.

This challenge to the sacred ideals of Israel which have become the ideals also of large parts of Mankind, must be met by Jew and non-Jew all along the line. But it is primarily the Jew who must meet it. This is his historic mission, his destiny.

We must of course, above all, meet the needs of those whose bread is being taken from their mouths, whose children are being persecuted in the schools—the refugees and those who remain behind. But it will be a fatal misreading of the gravity of the crisis if we do not exert our full powers to save, to strengthen, deepen and spread abroad the things of the Jewish mind and spirit.

### *The Great Act of Requital*

The attack is directed in the first instance at the Jewish University man—the teacher, the research-worker, the man of the liberal professions and the arts, the scientist, and the scholar. The attack must be met on our

part by a great symbolic act—making the Hebrew University in Jerusalem the chief repository of the Jewish mind and spirit. This is the great act of requital worthy of the long Jewish tradition.

The Hebrew University must be enabled to bring to Jerusalem some of the distinguished scholars and scientists who are ready to come here, and to bring here also some of the younger men who show promise of great things. Unfortunately the Hebrew University cannot be made large enough to invite all of those who ought and would like to come here. But if the University is enabled to announce its ability to receive only a limited number, this will in itself have moral value for German Judaism and for the rest of the world. It will indicate that Judaism is alive to the grave dangers threatening it and to the boundless opportunities before it. Let the Hebrew University become the creative centre of this spurned Jewish mind, the centre of inspiration for the Jewish spirit.

### *A Power-House of the Jewish Intellect*

With the University as the active centre, the laboratory and the power-house of the Jewish intellect, let then a Jewish Academy be formed, embracing every distinguished Jewish scholar and scientist and artist throughout the Jewish world. German science rejects with disdain the contributions of Jewish scholars, scientists and artists. Let Judaism welcome them back to the ancient fold—"Rachel weepeth for her children. But refrain thy voice from weeping for they shall return from the land of the enemy." The very existence of a universal Jewish Academy, with the Hebrew University as its centre, will bring radiance into Judaism and will aid in the spread of wisdom. But there are many tasks of scholarship and science

for such an academy—tasks which only a concentration of Jewish intellectual and spiritual forces can achieve. Among other things, the systematic poisoning of the world's youth through the systematic spread of a philosophy, a religion, based upon the vagaries and dangers of anti-Semitism must be counteracted systematically, scientifically. In order that this may be done, the traditional values of Judaism must be worked up and studied much more extensively, systematically, thoroughly, than at present. Upon the basis of the old traditions, new human values must be created, that we may help save all Mankind from the catastrophe that threatens.

### *The Time for Great Deeds*

These are days when money is hard to get. Some may question the suitability of giving expression to large aspirations at a time when it is all too difficult to pay the salaries of those who are already at the Hebrew University. But if the Jewish people is to be stirred to a revival of its mind and spirit, if the inner significance of the tragedy in Germany and far beyond Germany is to be understood, whose voice is to be lifted if not that of the Hebrew University? If ever it was necessary to give voice to large thoughts and to bold plans of action, it is today, at this turning-point in Jewish history. Is it too much to ask a people of over 15,000,000 souls to do great things at such a time? A gift of a million dollars to the Hebrew University at this moment would be an unforgettable and historic act resounding throughout the world. It would be an indication that Israel is not orphaned at this juncture of our fate.

J. L. MAGNES

Jerusalem  
May, 1933

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It has been suggested that many Friends of the Hebrew University would be interested in knowing the legal form in which bequests can be made. The following is merely suggested as the simplest form. Directions as to the type of work for which the bequests are to be used are always welcome. It is urged, however, that instructions be not too detailed so that conditions as they arise from time to time may be more easily met.

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August 3, 1933.

Mr. Herbert Askwith, Director,  
American Friends of the Hebrew University, Inc.,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Askwith:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of August 1. I have just made my contribution to the local campaign for German relief and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. This campaign also included a Hebrew university of Jerusalem. I cannot, therefore, make any additional contributions at this time.

I do not think that it will be possible for The Temple Women's Association to make a contribution to the university this year. The organization had \$7,000--nearly all of its reserve--in a bank which closed last March and has remained closed.

When times become brighter and funds are again on hand, I shall take the matter up again with the organization.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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HERBERT ASKWITH, Director

August 7th, 1933.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We understand perfectly your situation in regard to contributing to the Hebrew University. Naturally, you have taken a prominent part in the local campaign for German relief and the Jewish Agency of Palestine.

We have been trying for some time to get a payment on our allocation from the Cleveland Fund and if you can use your good efforts in this regard, it would be greatly appreciated. The University is, as you know, greatly in need of immediate funds.

I am sorry to learn that the Temple Women's Association has its \$7,000 reserve in a bank which closed last spring. I earnestly hope for everyone's sake that the situation can be adjusted. It is good of you to offer to take the matter up again with the Temple Women's Association when the time seems ripe for it.

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert Askwith*  
Herbert Askwith  
Director

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HERBERT ASKWITH, Director

November 10th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

On my desk is a letter which I have treasured for sometime, as a "bird of good omen" from Jerusalem, from none other than Dr. Magnes, written on May first. I have refrained from writing to you on the inspiration of this letter, in order to wait until you were back again in your full stride. But how can I resist writing to you any longer, in view of the following passage from the above-mentioned letter:

"You are eminently fitted to take the lead in America in lifting your voice on behalf of the University. You are a Hebrew and an American, and you are concerned with intellectual and spiritual values. It seems to me that nothing could fit in with your own make-up and sphere of activity better than devotion to the University and intensive work on its behalf.

"I know that the Committee in New York would welcome your cooperation and would want to do everything possible to make your task as important and as pleasant as possible. There are doubtless many others who can work on behalf of economic enterprises in Palestine; there are not many so well equipped as you are to engage upon this important work for the University."

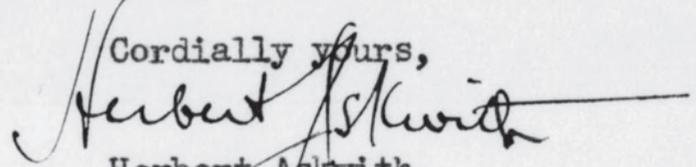
All that I need do, obviously, at this moment is to second the motion and urge you with all the power at my command to help us. You know best in what way you can do so. Is there any likelihood of your being in New

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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York within the near future, so that we might talk  
this over? I should appreciate it deeply, even if  
you cannot for the moment plan any definite activity  
in our behalf.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,



Herbert Askwith  
Director

HA:YO



November 20, 1933.

Mr. Herbert Askwith, Director,  
American Friends of the Hebrew University,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Askwith:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 10th. I suggested to Dr. Magnes, in a letter which I wrote to him in response to his own, to try to interest some one who is an American member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University to take the leadership of the work. You have so many fine people on the Board that you really ought not to go outside of it for leadership.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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American Jewish Physicians Committee

HERBERT ASKWITH, Director

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

It is quite true that we have "many fine people" on our Board, but as you can easily conclude from your own knowledge, it is not a particularly easy matter to put these men out into the field to plead the cause of the Hebrew University. They do so on every possible occasion, with all the power at their command, but very few of them have the gift of oratory and persuasiveness that you have, and it is my hope, as a result of your visit to the University and Dr. Magnes' plea, that you can be enlisted as a great force on behalf of the University.

We need you -- we need you badly, and the proof of it at the moment is the demand from Pittsburgh for your presence there to aid those who are most anxious to help in the Pittsburgh community. You travel about a good deal, and in any event, Pittsburgh is so near Cleveland that it would be a comparatively easy matter for you to make an appearance there, even if it has to be done especially for this purpose. Without a doubt, your expenses would be met gladly.

Wouldn't it be possible for you to appear in Pittsburgh, -- and for that matter, in other cities when you are there anyway, including for example New York? Dr. Magnes has led us to believe that your great gifts may be enlisted on behalf of the University. And I know what a cruel disappointment it would be to him and to the rest of us to feel that we could not count on your aid. Won't you let me know how matters stand in this regard, and if you are favorably disposed, what your schedule is for appearances in other cities in the near future?

Cordially yours,

*Herbert Askwith*  
Herbert Askwith  
Director

HA:YO

*We need you badly*  
*Cardozo*  
*Mack*  
*Schuman*  
*Warburg*  
*Adler*  
*to be field work for us!*

December 8, 1933.

Mr. Herbert Askwith, Director,  
American Friends of the Hebrew University,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Askwith:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 6th. I have really nothing new to add to what I wrote you on November 20th. Those who accept offices in an organization ought to be the ones who travel and lecture in the interest of that organization and who raise the funds for it. There are altogether too many stuffed shirts on the boards of our national institutions who place themselves in the seats of authority and expect the outsiders to do the scrub work for them. I refuse to support such a racket.

I made this very clear to Dr. Magnes and I am surprised that he has not informed you of my position.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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February 2, 1934.

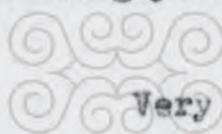
American Friends of the Hebrew University,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Kindly send me any printed matter  
and bulletins that you may have on the Hebrew  
University in Palestine.—

I remain

Thanking you for your courtesy,



Very sincerely yours,



BK

Sec'y to Rabbi Silver.

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American Jewish Physicians Committee

HERBERT ASKWITH, Director

February 6th, 1934.

Miss Bessie Kline  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:-

I am glad to send Dr. Silver under  
separate cover the following printed material about  
the Hebrew University:

WRHS  
AMERICAN JEWISH  
First University of the Jewish People  
Pioneers of Learning  
To the Jewish People  
Information for Students  
General Information

Sincerely yours,

*Julietta B. Kahn*  
Julietta B. Kahn  
Corresponding Secretary

JBK:YO

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HERBERT ASKWITH, Director

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cong. Tifereth Israel,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

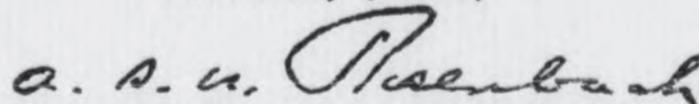
Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Chancellor of the Hebrew University, is enroute to the United States, to hold a series of conferences with the American members of the Board of Governors of the University. He will arrive in New York on May 2, and will leave again for Palestine on May 26th.

The only public function scheduled for him in New York will be a reception to be held on Tuesday evening, May 15. The place has not yet been decided on, but we have made arrangements for his address to be broadcast over the National Broadcasting Company's blue network. The time will be from 10:30 to 11 P. M. over the National Broadcasting Company station in your city.

We should deeply appreciate it if you could cooperate with us in giving publicity to this item, both through the newspapers and through your pulpit and other communal organizations in the city. Dr. Magnes will not be able to make a tour of the country, and it will therefore be the only opportunity for most of his friends and admirers to hear what he has to say about the developments of the Hebrew University during these last difficult years.

April also marks the ninth anniversary of the Hebrew University, and if you could assist in calling attention to it through an address which you might make from your pulpit or before other communal organizations, it would assist us greatly in concentrating opinion on what the University is doing.

Sincerely yours,



A. S. W. Rosenbach,  
President.

ASWR:KM

P. S. We should be glad to send you literature describing the University's recent programs, on request.

*Irwin Greene*  
*Attorney and Counsellor at Law*  
*1511 Guarantee Title Building*  
*Cleveland, Ohio*

April 22, 1936

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

In re: Hebrew University Committee

My dear Rabbi:

With the thought in mind that it is your desire to keep posted on the activities of the various committees, permit me to submit to you the following:

The committee met in your office and decided with your advice and approval, to have an Advisory Committee consisting of prominent citizens of Cleveland and also increase the Active Committee.

Subsequently at your request I had a conference with you at your office and at the conclusion of same, you asked me to request of the American Friends of the Hebrew University a supply of pamphlets, etc. In response to our urgent call of February 14th, the necessary literature was forwarded.

About March 3rd I received a letter from you requesting me to send out a number of letters to members who might be interested to serve on the Active Committee. This I forthwith complied with. At the same time, you suggested we hold the matter of the Advisory Committee in abeyance until I hear from you further.

It is not my purpose to hurry you into taking action which you feel should not be done at this time. I am prompted to write this note solely because I have in mind the obligation which we assumed, namely, the scholarship fund of \$500 and also the keen interest of some members of the committee in this work which I fear will be diminished if the committee remain dormant.

If it is your desire to abandon the plan of an Advisory Committee, then I suggest and urge that you also abandon the idea of increasing the number of the Active Committee, as I believe a small committee will do most effective work.

Believing as I do that the cause we have dedicated our services to is noble and the financial need very great, please let me know how I can be of further service.

Sincerely yours

*Irwin Greene*

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May, 1, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
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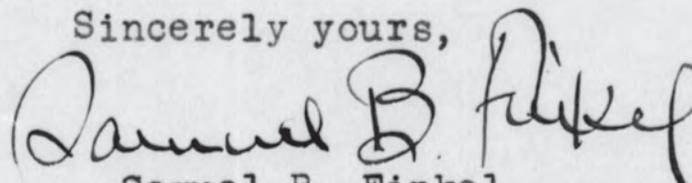
Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are sending you under separate cover the latest news bulletin received from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

It represents a departure in form and content, and is unusually complete, being in fact a reference book for much data on the University, as well as reporting current news and progress, and projected activities.

We believe you will find it both interesting and useful.

Sincerely yours,

  
Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

SBF:GG

CHARLES F. THWING  
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
CLEVELAND

2 December, 1936

My dear Silver:

I sent a card the other day,  
acknowledging your gracious invitation to  
become a member of the committee on the Hebrew  
University at Jerusalem. But a fuller reading  
of the pamphlet which you also were so good as  
to let me have proves to me that I wish to  
make a more full acknowledgment, although none  
the less hearty, for the privilege you offer  
to me. But in accepting the privilege, I  
trust that you are aware that I am a most un-  
satisfactory doer of many duties. But if you  
are willing to accept me for what I can do, I

shall be glad and grateful for this cooperation  
with you.

Believe me,

Ever yours,

*Charles J. Thuring*



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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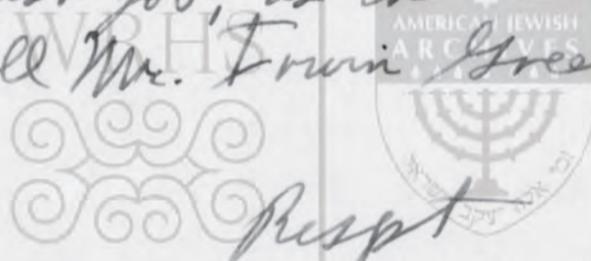
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Dr. Silver:

Enclosed find Proof of Committee to go on  
Last Page of Hebrew University Folder.

Please check and if O.K. call and I will go  
ahead and finish job, as the other 2 pages are already  
Printed or call Mr. Truman Greene and he will let  
me know.



Saul B. Gale

Main 7770

December 10, 1936

Dr. Charles F. Thwing,  
11109 Bellflower Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Thwing:

Let me thank you for your kind acceptance of my invitation to be a member of the Cleveland Committee of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Of course I shall not call on you for any work in connection with the tasks of the Committee. Your name will itself be of great value to our group.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

CHARLES F. THWING  
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
CLEVELAND

21 December, 1936

My dear Silver:

Thank you for the matter which you  
send me about our Hebrew University. I rejoice  
in the progress which you are making. With  
the leadership which you are giving it  
prosperity is sure to attend.

Believe me, with much regard,

Ever yours,

C. F. T.

Rabbi A. H. Silver

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January 22, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Some time during March, we shall have the pleasure and honor of welcoming as our guests two distinguished representatives of the Hebrew University, -- Dr. Hugo Bergmann, the Rector of the University, and Mr. Salmann Schocken, Chairman of the Executive Council of the University and its Honorary Treasurer. Their visit will receive wide recognition.

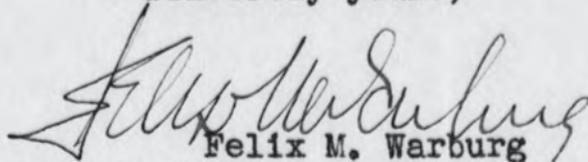
Dr. Bergmann is the head of the academic administration of the University and is famed for his scholarship in philosophy and mathematics. He was decorated for great heroism and courage displayed as a soldier during the World War, and has served many Jewish causes ably.

Mr. Schocken is the administrative head of the University. He was for years one of Germany's leading merchants, and is an international figure in Jewish philanthropic and cultural circles.

I am anxious to extend to our visitors as representative a welcome as possible, and for this reason would like to have you, as an important member of your community, serve on the Reception Committee with me. Your joining the Committee commits you to no obligation.

I earnestly hope that I will have your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

  
Felix M. Warburg  
Honorary Chairman, Reception Committee

FMW:FG

January 25, 1937

Mr. Felix M. Warburg, Honorary Chairman,  
American Friends of the Hebrew University,  
10 East 40th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Warburg:

Let me thank you for your  
letter of January 22. I shall be very  
pleased to serve on the Reception Committee  
to welcome Dr. Hugo Bergmann and Mr. Salmann  
Schocken.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

*Warburg*

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SAMUEL B. FINKEL, Director

January 26, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Warburg is pleased to learn that you will  
serve with him on the Reception Committee for Dr. Bergmann  
and Mr. Schocken.

Permit me to thank you, in behalf of Mr. Warburg,  
and of the American Friends, for your kind acceptance of his  
invitation.

As soon as our plans for receiving Dr. Bergmann  
and Mr. Schocken are more definitely formulated, I shall write  
you further.

Believe me to be,

Very sincerely,



A. S. W. Rosenbach  
President

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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March 5, 1937

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I am sincerely appreciative of your kind letter of  
the 4th.

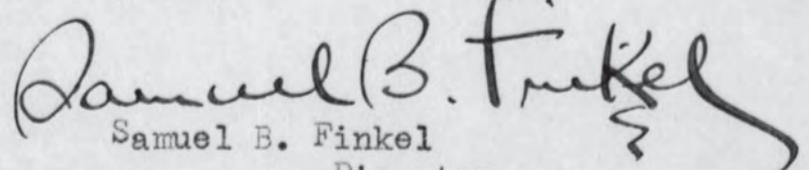
Your letter makes it clear that it would not be advisable  
for Dr. Bergmann to visit Cleveland during the time I suggested.  
Since I am most anxious for him to come to Cleveland, I shall endeavor  
to arrange for him to come at the time you mention. Of the two  
dates you have suggested, April 4th or 5th, Sunday evening April 4th  
is preferable.

If you can set Sunday, April 4th as a definite date, I  
should like to endeavor to conclude arrangements with Buffalo for  
Dr. Bergmann's appearance there possibly on the 6th.

Therefore, it would be very helpful if you would be good  
enough to wire me on Monday to let me know whether April 4th can be  
set definitely for Cleveland for Dr. Bergmann's visit.

With warmest thanks for your cooperation, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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P.S. I note what you say about preferring us to initiate arrangements  
for Dr. Bergmann's appearance at Western Reserve University  
and shall do so as soon as I hear from you.

*Irwin Greene*  
*Attorney and Counsellor at Law*  
*1511 Guarantee Title Building*  
*Cleveland, Ohio*

April 5th 1937

Dr A. H. Silver,  
City.

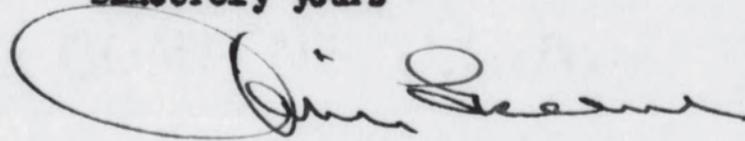
My Dear Dr Silver:

The enclosed is a clipping of this morning Plain Dealer regarding the banquet in honor of Dr. Bergmann. While the picture does not do you justice yet considering the means and methods the photographers use I consider the picture, as a whole, a fairly good one.

Please advise what disposition I should make of the check received from Mr Gottfried, which is made payable to the Hebrew University. (\$25.)

I have forwarded to Mr Finkel all newspaper clipping found in my file pertaining to the Bergmann dinner. *(to date)*

Sincerely yours



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April 8, 1937

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In Mr. Finkel's absence I want to acknowledge receipt of the clippings on the Cleveland meeting which you so kindly sent. I know Dr. Bergmann and Mr. Finkel will be ~~most~~ interested in seeing them, and will be most appreciative of your thoughtfulness in sending them on.

Very truly yours,

*Phyllis Grossberg*  
Secretary to Mr. Finkel

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April 12, 1937

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

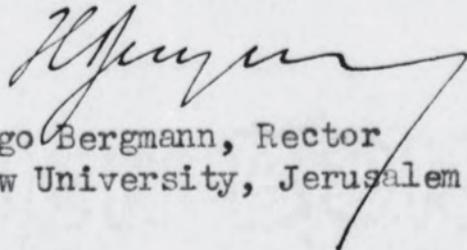
Dear Rabbi:

I can't begin to tell you how grateful I feel to you for your very kind hospitality to me while in your city. Your community was most kind and I want you to know how grateful I feel to Cleveland and to you personally.

Since my return to New York, I have written to Jerusalem and told them of the interest in Hebrew University in Cleveland and I took the liberty of saying that I was sure that this interest was due in a very large measure to your leadership.

Please remember me to Mrs. Silver and thank her for the lovely luncheon she was kind enough to arrange for me.

Very friendly yours,

  
Hugo Bergmann, Rector  
Hebrew University, Jerusalem

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June 3, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

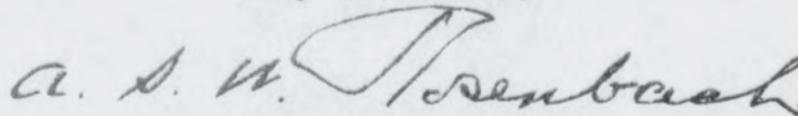
The sixtieth birthday of Dr. Judah L. Magnes,  
President of Hebrew University, occurs on July 5th.

Some of us who are close to Dr. Magnes and who  
are desirous of paying him a special tribute on this oc-  
casion, have decided to prepare an album of letters from  
both his personal friends and persons who hold important  
academic positions in this country who are familiar with  
Dr. Magnes' accomplishments.

I am writing to ask you (if, of course, you feel  
so disposed) to address your birthday greeting and message  
to Dr. Magnes in care of this office. This album should  
be sent to Dr. Magnes no later than June 16th to reach him  
on his birthday.

Believe me to be,

Very sincerely,



A. S. W. Rosenbach  
President

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PLEASE REFER TO DR ROSENBACHS LETTER TO YOU JUNE THIRD  
WE ARE VERY ANXIOUS HAVE MESSAGE FROM YOU INCLUDED  
IN ALBUM FOR DR MAGNES STOP IF SENT AIR MAIL SPECIAL  
TODAY IT WILL STILL BE IN TIME KIND REGARDS=

:SAMUEL B FINKEL.

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June 17, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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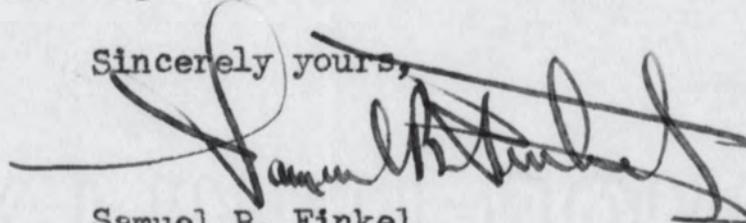
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter of May 25th to you from Hebrew University, Jerusalem, regarding the Cleveland Zionist Society Scholarship.

We would appreciate a copy of your reply to the University for our files so that we may complete our records regarding this scholarship.

With very kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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*dividing Scholarship*

June 22, 1937

Mr. Samuel B. Finkel, Director,  
American Friends of the Hebrew University,  
10 East 40th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Finkel:

As per your request of June 17, I am  
enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which  
Rabbi Silver sent to Mr. M. Ben-David, Assistant  
Registrar of the Hebrew University in Palestine.

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Very sincerely yours,



Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

BJK  
Enc.

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February 9, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We shall have two distinguished visitors coming to this country in the course of the next few months.

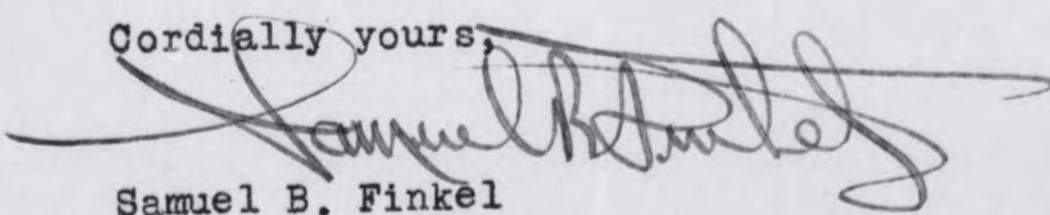
1. Professor Gerhard Scholem, who as you know is one of the world's leading authorities on Kabbala and a member of the faculty of Hebrew University, is coming to America on February 21st, to deliver a course of six lectures at the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, regarding Jewish Mysticism; Abraham Abulafia and the school of prophetic Kabbala; the Zohar and the school of theosophical Kabbala; Isaac Luria and his school; Sabbatianism; and Hassidism.

2. Mr. Edwin Samuel, son of Viscount Herbert Samuel, and Assistant Commission of Immigration in Palestine, who has lived in Palestine for the last seventeen years, will spend the entire month of May in America. He is coming here exclusively for the purpose of enlisting interest for Hebrew University.

If you feel that you can use either of these two men, or both of them, in Cleveland, please advise me and I shall plan accordingly.

With very kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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P.S. Under separate cover, you will receive a copy of the initial issue of our News Bulletin, subsequent issues of which will be sent to you periodically.

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February 14, 1937

Mr. Samuel B. Finkel, Director,  
American Friends of the Hebrew University,  
10 East 40th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Finkel:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 9. Dr. Wise had already written to me about Professor Gerhard Scholem. I replied that we would be delighted to welcome him to Cleveland for lectures on two consecutive evenings. I would arrange a Seminar. Because of Purim, our March program is pretty crowded. We would be free to have him come to us on Wednesday, March 30 and on Thursday, March 31.

I am delighted to know that Mr. Edwin Samuel is coming to this country in May. Of course we are eager to have him in Cleveland and we will arrange a dinner for him similar to the one we arranged for Dr. Bergmann of the Hebrew University. Please let me know the dates available.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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June 1, 1938

Secretary to Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

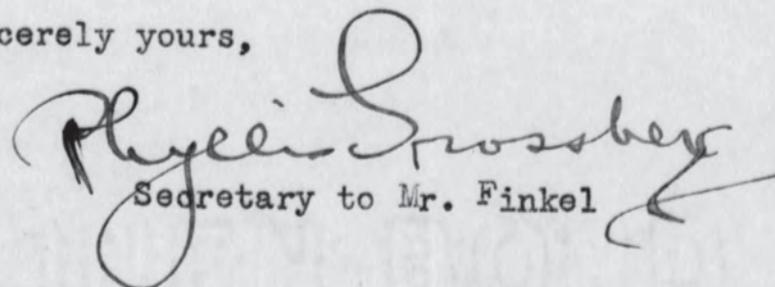
Dear Madam:

Will you be good enough to get in touch with  
the photographer who took the picture of the banquet for  
Dr. Bergmann last year, and have him send us three prints of  
it and send the bill with them.

Mr. Finkel admired the picture which he saw at  
The Temple office when he was there several weeks ago, and would  
like to have copies here.

With thanks for your kindness in taking care  
of this matter for us, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary to Mr. Finkel

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Rabbi A. H. Silver  
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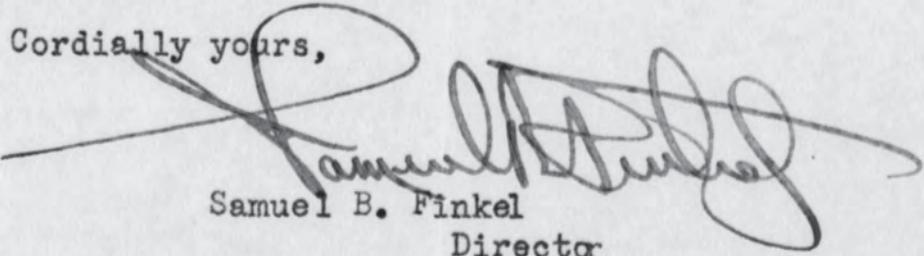
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Samuel sailed yesterday, and this is my first opportunity to write to you to express Mr. Samuel's and my own deep appreciation for Mrs. Silver's and your personal hospitality, and for the fine meeting which you arranged for Mr. Samuel.

I am sure you will be glad to know that the results of our two weeks' tour through the country were most enheartening from every point of view.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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June 3, 1938

Miss Phyllis Grossberg  
Secretary to Mr. Samuel B. Finkel  
American Friends of the Hebrew University  
10 East 40th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Grossberg:

I was in touch with the John R. Murphy Co., the photographers who took the picture which Mr. Finkel saw and admired in our office. They are making up three prints and will send them on to you. I requested them to bill you as you indicated in your letter.

If you do not receive the prints in the next week or ten days, please let me know and I shall get in touch with them again.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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June 23, 1938

Miss Bessie Kline  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

This is to tell you that the pictures  
of the banquet for Dr. Bergmann came yesterday and are  
very nice indeed. Thank you very much for your kindness  
in ordering them for us.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Phyllis Grossberg*  
Secretary to Mr. Finkel

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