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# THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY

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INCORPORATED APRIL 29, 1899



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JANUARY NINE, 1920

RABBI ABBA H. SILVER  
C/o THE TEMPLE  
55th & CENTRAL AVENUE  
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

My dear Mr. Silver:-

The Jewish Chautauqua Society has just concluded its Twenty Eighth Assembly in Baltimore, which was conceded to be the most successful in its history. We are desirous of repeating its success, and would like to hold the 1920 Assembly in Cleveland, December 24th to 29th.

I am writing to Rabbi Wolsey regarding this and shall appreciate you two conferring with each other relative to it. I will then come to Cleveland and discuss matters with you and the committee consisting of the presidents of the congregations, and organizations.

I prefer coming between the first and fifteenth of February, so as to be able to present the matter to the Board of the Jewish Chautauqua Society at their February meeting.

With greetings, and awaiting your reply,

I am

Cordially yours,

*Jeannette Miriam Goldberg*  
SECRETARY



RABBI WILLIAM ROSENAU  
1515 EUTAW PLACE  
BALTIMORE, MD.

January 29th, 1920.

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PERSONAL and IMPORTANT.

Dear Colleague:-

I am writing to you to-day on a matter in which I know you will be interested. Dr. Berkowitz has, as you are aware, made the Jewish Chautauqua Society and its various activities his life work. No one can deny that the organization has served a most valuable purpose.

He is often called the most beloved man in the Rabbinate. Let us endeavor to make good our profession by service.

The Jewish Chautauqua Society has been greatly hampered in expansion because of lack of funds. At the present time, in addition to the twelve Universities which have already been supplied with lectureships in their Summer Courses, applications are coming in from other institutions of learning that the Society give them the same opportunity which certain colleges have already enjoyed. We are now considering twenty two institutions to which to send lecturers during the coming summer. I should not be at all surprised that this number would be increased during the next month.

No feature of Chautauqua work has benefitted American Jewry at large more than has this activity to which I have just referred. I have no axe to grind. Whatever I do is done unselfishly and is prompted by my friendship for the man all of us admire.

May I not ask you to cooperate with me in getting from your constituents and Jewish community, annual subscriptions so that Dr. Berkowitz's work may not only grow as it deserves, but endure, as is necessary, for the well being of Israel and, if I may add, as a testimonial to Dr. Berkowitz's ideals and genius.



Should you, as I know you will, cooperate with me, the office in Philadelphia will draw up a letter such as you may send us, forward manifold copies to you for your signature, to be mailed by you, and ask prospective subscribers to remit to you. You may send the list of names of contributors, with their contributions indicated, to this office.

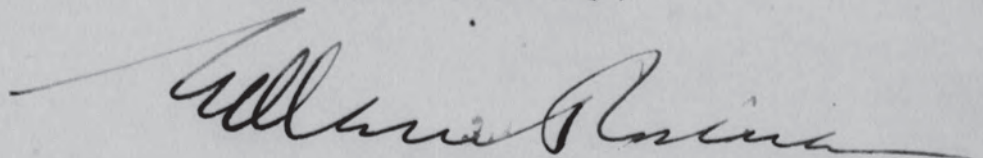
Let me hear from you with regard to the matter. If you are ready to help in this work, I will ask that you kindly give this your immediate attention. Whatever funds are to be raised must be gotten by the first of April, so that the Society may be able to meet its new contracts which the expansion of the organization involves.

Dr. Berkowitz will be out of town from February 1st to April 1st, and when he returns, I should like to be in a position to inform him that the increased support and the removal of the institution's embarrassment, to which the Society has been subjected, are a tribute conferred upon him by his colleagues in the Rabbinate.

Awaiting your favorable and immediate reply, and thanking you in advance,

I am, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William Rabinowitz", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.



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October 20, 1920.

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29TH ASSEMBLY, CLEVELAND, OHIO

HEADQUARTERS: HOTEL STATLER

• DECEMBER 26 TO 30, 1920

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o Temple, E. 55th St.,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Mr. Silver:

I am in receipt of a letter from Rabbi Wolsey wherein he tells me that you understood the contributions you were to solicit from the members of your Congregation were for the entertainment of the Chautauqua delegates. I cannot quite understand this, because under date of January 29th, Dr. Rosenau wrote you a letter a copy of which I am enclosing. In this letter you will note that it states the money that was being solicited was for general expansion of work. You signified your willingness to cooperate, and we sent you in March the stationery and envelopes for your letters. We had not heard from you in reply to this literature, although we have sent several letters asking if you had received it. You will no doubt recall that at my conference with you and Dr. Wolsey, I stated that Baltimore Assembly had cost \$1200. and you stated that it would be an easy matter to raise that sum. I sincerely trust that I have made myself quite clear and that you now thoroughly understand.

Be assured of our warm appreciation of any and all of your efforts.

With greetings and looking forward to seeing you when I am in Cleveland on November 1st, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Jeannette Miriam Goldberg* Secretary



Written  at Cleveland

Hotels

BUFFALO - 450 Rooms, 450 Baths  
DETROIT - 1000 Rooms, 1000 Baths



CLEVELAND  
1000 ROOMS, 1000 BATHS

Statler

ST. LOUIS - 650 Rooms, 650 Baths  
NEW YORK - Hotel Pennsylvania

Nov 2nd, 1920.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th St. & Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Mr. Silver:-

Your letter of the 27th forwarded to me here and I am sorry that I did not make myself clearer to you. The letter that you were to send us for mimeographing, was finally decided, judging from Rabbi Wolsey's correspondence not to be sent, but rather we should send you stationery, and you were to draft your own letters. We did this. He sent out his letter last Spring. I am sorry that you did not receive the letters of follow-up which we sent you. True, I did not mention your campaign for Chautauqua because there was not the slightest doubt in my mind that you thoroughly understood it, until now with this correspondence. Why should we have stationery printed in Philadelphia for you to solicit for private entertainment in your own community? That is always undertaken, as you well know, by any convention with the local people. Whereas, we ask you to solicit funds for the expansion of our work. We felt, that that should be paid for with stationery and postage by us.

I heartily concur with you that it would be entirely out of order and impossible, to issue a letter twice, one for Entertainment for an organization who will meet in your community, and another, for funds for that self-same organization. As long as you have misunderstood it, I further share your belief that you can do nothing regarding this campaign fund until later in the year, but we do hope that after we have been here and demonstrated our every reason for existence, you will then issue a letter in February or March to your constituency asking that they contribute to the cause. I regret exceedingly you were out of the city yesterday.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



November 8th, 1920

Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg,  
Jewish Chautauqua Society,  
Philadelph, Pa.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

I received your letter of recent date and I understand the situation fully. I would appreciate it very much if you will let me know as soon as possible the names of the speakers whom you have invited for the Chautauqua meeting, and the dates they are to speak. I am anxious to invite one or two of them to occupy my pulpit either on Sunday morning or Friday evening.

Thanking you in advance, I beg  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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DECEMBER 26 TO 30, 1920

December 9, 1920.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
55th Street & Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver:-

The closing session of the Chautauqua will be Thursday noon, December 30th. The Program Committee extends you an invitation to give an address at the close of what we believe the most remarkable Assembly that we have yet held.

We are extending a similar invitation to Rabbi Wolsey and it is our earnest desire and hope that you and he will favor us with your acceptance.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Jeannette Miriam Goldberg*  
Secretary.

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December 13th, 1928

Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg,  
Jewish Chautauqua Society,  
Stephen Girard Building,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

I have just received your  
letter of December 8th, inviting me to  
address the closing session of the Chau-  
taqua on Thursday, December 30th.

I suppose I shall have to  
accept your invitation, although I was  
in hopes that the local Rabbis would es-  
cape at this time.

Looking forward to your  
coming to Cleveland, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg,  
Jewish Chautauque Society, do you not, that we cannot in  
1305 Stephen Girard Building,  
12th Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

Replying to your letter of the twentieth -  
I regret to say that it has not made things quite  
clear to me, so that I thoroughly understand. I do not  
recall that Dr. Rosenau wrote to me on January 29th  
with regard to soliciting funds for the Jewish Chau-  
tauque Society. You say that I signified my willingness  
to co-operate. I may have, but I have nowhere on record  
a copy of any statement to that effect.

Judging from Dr. Rosenau's letter, I was to  
have sent you a letter which you were to mimeograph for  
me. I recollect having sent you no such letter, nor  
ever having received any mimeograph copies of any letter.  
I did receive some 75 or 100 self-addressed envelopes,  
which I assumed were to be used in the solicitation of  
contributions for your convention.

You say you sent several letters to me  
asking if I had received it. I recall no such letters.  
I furthermore recall that in your conversation with me,  
you made no mention of this proposed campaign for the  
Chautauque, nor does your letter of February 16th make  
any mention of it. I was, therefore, completely sur-  
prised when Rabbi Welsey told me we were expected to  
launch two campaigns, one for the Society, and one for  
Twelve or fifteen hundred dollars which we promised you  
for the Convention.

You realize, do you not, that we cannot in



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the next two months send out letters twice, asking for two distinct contributions for what must appear as the same cause. I am contemplating asking for contributions for your Convention within the next week or two.

As far as the general fund of the Chautauqua Society is concerned, I shall be compelled to let it go until some time next year. I am sorry if any misunderstanding has occurred.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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Dec. 16th, 1920

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

My dear Mr. Silver:-

Yours of the 13th received and we certainly appreciate your acceptance; indeed, we had no intention of omitting your local Rabbis, but we wanted to save the best for the last.

I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to coming to Cleveland.

The work has been tremendous but the result justified it, for I am bringing the largest Convention ever held.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Jeannette Miriam Goldberg*  
Secretary.



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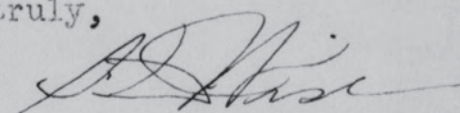
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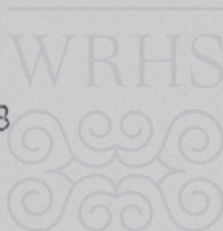
Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The enclosed check for \$105.00 to be used  
toward defraying the expense of entertaining delegates  
to the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Yours very truly,

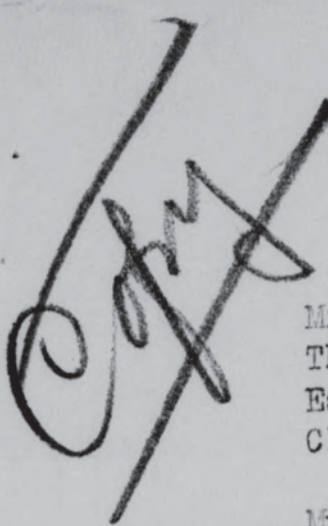


December 18  
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December twenty-eighth  
1920



Mr. Samuel Wise,  
The Arco Company,  
East 65th & Euclid,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wise,

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your check for \$105.00. I take it that the \$5.00 goes to the Chautauqua fund and \$100.00 to me. I want to thank you very much for your contribution.

Trusting that you and your family are well, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA  
SOCIETY

*Report*  
*of*  
*Activities*  
1920



*STOP! LOOK!*  
*READ!*



## *What Is the Jewish Chautauqua Society?*

A popular, educational movement for the spread of knowledge concerning Jews and Judaism.

## *How Long Has It Been in Existence?*

Thirty years.

## *Where Has It Operated?*

In organized and unorganized communities of every State in the Union.

## *What Has Been Its Work?*

(a) The establishment and direction of study circles on subjects relating to the Jews and Judaism.

(b) Religious and educational supervision of the South Jersey Colonies for Farmers.

(c) A Correspondence School for the training of Religious School teachers.

(d) The publication of text-books with regard to methods of instruction.

(e) Twenty-eight Assemblies offering, in addition to a Teachers' Institute, a general program for the popularization of Jewish education.

(f) The establishment of University lectureships. During the summer of 1920 the Chautauqua Society's University lecturers were in eighteen colleges. They discussed the Jew and Judaism from every legitimate angle.

## *For Whose Benefit?*

For the benefit of Instructors and the student body responsible for the formation of American public opinion.

During the summer of 1921 and already during this winter our University work will have to be expanded. There is no end to our opportunity. Requests are steadily coming from colleges that we give them lecturers.



Do you not know the tide of Anti-Semitism that is sweeping the Country? We must not allow the Jew to be regarded the cause of the world's unrest; nor should we permit the impression to continue that there is such a thing as the "Jewish Peril." We must point to Jewish Contributions to civilization. *This*, the Jewish Chautauqua Society *has* done and *will* continue to do. It is the only agency working along these lines.

Please scan what has been said of  
our lecturers at different  
Universities:

### *University of Missouri*

"Rabbi Singer's address was very interesting. Permit me to express through you to the Jewish Chautauqua Society the appreciation of the University."

### *University of Washington*

"We are glad to report that Rabbi Samuel Koch has given us two very excellent lectures at the University again this summer. We shall certainly be very glad to have you make arrangements with him to give some lectures again next year."

### *University of North Carolina*

"Rabbi Tedesche proved to be one of the most scholarly and interesting lecturers you have sent us. We were delighted with him. I trust that the Jewish Chautauqua Society is willing to continue the relationship established with our institution several years ago, and that you will send Rabbi Tedesche to us for another series of lectures in 1921."

### *Chautauqua Institution*

"Rabbi Wolsey gave, this morning, the first of his three addresses before an audience which I think would number three thousand. It was an admirable presentation. I cannot conceive of the subject being presented in better form or more effectively. We feel under deep obligations to you for making it possible for him to be at Chautauqua this summer."



### *University of Colorado*

"Dr. Bernstein delivered his two lectures last week according to the schedule and I am pleased to report that we were more than glad to have him with us. The audience for the first lecture was large and for the second lecture we had a capacity audience. We are greatly indebted to you for the privilege of hearing Dr. Bernstein."

### *University of Illinois*

"I wish to report with reference to the lectures of Dr. Horace J. Wolf that they have been very much appreciated by the people of the University. Rabbi Wolf has succeeded in presenting the Jewish point of view to audiences predominantly Gentile in a highly capable manner. I have heard nothing but good reports from his lectures."

### *University of Kentucky*

"I wish hereby to express to you our appreciation of the lectures of Rabbi Louis L. Mann. His work is scholarly and splendidly put before his audiences. I believe that such work as the Jewish Chautauqua Society is thus doing must be of very great service to the Jewish people themselves, and I know that it is of much interest and benefit to all who may have the privilege and pleasure of attending such lectures. Your rabbis are men of such great scholarship that they are certain to command attention. Rabbi Mann has proved himself especially acceptable to us. I hope we may have him with us again some time."

### *University of Michigan*

"The three lectures last week by Dr. William Rosenau were a decided success. The messages upon the general theme 'America and the Jew' were scholarly, inspiring, and were in every instance received with great favor. We shall want to continue our relationship next year."

### *Rutgers College*

"We enjoyed very much the lectures given by Rabbi Solomon Foster. We have had very appreciative responses from students."



### *University of Minnesota*

"I have interviewed several people in regard to Rabbi Cohon's lecture, people who are competent to judge, and I found that they were very much impressed with his talk. Personally, I found it very educative and also was very much pleased to have him bring out the ideals for which the old prophets stood. I wish to thank you for giving us the privilege of having Dr. Cohon speak at the summer session."

### *University of Montana*

"Your lecturer, Rabbi Samuel Koch, was highly satisfactory from every viewpoint and gave some splendid lectures before our summer school students. If we can co-operate with you in any way in the future, please do not hesitate to write us."

### *University of Oklahoma*

"Rabbi Mayer closed his second engagement with us Thursday night. He has made a very strong impression for good upon our community and I can attest to the fact of the good work of his lectures. We shall be more than glad to have a return visit the coming year."

### *University of Louisiana*

"We wish to thank the Jewish Chautauqua Society for its kindness in sending Rabbi Freehof to us."

### *Tulane University*

"Dr. Fineshriber has just completed today the third of his course of lectures and I desire to take advantage of the first opportunity to express to you our sense of obligation. The lectures were all three delivered in a most entertaining and delightful manner and were full of valuable information, and he has during his brief stay made a deep impression upon those who were fortunate enough to hear him. We should be very happy to have Dr. Fineshriber return to us at any time and can assure him a hearty welcome. I desire to repeat to you my thanks, both personally and as representing the Summer School, for your kindness in arranging these lectures."



### *University of Texas*

"Rabbi Rhine's lecture was very highly appreciated and we shall be delighted to have him again. Indeed, we shall be pleased to arrange for a series of three lectures another year running through the entire week."

### *University of Virginia*

"Rabbi Kornfeld aroused a very decided interest in his subject on account of the great ability shown in his lectures."

### *University of Nebraska*

"The series of lectures by Rabbi Louis Bernstein, given in connection with our Summer Session, was very much appreciated. It will be entirely agreeable to continue the co-operation."

### *Syracuse University*

"I am very glad to say that Dr. Frisch's lectures were very interesting and were well received. The attention and interest evinced was more than sufficient to indicate the appreciation felt for the series."



## *Reports of Lecturers*

"I believe that this type of work will do much to acquaint the non-Jew with the position of Judaism. Many of those who heard the lectures were teachers from small villages in Illinois who had absolutely no conception of our theological position; some had never seen a Jew."—*Rabbi Horace J. Wolf.*

"I believe that the Jewish Chautauqua Society has here an opportunity of doing Jewish work of the foremost rank in a field neither pre-empted nor duplicated by any other organization. To think that Judaism has a chance to be fairly heard by the students and educators of America, and to realize the vast opportunities for good emanating from such an enterprise, should fill your Society with a keen sense of joy in service."—*Rabbi Jacob Singer.*



"I feel that the Jewish Chautauqua Society has made a good impression, both upon the student body and upon the University."—*Rabbi Abram B. Rhine.*

"After each of the lectures many people approached me to ask questions and to express their thanks for the address. The Chautauqua lectures do far more good than printed essays or articles on the same subject. At the University of Oklahoma many of the summer students are from the rural districts and have never come into contact with the Rabbi."—*Rabbi Harry H. Mayer.*

"The enthusiasm was splendid. After lecturing a full hour, the whole audience, without exception, stayed another hour asking questions mainly upon the matter discussed and Jewish questions in general."—*Rabbi Louis L. Mann.*

"I believe that the lectures were favorably received and helped further the aim of the Chautauqua—to spread knowledge of Jewish achievements among the general American public."—*Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof.*

"My impression is that the course with the Chautauqua is well worth while and is doing much good."—*Rabbi Solomon Foster.*

"From the conversations which I had with many who attended the lectures and remained to ask questions at the conclusion of each lecture, I should say that much good was being accomplished through these courses."—*Rabbi Louis Bernstein.*

"The attendance at the first lecture was about one thousand; the second lecture had about twelve hundred; and the third lecture was given before an audience of nearly two thousand, which almost filled the amphi-theater. As I think of the interest and enthusiasm, I cannot help but feel that the idea of the Jewish Chautauqua Society effecting an entrance to the platform of the Chautauqua Institution is excellent. I do not believe that, considering the prejudice that is today very much alive and the anti-Semitic propaganda that are making strenuous efforts to convert America these days, the Society is doing enough. There are hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of Chautauquas held throughout the summer



in the various cities and towns in the United States. You have no idea how much the people would like to know something about the Jew. If the Chautauqua Society were to enter upon a campaign of this sort, it would do much toward counteracting the wild statements of Mr. Ford's hired writers."—*Rabbi Louis Wolsey.*

"There is no better way to defeat our enemies in this country than to inform those who are shaping public opinion, in order to bring a better understanding of the muchly misrepresented and misconceived philosophy of the Jew."—*Dr. William Rosenau.*

We feel that we are justified in asking for your continued financial support. Let us assure you that we appreciate your past good will.



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*Jewish Chautauqua Society*

*1305 Stephen Girard Building*

*Philadelphia, Pa.*



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Jan. 3rd  
1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th & Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Mr. Silver:-

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Chautauqua Society wish to express their sincere thanks for your contribution to the program of the Assembly held in Cleveland, also for your splendid spirit of your cooperation and assistance to the Local Committee.

Be assured of our warm appreciation.

With greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

*Jeannette Miriam Goldberg*  
Secretary



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VICE-CHANCELLOR

February 11, 1921.

Dear Colleague and Friend:

Last year when Dr. Berkowitz went to California to take a muchly needed winter vacation, I wrote to you asking you to interest yourself in securing in your Community annual subscribers to The Jewish Chautauqua Society. If you were kind enough then to cooperate with us, I make bold to ask your additional cooperation; if, perchance, for some local reason or other, you were unable to give us your support, I now appeal to you to help the Society in the near future.

It is needless for me to tell you the various purposes of the Jewish Chautauqua Society; but may I not call your attention to the purposes the Society furthered last summer in Nineteen Universities? While the Jew was being attacked by American anti-Semites, we were telling the story of the Jew and his contributions to civilization through our lecturers, to men and women responsible for the formation of public opinion. If the Jewish Chautauqua Society had done nothing else during its almost thirty years of existence, the University work in recent years, and the expansion of that work during the coming summer, for which we are now making active preparation, should have a claim on the general Jewish constituency of America.

Dr. Berkowitz is, as you may know, not in good health. Upon the advice of his physician, he has not been able to do any communal or even Congregational work. With the help of God he hopes to return to his many sided usefulness at the beginning of next September. By that time, I wish to turn over to him the Jewish Chautauqua Society in a financial condition which shall give him no further worriment, and in fact, bespeak the appreciation on the part of the Jews of the Country at large.

We are prepared to write, here in this office, all letters and address envelopes to go out to your constituents with the appeal on behalf of the Jewish Chautauqua Society. Having done this, we will forward the material to you for signature and mailing



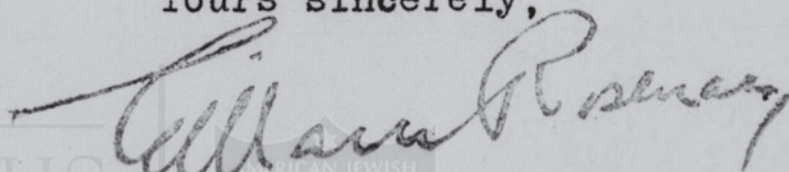
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We need not assure you that the Officers of the Jewish Chautauqua Society will, as much as Dr. Berkowitz, appreciate your ready cooperation.

Perhaps a letter something like the enclosed will answer your particular case. If not, write your own letter, send us the draft of the same, and we shall have it typed in this office for your use locally.

Awaiting your reply in enclosed, self addressed envelopes, I am, with cordial greetings,

Yours sincerely,



Vice-Chancellor

P.S. Please send us your mailing list as soon as possible.



Dear Friend:

For years you have heard of the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

It has done invaluable Jewish educational work in thickly and sparsely settled Jewish communities.

I am not going to specify. You are too busy a person to read details. Let me, however, call attention to a piece of work the Jewish Chautauqua Society is doing now which will meet with your approval and support.

With anti-Semitism rife in America and threatening us with dangers, the Jewish Chautauqua Society is sending lecturers to Universities and Colleges every summer to tell the real story of the Jew and his contributions to civilization to men and women who form public opinion.

Last summer, the Jewish Chautauqua Society served nineteen such institutions of learning. This year it expects to largely increase this number. In fact, appeals have come to the Jewish Chautauqua Society to provide Universities and Colleges with lectures on Jews and Judaism during their winter courses.

Knowledge alone can defeat prejudice. This is an undeniable fact and holds good more particularly with reference to the prejudice against the Jew. Do you desire to aid in the now necessary Jewish missionary work, which does not seek to convert individuals to a faith, but rather to dispense information?

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30TH ASSEMBLY, DALLAS, TEXAS  
HEADQUARTERS: 610 ADOLPHUS HOTEL  
DECEMBER 25 TO 29, 1921

April 28, 1921.

Dear Colleague and Friend:

Under date of February 14, I wrote you asking for your cooperation in securing annual subscriptions to the Jewish Chautauqua Society. In this letter, I outlined the various purposes of the Society particularly the work furthered in nineteen Universities where we were telling the story of the Jew and his contributions to civilization, through our lecturers, to men and women responsible for the formation of public opinion.

As indicated to you, I have guided the affairs of the Chautauqua during Dr. Berkowitz' illness, and I wish to turn over to him the Society in a financial condition which shall give him no further worry, and in fact, bespeak the appreciation on the part of the Jews of the country at large for his work.

Not having heard from you, I feel sure this letter has not reached you, for I would have received some response, even though it might be negative.

Hoping to hear from you that you will lend me your cooperation, I am, with greetings,

Cordially yours,

P.S. We enclose sample letter which we would like for you to send to your constituents. We are prepared to write in this office all letters and address envelopes, and will then forward material to you for signature and mailing.



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HEADQUARTERS: 610 ADOLPHUS HOTEL  
DECEMBER 25 TO 29, 1921

November 22, 1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th & Central,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Friend:

Just a word to remind you that all of us are looking forward with keen interest and keener pleasure to your being with us in Dallas for your Address on Tuesday evening, December 27, and the lesson on "The Priesthood" on Wednesday morning, December 28th.

I know you will be delighted to learn that Dr. Berkowitz will attend, also Doctors Simon, Henry Cohen, Max Heller, Fineshriber, Rosenau and perhaps Martin Meyer.

With kind regards to you and my Cleveland friends, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Jeannette Miriam Goldberg*  
Secretary



November 29th, 1921.

Miss Miriam Jeanette Goldberg,  
Jewish Chautauqua Society,  
1305 Stephen Girard Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

This letter I know will be very disappointing to you. It is equally disappointing for me to be compelled to write it, but really I cannot possibly see my way clear to attend your convention in Dallas. I cannot for the life of me see how I can come.

You are having your convention during the Chanukah week. I have three weddings scheduled for that week, a Chanukah entertainment of our Religious School children, another of the Women's Association and another of the Alumni Association. If I go to Dallas, it would mean that I would have to spend the entire week coming and going. I did not know, when I volunteered my services to you that you would hold your convention so far south.

Incidentally I might say that the Jewish Religious Education Association is holding its Biennial at Canton just that week. I am quite sure that you can get some of the prominent Rabbis of the South to assist you. I will be with you without fail next year if you hold it somewhere in the north.

Hoping that you will forgive any embarrassment to which I may have put you and trusting that you are well, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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September 7, 1923

32ND ASSEMBLY, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
HEADQUARTERS: THE WASHINGTON HOTEL  
DECEMBER 23 TO 27, 1923

My dear friend:

The Jewish Chautauqua Society will hold its Thirty-second Assembly in Washington, D. C., December 23 to 27, 1923.

During this session we will have Illustrative Lessons from Primary to Confirmation; also hold an Institute for Teachers to discuss general Sabbath School Problems and the Practical Methods of Pedagogy as applied to Religious Education. A Round Table Discussion for Sabbath School Teachers will be participated in by active Superintendents and Teachers. We will also hold group conferences in each grade of Sabbath School Work. A specialist will be in charge of each conference.

We are especially anxious to have your Sabbath School represented. We have written to your Rabbi and Secretary of your Congregation and will ask that you please present this letter at your next Board meeting and urge their sending a representative from your school. Needless to assure you that your Congregation will be more than compensated for the amount expended, as the teacher will gain a new impetus in the work through the newly acquired methods and enthusiasm derived from the contact and participation at the sessions.

I shall be pleased to give you information regarding all Hotel and Railroad rates, and also make Hotel reservations for your delegates. Please advise me of the action taken by your Board, and oblige

Cordially yours,

*Jeannette Miriam Goldberg*

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(Excerpt from address delivered by Dr. Henry Berkowitz at the  
Annual Meeting, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Oct. 16, 1923.)

February 14, 1924

My dear Friend:

Dr. Henry Berkowitz died February 7, 1924. He was one of the outstanding figures in the Rabbinate and Founder of the Jewish Chautauqua Society. On the day of his funeral, the Board of Directors of the Jewish Chautauqua Society resolved, in special session, to create a Henry Berkowitz Memorial Fund of \$300,000.00. A national campaign is to be launched to prove American Jewry's appreciation of his work.

We hope you will allow us to use your name as a member of the National Campaign Committee. We need the moral influence of your name. Kindly wire us your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

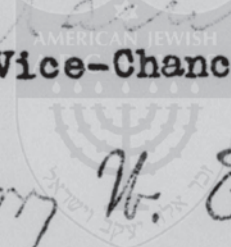
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and Adolph Newman



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We want the fund completed by March 18, which would have been the 68th anniversary of Dr. Berkowitz' birth. Kindly act at once. May we not hear by return mail of your willingness and readiness to give immediate cooperation. Thanking you in advance for your good offices in this matter, we remain

Sincerely yours,

   
*William Rosner*  
Vice-Chancellor

*Harry W. Ettelson*

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*Rosie R. Mann*

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February 14, 1924

Dear Friend:

You have heard the sad news of the death of Dr. Henry Berkowitz. His services to the large Jewish Cause were invaluable. During his life time, he expressed but one hope - to see American Jewry put on a permanent foundation, his creation, the Jewish Chautauqua Society. It is to be regretted that he could not live to behold the fruition of his hope. What could not be done in his life time is now purposed to be undertaken as an eloquent memorial of his activity.

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, at a special meeting held the day of Dr. Berkowitz's funeral, resolved to launch a national campaign for \$300,000.00, to be known as the Henry Berkowitz Memorial Fund.

We solicit your hearty cooperation. We know in what high regard you held Dr. Berkowitz. He was the most beloved of all the Rabbis of the Land. Will you not, as an earnest of your abiding affection for Dr. Berkowitz, prepare the way for a local campaign in your community. We will later be prepared to give you all the details and the cooperation of the National Committee, which is being formed.





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Annual Meeting, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Oct. 16, 1923.)

Philadelphia, Pa.,  
February 25, 1924

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
55th & Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver:

Following my letter to you of February 14, I  
have been made Executive Director of the Campaign for  
the Henry Berkowitz Memorial Fund and I am writing to  
ask if we can count on your cooperation in helping us  
get the quota we are assessing Cleveland - \$10,000.00.

You, who know the value and strength of our  
work in Assemblies and more especially of our Univer-  
sity work, can explain how far reaching this is, that  
the Memorial Fund will perpetuate the work as Dr.  
Berkowitz had fervently hoped and prayed for.

I have written a similar letter to Rabbi  
Wolsey. I will be glad to come to Cleveland and do  
all of the detail work, if necessary.

With greetings and hoping to hear from you,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

*Frances Minnie Goldberg*  
Executive Director  
Memorial Fund Campaign



March fourth, 1924

Miss Jeanette Miriam Goldberg,  
Secretary, Jewish Chautauqua Society,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of February twenty-fifth. I regret exceedingly that I shall not be able to help you in your campaign in Cleveland. I shall not take part in another money raising enterprise in our community this year. We have had ten in the last eight months. As you know, we have a tremendous financial burden to carry ourselves in building the New Temple.

You know my high regard for Dr. Berkowitz and my inability to act in this campaign should not be interpreted as an act of unfriendliness, or lack of appreciation of his great service.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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37TH ASSEMBLY, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

DECEMBER 26-30, 1926

OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS  
ROYAL PALACE HOTEL

September 13, 1926

Dear Friend:

It is with much pleasure that I officially announce to you that we will hold the 37th Assembly of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, in Atlantic City, N. J., December 26 to 30, 1926.

During this session, we will hold an Institute for Teachers to discuss General Sabbath School Problems and Methods of Jewish Education applicable today. We will also hold a Popular Conference for Sabbath School teachers, which will be participated in by active Superintendents, Directors and Teachers of Sabbath Schools.

We are anxious to secure representation from the various Sabbath Schools throughout the country to attend this Conference, and we have written a letter to the Secretary of your Congregation, also to the Chairman of your Sabbath School Board, asking them to present our letter to their Board meeting and endeavor to send a representative from your School. I trust that you will cooperate with us, well knowing the value and strength of Sabbath School Teachers coming together, not only from attending a Teachers' Institute, but also for the purpose of obtaining information of vital importance in their respective classes and work.

With greetings and hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Cordially yours,

*Jeannette Miriam Goldberg*  
Secretary



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Feeling confident of your interest in and support of any movement to create better understanding among our non-Jewish brethren concerning the philosophy, history, literature and achievements of Judaism - hoping thereby to destroy misunderstandings, misinformation, prejudice and bigotry

THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY takes extreme pleasure in enclosing the program of its activities for the fiscal year 1938, just ended.

43 speakers were sent by us into 63 of the country's leading educational institutions in 33 States - they gave 125 addresses before audiences totaling 50,000 persons, 90% of whom are non-Jewish. Several of these talks were broadcast - reaching still greater numbers - and in one instance a recording was made of the address to be used before other groups.

We bespeak your friendly support of this work. THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY - standing alone in this field of endeavor - meets all the cost of these lectureships. Certainly, at no time was this definite type of work more urgently and vitally needed. We would like to be able to state that our 1939 program carried us into all of the 48 States and into Canada.

May we count on your personal endorsement of this work in your community, and will you not interest some friends to become supporters?

Most sincerely yours

THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY

*Gilbert F. Schamberg*  
Executive Secretary

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Cincinnati 2, Ohio



May 11, 1944

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of April 25th which I have just found awaiting me on my return to Cincinnati after an absence of almost three weeks.

Thank you very much for the information that you and Rabbi Freehof feel that the brief schedule of the Conference next month will not permit available time for the JCS program which had been suggested. Naturally, we regret this, but we can understand the predicament due to the eliminating of one or two days from the usual schedule.

In view of the fact that you did not make any mention about conflicting pre-Conference meetings, our Executive Board has decided to extend an invitation to the members of the Conference to be the guests of the Jewish Chautauqua Society for dinner at the Netherland Plaza on Thursday evening, June 22nd, the night before the Conference opens. Very shortly we will send out a formal invitation to all of the Rabbis to be with us if they are able to arrange their schedules to arrive in Cincinnati the night before. Naturally, we hope that when you receive your invitation, that it will be possible for you to answer in the affirmative that you, too, will be able to be our guest.

Reciprocating your good wishes and with personal regards, I am

Cordially,

ALR:SS



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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: ARTHUR L. REINHART

November 6, 1945

Dr. Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

I have just received information that the Central Conference of American Rabbis will hold its annual meeting in Atlantic City beginning on June 25th. Accordingly, I am dropping you this note to keep you posted that the Jewish Chautauqua Society in line with the very successful event held in Cincinnati two years ago on the evening prior to the opening of the Conference, will schedule a Seminar on the evening of June 24th, the night before the opening of the CCAR sessions.

The purpose of this Seminar will be to have the various speakers exchange ideas as to the best way of furthering this college program. The Jewish Chautauqua Society will act as host at a dinner to all the members who attend. Invitations will be sent to the membership of the CCAR.

As a result of the initial effort in this direction, the Rabbis themselves thought that the plan was sufficiently valuable to be carried on in a similar fashion at future Conferences. We had an exceedingly large attendance in Cincinnati and I daresay as a result of the satisfaction derived, will have even a greater acceptance to our dinner invitation in connection with the forthcoming meeting on the night of June 24th.

I trust that it will be possible for you to attend the gathering.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially,

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May 2, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

We were delighted to receive from our National Board member, Jerry Newman, your membership in the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

The enclosed membership card serves as our formal acknowledgment. However, I wanted to add a word of personal thanks for the lift we have received in having such a distinguished person as you on our membership rolls.

I hope that before long I will have the privilege of meeting with your brotherhood, and get to know your local leaders better, in order to help stimulate their further activity in behalf of the causes in which we are mutually interested.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Sylvan*  
Sylvan Lebow  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Jerry Newman



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RABBI WILLIAM ROSENAU  
1515 EUTAW PLACE  
BALTIMORE, MD.

January 29th, 1920.

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PERSONAL and IMPORTANT.

Dear Colleague:-

I am writing to you to-day on a matter in which I know you will be interested. Dr. Berkowitz has, as you are aware, made the Jewish Chautauqua Society and its various activities his life work. No one can deny that the organization has served a most valuable purpose.

He is often called the most beloved man in the Rabbinate. Let us endeavor to make good our profession by service.

The Jewish Chautauqua Society has been greatly hampered in expansion because of lack of funds. At the present time, in addition to the twelve Universities which have already been supplied with lectureships in their Summer Courses, applications are coming in from other institutions of learning that the Society give them the same opportunity which certain colleges have already enjoyed. We are now considering twenty two institutions to which to send lecturers during the coming summer. I should not be at all surprised that this number would be increased during the next month.

No feature of Chautauqua work has benefitted American Jewry at large more than has this activity to which I have just referred. I have no axe to grind. Whatever I do is done unselfishly and is prompted by my friendship for the man all of us admire.

May I not ask you to cooperate with me in getting from your constituents and Jewish community, annual subscriptions so that Dr. Berkowitz's work may not only grow as it deserves, but endure, as is necessary, for the well being of Israel and, if I may add, as a testimonial to Dr. Berkowitz's ideals and genius.



Should you, as I know you will, cooperate with me, the office in Philadelphia will draw up a letter such as you may send us, forward manifold copies to you for your signature, to be mailed by you, and ask prospective subscribers to remit to you. You may send the list of names of contributors, with their contributions indicated, to this office.

Let me hear from you with regard to the matter. If you are ready to help in this work, I will ask that you kindly give this your immediate attention. Whatever funds are to be raised must be gotten by the first of April, so that the Society may be able to meet its new contracts which the expansion of the organization involves.

Dr. Berkowitz will be out of town from February 1st to April 1st, and when he returns, I should like to be in a position to inform him that the increased support and the removal of the institution's embarrassment, to which the Society has been subjected, are a tribute conferred upon him by his colleagues in the Rabbinate.

Awaiting your favorable and immediate reply, and thanking you in advance,

I am, as ever,

Yours sincerely,