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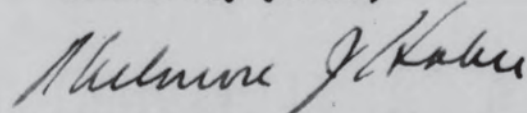
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NEXT THURSDAY EVENING

To the Executive Committee:

Our Executive Committee has not met for a number of weeks and there are several matters which require our attention, including the cooperation of our Jewish groups in the war-aid program, national Jewish developments of importance, our participation in the city-wide program to overcome discrimination in war industries, a constitutional amendment proposed by our last Nominating Committee, membership, public relations activities, and others.

We will need the attendance and participation of every member of the Executive Committee in the consideration of these items, and I hope that we can count upon your attendance at the meeting which we are setting for next Thursday evening, June 18, at 8:15 p.m. sharp at The Temple (Room 10 - Ansel Road entrance).

Sincerely yours,



Philmore J Haber
President

June 11, 1942

June 17, 1943

Mr. A. L. Sudran, Acting Secretary
Jewish Community Council
Chester-Twelfth Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Sudran:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Conference, I received the enclosed letter from the Public Relations Department of the Conference. I am sending it on to you along with the material which accompanied it with the suggestion that you issue that statement to the local press as requested for publication on Monday, June 21. You may wish to recast it to meet local conditions. I believe that the information given on page 3 may well be omitted and in its place you may wish to add the names of the delegates who were chosen at our election last Sunday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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IMPORTANT MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 29

To the Representatives:

The Jewish Community Council will meet Monday evening, June 29, at 8:15 p.m., at the new B'nai B'rith House - 11905 Superior Ave.

Several weeks have passed since the Council last met, and a number of important matters require consideration and action, including the cooperation of our groups in the nation's war effort, assistance to the new Metropolitan Council on Fair Employment Practice in overcoming discrimination in industry, national and local developments in dealing with the latest Nazi-inspired anti-Semitism, the activities of the Council's various committees, the proposed constitutional amendment recommended by our Executive Committee (listed below), new membership applications, several projects to build better inter-faith unity in Cleveland, etc.

Will you please put the date on your calendar now and be sure to attend?

Sincerely yours,

Philmore J. Haber

Philmore J Haber
President

June 19, 1942

Proposed Constitutional Amendment (underlined) -Article VI-Section 1

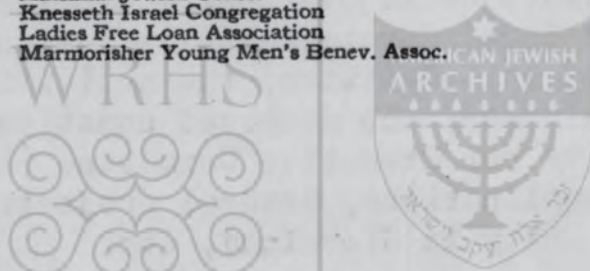
The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Council and thirty members to be elected by the Council; and in addition, persons who have served as President of the Council, shall, upon completion of their tenure of that office, thereafter be members of the Executive Committee for life with full voting privileges. The officers of the Council shall serve as the officers of the Executive Committee.

Members of the Jewish Community Council

Alliance Alumni Association
 Alliance Mothers Club (Mt. Pleasant)
 Alliance Mothers Club (E. 105th St.)
 Alpha Epsilon Pi Alumni Club
 American Hebrew Benevolent Assoc.
 American Jewish Committee
 Anshe Galicia Sisterhood
 Anshe Grodno Congregation
 Anshe Marmarish Congregation
 Anti-Defamation League
 Anti-Nazi Committee
 Beechmont Club
 Bellefaire Jewish Orphan Home
 Beth Hamidrosch Anshe Galicia Congregation
 Beth Hamidrosch Hagodel Ohave Emmuno Cong.
 Beth Hamidrosch Hagodel Ohave Emmuno Sisterhood
 Beth Zion & Cleveland Ladies Aid Society
 Bichur Cholem (Daughters Group)
 Bichur Cholem (Men's Group)
 Bichur Cholem (Mothers Group)
 B'nai B'rith (Balfour Lodge)
 B'nai B'rith (Balfour Auxiliary)
 B'nai B'rith (Cleveland Lodge)
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 B'nai B'rith (Glenville Lodge)
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 B'nai B'rith (Heights Lodge)
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 B'nai B'rith (Kinsman-Shaker Lodge)
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 Cleveland Hebrew Vilner Benevolent Society
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 Cleveland Jewish Singing Society
 Cleveland Zionist District
 Cleveland Zionist Society
 Community Temple Congregation
 Community Temple Men's Club
 Community Temple Women
 Council Educational Alliance
 Council Educational Alliance Leaders Group
 C. E. A. Superior Through Parents' Organization
 Council of Jewish Juniors
 Council of Jewish Women

Euclid Ave. Temple Alumni Association
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 Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations
 Forest City Hebrew Benevolent Association
 Hadassah
 H. B. S. U.
 Hebrew Cultural Garden Association
 Hebrew Free Loan Association
 Heights Jewish Center
 Heights Jewish Center Young Men's & Women's Org.
 Heights Temple Alumni Association
 Heights Temple Congregation
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 Heights Temple Zionist District
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 Independent Mezricher Association
 Jewish Big Brother Association
 Jewish Big Sister Association
 Jewish Carpenters Union L. 1750
 Jewish Center Alumni Association
 Jewish Center Congregation
 Jewish Center Men's Club
 Jewish Center Sisterhood
 Jewish Children's Bureau
 Jewish Consumptive Relief Society
 Jewish Day Nursery
 Jewish National Workers Alliance No. 45
 Jewish National Workers Alliance No. 504
 Jewish Progressive Association
 Jewish Recreation Council
 Jewish Social Agency Representatives
 Jewish Social Service Bureau
 Jewish Vocational Service
 Jewish War Veterans
 Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary
 Jewish Welfare Federation
 Jewish Young Adult Bureau
 Judea Ladies Auxiliary
 Junior Hadassah
 Keren Hayesod Women's Club
 Kiever Hebrew Aid Society
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 Knesseth Israel Congregation
 Ladies Free Loan Association
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Masada (Central Chapter)
 Migdal Zion Society
 Mizrahi
 Montefiore Home
 Montefiore Shelter Home Auxiliary
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 Mount Pleasant Consumptive Aid Society
 Mount Sinai Hospital
 Mount Sinai Hospital Women Volunteers
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 Nivai Zedek Sisterhood
 Oer Chodesh Anshe Sfard Congregation
 Oheb Zedek Congregation
 Oheb Zedek Sisterhood
 Ohel Jacob Congregation
 Ohel Yehvne Congregation
 Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home
 Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home—E. 105th St. Auxiliary
 Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home—Kinsman Auxiliary
 Orthodox Old Home
 Orthodox Old Home Auxiliary
 Phi Lambda Kappa
 Phi Sigma Delta Graduate Club
 Pioneer Women's Organization No. 1
 Pioneer Women's Organization No. 2
 Poale Zion—Zeire Zion
 Poltaver Aid Society
 Professional League for Labor Palestine
 Queen Esther Ladies Aid Society
 Sherith Jacob Congregation
 Sherith Jacob Men's Club
 Sherith Jacob Sisterhood (Eddy Road)
 Sherith Jacob Sisterhood (Parkwood Drive)
 Shomrei Hadath Congregation
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 United Order of True Sisters
 Workmen's Circle-District Committee
 Workmen's Circle Branch 79
 Workmen's Circle Branch 430
 Workmen's Circle Branch 559
 Workmen's Circle Chorus and Orchestra
 Yeshiva Adath B'nai Israel
 Yiddish Culture Society
 Young Israel



JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting Monday, June 29, 1942, 8:30 p.m., at B'nai B'rith Youth House

1. Reported The following recent activities were briefly reviewed:

Arbitration -- A family dispute over joint ownership of a property had been settled, and two other cases were pending, including a dispute within a Jewish organization involving counterclaims of misuse of funds and slander.

Radio -- The Council's radio programs, part of the interfaith series, had been completed for the year. The Radio Committee, under the leadership of Milton Widder, was highly commended for the splendid standard of the broadcasts.

Interfaith Unity -- The Council had assisted in the Community Song Festival held at Public Hall May 17 with an attendance of over 9,000, in which several Jewish musical groups had participated; a special Committee helped promote the civic luncheon of the Conference of Christians and Jews on June 16, which served to introduce the three new local co-chairmen, of whom Eugene E Wolf was the Jewish leader; information on unusual Jewish books and art items was being collected from individuals and institutions to help develop the Intercultural Library which was being established by the Cleveland Public Library.

Shaker Heights Community Council -- Philip Steinberg had been appointed representative to the new Shaker Heights Community Council. Permanent officers had just been chosen, and Philmore Haber had been elected to the Board. The first project was likely to be one in adult education.

National Unity -- The Council's officers and special Committee had met recently with Max Simon to receive a full report from him on the progress of negotiations between a Committee of the national Council of Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds, of which he is a member, and the four major civic-protective agencies. Mr Simon had been pressing the views of the Community Council in the negotiations, and indicated that the situation was considerably more hopeful than it had been a few months ago. The problem was still in the midst of negotiations, with Mr Simon taking a very active part, and the Council's Committee was keeping in close touch with it.

Army & Navy -- As a result of the request made at the last meeting and approved by the Council's War Aid Committee, letters had been sent to all member organizations asking them to admit men in uniform to their public functions without charge, if they had not already adopted this policy. A conference had also been held with the leaders of the local Army and Navy Committee of the national Jewish Welfare Board to arrange for complete cooperation in matters of general public relations, and to arrange for special messages to be sent to families of Jewish men lost in service or cited for special bravery. Paul Feiss had accepted responsibility for the latter project.

War Record of Jews -- In this connection the Council was informed that Jews were enrolled heavily in the armed forces and a number already had been cited for outstanding service, contrary to Nazi propaganda which sought to create the opposite impression. The Community Council office had considerable information on this, and members were asked to call it for such data.

Group Libel -- The Council had been assisting the General Jewish Council in securing information for a national study of group libel laws and decisions, involving the right of an individual to take court action when his entire group had been slandered.

Religious Education -- A local section of the Religious Education Association of America had been formed with the assistance of members of the Council's School Committee. Its purpose was to bring together educators, parents, and religious leaders of the three major faiths to exchange experiences and consider common problems, in order to strengthen religious education. The first meeting had been held recently, and others were planned for Fall.

2. Constitutional Amendment The Nominating Committee had proposed, and the Executive Committee had recommended, a constitutional amendment to Article VI, Section 1, making past presidents of the Council members of the Executive Committee for life, with full voting privileges. Copies of the proposal had been mailed to the representatives. The proposal was discussed, with some difference of opinion expressed. At the suggestion of the Chairman, Mr Haber, and upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the matter was tabled.

3. Festival of Freedom It was announced that a great Festival of Freedom would be held again at the Stadium on Saturday evening, July 4, to demonstrate the unity of all groups in Cleveland and to pay tribute to the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by American democracy. James Miller had accepted chairmanship of a special Council Committee of 25 members to help finance the event, since admission was free, and to help attract a maximum attendance. Mr Miller outlined the program, to include a pageant with several thousand persons of various nationalities, a mass induction of men into the armed forces, graduation citizenship exercises for 2,500 persons, the Cleveland Orchestra, community singing, parade of mechanized troops, a mass pledge of allegiance, a giant display of fireworks, and other features. Organizations which had not yet sent in their contributions were asked to do so immediately, and all were urged to have their members and friends attend.

4. Voting The importance of voting this year was stressed, particularly when the right to vote had been destroyed in almost every country of Europe and the basic issue of the war was whether men should govern themselves or be enslaved. Voting in the primary on August 11 was particularly important, and representatives were urged to make sure that all of their members were registered and eligible to vote at that time. The basic issues before the country required an expression from the full electorate, it was emphasized, and should not be permitted to go by default.

5. Metropolitan Council George Segal, executive director of the newly organized Metropolitan Council on Fair Employment Practice, outlined the purposes and status of the agency. It proposed to mobilize the forces of the community to overcome discrimination in war industries, on the basis of the President's order banning such discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin. Already 28 organizations had formally become members of the Council, including the major religious faiths, racial groups, nationality organizations, settlement houses, labor unions, educational agencies, and others. The Executive Committee of the Community Council at its last meeting likewise had authorized the appointment of official delegates to the new agency, and several members of the Community Council had participated in the preliminary meetings of the Metropolitan Council. The latter would supplement rather than supplant existing organizations, and a few cases already had been referred to it. They were being handled jointly by representatives of several groups, races, and creeds rather than by the particular minority alone which happened to be directly involved. This broad approach represented a great advance in dealing with the problem.

Mr Segal stressed that very few complaints had been received from Jewish organizations, and that considerable harm had been done by some individuals who had taken it upon themselves to write letters or take independent action. It was of the utmost importance that all matters involving discrimination in employment should be referred to Mr Segal at 913 Union Commerce Bldg., Main 1495, and representatives were asked to make sure that this was done.

6. War Aid I L Kenen, Co-Chairman of the Council's War Aid Committee, reported that since the last meeting the Committee had helped recruit air raid wardens and auxiliary firemen and had sent the registrations to the local Office of Civilian Defense; had helped arrange for the selection of air raid wardens in several Wards; had enrolled the bulk of 10,000 blood donors recruited by Jewish organizations to date in Cleveland; had helped stimulate the rubber collection; and was preparing to aid in the tin collection. Special tribute was paid to Mrs Winferd Spiegle for the magnificent record made in enrolling blood donors, and to the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations and Jewish Young Adult Bureau for their work with the women's and youth groups. In

general, the response to the War Aid program had been very good, and those organizations which had not cooperated as fully as others were urged to do so.

There was an immediate need for women volunteers for the Bond and Stamp Booths at various buildings and stores, and organizations and individuals were asked to contact Mrs Albert A Woldman for such service.

7. Anti-Nazi Work L W Neumark described the recent activities of the League for Human Rights, reporting that its work had changed since the war had placed an automatic boycott on Nazi goods and services. The league was concentrating on exposing and counteracting Nazi, Fascist, and un-American movements and propaganda, much of which still used anti-Semitism as a spearhead. In doing this it was cooperating with other groups and agencies. Many of the specific activities were listed and discussed.

8. Cultural Gardens The Council was informed by Leo Weidenthal that the Cultural Garden groups, including the Hebrew Cultural Gardens, were planning a series of pageants at the Gordon Park Shell beginning August 19 to depict the contributions made by various nationalities to America and to the present war effort. The project had been endorsed by the national Office of Civilian Defense as a means of building unity and morale. The help of all Jewish organizations would be needed, particularly in distributing tickets (out of which they would derive some income themselves in addition to the portions which would finance the event and would go to the Office of Civilian Defense). Mrs L W Phillips was directing the ticket sale.

9. Jewish Education The Council was asked by Max Kohrman in behalf of the Bureau of Jewish Education to assist in the promotion of Jewish Education Week, which would be observed September 10-18. Its purpose would be to stimulate a maximum enrollment in the various types of schools in the community, and to build a wider understanding of the purpose and need of Jewish education. Upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the Chairman was instructed to appoint a Committee to aid the Bureau in this project.

10. Finance Abraham Stern, treasurer, reported that the income to date in 1942 had been \$872.02, including a balance of \$339.17 carried over from 1941, and dues from 122 organizations. Expenditures had been \$299.82, leaving a balance of \$572.20. 31 organizations still owed dues for 1942, and 5 of them for 1941. They were asked to make their payments immediately.

11. Membership Upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the following organizations were admitted to membership in the Council: B'nai B'rith Women's Council, Gates of Hope Congregation, and the local Army and Navy Committee of the national Jewish Welfare Board.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Philip Bernstein

Secretary

June 29, 1942

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Benjamin, Moses
Berkowitz, Miss Lily
Bernon, Judge Maurice
Bernstein, George
Bernstein, Philip
Bialosky, Mrs Leonard
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Bing, Louis S Jr
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Bloch, Mrs Jack J
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Genuth, Rabbi David
Gilman, Al
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Glick, Mrs Philip
Gold, Mrs S C
Goldberg, Mrs H
Goldberg, Stanley
Goldfarb, Rabbi Harold
Goldhamer, Mrs Joseph
Goldish, Benjamin
Goldman, Miss Florence
Goldman, Mrs M
Goldwasser, Joseph M
Goodman, Mrs Albert J

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Chevas Jerusalem Congregation
Phi Sigma Delta Graduate Club
Orthodox Old Home
Cleve. Hebrew Benevolent Assn.
Workmen's Circle Branch #559
Jewish Recreation Council
American Jewish Committee
Jewish Center Alumni
B'nai B'rith Glenville Auxiliary
Workmen's Circle Chorus & Mandolin Orch.
Camp Wise Crew
Mount Sinai Hospital
B'nai B'rith Kinsman Shaker Lodge
Jewish Welfare Federation
Temple Women's Association
Cleveland Hebrew Vilner Society
Council Educational Alliance
B'nai B'rith Heights Lodge
Hadassah
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 B'nai B'rith Cleveland Lodge
 Jewish National Workers Alliance #504
 Pioneer Women's Organization #1
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 Mothers League for Girl Orphans
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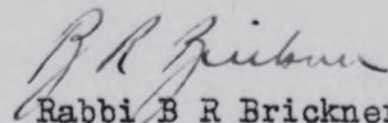
Dear Rabbi Silver:

As in previous years, we have sent to the deans and superintendents of our local colleges and schools a calendar of the Jewish holidays for the coming year, with the request that they avoid important examinations and other special work on those dates so that Jewish students who are absent will not be penalized because of their religious observance. Their replies again have been most cordial.

Some confusion has been caused in the past by students' telling teachers that some of the holidays were not important and that they could attend for examinations. There has also been some difficulty because a few children who were officially absent came to the public school grounds to play during school hours or even "visited" classes.

This year there should automatically be a minimum of misunderstanding because most of the Fall holidays occur on Saturdays and Sundays. We want to continue and strengthen the cooperation of the school authorities, and it would be extremely helpful if you could explain to your members -- both parents and children -- that the schools and colleges are permitting absence on the holidays that occur on regular school days, and that children who are absent should not visit the school grounds. Your assistance in this way will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi B R Brickner
Chairman, Schools Committee

September 1, 1942

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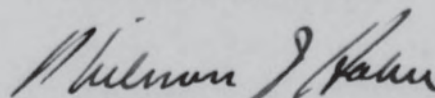
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are now appointing the standing committees for the coming year, and I should like very much to have you continue as chairman of our Committee on Fictitious Religious Political Issues. While we are making several other changes in our various committees, I shall appreciate it deeply if you could continue to give this committee the benefit of your leadership. I believe the fact that this problem has been almost entirely omitted from our community is largely the result of the prestige and influence which your leadership has given it, and we shall need your guidance in the difficult days that may lie ahead.

At the same time I want to express again our gratitude to you for the help you have given the Council in many ways.

Sincerely yours,



Philmore J Haber
President

September 2, 1942

September 4, 1942

Mr. Philmore J. Haber, President
The Jewish Community Council
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 2.
I shall be very happy to serve again as the chairman
of the Committee on Fictitious Religious Political
Issues of the Jewish Community Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you know, our War Aid Committee has been attempting to develop the resources of the entire Jewish community in behalf of the nation's war effort. If fully mobilized, it is clear that tremendous help can be given by 90,000 people in collecting scrap, in donating blood, in civilian defense, and other vital needs.

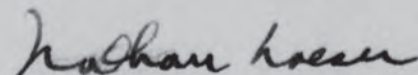
Working through our organizations, much already has been accomplished. But there is no doubt that much more can be done, particularly by persons who seldom if ever take part in any organization activities.

Now our government is desperately calling for scrap, for blood donors, for civilian defense volunteers, for wise use of our scarce resources, and for other cooperation and aid. It is therefore essential that we reach every Jewish family immediately and effectively. The one time during the year that we can do this directly is through their attendance at Temples and Synagogues on the High Holy Days.

We are therefore asking each Temple and Synagogue on this Rosh Hashonah to distribute the enclosed message to every family in attendance. You will note that it tells exactly what each one can and must do. It is a message which we hope will help stimulate each person to dedicate his time and energy in this New Year to the saving of lives that need not be lost, and to a really active role in winning this war over slavery and tyranny.

A quantity of these folders are being sent to you under separate cover. You may be sure that your cooperation in distributing them will be tremendously helpful and will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Nathan Loeser
Chairman, War Aid Committee

September 9, 1942

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Jewish Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting Monday, September 14, 1942, 8:30 p.m., at Temple on the Heights

1. Attendance There were present: Jerome N Curtis, Chairman, Milton P Altschul, Philip Bernstein, Rabbi David Genuth, Myron Guren, Mrs Milton Halle, Dr S F M Hirsch, S L Kossoff, Mrs Leonard Labowitch, Mrs A F Mellman, Rabbi Israel Porath, Max Simon, Phillip L Steinberg, Abraham Stern, Mrs Clarence Weidenthal, Mrs Joseph Weinberg, and Albert A Woldman.
2. Reported Mr Curtis, presiding in the absence from the city of Philmore Haber and the illness of Ezra Shapiro, reported on the following activities:

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Community Calendar - Organizations had been requested to send in the dates of the regular meetings and special events, for clearance and listing in the Community Calendar. The calendar of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations would be incorporated into the Community Calendar, as in the past, thus avoiding duplication of effort. Major conflicts in dates had been practically eliminated by the Calendar in recent years.

Round Table - The Cleveland Round Table of the Conference of Christians and Jews would hold its first civic luncheon of the year on October 6, with chaplains of the three major faiths as speakers, probably over a national radio chain. It was expected that the Community Council would again have a special Committee for the sale of tickets.

"Restricted" Ads - The president of the Council had requested George Segal, of the Bureau on Employment Problems, to take up with the three local newspapers the problem of "restricted" and "selected" clientele resort ads. Mr Segal had already worked out with the papers an arrangement for the elimination of religious specifications in employment and local rental ads. The complications involved in national resort ads were described, and the negotiations were still in progress.

Committees - Following the receipt of suggestions from the Executive Committee, the president had appointed the following Committees for the coming year, basing the selection upon a balance of former members and new additions:
Schools Committee: Rabbi B R Brickner, Chairman, Dr Azriel Eisenberg, Abraham Kollin, Rabbi Louis Engelberg, Mrs Joseph Stashower, and Mrs Benjamin Levine;

Arbitration Committee: David Ralph Hertz, Chairman, Ben Gordon, Suggs Garber, Dr I Milcoff, Judge Samuel Silbert, and Rabbi S M Zambrowsky; Committee on Fictitious Religious Political Issues: Rabbi A H Silver, Chairman, Saul Danaceau, Mrs Milton Halle, and Max Simon (with one other person to be appointed). War Aid Committee: Nathan Loeser, Chairman; I L Kenen and Mrs Joseph Weinberg, Co-Chairman, Miss Mildred Heller, Vice-Chairman, and Adolph Adelstein, I Axelrod, Louis S Bing, Jr., Edward Blaugrund, Edward Fox, Ben Goldish, A I Hausman, Ben Kasner, S L Kossoff, Gabriel Leeb, Dan Lichtenberg, Everett Loeb, M M Marcus, George Pillersdorf, Lawrence Sobel, Joseph Stashower, M M Weltman, H M Yager, and representatives of the Young Adult and Women's Federation Committees. National Civic Protective Unity: Albert Woldman, Chairman, E M Baker, Julius Weisberg, with Max Simon, ex-officio and one other person to be added to represent the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. Negro-Jewish Relations: Henry Kutash, Chairman, Sidney N Weitz, Mrs Joseph Weinberg, Leonard Labowitch, Stanley Friedman, George Segal, and Henry Rocker. No re-appointment of a Kashruth Committee would be made until a change in the situation indicated the wisdom of doing so.

Intercultural Library - At a conference of Jewish leaders with library officials, it was decided to have the Committee responsible for the Jewish Section of the new Intercultural Library appointed by the Community Council rather than by an independent group. The president had therefore appointed the following Committee for this purpose: David Appel, Chairman, Mrs Harry Robbins, Co-Chairman, Myron Guren, Miss Sophie Nehamkin, Dr Alexander Kohanski, H H Ruffman, Leonard Levy, Leo Weidenthal, Dr Azriel Eisenberg, Mrs Ezra Shapiro, Miss Jeannette Brown, Mrs Abe Gitson, Miss Miriam Leikind, Sig Braverman, Moses Benjamin, and Hyman Horowitz.

Arbitration - Cases before the Arbitration Court included a dispute between a Congregation and a family over a burial stone, a conflict between two factions of an organization, charges against two butchers for Kashruth violation, and the claim of a credit company against a person who had represented himself as a rabbi.

3. Finance Abraham Stern, Treasurer, reported that income for 1942 to date had been \$963.02, including a balance of \$339.17 carried over from 1941. Expenditures had been \$642.21, including \$143.30 for the recent Joint Memorial Service, and the balance largely for stationery, postage, and office supplies. Twenty organizations still owed dues for 1942, totalling \$63, and four of them also owed a total of \$8 for 1941. The report was accepted.

It was noted that extraordinary expenditures other than routine office costs required approval by the Executive Committee whenever time permitted, or by Committees when given that authority, or by the Executive officers in emergencies when the Executive Committee could not be called together.

4. Legislation It was noted that periodically the Council received advice from national, state, and local sources concerning proposed or pending legislation of direct and specific concern to Jews. It was therefore moved, duly seconded, and carried that the President appoint a standing Committee on Legislation to receive and recommend action on such items. It was agreed that this Committee and a similar local group of the American Jewish Congress should integrate rather than duplicate their work, with an overlapping or combination of personnel. National H R 7152 was referred to the Committee with power to act because of the urgency of the situation it affected (citizenship of naturalized citizens stranded overseas and unable to return to the United States at this time).

5. Metropolitan Council In accordance with the authorization at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, the President had appointed L W Neumark and Rabbi Brickner as representatives of the Community Council to the Metropolitan Council on Fair Employment Practice, with Julius Weisberg serving as alternate. The Metropolitan Council was investigating a number of complaints, each being handled by an interfaith and inter-racial Committee acting in behalf of the entire community. There was considerable discussion of the work the Metropolitan Council and the related activity of the Bureau on Employment Problems, and it was reported that a number of companies had opened their employment to minority groups which they had formerly barred, due in part to the pressure of war scarcity and in part to negotiations which had been conducted. In each case where agreement had been reached there was careful followup to make sure that there was

more than token compliance. It was recognized that the problem of employment discrimination was deep-rooted and complicated, that the results of efforts to overcome it were sometimes intangible and gradual. The work of the national Committee established for this purpose was also discussed.

6. Civic-Protective Unity Max Simon reported on the progress of negotiations between the national Committee of which he was a member and the four major civic-protective agencies, looking to unity and coordination of their work. Agreement in principle had been reached between representatives of the four agencies, and three of them had submitted in writing statements of work which they believed their agencies would be willing to turn over to a new, central, representative agency. The fourth was still to be heard from. The proposal under consideration coincided closely with the principles discussed by the Community Council's Committee with national leaders, and with the "Kaufmann Plan" presented at the Chicago Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. It was recognized that time was of the essence, and it was expected that the matter would come to a head within the next few weeks. The report and the problem were analyzed and discussed.

7. Joint Memorial Service Albert Woldman reported on the Joint Memorial Service which had been held on Tishea Beab, July 23, under the auspices of the Community Council and allied groups. The meeting had been called as a result of an emergency request from the national Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, and other organizations, as part of a demonstration in cities throughout the country calling attention to the massacre of Jews in Nazi dominated countries. The Joint Service had been held at The Temple, with participation of Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative Rabbis, and had drawn an over-flow attendance. It was termed "an historic meeting", the first such Joint Service to have been held in a Reform Temple in Cleveland.

In planning the Service there had been a difference of opinion among the Orthodox Rabbis and Conservative Rabbis as to the propriety of holding the Service in a Reform Temple. It was felt, however, that the Jewish religion in its essence was broad enough to gather all segments in a Jewish house of worship on such an occasion, and that it served as an example to the community of the spiritual unity of Jewish people. The large attendance of Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative people confirmed the conviction that the members of all types of congregations solidly supported the purpose and nature of the Service, and both the Service and the spirit of reverence which pervaded it would long be remembered.

8. War Aid Mrs Joseph Weinberg reviewed the following activities of the War Aid Committee: Letters to presidents and representatives of Jewish organizations, cards to 1,200 representative women, special instruction pamphlets and telephone calls to women's groups, to get their full cooperation in tin salvage, distribution of 17,000 sets of war aid instructions in the Temple and Synagogues on Rosh Hashonah; continuation of war bond and stamp sales (the women's groups alone had sold over \$750,000 worth), blood donor recruiting, U S O Lounge donations, collection of victrola records, provision of train kits for soldiers, salvage of fats and other materials, first aid classes, and other activities; sale of tickets for the Army War Show to aid the Army Emergency Relief. It was noted also that in the past few months there had been considerable publicity in the daily newspapers concerning Jewish cooperation in the war effort.

The program of sending appropriate messages to families of Jewish men lost in service or cited for special valor was now under way sponsored jointly by the Community Council and the local Army and Navy Committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board. It was noted that the B'nai B'rith Youth House had opened a bond and stamp booth, and that the Council of Jewish Women booth in the Carter Hotel had outsold any similar booth in the downtown area. There was also a discussion of cooperation in the key salvage programs which was being launched.

9. Jewish Education Month In accordance with the action taken at the last Council meeting, the President had appointed the following Committee to aid the Bureau of Jewish Education in promoting Jewish Education Month, September 10 - October 10, and Jewish Education Week, October 2 - 10; Mrs Leonard Bialosky, Chairman, Mrs Joseph Goldhamer, Mrs Moses Halperin, E J Meisel,

Julius Schweid, and Philip Warshaw, with Dr Azriel Eisenberg serving ex-officio. The Committee had launched the following program: (1) letters to presidents and representatives of member groups, asking their aid in publicizing the observance and in promoting the enrollment of a maximum number of children in Jewish schools of whatever type their parents preferred; (2) a directory giving a description and location of each school affiliated with the Bureau to be sent to Jewish organizations; (3) circulation of the national proclamation on Jewish Education Month; (4) a special radio program to publicize the event, if feasible; (5) publicity in Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish papers, with the issue on October 2 dedicated to the observance; (6) letters to the Rabbis requesting sermons on this general subject during the High Holy Days; (7) a display of materials and a presentation of the subject at the next Community Council meeting; (8) a request to large organizations to arrange for special brief addresses at their next meeting or program; (9) publicity in bulletins of temples and organizations; (10) requests to concentrate school rallies during that period. In formulating this program, the Committee was of the belief that the education of children in the religious ideals and democratic principles of their faith was particularly essential in a chaotic world at war, and that it was one of the most fundamental prospects which the Community Council might undertake.

10. Resignation The Executive Committee accepted with regret the resignation of George Furth, and instructed the Secretary to send him an expression of their gratitude for the service he had rendered. Upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, James H Miller was elected to fill the vacancy.

11. Message The secretary was instructed to communicate to Ezra Shapiro the good wishes of the Executive Committee for a speedy recovery from his illness.

12. Next Meeting The next Community Council meeting was tentatively set for September 28.

13. No other business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

Philip Bernstein

Secretary

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Political Religious Issues, you will be inter-
ested in the attached item.

Sincerely yours,

Philip Bernstein

Secretary

September 25, 1942

DAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1942

Sweeney Blames Jews for Defeat

Asks Independent Voters Support His Wife

By NED BROOKS

Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25--Attributing his own defeat to a campaign of untruth by "Communitistic Jews," Congressman Martin L. Sweeney (D., Cleveland) today entered a bid for independent voters' support for the candidacy of his wife as his successor in the House.

The congressman asserted that "never in my history of Cleveland politics was such intolerance shown by a group of persons bereft of reason, and whose minds were poisoned by lies and half truths which are worse than lies."

"Thousands of Republicans, Democrats and independents who ordinarily do not vote at primary elections will have the opportunity to go to the polls at the general election Nov. 3 to vindicate the record of Martin L. Sweeney and register a protest against the unfair attack upon him by the disciples of disunity," he added.

Congressman Sweeney's analysis of his defeat and bid for support for Mrs. Sweeney was contained in an "extension of remarks" which he published in the Congressional Record.

"War mongers" and a "war-minded press" raise the noninterventionist issue against "honest members of Congress who were never political obstructionists but who honestly opposed war involvement before Dec. 7," Congressman Sweeney declared.

"To some extent they made a contribution toward my defeat but the record discloses that the credit, if it can be classified as a credit, goes to the Communist Jews of the district, who, not having a party ticket of their own, voted the Democratic ticket to support my primary opponent."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, he asserted, revealed that cartoons and circulars directed against him by Jewish voters were published in Communist print shops.

The congressman said he had served Jews "with fidelity all of my public life." The feeling against him among certain Jews, he declared, arose from his suits against the authors of the newspaper column, "Washington Merry-Go-Round," which had linked him with an anti-Semitic move to prevent the appointment of U. S. District Judge Emerich B. Freed.

J E W I S H C O M M U N I T Y C O U N C I L

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Schools - The Schools Committee headed by Rabbi B R Brickner had asked superintendents and deans of local schools and colleges to avoid important work on the Jewish holidays so that Jewish students would not be penalized by their absence because of religious observance. Their replies had been very cordial. Rabbis and heads of religious schools also had been asked to secure the cooperation of parents and children so that students would not visit school yards or classes when they were officially absent. The Committee was watching carefully local and national developments with regard to Released Time for religious instruction.

The question was raised as to the advisability of asking the Conference of Christians and Jews, nationally and locally, to act in the matter of Released Time. The wisdom and possibilities of such action were discussed, and the action of the Schools Committee in this and other aspects of the problem was analyzed.

Community Calendar - Organizations had been requested to report the dates of the regular meetings and special events, for clearance and listing in the Community Calendar. Those which had not yet responded were urged to do so immediately. The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations calendar would be incorporated into the Community Calendar, as in the past, thus avoiding duplication. Major conflicts in dates had been practically eliminated in recent years.

Round Table - The local Conference of Christians and Jews was sponsoring a civic luncheon on Tuesday, October 6, at the Carter Hotel. The luncheon would be addressed by three United States Chaplains - Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic - speaking over a national radio network. The Community Council had appointed a special Committee to promote the ticket sale with men's and mixed groups, and the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations was distributing tickets to women's groups.

Arbitration - The Jewish Arbitration Court had recently settled two Kashruth cases. It was currently trying to settle a dispute between a family and a synagogue concerning a burial permit, and charges by an organization against a former officer.

Committees - With the advice of the Executive Committee, the president had appointed the following Committees for the coming year, basing the selection upon a balance of former members and new additions: Schools Committee: Rabbi B R Brickner, Chairman, Dr Azriel Eisenberg, Abraham Kollin, Rabbi Louis Engelberg, Mrs Joseph Stashower, and Mrs Benjamin Levine; Arbitration Committee: David Ralph Hertz, Chairman, Ben Gordon, Suggs Garber, Dr I Milcoff, Judge Samuel Silbert, and Rabbi S M Zambrowsky; Committee on Fictitious Religious Political Issues: Rabbi A H Silver, Chairman, Saul Danaceau, Dan Wasserman, Mrs Milton Halle,

and Max Simon. War Aid Committee: Nathan Loeser, Chairman, I L Kenen and Mrs Joseph Weinberg, Co-Chairmen, Miss Mildred Heller, Vice-Chairman, and Adolph Adelstein, I Axelrod, Louis S Bing, Jr., Edward Blaugrund, Edward Fox, Ben Goldish, A I Hausman, Ben Kasner, S L Kossoff, Gabriel Leeb, Dan Lichtenberg, Everett Loeb, M M Marcus, George Pillersdorf, Lawrence Sobel, Joseph Stashower, M M Weltman, H M Yager, and representatives of the Young Adult and Women's Federation Committees. National Civic Protective Unity: Albert Woldman, Chairman, E M Baker, Julius Weisberg, with Max Simon, ex-officio and one other person to be added to represent the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. Negro-Jewish Relations: Henry Kutash, Chairman, Sidney N Weitz, Mrs Joseph Weinberg, Leonard Labowitch, Stanley Friedman, George Segal, and Henry Rocker.

Intercultural Library - At a conference of Jewish leaders with library officials, it was decided to have the Committee responsible for the Jewish Section of the new Intercultural Library appointed by the Community Council rather than be an independent group. The president had therefore appointed the following Committee for this purpose: David Appel, Chairman, Mrs Harry Robbins, Co-Chairman, Myron Guren, Miss Sophie Nahamkin, Dr Alexander Kohanski, H H Ruffman, Leonard Levy, Leo Weidenthal, Dr Azriel Eisenberg, Mrs Ezra Shapiro, Miss Jeannette Brown, Mrs Abe Gitson, Miss Miriam Leikind, Sig Braverman, Moses Benjamin, and Hyman Horowitz.

Executive Committee - At its last meeting, the Executive Committee had accepted with regret the resignation of George Furth, and had elected James H Miller to fill the vacancy.

Shaker Heights Community Council - The Shaker Heights Community Council was starting a series of adult education classes, and had heard a report from Albert Cornsweet on the street war aid associations which he was stimulating. These groups, already almost 50 in number, were not only aiding the war effort, but were also building better neighborliness.

2. Legislation Upon authorization from the Executive Committee, the Chairman had appointed the following standing Committee to advise the Community Council on proposed federal, state, and local legislation of particular concern to Jews: Jerome N Curtis, Chairman, Abraham Kollin, Vice-Chairman; Harry J Dworkin, Saul Danaceau, Mrs Leonard Labowitch, Mrs Chas Bang, and Mrs Harry Yetra. Upon recommendation of the Committee, given power to act in this instance, the Chairman had written to Senator Harold Burton urging his support of H.R. 7162, pending in the U S Senate, which would prevent the loss of citizenship by naturalized American citizens now overseas and unable to return to the United States because of the war before the present time limit expired.

A question was raised concerning the Hinshaw Bills, H R 7442 and 6820, which allegedly would have the effect of closing Hebrew and Yiddish schools although they were directed against Japanese schools. The matter was referred to the Legislative Committee.

3. Civic-Protective Unity Max Simon, as a member of the national Committee which was seeking to coordinate the work of the four major Jewish civic-protective agencies, reported that representatives of the organizations had expressed agreement on the major principles of the plan which had been proposed. They were now in the process of submitting written statements of the specific work they would be willing to transfer to the proposed new central agency. The problem was an extremely difficult one, and although final agreement had not yet been reached, there were indications in recent joint action of the four agencies that the negotiations had left their imprint. The matter would probably come to a head soon, with the possibility of important developments at a meeting of the national Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds board in Cleveland October 9.

4. Joint Memorial Service The Joint Memorial Service at The Temple on July 23, Tishea Beab night, under the auspices of the Community Council, was described by Albert Woldman as a landmark in the history of Cleveland Jewry. Dedicated to the memory of persecuted and massacred Jews of Europe, the service had been led by Reform, Orthodox, and Conservative Rabbis, and had drawn an overflow attendance from all groups. The speedy cooperation was praised and the splendid newspaper publicity was noted. A number of such meetings had been held throughout the country, and had aroused international attention and comment.

5. Finance Abraham Stern, treasurer, reported that in 1942 to date, the Community Council had a total income of \$975.02, and total expenditures of \$712.30, leaving a balance of \$262.72. Sixteen organizations still owed a total of \$51 dues for 1942, and four of them owed additional dues of \$8 for 1941. The report was received and ordered filed.

6. War Aid The recent activities of the Council's War Aid Committee, reported by Mrs Joseph Weinberg, included: (1) assistance in tin can salvage, through letters to all member organizations, 1,200 cards mailed to housewives, and special pamphlets and telephone calls to women's groups; (2) 17,000 folders listing major war aid needs and instructions for cooperation, distribution at Temples and Synagogues on the High Holy Days, and through organizations; (3) special messages to families of Jewish men cited for outstanding bravery, and to families of Jewish men lost in service, sent jointly by the Community Council and the local Army & Navy Committee of the national Jewish Welfare Board; (4) promotion and sale of tickets for the recent Army War Show, to aid Army Emergency Relief; (5) aid for the nation's scrap drive, through the 17,000 individual appeals and a special campaign among the 60 local Jewish institutions for scrap from their own buildings.

It was noted that there had been considerable publicity in the daily newspapers concerning Jewish participation in the war effort. In addition to the above activities, the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, the Jewish Young Adult Bureau, and individual organizations had continued to sell War Bonds and Stamps (the women's group alone had sold over \$750,000 worth), recruited blood donors, secured contributions for the USO lounge, stimulated collection of old victrola records, provided kits for men in service, stimulated salvage of fats and other materials, conducted first aid classes, etc.

Member organizations were urged to promote the current scrap drive among their members. They could secure over 1,000,000 pounds by full cooperation. The activity of the War Aid Committee was warmly praised.

7. Jewish Education Month In accordance with the action taken at the last meeting, the Chairman had appointed the following Committee to aid the Bureau of Jewish Education in Promoting Jewish Education Month Sept. 10 - Oct. 10, and Jewish Education Week October 2 - 10: Mrs Leonard Bialosky, Chairman; Mrs Joseph Goldhamer, Mrs Moses Halperin, E J Meisel, Julius Schweid, and Philip Warshaw, with Dr Azriel Eisenberg ex-officio. The Committee had launched the following program: (1) letters to member groups, asking their aid in promoting a maximum enrollment in Jewish schools of whatever type preferred by parents; (2) distribution of directories of Jewish schools; (3) circulation of Gov. Herbert H Lehman's statement on Jewish Education Month; (4) a special radio program, if feasible; (5) publicity in the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish newspapers, with the issue on October 9 dedicated to the observance; (6) requests to Rabbis for sermons on this general subject; (7) a display of Jewish education materials and presentation of the subject at the current Council meeting; (8) requests for brief addresses at large organization meetings; (9) publicity in temple and organization bulletins; (10) requests to concentrate Jewish school rallies during the period. In reporting this program to the Council, Mrs Bialosky pointed to the obligation of American Jewry, with European Jewry now at its lowest ebb, to stimulate Jewish learning so that Jewish teachings, ideals, and contributions might be preserved for the world.

Dr Eisenberg then informed the Council that while the proportion of Cleveland children receiving a Jewish education was high in comparison with other cities, the enrollment of those receiving instruction more than one day per week was relatively low. Many were thus receiving only 70 hours of Jewish instruction per year, and this was insufficient for the desired curriculum, he said. He emphasized the importance of Jewish learning as giving inner strength to weather a period of catastrophe such as the present one, stating that these permanent values remained after material ones vanished, and pointed to ignorance of Jewish learning as the "fifth column" eating away at Jewish existence. The task of Jewish education was a steady rather than a spectacular one, and the immediate goal was to fill week-day schools offered by all types of congregational and communal schools. He noted that Jewish Education Month had not yet brought the response hoped for, and urged that the message of Jewish education be spread by representatives among their groups.

Following Dr Eisenberg's presentation, there was a long discussion of the subject. It was stated by Mr Landy that success of weekday schools was hampered by poor physical facilities, distance from homes and public schools, physical weariness of children after public school, and lack of respect for teachers, with the result that parents and children preferred Sunday school education. The criticisms found general agreement among Dr Eisenberg and others, and some of these conditions were likely to be further aggravated by the war. Mr Landy suggested that group transportation from public schools, better housing, nourishment and a balance of recreational activities, and better trained teachers should be sought.

Mr Kohrman stated that the problem lay more fundamentally in the inadequacy of funds for Jewish education. He believed that the Bureau had not received proper consideration from the Jewish Welfare Fund, and that budgets had been determined in an arbitrary fashion by a Committee itself arbitrarily selected. He proposed that a Committee of the Council investigate the needs of the Bureau. Judge Maurice Bernon, while agreeing with the comments of Mr Landy and Dr Eisenberg on Jewish education needs, stated in reply that the Jewish Welfare Fund Committee was selected by the beneficiary agencies of the Fund, that the Bureau representatives had presented its needs to the Fund, that in the main the requests of the Bureau had been granted in pre-campaign budgeting, and that when the goal was not realized, the Bureau had taken smaller cuts than other agencies.

Max Simon stated that the allocation to the Bureau was a reflection of the community's interest, and that the fundamental problem of Jewish education lay with the community. To improve the situation, attention would have to be focussed on the community itself, he advised. Ben Levine similarly believed that many of the criticisms of Jewish education came from parents who were indifferent to it, and that the problem was with them rather than the children.

A motion was made and seconded that a Committee of five members be appointed to study the situation. The Council referred the matter and the motion to the Executive Committee.

8. Metropolitan Council L W Neumark, one of the Community Council's delegates to the Metropolitan Council in Fair Employment Practice, (the others being Rabbi B R Brickner and Julius Weisberg, alternate) reported that several cases of alleged employment discrimination against various minorities in war industries were being investigated, involving both companies and unions. Each case was handled by an interfaith and inter-racial Committee, in behalf of the entire community, with the advice of the full Metropolitan Council. Careful follow-up was conducted to make sure that agreements were carried out. The Metropolitan Council also had been working to make sure that local bureaus of the Federal government themselves did not discriminate.

9. League for Human Rights Irving Hexter, Chairman of the League for Human Rights, described some of its recent activities. He emphasized close assistance to government Bureaus in discovering un-American activities which hurt the war effort, and read one of its bulletins, "Europe Speaks", giving an eye-witness account of persecution of Jews in France. The statements of Sumner Welles and Cordell Hull on the United States protests to the persecutions were quoted.

10. Voting Representatives were urged to have their members vote at the election on November 3, and organizations were asked not to schedule events during voting hours. The ballot box represented the right of self government, for which the war was being fought, and should not be defaulted at home while lives were being given overseas to preserve it. The issues to be decided would determine what kind of war would be fought and what kind of a peace would be made.

11. Conference Representatives were invited to attend the opening meeting of the East Central States Regional Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds Saturday evening, October 10, at the Carter Hotel.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Philip Bernstein
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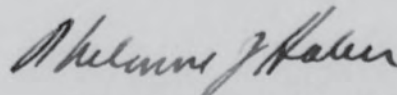
Dear Rabbi Silver:

It has seemed to me that in view of the action taken by the Catholic Clergy in France, it might be appropriate for us to send a letter to Archbishop Schrembs expressing the gratitude of our Jewish people. Before taking this action, I should like to get your reaction both to the advisability of sending such a letter, and if you are favorable, your judgment on the enclosed letter.

Will you please let me know if you have any suggestions on either action. If I do not hear from you within the next day or two, I shall assume that you approve of this action and of the letter as it now stands and shall proceed accordingly.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Philmore J Haber
President

October 12, 1942

SUGGESTED LETTER TO ARCHBISHOP SCHREMS

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I am prompted to write you not only because of your position as representative of Pope Pius XII and of the Catholic Church in Cleveland, but because the action of the French Clergy is in keeping with the fine example you yourself have set of intergroup understanding and human brotherhood. It has helped make Cleveland a city noted for the friendliness and good will among the many groups which comprise our community.

With best wishes for your good health, I am

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Rabbi A H Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I called Leonard Levy, City Treasurer, again concerning the question of time off with pay for Jewish policemen and members of the engineering department. He has been able to secure no confirmation of this to date, but is following this up further and promised to call me as soon as possible concerning it.

Cordially yours,

Phil

Philip Bernstein

October 14, 1942

J E W I S H C O M M U N I T Y C O U N C I L
Chester-Twelfth Bldg - Cherry 8176

October 27, 1942

WILL YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE FOLLOWING IS REPORTED TO YOUR ORGANIZATION:

1. Letter to Archbishop Schrembs and Reply - We recently wrote to Archbishop Schrembs to express the gratitude of our Jewish community for the action of Pope Pius XII and the Catholic Clergy in protecting the persecuted Jews in France. Your members will want to know the text of the letter and his splendid reply. You will find a copy attached.
2. Scrap Drive - In addition to the magnificent participation of Jewish individuals and families in the recent scrap drive, our Jewish institutions made splendid donations in cooperation with our War Aid Committee. The following are some of the results reported to us, representing scrap from their own institutional buildings, except where otherwise indicated:

Cleveland Hebrew Schools	3,000 Lbs.
Community Temple	Miscellaneous Items
Council Educational Alliance	500 Lbs.
Euclid Ave Temple	6 tons (including iron fence)
Eddy Road Jewish Center	18,000 Lbs. collected
Jewish Center	6,000 Lbs.
Montefiore Home for Aged	Truckload
N'vai Zedek Congregation	800 Lbs. (plus 6,500 Lbs. collected by Alumni)
Oakwood Club	300 Lbs. (plus 600 Lbs. previously donated)
Oheb Zedek Congregation	750 Lbs.
Ohel Jacob Congregation	1,000 Lbs.
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home	1,000 Lbs. (plus 500 Lbs. collected by children)
Shari Torah Congregation	250 Lbs.
The Temple	1,500 Lbs.
Temple on the Heights	Several tons gathered by Men's Club
West Side Jewish Center	Iron fence
Young Israel	250 Lbs.

Other Previous Donations:

Beechmont Club	2,000 Lbs.
Camp Wise	5,000 Lbs.
Jewish Day Nursery	Regular Donations
Mt Sinai Hospital	" "
Orthodox Old Home	" "

3. Rumors - Rumors have been one of the most effective Nazi weapons to weaken and destroy a nation from within. If you hear any, don't tell it to someone else. Instead report it immediately to the League for Human Rights, Prospect 5730. Please be sure that all of your members do this. The League will publish the truth in its Sunday Rumor Clinic Column in the Plain Dealer.
4. Share-the-Ride - Is your organization cooperating with the government's program to save gasoline and tires? One essential way to help is to have people who drive bring other members with them to all meetings and functions. This should be definitely arranged. It will aid our nation's war effort (and incidentally should improve your attendance).
5. Vote - Every citizen should vote next Tuesday, November 3. This year more than ever before, voting is a sacred obligation. It is the essence of the right of the American people to govern themselves - a right which few other nations still enjoy. Our boys are giving their lives to preserve that right. We must not betray them by defaulting on it at home. Remind your members and friends to vote Tuesday.

PHILMORE J HABER
President

J E W I S H C O M M U N I T Y C O U N C I L

Archbishop Joseph Schrembs
Catholic Diocese
N B C Bldg
Cleveland, Ohio

October 14, 1942

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WRHS
(signed)


Sincerely yours,
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President

D I O C E S E O F C L E V E L A N D

October 20, 1942

Philmore J Haber, President
The Jewish Community Council
Chester-Twelfth Bldg
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr Haber:

I thank you most sincerely for your gracious letter concerning the Catholic position in regard to the persecution of the Jewish people and the action of Pope Pius XII and the Catholic Clergy of France as well as our own heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of damnable persecution of the Jews as well as other religious groups throughout the world.

I am proud of the sentiments of our own clergy and people of the Diocese of Cleveland in regard to the detestable conduct of the Nazi Government of Germany. They have proclaimed in unmistakable language and action their cordial sympathy with your people in these sad days.

God's arm is not shortened and there will come a day when the persecuted people of all nations under the Nazi yoke will breathe peacefully at the passing of the Hitler government and the human monster at its helm.

With every good wish to yourself and your people, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

(signed)

Joseph Schrembs
Archbishop-Bishop of Cleveland

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(Compiled in cooperation with the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations.)

NOTE: Will you please check to see whether your organization's events are listed? If not, please write or telephone them to the Jewish Community Council office, Chester Twelfth Bldg., Cherry 8176, immediately, so that other conflicting events will not be scheduled for the same time. Events through next June are now being listed. Since dates of new events are being phoned in daily, please call the Council before scheduling additional programs.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Event</u>
November	1	Euclid Avenue Temple Pioneer Women #2	Annual Meeting Theater Party
	2	Cleveland Zionist District Jewish Day Nursery	General Meeting Program Meeting
	3	Temple Men's Club Jewish Big Sisters Jewish Consumptive Relief Glenville Auxiliary B'nai B'rith	Open Meeting Program Meeting Program Meeting Program Meeting
	4	Council of Jewish Women Oheb Zedek PTA Cleveland Lodge B'nai B'rith Daughters of Bikur Cholim	Program Meeting Luncheon Open Meeting Program Meeting
	5	B'nai B'rith	Rally
	7	Gates of Hope Congregation	Meeting and Speaker
	8	Junior Hadassah	Open Meeting
	9	Jewish Center Men's Club Cleveland Auxiliary B'nai B'rith True Sisters	Opening Meeting Program Meeting Birthday Party
	10	Junior Mothers Club Community Temple Women Euclid Ave Temple Sisterhood Jewish Center Sisterhood Heights Lodge B'nai B'rith University Hts Lodge B'nai B'rith	Program Meeting Donor Tea Program Meeting Program Meeting Open Meeting Open Meeting
	11	Lakes Bikur Cholim Cleveland Hebrew School PTA COUNCIL Euclid Ave Temple Men's Club Temple Women's Association National Home for Jewish Children	Open Meeting Program Meeting Smoker Program Meeting Party
	12	B'nai B'rith	Rally
	15	Histadruth Ivrit Daughters of Bikur Cholim	Open Meeting Party
	16	Ladies Auxiliary Orthodox Old Home Ezreth Yetometh	Program Meeting Donor Tea
	17	Glenville Auxiliary B'nai B'rith Immediate Aid Society Jewish Day Nursery	Program Meeting Membership Drive Russian-Chinese Relief Party
	18	Hadassah Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary Jewish Center Men's Club Junior Hadassah Daughters of Bikur Cholim	Program Meeting Donor Open Meeting Joint Meeting with B & P Hadassah Program Meeting



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November	21	True Sisters	Midnight Show
	22	Euclid Ave Temple Jr Alumni	Thanksgiving Dance
	23	True Sisters	Program Meeting
	24	Community Temple Women Heights Lodge B'nai B'rith Junior Mothers Club Hadassah Heights Temple Sisterhood	Donor Tea Open Meeting Social Program Meeting Theater Party
	25	Cleveland Hebrew School Parents Council Euclid Ave Temple Men's Club Ladies Bikur Cholim	Cultural Meeting Thanksgiving Supper Dance Open Meeting
	27	Jewish Center Associate Membership	Opening Meeting
	28	Euclid Ave Temple Alumni Pioneer Women #2	Thanksgiving Dance Tea
	29	Jewish Center Congregation Workmen's Circle	Meeting and Speaker Concert
	30	Jewish Day Nursery Ladies Auxiliary Orthodox Old Home - - - - -	Food Shower Program Meeting
December	1	Giddings Mothers Club Glenville Auxiliary B'nai B'rith	Party Program Meeting
	2	Council of Jewish Juniors Council of Jewish Women Daughters of Mt Pleasant Consumptive Daughters of Bikur Cholim	Joint Meeting with B'nai B'rith & Hadassah Program Meeting Donor Chanukah Linen Shower
	5	Gates of Hope Congregation	Chanukah Celebration
	6	Temple Men's Club & Sisterhood Oheb Zedek Congregation Junior Mothers Club Jewish Youth Council Ladies Bikur Cholim	Program Meeting Annual Dinner Meeting Chanukah Party Chanukah Party Benefit Show
	7	True Sisters Jewish Consumptive Relief	Program Meeting Program Meeting
	8	American Hebrew Benevolent Society Cleveland Zionist Society Heights Lodge B'nai B'rith Ladies Auxiliary Orthodox Old Home Community Temple Women	Special Meeting Banquet Program Meeting Box Social Donor Tea
	9	Heights Temple Zionist District Jewish Center Sisterhood Euclid Ave Temple Men's Club Ladies Bikur Cholim Jewish Consumptive Relief Temple Women National Home for Jewish Children	Concert & Chanukah Party Chanukah Party Dinner Chanukah Linen Shower Party Program Meeting Program Meeting
	11	Ezrath Yetometh	Donor Luncheon

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December	13	Histadruth Ivrit Junior Hadassah Euclid Ave Temple Alumni Jewish Center Congregation Oheb Zedek Congregation Hadassah	Program Meeting Open Meeting Cultural Social Children's Chanukah Party Lecture Donor
	14	Cleveland Auxiliary B'nai B'rith	Program Meeting
	15	Community Temple Women Jewish Center Men's Club Immediate Aid Society Glenville Auxiliary B'nai B'rith Junior Mothers Club	Donor Luncheon Paid-Up Membership Dinner Party Program Meeting Program Meeting
	16	Hadassah Daughters of Bikur Cholim	Program Meeting Program Meeting
	18	Junior Hadassah	Oneg Shabat
	20	Council of Jewish Juniors Jewish Center Congregation National Home for Jewish Children	Chanukah Party Recreation Nite Theater Party
	21	True Sisters Ladies Auxiliary Orthodox Old Home Glenville Auxiliary B'nai B'rith	Open Meeting Open Meeting Chanukah Party
	22	Heights Lodge B'nai B'rith	Program Meeting
	23	Ladies Bikur Cholim Cleveland Hebrew School Parents Council	Open Meeting Program
	26	Pioneer Women #2	Donor Rally Tea
	27	Jewish Center Sisterhood	Mother-Daughter Tea
	28	Bureau of Jewish Education Euclid Ave Temple Jewish Day Nursery Ladies Auxiliary Orthodox Old Home Daughters of Bikur Cholim	Hebrew Teachers Demon- stration Lesson College Tea Open Meeting Party Program Meeting
	29	Hadassah	Program Meeting
	30	Euclid Ave Temple Jr Alumni	Skating Party

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
E 105 & Ansel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

After some delay, Leonard Levy, City Treasurer, has been able to get the facts concerning time off by Jewish policemen on the Jewish Holidays. The report that these men lost their pay for the first time is correct. This apparently was part of a new war policy, which was reflected in the fact that City employees for the first time also worked on Labor Day. The new policy is supposed to apply to all religious groups equally on their respective holidays. The men are encouraged, however, to substitute their time off for their religious holidays so that there will actually be a minimum loss. We shall check on the next religious holiday to see whether the rule is being uniformly enforced without discrimination against any group.

Cordially yours,

Phil

Philip Bernstein,
Secretary

November 20, 1942

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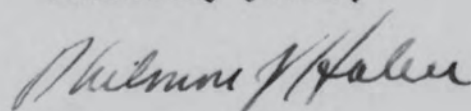
To the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee will meet next Thursday evening,
December 17, 8:15 p.m., at the Community Temple - 9801 Euclid
Ave.

Among the matters before the Committee are: recommendation of a Nominating Committee; consideration of the question of Jewish education which was referred to the Executive Committee by the Council; war aid activities and obligations; current developments bringing to a head the question of national civic-protective unity, with the issue likely to be determined in Cleveland next month; schools committee and related developments; interfaith relations; and several other items.

Will you please put the date on your calendar now? If for some reason it is impossible for you to attend, will you please call Mr Bernstein immediately to tell him? If that date is not feasible we will change it to make sure we get a full attendance for the important matters which are to be considered.

Sincerely yours,



President

TRANSPORTATION: We have grouped members of the Committee by residence to facilitate sharing transportation. Will you please arrange to come with those living close to you?

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Minutes of a Meeting Thursday, December 17, 1942, 8:30 p.m. at the Community Temple

1. Attendance There were present: Philmore J Haber, Chairman; Philip Bernstein, Mrs George Burkin, Jerome N Curtis, Rabbi Louis Engelberg, Rabbi Harold Goldfarb, Myron Guren, Mrs Milton Halle, A I Hausman, Dr S F Hirsch, I L Kenen S L Kossoff, Dr I Milcoff, James H Miller, Rabbi Israel Porath, Julius Schweid, Ezra Shapiro, Max Simon, Abraham Stern, Mrs Jos Weinberg, Maurice Weltman, Albert Woldman.

2. Reported The Chairman reported briefly on the following activity:

Bishop Schrembs Correspondence -- A number of favorable comments had been received on the correspondence with Archbishop Joseph Schrembs concerning the protection of Jews by the French Catholic clergy. The Council's letter had been sent after approval by the officers.

Community Calendar -- The Calendar was continuing to grow in use, and was being mailed to the membership at two-month intervals. The next mailing for January and February was scheduled soon.

Legislation -- Upon advice from the General Jewish Council and American Jewish Congress, letters had been sent to the Chairman and the Ohio members of the House Committee on Education, urging their opposition to the Hinshaw Bills. The Bills, while directed at Japanese language schools, might have had the effect of closing Hebrew and Yiddish schools. The Legislative Committee of the Council also had been informed of the passage of the Dickstein Bill, HR 7152, which it had supported, extending the citizenship of naturalized citizens who could not return to the United States within the normal time limit.

Intercultural Library -- The Chairman and Mr Guren reported that the Intercultural Library Committee under the chairmanship of David Appel had met at the library building, had discussed plans with the director and secretary of the library, and was now securing information on items suitable for display in the Jewish alcove. The latter would be one of 40 alcoves, each under the sponsorship of a different cultural group. The building at East 55th St & St Clair was being remodeled and would open sometime in the January with appropriate ceremonies. In addition to the exhibit, it would include a little theater, dining facilities, and a craft shop. Displays would include books, manuscripts, photographs, jewelry, etchings, sculpture, costumes, and other items designed to build up better understanding and appreciation of the cultural richness which each nationality had brought to America. All items loaned would be fully protected and insured, and the importance of arranging the best possible displays in the Jewish alcove was stressed.

Jewish Book Week -- The Council had cooperated in Jewish Book Week by twice reminding member organizations of its purpose and had distributed sample book marks, reading lists, and program suggestions. Because the pattern had already been established last year, it was not thought necessary to appoint a special committee, and two women had been asked instead to give direct personal assistance to the Bureau of Jewish Education in contacting organizations.

Round Table -- Recent activities of the local Conference of Christians and Jews were discussed. It was noted that the next major projects would be Brotherhood Week, February 19-28, and Religious Book Week March 14-20. The latter would include prominent display and sale of the 50 outstanding books of each of the three major faiths.

Infantile Paralysis Campaign -- The Council had been asked to give its assistance to the March of Dimes Infantile Paralysis Campaign in January. Mrs Clarence Weidenthal had consented to serve again as chairman of a special Committee composed of about 15 women most of whom had given splendid service as members of the Committee last year.

Information -- The Council was continuing to distribute informative material to the Jewish community. About 700 copies of "The Four Freedoms", issued by the Office of War Information, had been distributed to selected groups.

Representatives -- All member organizations had been requested to designate their representatives to the Council for 1943. In doing so, the importance of selecting their very best and most representative leaders, and of making sure that the persons attend regularly, had been stressed.

Resignation -- The resignation of the Queen Esther Ladies Aid Society had been received. It was noted that the group had sharply declined in membership, and had not been active in the Council. Its resignation was accepted.

Observance — All of the members had been informed of the radio program arranged by the Council as part of the world wide protest on December 2 against the Nazi mass murder of Jews. When word had first been received on November 28 that the observance was to be held, the officers had tried to have the national committee revert to the original December 13 date to permit proper planning, without result. It was agreed that a mass meeting was neither wise nor feasible and that a radio program would reach far more people. This was arranged, with addresses by Bishop James McFadden, Rev. Edwin M Poteat, Mayor Frank J Lausche, and Rabbi B R Brickner, and with music by Cantor David Glinkovsky. The immediate calls to Station WTAM and the numerous comments received indicated that the program had made a deep impression upon a very large audience. In addition to the program, the three daily newspapers had carried forceful editorials, and the Orthodox synagogues had held special services.

3. National Unity Members of the Executive Committee had received by mail a recent bulletin issued by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on action taken by the latter agency's Board concerning national unity in civic-protective work. Since that time, it was reported by the Chairman and by Max Simon, the national Council's Committee had submitted a specific plan to the four organizations — American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, and Jewish Labor Committee — asking for a definite reply by the end of December. The plan embodied the basic points previously discussed and which had been accepted by the leaders of the four agencies in principle, namely, the establishment of a central agency, the transfer to it by the four organizations of all of their American civic-protective work (including machinery and facilities), the determination of policies and allocation, of functions, central fund-raising and central budgeting by the new agency. At the beginning it would be composed of five representatives of each of the four agencies and of the Synagogue Council and Council of Jewish Federations. Other groups could be added later. Mr Simon pointed out that the plan included the minimum essentials for successful coordination, and that to compromise on anything less would only mean failure later.

The situation was discussed, and the question was raised as to what action the national Council would take if the plan were not accepted by one or more of the agencies. In reply, it was stated that a full report would be made to the General Assembly of the national Council in Cleveland January 16, 17, and that the power of public opinion would be an important factor at that time. At the Assembly in 1941, the representatives of communities throughout the country had unanimously authorized the national Council to implement the principles embodied in the plan. By the next meeting of the Executive Committee, it should be definitely known whether the national Council's work of the past year had ended in success or failure.

(The Committee was informed that Philip Frankel had been appointed to the Community Council committee which had been working on this problem.)

4. Finance Abraham Stern, Treasurer, reported that in the current year to date receipts had totalled \$993.02, and expenditures \$934.74, leaving a balance of \$58.28. Eleven organizations owed a total of \$33 due for 1942, and four of them owed a total of \$8 for 1941, making a total of \$41 still due. In discussion of the report it was suggested that if the failure to pay dues indicated a lack of interest, these organizations should be dropped rather than have the Council carry any "dead wood". It was noted that these groups already had been notified that the Council could not certify their representatives for 1943 until back dues were paid. It was thought that the failure of some to pay had been due to negligence, and Mr Schwid and Rabbi Engelberg stated that they would contact the few delinquent Orthodox synagogues personally to secure payment.

5. War Aid I L Kenen and Mrs Joseph L Weinberg, Co-Chairmen of the War Aid Committee, reported on recent war aid activities: (1) substantial contributions of scrap had been made by Jewish institutions, in part as a direct result of the Council's effort — a special letter of gratitude had been received from Charles Kellstadt, county scrap drive chairman; (2) war bond and stamp purchases had been stimulated, particularly during the last week in November and in cooperation with the present Victory Drive — during the Women at War Week, Jewish women manned more than half of the city's booths — Jewish women had made 1,000 war stamp corsages; (3) a special drive was in progress against hoarding, with 7,000 "Hoarders Help Hitler" leaflets printed and being distributed, in addition to reprint of this message in organization bulletins — the latter method alone already having reached 3,000 women; (4) cooperation with the public library in lending Office of War Information films to Jewish organizations; (5) special memorial scrolls had been sent to families of three Cleveland Jewish boys who had died in service; (6) there had been considerable publicity in the daily newspapers concerning Jewish men and women in the armed forces; (7) a letter had been sent to Marc Grossman as chairman of the new Civilian Defense Planning Council, offering the full resources and aid of the Council, and the Council immediately had been called upon to assist in dealing with the housing shortage for war workers.

In addition to the above, it was reported that nurse's aid instruction was being given at Mt Sinai Hospital, the Women's groups had been active in health and conservation work, had supplied volunteers in the gas ration registration, had supplied personnel and had made group gifts in the War Chest Drive, were cooperating with the Rumor Clinic of the League for Human Rights, were gathering statistics on local Jewish men in the armed forces, had made up and contributed 500 "train kits", and had sent the first shipment to the men at Trinidad in the Serve-a-Camp project. The women's activities were being coordinated directly by the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations.

The activities were discussed, and it was agreed that special attention should be given by the men's groups to the registration of service men and women so that the records would be as complete as possible.

6. Schools Rabbi Louis Engelberg reported that the Schools Committee had considered the problem of later public school closing hours as they affected weekday religious schools, the matter having been referred by the Bureau of Jewish Education. In view of the fact that the Ohio Assembly would consider a bill to put the state on Central Time, and since it was too late to do anything this semester, the Committee had agreed to explore the situation informally with the superintendents concerning the Spring semester after the situation had clarified itself further. He pointed out that it was a serious problem for the religious schools.

The Committee likewise had considered the question of loss of pay by Jewish teachers for absence on the Jewish holidays, referred to it by the Executive Committee. Information had been gathered from various cities on their policies in this regard, and when it was learned that Mr Alfred Benesch was planning to bring this matter to the schools finance committee, the information had been transmitted to him.

The Committee was keeping informed of developments with regard to Released Time. At a recent meeting of the local section of the Religious Education Association, the matter had come up, but had found no expression of support except from one Protestant and one Catholic clergyman. At the sessions of the National Inter-Church Councils in Cleveland, two proposals had been presented and discussed: (1) teaching of the Bible as literature, and about the churches in the social science classes of public schools; (2) Released Time.

The discussions had revealed differences among the Protestant leaders concerning these proposals, and opposition and question among the public school educators who were present. With regard to the first proposal there was question as to whether these subjects could be taught objectively, whether competent teachers could be secured for them, which version of the Bible would be used, how questions concerning the Bible could be handled, etc. Concerning Released Time, it was said that the public schools already were religious although not denominational, that the Churches wanted controlled rather than merely good time, that they wanted the schools to get the children to do something they themselves couldn't get them to do, that public funds should not be spent directly or indirectly for sectarian religious instruction, that public school credit should not be given for attendance at religious services, that the church and home should not further divorce themselves from this responsibility by shifting it to the schools, that the churches hadn't made full use of the time they already had, that claims were being based upon generalizations and no real studies had been made to evaluate the operation of the plan, etc.

There was considerable discussion of the report, and the Committee was planning to keep alert to developments.

In this regard it was noted that a recent issue of The Protestant magazine had contained an article very critical of alleged anti-Semitic statements in Catholic textbooks. It was agreed that the charges should be checked, and if accurate, should be referred to the local Round Table for action.

7. Arbitration The Secretary reported that four cases had recently been settled: (1) a complaint by the Orthodox Rabbis against a meat dealer; (2) a dispute between a family and a congregation over a burial stone permit, arbitrated by Judge Samuel Silbert, Judge Mary Grossman, and Irving Kane; (3) a financial claim by a commercial company against a person who had represented himself as being a rabbi and whom it didn't want to take to the public courts; (4) a financial claim by a cantor against a congregation. Three other cases were pending: (1) a dispute between an organization and a former officer would be heard December 29; (2) a controversy between a congregation and a neighboring chicken dealer; (3) a dispute between a Jewish undertaker and a communal organization.

8. Nominating Committee After consideration and discussion, it was moved, duly seconded, and carried to recommend to the Council the election of the following persons to serve as a Nominating Committee: I Axelrod, Saul Danaceau, Mrs Abe Gitson, Abraham Kollin, Leonard Labowitch, Gabriel Leeb, and Everett Loeb.

9. Jewish Education A motion that the Council appoint a Committee of five persons to investigate the needs of Jewish education in the community had been referred to the Executive Committee with power to act by the Council at its last meeting. In discussing the matter, some members of the Committee stated that it was of the greatest importance, that it had not been given enough attention, and that it should be considered regularly by the Council. It was proposed that the Executive Committee immediately authorize the appointment of such a Committee, in order that it might crystallize the elements of the situation before the next meeting and so that there would be no false impression that the Committee was neglecting it.

On the other hand it was stated that because of the lateness of the hour, no action should be taken until the next meeting of the Committee, when proper consideration could be given. The question involved fundamental relationships between the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Jewish Welfare Fund and Federation, and the Jewish Community Council, and specifically to what extent the Council could concern itself with the problem of support for the Bureau. It was believed that there was no special aspect so pressing that it required immediate attention by the Council, and that while the Council could be helpful to the Bureau in specific situations, primary and continuing responsibility lay with the Bureau. Before appointing any Committee, therefore, it was suggested that the Executive Committee clarify for itself just what it would want such a Committee to study.

Following this discussion, it was moved, seconded, and carried that no action be taken at the present time and that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next Executive Committee meeting for early discussion.

10. Council Meeting The next meeting of the Community Council was tentatively set for Thursday, January 7. It was agreed that special emphasis should be put on sharing transportation to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Philip Bernstein
Secretary

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PLEASE PUT JANUARY 7 ON YOUR CALENDAR

To the Representatives:

The Jewish Community Council will meet
Thursday evening, January 7, at 8:15 p.m., at The Temple
(Ansel Road entrance).

Will you please put this date on your calendar now so that you will be sure to attend. Among the many matters to be considered are legislative action, national unity in the protection of Jewish rights, the plight of Jews in occupied lands, election of a Nominating Committee, local inter-faith relations, Jewish cultural activity, work of our Schools and Arbitration Committees, cooperation in the war effort, etc. They require the consideration of every delegate.

Within a few days we shall send you a list of the Council representatives so that you may arrange to share transportation with those who live close to you.

Sincerely yours,

Philmore J. Haber

Philmore J Haber
President

December 24, 1942

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF CLEVELAND

January 7, 1943

- WHEREAS the Jewish Community Council of Cleveland has on numerous occasions impressed upon the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, and the Jewish Labor Committee the unanimous sentiment of Cleveland Jewry concerning the urgent necessity of coordinating and unifying their efforts in the protection of Jewish rights; and
- WHEREAS the officers and committee of the Cleveland Jewish Community Council at a meeting in Cleveland with the leaders of these national agencies on January 17, 1942, urged their acceptance of a program which would embody the basic principles of central policy making, central fund raising, central budgeting, control by a central representative body more inclusive than the four organizations, and systematic co-operation with the local communities; and
- WHEREAS these principles have been incorporated into a plan which has been submitted by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to the four agencies for adoption;
- NOW THEREFORE the Jewish Community Council records its approval of that program and urges the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, and the Jewish Labor Committee to accept and implement the plan at the earliest possible moment, to the end that American Jewry may mobilize its full strength and resources in the protection of Jewish rights in this critical hour.

RESOLUTION ON AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

ADOPTED BY JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

OF CLEVELAND, JANUARY 7TH, 1943

The Jewish Community Council of Cleveland, representing 150 organizations and all elements of one of America's largest Jewish communities, is deeply shocked at the recent statement of the newly created and self-styled Council of American Judaism.

Within the last few weeks, this Council, consisting of a small segment of Jewish opinion, has proclaimed its opposition to the creation of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine and other objectives which have long been accepted by the Jewish world and written into international law.

This shocking statement comes at a time when all our strength is urgently needed to aid the cause of the United Nations and to help in securing the kind of peace which will do justice to all peoples and to the sorely tried and suffering Jewish people.

We condemn this pronouncement:

1. It is repugnant to the ideals, hopes, and aspirations of the mass of world Jewry who have looked to the establishment of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine as the one source of hope for surcease from centuries of oppression and forced wandering.
2. It is dangerous to the safety of some 600,000 Jews now making their home in Palestine and now contributing unstintingly to the United Nations war effort.
3. It is subversive of a long established policy of our own government pronounced by the Congress of the United States more than 20 years ago and affirmed by every American President from Woodrow Wilson to Franklin D. Roosevelt.
4. It is in conflict with the Balfour Declaration issued in 1917 and the Mandate for Palestine affirmed by 52 nations of the world.
5. It clearly violates the spirit which cemented the Jewish Agency for Palestine and which brought Zionists and non-Zionists together on a common platform for the upbuilding of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine.
6. It seeks to destroy the unity necessary for the presentation of a post-war program for the solution of the Jewish problem in the peace councils of the world.
7. While claiming to base their action upon the principles of American democracy, the members of this group numbering less than 100, are in fact rejecting democratic procedure since they were a dissident minority who were defeated by a substantial majority of their colleagues in the Central Conference of American Rabbis on the issue of the Jewish-Palestine army; and on the present issue were repudiated by a joint pronouncement of 733* rabbis including the heads of all Rabbinical associations and drawn from all wings of religious Jewry in America; and their present action is a refusal to abide by the will of the majority.

In the light of all this we assert that the Council of American Judaism cannot be presumed to speak for American Jewry, the Reform rabbinate, or even the non-Zionists of the United States.

We call upon this unrepresentative group to desist from its announced course of action, so inimical and dangerous to Jewish interests all over the world, and to a sound post-war reconstruction.

Be it resolved that this expression, adopted by the representatives of the Jewish Community Council of Cleveland, be transmitted to the Council of American Judaism, the Emergency Council on Zionist Affairs, the Jewish Community Councils of other cities throughout the United States and to the press of the nation.

* The pronouncement has now been signed by 820 rabbis.

American Emergency Committee
for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd Street, N.Y.C.

The following signed editorial appeared in the Huntingdon, Pa. Daily News, January 14, 1943. The author of the editorial, Prof. F. A. McKenzie, is a member of the faculty of Juniata College at Huntingdon, and was one of those who attended the Conference of Christian Clergymen in New York at which the "Christian Council for Palestine" was launched.

JEWS IN PALESTINE

By F. A. McKenzie

Not long since there met in New York a committee of "Christian Leaders" interested in promoting a permanent home-state for Jews in Palestine. At the noon-day luncheon a talk was given by a fascinating speaker, Mrs. Lowdermilk. Her husband is the recently appointed Soil Conservation advisor for Chiang Kai-Shek. They both are widely-traveled missionary-minded experts on agricultural economics in Asia and in the Near East. She told a little story that has easy application to most of us. She, with her family, traveled north from Egypt through Palestine with a company of tourists. Quite naturally their conversation as they entered Palestine included references to the two cities of Dan and Beirsheba. One of the gushing tourists exclaimed: "Oh, I am so glad to know that they are cities, not husband and wife like Sodom and Gomorrah."

Perhaps the rest of us are more sadly and tragically ignorant about the much more present-day Palestine situation. This writer until recently shared in the wide-spread fear that the establishment of a Jewish state there would be a great injustice to the Arabs. Mrs. Lowdermilk made clear, as others previously had done, that not only had the recent immigration of Jews not done harm to the Arabs, but had greatly benefitted them, and that further large Jewish immigrations could occur without encroachment upon the Arab needs. Furthermore, other Arab states are calling loudly for large numbers of Arab settlers. Our former ignorance on this point should no longer bar the road to the solution to a tremendously important problem.

In the small committee, two quite different approaches were made to the problem. Bishop McConnell of the Methodist Church represented the one; his was the appeal to the heart and the emotions. A remedy for the mountainous and intolerable injustices heaped upon the Jews could not brook delay. Regardless of expediencies, action upon an adequate scale must come and must come at once. We know enough now. There is no need of further research. Our Christian duty is to cry aloud and to "kick and kick and kick."

The other approach to the problem was the approach of pure reason, of logic, of scientific statement of accumulated and irrefutable fact. This viewpoint was perhaps best represented by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr. His unimpassioned, perhaps even cold analysis leaves no room for doubt. The necessities of world welfare compel belief and action in this particular way for the relief of the Jews.

In this day of multitudinous organizations, many times overlapping, there is still a place for the one effected at this meeting. It has two major functions to perform: (1) It must show forth the Christian conscience and its obligation to the Jewish people. A pagan conscience - if it be conscience - demands rights for itself and its group. A Christian conscience remembers its own duties and demands rights for others. No better demonstration of real Christianity could be given than is here envisaged. If Christianity can hope for conquest in the world, it can do so upon no more fundamental basis; (2) the second function of this organization is to bring the whole membership of the Christian churches to an active acceptance of this truth. Until Christians accept their own religion emotionally and intellectually they will fail to win the full blessing of their religion. And just so long the deep wickedness of anti-semitism will continue to wreck the possibility of a worthy world civilization. Like the prophets of old the minister of today must cry aloud. And the laity must by unafraid word and action make known their ardent faith.

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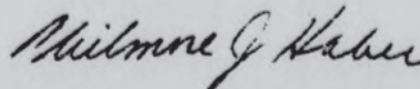
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Dear Friend:

We have received so many requests for copies of the address which Max Simon made to the General Assembly last Sunday and which received an ovation, that we have had it reproduced.

It should be noted that following Mr Simon's address, representatives of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, and the Jewish Labor Committee stated that their organizations approved the plan of coordination submitted by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. And the representative of B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League explained that he was prepared to have the proposed central agency have full power to allocate funds and functions, contrary to the impression his letter had given, as noted by Mr Simon, and likewise to have a central body such as proposed, but with a gradual rather than an immediate and full transfer of all functions from the existing agencies. His statement in this respect closely approximated Mr Simon's interpretation, and after full discussion the Assembly gave its committee a standing vote of confidence, and authorized it to continue its efforts toward a successful conclusion of the negotiations, in order to bring about unity in national civic-defense work.

Sincerely yours,



Philmore J Haber
President

January 21, 1943

February 23, 1943

Mr. Philip Bernstein, Secretary
Jewish Community Council
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

I am enclosing herewith a letter of Rabbi Berger who raises the question of Jewish employees in defense work who wish to observe the Sabbath. He claims that some workers had lost their jobs because of that fact. It might be well to look into the situation and see whether anything can be done about it. I have asked Rabbi Berger to communicate with you directly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Jewish Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting Tuesday, February 23, 1943. 8:30 p.m. at Community Temple

1. Attendance There were present: Philmore J Haber, Chairman: Philip Bernstein, Mrs George Burkin, Jerome N Curtis, Mrs Joseph Goldhamer, Myron Guren, Mrs Milton Halle, A I Hausman, D R Hertz, Dr S F M Hirsch, I L Kenen, Mrs Leonard Labowitch, Mrs A F Mellman, Dr I Milcoff, James H Miller, Julius Schweid, Ezra Z Shaprio, Max Simon, Abraham Stern, Mrs Clarence Weidenthal, Mr Julius Weisberg, Albert A Woldman; and Dr Azriel Eisenberg.

2. Minutes Copies having been mailed to all members, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

3. Reported The chairman briefly reported on the following items:

Letters - In behalf of the Council and Jewish community letters had been sent to Rabbi A H Silver on the occasion of his 25th year at the Temple and his 50th birthday anniversary; to Rabbi Harold Goldfarb on his induction into the Army as a Chaplain; and to Bishop Edward F Hoban on the assumption of his position in Cleveland.

Brotherhood Week - Several Jewish leaders had been active in the joint committees which planned the current observance of Brotherhood Week, and various groups were observing it in special ways.

Carver Meeting - The Council had contacted all presidents and representatives of member organizations to attend the Carver Memorial Meeting.

Travelogue - The Council's exhibit at the Jewish Welfare Federation Travelogue on February 7th had received very favorable comment. Photographs of it were shown to the Committee.

Peace and Post War Plans - At the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the Community Council had taken responsibility for attendance at the splendid session on Peace and Post-War Planning. In this regard, the question was raised as to whether the Council had a continuing responsibility for stimulating interest and study in these problems, and this was discussed by the Committee. It was noted that national organizations such as the American Jewish Committee and American Jewish Congress were preparing study materials, and that locally the Council of Jewish Women and Hadassah had classes for this purpose. It appeared, however, that men's and mixed groups and other women's organizations were giving little or no attention to the subject, and it was suggested that the Bureau of Jewish Education might sponsor classes for the purpose and that the Community Council might also take some responsibility for it. It was agreed that further consideration should be given the matter after additional information had been secured on what already was being done in the community.

Arbitration - Two cases had been settled recently. Ben Gordon, Julius Weisberg, and Eugene Wolf had arbitrated one involving charges by an organization against a former officer over the use of funds. The other was a dispute between a communal society and a funeral home.

Information - The Council was continuing to distribute important information to the community. Two recent items had been a report by the American Jewish Congress on persecution of Jews in Europe, and a record of Jewish men's service in the Army and Navy prepared by the Jewish Welfare Board.

Intercultural Library - The Intercultural Library had opened on Sunday February 21 with an attendance of about 1,000 people. The quality of the exhibits had surpassed all expectations and had made the library a unique institution destined to become nationally famous. The Jewish exhibit had as its theme the association of Jews with the historic struggle for freedom, and included items on Passover and Purim, two Festivals of Liberation, and on the participation of Jews in the establishment and preservation of American independence. The exhibits and character of the library were discussed by the Committee, and it was agreed that intensive efforts should be made to promote attendance by Jews. Suggestions included group visits, an open Community Council meeting there, a special Jewish night with an outstanding Jewish author present, and the possibility that the adult education program previously discussed might be held in part at the library.

Legislation - The Legislative Committee of the Council was studying two items. One was the proposed federal bill to ban from the mails literature which incited racial or religious hatred, on which the Committee was awaiting advice from national agencies. The other was the question of state legislation on discrimination in employment and this was being studied in cooperation with the Bureau on Employment Problems and the Metropolitan Council on Fair Employment Practice.

Dr Schwartz - All Jewish organizations had been informed of the public meeting to be held by the Jewish Welfare Fund on Thursday evening, February 25th, at the Euclid Ave Temple with Dr Joseph Schwartz, European Director of the Joint Distribution Committee, as speaker.

4. Council of American Judaism - It was noted that the officers and members of the Executive Committee had received practically no local comment on the resolution adopted at the last meeting concerning the Council of American Judaism. It was believed that this reflected a general lack of interest in the community concerning the group. Likewise, only a few communities had responded after receiving copies of the resolution from the Community Council.

5. Finance Abraham Stern, Treasurer, reported a total income of \$ 421.70 for the current calendar year to date, representing a balance of \$ 45.70 carried over from 1942, and \$ 376 in dues from 84 organizations; and expenses of \$ 142.47, leaving a balance of \$ 279.23. Four organizations owed \$ 16 in back dues.

6. National Unity Members of the Executive Committee commended Max Simon for the statement which he had delivered at the session on National Civic-Protective Unity during the recent General Assembly in Cleveland. He reported that no concrete action had been taken since that time, although it was believed that the Assembly had been helpful in clarifying the entire matter.

Mr Shapiro and Mr Woldman reported on the recent national meeting which had been held in Pittsburgh at the invitation of Henry Monsky to promote unity among American Jewry with regard to peace and post-war proposals. Of the 34 organizations invited, 32 had attended and it was believed that the other two would cooperate. The meeting had agreed that a National Assembly should be called within five months, to consist of 125 representatives of national organizations and 375 delegates democratically chosen by local communities. It was believed that the latter would be chosen by local assemblies of Jewish organizations, with the local action preceded by educational meetings at which various points of view would be presented on the subject. The Cleveland Jewish Community Council in all probability would be the local instrument for that purpose. It was stated that the movement was of great importance and it was noted that no time limit had been placed on the life of the projected organization in contrast with the procedure during the last war. An Executive Committee was now preparing plans for the National Assembly.

It was agreed that success of this effort would not substitute for unity in American civic protective work, although the experience of unity in one sphere might influence action in another.

7. Jewish Education - The Executive Committee continued the discussion of Jewish education which had been begun at its previous meeting, after referral of the matter to it by the Community Council. It was noted that two questions had been raised in the Council meeting, involving the financial support of Jewish education and the degree of community interest in the matter. Specifically the Council had referred a motion to appoint a committee of five to study the question. In analyzing the subject it was believed that the Executive Committee would want to consider the respective areas of responsibility of the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Jewish Welfare Fund, and the Jewish Community Council.

In the long discussion which followed, practically all of those present took part. It was stated that concern lay not only with what the Bureau of Jewish Education was doing, but with the entire question of Jewish education. It was believed that several problems required consideration: in general, a lack of understanding in the community concerning Jewish education and what the Bureau had been trying to achieve, due in part to the fact that a broad concept of Jewish education had not been promoted with sufficient vigor - as a result, people generally were not close to what the communal schools were doing, and

even members of congregations were not familiar with the programs in their own schools; and specifically, the deplorable condition of all communal school buildings, the low standard of pay of communal school teachers, the difficulties resulting from the spread of Jewish residence throughout the metropolitan area, the failure to raise standards of some schools, and the unusually large proportion of children who were receiving one-day-a-week education rather than the more intensive forms. About 60% of Cleveland's Jewish school age children were receiving some Jewish education, but other cities had a larger proportion receiving intensive instruction several days per week. The general aims of Jewish education, it was said, should be to: (1) help individuals adjust themselves to living as part of a Jewish community and as a member of a minority group; (2) perpetuate Jewish culture and to make it currently productive; (3) develop Jewish leadership.

It was stated that part of the difficulty was due to the financial limitations of the schools, but it was noted that the budgetary allocation by the Jewish Welfare Fund to these schools was proportionate to those in other cities. In Cleveland, however, persons who could afford to pay for their children's education sent them to congregational schools, and the communal schools thus were attended largely by children who required subsidy from the community. An aggressive effort was now being made to build up tuition income in the communal schools.

It was noted further that there was no absolute measure as to what would constitute adequate support and that the Jewish Welfare Fund was faced with the dilemma of far greater needs in many directions than it could possibly meet. It had been suggested in the Council meeting that the Council should either take over the budgeting functions or should use its influence with the Welfare Fund to try to secure a larger allocation toward Jewish education. This question was considered, and it was stated that there had been a clear line of demarcation between the Council and the Fund and that this should be maintained. The Council had been established to function in the "moral sphere", and the Fund in the fiscal and philanthropic sphere. While it was true that in some other communities Councils did operate Welfare Funds, those Councils had been created for that purpose. This had not been true in Cleveland, and the Fund in fact had been established before the Council. Since the Fund had granted allocations to the Bureau, the only question was one of amount, and this would have to rest with the judgment of the Welfare Fund reflecting the judgment of the community. It would be a mistake for the Council to try to influence the Fund in this regard, it was said. The Bureau had had a hearing before the Fund, and it would have to be assumed that the Bureau leaders were competent to present the needs of their operations. To attempt to step into the picture would be to infringe upon the functions of the Fund and the Bureau. It was noted in this regard that the Bureau had received an increase of 40% in its allocation from the Fund in the last few years.

In general, it was said that the Council should not attempt to usurp the powers of any parallel organizations. No organization in Jewish life, no matter how representative, had police powers of compulsion. All had only the power of persuasion, and even that power would have to be used with discretion. Otherwise, a majority might destroy the entire structure by trying to force its will upon a minority.

Instead of going to the Welfare Fund, it was suggested that the Council try to bring about a greater understanding of Jewish education throughout the community, and it was proposed that a committee be appointed to cooperate with the Bureau in that endeavor. Basically, the Council should have a continuing concern for the spiritual as well as the physical welfare of the community, it was believed. It was noted that there was only one full time professional staff person at the Bureau, and to conduct an intensive promotional and adult education program would require additional personnel and budget, it was said. One suggestion was that the Bureau and the Council might sponsor a conference in the Fall of each year to consider adult and child educational matters, to stimulate a greater interest and help bring about a broad understanding which would aid both communal and congregational schools.

The immediate appointment of a committee would be premature, it was believed, and there was no clarity as to what such a committee would study at the present time. It was pointed out that from its origin it had been the policy

of the Council not to attempt to supersede existing organizations, but rather to aid them in worthy projects and to fill in gaps where no agencies existed to meet specific communal needs. The Bureau was the community's agency for Jewish education and had the primary responsibility for promoting it. It already represented a cross section of the community, and the Community Council's task was to aid it in specific projects, as it had in Jewish Book Week and Jewish Education Month, rather than to take the fundamental responsibility from it. To do the latter not only would violate a basic principle of the Council's operation, but would set a precedent for similar procedure in other matters, and would imply incompetence on the part of the Bureau. In this connection the Bureau itself had not asked the Council for such assistance and it was believed that before any action were taken by the Council the Bureau should crystalize what help it wanted, if any, and should present a specific request to the Council.

It was therefore agreed that no action should be taken by the Council pending such consideration and action by the Bureau.

8. March of Dimes Mrs Clarence Weidenthal reported that the Jewish organizations had cooperated splendidly in the March of Dimes Infantile Paralysis campaign and that 1300 Birthday Card containers and 100 large coin containers had been distributed among them. The response had been excellent, with a very large number of containers filled. In planning for future campaigns she recommended that containers be distributed at a Community Council meeting, as had been done this year.

9. War Aid I L Kenen reported that the recent and current activities of the Council's War Aid Committee included recruiting of block leaders, distribution of a large quantity of the book, "In the Nation's Service", an appeal to organizations to register local men and women serving in the armed forces, distribution of an appeal in behalf of the War Housing Committee, stimulation of blood donor registration during the week in which the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations had responsibility for the booth at the Union Terminal, and mailing of scrolls to the families of two more local Jewish boys lost in service. Mr Kenen reported further that the Zionist organizations were cooperating in a national Bond and Stamp sale at the request of the U S Treasury Department, and it was expected that sales totalling \$500,000 would be made locally during the month of February.

10. Membership Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried it was voted to recommend to the Community Council approval of the membership applications of the University Heights Lodge B'nai B'rith, Kinsman Shaker Auxiliary B'nai B'rith, Marmarisher B'nai Jacob Sisterhood and Achyos Jerusalem Mizrahi. Consideration of the application of the University Heights Auxiliary B'nai B'rith was postponed until the organization became eligible for membership in June, 1943.

11. Protest Dr Eisenberg reported that the Board of the Bureau of Jewish Education had considered and had approved a children's protest demonstration against the Nazi atrocities as related to Jewish children. He stated that in New York City and in other communities such demonstrations had been held, accompanied by pleas to the United States government that it intervene to save children who still could be rescued. The Bureau planned to arrange a radio program on a Sunday morning for this purpose and had received assurance from Cleveland Church Federation officials that they would cooperate. Since the proposal involved public relations, it was being brought to the Community Council for consideration. In the discussion which followed there was some difference of opinion concerning the program, and as to whether, if held, it should be completely Jewish or should include children of other faiths and nationalities of the United Nations.

In this connection Mr Woldman informed the Committee that a "Stop Hitler Now Rally" would be held in New York on March 1 under the leadership of the American Jewish Congress and with the cooperation of other organizations, and that communities throughout the country were being asked to sponsor similar mass meetings. The purpose of the demonstrations would be to point out that despite expressions of sympathy, no concrete action had been taken by the United Nations to stop the wholesale slaughter of Jews in Europe or to rescue those who could be taken out.

It was proposed specifically that the United Nations establish a commission to gather the facts which would serve as a basis for punishing those guilty after the war, that the axis peoples should be constantly reminded that those guilty would be punished, that the United Nations should arrange with neutral countries for the emigration of Jews who could still be saved, and should provide havens for them. In this regard it was stated that the Council should give its attention to the plight of the Jews in North Africa who were still living under anti-Semitic restrictions in territory controlled by the United States Army.

These developments were discussed and it was stated that an important consideration would be the local timeliness of any demonstration. It was noted further that any such project would have to be very carefully planned in order to be effective, and it was suggested that national organizations should be advised to consult with local communities to get their reaction and to give them ample time to prepare a program, rather than expect them to take mass action within a few days after telegraphed demands from the national agencies without previous notice.

Because of the lateness of the hour, and since the proposals of the children's program and mass meeting was directly related, it was moved, duly seconded, and carried that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a committee which would consider both matters fully, and would have power to act on them.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Philip Bernstein

Secretary



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IMMEDIATE AND URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

To Presidents of Member Organizations:

The help of every Jewish organization and every Jewish leader is needed immediately in a program of rescue for the Jews of Europe who are not yet victims of the Nazi mass murder.

The American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, and other national bodies are agreed upon this program, and you are asked to do the following this weekend:

1. Write a letter in behalf of your organization to President Franklin D Roosevelt at the White House.
2. Have as many of your members as possible write individual letters on their own stationery immediately to President Roosevelt.
3. In these letters the grief, outrage, and shock of your organization and of every member should be expressed over the 2,000,000 Jews who already have been slaughtered by the Nazis, and your concern for the remaining Jews of Europe who are slated for mass murder; and an urgent appeal should be made to the President to take the leadership in having the United Nations arrange for the rescue of as many Jews from Occupied Lands as possible, and for these people to find havens in neutral countries, Palestine and the United Nations; also to use every possible means to bring about the cessation of the atrocities, and to repeatedly warn the people of the Axis nations that those responsible for these unimagineable crimes will be punished.

WILL YOU PLEASE DO THESE THINGS IMMEDIATELY? THE SITUATION IS DESPERATE.

Sincerely yours,

Philmore J Haber

Philmore J Haber
President

February 26, 1943

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Summary of Annual Meeting Wednesday, March 24, 1943 8:30 p.m. at the Heights Temple

1. New Delegates The Chairman, Philmore J Haber, welcomed the new delegates attending their first meeting. The importance of regular attendance at all Council sessions was stressed, so that all groups might have a voice in the Council activity. Emphasized also was the necessity of regular reports by delegates to their organizations.

2. Minutes Copies having been mailed to all members, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

3. Reported The Chairman reported briefly on the following items:

Letters - In behalf of the Council and the Jewish community, letters had been sent to Rabbi A H Silver, on his 25th anniversary at the Temple, and 50th birthday anniversary; to Rabbi Harold Goldfarb, on his induction as Chaplain in the US Army; to Bishop Edward F Hoban, on the assumption of his position in Cleveland.

Travelogue - The Council's exhibit at the Jewish Welfare Fund Travelogue, February 7 had received very favorable comment.

Jewish Welfare Fund - The Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign would be held on May 5-16. The goal would have to be much larger than the amount raised in 1942, and members were urged to enroll as workers and to make maximum contributions. It was noted that in addition to other worthy causes, the Community Council itself received the bulk of its support from the Fund.

Peace and Post War Problems - The Council had taken responsibility for attendance at the splendid session on Peace and Post War Problems sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Special thought had been given by the Executive Committee at its last meeting to stimulate more widespread local study and discussion of this question by men's, women's and mixed groups. Hadassah and the Council of Jewish Women already had such classes. Discussion materials could be secured from the Community Council and Bureau of Jewish Education.

Legislation - The Council's Legislative Committee was giving consideration to a proposed bill to ban from the mails literature tending to incite racial and religious hatred, and was securing the advice of national agencies on it; and state legislation on discrimination in employment, which had the attention of the Metropolitan Council on Fair Employment Practice.

March of Dimes - The member organizations and special committee headed by Mrs Clarence Weidenthal were commended for the work done in behalf of the March of Dimes Infantile Paralysis Campaign. The results obtained had won the enthusiastic praise of civic leaders.

Civic-Protective Unity - Three of the four major national civic-protective agencies had agreed to unify their work in accordance with a plan submitted by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Negotiations were proceeding with the fourth. Max Simon, as a member of the national negotiating committee, had received an ovation after his address at the recent General Assembly.

4. Finance Abraham Stern, treasurer, reported that total income in 1942 had been \$ 993.02, and total expenses \$ 947.32, leaving a balance of \$ 45.70 at the end of the year. In 1943 to date, \$ 394.00 had been received in dues from member organizations. Expenses had been \$231.69 for postage, printing, and supplies, leaving a current balance of \$ 208.01.

5. Membership - Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, and upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried, the Council approved the membership applications of the University Heights Lodge B'nai B'rith, Kinsman Shaker Auxiliary B'nai B'rith, Marmarasher B'nai Jacob Sisterhood, and Achyos Jerusalem Mizrachi.

6. Jewish Education - Jerome N Curtis, second Vice-president of the Council, reported on the discussions of Jewish education held by the Executive Committee, to which the subject had been referred by the Council.

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In approaching the question, including both child and adult education, the Committee had considered the respective areas of responsibility of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Welfare Fund, and Jewish Community Council. It was clear that there was much that could be done to improve the status of Jewish education in the community. While 60% of the children of school age were being reached by some form of Jewish education, comparing favorably with other cities, most of them were attending only one day per week. Other communities had a larger proportion attending several days per week. Many persons were unaware of, or indifferent to Jewish education needs, involving both communal and congregational schools.

Two of the difficulties were the very poor housing of communal schools and the low salaries of teachers. In this regard the question of finance had been raised at the Council's September meeting, and the Executive Committee had considered whether the Council should take any steps in the problem, and what its relationship was to the Bureau and the Fund. The Community Council did not seek to, and could not, supersede existing communal agencies in the community. These agencies continued to be autonomous. Where no organization existed to serve an important need, the Council had undertaken to fill the gaps, through direct action or through the establishment of new agencies. In this case, the Bureau of Jewish Education already was in existence as the community's agency in the educational field, and the Fund was already established to handle fiscal matters. While it was true that in some cities the Fund was a part of the Council, in Cleveland the Fund had been created before the Council.

The Bureau already was a beneficiary of the Fund, and thus was recognized by it. The only question therefore was the amount of the allocation granted to the Bureau, and it was not felt that the Council could intervene concerning the amount of any agency's subsidy. To do so in this case would be a reflection upon the competence of the Bureau to present its needs, and the Bureau itself had not requested the Council to take such action in its behalf. While the Council could and had participated in such projects as Jewish Book Week and Jewish Education Month, the present situation called for the Bureau to crystallize first what the needs were. If it then desired the aid of the Council in any way, such a specific request could be considered. Until that time, the Executive Committee did not believe that the Council should take the initiative in any action on the general problem, and that the appointment of a committee by the Council, as had been proposed at the Council meeting, would be premature and without purpose.

7. Intercultural Library Myron Guren described the new Intercultural Library and the Jewish exhibit. The Library building at East 55th and St Clair had been completely redecorated, and the exhibits arranged by over 40 cultural groups were wonderfully attractive. Included were books, handcraft, pottery, silverware, embroidery, ceramics, painting, sculpture, etc. The Jewish alcove, portraying Purim and Passover as festivals of freedom, included Magillahs, Hagaddahs, and ceremonial objects loaned by local Jewish institutions and individuals. Rabbi Silver's poem, "America", was placed at the entrance as the theme of the entire Library. The central purpose of the project, destined to become nationally famous, was to symbolize in America the various cultures which were being destroyed in Europe. Mr Guren praised the exhibit in highest terms, and urged Jewish groups, most of whom had not yet visited the Library, to do so without delay.

8. Election Abraham Kollin reviewed the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, copies of which had been mailed to all members. The Committee had tried to give maximum opportunity to representatives for service in the Executive Committee, and had been confronted with a difficult choice to be made from so large a number of community leaders. Mr Kollin was asked to take the Chair to conduct the election, and there being no other nominations by petition, it was moved, duly seconded, and unanimously carried that the Secretary cast the ballot for the following:

Philmore J Haber, President; Ezra Z Shapiro, First Vice-President; Jerome N Curtis, Second Vice-President; Mrs A F Mellman, Third Vice-President; Abraham Stern, Treasurer; Philip Bernstein, Secretary; Executive Committee; Edward M Baker, Rabbi B R Brickner; Mrs Geo Burkin, Rabbi Armond E Cohen, Rabbi Louis Engelberg, Rabbi David Genuth, Simon J Green, Miss Selma Gressel, Myron Guren, Mrs Milton Halle, A I Hausman, David Ralph Hertz, Dr S F M Hirsch, I L Kenen, S L Kossoff, Mrs Leonard Labowitch, E J Meisel, Dr I Milcoff, James H Miller, Rabbi Israel Porath, Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal, Julius Schweid, Judge Joseph H Silbert, Rabbi A H Silver, Max Simon, Mrs Jos Stashower, Philip L Steinberg, Mrs Joseph Weinberg, Julius Weisberg, and Albert Woldman.

Mr Kollin reported that the Nominating Committee was suggesting to the Executive Committee that it consider the advisability of a constitutional amendment which would make Rabbis of member congregations automatically members of the Executive Committee with the right to attend meetings and participate in the discussions. The Committee felt this would be proper because of their leadership in the community, and that it would make available at least 8 more places on the Executive Committee for lay leaders. While the Council had established the principle of rotation in the Executive Committee, and in the various offices, the Nominating Committee did not feel it wise to drop any of the Rabbis and recognized the embarrassment which congregations might feel if this were done. The Nominating Committee did not feel that such automatic membership in this case would violate democratic principles.

9. Annual Report Mr Haber presented the annual report of the President, reviewing and analyzing the year's work of the Council.
(Copies have been mailed to all members.)

10. Overseas situation All organizations and their individual members had been asked to write to President Roosevelt, requesting his leadership in a constructive program to rescue the Jews of Europe from mass murder by the Nazis. Those who had not already done so were asked to write immediately. At its last meeting the Executive Committee had authorized the appointment of a special committee to consider the advisability of a local mass meeting. The Committee, consisting of the vice-presidents, Ezra Shapiro, Jerome Curtis, and Mrs A F Mellman; representatives of the national civic-protective agencies - E M Baker, Philip Frankel, Julius Weisberg, and Albert Woldman; and M E Glass, Max Simon, and James Miller, had met to consider the question, and plans were under way which would be announced as soon as they were crystallized. The committee also had approved the suggestion of the Bureau of Jewish Education for a children's radio program concerned with the plight of Jewish children overseas.

Mr Woldman introduced to the Council Mr Max Freedman, a member of the staff of the Canadian Ministry in London, and a leader of the World Jewish Congress. Mr Freedman, after expressing gratification with the dignity with which the Cleveland Jewish people conducted their communal affairs, discussed the status of English Jewry, commenting particularly upon their prestige and equality. The British people had been deeply stirred by the Nazi atrocities against Jews, and he described the observance by Parliament of rising in silent tribute, unprecedented except for mourning a death in the royal family, and the historic service of the Church of England. He told also of conversations between Jewish representatives and leaders of the British government concerning the Jewish situation, and cited concrete instances of their help.

11. Post War Plans Ezra Shapiro, first vice-president of the Council, reported on plans for the forthcoming American Jewish Assembly. The purpose of the Assembly was to bring together all Jewish groups on a united platform to be proposed to the peace conferences on the restoration of European Jewry and the development of Palestine. The project had grown out of the Pittsburgh meeting called recently by Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, attended by 32 of the 34 national organizations invited. Only the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Labor Committee had not participated, and it was hoped that their cooperation would be secured.

An Executive Committee was regularly meeting to plan the Assembly, which would include 125 representatives of national organizations and 375 elected by local community assemblies of Jewish organizations. It was expected that the Community Council would be the instrument for this action in Cleveland, and the local assemblies generally would be preceded by educational discussions so that delegates could accurately reflect community sentiment. The Assembly would be held within the next few months.

12. League for Human Rights Miss Grace Meyette, director of the League for Human Rights, described the deep concern among many Christian leaders over the plight of European Jewry, and described the recent work of the League with regard to combatting false rumors, aiding the Intercultural Library, and promoting intelligent discussion of post war problems.

13. Due to the full agenda, a report on the War Aid activities (other than those covered in the annual report of the President) was postponed until the next meeting of the Council. Representatives were reminded to report to their organizations, and the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Philip Bernstein

Secretary



THE FIRST WAR YEAR--YOUR COUNCIL IN ACTION*

During the past year, as now, the primary responsibility of all of us, as Jews and as Americans, has been to help win this war. Nothing is more important. To that task, the resources and energy of this Council have been dedicated.

There is no need at this time for any lengthy exposition. The situation is crystal clear. All that we need do is to review briefly what we have done during the past year, so that our new representatives may get a factual picture of what the Community Council really is, the veteran delegates may look back in perspective on the roads we have travelled, and all of us may get our directions for the year ahead.

We have worked in four major areas: (1) the plight of our fellow Jews overseas and throughout the world; (2) direct aid to the war effort of the United States and the United Nations; (3) development of unity here on the Home Front; and (4) strengthening of our own Jewish community.

This is the record:

Jews Overseas

To help bring to the attention of our community and crystallize local public opinion on the plight of European Jewry, to give expression to our feeling, to do what we can to stimulate a concrete program of rescue by the United Nations, and to aid Jews overseas generally, we sponsored a joint community Tishea Beab memorial service at The Temple last July; conducted a special interfaith radio program last December; adopted and sent to the State Department a resolution endorsing the formation of a Palestinian Jewish Army composed of Palestinian and Stateless Jews; adopted and circulated nationally a resolution opposing the public activities of the newly created Council of American Judaism as endangering the well-being of almost 600,000 Jews now in Palestine, and the future of hundreds of thousands of others who must look upon Palestine as their only salvation; arranged for our people to send individual letters -- and large numbers did -- to President Roosevelt within the past few weeks, urging his leadership in rescuing Jews from Nazi dominated countries; and have begun to stimulate a more widespread interest generally in our community in the whole question of peace and post war planning, upon which the future of our people and of democracy will depend. Other action in this sphere is now under consideration.

Helping The War Effort

Second, our Joint War Aid Committee, which includes the committees of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations and the Jewish Young Adult Bureau, has worked to mobilize the fullest possible strength of our community behind the nation's war effort. Through printed messages distributed in the temples and synagogues on the High Holy Days last September, we informed 17,000 Jewish families of how everyone could help. Through a constant stimulation, our organizations have sold well over \$2,500,000 of War Bonds and Stamps; we aided in the special Victory Bond Drive last December; recruited 350 volunteers to help in house to house War Bond canvass last Spring; secured several thousands of blood donors for the Red Cross, resulting in an award of the Army and Navy "E"; enrolled directly over 100 air raid wardens to fill in special sections; secured over 175 block leaders to organize their own neighbor-

* An accounting presented to the seventh annual meeting of the Cleveland Jewish Community Council on March 24, 1943.

hoods for all types of war aid; stimulated maximum cooperation in the scrap rubber, tin, and metals drives, in our Jewish institutions as well as individual families; reached over 12,000 families through the distribution of a special anti-hoarding message which we prepared; aided the War Housing Committee in finding vacancies; assisted the Army Emergency Relief through serving as a ticket center for the Army War Show; and have cooperated with the local Army and Navy Committee of the national Jewish Welfare Board through helping to arrange cordial hospitality for visiting soldiers and sailors, through joint public relations activity to give an accurate picture of the superb part which Jewish men and women are playing in the armed forces, through special scrolls to the families of Jewish men lost in service, and special letters to those cited for unusual bravery.

In this connection, we have urged every citizen to fulfill his basic responsibility by voting - a responsibility which is now a sacred and rare privilege in this war stricken world. Being non-partisan and non-political, we have of course refrained from taking sides, and our special committee has been alert to keep out of local campaigns false racial and religious issues which only serve to cause needless antagonism and strife. We are glad to have had some small part in stimulating the unusually large vote in Cleveland as compared with that throughout the rest of the country. We have likewise cooperated in encouraging a maximum number of our people to become citizens.

In the national and state spheres, the legislative committee which we established last year was kept informed of pending bills which are of special concern to Jews, and has guided the Council in action on such measures.

The review of war aid which I have given is only the briefest sketch of our activity in this regard, and does not include much of the magnificent work which the women's and young people's groups especially have been doing, and which would fill several reports in itself. Apart from the intrinsic value of the service, there are important benefits which come from the mere process of rubbing elbows with other religious and racial groups. We have consciously avoided setting up separate war programs. Instead, we have consistently channelled our people into the official, non-sectarian agencies, and our efforts always have been part of the general programs.

Toward Greater Unity

Never was this type of cooperation more important. The war has shown that instead of diminishing, the Nazi war of lies and hate has been intensified, seeking to divide and destroy America from within as other nations have been destroyed. In our efforts to counteract this poison, we have done more than try to protect the Jew. We have tried to protect America's unity, and thus America's strength.

Nationally we have cooperated closely with the four civic-protective agencies whose purpose it is to combat bigotry and anti-Semitism. A committee of the Council has been in the forefront of efforts to strengthen the effectiveness of these agencies by uniting their work, and Max Simon has been a dynamic force in a national committee which has stimulated the beginnings of progress.

Locally we have cooperated with the League for Human Rights in exposing and counteracting rumors, and in the other important work which the League is doing to overcome prejudice. We have aided the Conference of Christians and Jews in its large civic luncheons, in Brotherhood Week, and in the forthcoming Religious Book Week. We participated in a series of interfaith radio programs, in an interfaith community song festival, assisted the Hebrew Cultural Gardens pageant which was one of the "Four Freedoms" series, are sponsoring a splendid exhibit in the nationally outstanding Intercultural Library which everyone should see, and aided such groups as the Karamu House and Knights of Columbus. Our cooperation in the March of Dimes Infantile Paralysis Campaign, and in over-subscribing our quota to help finance the Festival of Freedom, have won high praise.

In the field of inter-racial relations, we also helped promote the memorial meeting for the great Negro scientist, Dr. Carver, and distributed several hundred copies of the Office of War Information publication, "Negroes and the War", to Jewish leaders and to Jewish business men in the Negro neighborhoods. We affiliated with the Shaker Heights Community Council, to represent our groups with membership in that suburb for participation in civic, patriotic, and educational projects. We likewise have become a member of the Metropolitan Council for Fair Employment Practice, to help overcome discrimination in employment, particularly in war industries. This again is not just a matter of injustice to minorities. Every machine left idle for even a day, every job poorly performed because someone else better qualified was denied the opportunity to fill in on the basis of his race or creed, is sabotaging our country's war effort.

In a particular area of interest, our Schools Committee has continued to act as the community's agent in matters involving the Jewish students and religious holidays, has given its attention to the effects of later closing school hours on religious schools, and has sought to build better mutual understanding between the religious groups by helping to develop the local Religious Education Association. The committee has also continued to watch closely national and local developments with regard to released time and other proposals involving the public schools.

Within The Jewish Community

While striving to build better relations and greater intergroup unity, we have also sought to strengthen and enrich our own Jewish community. Culturally, we have actively promoted Jewish Education Month and Jewish Book week. We have tried to keep our community intelligently informed of current developments through the periodic distribution of important literature and reports.

Internally we have **built** more orderly procedure and inter-group relations through such devices as the Community Calendar, and have tried to settle difficulties which arose through our Arbitration Court rather than through the public courts. The value of our court is shown by a sample of the cases we helped settle during the past year; a suit by a cantor against a congregation; a claim by a family against a congregation concerning a burial stone; 3 Kashruth cases involving charges by the Orthodox Rabbis against butchers; a charge of misuse of funds by an organization against a former officer; a dispute between a communal society and a funeral home; etc. One can readily imagine what interesting newspaper publicity they would have made had these cases gone to the public courts.

That, then is the briefest recital of what your Community Council did during the past year. It does not attempt to cover a multitude of other services which

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the Council renders every day, in handling a variety of specific situations, and in acting as a clearing house of community information and service.

All this has been the work of many people. Whatever credit it reflects, should go to those people, and not to any individuals or small group.

Have We Met Our Purposes?

In judging them, however, we ought to remind ourselves of the fundamental purposes of the Council:

- (1) To bring together all elements of Cleveland Jewry. Has the Council done that?
- (2) To consider matters of mutual concern to all Jews. Has the Council done that?
- (3) To give expression to all points of view, and to provide adequate information on such matters. Has the Council done that?
- (4) To take united action whenever such action seemed necessary. Has the Council done that?
- (5) To serve as a community voice. Has the Council done that?
- (6) To give greater opportunity for community participation and leadership to all types of groups and persons. Has the Council done that?

And has the Council done all this in the light of current needs and problems?

The answer to these questions must be given by the record itself, and you must be the judge.

Guide Posts

As we move ahead into the year before us, it would be well to focus our sights again on the sign posts that have guided us in the past: First, the Council is the community's council, the whole community's council, and it will be effective only so long as it remains just that. For any segment to try to capture or dominate it would destroy its purpose and value.

Second, whatever we have achieved has been done through voluntary cooperation. We have no police power of compulsion and do not try to exercise any such power. Mutual understanding, a sense of fair play, the representative character of the Council, and the power of public opinion have given us all the power we have had.

Third, we have never tried to supersede existing organizations. Rather, we have tried to be helpful to those already established with a worthy communal purpose, and to fill in the gaps where no agency has been created.

Fourth, we have never deluded ourselves into thinking we could achieve perfection or solve all problems overnight. We have only sought to move as quickly as possible, and to act as effectively as possible, in doing whatever was within our power to meet the problems confronting us.

The gravity of the present situation to Jewry, America, and to the world, is clear to everyone. We are living in a momentous period of history, one which future generations will be able to measure more adequately than we who are a part of it. All of the intelligence, all of the energy, all of the zeal that we can bring to bear will not be too much. As one of the largest Jewish communities remaining in the world, we must move ahead with high purpose, with great courage, and with a deep devotion to the ideals of our democracy and of our faith.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

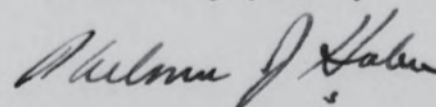
We are very happy that you have consented to participate in the public meeting which has been called by the Jewish Community Council for the Cleveland Public Auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 12. It is our hope that this meeting will be an effective demonstration of the desire of our community for effective action by the United Nations to assure the rescue of the Jews and other peoples of Europe who are threatened with extermination at the hands of the Nazis.

For your information I wish to advise you that the meeting has been called for 8:00 p.m. and we shall appreciate your arrival at the auditorium at that hour. We are planning to have you render the principal address of about 30 minutes in length.

I am enclosing herewith a ticket which will admit you to the stage entrance of the Public Hall (East 6th Street near St. Clair). When you enter the Public Hall you will be directed to the stage.

We look forward to having you with us and are grateful for your part in this important project.

Sincerely yours,



Philmore J Haber
President

May 9, 1943

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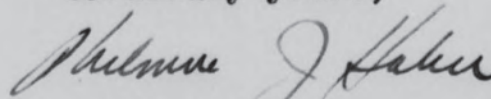
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I know that you expect no words of thanks for the great message you gave the mass meeting last week at Public Hall, but I do want to tell you how deeply we appreciate it and what a great debt of gratitude the community owes you for it.

The effect at the time was obviously tremendous. And since the meeting I have received innumerable calls, letters, and comments, all favorable. I cannot recall an event which has met with such universal approval.

You may be sure that we are most grateful to you for the central part you had in it.

Cordially yours,



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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We take pleasure in informing you that on Sunday, June 13, you were elected a delegate to the American Jewish Conference from the Cleveland Region. The Conference has already been notified of your election.

Sincerely yours,

Philmore J. Haber
Ezra Z. Shapiro

Co-Chairmen

Election Committee Cleveland Region
American Jewish Conference

June 16, 1943



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ON THIS, the beginning of a New Year, a year in which we pray that victory will come to the cause of Freedom, let us pledge to do these things to save lives and help win this war over tyranny and slavery:

1. Donate scrap iron, steel, rubber, copper, aluminum. Comb your house, attic, cellar, garage, yard, office, and factory, even if you have done it before. These materials are needed desperately, immediately. Take them to the nearest gasoline station; or call PROspect 6100 to have them picked up.

SOME THINGS TO LOOK FOR: Metal and rubber toys—flatirons—bicycle parts—tricycle parts—ashtrays—broken tools—old plumbing fixtures and parts—old pipe and hose—old sleds—roller and ice skates—metal boxes and cabinets—metal beds and parts—hinges—radiators—grills—springs—old stoves and parts—automobile parts—pots and pans—broken lawn mowers—broken garden tools—wire—rubber bands—casters—metal chairs and furniture—clocks—metal fence—locks—keys—metal furnace parts—old musical instruments—pails—screens—radio parts—old metal shovels—metal lamps and shades—old rubber shoes—old raincoats—suspenders, garters, girdles—old hot water bottles—old fireplace tools and grates—broken scissors—etc., etc., etc.

2. Give blood. Call ENdicott 7575 for an appointment. If you've done it before, do it again.
3. Save tin cans. Take off paper, rinse clean, cut off top and bottom, put them inside, and step on can. Keep in dry place until collected.
4. Save fats. Strain them and take them to your meat market.
5. Donate scrap paper. When you get a pile as high as a broomstick, call PROspect 6100 to have it picked up.
6. Buy War Bonds and Stamps—at least 10% of your income.
7. Enroll in civilian defense. Register at any Cleveland fire station or suburban city hall. You are needed, now.
8. Enroll in Red Cross first aid and other classes, to protect yourself and your family. Call ENdicott 6000.
9. Protect your home. Cleveland may be bombed. Remove inflammables from your attic, select the safest room for refuge, have fire fighting equipment ready. It is too late to prepare after a raid starts.
10. Drive less, drive slowly, and share your auto with others, to save tires and wear.
11. Give books and magazines for the armed forces. Take them to the nearest public library.
12. Carry your own packages when shopping.
13. Support the war relief agencies generously.
14. Do not hoard. Operate your household wisely and economically.
15. Work to the maximum of your capacity. Guard your health.
16. Don't accept or spread rumors. Get proof. If you don't know where to get the facts, call the Jewish Community Council, CHerry 8176.
17. Do your duty as a citizen in a democracy—VOTE at every election. This is the means of self government. This is what our boys are giving their lives to preserve.

This is little to ask. It's already very late. Every person can—must—do all of these things—and do them at once. Delay may mean death for innocent people. Delay may mean defeat and slavery.

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(Take this home and keep it for reference.)

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To Members:

If ever children needed a knowledge of religious ideals the time is now. In a world torn by war and destruction, a sense of ethical values is an urgent necessity, if the youth of today are to help build and maintain a peaceful world tomorrow.

And what is true of children in general is even more true of Jewish youth, who for ten years have been bewildered by attacks on Jews and minorities. To become healthy, well adjusted, self-respecting adults, understanding themselves and those who would destroy human liberties, they must have a knowledge of their faith, their people, their history and literature, and their ideals. And as good Jews, they will be good Americans.

Throughout the country Jewish Education Month will be observed September 10 - October 10. Its message to every Jewish parent will be: "Enroll your child in a Jewish school - keep your child in a Jewish school."

To aid our Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education in mobilizing the support of the entire community behind this event, the Jewish Community Council at its last meeting authorized the appointment of this Committee. It is one of the most positive and fundamental tasks the Council has ever undertaken. For nothing is more important to the well-being of our community than the education of our youth.

Will you therefore please make sure that all of your members know about Jewish Education Month? And that as parents they enroll their children in Jewish schools this year? If they don't know what is available, the Bureau of Jewish Education, Cedar 3376, will be glad to tell them of the various communal and congregational schools of all types. The Bureau also has folders, posters for your meeting places, and other materials which it will be glad to furnish upon request.

We are counting on your full cooperation in this tremendously important undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

JEWISH EDUCATION MONTH COMMITTEE

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