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Jewish Welfare Board, 1917-1921.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

September 3, 1917

Judge Milton Strasburger,
Municipal Court,
District of Columbia.

My dear Judge Strasburger:

I have read with care your memorandum of September 5th, addressed to Mr. Jasper J. Mayer, in regard to the Government's recommending the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith for social work among Jews who have volunteered and are in various branches of the United States Army.

It has been the policy of the Commission on Training Camp Activities to deal with one agency and one agency alone, in connection with specific lines of welfare work. Thus, we deal with the Young Men's Christian Association instead of with the social organizations of the various Protestant churches. In the same fashion we deal with the Knights of Columbus instead of with the various societies of the Catholic Church. Several months ago, after careful investigation, we made up our minds that the organization best fitted for social work among Jewish soldiers was the Jewish Welfare Board, and that Board was recognized to carry on this kind of activity.

It will be impossible, therefore, to extend recognition to your Order. In taking this ground I do not want to appear to cast any reflection upon the organization with which you are affiliated, or upon the work your organization is in a position to undertake. I believe, however, that the Jewish Welfare Board represents the widest possible basis for this kind of work, and for that reason its selection was to my mind a wise one.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Raymond B. Fosdick

Chairman.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

September 20, 1917.

Colonel Harry Cutler,
Chairman, Jewish Board for Welfare Work,
Room 1607, 31 Union Square West,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to reaffirm the arrangement made informally with your Board some months ago, to the effect that this Commission recognizes your society as the official agency for Jewish welfare work in the military training camps in the United States. It is necessary for us, in each case, to deal with one such agency, so as to eliminate duplication of effort and overlapping of function. I trust that you will be able to coordinate all the activities along this special line which are seeking independently to work with Jewish soldiers in the camps.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Raymond B. Fosdick

Chairman

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Telegram
(COPY)

Filed Sep 25, 1917.

September 13, 1917.

Hon. Adolph Kraus, President,
I. O. B. B. Tribune Building, Chicago, Ill.

Regarding conference yesterday the Executive Committee of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the United States Army and Navy in the interest of co-ordinating and merging all activities looking to the welfare of the soldiers and sailors in the United States Army and Navy agree to your suggestion that the following posts namely, Rockford, Battle Creek, Des Moines, Tacoma, Baltimore, Alexandria, Fort Worth, Houston and Hattiesburg be under the supervision of the Bnai B'rith, your representatives to carry into effect at these posts the policies now in force and those which may be adopted by the administrative committee of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work of which the Bnai B'rith may name three members? It is agreed that there shall be one Treasurer and all funds collected by the Bnai B'rith shall be sent to the National Treasurer, Mr. S. S. Rosenstamm, to be used in connection with the welfare work of the Jewish soldiers and sailors. I have been asked to express to you the satisfaction of our Board that this basis of co-operation has been established and we will send out our appeal with your signature attached, adding notation which you dictated.

Harry Cutler,

Chairman.

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER, RABBI
THE TEMPLE

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BENJ. LOWENSTEIN, PRESIDENT
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October 1, 1917.

My Dear Friend:

An appeal has reached me from the Headquarters of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the Army and Navy, in behalf of the Jewish soldiers and sailors now engaged in active war or stationed in the various military training camps.

I take the liberty of transmitting the appeal to you, confident that it will meet with the prompt and generous response which it merits.

You feel, no doubt, as I do, that our boys who have responded to their country's call and are ready to make many sacrifices in token of their loyalty and devotion to America are deserving of all the inspiration, the cheer and the comfort which we can possibly give them. While our government is earnestly endeavoring to provide for the physical comfort of its soldiers, much of the work must necessarily be done by civilian organizations. Especially is the matter of the moral well-being of the men in service or in camp left in the hands of organizations of patriotic civilians, who are deeply interested in the social and moral standards of the American soldier.

As Jews we are, in an added measure, concerned with the moral and religious welfare of our Jewish boys in the army and navy. It is to supply them with healthy recreation, moral guidance and to answer their religious needs, that the Board for Welfare Work in the Army and Navy has been organized. All national Jewish Organizations are co-operating in this work.

I am very anxious that The Temple, in keeping with its splendid tradition of ready response to every patriotic cause and to every deserving cause in American Jewry, should again give evidence of its spirit and generosity. I am, therefore, making a personal appeal to the members of The Temple in behalf of this most worthy cause, and in full confidence of its success.

Should you feel prompted to contribute to this fund, please fill out the enclosed blank and send it to The Temple. Please make your check payable to The Temple Soldier Welfare Fund.

Thanking you for your consideration, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER.

The Temple Fund

For "Jewish Welfare Work in the Army and Navy."

Enclosed please find my contribution ofto the
Jewish Welfare Work in the Army and Navy.

Name.....

Address

October.....1917.

JEWISH BOARD FOR WELFARE WORK
IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY
Room 1507, 31 UNION SQUARE WEST
NEW YORK CITY

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS

COUNCIL OF Y. M. H. & KINDRED ASSOCIATIONS
JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY
UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA

October 3, 1917.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Scranton Y.M.H.A. which has a very large auditorium, and which in fact is the Jewish Community center is anxious to have you come and speak to the Scranton Public, at a date convenient to you. They will of course be very happy to pay your travelling expenses.

I might state that Miss Jeanette Rankin, Mr. C. Ackerman, Rabbi Wise, Rabbi Krass, and others have spoken from the same platform.

Will you not be good enough to let me know, whether you can arrange conveniently a date to be at Scranton.

Sincerely yours,

S. G. Robinson

Secretary.

SAG/GO

October 5, 1917.

MR. S. A. GOLDSMITH, SEC^Y,
JEWISH BOARD FOR WELFARE WORK,
31 UNION SQUARE WEST,
NEW YORK CITY.

My dear Mr. Goldsmith:

I have received your kind letter, and in response wish to say that the Scranton people have been in touch with me, and I have accepted their invitation, provided the date which I set them was agreeable to them. I expect to hear from them in the near future.

With kindest personal regards,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:G

M. J. MANDELBAUM

L. J. WOLF

H. C. LANG

MANDELBAUM, WOLF & LANG

GUARDIAN BUILDING

CLEVELAND

OCT 10th 1917

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER,
THE TEMPLE,
CLEVELAND.

MY DEAR SIR:

I am in receipt of your circular letter of October 1st, asking for a contribution to the "Jewish Welfare Work in the Army and Navy."

I fully agree with the thought that you have so well expressed -- "That our boys who have responded to their country's call and are ready to make many sacrifices in token of their loyalty and devotion to America are deserving of all the inspiration, the cheer and the comfort which we can possibly give them."

I am a member of the Executive Committee of the National Red Cross, Cleveland Chapter. I am convinced that the benefits accruing from the work being undertaken by the National Red Cross are enjoyed by all our soldiers, without distinction as to race or religion. I believe that through the efforts of the Red Cross, the material needs and physical comforts of ALL the boys at the front are being well taken care of.

The War Department and Department of Justice, we are informed, have adopted drastic restrictive measures as to liquor and social vices.

Last week, I met Mr. Harold Clark, in charge of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, who told me that that organization, the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and a Catholic organization, which I believe is the Knights of Columbus, were working together in a spirit of greatest harmony to take care of the moral and religious needs of the soldiers.

I asked him if any distinction was being made as to race or religion, in the enjoyment of the library facilities or recreation facilities offered by any or all of the Associations, and he assured me that question did not in any way enter into the camp life.

If it is true that the National Red Cross is taking care of the physical and material needs, without respect to race or religion, and if Y.M.H.A. is taking care of the religious and moral needs of the Jewish boys, then I am wondering why we need another organization.

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RABBI SILVER
OCT 10th 1917

The War Department and the National Red Cross are seeking simplicity rather than multiplicity of organizations.

This is written, dear sir, not in a spirit of criticism, but because of a deep desire to get at the facts, with the hope that if fully understood, they might help toward a unified effort to do the big work without waste or duplication.

Meanwhile, I enclose herewith my check for \$10.00 in reply to your appeal.

Very sincerely yours,

Ch. J. Mandelbaum

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October 11, 1917.

MR. M. J. MANDELBAUM,
GUARDIAN BLDG.,
C I T Y.

My dear Mr. Mandelbaum:

I am in receipt of your kind favor of the 10th, enclosing a check for Jewish Welfare Work in the Army and Navy.

I read with great interest, the information contained in your letter, concerning the splendid work of the American Red Cross, of the Y. M. C. A., and also of the Y.M.H. A.

I am afraid, my dear Mr. Mandelbaum, that you are laboring under a wrong impression. The Y. M. H. A., is the constituent body of this "Board for Jewish Welfare Work in the Army and Navy". This "Board for Jewish Welfare Work in the Army and Navy" was organized to co-ordinate and combine the activities of the I. O. B. B., The Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Young Men's Hebrew Association. It is acting as a sort of common treasury for all funds. The Y. M. H. A., receives its financial assistance from this "Board for Jewish Welfare Work in the Army and Navy."

Trusting that this will clear up the situation, and thanking you for your kind favor, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

AHS*G

M. J. MANDELBAUM

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Oct. 12-1917.

RABBI A.H. SILVER,
The Temple,
East 55th St.,
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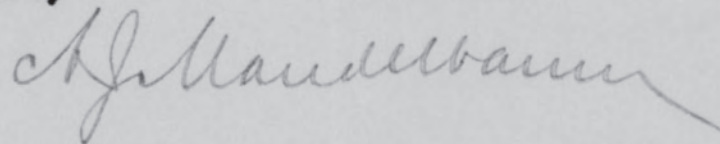
My Dear Sir:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 11th, which entirely answers my inquiry of the preceding day.

I did not know that the Y.M.H.A. was a constituent part of the Jewish welfare work in the army and navy, and my letter to you was written, as I indicated, I think, because of the thought that the Board for Welfare Work was duplicating that of the Y.M.H.A.

Your letter clears up the situation, and I am obliged to you for your courtesy.

Truly yours,



MJM:F

(COPY)

New York, October 19, 1917.

Colonel Harry Cutler,
Providence, Rhode Island.

My dear Colonel Cutler:

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum of the understanding between us, and which I believe contains all the points that we discussed, except the matter of expediency. If it differs in any way from your understanding of the matter, will you kindly wire me to Chicago, Monday morning. I am submitting a copy of this also to Messrs. Rosenzweig and Hartman, and taking a copy with me to Chicago to submit to Mr. Kraus and the Managing Board. I hope, as I told you before, that there will be thorough accord in this great work.

I have been struck with the enthusiasm of Mr. Rosenzweig. I feel that he could be of great use, and along the lines of our conversation regarding using as much of our machinery as possible, I would suggest that Mr. Rosenzweig, who, as you know, is President of District No. 1, be made a member of the Executive Committee, and put in a place where his ability and enthusiasm may bring the greatest practical results in the work itself. Mr. Rosenzweig is greatly interested in the welfare of the boys and in the workers who are in the field. It seems to me that were he put where he could render the most efficient service on the practical side of the work itself, he would be a great asset to your organization.

You will be glad to hear that I saw Mr. Warburg this morning, and that he is in thorough agreement with what we have done, as is Mr. Charles Hartman. May I express to you the personal hope that our conference will not have been held in vain, and that you may soon hear from Mr. Kraus and myself that the I.O.B.B. will throw its strength, its organization and its enthusiasm into this great work.

With very pleasant recollections of my visit with you, and with hopes that your wife will recover her usual good health, I am,

Yours very truly,

(signed)

George Fox.

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At the conference held in Providence, with regard to the co-operation and merging of the work of the American Soldiers and Sailors Welfare League with that of the Jewish Welfare Board for the Army and Navy, the following points were mutually agreed to.

First: That all moneys collected through the I.O.B.B. agencies be transmitted to S. S. Rosenstam, National Treasurer, New York.

Second: That a balance of at least \$2,500 be maintained in Chicago for the present, but that the continuance of such balance be made contingent until a policy of National subventions is approved of by the Executive Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board for the Army and Navy.

Third: That requisitions properly approved by the Chicago office be forwarded to the New York office, and that these requisitions be honored by New York for the payment of such expenditures as are approved of by the Chicago office.

Fourth: That a letter be written by Mr. Adolph Kraus, president, and Colonel Harry Cutler, chairman, jointly, to the lodges, setting forth the facts of the merger and the reasons therefor.

Fifth: That after the present supply of American Soldiers and Sailors Welfare League stationery for the camps is exhausted, that the stationery at all camps be uniform and bear the imprint of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the United States Army and Navy.

Sixth: That simultaneous reports of the workers be sent to the Chicago office and the New York office, and that all policies adopted by the administrative council be put in force in all cantonments.

Seventh: That Colonel Cutler issue credentials for the workers in the cantonments supervised by the I. O. B. B. through the New York office. Such credentials, however, to go only to those who are designated by and satisfactory to the I. O. B. B.

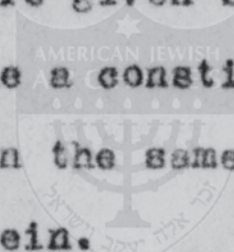
Eighth: That Colonel Cutler use the present organization of the I. O. B. B. as agencies for the collecting of funds and such other activities as may properly be used in furthering the work.

and that as far as possible the general plans of work of the I. O. B. B. organization be utilized.

Ninth: That the New York office furnish the Chicago office with stationery after the present supply is exhausted.

In the above conference, it was understood that the Chicago office of the American Soldiers and Sailors Welfare League be retained as a clearing house for the work prosecuted heretofore by the I. O. B. B., as per prior agreement with Colonel Cutler, but that the national headquarters of the entire organization be in the City of New York.

It is understood that in view of the merger of all the activities in the central organization as per agreement, with the particular exceptions whereby we are given special control in certain reserved camps, that we become a constituent organization of the central body as reorganized, in the same sense as those other organizations who have joined therein.



INDEPENDENT ORDER OF B'NAI B'RITH
1226-1228 Tribune Building

CHICAGO

October 25-1917.

Colonel Harry Cutler,
7 Eddy Street,
Providence, R.I.

My dear Brother Cutler:-

I wired you as follows: "Memorandum prepared by Rabbi Fox follows in the main our agreement excepting a matter touching form and not substance. Will explain in letter which follows:"

I thought that any further negotiations were unnecessary and that a full agreement had been reached between us. I cannot, for reasons stated in my letter of October 1st, agree to paragraph four in the memorandum submitted to me by Rabbi Fox, namely that a letter should be written by you and me to the lodges explaining the "merger". I shall be pleased to fully explain the agreement made with you for co-operation, and we can agree if necessary on the form of the letter. I am also willing to join you in a public letter to be published in the Jewish newspapers. Whether my view as why not to send a joint letter to the lodges, as explained in letter of October 1st, is correct or not I hope you will understand that I am not prompted by any motive to which you can take exceptions, but solely by what I deem the proper mode of procedure. To adopt any other course would be an innovation. It has never been done before and there is no reason why it should be done now.

Paragraphs one-two, three, six and seven of the memorandum do not differ from the understanding you and I had. In paragraph eight strike out the first two lines and substitute for it the following:- "The I.O.B.B. shall aid in collections." If the Executive Committee of the Order is to surrender its duty to any one there will be no objection on my part to surrender it to you, but so far I am not ready to abdicate. The last paragraph commencing with the words "It is understood" I do not understand and therefore cannot agree to without some satisfactory explanation, nor does it seem to me of any great importance.

We have organized every state, even where there are no camps, for the collection of funds. Some of our representatives have shown considerable activity. Those men ought to remain in charge of the collection of funds, or at least jointly with others so as not to dampen their enthusiasm.

Rabbi Fox told me of the hot time you had at the meeting in New York and that you saved the situation. That did not surprise me neither as to yourself nor as to the distinguished assembly, for there is always a hot time at any meeting held in New York.

I am sorry that you seem to think that you will not be able to meet me in New York for I am sure that you and I would agree on every point in a few minutes, whereas trying to come to an understanding by letters is not as satisfactory.

With very best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

AK/LH

(Signed) Adolf Kraus.

October 31, 1917

My dear Brother Kraus:-

Your letter of the twenty-fifth instant reached me in Sunday's mail, which, of course, was not delivered until yesterday. At the outset let me say that the memorandum prepared by Rabbi Fox contains his own phraseology, therefore, I am not interested so much in the language as I am in the substance.

My reason for urging a general communication to the lodges is to once and for all do away with the present misunderstanding intentionally or otherwise, on the part of a great many members of the Order, whose zeal and loyalty prompts them to withhold their fullest measure of co-operation. In this letter we should clearly define the fact that we are merged, and that the B'nai B'rith is ready to put all its machinery and strength of its organization behind this work. This, as you know, will be of inestimable value.

I would thereupon proceed to make the appointments, which I am anxious to do, of I.O.B.B. men in the furthering and perfecting of this organization.

I agree that to adopt this suggestion would be an innovation, but an innovation, in my judgment, well worth while in the interest of the cause we are serving. However, if you insist that this should not be done, but will join me in a public letter to the press, I shall reluctantly waive my wishes in the premises.

Paragraph 8, which you criticize is the phraseology and language of Dr. Fox and I did not see same until he sent me a copy from New York where he wrote it. This paragraph emanated entirely from Dr. Fox. It was his suggestion, which I readily and cheerfully concurred, namely, to utilize the general machinery of the I.O.B.B., hence, you will see that I am not looking to have you surrender to me or to this Board any functions of the Executive Committee of the Board, or for you to abdicate. I rather think you made these references in a spirit of good natured facetiousness, for I am sure you give me credit for better motives than harboring any such thoughts as your statement would imply.

The last paragraph is also the phraseology of Dr. Fox. I am sure he can give you the explanation you request.

None of the money collected by the I.O.B.B. has thus far been sent to the National Treasurer. Will you be good enough to suggest that this be done without delay, retaining in your possession \$2500.00 of the amount now collected, which I understand to be about \$12,000.00.

With very best wishes and personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) HARVEY CUTLER

Hon. Adolf Kraus,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Please give Cutler for his
information.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to the conference between Mr. Adolph Kraus of Chicago and Mr. Felix M. Warburg of 52 William Street, held on October 27th at 11 o'clock A.M.

Mr. Kraus, upon his arrival from Chicago, came in to discuss the matter of the Jewish Welfare Board, and stated that he was sorry to hear from Dr. Fox that the matter of joining the Welfare Board and the B'nai B'rith had caused quite a discussion during the meeting, and that he wanted to assure me that he wished to live up to the agreement that he had made, and that all he was interested in was not to get credit for the 'B'nai B'rith, but, having gone as far as they have, he did not feel that they should give up their identity in this work; and that he also understood that this Joint-Welfare Board was between the Welfare Board as such - party of the first part- and the B'nai B'rith - party of the second part.

I told him that he had received much more consideration than any other party which had gone into the Welfare Board for the sake of unity. I told him that the Y. M. H. A. started this work long before the War, looking after the soldiers in the different posts in this neighborhood; and while I personally paid the expenses of the Y. M. & Kindred Associations for a number of years, and while I thought that the Y. M. H. A's name was the proper one which expressed the work that they have done for the soldiers, and should, therefore, have been adopted; and

that we had dropped all claim on leadership in this matter, and had merged in the name which was satisfactory all around, and the new Board had taken over the responsibility for the work to be done in the camps and cantonments. That no other organizations had asked for any privileges in supervising special posts, and that for the sake of co-operation, we had conceded to him the supervision of the 8 posts stated before, and that I hope he will appreciate this attitude and ask for nothing further.

He mentioned our request at the last meeting that no special stationery should be used by the B' B'. after the present supply was exhausted, as there should be uniformity all over, but their name appearing on stationery wherever used would give the B' B'. credit and standing for all work done by the joint-organizations. He appreciated that, and stated that he would want to raise no point that would create any difficulties. We then discussed the personality of Dr. Fox, and I stated that I thought he would be very useful and I hoped he would be kept on this work. Mr. Kraus then volunteered the statements that there were a good many organizations which were not quite satisfied with the ruling, that only three Societies, viz., the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus and the Welfare Board, could be permitted to the camps, and stated that the meeting had been called upon the suggestion of the Secretary of War of Masons and Organizations which wished to be heard. That in courtesy to the Secretary of War, he would attend such a meeting, and he gave me the assurance that whatever action other Societies would take, he would promise me that relationship between the B.B. and the Welfare Board would not be changed, and that he would live up to his agreement.

Chicago, Ill. Oct. 2-1917

Col. Harry Cutler,
Providence, R.I.

Rabbi Fox returned today. Informs me that our organization in Pittsburg issued call for meeting of all Jewish organizations in that city for Wednesday evening. Fox will be there. Urge them to raise money and forward it to Rosenstamm. Fox can be in New York on the fifth or as soon thereafter as administrative committee meets

ADOLPH KRAUS

Col. Harry Cutler,
7 Eddy St.--Providence, R.I.

Chicago, Ill. Oct. 22-1917

Memorandum prepared by Rabbi Fox follows in the main our agreement excepting one matter--touching form only and not substance. I will explain in letter which follows.

ADOLPH KRAUS

Col. Harry Cutler
7 Eddy St., Providence, R.I.

Chicago, Ill. Oct. 23-1917

Have decided to attend Sunday meeting in New York. Wish to discuss matters with you in-so-far as Rabbi Fox memorandum differs with our original agreement--therefore unnecessary to write. Wish also speak to you on other matters. Will arrive New York Saturday morning--can you meet me Hotel Astor Sunday forenoon. If not where can we meet. Wire time and place of meeting.

ADOLPH KRAUS

Col. Harry Cutler,
New Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 24-1917

Agreement You and I made stands-part of memorandum submitted to me by Rabbi Fox may cause dissatisfaction although according to my view provision therein unnecessary. Will write you fully to Providence today--leave for New York Friday Will be at Schiff's office Saturday eleven o'clock. Stop Hotel Astor--will attend Sunday meeting. Must leave New York Sunday night for Washington.

ADOLPH KRAUS

Chicago, Ills. November 2-1917

Hon. Harry Cutler,
Providence, R.I.

Do not print Hartman, Rosenzweig or my name on letterheads of welfare league. Am not feeling well today--will write tomorrow

ADOLF KRAUS

TELEGRAM

New York, November 7, 1917

Adolf Kraus,
1226 Tribune Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois.

I thank you for sending me copy of your letter of November third to Colonel Cutler and am frank to say that I am amazed at its contents. At the conference at our office you stated that you were going to a conference that had been called by the disgruntled societies which you were attending as a matter of courtesy, but you volunteered the assurance that regardless of what other organizations might do, you felt yourself bound to the agreement which you made and would stick to it. I cannot understand, therefore, the evident change of attitude, and as I have made a memorandum of our conversation and handed it over to the Committee with the assurance that, as far as you were concerned, the agreement would be carried out, it puts me in a position which is a new and embarrassing one for me, of having made a statement which is not borne out by the facts. Hoping to hear from you.

Felix M. Warburg.

Chicago, November 8-1917.
Ills.

Felix M. Warburg,
52 William St., New York.

Have answered your telegram by mail.

Adolf Kraus.

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In the answer to Mr. Warburg's telegram ~~and the~~ long letter which does not cite the actual facts in connection with the situation, the following paragraphs appear:-

"My dear Mr. Warburg:-

The statement in your telegram of November 7th, that I volunteered the assurances that I feel myself bound to the agreement which I made with Colonel Cutler and would stick to it, is absolutely correct.

You and I discussed the situation on Saturday forenoon between eleven and twelve o'clock. The view as I then expressed to you, were my views at that time".



November 1, 1917.

Col. Harry Cutler,
Providence,
R. I.

My dear Colonel Cutler:

Many thanks for your kind telegram. I appreciate the information therein contained. I feel however, the necessity of again requesting some information from you on the same subject.

The campaign which the Y. M. C. A. is about to begin, will assume large proportions. It is their object to raise \$900,000 in Cleveland, which means that close on to \$ 75,000 or perhaps \$ 100,000 would come from our people. Many of our people would like to know how far our Jewish boys are availing themselves of Y.M.C.A. facilities in the Camps, whether any attempts in influencing or proselytizing are being made at these places, whether Jewish Religious Services are held in the Y.M.C.A. shacks, — in general — we would like to know definitely what understanding, if any, exists between our own Welfare Board and the Y. M. C. A. Do you contemplate a duplication of the social service work which the Y. M. C. A. is carrying on, or erection of separate shacks for our boys.

I have been called upon to assist in this Y. M. C. A. Campaign. I am tempted to give my assistance to the work, provided I know definitely that satisfactory arrangements have been made between you and the Y.M. C. A. authorities.

By way of passing, I might say that this campaign will not, to my mind, interfere with our own campaign for Welfare Work among the Jewish Soldiers and Sailors, provided that a clear line of demarcation is drawn between the work we hope to do among our boys and the work of the Y. M. C. A. There is a great deal

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Col. Harry Cutler.

of confusion in the minds of many of our people, and I must confess, to a large measure, in my own mind, as to this.

I would appreciate a clear and detailed response to this. May I urge upon you the urgency of this matter? The campaign is to begin in a few days. If necessary, please wire me.

With kindest personal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:G

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November 15th 1917.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Your letter of November 1st. to Col. Cutler
has been referred to me for reply.

I want to state that it is not our policy to
duplicate, in any manner, the functions of the Y.M.C.A. Quite on
the contrary, we propose operating jointly with them in all their
activities and they have promised a like policy towards us.

Our work will be confined to such activities
and help to the Jewish soldiers and sailors, which we cannot expect
the boys to secure from other than Jewish sympathetic workers.

I am enclosing herewith report from Mr. Morris
Weldman, Executive Director of the Federated Jewish Charities of
Boston and one of the leading Jewish social workers in America; also
from Mr. Hyman, social worker at Camp Upton, near New York City.
In the course of a few days, I will forward additional literature.

Sincerely yours,

Henry J. Rosenberg
CHAIRMAN
Propaganda Committee

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P.S. Mr. Hyman's report will be sent in a day or two.

November 16, 1917.

Col. Harry Cutler,
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November 20, 1917.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
 55th and Central Avenue,
 Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

This Board desires to arrange immediately a calendar of addresses to be delivered in the cantonments, military camps and posts throughout the country. It is necessary that we obtain men qualified to speak not only to the men of the Jewish faith but to all soldiers in the service; men whose tact and judgment, coupled with the ability to present a message, will redound to the credit of not only the Jewish men in the camps, but to the entire Jewish population of the country.

Your name has been commended to this Board as a man who would fulfill these essential requirements. We should feel honored if you would be in a position to deliver a number of addresses at military posts within a radius of seventy-five miles from your home. Our Board will, of course, be glad to pay any expenses that you might incur in delivering such addresses.

You are undoubtedly agreed on the necessity for such work. We are hoping that a return mail will bring to us the dates specifically indicated on which you will be at the service of this Board, and more particularly at the service of the Jewish men now engaged in defending our country.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Cutler
 Chairman

George Alexander Kohut
 Director, Religious Work.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

November 20, 1917

Colonel Harry Cutler
Eddy Street
Providence
R. I.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Foodick has told me of the effective activity of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work in coordinating the various Jewish agencies which have sought recognition for work inside our military training camps. In order to prevent duplication of effort, it was necessary to deal with a single agency, broad enough in its scope and organization to comprehend other groups seeking to do the same kind of work. For that reason, we were very glad when such men as Mr. Jacob Schiff, Mr. Felix Warburg and yourself, came forward with this plan for a Jewish Board for Welfare Work, and I am only too glad to congratulate you on what has been accomplished, and to wish you every success in your coordinating activities.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Newton D. Baker,

Secretary of War.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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Independent Order of B'nai B'rith,
Tribune Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Kraus:

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I am confident, Mr. Kraus, that the same end which you seek can be achieved if you will submit to the Jewish Board for Welfare Work for appointment under their regulations and employment under their auspices, the names of the men whom you would like to have in the camps. I am sure that Colonel Cutler will issue credentials to men qualified as above and will be only too glad to work in cooperative relationship with you. I am therefore referring to him for his attention your letter of November 1st as well as your letter of November 15th which you addressed to Secretary Baker.

Very Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Raymond B. Fosdick, Chairman,
Commission on Training Camp Activities.

Chairman.

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November 21, 1917.

Jewish Board for Welfare Work
In The United States Army and Navy,
31 Union Square,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter
of the 20th, wish to state that I shall be
very happy to contribute my services.

I do not definitely know
whether you want me to contribute my ser-
vices on any week day or Fridays and
Saturdays only. Should you have in mind
the latter, I can, for the present, give
you two days, December 14th and 28th.

I do not know of any camp
within a radius of 75 miles from Cleveland.

Very sincerely yours,

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November 24, 1917.

Dear Sir:

In order that the authority vested in this Board by the War Department may be definitely understood, I am pleased to enclose copies of correspondence on this subject, which are self-explanatory. These are being mailed to members of our Executive Committee, executive officers of our branches, and Secretary Baker's letter is being sent to our representatives in the camps.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Harry Cutler
CHAIRMAN.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Cleveland, O.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

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WAR DEPARTMENT

COMMISSION ON TRAINING CAMP ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1917.

Colonel Harry Cutler,
Chairman, Jewish Board for Welfare Work,
Room 1507, 31 Union Square, West,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to reaffirm the arrangement made informally with your Board some months ago, to the effect that this Commission recognizes your society as the official agency for Jewish welfare work in the military training camps in the United States. It is necessary for us, in each case, to deal with one such agency, so as to eliminate duplication of effort and overlapping of function. I trust that you will be able to coordinate all the activities along this special line which are seeking independently to work with Jewish soldiers in the camps.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) Raymond B. Fosdick.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1917.

Judge Milton Strasburger,
Municipal Court,
District of Columbia.

My dear Judge Strasburger:-

I have read with care your memorandum of September 5th, addressed to Mr. Jasper J. Mayer, in regard to the Government's recommending the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith for social work among Jews who have volunteered and are in various branches of the United States Army.

It has been the policy of the Commission on Training Camp Activities to deal with one agency alone, in connection with specific lines of welfare work. Thus, we deal with the Young Men's Christian Association instead of with the social organizations of the various Protestant Churches. In the same fashion we deal with the Knights of Columbus instead of with the various societies of the Catholic Church. Several months ago after careful investigation, we made up our minds that the organization best fitted for social work among Jewish soldiers was the Jewish Welfare Board, and that Board was recognized to carry on this line of activity.

It will be impossible, therefore, to extend recognition to your Order. In taking this ground, I do not want to appear to cast any reflection upon the organization with which you are affiliated or upon the work your organization is in a position to undertake. I believe, however, that the Jewish Welfare Board represents the widest possible basis for this kind of work, and for that reason its selection was to my mind a wise one.

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
C i t y.

Dear Rabbi Silver,-

Attached please find a copy of the
letter which I received from Adolf Krauss, President of
the B'nai B'rith.

Very truly yours,

Adolf Krauss

ELS.M

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Mr. E. L. Strauss
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Sir and Brother,-

Pardon me for having delayed answering yours of November 16th. I have been doing nothing for several days but dictating answers to communications.

I cannot write fully why the attempt to combine the two organizations in welfare work failed because it would be somewhat of a task. The reasons will appear in the B'nai B'rith News which will be issued in a few days and will cover about two and a half pages of printed matter. For the present it ought to be sufficient to say that each will work independently of the other and that as far as the Order is concerned, it will not attempt to duplicate the work of the other organization.

Our aim will be to comply with the suggestion of the Secretary of War, to look after the soldiers when they are out of camp and visit the city, all of which will more fully appear in the NEWS. Each District Grand Lodge will undertake such work and as much or as little of it as it will deem proper. The General Committee of your District has met. I have received no information so far as to their plan of action.

Mr. Bennish will be better able than I am to tell you what work they intend to do. If he is not, the President of your District surely is.

District No. 6 has started in the work lively. They have rented the largest hall in Rockford and fitted it up with billiard room, reading room, rest rooms, assembly hall, etc. They have chartered special train and will go there next Sunday about 1000 strong, to dedicate the new club and give the boys a good time. The Mayor of the city and the Commanding Officer will be present.

I think that if an effort is made by our members to look after the welfare and health of the boys when they come to town by helping to give them wholesome amusement and open Jewish homes to them for visiting, it can by no means be working at cross purposes with any one or duplicating work. There is room for all to do something.

Pardon me for not writing at greater length. Should you desire any further information I suggest that you write to Rabbi George Fox, 1338 Tribune Bldg. Chicago who has charge of the soldiers welfare work.

I am,

Faternally yours,

Adolf Kraus.

(COPY)

November 26, 1917.

Dear Sir:-

The War Department has handed me for my attention your letter of November 1st., 1917, addressed to Hon. Raymond B. Postick, your letter of November 13, 1917, addressed to the Secretary of War, Hon. Newton D. Baker, together with the War Department reply to you of the 20th. inst.

I shall be very glad to carry out ~~the~~ to the fullest extent the recommendations contained in Mr. Postick's communication to you, as well as the instructions from Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War to this Board regarding "The necessity of co-ordinating and merging all National Jewish bodies interested in this work".

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Harry Cutler,

~~Adolf Kraus, Esq.,~~

Chairman.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

Please accept our thanks for your very kind and gracious response to the recent circular sent out by the Welfare Board, wherein you are pleased to state that you will be glad to co-operate with us in the furtherance of our plans.

We have received very encouraging letters from the Ministers and in some instances from prominent laymen, in various communities and are pleased to note that much progress has been made along social and recreational lines, especially in some centres where the Rabbi and local committee are in constant touch with the military camps in their immediate vicinity.

As soon as our plans are more definitely formulated, we shall be glad to avail ourselves of your kind offer to serve in this work of welfare, on behalf of our Jewish young men at the different Army posts.

With fraternal greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

George Alexander Robins

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HARRY CUTLER

1215PM

New Castle, Pa. Jan. 4, 1918.

Mr. Harry Cutler,
19-25 W. 44th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Cutler:

I am in receipt of yours of the 31st. ult. In reply thereto would say that in what I said to Dr. Goldrich I do not wish to be misunderstood. I visited Camp Dix for the purpose of establishing our recreation work inside and outside of the camp for District No. 3, as is being done by other Districts of our Order. When I found that you had a worker at that camp, who at the time I met him, was in company with Dr. Goldrich, I immediately stated that we would do no work at Camp Dix on account of duplication. As to my expression to Dr. Goldrich that something should be done to bring about more cordial relations between the I. O. E. B. and the J. B. W. W. I simply meant that I am an ardent B'nai B'rith, have worked and watched for twenty-five years, and stand ready to be elected President of District No. 3, on January 27th. Besides the Order's work, I have for many years endeavored to do communal work, for there is absolutely no question that much can be done for our Jewish Faith and people; therefore being inspired with the work for the cause in question—that of our Jewish boys who are and will be in war for our Country. I felt that two organizations of forces working for the one cause should not be.

I am sorry to state that many non-Jews are making bold statements that there is no harmony in the Welfare Work of the Jews. I am informed of all agreements and abrogations of the two organizations and reasons for working independently, and I say to you, friend Cutler, as I said to Dr. Goldrich, the cause is greater than any body or bodies, and no matter how good the work is that either body is doing, the dissention which exists hurts the cause and Judaism. Why should big, broad-minded philanthropists and men of Jewish affairs, squabble and quibble over who should or should not be recognized, organization or individual alike.

You are without question acquainted with the work our Order has undertaken and accomplished in the past, never for a selfish purpose. Why now, after we have done the pioneering in this line of work, look down upon the Order.

I am writing this to you, friend Cutler, without any motive only as my heart dictates for the good of all Jews and the cause. Try and get together to show to the world that the Jew is ONE in this patriotic duty for our boys and the love we have for our glorious U. S. A.

I fully appreciate the spirit in which you have written to me, and also wish to thank you for the kind words expressed.

No. 2.

My feeling has always been likewise for you, and for this reason only have I spoken so plainly to you on this very important matter. Can't you arrange to work with Brother Kraus. Forget the past and work as ONE.

Trusting to hear further of you and with kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Marcus Feuchtwanger.



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Number Two

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Dayton, Ohio.

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Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Dr. Silver:-

I am writing you to ask if you will please *help*
start ~~a~~ *the* local Soldiers and Sailors Welfare Campaign
for District No. 2, I.O.B.B. Am enclosing you a
circular letter we sent to all the Lodges in this
District which gives the whole story in a nutshell,
provided the nutshell is big enough.

We want a substantial contribution from
every Jew in Cleveland that can afford to give, and
with you back of the Campaign the word "Success" is
spelt in flaming letters.

Pardon me for seeming to indulge in what
is commonly known in the classics as "bull", but
what I said in the preceding lines is the truth,
the whole truth, etc.

I do hope that you will get back of this
matter of great importance and give it the ~~substan-~~ *splendid*
~~tial~~ aggressiveness of which you are capable, so that
the results will be in line with the expectations.

With kindest personal regards, and re-
gretting your inability to linger in the finest city
in the state longer than you did, but indulging ~~in~~
the hope that in the near future you may purchase a
ticket for the same city and stay a while longer,
I beg to remain

Sincerely and fraternally,

Sidney G. Kusworm
Sec'y.

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C O P Y

Cincinnati, Ohio
Jan. 10, 1918.

To the President and Members of the Sisterhood,

Ladies:

In a talk with Mr. Herbert J. Rosenbaum, who represents the Jewish Board for Welfare Work at Camp Sherman, I learned last evening that very few of the soldiers are provided with helmets. Mr. Rosenbaum informed me that there was greater need of helmets than of any other kind of knitted garment and that he would like to have as many as 600 for immediate distribution among our Jewish boys.

Would it be possible to furnish these helmets as an enterprise of the Sisterhoods of Ohio?

I am writing to every Sisterhood in the state asking that each society furnish a number of helmets, the number to be based on the membership of the society. The quota for your Sisterhood is 175 helmets. If you are willing to furnish this number please have the helmets made at once and sent directly to Mr. Rosenbaum, c/o Y. M. C. A., Camp Sherman, Chillicothe.

Begging that you will advise me of any shipment you are making, so that the consignment may be traced if delayed in transit, I am, with sincere appreciation of your courtesy,

Very sincerely yours,

Albert C. Weihl.

Cincinnati Federation of Jewish Organizations,
62 Duttonhofer Bldg.

(COPY)

Chicago, Ill., January 11, 1918.

Col. Harry Cutler,
7 Eddy St.
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Cutler:

I am in receipt of a communication from Mr. Henry D. Bellin of your city also copy of correspondence between him and Mr. Rosenzweig and copy of a resolution adopted by your lodge.

Mr. Bellin inquires whether the B'nai B'rith News will publish a statement prepared by you bearing upon "the controversy" which according to your lodge I "have seen fit to inaugurate".

Before answering that question I deem it proper to call your attention to the following: I became acquainted with you about fifteen years ago. At that time you were not quite as well known as you are to-day. My friendly interest in your welfare during those years has not been an obstacle to you in climbing the gilded heights of fame. I had confidence in you and therefore did not hesitate to come to an agreement concerning joint work for soldiers and sailors without reducing the full agreement to writing.

When Rabbi Fox delivered to me the memorandum which you wanted me to sign and which contained provisions contrary to our agreement, I declined to sign it.

On October 23rd last I wired you that I would be in New York on the 28th; that I wished to discuss with you the provisions in the memo., which differed from our original agreement; that I would be at Hotel Astor and if you could not meet me there to wire me time and place of meeting. On the same day Dr. Fox wrote you that I would not agree to the memo, that I would be in New York on the 28th and that he hoped everything would be arranged. I confirmed my telegram by letter and fully stated my objections to the memo. I then had not the slightest doubt that if I had an opportunity to refresh your recollection that our Chicago agreement would stand.

I arrived in New York on the 27th of October. I there met Brothers Hartman and Rosenzweig. I was told by Brother Rosenzweig that you telephoned him on the 26th that on account of your wife's illness you was loth to leave Providence, but that if after his talk with me he should be of opinion that it would serve any useful purpose for you to come to New York, to wire or telephone to you and you would come. I promptly requested that he should neither wire or telephone. My reason for so requesting was that you knew that I came to New York expecting to see you; that you knew what I wanted to see you about; that I deemed it important to see you - yet knowing all that, you did not wish to come unless Brother Rosenzweig would certify that it would serve a useful purpose for you to meet me, it was best that you should not come.

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Of course if your good wife had been seriously ill I would not have expected you to come, but if she was well enough so that you could come if Mr. Rosenzweig would wire you, you could have come without being wired for. And as a matter of fact I thought you would come but you failed to do so. You did not even send me a message by phone, wire or letter.

Did you ignore my request because you intended thereby to have me understand that you was in command of the situation, that you were conferring favors and that we were expected to obey your orders and that your message sent by Rabbi Fox that you would grant no further concessions was the last word? I asked for no concessions.

On that particular and very enjoyable Sunday I learned among other things that you said to our leaders in your District that in the interview you had with me in Chicago, I referred to District No. 1 in a contemptuous manner and that you gave out the impression that I said (or acted) as if I did not care what District No. 1 desired. What could have been your object in making such a statement? Was it perhaps to make friends for me? I am sure that what took place between us did not justify you in making such a statement. I proposed to you that the B'nai B'rith would take care of the posts in which we had commenced work and that your organization should take care of the rest - to which you agreed. You then, as I thought, in kindness to me, called my attention to the fact that that arrangement might displease our brethren in District No. 1 as my selection did not include any camp in that District. I thought you was right and so promptly offered to exchange one of the camps we had reserved for one in District No. 1. You answered that could not be done because the camp which would probably be selected by our members would be Camp Upton, that that was the largest camp and that your organization could not possibly think of giving it up, that in fact you could not give up any, and that was substantially all that was said concerning District No. 1, except that I said our members in that District would probably help you in your work.

On the evening of that day the Treasurer of your organization filled my cup of happiness to overflowing by informing me that we would have to take orders from your organization. We were not then quite ready to kowtow to any one man or combination of men and will not do so during this administration.

When I left New York for Washington I left with the conviction that it was impossible under such circumstances that there should be any sound cooperation between your organization and the Order in soldiers welfare work and that it would be best for the service that each organization should go its way unhampered and that each render the best service possible. Therefore upon my return to Chicago, I did not hesitate to act promptly. Each district was informed that the Executive Committee would not co-operate with any other organization but that each District was at liberty to take such position concerning such work within its District as it might deem proper.

The day after that communication was sent out, I was very much surprised to receive your letter in which you stated that the

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Col. Harry Cutler- P 3.

delivery of my letter to you was delayed so that you did not receive it until the 29th of October, the very day on which the Secretary of War announced that fraternal organizations would be recognized by the War Department. In that letter you stated that you were willing to waive the conditions which were not included in our original agreement. Had you wired me that message it would have arrived in time and I am of opinion that I would not have permitted anything personal to influence my action- but your message came too late. Perhaps it was for the best.

I have refrained from making the above facts public because it contains considerable personal matter and to engage in a personal controversy can do the persons engaged in it no good but is liable to cause harm to the cause for which they stand. Even the charge which some one has been kind enough to make more or less public, that I broke my word, has not tempted me to follow another course.

And now as the responsible editor for the B'nai B'rith News, I will answer Mr. Bellin's inquiry.

Even if I felt unfriendly to you it would be my desire to do you justice. But I am not feeling unfriendly I simply feel hurt. If you can show where I made a misstatement concerning yourself, I will promptly correct it. If you differ with me as to any facts concerning you published in the B'nai B'rith News, you will have no trouble to convince me if you are right. If I find that you are right, I will admit it. If I find that you are wrong, I will so inform you and then you may write a more lengthy article and furnish such evidence as you may desire.

The January number of the NEWS is set up, but if you will send a brief statement by return mail, I may be able to get it in on the editorial page, which is still partly open. If you require more space we will have to wait for the February issue. In such case your communication must reach this office not later than January 25th as I intend to go to California the early part of February and none of the co-editors of the paper will be authorized to publish it during my absence.

I am not dictating idle words when I say to you that if I made any misstatement of facts, it will give me great pleasure to correct it.

I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Adolf Kraus.

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In the United States Army and Navy

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
East 55th Street & Central
Cleveland Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

For several weeks past, we have had valuable information from you and other friends of this work in the State of Ohio, which has led us to the conclusion that the time is ripe for the organization of a branch of this Board representing the entire State of Ohio, and we are earnestly interested in assisting the promotion of the plan at the earliest possible time.

With this in view, we have written to you and to the other gentlemen whose names are listed below, suggesting that steps be undertaken as promptly as possible toward the assembling in one place of delegates and interested representatives from the various cities and towns of Ohio, for the purpose of organizing an Ohio Branch. We are suggesting that the meeting be held preferably in Cincinnati under the auspices of the President of the Cincinnati Branch, because for some time past the Jewish community in Cincinnati has been organized as a local branch for the promotion of local welfare work under our auspices.

If, after arrangements have been made, you will be good enough to inform us of the place and date of your organization meeting, I shall be happy personally to attend this meeting and to assist as the representative of the national office as much as I can in advising those present as to methods of organization, program of work, fiscal relationship, and other phases of branch work.

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I want to take occasion at the same time to visit the camp at Chillicothe to confer with our representative there and to study at first hand the number and needs of our Jewish men at Camp Sherman.

We believe with you that the first need at the Camp is a headquarters building. Our Ohio friends have furnished this office, at our request, and of their own initiative, definite evidence of the need for such a building and you will be interested to know that our request for a permit to erect one submitted to the War Department by our Chairman, Colonel Cutler, is now having the Department's consideration.

With assurances of the appreciation of this Board of the valuable contribution of the Ohio people to the soldier and sailor service in which all of us are so deeply interested, and awaiting your instructions as to the time and place of an Ohio meeting, I am

Faithfully yours,

Chester Jacob Teller,
Executive Director.

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Identic copies sent to
Rabbis Grossman of Cincinnati and Zepin of Cincinnati
also Messrs. Freiburg of Cincinnati, Segal and
Rosenbaum of Chillicothe and Kodis of Toledo.

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January 15, 1918.

Mr. Sidney G. Kusworm, Sec'y,
American Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Assoc.,
I.O.B.B. - District #2,
Dayton, O.

My dear Mr. Kusworm:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th requesting me to co-operate with you in a campaign to raise funds for the Welfare Association of the I. O. B. B.

I appreciate the spirit in which the letter is sent. Unfortunately, I cannot see my way clear to comply with your request. I do not at all sympathize with the action of the B'Nai B'rith authorities in severing relations with the Jewish Welfare Board. I am convinced that it is a blunder, which, if not rectified, will result in a great deal of mischief. I cannot lend my support to any movement, which, at this critical hour in our history, makes for anything else but perfect unity and harmony in the Camp of Israel.

It is not a deficient loyalty to our noble order, nor a lack of appreciation for its splendid services in the past and in the present, but, it is rather, a keen regard for the best interests of American Israel and especially for our brave boys in the service of our country which prompts me to say this.

Faternally yours,

AHS:G

January 16, 1918.

Mr. Albert C. Wehl,
Cincinnati Federation of Jewish Organizations,
Cincinnati,
Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wehl:

The president of my Temple Sisterhood has turned your letter, with reference to the sending of helmets to some of our boys in Chillicothe, over to me.

We feel that this particular work is not peculiarly a Temple Sisterhood work nor a Jewish work.

If there is a need for helmets among the soldiers in Chillicothe that need should be supplied by the State Red Cross Association and I have taken the liberty of calling the attention of the local Red Cross Unit to this fact.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS*G

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of the

Independent Order of B'nai B'rith

Dayton, Ohio.

Jan. 17, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I acknowledge with thanks your valued favor of the 15th, and am sorry that you cannot see your way clear to cooperate with us in this campaign. I believe that the I.O.B.B. can cooperate with the Welfare Board in this work, and as far as we of District No. 2 are concerned, we expect to do this, but we do want to expend our own funds, and know that it goes for the boys in our District.

Neither you nor I, of course, have anything to do with the negotiations between the two Boards which were previously carried on and subsequently broken off, and it is not my purpose to see a soldier boy of our faith jammed in between two fighting organizations.

District No. 2 will work in each camp with the Welfare Board, and will supply such work as they have not supplied. For instance; at Camp Sherman there will be an I.O.B.B. Building outside the camp which the Welfare Board has not established. The same is true in other camps. So far the Welfare Board has not arranged for any recreational activities that we know of. For instance; I have just had Rabbi Martin Zielonka of El Paso, Tex. go down to Camp Cody for us and make a survey, and all that the Welfare Board did there, was to send Rabbi Landau there to find out the names of the Jewish Soldiers so they could send them Matzos. In my estimation, and no doubt you can ~~incur~~ *concur* with me in ~~the fact~~ ^{that} not much religion can be ~~forwarded~~ *obtained* by simply sending matzos.

We are arranging for weekly services in Deming, N. M. and the boys will be sent delicacies, such as cigars, cigarettes, etc. You can therefore see that there is a vast deal of work to be done, and that our District in confining itself to four or five cantonments and doing the work there in splendid shape can ~~not~~ supplement and not conflict with the work of the Welfare Board.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver:-

I trust that at least the money will
be divided as has been done in other cities.

Trusting that you can see your way
clear to urge this, and assuring you of our high
regard for your opinion in this matter, but feeling
that as a loyal Ben B'rith you ~~would~~ *will* protecting the
our interest ~~of us~~ in this movement, I am

Sincerely,

Sidney G. Kusworm
Sec'y.

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January 17th, 1918

Rabbi George Zepin
Duttenhoefer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin,

I am in receipt of a letter, of which I understand you have received an identical copy, from Chester Jacob Teller of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work.

I am anxious to hear from you relative to this matter, and, if the plan of having a meeting in Cincinnati meets with your approval, I shall be happy to organize a committee in Cleveland and send our representatives to this meeting.

Awaiting word from you at your earliest convenience, I remain, with cordial greetings,

Fraternally yours,

(COPY)

Washington, D. C.

January 18th, 1918.

Dear Mr. Kraus:-

Your letter of the 11th inst. reached me in this city to-day. When my duties at the War Department are concluded this week I will be obliged to leave on a Western trip for several weeks duration.

Besides the complete data necessary to prepare an article for publication is filed in my office at Providence.

Moreover, it will be my duty to submit all the documentary evidence in proper sequence, not alone to the readers of the B.B. News, but in the columns of the Jewish Press generally as well if the public opinion of our people is expected to render a decision based entirely upon the facts in the premises.

Under these circumstances you will agree that your limitation of space "(to send a brief statement by return mail)" or time ("January 25th") when I shall still be en route is not justifiable.

Of course, if, as you state during your absence you will not permit any of your co-editors of the News to publish my statement, I suppose it will have to await your return.

Thus far I have refrained from replying to your printed allegations, although impertuned by several publications offering their columns for the purpose to do so, because I did not wish to expose the wounds from which disunited Israel is suffering, especially in the present crisis which confronts our nation when as an auxiliary to our Government the citizenry of our faith should be as one unit in promoting our patriotic duties; but, in the interest of truth, in defence of my colleagues whose character and standing has been assailed and out of regard for the brethren of my lodge whose voluntary action in writing to you manifests a fraternal spirit I deeply appreciate, it becomes incumbent upon me to accede, and I will in due course furnish the manuscript which naturally I shall expect to be printed without the slightest change.

I am very grateful for your offer to correct any misstatement of fact with regard to myself and wish to assure you that the years of friendship you referred to in your letter I delighted in reciprocating in the fullest measure, evidence of which you have had on numerous occasions, but in this controversy I hold that my personal feelings must be entirely subordinated and I do not expect, nor will I ask for anything in my own behalf.

To conserve time and in order that I may govern myself accordingly, will you be good enough to mail me a copy of your reply to Brother Bellin who addressed you in the interest of Haggai Lodge, 132 I.O.B.B. to the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, where I expect to be shortly. For this courtesy I shall be very grateful. With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Harry Cutler.

Adolf Kraus, Esq.
Editor in Chief Bnai Brith News,
Chicago, Illinois.

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CINCINNATI,

January,
Eighteenth,
1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am in receipt of a letter from the (National) Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the United States Army and Navy, asking me to send out a call for the purpose of forming an Ohio State Association, in order to take charge of the Jewish welfare work that is to be conducted at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. Mr. Chester Teller, Executive Secretary of the National Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the U.S. Army and Navy, proposes to come to this meeting, in order to acquaint us with the duties that will devolve upon this organization. Cincinnati has been chosen as the meeting place, I presume, for the obvious reason that we have already organized locally and because ours is the largest city in the neighborhood of Chillicothe.

The absence of concerted action in the last few months has produced at times a great deal of duplication in the supplies sent to Chillicothe and in the assistance rendered. At other times, the absence of cooperation has resulted to the disadvantage of the work. The object of the State Association is to coordinate the assistance to be rendered by the various cities, and to produce a certain measure of cooperation without which our efforts are apt to be well intentioned but futile.

At this preliminary meeting, which we expect to call within a couple of weeks, we can discuss all these matters fully, and also determine in what manner to organize in each city so as to produce the best results. We are writing to the rabbis in the State of Ohio asking each one to appoint or select two representatives for this meeting. If you can come yourself, by all means do so. If this is impossible, please see to it that the two men who will give us the most assistance in this undertaking come to the meeting in Cincinnati. If it is necessary to have these men officially appointed by your congregation, please take the matter up with the proper authorities so that this can be accomplished.

We must hear from you giving us the names of the representatives from your city and congregation within the next week, in order that

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Rabbi A.H.Silver,----- #2.

that we may call our meeting for about one week after that.

Awaiting your response and trusting to receive your hearty cooperation in this most necessary work, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Julius W. Heberg
President.



January 21, 1918.

Mr. Julius W. Freiberg, Pres.,
Cincinnati Federation of Jewish Organizations,
62 Duttonhofer Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Freiberg:

I am in receipt of your kind letter of the 18th. I wish to say that your plans for a meeting in Cincinnati meet with my entire approval. I have discussed the matter with Rabbi Wolsey and it is our opinion that the Monday or Thursday of the first or second week of February would be a convenient time for this meeting, at least, as far as the rabbis of Cleveland are concerned.

I shall inform you of the men who will constitute our committee, within the next few days.

Very sincerely yours,

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(COPY)

Pittsburgh, Pa.
January 21, 1918.

Marcus Feuchtwanger, Esq.,
New Castle, Pa.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your very kind favor of the 4th inst., and am in thorough sympathy with the sentiments expressed therein, namely, there ought to be no separatism in our ranks, but that unity of action ought to prompt our endeavors, on behalf of the men of our faith, called to the service of our Nation, and that is exactly what I tried to bring about and believed had been accomplished when Mr. Kraus and I entered into an agreement for merging our activities, which, I regret to say, was subsequently repudiated by the withdrawal of the I.O. B.B.

I am certain from the statements in your letter, that you are not familiar with the arrangement or the abrogation which took place on the part of our Order subsequently. No one holds our fraternity in higher esteem or knows its value any better than I do; and I am confident that when the facts are ultimately known, the virtue of amalgamating with the J.B.W.W. will become apparent, for I have an abiding faith in the fair mindedness and justice of our brethren.

I have refrained from answering any of the printed allegations, although none of them are founded on fact, for the reason that I hesitate to expose the wounds from which our disunited people are suffering.

I am heartened, however, with the thought that men holding the sentiments that you do, and coming into the leadership of your district, as you are, will do all in your power to present duplication overlapping with all the evils attending thereto, particularly in a patriotic work, where as an auxiliary to the Government, we should be as one unit.

In order that you may understand the attitude of the War Department and its injunction to our National Board, I take the liberty to enclose copies of correspondence, which is self-explanatory.

Be assured that all my efforts have been to carry out both in spirit and in letter, the instructions of the War Department, and nothing would make me happier than to see the mobilization of all the hearts and all the minds of our Jewish citizenry working harmoniously to accomplish our mission in this crises which confronts the welfare of our country, in particular, and the world in general.

I reciprocate most heartily your personal expressions of friendship, and desire to take this occasion to congratulate the district upon your selection as its president, and yourself on the confidence and trust imposed in your leadership. I sincerely hope that your administration will be fraught with the fullest measure of useful accomplishment.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Harry Cutler.

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CINCINNATI, Jan. 23, 1918.

Rabbi A.H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Dr. Silver-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st. and to thank you for the interest you have shown. I also thank you for your suggestion that we hold the meeting next month and I have telegraphed to Mr. Teller asking what will be the most convenient time for him. As soon as we receive his reply we will call the meeting and we hope that we will have a good attendance.

Anticipating the pleasure of meeting
you,

I am,
Sincerely yours,

Julius W. Freiberg
Pres.

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January 23,

1918

Rabbi Abah Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:-

I understood you to say that you were going to attend the convention at Wheeling, West Virginia on January 27th. Mr. Leon Obermayer of Philadelphia has written to head-quarters for information, as it seems to be his desire as I know it is the desire of many others, to secure the co-operation of your district with the J.B.W.W.

I am sending you herewith a set of correspondence with which I furnished him. After perusing *you are through* it, kindly return to my Providence office.

With very best wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

Harry Cutler

P.S. Of course, you understand I am submitting these instruments to you not in my official capacity as Chairman of the J.B.W.W. or in the present status of the matter. I am acting solely in my individual capacity.

January 23,

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Leon J. Obermayer, Esquire,
#1616 Master Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Obermayer:-

Your suggestion of the 17th addressed to Mr. J. Teller was submitted and reached me in this city today. I deeply appreciate the interest which you are manifesting and am sending you herewith copies of correspondence which, if you have the time and patience to peruse, will give you a very fair conception of the situation. Of course, I have not all of the data with me, as most of it is in my office in the east.

I am submitting these instruments to you without comment except to say that the record of the conference with Doctor Fox was dictated by him after he returned to New York and is entirely his own phraseology, but follows in the main, the original articles of agreement as indicated in my telegram to Mr. Kraus of September 25th.

In this connection I desire to say that after going into the merits and necessity in this patriotic work of a complete merger, Doctor Fox volunteered this statement, which I herewith quote as nearly verbatim as I can recollect. He said, in the presence of our field secretary:- "Colonel Cutler, I can see the magnitude of this work and agree with you fully that there ought to be but one agency and clearing house and I would strongly urge the president of the Order, if I could have my way, to entirely eliminate the American Soldiers and Sailors Welfare League and put the complete machinery of the Order behind the National Welfare Board". *I answered there was no need of elimination we could use all the machinery of the I.O.B.B.*

Of course, it is needless to tell you that notwithstanding the agreement of September 13th, that not one penny was turned over by the I.O.B.B. to the National Treasurer of the J.B.W.W. although many contributions in different parts of the country were made to the I.O.B.B. when it was announced that the Order had amalgamated its work with the National body.

You will observe from my communications that I have thus far refrained from giving publicity to the real facts of this controversy and have paid no attention to the distortions of the truth or the allegations not founded on fact in the B.B. News and in private correspondence, for the reason that I hesitate to expose the wounds from which we, as a people, are suffering, especially in a crucial time such as this. Further more, I have an abiding faith that the Brotherhood of our Fraternity, when the facts become ultimately known will realize that to

Mr. Leon J. Obermayer #2

"promote patriotism" and "unite Israelites" in accordance with the tenets of the preamble of our Order, there is but one course open and that is to unselfishly and zealously merge our activities on the same basis that the other organizations such as the Y.M.H.A., the U.O.A.H.C. and the other constituent bodies of the National Board have done.

When you are through with this correspondence, kindly mail it back to me at Providence, Rhode Island.

With very best wishes and personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Harry Lenth

P.S. — Of course you understand, I am submitting these instruments to you, not in my official capacity as chairman of the J.B.W.W. for in the present status of the matter *X* I am acting solely in my own individual capacity.



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Rabbi Abah Silver,
Jewish Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The enclosed, from the president of District #1, I.O.B.B. was inadvertently left out of my letter to you of yesterday. Is it not possible for your district to adopt the same policy and merge with the Welfare Board?

Yours very sincerely,

Harry Cutler

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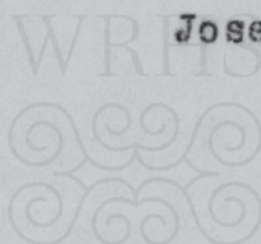
I.O.B.B. Co-operate with Welfare Board.

District No. 1 of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith is to co-operate with the Jewish Board for Welfare Work for Soldiers and Sailors in the American Army and Navy, according to a letter sent to Colonel Harry Cutler, chairman of the Welfare Board. The letter follows:

"Colonel Harry Cutler,
"Providence, R. I.

"My dear Colonel: It gives me great pleasure to formally notify you that District 1, I. O. B. B., acting through its General Committee, has determined to co-operate with the Jewish Board for Welfare Work. This action was taken at the General Committee meeting held at the City of New York on Saturday, the 24th of November, 1917. In line with this resolution, I tender the full and complete co-operation of District No. 1, I. O. B. B., in this work.

Joseph Rosenzweig."



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CINCINNATI, January,
Twenty-fifth,
1918.

Rabbi A. Silver,
E. 55th & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Enclosed in a copy of a call which I have sent
to a number of laymen in the State of Ohio whose names were furnish-
ed to me by the rabbis in the various cities.

Please consider yourself a delegate to this meet-
ing and try by all means to be present, so that we can start this
very necessary work under the most auspicious circumstances.

Trusting to see you next week, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Julius W. Freiberg

President.

P. S. I have not received the names of the delegates for your
city. Please let me have the names by return mail if
they are to receive personal notices of the meeting in
time to make arrangements to come.

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A CALL FOR FEDERATION IN OHIO.

We have been requested by the Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the U. S. Army and Navy to issue a call for the formation of an Ohio State Federation of Jewish Societies interested in welfare work for Jewish men serving in the U. S. army and navy. This State Federation, as I understand it, is to have direct control of the work at Chillicothe through an executive committee. Your name has been furnished to us by your rabbi because of your interest in this work. Under these circumstances it will not be necessary for me to go into details explaining the need for our being active in this cause.

Mr. Chester Teller, the Executive Secretary of the National Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the U. S. Army and Navy, has asked us to fix the date of meeting for Monday morning February 4th, at 10:00 o'clock, in Cincinnati at the Sinton Hotel. He expects to be present himself and to map out the work for us in a general way.

This is a very important meeting and a very important cause, and I trust that you will come. The State Federation will benefit by your experience and advice, and the work in your city will in turn benefit by the inspiration that you will take with you from this meeting.

Expecting to see you here on the 4th., I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Julius W. Freiberg.

President.

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CINCINNATI, January,
Twenty-fifth,
1918.

with
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

to Freiburg
Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I beg to acknowledge your favor of January 17th, and am glad that you are entering enthusiastically into this army and navy welfare work. Mr. Julius W. Freiberg is just getting out some letters in this office relative to the same, which you will receive probably in the same mail as this arrives. We expect to hold a meeting Monday February 4th. Do not fail to come, and urge the Cleveland rabbis to come with you. The only Cleveland rabbis on our list, by the way, are Rabbi Louis Wolsey and Rabbi Adolph Steiner. If you know of any others who ought to be notified at this time of the meeting, please let me know by wire, if necessary, giving addresses as well.

I presume the first thing that we will have to accomplish, is to organize in every large city in Ohio a Federation of all elements interested in army and navy welfare work, just as we have in Cincinnati. This ought to be followed by an election, at some future date, of an Executive Committee that will divide among its members the various tasks that it will have to accomplish. Meanwhile, I presume a provisional committee, elected by the delegates to the Cincinnati meeting, can take charge of the matters that need immediate attention.

My office will not be open on Monday on account of Garfield's restrictions, so that the meeting will take place at the Sinton Hotel. I will be there early looking for you.

With kindest personal greetings, I beg to remain,

Freiberg-
Very sincerely yours,
Gay Zepin

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January 26, 1918.

Mr. Julius W. Freiberg, Pres.,
Cincinnati Federation of Jewish Organizations
For Welfare Work in the U. S. Army and Navy,
62 Duttonhofer Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Freiberg:

I have just been informed by
Rabbi Zepin that the day for the State Meeting of
delegates interested in Welfare Work has been set
for Monday, February 4th.

I have just had a length con-
versation with Rabbi Gries. It is his opinion, and
upon reflection it is also mine, that it would be
most desirable that the delegates to this meeting
first visit Chillicothe. They would then be in a
position to discuss intelligently the problems facing
the Welfare Board in the state. Very few of us are
in the least acquainted with the actual problems and
conditions at the Camp.

It would be advisable that all
delegates, in a body, visit the Camp on Monday and that
the Welfare workers in the Camp, arrange a program of
inspection for the delegates and that the delegates
be given the opportunity to get in intimate touch with
some of our Jewish Boys in the Camp so that they may
get first hand knowledge of actual conditions. It is
also advisable that Major Glenn be informed of this
proposed visit of the State Delegation so that he may
be duly impressed with the interest our people are tak-
ing in the Camp and added dignity and importance be given
to the work of our Welfare Board in that Camp. I know
that this suggestion will meet with the approval of most
all delegates.

Mr. Julius W. Freiberg,
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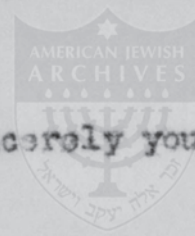
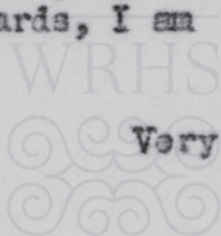
After this visit of the delegates to the Camp they can then go in a body to Cincinnati where the meeting can then be held.

It would also be advisable that your secretary make sure that trains will be run on Sunday, February 3rd.

Hoping to get your opinion on this, and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

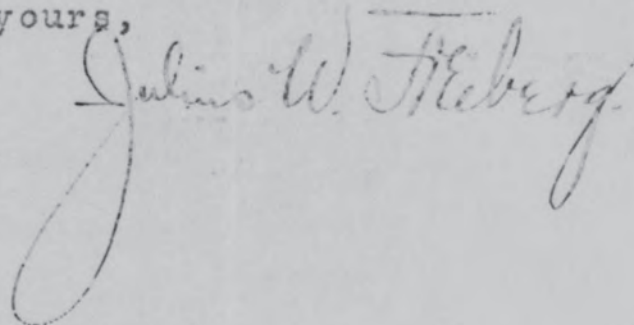
Dear Dr. Silver-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th. and am very happy to know that you intend to attend the meet-
next Monday. While I agree with you that it would be very fine if
the whole delegation could go to Chillicothe, I do not believe that
it would be practicle. Train service from the various cities in
the state to Chillicothe is very bad just now and I really believe
that a whole day or at least the best part of one would be lost to
us all. In addition I have reason to believe that practically all
of the gentlemen from the southern part of the state who will at-
tend the meeting have been to the camp and are acquainted with the
conditions there. But above all Mr. Teller has arranged to be here
on Monday and I fear it is too late to ask him to change his plans.

If any of the delegates from Cleveland wish to visit
Chillicothe they can easily do so on Sunday.

With kind regards and anticipating the pleasure of
meeting you on Monday, I am

Sincerely yours,



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MINUTES
OF THE MEETING
CALLED TO FORM AN
OHIO STATE BRANCH OF
THE JEWISH BOARD FOR WELFARE WORK
IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY

Sinton Hotel,
Cincinnati, O.,
February 4, 1918
Jewish

Acting upon the suggestion of the national Board for Welfare Work in the U.S. Army and Navy, Mr. Julius W. Freiberg, President of the Cincinnati Federation of Jewish Organizations for Welfare Work in the U.S. Army and Navy, issued a call addressed to a number of Jewish leaders in various cities in the State of Ohio asking them to assemble in the City of Cincinnati on February 4th, at 10:00 A.M., to consider the advisability of organizing an Ohio State Branch of the J. B. W. W.

In response to this call, the following persons attended the meeting: Mr. Julius W. Freiberg, Mrs. Albert H. Freiberg, Mr. J. Walter Freiberg, Miss Etta Goldberg, Dr. Louis Grossmann, Dr. Jacob H. Kaplan, Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler, Mrs. Alfred Mack, Dr. David Philipson, Mrs. Seymour Samuels, Mrs. Percy Shields, Mr. Charles Shohl, Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Mrs. Morris Strauss, Mr. Albert C. Wehl, Mrs. Sam Wolfstein and Rabbi George Zepin, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. Sam L. Segal, of Chillicothe, O.; Mr. Alfred A. Benesch, Mr. Benj. Lowenstein, Mr. Adolph J. Newman, Rabbi A. H. Silver and Rabbi Louis Wolsey, of Cleveland, O.; Mr. Fred Lazarus, Jr., Mr. E. J. Schanfarber and Mr. Max Topper, of Columbus, O.; Rabbi David Lefkowitz, of Dayton, O. and Mr. B. T. Lempert of Toledo, O.

Communications were received from the following persons in sympathy with the movement, but unable to come to this meeting: Mr. F. J. Ach, of Dayton, O.; Rabbi Jos. S. Kornfeld, of Columbus, O. and Mr. B. H. Printz of Youngstown, O.

Col. Harry Cutler, President of the (national) Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the U.S. Army and Navy, was present at the meeting, also Mr. Chester W. Teller, Executive Secretary of the (national) J. B. W. W.

Mr. Julius W. Freiberg called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the same, outlining the nature of the Federation of Jewish Societies effected in Cincinnati. He then called upon Mr. Chester W. Teller to address the meeting. Mr. Teller outlined the method of organization contemplated by the national Board, and invited an expression of opinion from those assembled with reference to the nature of the organization to be called into existence in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Freiberg then called upon Col. Harry Cutler, President of the national organization, who addressed the meeting at length outlining the history, purposes and present plans of the J. B. W. W.

The necessity for organizing in Ohio was the theme of the general discussion that followed. This discussion crystallized in a motion to appoint a committee of ten to consider the nature of such a State organization, and to report back to the meeting at 3:00 o'clock.

The following Committee was appointed by Mr. Freiberg with Mr. Chester W. Teller, serving as Chairman: Mr. C. W. Teller, New York City; Mr. Harry Cutler, Providence, R. I.; Mr. Fred Lazarus, Jr., Columbus, O.; Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Dayton, O.; Mr. B. T. Lampert, Toledo, O.; Mr. Adolph J. Newman, Cleveland, O.; Dr. David Philipson, Cincinnati, O.; Rabbi A. H. Silver, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Cincinnati, O.; Rabbi George Zepin, Cincinnati, O. A recess was then declared.

When the meeting reassembled at 3:00 o'clock, the Committee on Organization reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

Your Committee begs to submit the following five resolutions for your consideration:

- 1- RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this meeting that we can best endorse the purposes of the J.B.W.W. and best further its aims by the creation of an Ohio Branch of the J.B.W.W.
- 2- RESOLVED: That the Ohio Branch of the J.B.W.W. be composed of local city federations of Jewish organizations interested in army and navy welfare work.
- 3- Resolved: That the Executive Board of The Ohio Branch consist of representatives elected by the various communities, in the following ratio: Cities of 100,000 and over- 3 representatives; cities of 10,000 up to 100,000- 2 representatives; cities of less than 10,000 where there are federations of Jewish organizations for Army and Navy Welfare Work- one representative for each city.

This Executive Board is to take charge, among other things, of all matters pertaining to finances and publicity.

- 4- RESOLVED: That this Executive Committee appoint a committee of 5 to be known as the Committee on Camp Activities:
That the membership of this Committee be not necessarily members of the Executive Committee.
That the membership of this Committee be subject to the approval of the National Jewish Board for Welfare Work, and:
That this Committee represent both the National Board and the Ohio State Branch, acting in an advisory and cooperative capacity with the camp workers.
- 5- RESOLVED: That this body elect a temporary Chairman and temporary Secretary, who are to be instructed to correspond with the Jewish communities in Ohio, and to request them to organize locally and to elect their representatives to the Executive Board of the Ohio State Branch of the J.B.W.W.

The above resolutions were considered seriatim and adopted as a whole.

Mr. Julius W. Freiberg was elected temporary Chairman and Rabbi George Zepin was elected temporary Secretary.

The meeting then adjourned.

JULIUS W. FREIBERG
President.
GEORGE ZEPIN,
Secretary.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi-

A case has come to my notice, here at camp Greene that I desire to tell you about, as the party in question may appeal to you.

Mrs. Morris Weisberg and baby of three years of age, was deserted by her husband some two months ago. She went to work and managed to eke out some kind of a living. The husband had enlisted, while drunk and signed up as a single man. He preceeded to get into trouble down here and is now in the guard house on six charges ranging from taking french leave to forgery. He wrote to his wife, asking her to come. She borrowed money to get here and arrived here Jan. 1" penniless. She has been taken care of by the Jewish community (which is small and only in moderate circumstances) and the Red Cross. They have both decided to send her back to Cleveland where she has a few friends and in a larger city she may be able to take care of herself. Her fare back will be paid and she will have a little money, but it may be a hard struggle until she gets started working again. I have taken quite an interest in this case and am going to ask you to help her with advice in case she should appeal to you.

Your truly,

aw Seligman
Field Representative.

P.S. Have induced the husband to make an allotment but that will not be due for some time and if his sentence is heavy may cease.

Y.M.C.A. #105
Camp Greene
Charlotte, N.C.

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CINCINNATI, February,
Fifteenth,
1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Enclosed please find the minutes of the meeting held in Cincinnati to form an Ohio Branch of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the United States Army and Navy. As the Ohio Branch is to be a federation of "City Branches", it is very important to proceed immediately to call such city branches into existence.

It is our impression that the following details of organization will be acceptable to the National Jewish Board for Welfare Work.

1. That each city federation call itself "The (name of city) Branch" of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work.
2. That each City Branch consist of a federation of all Jewish organizations of the city that can immediately or remotely serve in Soldiers or Sailors Welfare Work. This would include Synagogues, Charity Organizations, Ladies' Societies & Jewish Clubs, in fact any Jewish organization with the willingness to serve or to hold itself in readiness to be called upon to serve.
3. That such City Branches be called into existence and elect representatives on the Executive Board of the Ohio Branch J.B.W.W. before April 1, 1918 when it is proposed to call a meeting of this Executive Board.

Will you therefore get into touch with the other members from your city who attended the meeting and with all others whose aid and assistance you will require in order to carry out the above plans to the end that an organization may be effected without loss of time?

If the temporary officers can be of any assistance by their advice or presence, they will be glad to respond to any call.

Yours for an Allied Victory in 1918.

Julius W. Freiberg
Temporary Chairman Ohio Branch J.B.W.W.

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Temporary Secretary Ohio Branch J.B.W.W.

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March 12, 1918.

LOUIS WOLSEY, Rabbi

The Ohio Branch of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work has asked that each Jewish community in the State of Ohio organize itself into a federation to call itself: "The (name of city) Branch" of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work. Each city Branch to include Synagogues, Charity Organizations, Ladies' Societies and Jewish Clubs, or any Jewish organization that would be willing to serve or to hold itself in readiness to be called upon to serve.

We are asked to organize such a Branch before April 1st, at which time it is proposed to call a meeting of an Executive Board for the Ohio Branch, the members of which are to be elected by each local Branch.

You, of course are interested in serving the Jewish Soldier and Sailor to the extent of your ability, and therefore as delegates to the organization meeting which was held in Cincinnati recently, we wish to ask you and someone from your organization whom you should select, to attend a meeting on Monday, March 18th, at 4 o'clock P. M., at the Excelsior Club for the purpose of organizing a Cleveland Branch of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work.

We urge upon you to attend this meeting in order that the Soldiers and Sailors may have the benefit of your counsel and service. We presume you understand that the Jewish Board for Welfare Work represents all Jewish Organizations of the United States, and is the only organization recognized by the United States Government.

Very sincerely yours,

Benjamin Lowenstein
A. I. Newman
A. H. Silver
Louis Wolsey

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NEW BUILDINGS AUTHORIZED

The Executive Committee of the Board at its last meeting voted to refer the subject of Camp and Cantonment Buildings to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Building Committee, and the Executive Director with power. In pursuance of the resolution, Mr. Israel Unterberg, Mr. Mortimer Schiff and Mr. Chester J. Teller conferred on March 12th, at which the following action was taken: It was reported by Mr. Unterberg that the building at Camp Upton, Yaphank, L. I., was completed, and that plans for buildings at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., and Camp Meade, Admiral, Md., have been approved. At Camp Cody, Deming, N. M., the Board is using the military building. Two types of building, one to be known as type B, and to cost \$7,500, and one to be known as type C, to cost \$5,000, have been approved as standard. Buildings of type B were authorized at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio; Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, and at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., and at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga. Buildings of type C were authorized at Camps Hancock, Wheeler, Ga.; Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.; Funston, Fort Riley, Kans.; McClellan, Anniston, Ala.; Lewis, American Lake, Wash.; Jackson, Columbia, S. C.; Lee, Petersburg, Va., and Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C. A building of type C was approved subject to further investigation by the Executive Director at Camp Kearney, San Diego, Cal., and buildings at Camps Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla., and Sheridan, at Fort Sheridan, Ill., were made subject to further investigation. It is planned eventually to erect buildings at each of the National Guard Camps and National Army Cantonments, as the necessity arises.

PLANS FOR PASSOVER

Soldiers of the Jewish faith, both here and abroad, will be given a 42-hour leave, beginning on the afternoon of March 27th, under an order issued by the Adjutant General, through the efforts of Congressman Isaac Siegel, in behalf of the Jewish Welfare Board. This makes it possible for the men in the camps to either go to their homes, or to attend Seders in the nearby towns, on the first two days, and Passover Service on March 28th and 29th.

The Board is making efforts to obtain invitations to the homes of Jewish families for as many men as possible who are not within short traveling distance of their own homes. Where necessary, Community Seders will be arranged for those not provided for at private homes.

Commanding Officers of the various camps have granted permission to Field Representatives of the J. W. B. whereby the use of mess halls, after the regular mess, may be used for Seder services for both evenings. In some instances halls of the K. of C. and Y. M. C. A. will be used for the Seders.

This, however, will only be necessary in a few camps, where the men are unable to get leave, through quarantine or other reason.

The soldiers attending Seders at private homes may be served with wine, but where a Community Seder is held in town the men must be served with grape juice.

NAVY FURLOUGH

Secretary Daniels has instructed all naval commanders, in their discretion, to give forty-two hours' leave beginning with the evening of March 27 to men of Jewish faith in the navy, that they may observe the feast of the Passover.

ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET CAMP LIBRARY NEEDS

The Jewish Welfare Board has completed plans for supplying to Jews in the Army and Navy reading matter which will meet the needs of the men and which will form a valuable addition to the library facilities already provided through the American Library Association.

The Board is actively co-operating with the American Library Association and makes an appeal to both the Jewish and non-Jewish public to contribute books in liberal quantity, both new books and those which can be spared from private libraries and from institutions.

A special appeal is being made for copies of the Jewish Encyclopedia, Graetz's History of the Jews together with essays and addresses on Jewish subjects, particularly those dealing with religion, Bible history, economics and nationalism. Only complete individual volumes and sets in good condition can be used.

The Jewish Publication Society of America has placed sets of its publications at the disposal of the Board and similar generosity has been shown by both Jewish and non-Jewish publishers.

The Library Committee of the Board has addressed an appeal to all the religious, educational, and communal organizations throughout the country, requesting their co-operation and asking that they, in turn, make an appeal to their members for donations of books in both Yiddish and English on Jewish subjects.

Through the local representatives in the field, the Board will seek to learn the specific needs of individual readers and lists of various books and periodicals in English and Yiddish will be submitted, from which, it is hoped, that eventually a standard Jewish library will be selected.

A questionnaire, for this purpose, is being distributed among the Jewish men in the service, with the request that each soldier check any of the subjects listed on the sheet, in which he is especially interested. He is also asked to specify any particular books, papers, and magazines which he desires to read. Thus, the Board will be in a position to supply not only books which it considers appropriate, but the books which the men at the camp actually want.

A model collection of volumes is now being gotten together and is to be exhibited at the National Executive Offices of the Board, 19 West 44th Street, New York City.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The Executive Committee, at its last meeting, voted in favor of Sabbath services at the Camps. Sunday services

were also approved, but only when supplementary to and not in substitution for Sabbath services.

BOARD'S NAME IS CHANGED

The Jewish Board for Welfare Work will in the future be known as the Jewish Welfare Board—U. S. Army and Navy. The change in name was decided upon because of its simplicity and brevity.

BOARD'S OFFICIAL EMBLEM

Representatives of the Jewish Welfare Board with the Army may easily be recognized by the official insignia—the shield of David (Mogen David). This is a six-pointed triangle within a circle, the circle touching the points. The design is embroidered in pale blue and is worn on the cuff of the left sleeve of the coat.

The initials of the Board in cut metal letters, are affixed to each lapel of the coat. The official uniform is of the regulation O. D. Forest Green cloth, similar to that worn by Y. M. C. A. workers.



CONFERENCE ON TRAINING CAMP ACTIVITIES

The Jewish Welfare Board will be represented at the meetings of the Committee on Training Camp Activities to be held Monday, March 25. Morris Cahan will attend the conference for the Central District at Des Moines, Iowa, while Adolph Shripser will be present at the Pacific Coast Conference to be held in San Francisco.

There also will be present at the conferences, representatives of the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., K. of C., American Library Association, Playground Recreation Association, Divisions of Athletics, Camp Music, Military Entertainment, Law Enforcement, Protective, Work for Girls and Social Hygiene Instruction.

The Central District includes the following camps, cantonments, naval and other stations: Funston, Dodge, Grant, Custer, Taylor, Sherman, Great Lakes and Selfridge Field.

Rabbi Warsaw was present at the conference of the camp representatives of the Southwestern District of the several departments on Training Camp Activities, which was held March 5 at Fort Worth, Texas. Rabbi Warsaw made an interesting report to the Board on the proceedings of the Conference.

Philip Russ, Field Representative at Camp Gordon, represented the Board at the conference of the Southern District held at Atlanta on March 1st. The Southern District includes the following camps and cantonments: Greene, Sevier, Hancock, Wheeler, Sheridan, Johnston, Wadsworth, Gordon, Jackson, McClellan and Shelby.

These men will send reports to National Headquarters on the proceedings of the several conferences. These reports will be distributed to all the representatives of the Welfare Board, so that each may have the benefit of the action of the conferences.

CONFERENCES OF FIELD SECRETARIES.

The Field Secretaries, Leon W. Goldrich, Dr. L. B. Bernstein, Rabbi D. De Sola Pool and Rabbi Horace J. Wolf, held a series of conferences with the Executive Director from Sunday, February 24, to Thursday, February 28, at which were taken up the following subjects: "Theory of Branch Organization Fiscal Relationships," "Camp Work," "Reporting Technique."

The Field Secretaries also held a number of special conferences between themselves, at which various matters of interest were considered, and made a number of important recommendations, of which mention will be made in the next issue of the Sentinel.

FREE TRIPS TO CAMP

Free transportation by motor car from New York City to Camp Upton is soon to be provided for the immediate families of the men serving under the colors at the Long Island cantonment, and whose purses cannot stand the strain of the required railroad fare.

James A. Hemstreet of the American Automobile Association has developed a plan by which free transportation to the camp will be provided on Sundays. One hundred cars will make the first trip on March 31, and it will be possible to accommodate about four hundred persons.

Members of the Association will be asked to loan their cars for this purpose whenever possible. Those who wish to make the trip will be required to write Mr. Hemstreet's office in advance, and a list will be made showing available cars.

It is hoped the idea will be followed by other communities throughout the country.

ASSIGNMENTS AND STATIONS OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

Allentown, Pa.—Rabbi Jacob Tarshish, 236 South Madison Street, Allentown, Pa.

Arsenal; San Antonio, Texas—Rabbi G. H. Lowenstein, Gunther Building, San Antonio, Texas; Nathaniel Hirsch, Asst. to Rabbi Lowenstein; William Messer, Asst. to Rabbi Lowenstein.

Chickamauga National Park, Tenn.—Gilbert Harris, Civic Center Y., Military Branch, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Rabbi Julian H. Miller, Missionary Ridge, R. F. D. No. 1, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Cody, Camp; Deming, New Mexico—Jack Yellen, Jewish Welfare Building.

Custer, Camp; Battle Creek, Mich.—Edgar J. Drachman, 84 College Street, Battle Creek, Mich.

Devens, Camp; Ayer, Mass.—Max Fritz, care Army Y. M. C. A.

Dix, Camp; N. J.—Cyrus J. Janover, care Army Y. M. C. A.

Doniphan, Camp; Fort Sill, Okla.—Meyer Magui, Midland Hotel, Lawton, Okla.; Rabbi Morris Teller, 919 Cheyenne Avenue, Tulsa, Okla.; Rabbi Joseph Blatt, 731 West 17th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rabbi B. Menkes, Temple Israel, Tulsa, Okla.

Fremont, Camp; California—Adolph Shripser, care Dr. Martin A. Meyer, 3108 Jackson Avenue, San Francisco, Cal.

Forts at Portland, Ore.—Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, 12th and Main Streets, Portland, Ore.

Funston, Camp; Fort Riley, Kans.—John Goldhaar, care Army Y. M. C. A.

Gettysburg National Park, Gettysburg, Pa.—Rabbi Louis J. Haas, 813 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Gordon, Camp; Atlanta, Ga.—Headworker, Philip Russ, care Army Y. M. C. A.; Nathaniel Ginsburg, care Philip Russ; Samuel L. Dreyfoos, care Philip Russ; Samuel H. Friedman, care Philip Russ; Samuel Zukerman, care Philip Russ.

Great Lakes Naval Station, Near Chicago, Ill.—Headworker, Morris Cahan, Army Y. M. C. A., Administration Bldg., Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.; Harry Simon, care Morris Cahan.

Greene, Camp; Charlotte, N. C.—Mordecai Konowitz, care Army Y. M. C. A., No. 105.; Alvin W. Seligman, care Army Y. M. C. A., No. 105; Alexander Grossman, care Army Y. M. C. A., No. 105.

Hamilton, Fort; Brooklyn, N. Y.—Harry M. Goldman, 382 Stone Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hancock, Camp; Wheelers, Ga.—Solomon Landman, Army Y. M. C. A.; Alvin S. Lucks, Army Y. M. C. A.

Harrison, Fort Benjamin; Indianapolis, Ind.—Samuel B. Kaufman, 17 W. Morris St.; Indianapolis, Ind.

Houston, Fort Sam; Texas—Rabbi G. H. Lowenstein, Gunther Building, San Antonio, Texas.

Jackson, Camp; Columbia, S. C.—Jacob Berlin, care Y. M. C. A. No. 138.

Jefferson Barracks, Mo.—Sidney Strauss, 3645 Delmar Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo.

Johnston, Camp; Jacksonville, Fla.—Malvin Reinheimer, care Army Y. M. C. A.

Kearney, Camp; San Diego, Cal.—George Reubenstein, care Army Y. M. C. A.

Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas—Rabbi G. H. Lowenstein, Gunther Bldg., San Antonio, Texas; Nathaniel Hirsch, care Rabbi G. H. Lowenstein; William Messer, care Rabbi G. H. Lowenstein.

League Island, Philadelphia, Pa.—Irwin L. Stone, 1616 Master Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Leavitt, Fort; Me.—Herman O. Goffin, 64 Montreal Street, Portland, Me.

Lee, Camp; Petersburg, Va.—Maurice R. Spear, care Army Y. M. C. A. No. 56.

Lewis, Camp; American Lake, Wash.—Eimon Wiener, care Army Y. M. C. A., No. 1.

Meade, Camp; Admiral, Md.—Alex. A. Steinbach, Jewish Welfare Building; Simon Goldberg, Jewish Welfare Building; Lawrence Lavine, Jewish Welfare Bldg.

Merritt, Camp; Tenafly, N. J.—Emanuel E. Fox, care Army Y. M. C. A.

MacArthur, Camp; Camp Bowie, Camp Logan, Texas—Rabbi I. Warsaw, Hotel Raleigh, Waco, Texas; Harry M. Goldman, Ass. to Rabbi Warsaw.

McClellan, Camp; Anniston, Ala.—Louis Israel, care Army Y. M. C. A.

McKinley, Fort; Me.—Herman O. Goffin, 64 Montreal Street, Portland, Me.

Naval Reserve Base No. 6—Harry M. Goldman, 382 Stone Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Naval Station, Norfolk, Va.—Benjamin Eisenstein, 717 National Bank of Commerce, Norfolk, Va.

Newport News, Va.—Lewis H. Neikrug, 319 54th Street; Rabbi Salvador Schwab, 227 28th Street.

Newport, R. I.—Irving Berkhardt, care Army and Navy Y. M. C. A.

Oglethorpe, Fort, Ga.—Gilbert Harris, Civic Center Y. Military Branch, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Rabbi Julian H. Miller, Missionary Ridge, R. F. D., No. 1, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Paris Island, S. C.—Rabbi George Solomon, 19 East 46th Street, Savannah, Ga.

Pelham Bay Naval Station, N. Y.—Harry Michaelson, care Y. M. C. A., Pelham Bay. Pike, Camp; Little Rock, Ark.—Leo M. Sorrin, care Army Y. M. C. A.

Preble, Fort; Me.—Herman O. Goffin, 64 Montreal Street, Portland, Me.

Riley, Fort; Kansas.—John Goldhaar, care Army Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, Camp Funston, Kansas.

Sevier, Camp; Greenville, S. C.—Benjamin S. Gross, care Army Y. M. C. A. Headquarters, Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

Sheridan, Camp; Ala.—Rabbi B. C. Ehrenreich, 9068 Perry Street, Montgomery, Ala.

Sheridan, Fort; Ill.—Isaac Anderson Loeb.

Sherman, Camp; Chillicothe, Ohio—H. J. Rosenbaum, care Army Y. M. C. A. No. 72; Jacob Skirball, care Y. M. C. A. No. 72.

Sill, Fort; Okla.—Meyer Magui, Midland Hotel, Lawton, Okla.; Rabbi Joseph Blatt, 731 West 17th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rabbi B. Menkes, Temple Israel, Tulsa, Okla.; Rabbi Morris Teller, 919 Cheyenne Avenue, Tulsa, Okla.

Slocum, Fort; New Rochelle, N. Y.—Harry Rotkowitz, care Y. M. H. A., New Rochelle, N. Y.; Rabbi Richard Stern, 36 Bank Street, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Snelling, Fort; Minn.—Rabbi C. D. Matt, 915 14th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

Stanley, Camp; Texas.—Rabbi G. H. Lowenstein, Gunther Building, San Antonio, Texas.

Taylor, Camp; Louisville, Ky.—Alvin Linker, care Army Y. M. C. A. Administration Building; Samuel Gerson, care Alvin Linker.

Travis, Camp; Texas.—Rabbi G. H. Lowenstein, Gunther Building.

Upton, Camp; Yaphank, L. I.—Headworker, Joseph C. Hyman, Rep. J. W. B.; Rabbi Nathan Blechman, Resident Rabbi; Joseph S. Rosenthal, care Joseph C. Hyman, Rep. J. W. B.; Boris Komar, care Joseph C. Hyman, Rep. J. W. B.; Nathan Friedman (stenographer) care Joseph C. Hyman, Rep. J. W. B.

Wadsworth, Camp; Spartanburg, S. C.—Paul Goldman, care Army Y. M. C. A.; Benjamin S. Gross, care Army Y. M. C. A.; Robert Bandes, care Army Y. M. C. A.

Washington, D. C.—Gilbert F. Schamberg, care Mrs. Stiebel, 2123 18th Street, N. W.; Albert B. Kurtz.

Wheeler, Camp; Macon, Ga.—Harry N. Levor, care Army Y. M. C. A.

William, Fort; Me.—Herman O. Goffin, 64 Montreal Street, Portland.

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MINUTES

of a

MEETING

of representatives of various local Jewish Organizations,
held at the Excelsior Club on Monday, March 18, 1918.

Rabbi Wolsey in explaining the call for the meeting, stated that he, with Rabbi Silver and Mr. Benj. Lowenstein, had been called to a conference in Cincinnati some weeks ago, where the following plans of the National Board for Jewish Welfare Work among Soldiers and Sailors were outlined:

1. It was desired to organize the Jews of the country for the purposes of the work, into geographical units; each State to be represented by a State Branch or Committee composed in turn of representatives duly elected by representative local Committees.
2. These Committees both State and local, to concern themselves not alone with the task of ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of the Jewish Soldiers in the various Camps, but also with the raising of the necessary funds for such purposes; the distribution of the funds, however, to remain in the hands of the National Committee.

A roll call showed the following local Organizations represented at the meeting:

The Cleveland Council of Jewish Women, by
Mrs Julius Fryer and Mrs J Janowitz;
The Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood, by
Mrs Sol Moses and Miss Clara Manche;
The Temple Women's Association, by
Miss Edna Goldsmith;
The Bene Jeshurun Sisterhood, by
Mrs E E Rickman and Mrs H J Goodman;
The Beth Tephilo Sisterhood, by
Miss Fryer;
The Sisters of Zion, by
Mrs A Krohn and Mrs L Wolk;
The Excelsior Club, by
Messrs Jac Einstein and Emile L Strauss;
The Temple, by
Rabbi Silver and Mr Benj Lowenstein;
The Euclid Avenue Temple, by
Rabbi Wolsey and Mr Ad I Newman;
The Bene Jeshurun Congregation, by
Rabbi Jacob Klein and Mr B Freedman;
The Oheb Zedek Congregation, by
Rabbi H A Liebowitz;
The Temple Israel, by
Rabbi Ad Steiner;
The Cleveland Lodge, I.O.B.B., by
Messrs M E Meisel and B B Given;
The Federation of Jewish Charities, by
Mr S Goldhamer.

Rabbi Wolsey, acting as temporary Chairman, asked those present to indicate their pleasure with regard to the matter submitted; from the expressions of opinion which followed, it was clearly the sense of the meeting that an organization be effected to co-operate in the national movement, and it was moved, duly seconded and carried that a permanent local Committee be formed, to be composed of the representatives present and such other representatives as might be added by the Organizations invited to participate.

It was further moved, seconded and carried that the Committee elect permanent Officers, and the names of Rabbi Wolsey for Chairman, Mr. Given for Treasurer, and Mr. Goldhamer for Secretary, being submitted without competition, these nominees were upon motion made, duly seconded and carried, declared unanimously elected. Messrs. Wolsey, Silver, and Liebovitz were likewise unanimously elected as representatives to the State branch of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work.

The question of the character and manner of appointment of an Executive Committee, elicited much discussion which was finally brought to a close with a favorable vote on the motion of Rabbi Silver, "that the Chairman be instructed to communicate with all Jewish Organizations in the City, asking each of them to appoint two representatives to serve on an Executive Committee working jointly with the permanent Committee already organized."

No further business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned subject to further call by the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Goldhamer
Secretary.

March 18, 1918.

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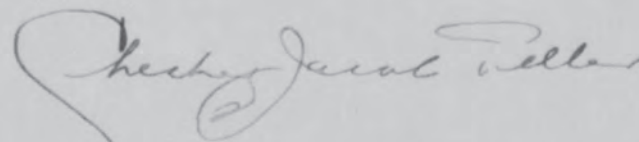
Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
E. 55th St. and Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Leon W. Goldrich, our field secretary for your district, expects to be in your City early in April, for the purpose of helping you in the welfare program which our friends in your City are carrying out on behalf of the men in military service in your vicinity.

He will doubtless communicate with you upon his arrival in your City, and we will heartily appreciate any assistance which you can give him in his work.

Faithfully yours,



Executive Director.

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

It is estimated that there are at the present time 60,000 Jewish young men in the military service of our country. They encounter not only the risks of actual warfare, but are under a constant strain mentally and spiritually because of the sudden transition from peaceful life to that of the soldier.

The Jews of America have accepted the responsibility of helping these Jewish men in every way possible. We must meet their religious, social and personal needs. For this purpose the Jewish Welfare Board was organized, and it is now conducting welfare activities in practically every camp and cantonment in the country. In order, however, to extend our program, it is necessary that we secure the services of an additional number of idealistic and capable men who can represent the American Jewish community in this work. It is estimated that an additional 200 men will be needed for this service in the next six months. Naturally, we prefer men who are over the draft age. While men of experience in social or religious work are preferred, such experience is not absolutely necessary, as we have prepared a brief but intensive course of training for applicants in preparation for active service.

The Board is prepared to pay well for such services and if you know of any men whom you consider capable of joining our organization as field representatives, will you be kind enough to ask them to fill out the enclosed application blanks, and forward them to this office with as little delay as possible.

Our greatest need at the present time is for capable workers, and we appeal to you to use every effort to secure for us at least one first class man in your community.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I beg to remain

Yours respectfully,

Chester J. Teller
Executive Director.

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U. S. ARMY and NAVY

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2. P. O. Address Birth place.
3. Are you naturalized If so, where
4. What languages do you speak Write
5. Father's name Birth place.
6. Mother's maidenname. Birth place.
7. Are you married How many dependent on you...
8. What is your present occupation
9. How long have you held your present position.
10. Name of firm or institution
11. Address of firm Present salary.
12. Previous occupations.
WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
13. What salary do you desire
14. Graduate of what high school.
15. Graduate of what college year.
16. What experience have you had in social work.
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17. What experience have you had in religious work.
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18. General Remarks
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19. Do you wish to be considered for welfare work overseas. . .
20. TO BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION:-

1. Three letters of references from well-known citizens who know you and who know about your work.
2. Your photograph.
3. If you are of military draft age, attach copy of your official exemption certificate.

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United States Army and Navy

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Dear Sir:

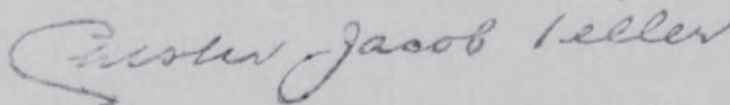
We await word from you as to what action you have taken in response to our recent appeal to give your Jewish drafted men a memorable send-off.

The boys leave for camp in two weeks, starting April 26th. As the time is very short, it is necessary that the farewell to them be arranged without delay. No matter how few the number of men leaving your locality, all must feel the expression of your good will. A rousing mass meeting to signalize the departure of the boys, a public declaration of your faith in them, and a hearty, inspiring farewell to them - that is the least each community can do.

Enclosed you will find a list of our representatives and the camps at which they are stationed. Communicate with our worker at the camp to which your boys are going. He will await them when they arrive. He will make them feel at home in the camp. He will act as a link between them and you. His experience, advice and friendly offices are at the service of all soldiers. He is there as the representative of the Jewish people to assist all men in every possible way.

Kindly advise us as to the progress of your plans for the meeting. Indicate on the enclosed requisition blank the supplies you will need, and call upon us for any other assistance.

Very truly yours,



Executive Director.

Encs.

P. S. We are sending under separate cover a copy of our booklet on the "Work, Purpose and Scope of the Jewish Welfare Board."

u.s.c.

REQUISITION BLANK FOR LOCAL BRANCHES

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

U.S. ARMY & NAVY

City - - - - - State - - - - -

Date _____ 1918.

The following articles are required:

ARTICLES	QUANTITY DESIRED
Bibles	
Prayer Books	
Soldiers' Writing paper (number of sheets)	
" Envelopes	
Registration cards	
Yiddish Pamphlets :	
"Sex Hygiene"	
"Clean Living" (Address of Hon. Josephus Daniels)	
"Government Insurance and other benefits."	
"Sentinel" The J.W.B. Bulletin	
Booklet-"Work, Purpose and Scope of the J.W.B."	
Stationery for local branches (number of sheets)	

CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL BRANCH _____

ADDRESS _____

June 10th 1918

Mr. Jacob Billikopf,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Billikopf,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th requesting me to accept some speaking engagements for Jewish welfare, in June and September.

I shall be unable to do any speaking in June. I believe that I shall be able to give you one or two days in September, provided the temple activities opening that month do not conflict. I shall be in better position later on to tell you definitely about possible September dates.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY

325 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BLDG.
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@ 6/25/18
Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple (Tifereth Israel Con.)

City.

Dear Sir:

You have been selected as a member of the Committee on Drafted Men
of the Jewish Welfare Board for Soldiers and Sailors.

Kindly notify Mr. A. A. Benesch, Chairman, 1333 East Boulevard,
(Tel. No. Gar. 7653 W.), on receipt of this communication.

Yours truly,

Alfred L. Steuer
Sec'y Jewish Welfare Board.

The business address of Mr. Benesch is 904 Society for Savings, Bldg.,
and the Tel. No. Main 5380

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple (Tifereth Israel Congregation)
City.

Dear Sir:

You have been selected as a member of the Committee on Propaganda
of the Jewish Welfare Board for Soldiers and Sailors.

Kindly notify Mrs. Julius Fryer, Chairlady, 1569 East Blvd.
(Tel. No. Gar. 3957 W.), on receipt of this communication.

Yours truly,

Alfred L. Steuer
Sec'y Jewish Welfare Board.

June 25th, 1918

Mr. A. A. Benesch,
904 Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Benesch,

Rabbi Silver requests me to write you, in answer to two letters received this afternoon, signed by Alfred L. Steuer, Secy. Jewish Welfare Board, advising you that he is leaving for New York on Thursday and expects to sail for France during the coming week. He regrets he will not be available for work on the Committees mentioned until his return, about the first of September.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

September 9th, 1918

Colonel Harry Cutler,
19 West 44th Street,
New York City.

My dear Colonel Cutler,

Before I left, you requested me to study conditions in France with reference to our Welfare Work. I had ample opportunity to do so, inasmuch as I was privileged to travel through the larger part of France and to visit the entire American front.

Of course, you know as well as I do, that we have done absolutely no work there as yet. You have no doubt heard by this time from your Commission members, whom I was privileged to meet more than once in Paris.

There is a crying need in France for Rabbis and for Welfare Workers. Men in all parts of France are asking very insistently for the manifestation of some interest in them and in their welfare on the part of the Jews of America. I have been embarrassed more than once by questions put to me by our Jewish men, with reference to the small concern shown by American Jews in the religious wellbeing of Jewish Soldiers in France.

This state of affairs has also been commented upon by quite a few Christian ministers whom I met, who asked why there were no Jewish Rabbis to visit the Jewish wounded and to officiate at the burial of Jewish boys.

I do not know what to advise you in the matter, my dear Colonel Cutler. There is only one thing

Col. H. C. 2

that we can do, and that is to exert every possible means to get men, especially ministers, and to send them over immediately to France. It is needless to say, that great care and judgment should be used in the selection of these men. It is not desirable, to my mind, that very young men be sent. The Boys seem to prefer men of middle age, who can bring to them fatherly counsel and advice.

~~Service~~ Your Commission in Paris is doing excellent ~~service~~, although working under great handicap.

If I can be of any service to you in the matter, I hope that you will call upon me.

Very sincerely yours,

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My dear Rabbi Silver,

You will pardon delay, but I have been unable to write you ere this.

I want to thank you very much for your letter of the ninth instant, and the information contained therein with reference to overseas needs.

Yours very sincerely,

Harry Cutler
CHAIRMAN.

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The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Received by Mr. Cutler and
in his absence by

September 28th, 1918

Colonel Harry Cutler
Jewish Welfare Board
19 West 44th Street
New York City.

I am in receipt of your very
generous acknowledgment of my letter to you.

Sincerely yours,



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To the President and Trustees of Jewish Congregations
in the United States

Dear Friends and Fellow Jews:

There are now in the Army and Navy of the United States approximately 100,000 Jewish young men. A conservative estimate shows that by the summer of 1919 there will be 100,000 more. It is essential that these, our sons and brothers, shall be aided in their difficulties and watched over in this critical period of their lives by the household of Israel, so that they may receive solace, comfort, advice, and instruction in their trials and tribulations. To that end the Jewish Welfare Board was organized.

To aid in the accomplishment of that result the Government of the United States has provided for the appointment of Jewish Chaplains' who shall attend to the religious needs of those of the Jewish faith who are fighting the battles of the Republic. Nothing can be more important than that those who are charged with the performance of this sacred duty shall be men of character, tactfulness and intelligence, men who understand the soul of the Jewish boy and who can keep alive in the hearts of our youth the divine spark of our ancient faith. Those of other creeds are looking after their own sons who are in the service. We cannot, we must not, lag behind in meeting this tremendous responsibility.

The services of Rabbis are imperatively demanded. With commendable devotion to the country and

to the cause of Judaism they stand prepared to serve. There are, however, family ties which impose upon them grave responsibilities. They must provide for those who depend upon them for support. Out of their salaries as Chaplains it will be necessary for them to make substantial expenditures for uniform and equipment. The difference to them and to their families between their present salaries and those fixed by the Government represents a vital need. Without it there would be hardship and suffering for their dear ones.

In this emergency we deem it our duty to the great causes which we are serving, to ask of you to add another sacrifice to those which in common with all our fellow-citizens you have thus far been called upon to make. It is, that you not only extend to your Rabbi, should he request it, leave of absence for the duration of his service as Chaplain, but also that you pay to his family during that time the difference between the salary which you have heretofore stipulated to pay him and the amount allotted to him by the Government as a Chaplain.

We are making like requests of all Congregations similarly situated. We are encouraged in the belief that there will be a generous response by them to this appeal to their patriotism, their loyalty, and the love that they bear for their faith. This is but another way of serving the country in its hour of need, by aiding it in the maintenance of the morale of our soldiers and sailors, by making our sons worthy of America and of their forefathers, by providing them with that spiritual sustenance by which they will be enabled so to conduct themselves as to reflect honor and glory on their country and their religion, and perpetuate the virtues of their Maccabaeian ancestry.

We look forward to an estimate and favorable response from you to this our earnest appeal.

With best wishes, we are,
Yours, For God and Country,

Jacob H. Schiff Nathan Strauss Louis Marshall
J. Walter Freiberg, President Union of American Hebrew
Congregation
Elias L. Solomon, President United Synagogue of America
Bernard Drachman, President Union of Orthodox Jewish
Congregation
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Recently we wrote you, at the suggestion of prominent Rabbis of this country, asking that you deliver a sermon in reference to the United War Work Campaign, immediately preceding November 11th. To date we have not been honored by a response from you. May I urge you to kindly let us know by return mail, if possible, if you will aid us in the drive? May I repeat that you kindly submit copies of your sermon to the press previously so that the utmost publicity be given it?

In all probability, the Rabbis throughout the country will deliver the opening shot of the campaign.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter just received from the Hebrew Orphan Asylum of this city. It requires no comment from us.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours for the United War Work Campaign,

Jacob Billikopf
Member of Director General Mott's Cabinet.

JB:BL

Campaign—NOVEMBER 11th TO 18th—\$170,500,000

JOHN R. MOTT, DIRECTOR GENERAL
UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

(COPY)

THE HEBREW ORPHAN ASYLUM
of the City of New York

NEW YORK October 31, 1918.

Dear Mr. Billikopf:

Replying to your letter of October 18th permit me to give you a short description of what our children have done with reference to the Fourth Liberty Loan and what they will do for the coming Drive.

Realizing that there would be a Drive for the Jewish Welfare Board and for the Fourth Liberty Loan, early in July we instituted a war chest and cards as enclosed were distributed among the youngsters. During the summer, they redeemed their pledges in payments ranging from one to ten cents. At the beginning of the Fourth Liberty Loan, there was in the war chest some \$103.00 of \$168.00 pledged. When there was a possibility of the failure of the loan, the children took another fifty dollar bond even though they did not have the money to pay for it at the time. Some of the children, possessing the business instinct, so characteristic of our race, donated ties, books, games, etc., to be auctioned. These auctions gave much delight to the children and was the occasion of a great deal of innocent merriment, the articles auctioned being wrapped up, contents unknown. In this way, sufficient money was collected to pay for the last bond.

It is our intention to turn over to the United War Work Drive these bonds to the amount of \$200. plus whatever other amount is left in the war chest, at the beginning of your Drive.

The children all feel that, being brought up in an institution such as ours where they have every available opportunity, they want to do their share in this work. It may be of interest to you, to know that there are over 200 of our boys and girls now in Service, quite a large number of whom are non-commissioned officers and we have a number of boys who have won their commissions. One of the boys has been returned from France leaving the battle line at Chateau Thierry. He is now an instructor at one of the camps. Four of our boys have fallen on the field and several have been wounded.

Yours truly,

(signed) L. G. Simmonds,
Acting Superintendent.

Mr. Jacob Billikopf
149 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

October 28, 1918

Mr. Jacob Billikopf
149 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Billikopf:-

In response to your letter requesting me to preach on the subject of "United War Work Campaign" immediately preceeding November 11th, permit me to say that there will be no campaign for this fund in Cleveland in as much as Cleveland had already had its Victory Chest campaign.

With kindest regards, I

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Sincerely yours,

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Oct. 30, 1918

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,

C i t y

Dear Rabbi Silver:--

There will be a meeting of the Statistics
Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board on Friday Nov. 1st at 10
A.M. at the Excelsior Club. I trust you can arrange to be
present.

Fraternally

Louis Wolsey

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November 6, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Propaganda Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board cordially invites you to hold yourself ready to be one of the speakers at the Allied War Exposition to be held in our city from November 16th to 23rd.

The subject matter relative to the specific work of the Jewish Welfare Board will be sent to you at an early date, and the time for speaking will be assigned to suit your convenience.

We hope you recognize this as a patriotic service not only to minister to the needs of the soldier, but also to indicate to the community the responsibility the Jewish group feels in the vast undertaking of the war.

May I ask that you communicate at once with Rabbi Louis Wolsey, Garfield 3211, signifying your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Thanking you for the cooperation that I know you will give, I am,

Yours, for the welfare of the Soldier and Sailor,

Winifred Fryer (Mrs. Julius)
Chairman, Propaganda Committee JWB

Phone Rabbi Wolsey + tell him that I shall be out of city during next two weeks on government work.

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November 13, 1918.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
East 55th Street and Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of the 7th addressed to our secretary has just reached us.

The allowance for services to our welfare workers is fixed by regulation. The maximum is \$2,000.00 per year for overseas service and \$1,800.00 per year for service in the domestic camps. We cannot deviate from these maximum allowances in favor of any candidate no matter how valuable his service may be. In the case of overseas workers, we provide transportation, uniform and equipment. We do the same for the domestic workers.

Is it not possible for the man you mention to meet our maximum limit?

Yours for the United War Work Campaign,

A. Silberberg

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The Jewish Welfare Board and Thanksgiving Day.

To the Rabbis of the Country:

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Thanksgiving Day this year, besides marking the historical Autumn Thanksgiving, also coincides with the beginning of the Chanuka festival of military victory. In addition, President Wilson in his Thanksgiving proclamation associates the day with the coming of victory and peace.

The Jewish Welfare Board therefore anticipates that the Rabbis of the country are preparing to make the celebration of Thanksgiving in Synagogue and Temple an occasion for a great demonstration of patriotic joy and thanksgiving. Thousands of soldiers and sailors will probably be in town on leave on that day. The Jewish Welfare Board therefore asks the cooperation of the Rabbis in assuring as large an attendance as possible at these services of men in uniform and their families.

The Jewish Welfare Board desires to receive accounts of these services, in order that its historical record of the patriotic expression of American Jewry in connection with the war may be complete.

The accompanying suggestions are not intended to serve as a definite program. Each synagogue should make up its program in keeping with its religious traditions.

We take pleasure in sending you for distribution 100 Chanuka greeting postcards and a number of leaflets of "The Maccabean Spirit", with the compliments of the Jewish Welfare Board.

We shall be glad to send you additional copies on application.

With Thanksgiving greetings,
Jewish Welfare Board.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Bible Readings

I Kings XX, 23-34. Micah IV, 1-5
Psalm XX, XLVII, LXVI, C, CXVI, CXVII, CXVIII,
CXXIV, CXLIV, CXLIX

Patriotic Exercises Hanothen Teshua (Prayer for the Government)

Reading from the President's and the Governor's

Thanksgiving Proclamations.

Jeremiah XXIX, 1-7.

Hymns

Hallel

Mooz Tsur

Union Hymnal 23,24,25, 150, 151, 189

Thanksgiving Prayer for the Armistice

Memorial Prayer for those fallen in battle and Kaddish.

Sermon

A PROCLAMATION

By the President of the United States of America.

It has long been our custom to turn in the Autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a Nation. This year we have special and moving cause to be grateful and to rejoice. God has in his good pleasure given us peace. It has not come as a mere cessation of arms, a relief from the strain and tragedy of war. It has come as a great triumph of Right. Complete victory has brought us, not peace alone, but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which justice shall replace force and jealous intrigue among the nations. Our gallant armies have participated in a triumph which is not marred or strained by any purpose of selfish aggression. In a righteous cause they have won immortal glory and have nobly served their Nation in serving Mankind. God has indeed been gracious. We have cause for such rejoicing as revives and strengthens in us all the best traditions of our national history. A new day shines about us, in which our hearts take new courage and look forward with new hope to new and greater duties.

While we render thanks for these things, let us not forget to seek the Divine guidance in the performance of those duties, and Divine mercy and forgiveness for all errors of act or purpose, and pray that in all that we do we shall strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual respect upon which we must assist to build the new structure of peace and good-will among the nations.

Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the Ruler of nations.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen and the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-third.

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State.

Thanksgiving Prayer
for the Armistice

God of the spirits of all flesh, who judgeth righteously and examineth the inward thoughts of the heart, Thou knowest that our sons went forth to war only to safeguard the liberty of threatened and oppressed peoples. They took their lives in their hands and jeopardized their souls to death in this, Thy cause of liberty, and Thou, O our Father, hast been with them and with their fellow men in the armies of the Allies. Into Thy care they entrusted their lives, and Thou hast not failed them. Thou hast been the help of those who went down to the sea in ships. Thou hast borne aloft those who flew on wings of the wind and Thou hast stood beside all who have fought the fight of heroes. Thou hast been with them in danger, strengthening them and rescuing them. We thank Thee that Thou hast delivered them from death on every side, that Thou hast saved them from sickness and injury, and kept them alive at this day.

Merciful Father, Thou who art good and who doeth good, send Thy healing to those who are ill and heal their wounds. May Thy consolations soothe the soul of those weeping for their loved ones who have been smitten. Thou hast decreed that the sword shall not consume forever. May it be Thy will that Thou wilt scatter the peoples who glorify militarism. Mayest Thou hasten the day when there shall be heard tidings of peace for all mankind, peace to those that are far off and peace to those that are near.

May it be Thy will to bring back our sons speedily to their homes, crowned with the victory of honor and right. Mayest Thou cause Israel to dwell in peace and safety. Draw near the day on which the nations shall form one league through which nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. May that day soon dawn when love and truth shall meet together, righteousness and peace shall kiss, and there shall be the peace of righteousness and justice, security and safety, love and brotherhood, freedom and liberty for us and for all the peoples of the world, Amen.

Memorial Prayer.

God of mercy, enthroned on high, grant perfect repose in the realms where the righteous rest with Thee beneath the shadow of Thy wings, to the souls of our soldiers and sailors who have given their lives in the fulfilment of their duty to their country and to the Government under whose protection we dwell. Be Thou with the souls of those heroes who have fallen on the field of battle, showing forth to the nations the strength of the spirit of Israel and sanctifying Thy name in their eyes.

Remember Thou also with mercy all those who have laid down their lives as victims of the hunger, the suffering and the oppression brought upon them by the war.

On all these whom we commemorate this day may Thine abundant love rest, and may Thy spirit grant them peaceful repose. Mayest Thou bind up their soul in the bond of life eternal, Amen.

תפלה לתורה

אל אלהי חרוחות לכל בשר, שופט צדק פוחן כליות ולב, גלוי וידוע

לפני כסא כבודך כי אך לקרוא דרור לעמים נדכאים יצאו בנינו למלחמה וחרפו
נפשם למות.

אתה אבינו חיית מגן בעד אנשי מערכותינו ובעד חילי אנשי בריתנו
אשר בידך תפקידו נפשם. חושעת יורדי תים באניות וחמחרפים את נפשם במשומי
רוח. וכל גבורי החיל שנלחמו בעוז ובתעצומות חזקת ואמצת ומכל פה יקוש מלמח
אתם, הצלתם מחץ יעוף יומם ופלמח אתם מכל מחלה ופגע רע.

אב הרחמן, הטוב והמטיב, שלח רפואה שלמה להולים ורפא נא מחץ מכותם
ותנחומיך ישעשעו נפשות חבוכים על ידידיהם המדקרים. לא לנצח אכלה חרב כי
בזרת עמים קרבות יחפצו. חיש נא יום בשורות שלום שלום לרחוק ולקרוב. יהי
רצון מלפניך שתשיב כל חלוצי צבאנו מחרת לבתיהם בנזר נצחון של אמת וצדק.
וחשב ישראל לנויתם בשלום ובשלום וקרב היום אשר בו העמים יעשו כולם אנדה אחת
ולא ישא גוי אל גוי חרב ולא ילמדו עוד מלחמה. וחסד ואמת גפגשו צדק ושלום
נשקו. ויהי מעשה השלום צדק ומשפט, השקט ובטח, אהבה ואחות, דרור וחרות, לנו
ולכל לאמי חבל וכן יהי רצון ונאמר אמן.

הזכרת נשמות

אל מלא רחמים שוכן מרומים, חמצא מנוחת נכונה בצל כנפי חשכינת
במעלות קדושים, בזוהר חרקי עזתיריים את נשמת אנשי הצבא אשר פדמם מלאו את
חובתם לארצם ולממלכות אשר בצלם עמנו חוסת, וימותו מות גבורים פשרי קרב
ויקדישו את שם ישראל לעיני העמים בהראותם את עז אמונת רוח עמנו לממשלת
אריצות מושבותם וגם את נשמות שאר האומללים אשר קוממו ולא עת ומתו ברעב ויגוון
וחמת המציק. יחמו רחמיך עליהם ורוח ה' תנחם וינחתו במנוחת שלום בעבור שכל
תקחל נודר לצדקה בעד הזכרת נשמתם, לכן בעל הרחמים יסתירם בסתר כנפיו
לעולמים ויצרור בצרור תחיים את נשמתם ה' הוא נחלתם וינחתו בשלום על משכבם,
ונאמר אמן.

November 23th, 1918

Rabbi Louis Wolsey
Euclid Avenue Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey,

I regret exceedingly that
I shall be unable to act on either of the
Conference Committees to which I have been
appointed.

Very sincerely yours,

(COPY)

December 3, 1918.

Col. Harry Cutler,
7 Nddy St.
Providence, R. I.

Dear Col. Cutler:-

I acknowledge receipt of your communication
of November 26th and have carefully noted the contents thereof.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Adolf Kraus.

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December 30, 1918.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE

CLEVELAND BRANCH OF THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD:-

There will be a meeting of the Cleveland Branch of the Jewish Welfare Board, on Monday, January 6th at 4 o'clock, at the Excelsior Club. It is very vital that you as a member of the Executive Committee should be present, for there will be several matters of great importance to pass upon.

It is also well that the members of the Committee should know what has taken place within the last few months.

The work of reconstruction is now to take place in our American life, and there will be problems of so acute a nature, as to demand from us every bit of our energy and ingenuity.

Mr. Aaron Horvitz, Field Secretary of the Jewish Welfare Board will be present to lay before us a proposition of serious moment, upon which he wishes us to pass judgment.

I trust that you will be present. I would be an act of patriotism, and in these times it were well for us to allow no opportunity to pass to evidence the Jew's love of this country.

Very sincerely yours,

Louis Wolsey

Chairman, Cleveland Branch JWB

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CALL A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THIS COMMUNICATION

To The Lodges of District #2,
of The Independent Order Of Bnai Brith:

Brethren:

Following along the line of war-service activity, and mindful of the great service that the I.O.B.B. can render during the present war, District No. 2 I.O.B.B. has determined to assist in caring for the social, spiritual and material needs of the Jewish soldiers and sailors within the confines of our District. There are five large cantonments in our district in which are thousands of our co-religionists. To help them assimilate with their comrades, to make them good Jews, to help them in their needs and guide them in their difficulties, to establish recreation centers for them under the guidance of men with a vision, men who will inspire their confidence, men who understand the Jewish heart and problems, Are our aims.

This is great work - serious work - "worth-while" work, and work which every Jew should assist in making possible. Have you the picture before you? Here are thousands of our Jewish youth going to battle for the noblest of principles - Liberty - Democracy - Freedom. These boys are our representatives - our heroes - our gladiators. They have left their homes - their loved ones - their comfortable firesides for our great and glorious Country. They need advice, Judaism, wholesome recreation in their "off duty" hours. Many know not how to assimilate with

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their Christian friends - know not what to do with themselves when their work is over for the day - know not where to go for religious instruction or religious services - know not to whom to go to confide their troubles. These are the problems - this is the picture. Will you help solve these problems? Will you make a different picture possible? If your answer is YES - then get to work AT ONCE.

Organize an efficient-active-painstaking-result-bringing - campaign committee.

Solicit every Jew in your city and in surrounding towns, villages, and hamlets. Get his subscription for every dollar he can give - collect fifty percent of his subscription when he signs and the balance within three months thereafter. If he wants to pay all at once take it. Send all money to Brother Sol Kiser, c/o The Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis, Ind.

Tell every Jew in your section that every penny of this money goes for the Jewish Warriors in District No. 2. Tell them that we are employing men of the highest type and calibre to successfully prosecute this work.

Tell them that every boy will receive all of the attention that possibly can be given by our trained representatives. Tell them that this colossal work can only be made possible by generous giving. If you think it necessary call a Mass Meeting and have prominent local speakers urge the people to give. If you want other than

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local speakers write the Secretary of the Welfare Association. Above all, work fast - work efficiently - work systematically - work wholeheartedly. Report all collections to the secretary and send same direct to the treasurer of the welfare association. This is the call-to-arms all ye "stay-at-homes"! The time to be of real service is here! Grasp the opportunity and get busy! Whether a member of the order or not - get his subscription!

We must have one hundred thousand dollars to do this work effectively. We need this amount to "do the job right". Push everything aside until this work is accomplished.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Louis J. Borinstein, Chairman
Sidney G. Kusworm, Secretary
AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WELFARE ASSOCIATION
of DISTRICT #2 I. O. B. B.

P. S. Subscription cards will be furnished upon application to

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Joseph S. Rosenthal, c/o YMCA.

Sevier, Camp; Greenville, S.C. - same as Wadsworth

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Sheridan Fort, Ill.

Isaac Anderson Loeb

Sherman, Camp; Chillicothe, Ohio.

H. J. Rosenbaum, care Army YMCA No. 72

Jacob Skirball, care " " " 72

Sill, Fort; Okla. same as Camp Doniphan

Slocum, Fort; New Rochelle, N.Y.

Harry Rotkowitz, c/o YMCA. Ft. Slocum

Snelling, Fort; Minn.

Rabbi C. D. Matt, 916 -14th Ave. Minneapolis, Minn.

Stanley, Camp; Texas - same as San Antonio

Taylor, Camp; Louisville, Ky.

Alvin Linker, care Army YMCA. Administration Bldg.

Travis, Camp; Texas - same as San Antonio

Upton, Camp; Yaphank, L.I.

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Rabbi George Solomon " "

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
Cleveland,
Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

AMERICAN JEWISH
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The package of knotted goods, 9 sweaters and 25 pairs of socks, came this morning, followed by your letter. Will you kindly thank the donors for the sweaters and socks and assure them that they will reach our own boys who are so greatly in need of them.

In answer to your letter I want to say that I often urged Mr Skirball to write to Cleveland for things that were needed, because I felt we were calling too often on smaller communities. Mr Skirball always bragged and probably with cause on what Cleveland would do at his request. But the fact remains that with the one exception he evidently did not make any request. In the matter of knitted goods of which you wrote, he did not care to take the responsibility and always sent our boys to the Red Cross, for he did not care to bother with such matters himself. Some times the Red Cross answered the request of a soldier, sometimes not. Personally, I have always felt that we could with greater dignity take care of our own except under unusual circumstances. Fortunately such circumstances have never floored me and I always managed somehow to meet a situation, thru the kindness of friends over the state. I do not want you to misunderstand me in having pointed out that Cleveland has done so little and am glad of your assurance that she will come to the rescue now. If you do not mind I should prefer these matters to be arranged thru you. I do not know Rabbi Woolsey and he may have some feelings of resentment over the transfer of Mr Skirball.

We are in need of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco and would greatly appreciate the sending of such things by

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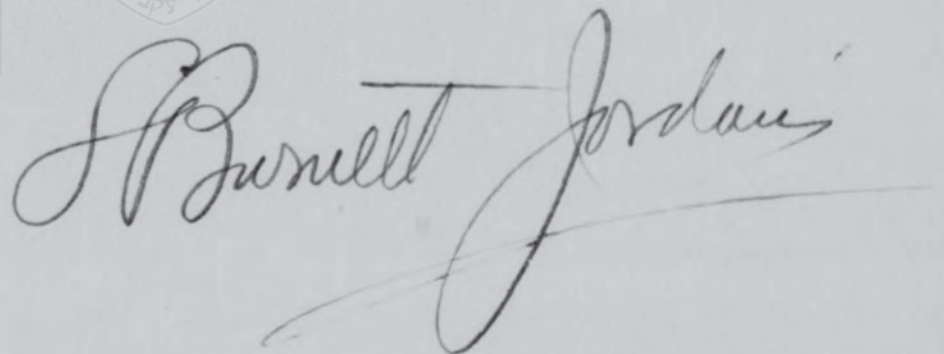
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the Cleveland Branch. Cakes, candies and fruits are sent to us by the near-by branches and there is always something of this sort in the building for the soldier.

At present the number of men is so fluctuating that it is almost impossible to plan for anything definite with any kind of assurance of a crowded house. But as soon as we can be sure of its being worth while we are in the hope that you will ~~honor~~ honor us with a visit and an address to the soldiers.

Thanking you for your kindness I am

Sincerely yours,



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January 3, 1919

Rabbi A.H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Your telegram in regard to sweaters and socks came to hand and I wired an immediate answer in order that the things might be sent without delay. At present the overseas boys are returning in thousands and after passing thru the "delousing process" in the debarkation camp are usually minus underwear and socks. Why the Red Cross does not immediately take a hand at this point, I can not understand. But the boys arrive, minus underwear and often without overcoats. Their clothing torn and looking as tho it had gone thru a crushing mill. Of course, they expect immediate discharge but they are often here for weeks. It has been our custom to send them to the Red Cross in camp here but the headquarters is in one end of camp and the ware-house in another. It means a walk of about three miles. Only at times to find one or the other place closed. Fortunately I have been able thru good friends to keep 12 or 15 sweaters constantly on hand, so that we can always meet the situation so far as our Jewish boys are concerned.

Your telegram came last night as one of the most welcome messages we have had in many a day and coming from Cleveland seemed to be a voice from the dead. During all of these months we have had supplies sent us from almost every city in Ohio except CLEVELAND. As a matter of fact since I came to Camp Sherman last April, Cleveland with a representation of over 50% of our Jewish boys of Ohio, has done nothing for us here except to send cigarettes and cigars during the recent epidemic upon telegraphic request from Mr. Skirball at that time. I wonder if you could take this matter in hand and see if the good people in your city could manage to send us at regular intervals, cigarettes and tobacco.

We get regular supplies of cakes, candies and fruits from Cincinnati, Youngstown, Columbus and the other J.W.B. Branches of this state. After the armistice was signed people seemed to think that now that things are over there is nothing more to be done. You must surely realize that now more than ever do we need to cater to the soldier who is sent to this camp for demobilization. There is none of the former excitement and camp life, but only the daily and hourly unrest in awaiting discharge, postponed from day to day by the slow process now in force. To be able to give our boys a Jewish welcome a bit of home food or a smoke of whatever sort he likes---this is, I believe, part of the welfare work of the moment. To see that they are properly clothed and to help them out of their troubles, real or fancied, these things are all a part of what confronts the welfare worker at present.

You can readily see now how important it is that we should have the strongest cooperation from our branches and as I told you before, Cleveland having its 50% representation has been woefully in the rear. I can not understand the reasons for this and I hope you will not take offense in my telling you the facts as they stand.

I attended to the Milton Baer case immediately upon receipt of your telegram and trust that all turned out well in this connection. Our head worker, Mr. Wiseman, expects to visit Cleveland in three or four weeks and will make it his point to call on you. Will you kindly convey our grateful thanks to your Red Cross unit for the knitted goods and permit me to remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Burnett Jordan.

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THE TEMPLE, CLEVELAND

January 6, 1919.

Mr. Burnett Jordan
Jewish Welfare Board Worker
Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio

My dear Mr. Jordan:

We have this day sent you from The Temple by parcels post, a box containing socks and sweaters, which I hope you will find an opportunity to use in your work.

I was very much surprised to read your complaint concerning Cleveland. As far as I know we never have received a request from the Welfare Worker in any Camp that was not promptly complied with. I remember quite distinctly that I wired Mr. Skirball, asking him if he had any use for knitted articles, and he replied that he had none.

Moreover, we have in Cleveland a Jewish Welfare Board, of which Rabbi Wolsey is Chairman. If you needed anything, you could have wired him and I have no doubt he would promptly have granted your request.

I believe, you will pardon me for saying it, that it is neglect on the part of the Welfare Workers in your Camp which is entirely responsible for the conditions of which you complain.

If at any time, my dear Mr. Jordan, you feel as if you wanted Cleveland to do something, all you need to do is to wire either Rabbi Wolsey or myself.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) A.H. Silver

Referred to
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January the ninth
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Mr. Chester J. Teller
149 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Teller:

I herewith enclose you a letter of Mr. Jordan's to Rabbi Silver under date of January 3rd. Rabbi Silver has forwarded this letter to me, together with a copy of his letter to Mr. Jordan. I wish to confirm what Rabbi Silver says in his reply that Cleveland has "never received requests from a Welfare worker that was not promptly complied with". Mr. Jordan's complaint is as unjust as it is unnecessary and ungracious.

I am wondering just how far camp workers may go in their requests for articles from communities and I am also wondering what the Red Cross obligation is in the matter of knitted articles and just what appropriation the Jewish Welfare Board makes for requests of that sort. In addition to the very heavy subscriptions that have fallen upon the pocket-books of our people. Do the Red Cross and Jewish Welfare Board expect us also to supply the things that we presumed we were paying for when we made our subscriptions? Furthermore, I want to know whether Headquarters will confirm the position taken in the letter of Mr. Jordan or whether he was exceeding his authority. Do the camp workers have a directory of the community branches? Mr. Jordan seems to betray a complete ignorance as to any organization obtaining in Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

DW/EHM

David Teller

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January 13, 1919.

Rabbi Louis Wolsey
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Wolsey:

We have your letter of the 9th enclosing a communication from Mr. Jordan to Rabbi Silver and a copy of Rabbi Silver's reply.

In view of what Rabbi Silver and yourself say regarding the cooperation which you have lent to Camp Sherman, it was both unjust and improper for Mr. Jordan to express the opinions which he did in his letter to Rabbi Silver.

Our representatives at the camps have lists of our local Branches, and we are certain that Mr. Jordan knew that there was a Branch of this Board in Cleveland. We are advising Mr. Jordan that his action in this instance has been improper and displeasing.

Insofar as Mr. Jordan was endeavoring to secure the cooperation of your community for the donation of comfort articles and delicacies, he was not violating the policy of this Board in reference to this matter. Wearing articles, knitted goods and similar supplies, are furnished by the Red Cross and all soldiers are entitled to receive such articles from the local Branch of the Red Cross in the camp.

It is true, as you say, that the public has contributed funds for this purpose. We feel certain that such contributions, however, did not terminate the interest of your people in the welfare of the men. Our communities throughout the country have been so eager to show their good-will and concern for the soldiers, that they have not hesitated to supplement their financial offerings with knitted goods, delicacies, reading matter, and all other supplies which would contribute to the comfort and happiness of the men. Such gifts express the interest of the donors in a more personal and direct manner, than do the subscriptions to the big National funds which are administered by National Bodies.

While we do not favor a practice on the part of our Field Representatives which would savor of mendicancy, we do not object to having them call the attention of our Branches from time to time, to the current needs of the men, inviting at the same time the cooperation of the Organization in meeting these needs.

With cordial greetings, I beg to remain,
Yours very truly,
(Signed) Chester Jacob Teller
Executive Director

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February 5, 1919

Dear *Rabbi Silver*:

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board on Thursday afternoon, February 6th at four o'clock at the B'nai Brith Bldg., corner 71st and Euclid Avenue. The purpose of this meeting is to consummate the contract between the Jewish Welfare Board and the B'nai Brith for the use of the latter's building. Mr. Aaron Horvitz Field Secretary of the Jewish Welfare Board will be present and it is also probable that Headquarters will have present the Field Representative who will be placed here in charge of the local work.

I trust you will make every effort to be present.

Cordially yours,

Louis Wolsey

Chairman Cleveland Branch, J.W.B.

LW/EHM

February 5th, 1919

Rabbi Louis Wolsey,
President, Cleveland Jewish Welfare Board,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey,

I desire to tender herewith my resignation as Vice President of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Board, as I realize that the office means nothing when a matter of vital importance is concerned.

I understand that you have had under advisement for some time a project to open Jewish Welfare Work quarters at the B'nai B'rith. I was not only never consulted about the project, but was never informed concerning it. I recall one meeting held in the Excelsior Club, when the project was to be voted upon, which meeting I could not attend and so notified you. Since that meeting I have heard nothing concerning the matter.

I feel, therefore, in justice to myself, that I would better sever my relations with the Board.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

February 19th, 1919

Rabbi Louis Wolsey,
President, Jewish Welfare Board,
East 82nd Street and Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey,

The enclosed letter from
a Jewish soldier at the Erie Proving Grounds,
Port Clinton, is self-explanatory. I have
simply acknowledged it, stating it had been
referred to you for attention.

Sincerely yours,

February 19th, 1919

Jewish Soldiers
Erie Proving Grounds
Port Clinton, Ohio.

My dear Friends,

Replying to the letter written to me recently by one of your number, asking for the attention of a Rabbi -

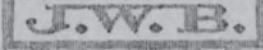
I have forwarded the letter to Rabbi Louis Wolsey of Cleveland, who is President of the Jewish Welfare Board of Cleveland, who no doubt will give the matter the desired attention.

With cordial greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

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March Fourth,
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Rabbi A. Silver,
The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Johnny:-

Did you ever have the experience when you were a kid of dropping a penny in a slot machine and than have no gum come out? Do you recall how very much frightened you were as you dropped in the second penny, wondering whether it would work this time, but never the less, taking a chance. If you had an experience of this sort, you will be able to understand somewhat my feeling in writing to you. I usually have to drop two pennies in the slot before I get one stick of gum from you. However, I am praying that the machine will be fixed and I will not have to wait for such a long time until I hear from you.

I was in Cleveland last week for a few hours, having stopped specially to see you. I was on my way to New York where I was called to a conference but you evidently were out of the city, as I could not reach you.

My new position keeps me on the road, but I like it for it is full of rich experiences, which I am sure will be valuable to me in the days to come. Horvitz came back from Cleveland and told me of a misunderstanding that he seemed to have had with you. I am not trying to defend him merely because he is a relative, for that does not make any difference to me, but I am sure that if you really understood the circumstances in the case you would not have judged the way you did. I hope that you will some time have the opportunity of getting together with Horvitz for I would like to see the whole matter straightened out. I really know so little about the Cleveland conditions that I cannot judge even in my own mind whether you were right or wrong in retiring from the board. All that I can say is that I am sorry that the incident occurred.

I am still dreaming of our proposed trip to Palestine this summer. Have you forgotten all about me, or do you still intend to go? I saved up a few pennies so if you really have decided to go and the invitation still holds good, let me know.

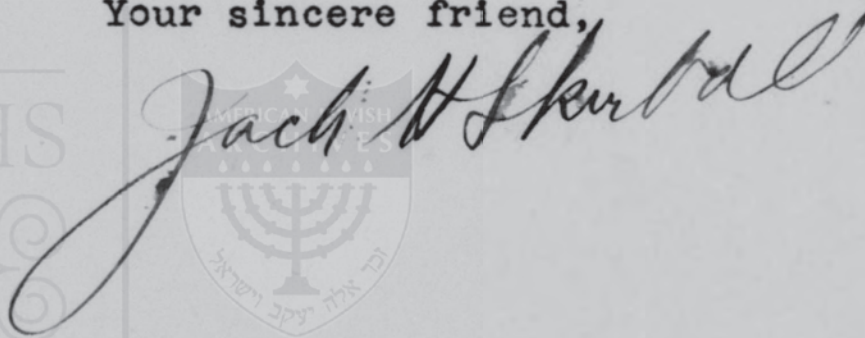
Congratulations on your new machine. I promised you a pair of riding gloves when you receive the gift. As a full believer in our old friend Bobby Service, if you hav'nt a pair, please let me know.

I had lunch with Dick Rauh in Pittsburgh the other day. He certainly does think a lot of you. He really is a splendid chap.

Let me hear from you real soon for honestly I hav'nt another penny to drop in the slot. As ever,

Your sincere friend,

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March 5, 1919.

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

My dear Rabbi:

This is to notify you that in accordance with the last meeting of the Cleveland branch of the Jewish Welfare Board a downtown office has been established at 416 Lennox Building with Field Representative, Jacob Wattenmaker, in charge.

It was decided that we ought to have a downtown office so as to be more accessible to soldiers and sailors who are passing thru town, or are in the employment district, or coming up from the Union Station. I trust you will make it possible at your leisure to stop in and introduce yourself to Mr. Wattenmaker and help him to get in touch with the Cleveland situation. He stands ready to serve the soldier and sailor in every possible way.

This is also to inform you that this Branch has effected a relationship with the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and Knights of Columbus. The workers in charge meet at lunch every Tuesday for the purpose of mapping out the work for the week and avoiding duplication.

The Welfare Board proposes to advertise the location of its office and its willingness to serve in every possible way, and place cards and advertisements at prominent public places.

This is also to confirm the relationship entered into between the Jewish Welfare Board and the Independent Order of B'nai Brith whereby we are to use the latter's building at a monthly rental of \$250 for dormitory and club purposes. This lease is for six months and subject to termination at the end of that time with a thirty-day notice. I should say in this connection that the boys from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station who are Clevelanders have already formed a Great Lakes Club and they intend to use the B'nai Brith Building for the purpose of maintaining their organization as well as the spirit of the station from which they come.

I trust you will do all you can to make the work of the Branch effective. Please feel free to make any suggestions that occur to you.

With very kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Louis Wolsey
per S. H. M.

CHAIRMAN of the Cleveland Branch,
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March 11, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have wanted to see you for some time with reference to the resignation which you sent me under date of February 5th, but, somehow or other, I have been so busy that it has been impossible for me to make an appointment with you.

I want to persuade you to withdraw the resignation if you will for it seems to have been sent to me under a misapprehension. It is true that you were not personally consulted with reference to the use of Jewish Welfare Board quarters at the B'nai Brith building but, of course, that criticism, if it is a criticism, might be made by every member of the Executive Board. No one whatsoever was consulted personally with reference to any action that the local Board has taken. In each and every case matters of moment were always referred to meetings of the Executive Board and no action whatsoever was taken except after a full discussion by all the members of the Board who were present at the meetings. There has been no secret attempt made by me or by anyone to take either the action to which you refer or any other action. The matter has all been done in the open and I trust you will feel that you know me well enough to understand that I could not and would not be guilty of any such action.

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You know, of course, you have been notified of every meeting that has taken place but that, unfortunately, you have not been present at any one of the meetings except the one called to organize the local Branch. You have even been notified by telephone of meetings in addition to the regular letter sent to all the members of the Board but you were prevented from attending.

I trust you will understand that your counsel in all matters of the Jewish Welfare Board is wanted and we have never so interfered with the democratic character of the organization as to take any action which was not agreed upon at open meeting. As far as I am personally concerned, I have at no time been wedded to the proposition of the B'nai Brith building. In fact, at the last meeting it was proposed that we do not rent the building at all but the B'nai Brith officers took the position that in as much ~~that~~ we had gone into some negotiations with them at a previous meeting they would be seriously handicapped in their activities because they had already foregone some dates which they had presumed the Jewish Welfare Board would take over. At any rate, the lease which has been entered into is terminable in six months. It was felt that we could serve the soldiers very much more conveniently and effectively if we had a downtown office as is the case with the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A., and the Red Cross; and, it is the thought of the Executive Board that we maintain this office only so long as there is necessity for it. If there is no demand for Jewish Welfare Board service I may assure you it is the desire of our Executive Board that we disband altogether. So far the office in its one week of service has had a great many applications from soldiers and sailors for help and information. Therefore, I am hoping that you will join with us upon a purely democratic basis and come to our meetings and give us the benefit of your counsel and cooperation.

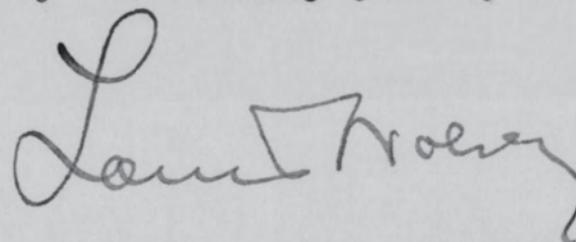
There is no disposition upon the part of any one of us to utilize the Jewish Welfare Board for any other purpose except that of

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unselfish service for the soldier and sailor, and I trust that you will meet with us in that spirit. I trust that you will feel that no injustice has been intended nor any done to you. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible with the good news that you will allow me to withdraw your resignation. With very cordial greetings,
I am

Very faithfully yours,



CHAIRMAN, Cleveland Branch,
Jewish Welfare Board.

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March 12, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

May I take this opportunity of expressing my deep thanks for your ready co-operation in sending me the list of names of soldiers recently discharged. I assure you that I will get in touch with these men and, if the Jewish Welfare Board can be of any assistance whatsoever, it will be done.

We will also use these names for our weekly publication in the Jewish papers of this city.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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March 14, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 55th & Central Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

There will be a meeting of the
Hospitality Committee of the Cleve-
land Branch, Jewish Welfare Board, at B'nai
Brith Club on March 20th at 10:30 A. M.

May we urge your attendance
at this meeting.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Sol Reinthal

MRS. SR/SW

CHAIRMAN

March 14th, 1919

Rabbi Louis Wolsey,
Cleveland Jewish Welfare Board,
C i t y.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey,

Of course, if you believe that the interests of the Jewish Welfare Board will best be served by the withdrawal of my resignation, I shall be pleased to withdraw it. Permit me to say, however, that the resignation was not sent in under any misapprehension. The criticism which I made in my letter is perfectly valid. You say that it could be made with equal justice by all the members of the Executive Board. Perhaps; but you forget that I was Vice President of the Organization. Furthermore, if the office did not justify personal consultation, simple courtesy might have prompted it.

You will recall how frequently we consulted when the organization of the Welfare Board was under consideration, even to the point of fixing the hours for meetings to our mutual convenience. These consultations suddenly ceased upon your election to the Presidency.

Soon after the Organization was perfected, I said to you that I could not be counted upon to attend meetings. I added, however, that I should be pleased to co-operate with you and to assist you in every way possible. As far as I recall, you never solicited this co-operation and assistance.

I still feel that it was a decided oversight on your part that I was never informed, either orally or in writing, as to the progress of the Welfare work, especially in the last matter of Welfare Board headquarters. It seems that Mr. Hurovitz, Representative of the Welfare Board, also did not find it advisable to come in to see me during his frequent visits to the city. It was only after the entire matter of Welfare Board headquarters in Cleveland had been definitely settled, that he requested an interview with me "to discuss Welfare work", which preposterous request could not, of course, be granted.

I cannot at all understand what you mean by requesting me to join you "on a purely democratic basis". What other basis for co-operation have I asked for?

If you and your Board still feel that only by attending meetings can I be of service to the Organization, and that only in such a manner can I ever hope to keep in touch with this work, or to be consulted about its policies, then my resignation, I am afraid, must stand. If not, I shall be pleased to retain my office and assist you as far as possible.

I have spoken frankly. I trust that you will find in my words no unfriendly note.

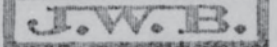
I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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CAMP SHERMAN
CHILLICOTHE, OHIO. Mar. 15, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Temple, 55th & Central,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:-

Will it be possible for you to come to Camp Sherman on
Sunday April 20th and deliver an address to our men? It may be
of interest to you to know that about 50% of the Jewish men in
Camp are from the City of Cleveland and so many of them have
time and again asked me to have you come here that I feel you will
render them, as well as the great cause, for which you labor, a
great and lasting service. Should this date not meet with your con-
venience, you may name a later date, if you so desire.

Hoping to hear from you favorably and appreciating a prompt reply,
I am,

Yours very truly,

Harry S. Wiseman
REPRESENTATIVE IN CHARGE.

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March 17, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 55th St. & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The next meeting of the Employment Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board is to be held Wednesday, March 19th, at 12:30 Noon, at lunch at the Metropole Restaurant on Prospect Street in the upstairs dining room. Please plan to be present.

I can hardly overstress the importance of the work of this Committee, nor can I sufficiently indicate how necessary it is for us to have your counsel and co-operation.

Our boys are coming back home in great numbers. Many of them are without work. Some of them cannot get their old jobs back again. Some are wounded and are incapacitated for their old work. It is incumbent upon us that we place them the best way we can. We must not allow the unemployment or unemployability of our soldiers and sailors to breed discontent, or restlessness or perhaps bitterness. Your advice is vitally needed. There is no more important work.

The Jewish Welfare Board wishes to place itself at the disposal of those boys who prefer to have us serve them. That is why we are here. And we are having many applications, and the field for service seems to be very large in Cleveland.

Will you therefore plan to be present at the meeting? Tell us how this problem can be solved. We need you.

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Cordially yours,

Louis Wolsey per S. H. T.

March 18th, 1919

Mr. Harry S. Wiseman,
Representative in Charge,
Jewish Welfare Board,
Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wiseman,

I have your letter of the
fifteenth with its cordial invitation to
address the men at Camp Sherman. I re-
gret exceedingly that I cannot accept, as
it is quite impossible for me to be away
from Cleveland on a Sunday.

With kindest greetings to
the men at Camp Sherman, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

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Phone—Prospect 519

March 25, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Central Avenue & E. 55th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

May I ask you to take an interest
in the following.

Mr. Harry S. Wiseman of Camp Sherman
has asked me in two letters recently received
for the following.

"Is it possible for you to interest
some of the people in Cleveland to secure for
our Hut a Talking Machine and records. March
15."

"Will it be possible for you to inter-
est your Community in sending to Camp Sherman,
from time to time, such things as candy, cigars,
cigarettes, smoking tobacco, and cakes. These
things we are badly in need of, particularly
for the Base Hospital. I believe you will not
have any difficulty inasmuch as one-half of
the Jewish men in Camp Sherman are from your
City." March 23."

May I ask your interest in this?

Very truly yours,

Jacob Wattenmaker
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March 30, 1919

Rabbi A.H. Silver
City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been so excessively busy that I have been unable to answer your letter which deserved a reply before this. I want, however, to say to you how pleased I was to have your very frank statement of your position and that I think I understand it. You feel that a discourtesy has been shown you. I wish to assure you that none was intended and that I trust you will believe me when I say that I regret very much that you misinterpreted me into an attitude which is farthest from my thoughts and intentions. I wish further to say that your letter was interpreted in no unfriendly spirit at all. Its frankness appeals to me and I know my own will be also interpreted in the same spirit.

When I referred to the Welfare Board being organized upon a "democratic basis", I simply meant this: that all of us who are serving the sailors and soldiers under such auspices, ought to do it upon terms of complete equality and that no one of us should feel entitled to exemptions that all the rest should have a right to claim. The only way in which our organization can do work effectively is through consultation in meetings. I realize full well that you are not always able to attend meetings. I am not, either. We are both busy men. But I must ask you how is it possible to further the work except through meetings? You must remember that you have not been able to attend a single meeting of the Welfare Board since its organization. Of course, I can understand that some matter of urgency and importance has prevented your coming.

That you were not informed as to the proceedings of the last meeting was hardly my fault. I begged and implored Mr. Steuer to send a copy of the minutes of that meeting to every member of the Board and he has not done so yet. Of course, that is an inefficiency with which we have to struggle, but it indicates to you that there is no intention of taking a snap judgment or an advantage over those who were not present at the meeting.

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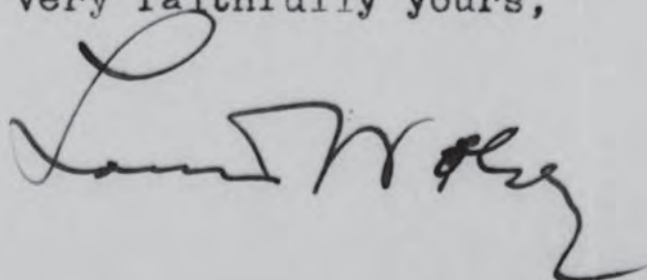
It would not serve the cause of harmony and efficiency within the Welfare Board or, for that matter, the community, for you to present your resignation, and I am very glad that you have seen that situation eye to eye with me. It would mean far better service to our returning soldiers and sailors if you were to allow us to feel that you want to cooperate and will cooperate with us all.

Mr. Wattenmaker is a splendid young man who really needs your assistance and advice and I trust you will not withhold any from him. He is having about twenty five soldiers a day coming to him for employment and he is succeeding in placing them. He has effected a very helpful liaison with the Knights of Columbus, the Y.M.C.A. and the Red Cross, and they are meeting once a week on Tuesdays. I am trying to relieve myself of as much work as possible for reasons that are perfectly obvious. Mr. Wattenmaker has taken almost all of the work of the Welfare Board on his shoulders. Of course, he needs our advice and our service and I trust you will go up to the office whenever you are downtown and see what has been done and feel perfectly free to tell him what you think ought to be done in case you think there is any need for criticism. We really need you and I am hoping that we may be privileged soon to get together and talk over the needs of the Welfare Board. I am very happy to know that you will, under these amicable circumstances, withdraw your resignation from the Welfare Board. I am calling a meeting of the entire Board for Thursday afternoon, April the tenth, at four o'clock at the office at 416 Lennox Bldg. I trust it will be possible for you to be there. If not, please let me know and I will be glad to convey any message to the Board which you wish to get to it.

With very cordial greetings and hoping to see you soon in Cincinnati, I am,

Very faithfully yours,

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April 2nd, 1919

Mr. Jacob Wattenmaker,
Jewish Welfare Board,
416 Lennox Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Rabbi Silver, your letter of March 25th was turned over to our Temple Women's Association, who for more than a year have been collecting phonograph records and shipping them to the various camps throughout the country. Many hundreds of these records have been sent out by them.

Miss Goldsmith, President of The Temple Women's Association has advised Rabbi Silver, that in accordance with your request, a phonograph and one hundred records, fifty of them the very latest records, have been shipped to Mr. Wiseman at Camp Sherman.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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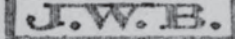
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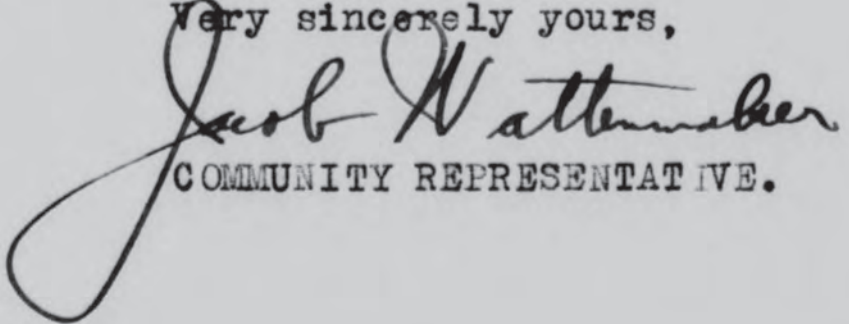
My Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I take this opportunity on leaving the Jewish Welfare Board and the Cleveland community of expressing my deep appreciation for your loyal support in our work in this city in behalf of the Jewish soldier.

It has not only been a pleasure, but a privilege to work with you, and I hope that I may be able to leave this city with the feeling that you will continue your support to the local branch in its work here as long as it may last.

May I also take this opportunity of thanking you for the splendid way in which you have expressed your appreciation of my own personal efforts by your gift presented to me by Rabbi Wolsey in your behalf.

Very sincerely yours,


COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE.

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May 10, 1921.

At a meeting of the Committee on Chaplains of the Jewish Welfare Board held in New York City on April 7th, 1921, it was decided to bring the following information to the attention of the Rabbinate of the country:

The Jewish Welfare Board is continuing as a permanent organization to minister to the religious needs of the men of Jewish faith in the U. S. Army and Navy. The Committee on Chaplains will accordingly remain a standing Committee to advise in all matters relating to the religious activities of the Board.

Responsibility for welfare work as such in the Army and Navy has passed directly to the Education and Recreation Branch and to the office of the Chief of Chaplains of the Army, and to similar branches in the Navy. The welfare organizations are no longer allowed to have their own workers within the camps.

The Board, nevertheless, has found opportunity to provide for the religious welfare of the Jewish men. At the instance of this organization, Col. John T. Axton, Chief of Chaplains of the Army has issued a letter to the chaplains in the field advising them to avail themselves of the co-operation of the Jewish Welfare Board. Chief Chaplain John B. Frazier of the Navy has issued a similar letter to Navy chaplains.

Plans are now under way to have a Jewish section included in the Army and Navy Hymnal and a Committee of Three of the Committee on Chaplains has been appointed to select the hymns.

Furloughs were secured for the Jewish men for Rosh Hashonah, Yom Kippur and Passover and arrangements were made for services on these holidays. Chanukah and Purim celebrations have been held in this country and in the outlying possessions. Satisfactory arrangements were completed for the observance of Passover for this year. Matzoth and Haggadahs were distributed to Army and Navy posts and to the ships. Seder was conducted for the men in this country, in the Philippines, Hawaiian Islands, Haiti, Panama Canal Zone and for the men in the American Forces in Germany.

Religious services are held regularly under the auspices of the Board at many camps. These services are conducted by representatives of the Board, by visiting Rabbis or by soldiers. Additional full time and part time workers are being appointed.

Rabbis who reside in communities adjacent to military or naval posts have opportunities for assistance in the conduct of these services.

It is the desire of the Jewish Welfare Board and the Committee on Chaplains to have the full co-operation of the Rabbis of the country in this direction and in other ways that will arise from time to time. With the support and co-operation of the entire Rabbinate of America, the efforts of the Board to preserve the religious life of the Jewish men in the service will be greatly advanced.

COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of Chaplains
Washington

November 26th, 1921

Dr. Cyrus Adler
149 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Adler:

Recent action of the War Department has opened the way for many rabbis in the United States to receive commissions as chaplains in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

The Army of the United States consists of the Regular Army, the National Guard, while in the service of the United States, and the Organized Reserves including the Officers' Reserve Corps. The purpose of the Officers' Reserve Corps is to provide a reserve of officers in all branches and departments of the military service who will be available and trained for their respective duties and so organized that in the event of a national emergency there may be a complete and immediate mobilization.

The requirements for appointments as chaplains are simple. The general conditions are, citizenship in the United States or the Philippine Islands, applicant to be between twenty one and sixty years of age, and duly accredited by and of good standing in some recognized religious denomination or organization, with two years of practical experience in ministerial work. Those without prior military service must undergo an examination which embraces a general knowledge of the principles of education, economics, sociology, and the writing of a brief thesis dealing with some phase of psychology relating to the work of the ministry.

Chaplains of the Officers' Reserve Corps shall be appointed and commissioned by the President of the United States. Each appointment shall be for a period of five years, but a commission in force at the outbreak of war, or made in time of war, shall continue in force until six months after its termination; but any Reserve

Chaplain may be discharged at any time in the discretion of the President, if he makes application therefor. The authorized grades in which appointments may be made in the Chaplains' Section of the Officers' Reserve Corps are, first lieutenant to lieutenant colonel, and promotions to the next higher grades, within the limits or rank stated, will be considered, in time of peace, upon application through military channels, after a commission has been held for at least one year in the lower grade.

So far as is practicable, chaplains will be assigned to units of the Reserve Corps in the locality of their places of residence. It is important to note also, that a chaplain in the Reserve Corps may hold a commission in the National Guard without vacating his Reserve Corps commission. The President, to the extent provided by the law, may from time to time, order Reserve Officers to active duty and for any period, but, except in time of National emergency expressly declared by Congress, no Reserve Chaplain shall be employed on active duty for more than fifteen days in any calendar year without his consent.

A chaplain, as is the case with all officers in the Reserve Corps, shall not be entitled to pay and allowances except when on active duty, but when on such active duty status he shall receive the same pay and allowances as an officer of the Regular Army of the same grade and length of service, and will also receive mileage from his home to his first station and from his last station to his home; but shall not be entitled to retirement or retired pay.

The prescribed duties of chaplains are closely analogous to those performed by rabbis in civil communities, modified only by the peculiar conditions attaching to military life, and especially the necessity that each chaplain shall, so far as practicable, serve the moral and religious needs of the entire command to which he is assigned, either through his own personal services or through the co-operative effort of others.

There are vacancies at this time for chaplains in the Officers' Reserve Corps in many sections of the United States, and rabbis who may be interested should apply to the Adjutant General of the Army or to the Chief of Chaplains for blank forms of application and such further information as they may desire.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOHN T. AXTON
Colonel, U.S. Army
Chief of Chaplains

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TO THE RABBINATE:

I beg to call your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter from Colonel John T. Axton, Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Army. You will note that under the new regulations of the War Department, members of the Rabbinate who did not serve as Chaplains during the emergency period, are also eligible for commissions as Chaplains in the Officers Reserve Corps. This suggests a method by which you can lend your aid to the development of religious activities among the Jewish men in the Army.

At the request of the Chief of Chaplains, the Jewish Welfare Board, through its Committee on Religious Activities, which, is composed of representatives of all national rabbinic and synagogue organizations, will review applications made by members of the Rabbinate for admission to the Reserve, the endorsement by the Board of each application being required by the War Department.

If you can see your way clear to give the necessary time to this service, would you kindly apply to the Adjutant General of the Army or to the office of the Chief of Chaplains for blank forms of application and for such other information as you may desire? The application may then be forwarded for the review of the Committee on Religious Activities, or direct to the Chief of Chaplains who will send it to this Committee.

Sincerely yours,
Cyrus Adler
CYRUS ADLER
Chairman,

Committee on Religious Activities

(undated)

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD
UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY
149 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Memorandum with Regard to appointment of Chaplains
in the United States Army.

In view of the recent Act of Congress providing for the appointment of additional Chaplains in the Army, one for each 1200 men, there is a strong hope on the part of the Jewish Welfare Board that an increasing number of Rabbis will be appointed Chaplains.

The Committee on Chaplains of the Jewish Welfare Board has therefore drafted the following statement indicating the requirements as set forth by the Adjutant General's Office and such as the experience of this Committee has found necessary.

Chaplains in the United States Army are appointed with the rank, pay and allowance of a first lieutenant mounted.

The pay is \$2,000. per annum, and \$150. is allowed for the maintenance of one horse.

Allowances include quarters, light and heat, and mileage when traveling under orders.

All officers must purchase their uniforms, food and horses.

When appointed, chaplains are assigned and must go wherever ordered.

Quarters are furnished at military posts for the use of officers and their families, but in the field there is no provision for the accommodation of their families.

Candidates for appointment as chaplains must pay their own traveling expenses to and from the place of examination.

Chaplains must be duly accredited by some religious denomination or organization as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

The age of chaplains which was formerly between 21 and 41 is now between 21 and 45. It ought to be said, however, with regard to the minimum age that the following recommendation of General Pershing should be kept in mind, that the Chaplains "selected should be of the highest character, with reputations well established as sensible, practical, active ministers or workers" which would indicate that men of some experience in the ministry are preferred. General Pershing further suggested that the men "should be in vigorous health, as their services will be needed under most trying circumstances."

The Candidate for a Chaplaincy is obliged to furnish proof that he is a regularly ordained minister of some religious denomination, in good standing at the time of his appointment, together with a recommendation for such appointment from some authorized ecclesiastical body,

which is in the case of Rabbis the Committee on Chaplains of the Jewish Welfare Board.

The New regulations referred to in the Bill just passed have not yet been issued. It is assumed, however, that they do not differ greatly from those entitled "Special Regulations No. 3" issued in 1917. From these regulations it appears that in addition to the physical examination there is prescribed an examination into the extent of school, academic or collegiate, and theological education; pastoral work as Clergyman, experience in teaching, writing and spelling, elementary arithmetic including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and fractions, with general statement of the candidate as to what knowledge he may possess, if any, of other mathematics, English grammar and composition, geography particularly in reference to the United States, history, particularly of the United States and outlines of general history.

All but the physical examination is waived in the case of persons who are graduates of recognized Colleges or Universities. In practice, the Committee on Chaplains of the Jewish Welfare Board has recommended men who are graduates of a recognized Rabbinical College as well as of a secular College so that the examination required is merely a physical one.

The Committee point out to Rabbis who intend to be candidates that they would be expected to show a broad sympathy for all aspects of Jewish belief and practice and a proper regard for the susceptibilities of every element of Jewish men in the army and navy and that this ought to be extended also to men of non-Jewish faith when such men would require the services of a Chaplain and one of their own faith was not available.

Men who fulfill the above requirements and who are willing to accept Chaplaincies in the National Army are requested to fill in the accompanying blank and return it to the Committee on Chaplains, Jewish Welfare Board, 149 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

CYRUS ADLER, Chairman
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Committee on Chaplains

(Applicants should fill in and return this Blank to
the Committee on Chaplains, Jewish Welfare Board,
149 Fifth Avenue, New York City.)

Name

Address

Date and place of birth

Weight

Height

Present physical condition

Are you an American citizen?

If naturalized state date and place

Married or single

Number of children

From what Rabbinical Institution are you graduated and at what date-

From what College or University are you graduated - give date and
degree -

Rabbinical positions held

Military experience, if any

Do you speak, read or write Yiddish?

Do you speak, read or write French?

Do you speak, read or write Italian or other language?



Program of Committee on Drafted Men.

It is suggested that this Committee organize a band of volunteer workers in such a way that contact will be established with all local Draft Boards, with a view of ascertaining the names of all Jewish drafted men (in the second and succeeding drafts.) It will be found that arrangements can readily be made for scanning the lists of new conscripts and for transcribing from such lists the names of all men who are likely to be Jewish, judging from their names and the neighborhoods in which they live. It is suggested that when such lists are completed, arrangements be made for a meeting or meetings of drafted men to be held some time before mobilization. Such meetings should be addressed by Jewish leaders, and should be in the nature of a community send off to its sons and brothers.

The following program is suggested:

- a. Introductory address and greeting.
- b. Information as to the aims and purposes of the J.W.B. the National Organization and its branches, or list of representatives at encampments (such lists will be furnished by the Home Office). etc. etc.
- c. Patriotic address on the causes of the war; the aims and ideals of America; high privileges of those participating, etc.
- d. Address on military matters, etc., preparing the men for their transition from civil to military life.
- e. Short talk on the importance of registration of all American soldiers of Jewish blood, with distribution of registration cards.
- f. Gifts of Bibles and Prayer Books, and mementos from the Community.
- g. Rabbinical Benediction.

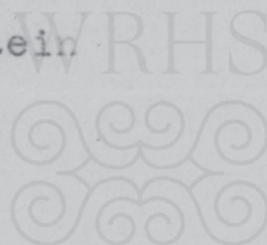
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List of people notified about Organization Committee

meeting of branch of Jewish Board for Welfare Work, held on

Monday afternoon, March 18th at 4 o'clock.

Rabbi Jacob Klein, 2221 E. 55th St	B'nai Jeshurun Temple
Rabbi H. A. Liebowitz, 1312 E. 114th St	Oheb Zedek Congregation
Rabbi A. Steiner, Crawford Rd	Temple Israel
Miss Edna Goldsmith, 1583 E. 117th St	Temple Womens' Assn
Mrs. Sol Moses, 1844 E. 90th St	Euclid Ave Temple Sisterhood
Mr. B. B. Given, Soc for Sav Bldg	I. O. B. B.
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Mr. N. Oscar, 2382 E. 38th St	Ohavu Amunah Cong.
Mr. Arthur H. Lichtig, 10815 Garfield Ave.	H. B. & S. U.
Mr. L. Sands, 1543 E. Boulevard	Beth Tephilah Cong
Mr. M. M. Barron, 2050 W. 25th St	B'nai Israel Cong
Mrs. J. Goodman, Lakeview Rd	B'nai Jeshurun Ladies Society
Mrs. I. Altfeld, 561 E. 117th St	Anshe Ameth Sisterhood
Mrs. P. Jaffa, 2365 E. 34th St	Ohavu Amunah Ladies' Aux
Mrs. Julius Fryer, 1569 E. Boulevard	Council of Jewish Women
Mr. J. L. Einstein, 1924 E. 84th St	Excelsior Club
Mrs. L. Krohn, 758 E. 95th St	Sister of Zion
Mrs. Ben Rogot, 3522 Scovill Ave	Hadassah Society
Mr. Benjamin Lowenstein	
Mr. A. I. Newman	
Rabbi A. H. Silver	
Rabbi Louis Wolsey	



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THE TEMPLE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
CLEVELAND, OHIO

My dear Rabbi Silver,

The members
of The Temple Women's
Association will be glad to
meet you at The Temple
Saturday afternoon, January
twenty sixth at two thirty
o'clock. An informal social
hour has been planned in
which The Association will

be honored and happy to
have you join them.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs W.A.) Edith Joseph Gokolaunth
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Sunday.



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INFORMATION CONCERNING APPLICANTS
FOR POSITIONS AS
FIELD REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD
U. S. ARMY and NAVY

1. Name age. weight.
2. P. O. Address Birth place.
3. Are you naturalized If so, where
4. What languages do you speak Write
5. Father's name Birth place.
6. Mother's maidenname. Birth place.
7. Are you married How many dependent on you:..
8. What is your present occupation
9. How long have you held your present position.
10. Name of firm or institution
11. Address of firm Present salary.
12. Previous occupations.
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13. What salary do you desire
14. Graduate of what high school.
15. Graduate of what college year.
16. What experience have you had in social work.
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17. What experience have you had in religious work.
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18. General Remarks
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19. Do you wish to be considered for welfare work overseas. . .
20. TO BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION:-
 1. Three letters of references from well-known citizens who know you and who know about your work.
 2. Your photograph.
 3. If you are of military draft age, attach copy of your official exemption certificate.