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Jewish Welfare Federation, Cleveland, Ohio, 1926-1928.

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# The Jewish Welfare Federation

507 Hanna Building  
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Phone: Superior 1780

COPY FOR RABBI A H SILVER

Dear M

As Chairman of one of the Divisions which you organized in the recent United Jewish Campaign, your co-operation is to be asked again in respect to a further important communal need.

About two years ago the Jewish Welfare Federation created The Bureau of Jewish Education, to establish support for the Sabbath Schools and Talmud Torahs which are engaged in providing spiritual training and Jewish education for the Jewish youth of our City, whose parents cannot afford membership in the Temples, and who are otherwise unable to give them such training.

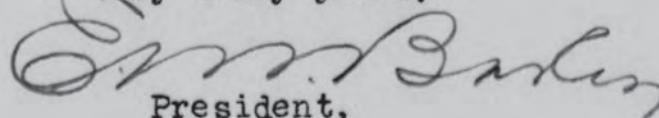
The Bureau of Jewish Education has been in existence for three years and because of the difficulties inherent in any endeavor to project a new type of work, has been unable to adequately finance this service. Rabbi Silver is Acting President of the Organization, Messrs. Sol Ulmer and Alfred Benesch are the Vice Presidents; Mr. Nathan Loeser, Treasurer and Mr. Louis Bing, Jr., Secretary. The Board of Trustees includes men and women prominent in the communal life of our City and they would greatly appreciate the service which such an organizations as yours might render this worthy project

The Bureau now raises approximately \$65,000 and should have for its budget for 1927 at least \$100,000.

Rabbi Silver and some of the officers would like very much to present this entire matter to the Division Chairmen of the Campaign Organization for the purpose of acquainting them with the facts and of enlisting their aid if possible, for some active work later in the year.

Will you please try to attend a meeting called for the purpose on Monday evening, September 27th, at 8:00 o'clock at the Excelsior Club, 11111 Euclid Avenue.

Very truly yours,

  
President,

The Jewish Welfare Federation.

September 22, 1926.



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Dear Rabbi:

Thank you for your compliment on the report submitted--- the meeting altogether, I believe, was indicative of a revival of interest in Federation affairs, such as we shall need for the future.

In respect to the letter from the S S Williams Voucher Club, I believe it is a matter which should have the attention of the Community Fund and not of any individuals or groups particularly; and if you agree, I will send the letter on to the Community Fund with our suggestion, and you can if you wish advise Mr. John Davidson to this effect.

Very sincerely,

*Sam Goldhamer*

Rabbi A H Silver,  
The Temple  
East 105th & Ansel Rd  
City

January 11, 1927.



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# Cleveland Community Fund

Electric Building · Cleveland

January 22, 1927

Samuel Goldhamer, Secretary,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Goldhamer:

Acknowledging your letter of January 21st, concerning the Sam S. Williams Voucher Club, we have known of this organization for a number of years, and, on at least one occasion, it has applied for Community Fund support. The fact that it is a national organization would, of course, not debar it from the Fund if all other factors were favorable.

The Club appears to have some influential friends and may be doing effective work to some extent. Circumstances that have thus far deterred the Welfare Federation from recommending Fund support include:

(1) The fact that the Brotherhood Club, a Federation member, has a similar purpose.

(2) The fact that the name of the other organization was in the nature of self-advertising, and

(3) The organization is in effect one man, namely, Mr. Williams.

We have heard nothing derogatory to his character or financial integrity. You are at liberty to transmit the information to Dr. Silver.

Very truly yours,

*Kenneth Sturges*

Director

KS:EHS



February 15th, 1927.

Mr. E.M. Baker,  
Union Trust Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Baker,

Permit me to thank you for  
your kindness in sending me Senator  
Burton's letter with the enclosed com-  
munication from the ~~Rumanian~~ Legation.  
I am returning them to you with a clipping  
from ~~the~~ Jewish newspaper. The actual facts  
about Rabbi Niemirower have not yet been  
ascertained. It is possible that government  
pressure had been brought to bear upon him  
to make this statement. Perhaps in the next  
few weeks we shall learn more about this  
matter.

*Roumanian*

to remain

With best wishes, permit me

Very sincerely yours,



Re - E. M. Baker

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Federation, held on Monday, the resignation of Mr. Baker from the presidency was received and since Mr. Baker had on numerous occasions previously set forth his desire and his reasons for being relieved of this responsibility, the Board deemed it advisable to accept the resignation.

In this connection it was decided to present to Mr. Baker, an expression of the Board's appreciation and gratitude for the splendid service which he rendered the Federation since Mr. Eisenman's death and his incumbency in the latter part of 1923. The Chairman was instructed to appoint a Committee to draft resolutions which will be presented to Mr. Baker and I would appreciate greatly your service as Chairman of such a Committee, with Mr. Hartman and Mr. Goldhamer.

May I also ask you to serve with Mr. Sylvester Flesheim, Chairman and Alfred A Benesch, as the Educational Fund Committee of the Federation; this Committee has not in recent years been active and the Federation office feels that the interest and co-operation of some of the Board Members would be valuable in dealing with the problems which arise from time to time in the applications for aid from this Fund.

Very sincerely,

*Mossie Herzog*  
Acting Chairman

The Jewish Welfare Federation

Rabbi A H Silver,  
The Temple  
City

March 16, 1927



On the occasion of the retirement of Mr. Edward M. Baker from the Presidency of the Jewish Welfare Federation, the Board of Trustees desires to express to him its deep sense of gratitude and its profound admiration for his creative leadership and effective service.

Mr. Baker was President of the Jewish Welfare Federation for six years, succeeding the late Charles Eisenman, whose tradition of conscientious stewardship he carried on. During his term of office many important developments in the character and administration of the Federation became imperative, and many serious problems involving basic policies and program presented themselves. That these problems were successfully solved, and that the expansion of the Federation, both in scope and in purpose, was accelerated, were due in a large measure to the broad vision, sound judgment and perseverance of Mr. Edward M. Baker.

Mr. Baker brought to his task a fine understanding of modern philanthropy, its newer objectives and its advanced technique, as well as comprehensive sympathy for the diverse elements and tendencies in Jewish life, which he sought to unify and harmonize in the field of humanitarian effort. He succeeded to a remarkable degree, and at the conclusion of his term of office, our community stands more solidly united and more intelligently organized than ever before in its history.

Mr. Baker was favored by Providence with many rich gifts of mind and soul and he unstintingly placed them at the disposal of our community. Despite the many pressing demands of his own profession, he responded to every call of duty which his office made upon him and at all times worked untiringly for every worthy cause in our midst.

Mr. Baker has now found it necessary to retire from the office of the Presidency which he has so signally honored. The Board of Trustees of the Jewish Welfare Federation, however deeply it regrets his decision, feels cheered by the thought that his services as a leading member of the Board will continue, and that the example of his consecrated devotion will inspire many who are to follow him.



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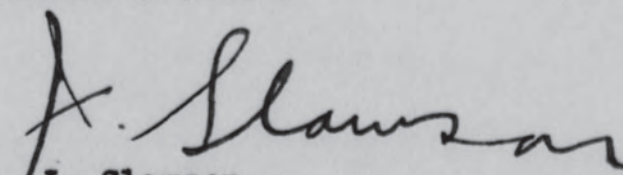
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The study of the recreational facilities and activities of the Jewish community of Cleveland, which the Jewish Recreation Conference desired to have made, has now been completed and a copy of the report is herewith enclosed.

The Recreation Conference will meet soon to consider the report, and I thought that you might wish to acquaint yourself with the contents therein.

Any suggestions pertaining either to the factual matter in the report, or the interpretations based on the data obtained, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. Slawson  
Research Secretary

(encl.)



*G. Grossman -  
Community use of Temple  
facilities*

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June 2, 1927.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:-

Sometime ago a Sub-committee of the Studies and Survey Committee of the Recreation Conference was appointed to investigate the availability of the Temple and Congregational facilities for Community use.

In my several conversations with you covering this subject, it is my recollection that you would be agreeable to the Community use of the Temple facilities, so far only, of course, as would be consistent with the Temple's own use thereof. Will you kindly indicate to me whether I may so quote you?

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Marc J. Grossman*

MJG/I



June 3, 1927.

Mr. Marc J. Grossman,  
Attorney at Law,  
Guarantee Title Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Marc:

I am glad that you sent me the inquiry of June 2nd for it enables me to put on record some of the thoughts which I have had in mind with relation to the use of Temple facilities for community purposes.

You will recall the address which I delivered before the annual meeting of the Council a few weeks ago. I then stated that it was my conviction - a conviction growing upon many - that the use of a Temple building for recreational purposes is not conducive to the realization of the real program of The Temple. I have found that secular activities within the Temple precinct far from being influenced by The Temple, tend to "secularize" The Temple. Vaudeville, stunt nights, cabarets, gymnasium, etc., do not contribute to the spiritualizing mission of a synagogue.

The Temple, therefore, will attempt during the next few years to work out a program for its young people which will be characteristic of a Temple's purpose in a community. We shall limit ourselves as far as possible to cultural and educational activities - clubs, study circles, etc.

It is, therefore, clear that with the Temple abandoning its recreational program, it cannot consistently invite the community to put on a recreational program of its own. If the Council Educational Alliance



wishes the use of a few classrooms during the week for club work, The Temple will be glad to grant the use of such rooms to the Council. But for the present, at least, The Temple will not favor the establishment of any community recreational conference in The Temple.

Again, The Temple has just engaged a new Director of Educational Activities, Rabbi Feuer, who undoubtedly has ideas of his own which he would care to work out. We must give him full opportunity to carry through his educational and cultural program here before we commit The Temple to an arrangement with the community recreational council.

I think one thing ought frankly to be stated and to be constantly kept in mind; as soon the community enters en masse into The Temple Center, The Temple membership itself leaves. This has been the experience of nearly every Temple Center in America. As the neighborhood surges in, The Temple's own membership stops coming. This is a sad ~~commentary~~ condition as they exist but one ought to face the realities of a situation.

If we are ever to do any work in this institution with our young people - and I believe that with the coming of Rabbi Feuer we will be able to do such work on a large scale - The Temple Center must be maintained as far as possible as a Temple Center.

I shall be very glad to discuss this matter further with you at your leisure.

Very sincerely yours,







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Jewish Welfare Feder.  
Re-Community use  
of Temple facilities

June 21, 1927.

Dr. John Slawson,  
Jewish Welfare Federation,  
Hanna Bldg.  
City.

My dear Dr. Slawson:

In looking over the questionnaire on Jewish Recreational Resources which Mr. Bluhm filled out for The Temple, I find any number of inaccuracies and omissions which were unfortunately made by Mr. Bluhm, in which to a large degree vitiate the conclusions based upon his data. I am sorry that I did not see the questionnaire before it was submitted to you. I have not had the opportunity to check back every item in detail but I have requested Mr. Levy to do so.

I explained to Mr. Marc Grossman some time ago in reply to a question of his, what is likely to be my attitude and that of The Temple in the matter of establishing community recreational activities in The Temple.

Briefly it is this: I have been urging upon my Board the advisability of abandoning all recreational activities in The Temple and of applying ourselves exclusively to the religious and cultural activities which we regard as *the* particular province of the synagogue.

I have found that secular recreational activities in a synagogue obscure its real function and far from being influenced by the religious motive of the synagogue tend



rather to "secularize" the synagogue itself. This conviction has been growing upon many Rabbis who have had centers in conjunction with their Temples.

I believe that my Board will see this matter in the same light as I do. This being the case, it would absolutely be inconsistent for us to invite the community to establish recreational activities in The Temple when The Temple itself is abandoning them. We have no objection at all to extending the use of a few of our rooms to some clubs of educational character. We are doing it now but we shall not favor establishing in The Temple, a branch of a community recreational service.

I am leaving Cleveland on Thursday for my summer's vacation and I regret, therefore, that I shall not be able to attend the meeting of the Studies and Surveys Committee on Friday.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB



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November 25, 1927

Rabbi A H Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed material pertaining to the Jewish Orphan Home situation in Cleveland.

Additional information, most of it of a factual nature, is available in the Federation office which I shall be glad to transmit to you should you desire me to do so.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Slawson*  
J. Slawson  
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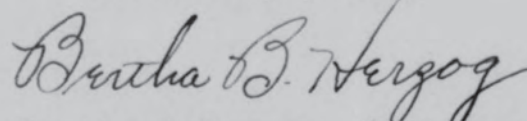
Rabbi A H Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am asking you and several other members of the Federation Board to meet with the Functional Relations Committee on Tuesday, November 29, at 3:00 P.M. in the Federation office to consider certain recommendations from this Committee to the Board respecting the Jewish Orphan Home building program.

Your counsel is desired and will be most helpful, and I would greatly urge the importance of your attendance at this meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Bertha B Herzog, Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

P.S. We found it impossible to change the time of the meeting on Tuesday because of the many conflicting engagements on the part of the members to be present. We trust that it will be possible for you to attend our meeting for at least part of the time. I believe the essential aspects will be presented long before it will be necessary for you to leave.

J.S.



November 28th, 1927.

Mrs. Bertha M. Herzog,  
Chairman Board of Trustees,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation,  
507 Hanna Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Herzog:-

I should very much like to attend  
the meeting of the Functional Relations Committee  
tomorrow. Unfortunately I shall be prevented  
from so doing by the necessity of officiating at  
a funeral.

With kindest regards, permit me to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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December 9, 1927

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
1485 E. 106th St  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

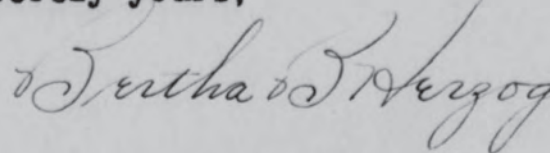
The adjourned special meeting of the Board of Trustees to take action on the resolution proposed in respect to the Jewish Orphan Home program, will convene on Tuesday afternoon, December 13th, at 3:00 o'clock sharp at the Federation office.

Will you please, in the meantime, refer to the attached memorandum of the four points which were submitted to the meeting by Mr. E. M. Baker, as representing the issues upon which action on this resolution should be determined?

The Federation office has prepared certain tentative comments on these four items for your consideration before the meeting.

I need not point out to you the importance of your presence at this meeting and your careful consideration of the enclosed memorandum.

Sincerely yours,



CHAIRMAN.

(encl.)



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Rabbi A H Silver  
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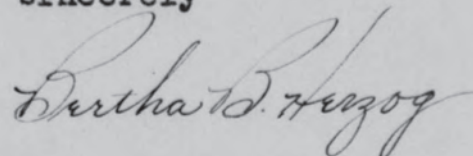
Dear Rabbi Silver:

A meeting of the Board of Trustees is called for Thursday afternoon, December 22, at three-thirty o'clock at the Federation office.

Final action with respect to the Federation's statement on the Jewish Orphan Home project, will be taken; plans must be made for the 1928 Annual Meeting, and a report of the Budget Committee on final appropriations to several of the agencies, must be approved.

Will you please make every endeavor to be present?

Very sincerely



Chairman  
JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION



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Jac. Wolpaw

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please try to attend a  
Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federation  
which is called for Wednesday afternoon, January 11th  
at 4 o'clock at the Federation Office?

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AMERICAN JEWISH  
A Very truly,

Mrs. Sieg. Herzog

President

The Jewish Welfare Federation.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

January 9, 1928.

PS

The results of the Federation's co-operation  
with the Community Fund in the last Campaign  
will be taken up for consideration.



RABBI A. H. SILVER  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Jan. 24. 1928

My dear Mr. Halle.

At a meeting, a group of women  
yesterday, you were quoted as having  
said that R. G. will see the day when he  
underscores the discharge dish, and further-  
more that R. G. is a "damned fool".

Knowing you to be a gentleman I have  
refused to believe that you would  
be guilty of such statements, and I  
should be grateful to hear from  
you in this connection.

Very sincerely,  
A. H. Silver



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Jan. 27, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:-

I think that almost every Jew in Cleveland will rue the proposed Jewish Orphan Home Drive, which has done much in a short time to break down the ideal cooperative communal service which was making continued progress and given impetus to the selfishness of making loyalty to individual organization work paramount to communal cooperation.

I further think that such outstanding leaders as yourself & Mr. Loeser will rue the disruption even more than others due to the fact that your sponsorship has done much to get the public to disregard the findings of its duly accredited organization whose conclusions were based on the results of long consciencious study of its study group. So far as I know neither the Jewish Orphan Home itself nor its Federation board sponsors have given to the Federation or the public any constructive reasons upholding the building program which was given to the Federation for endorsement either at the Federation board meetings or since then, and until such data is forthcoming there surely is nothing to do but think that the data on which the Federation Board based its conclusions was in the main correct.

So far as the gossip that I called you a "dammed fool" is concerned I have tried to keep away from personalities in this controversy, especially as the Federation findings are based on carefully prepared facts, and it is not necessary to resort to villification in order to win favor, and I think it unfair to ask me to answer this implication unless you give me the name of the person accusing me, and if possible about where and when I was supposed to have made this remark.

Yours sincerely,

*E. S. Halle*



February 1st, 1928.

Mr. Eugene S. Halle,  
c/o Will S. Halle & Co.,  
Swetland Bldg.,  
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February 2, 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Ansel Road Temple  
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would greatly appreciate, should you find it desirable, your announcing this coming Sunday from the pulpit, the forthcoming Jewish Social Service Institute, which is to take place during the week of February 20, following the Federation Dinner.

We are, of course, interested in obtaining as large an attendance as possible at the five luncheon sessions of the Institute, in order that the presentations at these sessions might yield fruitful results.

For your convenience the program is herewith listed:

Sunday night, February 19, Federation Dinner, Excelsior Club  
Monday Luncheon, February 20, Health Division Hotel Statler  
Tuesday Luncheon, February 21, Recreation Hotel Statler  
Wednesday Luncheon, February 22, Child Care Hotel Statler  
Thursday Luncheon, February 23, Jewish Education Hotel Statler  
Friday Luncheon, February 24, Family Welfare, Hotel Statler

With many thanks for your anticipated cooperation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Bertha P. Herzog

Mrs. Sieg. Herzog, President,  
Jewish Welfare Federation.



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
% The Temple  
East 105th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:-

I acknowledge with thanks your interpretation of my letter of January 27th.

I note your very frank comments about several errors which you think I have made in my judgment of local Jewish Communal matters and as I am only a human being I naturally make my share of mistakes.

Your remarks about my continued opposition to the Bureau of Jewish Education may be based on a misconception. Please remember that in my position as treasurer of the Federation for several years, and now as chairman of its budget committee I come into close contact with the yearnings for improved service and the need for more financial aid from almost every branch of our welfare work and may have a different view of the degree of importance which the individual places on that particular branch of work in which he or she is most actively interested.

I never have and I do not now oppose the Bureau of Jewish Education as such but when a year ago our community was asked to raise about \$50,000 additional for this one cause and not attempt to include any other of our worthy organizations, I felt it was unfair and unwise.

So far as the fanaticism of which you accuse me and others of the Federation Board who differ from you, I wish first to make clear my own position. Due to the fact that my mother served over 50 years on the board of the J.O.H. my inclination was naturally to favor that institution and it was only after earnest study of child care trends, that I was willing to put institutional care in the subsidiary position which the J.O.H. study groups in common with most others have placed it. I am enclosing a copy of the recommendations which the Cincinnati delegation of the J.O.H. headed by Will Shroder, made to the J.O.H. in 1923. I have re-read this many times, and then too when I read Mr. Sharlitts letter of January 1926, in answer to the survey recommendations of two years previous, and also when I read Miss Hill's report on her re-examination of the Cleveland children, and when I have had the privilege to sit in small committee meetings with some of the most influential members of the local J.O.H. board and find that they oppose applying most of these Cincinnati recommendations to the children now in the home, wanting us to apply modern principles only to future and possibly to very recently admitted children, fighting against making these



principles retroactive, as they say, I cannot help but feel that the J. O. H. has adopted some of Mr. Shroders recommendations but has not adapted itself to them.

The monthly reports from the J. O. H. itself to the Federation, show that little if any progress has been made toward effective family rehabilitation, as suggested by the Cincinnati delegation on page 4 of the copy of their report. The continued reference in the J.O.H. publicity to their graduates shows this conclusively and if the J.O.H. were to operate under similar principles to those practised by the two Cleveland non-Jewish institutions, which have recently rebuilt and to which the J.O.H. refers in its statement of January 4, 1928, they would probably not have planned building for anywhere near the capacity which they have proposed.

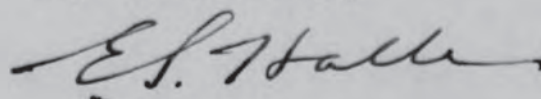
So far as fanaticism applies to those with whom I was associated in making the long, thorough painstaking study of modern dependent child care trends and their adaptation to local needs, I only wish you could realize how earnestly each one of the nine applied himself or herself to this task and their final unanimous judgment based on these earnest studies might be in error, but scarcely tinged with fanaticism.

Mr. Lararus is quoted in the Jewish Review of Feb. 3, 1928 as saying "We are building upon the basis of our minimum need after exhaustive research to determine the needs." I regret that these detailed studies and reports were not made available to us during our months of study last year and can assure you we would appreciate a complete copy of them.

Recent data shows how Cleveland has been progressing toward a more modern application of the accepted methods of dependent child care, since the Survey taught us the value of co-operative effort. This report shows that in spite of the fact that the number of Cleveland Jewish Children receiving institutional care has dropped from 154 in June 1925 to 116 at the end of 1927 the number of children cared for in foster homes has also dropped from 93 on January 1, 1926 to 76 in January 1, 1928. In addition to the number of children being cared for in foster homes, there are at all times a few in the children's agency receiving home for study or for very temporary care and many of these are soon returned to their own family and never enter a foster home. Through co-operation of various social agencies we thus find more Cleveland children are being cared for in their own home environment, a goal almost universally recommended.

This communication is sent to you as a matter of information and not in a spirit of controversy and does not require any of your much occupied time for answer. I would however appreciate an acknowledgement from you, that I may know it has been received.

Yours very sincerely,





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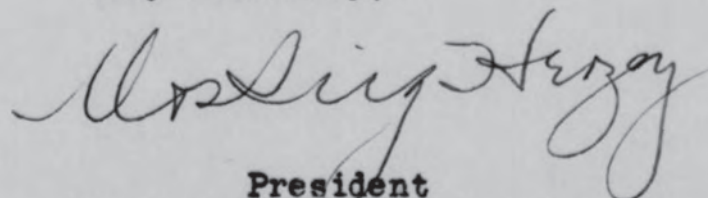
The Board of Trustees of the Jewish Welfare Federation, following the plan of the Annual Dinner Meetings of former years, will provide special Tables for the seating of the directors and Staff Members of the respective Institutions.

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Federation will take place on Sunday Evening, February 19 at the Excelsior Club. Invitations and reservation cards have been mailed to all Federation members and your kind co-operation in calling the attention of the members of the Board and Staff of your Organization to this program and in further inviting their attendance, will be greatly appreciated.

The Committee having in charge the development of the Program of the Jewish Social Service Institute which follows the Federation Dinner during the week of February 19, also bespeaks your co-operation in promoting a like interest and attendance for the Institute Luncheon Meetings.

Reservations may be made directly to the Federation office or thru the Institutions.

Very sincerely,



President  
The Jewish Welfare Federation

Rabbi A. H. Silver, Pres.,  
Bureau of Jewish Education,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,  
City.

February 8, 1928.



Feb. 9th, 1928.

Mr. Will S. Halle,  
Swetland Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Halle:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt  
of your communication of February 8th.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



MAX ROSENBLUM

February 13, 1928

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As President of the Welfare Association for Jewish Children and as one who has for years been deeply interested in the solution of Cleveland's Jewish Child Care problems, and one who has also out of experience been led to change his views, I have with many others deplored the present situation and the strife and conflict that have arisen in the Community in this Orphans' Home Drive.

Notwithstanding the many unfounded statements that have been and are being so carelessly passed around and which are doing such irreparable damage to the whole social work structure in our Community, I have steadfastly preferred to remain silent and to permit those who have been the authors of these statements to carry the burden of their actions on their own consciences. I have felt that controversy would do no good.

But a statement which is carried in this morning's Plain Dealer quoting you as having said the following in an address to the workers in the Orphan Home Drive, causes me to write you at this juncture. The quotation is as follows:

"Were our fine homes of affluence and culture open to receive dependent children, then I'd be the first to advocate the emptying of our orphan homes. But that is not the case today."

The inference of this statement, if correctly quoted, is of course that "homes of affluence and culture" are the kind that are sought for the care of dependent children. Nothing could be farther from the facts.

In the first place, it might be well to consider the two kinds apart -- it is not my impression that affluence and culture are necessarily to be found together -- nor is it characteristic of the affluent home to assume that it desires to accept the cares and responsibilities that go with supervised and regulated child placement. Nor would it even be desirable to place the child in an environment so widely divergent to the child's original home and the home to which it must perhaps in a short time return.

As far as culture is concerned, I should be happy to compare our foster homes on this basis with any average home of affluence -- these homes as you must know if you have taken the care to acquaint



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yourself with facts, are excellent homes, entirely self-sustaining, truly interested in contributing their measure of care and service to the unfortunate child, and happy to see the child returned to its own when that time does come. The children have every educational and special advantage that their talents entitle them to, and have every physical and mental attention that their characteristics demand.

You are also quoted as saying:

"You cannot scrap the orphanages of the land because of anyone's advocacy of foster homes."

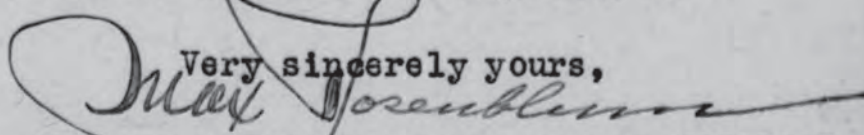
You must know that the Welfare Association for Jewish Children has, through the Children's Conference, time and time again sought to have the Orphan Home accept certain types of children for care; these were problem children of various types, which, however, the Orphan Home evidently feels it cannot care for or treat in conjunction with the normal types of children which it is receiving from other Communities outside of Cleveland.

You must also know that the Welfare Association for Jewish Children is maintaining a temporary Care Institution where children are kept for an average stay of but a few months until they are carefully studied and immediate necessary treatment given preparatory to return to their own home or placement in other homes. Our Organization would not need to maintain this Institution if the Jewish Orphan Home had heeded the request of the Jewish Welfare Federation in 1923, "that the Jewish Orphan Home, in making plans for the new project, give consideration to the possibility of providing facilities for the care of other dependent children during the interim of investigation, etc."

I desire to ask you if this indicates any attitude on the part of those who desire a sane approach to this whole question, "to scrap Institutions."

I know that many will have read your statement, and because it comes from one whose judgment and advice the Community has been in the habit of accepting heretofore, it will carry weight. I would therefore respectfully ask that you do your utmost to correct the impressions that your statements, if correctly quoted, have broadcast. I believe that you owe it to the whole social service program in Cleveland, to the Federation, to our own organization and surely to yourself, since I am sure you have no desire to do anything in any other than a fair spirit.

Very sincerely yours,



President, WELFARE ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH CHILDREN.

MR:GH



Feb. 13th, 1928.

Mr. Sam Goldhammer,  
Sec'y., Jewish Welfare Federation,  
Hanna Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Goldhammer:-

In accordance with our telephone conversation I am now making this formal request of the Board of the Jewish Welfare Federation to cooperate with The Bureau of Jewish Education again this year in launching its 1928 Campaign.

The services of the Auxiliary Board of the Jewish Welfare Federation which was generously offered to us last year proved an invaluable asset to our 1927 campaign. About \$74,000. was raised and \$63,000. has actually been paid in.

Inasmuch as our fiscal year begins on the first of January, we have been conducting a quiet campaign through mail and through personal solicitation, to collect enough funds to tide us over until our campaign, which should be held not later than the middle of April. We estimate that by then some \$40,000 of paid-up or renewed pledges will have been turned in.

We shall require for the year 1928 a sum not less than \$75,000. to enable us to carry on the work which we are now doing, without embarking upon any expansion in our program. It remains therefore, for the April Campaign to raise approximately \$35,000. of "dependable" money.

The Board of the Bureau adopted at its December meeting a sliding budget, dependent upon the actual funds which we shall receive, so that by the end of the year we shall have incurred no deficits.

We are very anxious to have the Auxiliary Board assist in our campaign this year. It will give our cause the aspect of a real community-wide effort, which it deserves. As our financial status becomes more and more stabilized, it will become possible within the near future to do away with our annual campaigns altogether.



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Mr. Sam Goldhammer.

I would appreciate if this matter would be brought to the attention of your Board at the earliest opportunity and that the privilege be extended to a committee of the Bureau to present our case.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi A H Silver,  
The Temple,  
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My dear Rabbi:

I have your letter of February 13th requesting that the Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education be given the opportunity to discuss with the Board of the Federation, the matter of further aid by the Auxiliary Board in a forthcoming campaign for membership for the Bureau.

I will take the matter up with the President and will either advise you in due time of the date of the next Board meeting, or it may be advisable to have a special meeting of the Board for the purpose.

I sincerely trust that you understand that the purpose of my letter to Mr Loeser was solely to point out the situation in which the Federation has found itself as a result of the failure of the Community Fund Campaign to produce adequate funds from the Jewish Community or from the Community in general, to provide the needs of the Federation for the current year. The agreement which the Federation voluntarily entered with the Community Fund makes it incumbent on this organization to meet these additional requirements by a further solicitation of members of the Community during this year and necessarily the Auxiliary Board, as well as the Federation Board are the two bodies upon which the Federation must rely for such help.

My letter to Mr Loeser followed a discussion of the matter with Mr Kleinman and Mr Kleinman suggested that this situation be pointed out to Mr Loeser and to yourself.

I am sorry that our conversation on the telephone yesterday took the turn that it did but I am sure that you realize the strain and stress of matters which have concerned the Federation both with respect to the Community Fund and the Orphan Home situations.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely,

*S. Goldhamer*

February 14, 1928.



Feb. 14th, 1928.

Max Rosenblum, President,  
Welfare Ass'n. for Jewish Children,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rosenblum :-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 13th. The arguments and the statements which you make in your letter, I have been fully aware of before. You add nothing new to what has already been repeated innumerable times during the discussions in the past few weeks.

I regret that you were not present at the meeting last Sunday evening, where instead of drawing conclusions from three sentences reported in the newspapers, you would have listened to an hour's frank, and to my mind, objective discussion of the whole problem.

It might perhaps, be well for you to get in touch with some person who attended the meeting and who would give you in full detail, an outline of the statements which I made. Should you at any time, wish for a personal interview, I shall be very glad to repeat to you in person, what I said at the meeting. You will then discover that your inferences from the sentences reported in the newspapers, the second one which you quoted being altogether a misquotation, are entirely erroneous.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple.  
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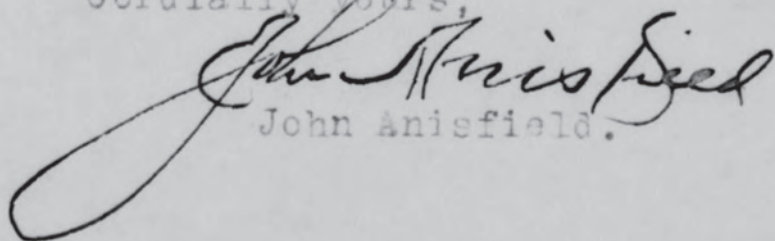
Dear Rabbi:-

Of all the foolish things  
that ever happened the outstanding one  
is Rosenblum's letter to you, and he  
was so proud of it that he sent it to  
the members of the Federation.

All I can say is that I  
wish that he could utter two sentences  
so full of good sense and good English  
as he quotes you to have used.

May you never commit any  
greater fault than you have in this  
instance, is my wish to you.

Cordially yours,

  
John Anisfield.



(copy)

Feb. 16th, 1928.

Mr. Max Rosenblum,  
Pres. Welfare Ass'n.,  
For Jewish Children,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rosenblum:-

I was amazed yesterday to learn that the letter which you sent me and which I assumed was a personal letter, was broadcast by you to all the members of the Federation Board. You might have waited until you had received a response from me before you made public your own letter.

This procedure is generally regarded as the proper and gentlemanly way of doing things. It is evidently not the "Rosenblum way".

Sincerely yours,

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(copy)

February 17, 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
"The Temple"  
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Answering yours of the 16th, I just want you to know that I did wait until I received your reply before mailing the letters. For your further information, I had prepared a reply to same, which was presented to my Board, together with your reply to my letter of the 13th.

Inasmuch as you stated, "the arguments and the statements which you make in your letter, I have been fully aware of before. You add nothing to what has already been presented innumerable times during the past few weeks," it was felt there was no use for a personal interview or further controversy.

It is evident that you are not acquainted with the "Rosenblum Way" because it has always been my policy to call everything by its right name, and to lay my cards on the table.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Max Rosenblum.

MR:GH



(copy)

Feb. 17th, 1928.

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Points of Issue suggested by Mr. E. M. Baker  
In Respect to Adoption of Resolution, and Comments Thereon  
for Consideration by the Board Members

1. What, if any, will be the probable need of Cleveland for its children in respect to this institution?
2. What is our obligation, if any, toward this institution because of the national or at least sectional character of its work?
3. In reference to conclusions reached after a consideration of these questions, what, if any, is Cleveland's obligation in dollars toward this fund which is being raised?
4. Have we obligation, in the interests of good faith, to give approval to this project irrespective of what our present point of view may be in regard to our need for this institution?

Comments

1. What, if any, will be the probable need of Cleveland for its children in respect to this institution?

In line with modern trends, we have developed in Cleveland, sufficient facilities to care for all of our dependent and problem children without the need of new building facilities.

These facilities have been developed thru the aid of State Pensions for widowed mothers; the Jewish Social Service Bureau (our family agency) which subsidizes mothers to retain their own children; the Welfare Association for Jewish Children, which places children with relatives as well as in carefully selected and supervised foster homes; a Detention Home for temporary care, observation, and treatment of children awaiting placement by the Welfare Association for Jewish Children; and a local home for orphaned and dependent children, whose facilities can be made adaptable for institutional care in accordance with modern child care practice.

In view of these available resources, there can be no just reason to warrant a Community investment in new building facilities for the purpose. The experiences of Baltimore, Rochester, Buffalo, and Syracuse, confirm our own experience.



2. What is our obligation, if any, toward this institution because of the national or at least sectional character of its work?

In any program which the B'nai B'rith or the Jewish Orphan Home might develop for rural communities which do not have any Jewish social service facilities of their own, and which is in keeping with modern child care practice, the Jewish Community of Cleveland must necessarily recognize a national obligation.

It is to be noted that for Communities having under 1,000 Jewish population such as Kalamazoo Mich., Davenport Ia., Springfield Ill., Terre Haute Ind., and Lexington Ky., the Orphan Home cares for approximately 48 children, representing only 14% of its total population, and it is largely for this phase of the work that the Orphan Home asks our national support.

In the development of modern child care practices within Communities having populations up to 10,000, such as Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Youngstown, Akron, Indianapolis, Louisville, and Omaha, and which the B'nai B'rith could help to foster, it would have adequate support from these Communities which have Federations and established Social Service facilities of their own, as well as from the basic endowment income which the Home now possesses.

3. In reference to conclusions reached after a consideration of these questions, what, if any, is Cleveland's obligation in dollars toward this fund which is being raised?

The dollar obligation of Cleveland to the B'nai B'rith Program would depend entirely on the character of a program changed in conformity with modern child care standards, involving a decentralized sectional service to the two Districts served. The answer to this question cannot of course be considered until such a program is formulated and the obligation would then be predicated on the considerations of points one and two.

4. Have we obligation, in the interests of good faith, to give approval to this project irrespective of what our present point of view may be in regard to our need for this institution?

In April 1927, the first definite proposal of the Jewish Orphan Home or the B'nai B'rith for a building program was received. Prior to that time, there had been no definite indication of either the character or the extent of the facilities which the Jewish Orphan Home contemplated.



Between 1922, when the Federation indicated its willingness to consider participation in the Orphan Home program dependent on certain studies and the adoption of policies by the Jewish Orphan Home, and the year 1927, (five years later) when the first definite program was submitted, many changes had transpired in the child care field, to warrant a new interpretation of our needs.

For example, increased Public Funds for Mothers' Pensions; increased subsidy to family agencies supporting dependent mothers and children; more effective case work producing resources for the care of dependent children within their own family groups; and Foster Home Work, have all tended to reduce the demands for institutional service in this and other Communities. The Jewish Community Survey Child Care Study of 1923 projected many innovations in our Child Care Program.





(copy)

Feb. 17th, 1928.

Mr. Max Rosenblum,  
Pres. Welfare Ass'n.,  
For Jewish Children,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rosenblum:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 17th.

Your first communication to me reached me Tuesday morning, February 14th. My reply did not leave here until Tuesday noon. By Wednesday morning the Board of the Federation already had a copy of your letter. You must have done some mighty fast work to get your letter out.

Incidentally you might also have included my reply along with your letter - a slight oversight on your part, I am sure.

Incidentally too, you might have asked permission to make public your letter or to indicate in your letter that you intended to make it public.

I did not suggest a personal interview, in my letter to you, in order to get your point of view. I suggested it in order to help you get an accurate account of what I actually said. Your letter was not based on what you thought of the situation, but on what you thought I had said. You realize of course, that it means nothing to me one way or the other, whether we have this interview.

Your letter seemed to indicate to me that you were trying to find out the facts and I offered you a way of learning the facts. I now know that that was furthest from your mind.

Your last paragraph is a stupid bit of braggadocio.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



MAX ROSENBLUM

February 17, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
"The Temple"  
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

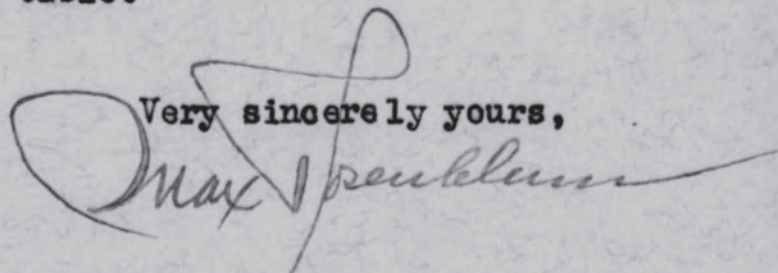
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Answering yours of the 16th, I just want you to know that I did wait until I received your reply before mailing the letters. For your further information, I had prepared a reply to same, which was presented to my Board, together with your reply to my letter of the 13th.

Inasmuch as you stated , "the arguments and the statements which you make in your letter, I have been fully aware of before. You add nothing to what has already been presented innumerable times during the past few weeks," it was felt there was no use for a personal interview or further controversy.

It is evident that you are not acquainted with the "Rosenblum Way" because it has always been my policy to call everything by its right name, and to lay my cards on the table.

Very sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Max Rosenblum".

MR:GH



Feb. 24th, 1928.

Mr. Sam Goldhamer,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation,  
507 Hanna Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:-

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I was amazed and gratified at the response which this Institute evoked in the community and at the large number of Jewish laymen and laywomen who were attracted to these meetings.

I am happy to learn that you will arrange to have the matter of the Bureau of Jewish Education's Campaign presented to a meeting of the Board of the Jewish Welfare Federation. I would request that this be done at the earliest possible moment, inasmuch as the preliminary arrangements for the Campaign should be initiated at once.

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JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTE

February 20 - 24, 1928

Attendance Five Luncheon Sessions

	<u>Session</u>	<u>No. of People Attending</u>
Monday,	February 20, Session on Health	215
Tuesday,	February 21, Session on Recreation	235
Wednesday,	February 22, Session on Child Care	400
Thursday,	February 23, Session on Jewish Education	260
Friday,	February 24, Session on Family Welfare	<u>350</u>
	Total Attendance	1,460



Feb. 27th, 1928.

Mr. Nathan Loeser,  
Nat'l. City Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Loeser:-

It is very important that we get the official cooperation of the Auxiliary Board of the Federation even if the actual work of organization is left to our own Bureau. That gives the campaign the character of a Federation enterprise and we are very anxious that it should take on that character. Even if the Auxiliary Board will have to raise funds for the Community Fund, it should still be able to assist us in our campaign.

One thing we must bear in mind, is that our campaign dare not be delayed much after the tenth of April and any negotiations with the Federation must be carried through at the earliest possible moment. By the middle of April our funds will be completely exhausted. It will take us at least a month to organize our campaign.

I wrote two letters to Mr. Goldhamer informing him that we should like to present our request to a Board Meeting of the Federation. This will be done at the next meeting.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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February 29th, 1928.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

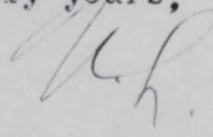
Upon getting your letter with enclosure of Mr. Goldhamer, I communicated with the Federation office and learned that Mr. Goldhamer was out of town and would not return until the end of the week. Then I spoke to Mrs. Herzog and told her of our desire to get the co-operation of the Auxiliary Board.

Mrs. Herzog stated that she would do anything she possibly could to help us, and if there is some way of getting the assistance of the Auxiliary Board without interfering with the work which it is about to do in behalf of the Community Fund, she will be very happy to advocate same.

I asked her to call the Federation together at the earliest possible moment after Mr. Goldhamer's return.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Rabbi Silver:

There will be a Special Meeting of  
the Executive Committee of the Federation on Thursday  
afternoon, March 8th at 3:30 o'clock at the Federation  
Office.

Will you please try to be present?

Very truly,

*Mrs. Sieg. Herzog*  
President.  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

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

March 6, 1928.



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To the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Federation:

For your information there is enclosed herewith:

A list of the Trustees and Officers of the Federation for the year 1928;

The Personnel of the Standing Committees of the Board for 1928;

The Agencies comprising the Federation; location of the Institutions; year of affiliation and the names of the Presidents;

Appropriations made to the beneficiary Institutions for 1928.

In submitting the Committee appointments for 1928, I desire to ask the earnest and wholehearted co-operation of each Board member not alone in the special tasks which each of the Committees may have assigned to them, but also for the general problems which the Board as a whole may be called upon to consider.

With the close of this year, the Federation will complete twenty-five years of its organization - I am indeed hopeful that the splendid Community spirit that has marked the progress of our work in the past, will continue to the end that this year may stand out as the most successful in the Federation's history.

Most Sincerely,

*Mrs. Sieg Herzog*  
Mrs Siegmund Herzog,  
President

March 19, 1928.



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For 1928EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEApril Quarter

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July Quarter

Mrs Siegmund Herzog  
Max Simon  
John Anisfield  
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October Quarter

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( Recreation Conference  
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THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

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For 1928

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# THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

## Beneficiary Agencies

1928

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>LOCATED</u>	<u>YEAR AFFILIATED</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>
1. Bureau of Jewish Social Research	New York	1921	Adolph Lewisohn
2. Camp Wise Association	Painesville O	1908	Wm C Treuhافت
3. Council of Jewish Women	Cleveland		
4. Council Educational Alliance	(Kinsman Road Cleveland	1904	Mrs Simon Peiser
5. Hebrew Shelter Home	(East 55th St 5912 Scovill Ave	1904 1905	Marc J Grossman M Weinberg
6. Jewish Day Nursery	642 East 102nd	1926	Mrs N Rabinc
7. Jewish Orphan Home	5000 Woodland Ave	1904	Fred Lazarus
8. Jewish Social Service Bureau	507 Huron-Sixth Bldg.	1904	Henry Baker
9. Montefiore Home	Mayfield & Lee Rds	1904	Louis M Wolf
10. Mt Sinai Hospital	1800 East 105th	1904	Max Myers
11. National Desertion Bureau	New York	1913	Walter H Liebman
12. National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives,	Denver Colo.	1904	Wm B Woolner
13. National Training School for Jewish Social Service	New York	1926	Louis E Kirstein
14. Orthodox Old Home	736 Lakeview Rd	1926	Jacob Wolpaw
15. Orthodox Orphans Home	879 Parkwood Dr	1926	Jos Neshkes
16. Welfare Association for Jewish Children	402 Electric Bldg	1904	Max Rosenblum



# THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

## Appropriations for the Year 1928

(Voted at the Meeting of the Board of Trustees, March 14, 1928)

	From Community Fund Allotment	From Memorial Fund Income
1. Bureau of Jewish Social Research, N.Y. \$	300	\$
2. Camp Wise Association	14,700	
3. Council of Jewish Women and	12,000	
4. Council Educational Alliance	31,500	
5. Hebrew Shelter Home	2,000	
6. Jewish Day Nursery (one quarter year)	1,125	
7. Jewish Orphan Home up to	21,000	
8. Jewish Social Service Bureau	132,000	
9. Jewish Social Service Institute	up to	1,000
10. Jewish Welfare Federation	19,650	4,100
11. Montefiore Home	3,500	
12. Mount Sinai Hospital	135,000	
13. National Desertion Bureau, N.Y.	500	
14. National Conference Jewish Social Service	150	
15. National Conference Social Work	25	
16. National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives, Denver, Colo.	6,000	
17. National Training School for Jewish Social Service, N.Y.		1,000
18. Orthodox Old Home (one quarter year)*	6,000	
19. Orthodox Orphans Home (one quarter year)*	5,250	
20. Welfare Association for Jewish Children, up to	40,500	
21. Total Appropriations	\$ 431,200	\$ 6,100

\*Tentative appropriation pending determination of net increases secured from the Jewish Community for the Community Fund.



April 17, 1928

CLEVELAND JEWISH COMMUNITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY FUND FOR 1928

The following is an attempt to analyze as nearly as possible from information available the character and amount of pledges from the Jewish Community to the Community Fund for 1928.

In order to indicate the sources of information as well as for comparative purposes, figures showing the results of the entire Community Fund Campaign are used.

	<u>Entire Community Fund Results</u>				<u>Jewish Community Pledges Only</u>			
	<u>1927</u> <u>Pledges</u>	<u>1928</u> <u>Pledges</u>	<u>Gain or Loss</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>1927</u> <u>Pledges</u>	<u>1928</u> <u>Pledges</u>	<u>Gain or Loss</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Division "A"(16,000 Givers who provide 75% to 80% of the Fund)	\$ 3,444,562	\$ 3,444,401	\$ -0-	-0-	\$	\$	\$	
2. Metropolitan Division(Supplies 6% to 8% of the Fund)	374,756	285,889	-89,000	-24%				
	\$ 3,819,318	\$ 3,730,290	-\$89,000	-2.4%	\$ 370,516	\$ 374,611	+\$ 4,000	+1.1%(a)
3. Industrial Division	576,285	796,194	+220,000	+ 38%	52,000	72,000	+ 20,000	+ 38%(b)
	\$ 4,395,603	\$ 4,526,484	+130,000	+2.9%	\$ 422,516	\$ 446,611	+\$ 24,000	+5.7%(c)

NOTES:

- (a) While the Community Fund figures for these two Divisions represent the complete total, the figures on the Jewish Community's pledges were available only on 2,421 cards representing all Division "A" pledges, but only pledges of \$25 and over in the Metropolitan Division.
- (b) Since the records of Industrial pledges are kept on file in the Offices of the Department and Specialty Stores, Factories and other establishments, for purposes of collection of the pledges, the Community Fund does not have this information available for checking and the figures taken to represent Jewish contributions of workers, are on the basis of an estimate of the Jewish population of the City, about 9% of the total population.
- (c) The estimated total for Jewish Contributions for 1928-\$446,611, does not include Corporation Subscriptions such as Halle Bros., The May Co., The Bailly Co., Richman Bros. Co., etc. aggregating \$58,500; nor is there included here the pledges under \$25 in the Metropolitan Division.



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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Owing to the Passover Holiday the regular monthly Board Meeting scheduled as a Luncheon Meeting for the second Wednesday of the month, had to be postponed.

For this month therefore the Meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon April 25th at 3 o'clock at the Federation Office.

Several important Committee Reports will be submitted for action by the Board and the Members are all earnestly requested to be present.

Very truly,

*Mrs. Sieg. Herzog*  
President

The Jewish Welfare Federation

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

April 20, 1928.



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CLEVELAND, O.

May 2, 1928.

Rabbi Silver,  
The Temple,  
City.

Dear Rabbi:-

I enclose copy of a note which we expect to send to The Federation. Irwin Loeser drafted it and it also met with the O.K. of Nathan Loeser.

Will you kindly look it over and if you have any suggestions to offer, please phone me Thursday morning, as I expect to submit this letter to the Local Board in the afternoon for its endorsement.

Sincerely yours,

SG:HF

*Sam Loeser*



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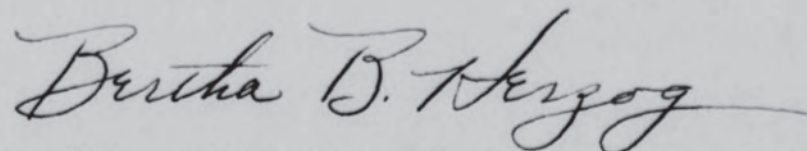
Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with telephone conversation of yesterday, the meeting of the joint committee to study the Jewish education question in Cleveland, will be held on Friday, June 1st, at noon at the Armchair Club, Hotel Hollenden.

At this first meeting a general outline of a plan of procedure will be indicated and a permanent chairman will be appointed.

The question which we are to study is most significantly related to our community welfare and as a member of this important committee I trust that you will be present at the first meeting on Friday.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs Siegmund Herzog, President  
The Jewish Welfare Federation



May 24, 1928.

The Jewish Welfare Federation,  
507 Hanna Bldg.,  
Cleveland, O.

Gentlemen:-

This communication is prompted by the fact that the plans and specifications for the new building project of the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Home have been submitted to contractors and bids thereon to be received before May 21st. The outcome of our Cleveland Campaign was such that we feel, as we always have felt, a very keen and real obligation of service to the Cleveland Jewish Community.

May we, therefore, at this time, request you to advise us at the earliest possible moment what the attitude of your Federation will be upon the question of the admission of Cleveland Jewish children in need of institutional care? You will realize the importance of our knowing at the earliest possible moment to what extent, if at all, the Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland, acting through its Children's Conference or otherwise, will avail itself of the facilities of our new Home.

We sincerely hope that you will co-operate with us by favoring us with an answer upon this important question at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



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Dear Rabbi Silver

At a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Federation held on April 26th a resolution was passed authorizing the Chairman to extend an invitation to the Members of the Board to contribute to a small fund for the purchase of a gift for Dr. Slawson, as an additional expression of the Board's appreciation of his services to the Federation.

The Members of the Board who were present at the Meeting subscribed sums of \$5 and \$10 each, and in accordance with the resolution this opportunity is offered to the others to participate if they so desire.

Please make check payable to Mrs Sieg Herzog, President and mail to 2558 Euclid Blvd.

Very truly,

*S. Goldhamer*  
Director

The Jewish Welfare Federation.

Rabbi A H Silver,  
The Temple,  
E 105th St & Ansel Rd.,  
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June 25, 1928.

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*Sent Mrs. Herzog*



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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Executive Officers of the Federation are arranging a Farewell Luncheon to Dr Slawson on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

The Luncheon will be held at the Armchair Club, Hollenden Hotel on Wednesday, July 25th at 12 o'clock. You are kindly requested to return the enclosed card for your reservation if you can be present.

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Sieg. Herzog*  
Chairman.

Rabbi A H Silver,  
The Temple,  
E 105th St & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

July 15, 1928.