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NOVEMBER 4, 1948

FRANK LAUSCHE
HOTEL CARTER
CLEVELAND, OHIO

NEED NOT TELL YOU THAT I AM DELIGHTED WITH YOUR ELECTION.
I SEND YOU MY WARMEST FELICITATIONS AND ALL GOOD WISHES.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



FRANK J. LAUSCHE

November 8, 1948

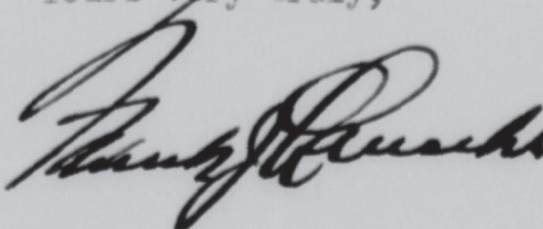
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

When the din of the election had passed away, my thoughts at one point fell upon you, because I knew that you probably were rejoicing with me in the victory which came to me.

You understand how I have always appreciated my association with you. You have been a source of inspiration and strength in everything that I have done.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Lausche". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and "L".

Frank J. Lausche

FJL:rmk



FRANK J. LAUSCHE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 15

April
Twenty Seventh
1949

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You probably know that beginning in the year 1909 and every ten years thereafter there has been held what is known as a White House Conference on the needs of the children and youth of the nation. The next conference will be had in 1950 and the theme selected will be: "The Child In His Family and Community".

This subject has been discussed by me with persons who are familiar with the program and it has been concluded that Ohio should organize itself now to gain the fullest benefit from this conference.

I am, therefore, happy to invite you to attend a meeting in Columbus on Wednesday, May 11, 1949, at 1:30 P.M. in the State Office Building, Hearing Room No. 2 to participate in the organization of an Ohio Commission on Children and Youth, which Commission shall have responsibility for planning Ohio's participation in the 1950 White House Conference.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank Lausche".
Frank J. Lausche
Governor

FJL/mb

May 2, 1949

Honorable Frank J. Lausche, Governor
State of Ohio
Columbus 15, Ohio

My dear Governor Lausche:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of April 27th and for your invitation to participation in the organization of an Ohio Commission on Children and Youth. I shall be most happy to participate in this worth cause. Unfortunately, I shall not be able to attend the meeting which you have called for May 11th in Columbus.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 15

FRANK J. LAUSCHE
GOVERNOR

June 28, 1949

Rabbi Hillel Silver
18910 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As a leading citizen of Ohio, you can be helpful this year in making our State's role in the National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week Campaign, October 2-8, a successful one.

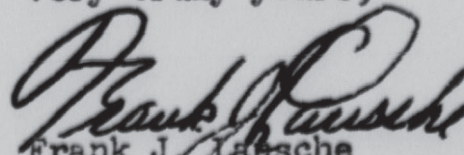
Our problem and the objectives of NEPH Week, now in its fifth year, is to demonstrate that it is good business to hire the handicapped. A recent U.S. Department of Labor survey revealed that the properly placed handicapped person is not only the equal of the non-handicapped from the efficiency standpoint but is his superior in terms of safety on the job.

Today, there are more than 25,000 handicapped persons in Ohio who are either actively seeking work or are in the process of rehabilitation. Finding jobs for these people is something more than a humanitarian goal; it is essential to a sound economy.

With this in mind, I am asking you to serve on the Governor's Honorary Committee for the 1949 NEPH campaign. Your acceptance of this invitation will not obligate you to attend any committee meetings unless you wish to do so. It will permit the working committee, the membership of which appears on the enclosed list, to use your name publicly in support of NEPH objectives and to take advantage of any suggestions you may care to offer.

I hope that you will join in helping to accomplish this program of spiritual and material worth and look forward to an early reply.

Very truly yours,


Frank J. Lausche

FJL/mk

Encl.

July 1, 1949

Governor Frank J. Lausche
Columbus 15, Ohio

My dear Governor:

I shall be very pleased to serve on the Honorary
Committee for the 1949 National Employ the Physi-
cally Handicapped Week Campaign which you are ap-
pointing.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:er



ABRA HILLEL





FRANK J. LAUSCHE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 15

September 6, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Tifereth Israel Congregation,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

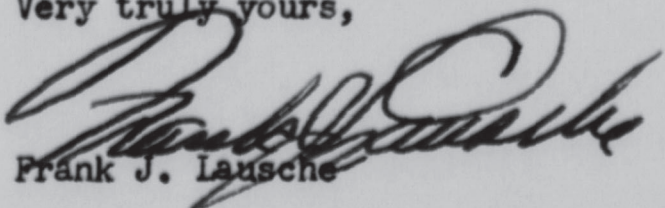
This year, more than ever, Ohio must make better use of her handicapped citizens. You can help this year's National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 1 through 7, achieve a fuller use of our manpower.

Our objective in this, the sixth annual observance of N.E.P.H. Week, is to convince employers that handicapped workers, properly placed, make good employees. More than 25,000 handicapped persons in Ohio are actively seeking jobs. Placing these people in jobs is not only good business for the employer, but it is essential to a sound economy. Our first line of defense today is the maximum utilization of all available manpower.

To assist the N.E.P.H. campaign in attaining the above objective, I am asking you, as a leading citizen of Ohio, to join me in serving on an honorary committee for the 1950 observance. Members of this committee may be called upon to assist in planning and carrying out their own local N.E.P.H. campaigns.

I hope that you will join me in helping to carry out this humanitarian program, and I look forward to your acceptance.

Very truly yours,



Frank J. Lausche

FJL:wbh

September 8, 1950

Governor Frank J. Lausche
Executive Mansion
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor Lausche:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of September 6th. I shall be very pleased to serve as a member of the honorary committee for National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



FRANK J. LAUSCHE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 15

September 20, 1950

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have received, with pleasure, your acceptance and indication of willingness to serve with me on the Honorary Committee for the 1950 observance of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week in Ohio.

As a token of appreciation for your efforts in behalf of our physically handicapped, I am happy to present you the attached certification of Committee membership.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Lausche".

Frank J. Lausche

NOVEMBER 8, 1950

GOVERNOR FRANK J. LAUSCHE
COLUMBUS, OHIO

PERMIT ME TO CONGRATULATE YOU UPON YOUR SPLENDID VICTORY.

ALL GOOD WISHES.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL
EMPLOY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK

This is to certify that

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

*is a member of the Committee on Employment of the
Physically Handicapped for the State of Ohio*

Rose S. M. Lurie

National Chairman

Frank J. Lausche

Governor



FRANK J. LAUSCHE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 15

November 14, 1950

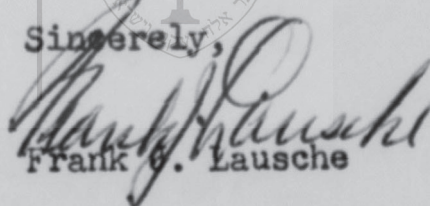
Rabbi Hillel Silver
Euclid Avenue Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It pleased me deeply to learn of the joy that came to you through the great victory that was ours on November 7th.

Thanks for your help and the message of congratulations.

Sincerely,


Frank J. Lausche

FJL/mk



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January 5, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Joe Kapell has advised me of his conference with you and Mr. L. W. Neumark regarding the matter of the inclusion of the position of Jewish Chaplain in the table of organization of the Cleveland State Hospital. On behalf of my Committee, as well as myself, I wish to express our appreciation to you for your offer to help us with this problem.

The Jewish Chaplaincy Program at the State Hospital was the result of approximately two years of study by a committee of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of which I was the Chairman. This Study Committee developed after many members of our community were acquainted with the lack of a consistent program for Jewish patients at the State Hospital. We learned that historically services to patients at State Hospital were provided by the Catholic and Protestant groups. Through the years, various Jewish organizations from time to time planned religious and social programs for Jewish patients at State Hospital. It was our Study Committee's opinion that sporadic efforts were not conducive to the establishment of a proper responsibility of the Jewish community to the Jewish patients in this institution.

Our Study Committee recommended a part time Chaplaincy Program, and with the help of the Council of Jewish Women the necessary funds, \$1200 per annum, were made available for such a service. The Committee selected Rabbi William Seligman, Assistant Rabbi, Park Synagogue, as the Chairman.

As a result of our close interest in the program at State Hospital, we learned that there is a permissive clause in the State laws regarding mental institutions which permits the Director of the Hospital to include in his table of organization the position of "Chaplain", and that the State budgets for this position. We discussed this

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permissive clause with Dr. E. H. Crawfis, Superintendent of the State Hospital, who agreed with us that the time had come when the position of Jewish Chaplain should have the same status as the Catholic and Protestant group now enjoyed. Dr. Crawfis wrote a letter to Dr. Baker, Commissioner of the Division of Mental Hygiene, on November 9, 1950, in which he requested that an additional position for a Jewish Chaplain be established at Cleveland State Hospital. A copy of Dr. Crawfis' letter dated November 9 is attached.

Following Dr. Crawfis' letter to Dr. Baker, Mr. Kapell consulted with Daniel Elliott, Associate Director of the Cleveland Welfare Federation, and Mr. Elliott contacted Judge Robinson, formerly of Cleveland and now Assistant to the Director of the Department of Public Welfare of the State of Ohio. Judge Robinson indicated that he would discuss Dr. Crawfis' request with Dr. Baker.

On November 16, Dr. Baker replied to Dr. Crawfis and a copy of that letter is attached.

Our Committee believes that this is a matter of principle, and that Dr. Baker's reply is not in keeping with the spirit expressed in Dr. Crawfis' original letter. We believe that the matter is of such importance as to warrant our carrying it beyond the office of the Division of Mental Hygiene. We are therefore most grateful to you for helping us to bring this matter to the attention of the proper State officials.

With warmest wishes for the new year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Curtis

Mrs. Jerome N. Curtis, Chairman
Advisory Committee, Chaplaincy Program
Cleveland State Hospital

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Encs.

January 11, 1951

Mrs. Jerome N. Curtis, Chairman
Advisory Committee, Chaplaincy Program
Cleveland State Hospital
Jewish Welfare Federation
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Iris:

I am enclosing herewith copy of the letter which I sent to Governor Lausche. I shall inform you as soon as I hear from him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

January 11, 1951

Governor Frank J. Lausche
Executive Mansion
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor:

I should like to bring to your attention a subject which has disturbed members of the Jewish community of Cleveland and which, in their judgment, involves a matter of principle.

At the Cleveland State Hospital the services of chaplains are provided for Catholic and Protestant patients, and the budget is met by the State. No such provision is made for the services of a Jewish chaplain to look after the spiritual needs of the considerable number of Jewish patients at the Cleveland State Hospital. Several years ago a request was made to include the services of a Jewish chaplain at the State Hospital. This request was not granted. The Jewish community, through the Council of Jewish Women, then proceeded to engage the services of a part-time chaplain at its own expense which amounted to some \$1200 a year.

Our community feels, however, that this form of discrimination is unjustified, and again last November took up the matter with Dr. E. H. Crawfis, Superintendent of the Cleveland State Hospital, who agreed that the time had come when the position of a Jewish chaplain should have the same status as the Catholic and Protestant chaplains now enjoy. Dr. Crawfis wrote a letter to Dr. Baker, Commissioner of the Division of Mental Hygiene, copy of which I am enclosing, in which he requested that an additional position for a Jewish chaplain be established at the Cleveland State Hospital. Dr. Baker's reply to Dr. Crawfis, dated November 16, 1950, is hereto also attached. It is clearly unsatisfactory.

I believe that the matter is of such importance as to warrant carrying it beyond the office of the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene and to bring it to your attention. I am sure that you will wish to look into the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRAHAM HILFEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc. 2



FRANK J. LAUSCHE
GOVERNOR

THE STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE HOUSE, COLUMBUS

January 15, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi:

I received your letter of January 11th and read what you said about a disparity in the treatment accorded those who are rendering the different religious services at the State Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Please be assured that the knowledge which you gave to me in your letter is the first intimation that has come to me that the course followed by the State in procuring Catholic and Protestant religious services is different from that related to the Jewish service.

If the State is defraying the expense of the Catholic and Protestant service, unquestionably, it ought to do likewise in respect to the Jewish service. I will see to it that the views which I expressed will be carried into effect.

Personal regards.

Sincerely,


Frank J. Lausche

FJL/ecg

January 16, 1951

Mrs. Jerome Curtis, Chairman
Advisory Committee, Chaplaincy Program
Cleveland State Hospital
Jewish Welfare Federation
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Iris:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received this morning from Governor Lausche, which indicates that action will be taken. I shall advise you as soon as I hear from him again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

JUDGE J. H. LAMNECK
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FRANK J. LAUSCHE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
STATE OFFICE BUILDING
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January 16

1951

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

Dear Friend:

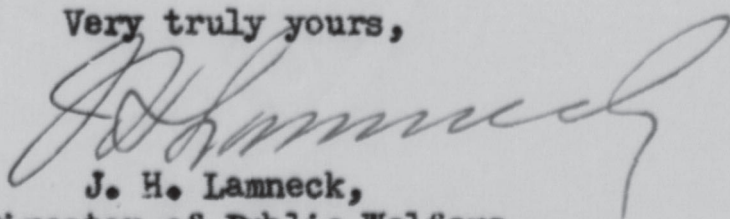
Your letter of January 11th, addressed to the Governor, has been referred to me for attention.

I am in full accord with your proposal that Jewish Chaplains be employed at our state institutions where there is a sufficient Jewish population to justify the same.

The budget that has been submitted for the Cleveland State Hospital includes sufficient money to establish an additional position for a Jewish Chaplain at that institution. If the Legislature follows our recommendation, funds will be available for this purpose on July 1st, 1951. At present, we are unable to establish such a position because of limited appropriations.

Trusting this is satisfactory, and with every good wish, I remain,

Very truly yours,


J. H. Lamneck,
Director of Public Welfare.

JHL/b

cc: The Hon. Frank J. Lausche.

January 17, 1951

Mrs. Jerome Curtis, Chairman
Advisory Committee, Chaplaincy Program
Cleveland State Hospital
Jewish Welfare Federation
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Iris:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received this morning from Mr. J. H. Lameck, Director of Public Welfare.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

April 19, 1951

Governor Frank J. Lausche
Executive Mansion
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor:

You will recall our correspondence in January concerning the appointment of a Jewish Chaplain for the Cleveland State Hospital. At that time you indicated your interest in the matter and referred my letter to Mr. Lanneck, Director of Public Welfare, who in turn wrote me that because of limited appropriations, the appointment could not be made until July 1, 1951.

I understand that the new Director of the Hospital, Dr. Gordon, is planning to put a Jewish Chaplain on the Table of Organization. I want to express to you my appreciation for your interest in this matter and for the prompt action which was taken. I trust that in accordance with our correspondence there will be sufficient appropriation to make the appointment and that there will be no delay because of Civil Service examinations, etc.

Again thanking you, and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

cc. Mrs. Curtis



FRANK J. LAUSCHE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 15

April 23, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi:

First of all I want to tell you that I regret that I have not had the occasion of being with you as frequently as I would like.

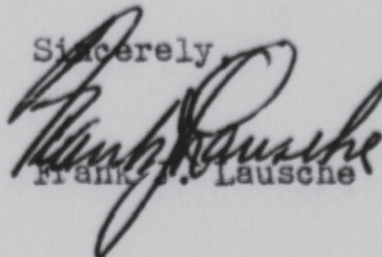
The other day when I got through listening to General Douglas MacArthur I said to myself it was the best speech I ever heard except a number which I heard you give. The only difference in my reaction was that while your talks were better, they also expounded action with which I was in agreement.

I can not say that I agree with General MacArthur in the course which he advocates as a solution of our problem. While I believe that we may have to eventually come to his suggestions I can not see that at this time we should give up hope that we can do something through the United Nations Organization.

It goes without saying that it pleased me immensely that Dr. Gordon will put a Jewish Chaplain on the Table of Organization at the Cleveland State Hospital.

With personal regards and best wishes to you and Mrs. Silver, I remain

Sincerely,


Frank J. Lausche

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Lausche

April 25, 1951

Governor Frank J. Lausche
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Governor Lausche:

Rabbi Silver has left for a brief visit to Israel, and is, therefore, unable to acknowledge your very kind letter of April 23rd which I know will please him very much.

On Sunday morning, April 22nd, just prior to his departure, Rabbi Silver delivered a sermon on the subject, "The Recall of McArthur," a report of which you may have read in the Cleveland Plain Dealer of April 23rd. Because of the many requests which have been received, we are planning to re-print this lecture, and I shall be pleased to send you a copy.

I am forwarding your letter to Rabbi Silver in Israel.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

April 25, 1951

Mrs. Jerome Curtis, Chairman
Advisory Committee, Chaplaincy Program
Cleveland State Hospital
Jewish Welfare Federation
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Curtis:

Rabbi Silver received a letter from Governor Lausche in reply to his letter of April 19th, in which he stated in part:

"It goes without saying that it pleased me immensely that Dr. Gordon will put a Jewish Chaplain on the Table of Organization at the Cleveland State Hospital."

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver