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League for Human Rights Against Naziism, Cleveland, Ohio,
1934-1935.

THE LEAGUE
FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS AGAINST NAZIISM

704 Ninth Chester Bldg.

Cleveland, Ohio

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August 27,
1934.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Mooselookmeguntic House and Log Camp,
Rangeley Lakes Region,
Haines Landing, Maine.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Miss Chadsey has asked me, during her absence from the city, to write to you regarding the proposed visit to Cleveland of Dr. Harry Lee Franklin of the University of Kentucky, whom we are planning to bring here for an open meeting of the Sponsoring Committee on October 19th.

Dr. Franklin was recommended by Mrs. Ottenheim of Louisville and by Mr. Benjamin B. Goldstein of the Information and Service Associates of New York City. He is very much interested in combatting the spread of Naziism in this country.

We are bringing him here for three days, paying all travelling expenses and fifty dollars, with the understanding that he will make three speeches. Could you use him for Sunday morning or evening (October 21st), and, if so, is it reasonable to ask the Temple to allow twenty five dollars on our expenses?

Yours sincerely,

Jane Furth
Jane Furth
Secretary to Miss Chadsey.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd. and East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

May I suggest that you write to Mr. Thomas
Farrell, Secretary of the American Federation of Labor,
stating something to the effect that you are glad that
the Cleveland Federation is working with us.

May I also suggest that you enclose the pam-
phlet which contains addresses by William Green and by
yourself, made at the Adeline Club in New York City on
February 14th.

Mr. Farrell promised to take up this matter
"as soon as he could", and I think that a letter coming
from you a day or two after our conference will serve as
a reminder to him.

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Chadsey

Mildred Chadsey.

MC:JF

September 14, 1934.

Mr. Thomas Farrell, Secretary,
American Federation of Labor,
1355 Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Farrell:

Miss Mildred Chadsey, Secretary of the League for Human Rights Against Nazism, has informed me of the cooperation which she has been receiving from the Cleveland Federation of Labor and I am very pleased to know of it. I have had personal conferences with Mr. William Green on the subject of the anti-Nazi boycott and the American Federation, as you know, has been working whole-heartedly in cooperation with the Non-Sectarian anti-Nazi League. On the anti-Nazi committee representing the A F of L are Joseph P. Ryan, President of the Central Trades and Labor Council of New York; John Fitzpatrick, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor; and Miss Selma Borchardt, Vice-President of the American Federation of Teachers.

I am taking pleasure in sending you a pamphlet containing the address which Mr. William Green delivered on the occasion of the testimonial which was given him in New York City by the anti-Nazi League and which also contains a brief address of mine which I delivered on that occasion.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As you know, Dr. Harry Lee Franklin is our guest speaker from October 17th through October 19th, and through the 21st if we succeed in getting Saturday or even Sunday speaking engagements for him.

It seems obvious that we should save a hotel bill for this time, and it would also seem courteous for us to offer him hospitality. In a word, can you think of someone who would be glad to have him in her home for that period of time? He will, of course, be busy throughout the day, so that I think it would mean merely a room and breakfast. Would you be willing to ask Mrs. Herman Moss, Mrs. Samuel Rosenthal or Mrs. Gary Sands, or any one else whom you might think of. If you prefer, I will of course ask them, but I felt that the approach might come better from you or Mrs. Silver.

I am enclosing a publicity paragraph regarding Dr. Franklin, and also a schedule of his speaking engagements to date. This is tentative, of course, and I expect to have more speaking engagements for him.

There will be a meeting of the Committee of Fifteen on Friday, October 5th at noon at the Mid Day Club. I hope that you can be present.

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Chadsey
Mildred Chadsey.

Dr. Harry Lee Franklin was born in Lexington, Kentucky in 1895. He was the American consul in Berlin for twelve years, from 1926 to 1932. He has recently contributed articles to the Literary Digest, the Louisville Times and other newspapers throughout the country. He is the author of "Germany's Tobagganing Trade Balance". He has lectured widely since his return from Europe, and during the coming season he is to deliver lectures on Germany and Austria under the auspices of the League of Nations Association. He knew European correspondents of American newspapers in Germany and is familiar with the difficulties they have had in reporting news from Germany. Working with these newspaper correspondents, he learned at first hand the aims and methods of Nazis and he presents the unbiased views of a good investigator in the narrative form of the reporter.

SCHEDULE FOR DOCTOR HARRY LEE FRANKLIN --SPEAKER

DATE	ORGANIZATION	SUBJECT
Wednesday October 17th noon	Advertising Club: audience of about 200 men of average intelligence in National and International affairs.	
Wednesday evening	Tentative engagement with a Protestant church group. Conservative group of fifty men and women.	
Thursday October 18th 11:00 A. M.	Women's City Club: audience of one hundred women, keenly alert and informed, but apathetic re boycott of German goods.	
Thursday 3:00 P. M.	Oakwood Club: thirty intelligent and sympathetic Jewish women.	
Friday October 19th Noon	Sponsoring Committee of the League for Human Rights and friends. About one hundred Jews and Gentiles who want to do something about Nazis in Germany and prevent the spread of it's philosophy and practices in the United States and Cleveland.	

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We have postponed the coming of Dr. Harry
Lee Franklin, namely from October 24th -28th inclu-
sive.

I know and regret that you have been ill,
but I hope you have recovered by this time and that
you can give me some assistance in finding a hostess
for Dr. Franklin while he is in Cleveland. Would you,
or anyone whom you know, like to have him for luncheon
on Saturday noon, October 27th or Sunday noon, October
28th?

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Chadsey
Mildred Chadsey.

MC:JF

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

There will be a special and very important meeting of the Committee of Fifteen on Monday, October 22nd at the home of Mr. Elmer Scheuer, 2700 Wicklow Road, at 8:00 P. M.

Will you please notify this office, Prospect 5730 whether or not you will attend?

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Chadsey
Mildred Chadsey.

MC:JF

October 19, 1934.

Miss Mildred Chadsey, Secretary,
The League for Human Rights Against Naziism,
608 Chester Nth Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Chadsey:

In looking over the Jewish Review and Observer and the Jewish Independent this week, I can find no reference to the League and no material on the subject of the Boycott. We have been missing out on our publicity badly, I am afraid.

There are many organizations holding public meetings. Have you arranged to have the Boycott mentioned at every one of these meetings?

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Boycott publicity should also be sent to the Labor paper in the city. The American Federation of Labor, at its recent convention in San Francisco, re-endorsed the Boycott. This piece of publicity should have been played up by our League in all the papers.

COPY

November 5, 1934

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Ansel Raod Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was among the audience on Monday Oct. 29th at the Jewish Center and was most interested in your talk requesting our aid in assisting the Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of Human Rights. I wish to say, too, that I admired the tactful way in which you prevented what might have been an unnecessary and uncalled for scene from the communistic members.

At the conference I represented both the League of Jewish Youth as well as the Council of Jewish Juniors and I hereby offer my personal services to help in any way possible and know that I can look for assistance among my groups if necessary.

I had an unusual experience this summer while travelling in the East with respect to buying German made goods which were misrepresented for French goods. I feel it is the duty of every one of us to see that German goods are not sold in stores, especially stores owned by our own people as was this one in the East.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Volner

2803 East 51st St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

November 7, 1934.

Miss Dorothy Volner,
2803 East 51st St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Volner:

I appreciate very much your kind note of November 5th and I have forwarded it to Miss Mildred Chadsey who is secretary of the anti-Nazi League in Cleveland. I am sure that you will hear from her.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

WILLIAM L. DAY
LUTHER DAY
RUFUS S. DAY
DONALD W. KLING
JOHN M. CONNORS
GEORGE H. RUDOLPH

ARNO G. ERDRICH
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CLEVELAND

I. R. MORRIS

November 27, 1934.

Rabbi A. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Ansel Road and East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I am enclosing a copy of letter
which I have this day sent to Mr. Goldhammer, as I
believe that these figures will interest you.

Sincerely yours,

I. R. Morris

IRM:AT
Encl.1.

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Mr. Samuel Goldhamer,
Jewish Welfare Federation,
1900 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

In analyzing our expenses from June first to November first, 1934, we have averaged an expenditure of \$342.38 per month.

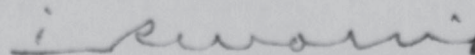
You will note that our October expenses were \$378.90, and that our November expenses were \$481.33. This increase for October and November indicates that we cannot accept the \$342.38 monthly average as the figure for our monthly expenses for the heavy months of November, December, January and February. We feel that \$425.00 per month is the minimum on which we can operate. It is necessary for us to hold one or two large public meetings, and to pay speakers to appear before groups which have been propagandized by our adversaries.

We now have a great many committees at work, and this means increased cost of telephone, postage and office supplies.

Above all else, we feel that we are achieving our goal in the boycott, and this means expense both in propaganda and in maintaining our constant contacts with the stores.

Therefore, we feel that we are not safe in estimating our monthly expenses as less than \$425.00. I assure you that Miss Chadsey has watched the budget very carefully and has made every effort to keep the expenses down, and I am sure that if she can effect savings that will reduce the office expenses below \$425.00, she will do so.

Yours sincerely,



I. R. Morris

December 11, 1934.

Miss Mildred Chadsey,
608 Ninth Chester Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Chadsey:

I think that a good article for publication
should be sent to the RAILROAD TRAINMAN. This is
a very important magazine which circulates among members
of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

December 18, 1934.

Miss Mildred Chadsey,
608 Ninth Chester Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Chadsey:

The enclosed letter is a request for a report on our activities and any printed matter which we may have bearing on the boycott. They are interested in information about the proper conduct of boycott activities.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Mr. Zelman Spiguel
Camara Commercial Industrial Israelita
Paseo 387 - U.T. 47, Cuyo 7872
Buenos Aires.



COPY

Cleveland, Ohio
January 1, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

Dear Rabbi:

A friend of mine is a small dealer in art calendars. These calendars were heretofore made in Germany, and as he wants to boycott Germany he would like to know where he could get similar calendars that are made elsewhere. Can you tell me of some addresses of importers of this class of merchandise? He would like to get in touch with them and arrange for future orders. Also do you know of any concerns in the United States where he can get these lithographed art calendars.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly

Jacob Seifter
1017 East 79th St.
Cleveland, Ohio




THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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



The regular monthly meeting of The Committee
of Fifteen will be held at the Mid Day Club on
Friday, Jan. 11th, at twelve noon.

 Please notify the office, PR 5730, whether or
not you will attend.

Mildred Chadsey



WRHS

yes

January 22, 1935.

Mr. Jacob Seifter,
1017 East 79th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Seifter:

I have sent you letter to the office of
the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League in New York and
I am sure that you will hear from them in the near
future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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PRospect 5730

The League for Human Rights Against Naziism invites you and your friends to a luncheon meeting. Price of Lunch seventy-five cents.

at

The Chamber of Commerce Club in Terminal Tower

on

Friday, January 25th at 12 o'clock noon.

The meeting will be addressed by

Dr. Paul Hutchinson

Managing Editor of The Christian Century and
President of The Chicago Committee for the
Defense of Human Rights Against Naziism.

Subject:

"Is the Saar Vote a Victory for the Nazi?"

Dr. Hutchinson will also address a luncheon meeting of the Federated Churches, (price of lunch fifty cents) in the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church at Euclid Avenue and E. 18th Street, on Saturday, Jan. 26th at 12 o'clock noon.

You are also cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Please do not attend either meeting without filling in and mailing the enclosed postcard. Capacity audiences are expected at both meetings and you understand that preference must be given to those making reservations.

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March 19, 1935.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I think you may be interested in seeing a copy of a letter received by me this morning from Mr. Harrison B. McGraw, member of our Sponsoring Committee.

Mr. McGraw is president of the Foreign Affairs Council. I therefore called him and asked him if he would preside at this meeting. He told me that he would, and then after a little conversation, he said that he would like first to confer with Mr. Newton D. Baker. He later called me to tell me that he could not preside, and this morning he sent me the letter, copy of which is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Chadsey

Mildred Chadsey

MC:LT
ENCL:1

*Tues. Evening
mass meeting*

C O P Y

FROM: HENDERSON, QUAIL, MCGRAW & BARKLEY
1525 GUARDIAN BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 18, 1935

The League for Human Rights Against Naziism,
704 Ninth-Chester Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

ATTENTION: MISS CHADSEY

Dear Miss Chadsey:

When the League for Human Rights Against Naziism was formed I became a member, as I was not and am not in sympathy with the anti-Jewish actions of the Nazi Government. Since that time, however, in the actual operation of the League, it has adopted the trade boycott against Germany as one of its measures. I cannot feel that such tactics can work in any other way than those of arousing intense bitterness. The way to make progress in matters of the spirit is to do so through negotiation, conciliation and an effort to reach mutual understanding. The boycott method is the opposite of these.

I therefore present to you herewith my resignation as a member of the League.

Cordially yours,

Harrison B. McGraw (signed)

HBM:G

March 22, 1935.

Miss Mildred Chadsey,
League for Human Rights Against Naziism,
608 Nenth Chester Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Chadsey:

In acknowledging the letter of Mr. Harrison D. McGraw, I think you ought to call his attention to the fact that the trade boycott against Germany was an initial part of our program and that the men who were invited to join our Sponsoring Committee were apprised of this fact. Mr. McGraw ought not to be left with a false impression that he was misled.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours

AHS:BK

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March 28th, 1935.

Rabbi David Sherman
The Temple
East 105th & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Sherman:

If you can bear it, will you
read these notes on Dr. Geiser's lecture and fill
in or elaborate where you can?

I think you will agree with
me that as disjointed and as illogical as these notes
are, they are not as much so as was the lecture, for
I have omitted most of the ramblings and flights to
vacuity.

^{helped} I want to send a copy of this,
after you have ^{me} with it, to President Wilson of
Oberlin and to President Leutner of Western Reserve
University.

Perhaps you will take occasion
to talk to Rabbi Silver, and he may advise me of
other things that I may do to protest it.

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Chadsey
Mildred Chadsey

MC:LT
ENCL:

M. J. MANDELBAUM

SWETLAND BUILDING

CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 12th 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.,
Cleveland.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A friend and associate, who is at the head of a large manufacturing industry, which is a member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin, has been for some time wavering in his desire to continue his company's membership in the Chamber.

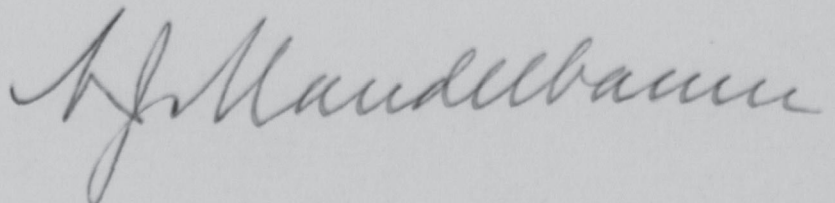
He is a broad-minded man - antagonistic to Hitler and Naziism. He does not directly import goods from Germany but has been trying for some years to seek a German outlet for his own products. He has made a few sales, the payments for some of which have not been prompt or satisfactory. Now he is advised that payments to a substantial amount must be in German merchandise. He has just sent a very strong letter to his German representative signifying his decision to retire from the German field and resign from the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin.

I quote from his letter-

"*****You don't appreciate how strong and general is the Boycott against German Goods. My sympathies are wholly with the movement. It should be continued and strengthened and made still more aggressive. Our friend, Mr. Mandelbaum, has just handed me a copy of the March edition of the Economic Bulletin, which I enclose, calling my attention to the editorial by Dr. Silver, one of the nation's outstanding scholars and community leaders, for whom I have great respect and admiration. Then read the list of American firms, on Page 4- Borgfeldt - Banner Coal - Julius Kayser - large and important concerns- then tell your friend, Julius Lippert, he's an ass. *****"

I thought you would be interested in the above, which is not for publication.

Cordially yours,



MJM-R

Temple Israel
Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS

May 3, 1935.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

When with Father Coughlin last week, he mentioned your name and spoke very highly of you. He intimated that he hoped to have you with him in Cleveland. I am wondering whether he has invited you and whether you have accepted the invitation.

I am receiving abusive letters from all over the country. The Associated Press gave an erroneous report of what I said even though twenty copies of my manuscript were available on the press table. I practically gave my prepared talk verbatim. I have written a letter of protest to the head of the Associated Press, but the damage has been done.

The Detroit Free Press on Friday morning, April 26th, in an editorial, which, with my address I enclose herein, was quite complimentary to me. Now that the whole thing is over, I am satisfied that going was the wise thing. It was not a bad thing for a rabbi to have been present before that packed meeting. I was not the only speaker on the platform who was not in sympathy with Father Coughlin's program. I was amazed at Bigelow. He is the Ohio organizer of the National Union for Social Justice.

In a private conversation with Father Coughlin, which lasted for several hours, he denied his anti-semitism. What may be in his heart, I cannot determine, but I do know that he is very anxious not to appear as an anti-semite. That being the case, I see no reason why Jews should insist that he is one. Hitler never would have invited a rabbi to speak on the platform with him, nor would Hitler ever have denied his anti-semitism. The fact that Father Coughlin is very anxious to do so is a very encouraging thing in the American scene. In his conversation with me, he definitely stated that he would fight any anti-semitic movement in America as long as he is on the air, and added that he would not be a priest if he did not do so. He claims that we Jews were too sensitive, etc., etc. He is not a spiritually sensitive personality. He comes of humble Irish parentage and has all the provincialisms and parochialisms of his early environment. He is not an intellectual. When he becomes angry, he calls names, and when attacked he fights back, and apparently does not mind hitting below the belt.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver -2

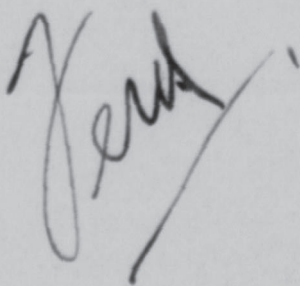
I think that he is sincere in his desire to do something for the poor. In a way I think it a pity that the intelligentsia of America are spurning him, as they might channel his social sympathies into constructive patterns. I do not like his associates. Among them was a governor of the cotton exchange of New York, whom I am certain has no interest in social justice, and who is probably prepared to exploit Father Coughlin's popularity with the American people.

When I told Father Coughlin that I could not follow him on his monetary plan, he answered that I could not be for social justice. He contends that money is the root of all evil and that only by attacking the money problem can social justice be established. He is inclined to be a fanatic. In his address, he stated that all decent people will join us. Apparently he feels that political or economic heretics are indecent.

Some day I hope to have a chat and discuss the entire thing with you. In the meantime, I am anxious to know whether he invited you and whether you have accepted his invitation.

With kindest greetings and with many appreciations for your help, I remain

Sincerely yours,



FMI:BA

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Springfield, Ohio, May 7th, 1935.

Miss Mildred Chadsey
608 Ninth Chester Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Chadsey:

Many thanks for wire and letter. I agree with you completely that it would not be worthwhile under the circumstances which you mention to have a badly attended meeting at this time, and I agree with you of course to postpone it for the Fall. But as a matter of fact I am already working out my schedule for the next season due to the American custom that most of the clubs and organizations like to fix their dates and speakers very early. I shall spend the first half of October around Wisconsin and Minnesota; the second half of the month I have to be in New York. The November and December are already occupied - so what about October the 16th and 17th, which are Wednesday and Thursday? You would do me a great favour if you kindly inquire whether the organizations you have in mind could fix up those dates because that will be the only possibility at all. The fee will be \$75 each lecture because beginning with next year I have to take care of eight persons; my father in law who is a stage director in a very good position has been informed that next year his contract will not be renewed due to my activity abroad, so that I am the only one in our whose family to be able to work, and therefore I have to arrange my next lecture tour upon a businesslike basis. Would you please let me know as soon as possible to my permanent mailing address whether those two clubs are willing to have me speak at the two dates which I suggest.

One other request which I have more to Mr. Scheuer, Mr. Morris and who else would be able to do something. Sailing back to Europe the end of this month, I am going as soon as I am there to Prague, and I am going to have a already prepared conference with the delegates of our underground people, which is going to be held near the German border (I do hope to escape the danger to be kidnaped!). I would much like to come to those extraordinary brave and courageous people not with empty hands, and I would like to have a certain amount to take care of the victims of the underground work and their families. If I can give to two hundred families \$20 each, which is 50 marks, it will be a great help; I am writing to all my friends over the United States to get this amount together before I leave, to take it with me. Would it be possible that some of your members who are interested in the active struggle in Germany to get \$150 together? If so, and I sincerely do hope so, please try it and send it to my account - The Chase National Bank West Fourteenth Street Branch, New York; there is no need to be afraid of, nobody will learn anything, I change the money in Czechoslovakia and deliver it myself. But please do it, please!

Very sincerely yours,

Gerhart Seger (signed)

May 14, 1935.

Miss Mildred Chadsey,
608 Chester-Ninth Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Chadsey:

I wonder what success you had with Mr. Whitney? You may be interested in bringing to his attention the resolutions adopted by the American Federation of Labor. It would be highly desirable to have similar resolutions passed at the Trainmen's Convention.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

THE LEAGUE
FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS AGAINST NAZIISM

608 Ninth Chester Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

May 17, 1935.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You were missed at the meeting of the Committee of Fifteen today, and I especially am sorry not to have seen you because I wanted to say goodbye. I am starting to California on next Monday or Tuesday, to be gone until September. I know how hard you have been working, and I hope that you get a rest this summer.

I wanted to tell you that I had a conference with Dr. Culler, president of the Fellowship of Faiths, asking him how I could get the Protestant ministers to take a more active part in our work. He made some suggestions and promised to be helpful in the fall when he returns from an European trip, Germany included. I told him that I thought the pre-requisite to a Fellowship of Faiths group in Cleveland was a course in comparative religion or something of the kind. In a word, he is going to ask you if you will repeat the course you gave last winter to the Temple Sisterhood, on the subject of "The Bibles of The Great Religions of The World."

I do hope that you will feel that you can do this both because I and a number of my friends want to attend the course, and also because I want to recruit from those who do attend workers for our organization.

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Chadsey
Mildred Chadsey

MC:LT

C O P Y

May 22, 1935

Mr. Louis Bing, President
Jewish Welfare Federation
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bing:

At a meeting of The League for Human Rights Against Naziism held on Friday, May 17th, I was requested by the members to communicate with the Jewish Welfare Federation as to the allocation of funds to this group.

When we previously talked to the Welfare Federation about funds, we explained that we were only asking for the actual amount that would be required to run the League and that our budget covered only the actual running expenses.

Last year we were informed, after having made commitments, that our funds were to be cut down and instead of receiving the full amount, we received a considerably lesser amount. The result has been that the League has run into a deficit, has been unable to pay salaries to Miss Chadsey and the stenographer and is now at a point where it cannot continue to function unless it raises funds immediately.

You will recall that when the Welfare Federation decided to allocate funds to this group, it requested that no separate solicitations of funds be made by the League and of course no solicitation has been made.

I know of a number of people, who have increased their subscriptions and have given to the Welfare fund in behalf of the work this League is doing and I believe that if the Welfare Federation does not support this organization in a proper manner, it will be highly detrimental to the future well being of the Jewish Welfare Federation.

We, therefore, request that money be furnished to us immediately and that the appropriation for the work of this League be increased for the current year -- because any increase in funds can be used to splendid advantage by bringing to Cleveland such speakers as will counteract anti-Semitic propaganda and Nazi sentiment.

The condition of the League is desperate and I ask that you do whatever you can to see that immediate action is taken.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer Scheuer,
Chairman of the
COMMITTEE OF 15

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THE LEAGUE
FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS AGAINST NAZIISM

608 Ninth Chester Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

May 23, 1935

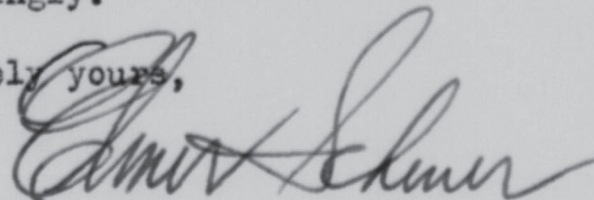
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Wade Park & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of letter sent to Louis Bing
as President of the Jewish Welfare Federation regard-
ing funds for this organization.

I thought you would be interested in knowing that the
appeal has been made so that in case you attend a
meeting, you can act accordingly.

Sincerely yours,



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THE LEAGUE
FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS AGAINST NAZIISM

608 Ninth Chester Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

May 27, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Wade Park and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I talked to a number of members of the Jewish Welfare Federation today on the telephone and spoke to them about the budget for the League.

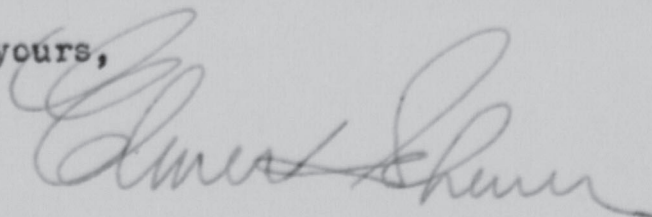
If the matter comes up at the meeting on Tuesday, May 28th, I feel sure that the appropriation will be increased.

However, to bring the matter to a head, I have written to the Welfare Federation attention of Mr. Goldhamer, as per the enclosed copy. I have forwarded copies of this letter to the following:

Wm. C. Treuhافت
Louis Bing
E. M. Baker
Harry Affelder

I am leaving town today and will be back the end of the week and as soon as I return, I will get in touch with Mr. Halle, as you suggested.

Sincerely yours,



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May 27, 1935

Jewish Welfare Federation
1900 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. S. Goldhamer

I understand that the budget committee has appropriated \$3,000. for the League for Human Rights Against Nazism for the current year.

Sometime ago, we submitted to you a budget showing a minimum estimate of \$4,500. \$3,000. per annum will not cover salaries and it is impossible for this organization to function unless the appropriation is increased.

As of May 1st, The League had accrued a deficit of \$650. The writer personally borrowed this amount and loaned it to the League in order to pay the back salary due Miss Chadsey so that she could go away on a vacation and unless funds are forthcoming to cover the deficit, it will be necessary to close the office and discontinue the work of the League.

Nazi activities are not diminishing and daily reports are coming in, which need immediate attention. If the good work which has been accomplished in maintaining the boycott by constant contact with Cleveland stores, is dropped, all that has been accomplished in the past will be lost and if, therefore, it is impossible for the Welfare Federation to allocate any more funds to the League, it will be necessary for us to either discontinue or to raise funds by public subscription immediately.

We feel that instead of decreasing the appropriation for the League, that it would be worthwhile for the Welfare Federation to seriously consider advancing a minimum of \$5,000. to this organization because every dollar over and above the \$4,500. minimum can be used to investigate Nazi activities and to bring speakers to Cleveland to combat Nazi propaganda. The League has not been able to do as much of this work as it should because of the lack of funds in the past and it should not be hampered in the future if it is to continue.

Under the circumstances, will you please advise us at the earliest opportunity as to whether the action of the budget committee is final or if it will be reconsidered.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer Scheuer,
Chairman
COMMITTEE OF 15

ES:r

P.S. I am enclosing a copy of the budget submitted to you several months ago.

June 3, 1935.

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman,
Temple Israel,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Ferd:

I hope you will overlook the long delay in answering your letter of May 3. I have been extremely busy in the last few weeks with numerous congregational activities and my correspondence has lagged.

No, Father Coughlin did not invite me to his meeting and so I did not have the occasion to refuse the invitation. There was no rabbi at his meeting in Cleveland.

I still feel that you did a very good thing in attending his meeting in Detroit. I have read some of the criticism launched against you as well as some of the defense. You, of course, must have foreseen such criticism before you made your decision. I think your presence at the organization meeting will have a deterrent effect upon the good Father when he will again feel tempted to exploit the Jewish international bankers and anti-Semitism. I shall be very happy to talk over the whole situation with you when we meet.

Are you planning to attend the Rabbinical Conference? With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Temple Israel
Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS

June 5, 1935.

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

Dear Abba:

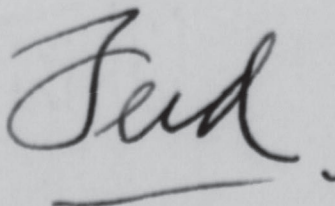
You will be interested in the enclosed correspondence which I have had with Father Coughlin since my return from Detroit. The last letter will be of particular interest.

I am planning to attend the rabbinical conference. I shall spend the month of July in St. Louis and I am seriously considering going abroad during the month of August.

Looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

FMI:BA



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May 7, 1935.

Father Charles E. Coughlin,
c/o Robert Antaris,
Sun Oil Co.,
Woodward Ave. and Twelve Mile Road,
Royal Oak, Michigan.

Dear Father Coughlin:

I am enclosing herein a copy of an article of mine which was published in the Jewish Daily Bulletin, the only English-Jewish daily in America. In it, I endeavored to sum up the result of my discussion with you. I trust that I represented your views accurately. I would appreciate hearing from you to that effect.

I have just received a check for fifty dollars from the National Union for Social Justice, which I presume is to pay for my transportation to Detroit. I had written to Mr. Ward that I would have been glad to have paid these expenses myself.

With kindest personal greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Rev. Chas. E. Coughlin

May 13, 1935.

Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman,
Temple Israel,
St. Louis, Mo.,

Reverend and dear Rabbi:

I want to thank you most sincerely for the generous cooperation which you extended to the National Union for Social Justice on the occasion of its first State meeting held at Detroit, April 24th.

Your presence upon the platform and your excellent address on the fundamental principles of social justice accomplished much in reducing the criticisms of those who consistently have been trying to build up a spirit of antipathy between the members of your race and religion and myself.

With best wishes, may I remain

Sincerely yours,

CEC:MR

(Signed) Chas. E. Coughlin