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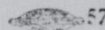
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League for Human Rights, Cleveland, Ohio, 1945-1946.

The League for Human Rights
511 Chester Ninth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

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September 14, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. and E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

The Religious Education Association, Cleveland Chapter, is arranging for an all-day conference in Oberlin on October 13, the topic for the day to be "Next Steps in Cooperation Between Schools, Churches and Synagogues."

I am serving as Chairman of this Conference Committee. At our committee meeting yesterday, which was our first planning meeting, I was asked to invite you to be the principle speaker and to speak on the topic which we are discussing.

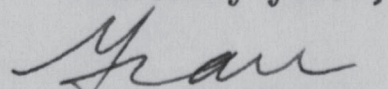
The Conference will probably get under way about 11 o'clock and if you can be with us, we would like your address after luncheon, which would probably be about 2 or 2:30.

Would you be good enough to let me know if you are free on this date and if you would help us?

I am sure you must have had a very interesting experience in your last visit to England and it must have been exciting to have been there in the early days after the election. I hope somewhere you were able to get a little rest and recreation this summer.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Grace E. Meyette

GEM:MS

September 15, 1945

Miss Grace E. Meyette
The League for Human Rights
511 Chester Ninth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Grace:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 14. I wish I could accept the invitation for the Conference at Oberlin on October 13. Unfortunately a very crowded schedule makes it impossible for me to take on additional responsibilities for the next few months. I am away from Cleveland three and four days a week and I have been going at a terrible pace. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Grace E. Meyette

2196 Ambleside Drive

Cleveland, Ohio

January 10, 1946

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

My dear Abba:

Yesterday, the Committee of Fifteen of the League for Human Rights voted to close the office as a private agency as of April 1. I have accepted from the Mayor an appointment as Director of the Education Program and Public Relations of the Cleveland Community Relations Board and will begin those duties on January 16.

Abba, it was ten years ago that I took up the work with the League. I cannot close this chapter without some word to you. As you very well know, the work has been difficult and on many occasions a real hardship. I have been going through my files and have found many happy occasions revealed in them. As I look back on these ten years, I am convinced that despite the difficulties it has been an enriching experience and I feel that I have been an especially privileged person. I now have a deep understanding of Jewish life, its aims, and its sorrows.

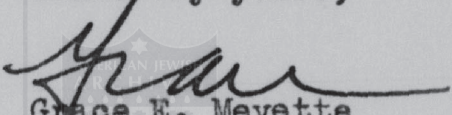
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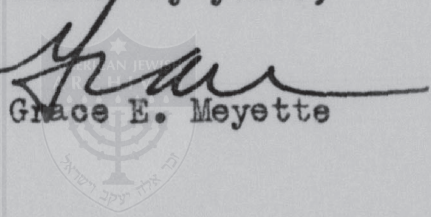
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Your friendship will always be dear to me and I send regards to Virginia and the boys.

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2196 Ambleside Dr.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Grace:

Thank you for your note of January 10. I am happy to know that you have accepted the Mayor's appointment and are to become the Director of the Education Program and Public Relations of the Cleveland Community Relations Board. That Board is to be congratulated on having obtained your services.

I know of the splendid and very significant work which you did for the League of Human Rights. While I have not been able to follow your work in the last few years due to the great pressure of national and international responsibilities which the plight of the Jews has placed upon me, I do know what fine and progressive leadership you gave the cause during the critical years. Immediately preceding the war, and during the war, you and the League were faced with many new problems on the American scene, and the answers to them were not always clear, and the technique for wrestling with the problem of un-American and perverse trends and organizations was in many ways untried. You, however, brought to the work a vision ~~and a leadership which contributed greatly to keeping our~~ community on an even keel of social and group relationships and intelligence and a steadiness of conviction and courage which contributed greatly to keeping our community on an even keel of social and group relationships.

It is a long time since I and Virginia have seen you. I hope that we may have the pleasure in the very near future.

I wish you every success in your new field of endeavor. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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