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January 6, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You probably learned before this that difficulties have arisen between Dr. "elamed and me concerning the Reflex.

Dr. Melamed, in my opinion, foolishly, is spreading vicious, nasty and false rumors about me in connection with the conduct of the Reflex. None of his charges have any foundation whatsoever. Reputable individuals, members of the local board and a firm of Certified Public Accountants are investigating the affairs of the Reflex for the purpose of determining what the correct situation is, and to render and a complete report.

Meantime I wish to ask you to please suspend judgment, for I am certain that I will have no difficulty whatever to refute any and all of the absurd statements Dr. Melamed is making. I might add that Dr. Melamed's present attitude is typical of him when he gets himself into difficulties. He always tries to pass the blame on to someone else.

A copy of the report will be sent to you when same is completed. Meanwhile the local board asked Dr. Melamed not to use their names in any connection with the Reflex or in any other way.

I assure you, Rabbi Silver, that I will appreciate your fair attitude in this matter.

Most sincerely yours,

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The AMONTHLY REFLEX

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B. HENRY ARNOLD SECRETARY-MANAGER A JOURNAL OF CRITICAL OPINION DEVOTED TO THE SECULAR INTERESTS OF JEWISH LIFE

DR. S. M. MELAMED

624 SOUTH LA BREA AVENUE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

April 25, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to notify you that I and my tribe are hale, healthy, and happy. I have been for some time with Warner Bros., working in their literary department, and am free from all financial worries.

I am about to revive The Reflex, and to function again as a Jewish publicist. The first issue of the renewed Reflex will appear on May 15th. The next task will be to complete the second volume on Kant. I hope to have it finished by the end of the year. The third volume of the trilogy dealing with Hegel will not be written before 1937.

Now that I am settled and free from worries, I can resume my Hebrew literary activities, and also to return to active Jewish life. I have established in Los Angeles a Jewish Academic Society of which the famous physicist, Dr. S. P. Epstein, Professor of mathematical Physics in the California Institute of Technology is president. The society is doing splendid work, and is the center of Jewish intellectual life in Southern California.

That is all for to-day.

With kindest regards to yourself and your family, I am

Yours as ever,

Mulamo

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August 9, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I am herewith enclosing tearsheet of the Los Angeles Examiner of this date containing a reprint of an comment on an editorial which appeared in the July issue of The Reflex.

I understand that the same reprint and comment appeared in a large number of newspapers throughout the country.

With kindest regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

B. Henry Arnold Secretary-Manager

BHA: VR

Gen. Hugh S. Johnson Blames WPA Strike on Communist Unions

Modification of Bill Looms; Connally Excess Levy Dan Not Certain of Success

(Continued From Page One goose that laid the golden egs This is not social or eco progress. It is short-sighted destruction, not distribution, of wealth."

A canvass of finance co tee members by Universal Se revealed the Republicans whelmingly in favor of killing bill. At least six Democrats i heritance tax provisions.
While the Republicans

votes sufficient to kill the they were expected to effect s stantial changes in it in con Opinion differed on

Senator La Follette (Progr sive) of Wisconsin an doomed for defeat in his effort to make it a billion dollar to bill instead of 250 million as passed by the House. La Follette wants to jack up rates a all income tax payers, and b bear more heavily upon corpor

Senator Tom Connally (Den crat) of Texas favors restor war-time excess profit taxes of corporations. But did not see to be certain of success.

These Democratic Senators i dicated a disposition to make bill less stringent: King, Utah; George, Georgia; Walsh, Massa chusetts; Gore, Oklahoma; Byrd Virginia; Lonergan, Connecticat and Gerry, Rhode Island.

Liberalization of administra tive features of the inheritance ppeared certain in the 12 per Reduction in the 12 per tax appeared certain in com cent interest rate charged by Government on estates du process of tax settlement with the Government also appeared

Some expected proceeds from a given amount, to be exempted

(L. A. citizens protest measure Story on Page 4, Col. 1.)

Civil Service **Delegates Meet**

CORONADO. Aug. 8.-Dele gates from forty-five civil service agencies in twelve Western states and British Columbia convened here today for the threeday sixth annual regional con ference meet. President Harry M. Wolff, head of the San Francisco Civil Service Commission, pre

Gen. Foulois, Under Fire, to Retire



GENERAL FOULOIS Under Fire

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8-Terminating a protracted con-troversy with the House military affairs committee by his own hand, Major General Benjamin D. Fonlois, chief of the Army Air Corps, today virtually effected his own retirement from active

The War Department anhounced that General Foulois, who has been accused by the House body of malfeasand office, had applied for and been granted leave of absence for three months, beginning Sep-

tember 22. the leave, At the expiration the announcement General Foulois would on the retired list.

THE SEQUEL TO THREE REVOLUTIONS NEW WALKOUTS Today BRIDGES FACES

part from THE REFLEX, a monthly magazine of interest and importance.

THE REFLEX is edited by Dr. S. M. Melamed, a most capable and conscientious publisher, and has upon its

USSIA IS BLESSED with the Cheka, Nazi Germany with the Gestapo. Both secret police forces have the same rights, prerogatives, privileges, status and

power. They are different in name only. Russia and Germany have concentration camps. The Russian camps are either on the Solovetzky Islands in the North, or in Siberia, while the German are either in Dachau or Oranienburg. In the concentration camps in both countries only political prisoners are to be found, and in both they are treated alike. The sadism practiced upon the prisoners of both camps is different in degree only. The active and dynamic Nazi makes a real effort to torture his political prisoner; the passive and sullen Russian just lets his prisoner suffer-hunger, thirst or cold, and makes his life miserable without exerting himself.

In Nazi Germany, as well as in Communist Russia, the party is identical with the state. In both countries the ruling parties have adopted the principle of absolute leadership, and the leader of the party became the absolute ruler of the state. In Russia and Germany the ruling parties have declared themselves omniscient and omnipotent. This declaration of status spelled the doom of all other parties. Thus, in both countries, the totalitarian and authoritarian state was established. In both countries the rights of man, as established by the French and the American Revolutions, were abrogated. In either country man has no longer a right to his own thoughts feelings, desires, ideals and aspirations. He must re-nounce the sovereignty of his reason and accept the command of the state, that is to say, of the leader, whose power is unlimited, as in the satrapy of old.

IN BOTH countries, the right not only of political but I also of intellectual esthetics and sociological expression is abolished. In Russia, man is a machine, or, to be more exact, an economically producing machine. His value is limited by the character of his economic usefulness. In Germany, man is a beast. The new German expression for the birth of a human being is: woman gives birth to the beast. The beast is only governed by urges and instincts. It has no freedom. It must not have any freedom. Thus the status of man in Germany and in Russia is exactly the same.

In Russia there is only one press, the press of the party, which is the press of the Government. In Germany, too, there is only one press, that of the Nazi party, which is the press of the Government. In Russia, as well as in Germany, theater, radio and the film are either a direct Government monopoly or under absolute control of the

Government and party propaganda only.

Red Russia accomplished her revolution with the help of Chinese and Lettish military cadres. In Germany the Nazis brought about their revolution with the help of the storm troops. Psychologically, the military auxiliary forces of the Bolshevik revolution and the auxiliary military forces of the Nazi revolution are of the same typemorally worthless men, starved and demoralized men; men whose vision of the future was dimmed by political and economic despair; men who were ready to do almost anything to get a piece of bread or a uniform. The auxiliary forces of both revolutions were by-products of the World

IN RUSSIA, the head of the party, Stalin, is a non-I Russian, a foreigner, who hails from Georgia. In Germany, the head of the party, who is the head of the state, is likewise a non-German, a foreigner, an Austrian: In Russia, many of the main advisers to the head of the state are foreigners. In Germany, the two principal advisers to Hitler are Rosenberg, who is a Balt, and Hans

In Russia, the fight against religion became one of the main planks of the Red revolution, and in Germany, the fight against religion, or, more correctly, against Christi-anity, started long before the Brown revolution came to a head. It is not commonly known that, as far back as 1922, young Nazi hoodlums would enter Catholic churches in Bavaria during worship hours and heap insults upon the officiating priests for mentioning the name of Jesus Christ, who, they declared, was a foreigner and must not be wor-shiped in Germany. Red Russia has destroyed the Greek Orthodox Church and transformed thousands of churches either into stables or workmen's clubs; and Nazi Germany is now working hard to destroy the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches by imprisoning the priests and the pastors, by terrorizing the faithful, and by actively encouraging and subsidizing anti-Christian propaganda. It took Red Russia only ten years to destroy the Greek Orthodox Church. It will take Nazi Germany less than that to destroy the Roman Catholic and the Protestant Churches.

N RED Russia, the intellectual is suspected and hated; I in Germany he is terrorized and held in contempt. The first nefarious deed of the Red Brethren was to dismantle the Russian universities, to expel the professors and to replace them by Bolshevik propagandists and to reduce Russian intellectual life to zero. One of the first things the Nazis did upon their coming into power was to dismantle the German universities, to expel the professors who were a glory to the name of German science and learning, and to replace them by Nazi agitators.

These striking similarities of the main features of the

life of Brown Germany and Red Russia find their explanation in the fact that the Red as well as the Brown sect, while feigning to hear a different music of the future, are in final analysis swayed by an identical theme song-to reduce men to such a position that they be only a means to an end and not an end in themselves.

In both countries, one program is adhered to-the program against the sovereignty and dignity of man's reason. Whatever the difference between the Red Slav and the Brown Teuton, both are animated by a savage desire to reduce man to a machine or an animal and to deprive him of every vestige of intellectual, spiritual and po-

While these phenomena may not have escaped the attention of keen observers, it has generally never been noticed that Brown Germany only followed suit, imitating Red Russia in every detail. The initiative for this campaign against man and his freedom must be credited to Russia; Germany only followed a set pattern. It is re-

Prof. Albert Einstein of Princeton University, Prof. P. S. Epstein of Pasadena, Cal.; Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, Dr. Abraham J. Rongy, Dr. Gabriel Segall and Rabbi Abba

markable that so gifted a people as the Germans should not have invented one single institution of their own when they embarked upon their mad policy of neo-despotism. This also testifies to the sterility of Naziism.

OUR object in calling attention to this similarity in Red and Brown institutions, policies, tendencies, attitudes and moods, is to point out that whoever fights the one tendency must necessarily battle the other. One cannot fight the Nazis without, at the same time, combating Communism; for both are interlinked, psychologically and historically. They are an unholy twin.

In materialistic, Marxistic, Communistic Russia, the fight against Judaism has assumed the form of a war against Jewish religion, Jewish ethics, and their derivative institutions. In racial, zoological and pathological Germany, the fight against Judaism has assumed the form of a war against Jewish blood. Jewish blood disqualifies a man and deprives him of his right to live, just as in Russia the Jewish spirit deprives a man of his right to

The fact that in Russia a person conscious of his Judaism is persecuted and oppressed and that in Germany a person with Jewish blood flowing in his veins is hunted and tormented does not constitute a different attitude towards Judaism. On the contrary, it indicates that the attitude is the same. But this similarity of attitude is not chance or accident, but a logical consequence of a certain and definite attitude to life and to the world

THE Jews, all over the world, hailed the French Revo L lution, in spite of its terrors, as a Messianic phenomenon in history, because they felt that the doctrine of the revolution, with its proclamation of man's freedom, man's dignity, and man's reason, was an echo of the sounds of Mount Sinai The French Revolution redeemed man from the shackles of medievalism and ushered in an era of human progress and enlightenment which lasted 120 years. The Red and Brown revolutions, however, destroying the very deed of the French Revolution, the emancipation of man, were recognized by the Jews, who have a very fine ear for world historic tremors, as calamities of cosmic magnitude. Nor could it be forgotten that, while the French Revolution emancipated the Jew in Europe, the Red and Brown revolutions enslaved him-not by chance or accident but because the spirit of these two revolutions was deliberately and planfully directed against Judaism with its idealistic world picture. When you hate an idea, you also hate its bearer. Both Red Russia and Brown Germany hate the Jew with a terrific hatred; the one hates him spiritually, the other biologically. Of course, there is no governmental anti-Semitism in Russia-after the Bolshevik Government has reduced Russian Judaism ashes. If the Russian Jews had any possibility of resisting the onslaught of the Red state against Judaism and could cling to Jewish traditions and to Jewish spiritual heritage, every Russian Jew would rot away in a Russian concentration camp. Having blown out every spark of life of Russian Judaism, the Government can leave the Jew unmolested. Brown Germany has not yet succeeded in annihilating the last vestige of life of all German Jewry, whose very existence is a protest against the essence of Naziism; hence the white rage and black fury of the Nazis against the unfortunate German Jews.

American Jews who either sympathize or play with Red Russia are not less perverted intellectually than the few Nazi Jews in Germany who are led by that renegade, Doctor Neumann. Those American Jews-and fortunately they are only a handful-who sympathize with Red Russia, either conceal their empty minds and hearts or they are victims of a stupid vogue. They do not realize they are in sympathy with that sinister force which has created a pattern for Nazi Germany, which has destroyed the attainments of the French Revolution, ing and in doing so has forced man to turn the clock backward.

Green, A. F. L. President, Says

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.-(Universal Service.) - Communists, aiming "to pollute and seduce the American Federation of Labor," cmented the New York WPA strike voted today, Works Progress Administrator Gen. Hugh S. Johnson charged tonight.

In a radio speech over a nationwide NBC network. General Johnson declared that "better living for 1,250,000 helpless and hungry people is at stake" in the con troversy, and asserted:

"The Communist unions are not openly leading this strike against the Government. They are fooling organized labor into the blame for that. If this succeeds, they will strike later, depending on your action, and then the history of this age will be written-that organized labor led a communistic strike against the Government and people of the United States."

UNREST SPREADING

Earlier today at Atlantic City, where the executive council of President William Green said reports were received of increasing dissatisfaction with the WPA wage in many cities and that strikes similar to the one voted in New York threatened in Boston, Chicago, Kansas City, Cleveland, San Francisco and Seattle. Disregarding pleas of General McAdoo Lunches

The strike, in protest against 100,000

The vote came after Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins made it plain he would not meet labor's demands.

Lemon Marketing Hearing Sept. 10

-Issuance of a State Supreme Court alternative writ of prohibition against the Los Angel of the State the constitutionality Pro-rate Commi ion's lemon crop marketin limitation order. g, to be held in Los Angeles, will establish whether program" is a violation of

(Continued From Page One) with ostrich feathers for evening," represent an Ethiopian idea, doubtless.

Increasing Resentment Over Pay Brewing Further Tieups

immediate general strike on WPA projects throughout the city late

the "security wage" maximum of \$93.50 a month for skilled workers, is expected to cripple work relief machinery, under which persons are employed

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.-(A)

Col. Frank B. Shutts, who owns the Miami Herald and prints this column on the front page of it every day, on his way through New York, remarks: "Building permits in Miami and Miami Beach for the first seven months this year gained more than 79 per cent over the same period last year. We do not like the word 'boom,' but we have that word in Miami. It is a healthy boom. Only New York, Los Angeles Detroit and Boston, with populations far in excess of metropolitan Miami, equal that building figure."

Government would spend 320 million dollars in New York, and Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, WPA administrator, has charge of the job. Wages are fixed by law, but union labor says "you can't do that to us. You must pay the highest union scale wages," and union labor strikes.

The general says "just too bad for those that strike.

Lillian Sherman. Daughter Hurt

Mrs. Lillian Sherman, divorced wife of Harry Sherman, motion picture producer, and her daughter, Arlynne, were being treated in the Madera County Hospital yesterday for injuries received in an automobile collision.

The accident occurred Wednesday when Mrs. Sherman's car collided with one driven by H. E. Peterson, Fairmead.

With Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 .- (AP)-(Democrat) California, and afterwards said: "We discussed a lot of Cal-

Dock Leader, in East, Mus Be in San Francisco Today to Obtain His Final Papers

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.-(A)-Unless Harry Bridges, militant waterfront labor leader, who is on the East Coast, appears be fore the immigration division tomorrow, his opportunity for applying for citizenship will have lapsed for the second time.

Paul Armstrong, assistant director of immigration here, declared today Bridges' legal status is quite regular. When an alien desires to become a citizen, he explained, he takes out first papers, and then at the end of two years may apply for natural-

Bridges took out first papers in New Orleans in 1921, Armstrong said the record shows. In 1928, when the prescribed sevenyear period had elapsed, he had failed to appear. The following month he applied again for first papers. The second seven-year period elapses tomorrow.

The labor leader "jumped ship," Armstrong said, in San Francisco April 12, 1920, when he arrived

State Allocation on Oil Output Hit

SANTA ANA, Aug. 8.-(A')-Asking that the state be enjoined from prescribing allocations on oil production or padlocking wells, the Fortuna Petroleum Corporation today filed a peti-

tion here in Superior Court.

The concern charged that curtailment of Huntington Beach President Roosevelt had lunch oil production, which recently retoday with Senator McAdoo sulted in the padlocking of numerous wells tapping the state cause of threats of two major

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your reputation. This would be a sort of admixture of God with Satan. Under Chasidic Law, it is possible, but then you are such a realist and logician that I just can not make up my mind how to discuss this matter with you. I know that the Jewish Daily Bulletin attempted to sell some of its space to a number of prominent writers, instead of paying for articles. Nevertheless, it seems that that publication was doomed to financial failure. I trust that you are not undertaking a similar program.

Please do not misunderstand the contents of this letter, and the feeling of our group with regard to the matter herein discussed. We have no personal feud with Rabbi Silver, and we are fully cognizant of the respect and admiration that he enjoys among many Jewish people in this Country, but we just thought that you and your Reflex were "different." Now, we are somewhat disillusioned.

Under the circumstances, I am enclosing herewith my check to cover my own subscription but as to doing any work among others in Cleveland, I am compelled to refer you to the Cleveland member of your Editorial Board for assistance. I am sure that upon his return to Cleveland, Rabbi Silver ought to be, through his prominence and ability, in greater position to get you subscriptions for The Reflex, than we humble critics.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Alfred H. Sachs

Mr. Alfred H. Sachs 716 Leader Building Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Sachs:

In answer to your curious letter dated August 12th, Ludwig Lewisohn and Maurice Samuels are members of the Editorial Board of the Opinion and consequently cannot serve on the Board of The Reflex. Louis D. Brandes and Cardoza cannot serve on the Board of any publication because of their judicial positions. Horace Kallen is a useless woman and Felix Frankfurter could not be reached when our Board was organized.

I wanted to have on the Editorial Board an outstanding Jewish Theologian. No matter what you fellows think of Rabbi Hillel Silver, he is the foremost Jewish theologian in America today. To my best knowledge, he is a very scholarly Rabbi, a highly gifted man, probably the most gifted man in the American Rabbinate, and a very devoted Jew. I know and you know that the worries and needs of his people keep him busy day and night. The fact that you and my other friends in Cleveland are at loggerheads with Rabbi Hillel Silver, is no reason for me and the other members of the Board to disqualify him intellectually and ethically.

Since you are frank with me, I want to be frank with you too. I have known Rabbi hillel Silver for over 20 years. I have seen him engaged in many fights and controversies, and I want to admit to you that I have a deepseated love and admiration for the man. This admission may hurt you, but I feel that in view of your letter, I have to make it. It is true that I could have obtained the consent of any other outstanding Jewish personality to serve on the Board of The Reflex, but I wanted Rabbi Hillel Silver to be connected with the magazine. I am glad that he consented to serve, and I am very proud of his association with The Reflex.

To tell you that he is on the Board just by chance would be sheer hypocrisy. The fact is that I wanted him on the Board and that Einstein, Rongy, Epstein and the other members of the Board also wanted him to be associated with us. I thus plead guilty to the "felony" with which you charge me and am ready to take the punishment.

That is all for today, brother. With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever

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624 SOUTH LA BREA AVENUE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

September 20, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have before me two letters from Albert Einstein commenting on the two opening articles of the August and September issues of The Reflex. The opening article of the August issue he described as "vortrefflich" and the article of the September issue as having spirit and that it is a pleasure to read !"

Dr. Rongy of New York tells me in his last letter that the New York press quotes the Reflex copiously and that the magazine is getting a lot of publicity in the New York dailies.

I am glad to report to you that the leaders of the Los Angeles Jewish community including Rabbi Magnin, Rabbi Isaacson, and Rabbi Jacob Kohn are taking a hand in The Reflex and are helping it in every possible way. As we go along we will increase the number of the pages and bring it to its former level.

Professor Einstein promised to raise some money for The Reflex in the East to enable me to send it to public and university libraries and Christian ministers. I have your promise to raise some money for the same purpose in Cleveland. Since the Nazis are crowding the shelves of all American libraries with their venemous literature, The Reflex should be in every library, too.

There are some 250 college and public libraries in the state of Ohio and it would require \$500. to place them all on the subscription list. From my past experience with you I know that you belong to those rare and few souls who always live up to their word and there is no doubt in my mind that you will not disappoint us now either.

Will you be kind enough to instruct your secretary to send me a list of 200 to 300 names of Cleveland Jews who in your opinion would subscribe to the Reflex? From the enclosed correspondence you will see that I can no longer

Rabbi Silver Page 2 rely on my Zionist friends in Cleveland. Is it too much to ask you to jot down your impressions of the 19th Zionist Congress and mail them out to me for the November issue? You have four weeks time to do it. The local members of the Editorial Board, Professor Epstein,
Mr. Leon L Lewis and Dr. Segall suggested to me that I ask you
to write something for The Reflex on the last Zionist Congress. I wouldn't have the audacity to do it now because I know that you will be very busy these days after an absence of three months from your city. Besides I would be afraid that you would call me pest and "nudnik". But if you write the article, you may call me pest and "nudnik and I won't be angry. With kind regards and many thanks, I am Yours as ever belowns SMM: VR

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624 SOUTH LA BREA AVENUE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

October 4, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Melamed took seriously ill 10 days ago and had to be rushed to the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital where he underwent an emergency appendectomy. He was a very sick man, indeed, but I am happy to report that he is out of danger and his condition is entirely satisfactory. As a matter of fact, I was assured by his surgeon in charge that he might be taken home in ten days.

However, I do not believe he will be in a condition to do any work for some time, surely not on the November issue. I am therefore writing to you again, at the suggestion of the local members of the Editorial Board, to ask you to please prepare for us an article on the Zionist Congress and have it reach us not later than the 20th of this month.

Incidentally - Dr. Melamed's illness and the serious nature thereof made a heavy drain on our finances. As a matter of fact we used all our available resources to save his life. I have no way of replenishing the funds at short notice. I am therefore wondering if it would not be possible for you in some way to get us a little money here for subscriptions, such as Dr. Melamed discussed with you at the Convention? I assure you any amount that you may be able to get for us would be of considerable help. Won't you please try your utmost?

Might I ask you to kindly let me hear from you by return Air Mail, still better, by wire?

With kindest personal regards and my sincerest wishes for a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. Henry Arnold Secretary-Manager

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October 5, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Since I am confined to a sick bed and am unable to write, the literary material for the November issue of The Reflex must be furnished by the members of the Editorial Board, including Albert Einstein.

You are the only one of the Board from whom we haven't heard yet. Please drop me a line to let me know that we may expect your contribution of not less than 2500 word by the 20th, dealing with some phase of the Zionist Congress.

The local members of the Board insist that you write this article and I promised them repeatedly to transmit their request to you.

Be well, keep your peace of mind.

Yours as ever,

Dictated by S.M.MELAMED

October 8, 1935 Dr. S. M. Melamed, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, 4833 Fountain Ave., Los Angeles, California. My dear Dr. Melamed: I received your letter of October 5 asking me to write an article for the November issue of the Reflex. You must realize that this is our High Holyday season and that a Rabbi has enough on his hands to prepare his holiday sermons and attend to numerous duties for this season. It is therefore out of the question for me to write an article on the Zionist Congress, especially since

I haven't the ability to rush off short articles at short notice.

I am awfully sorry to hear that you have not been well. I trust that you are fully recovered by this time. I should like to help you out in the way of an article. The only thing I can suggest is an abstract of the paper which I read before the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Chicago last June which is a critique of the famous Pittsburgh Platform of 1885 and which created quite a sensation at the Conference. If you want it, wire me and I shall do my best to make an adequate abstract of the paper.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours.

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October 11, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Since I am still at the hospital and not yet able to write myself, I must content myself with dictating this letter to you instead of writing to you personally.

Yesterday I asked Mr. Arnold to send you a wire requesting you to send me the digest of your paper which you read at the Rabbinical Conference, to be used in the November issue of The Reflex. I am sorry I have to disagree with you as to the value of that paper. No matter how hurridly you are going to prepare it, I know it is going to be good and our readers will enjoy reading it. If you haven't done so, please send it by Air Mail immediately upon receipt of this letter.

I know you are busy with other matters and I hate to impose upon your valuable time, but circumstances compel me to write to you again about the subscriptions you so kindly promised to get for me as soon as you returned from Europe. My illness raised havoc with the funds of The Reflex and the office is very much up against it at this moment.

I would therefore appreciate it more than I can tell you if you would send in as many subscriptions as you possibly can get immediately. I am sure you will have no difficulty in getting at least 100 right away. However, if you cannot give time to it right now, perhaps you can get some one to advance the money for the subscriptions and send it to me, sending in the names afterwards. Several hundred dollars at this time would be a God-send.

Dear friend, please do it for me. I shall be everlastingly grateful to you for your aid in time of need. As I expect to leave the hospital by the early part of next week, I would suggest that you address me care of the Reflex office.

Thanks a lot and with my very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dictated by S. M. MELAMED

Viola Rose
Secretary

October 11, 1935

B. Henry Arnold, Secretary-Manager, The Reflex, 624 South La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Arnold:

I am enclosing herewith the abstract of the Paper on "Israel" which I promised to send to you. I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With all good wishes to you and to Dr. Melamed.

Very cordially.

AHS:BK Enc.

October 14, 1935 Dr. S. M. Melamed, Editor, The Reflex, Los Angeles, California: Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 11. I can understand the emergency in which the Reflex finds itself. But I hope that you will understand that during the High Holyday Season and the opening of our Temple activities, I have no time for getting subscriptions for the Reflex, or for that matter, for any other work outside of my Temple duties. I have been away the entire summer and my work here has terrifically accumulated. There are many important things that will have to wait for some time before I can get to them. I am, however, sending you my personal check for \$100 as an advance on these subscriptions. I trust it will be of some help to you. I have made an abstract of the Paper which I read before the Central Conference of American Rabbis last summer and have mailed it to you. It is about one-third of the original which will be printed in brochure. With all good wishes for a complete recovery, I remain Very cordially yours. AHS: BK Enc.

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October 16, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A thousand thanks for your kind letter of the 14th and prompt response financially. Your check for \$100. was a life-saver. Both Dr. Melamed and I thank you from the very bottoms of our hearts.

Dr. Melamed returned from the hospital last night, but he is still very weak and unable to give any attention to his duties. He will probably have to stay home for at least 10 days.

He asked me to write to you and thank you for both your kind assistance and your article which he finds interesting, stimulating and highly valuable. As soon as he can he will write to you personally about it.

He also asked me to tell you that he is so pleased with the article that he will make editorial comment thereon.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

B. Henry Arnold Secretary-Manager

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October 17, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I came back from the hospital yesterday sans a ruptured appendix and sans fifteen pounds. At present I am completely devitalized and it will take me some time before I will be on my feet. But in spite of my state of health, I read your piece "Israel" and I must say that it is the keenest critical analysis of Reformed Judaism that I ever came across. I am certain that the readers of The Reflex will have a great time studying it.

The piece will be published in the November issue of The Reflex under the title "Transvaluating Jewish Values". Your own title "Israel" is too pale for a magazine article.

The note that the article ishen abstract of a piece read at the Annual Convention of/Central Conference of American Rabbis, is superfluous from an editorial point of view. But if you insist on having the note, I will transpose it below the page and make it a footnote.

I will also have an editorial note in the current Reflex commenting on the article.

By the way, did you read Joseph Klausner's new book on "St. Paul"? This learned jackass of the Hebrew University is not a plain fool but a titled one. According to his ideas St. Paul meant to serve Judaism, and was guided by what he understood to be Judaism.

With kindest regards and many thanks.

Yours as ever.

Dictated by S. M. MELAMED

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October 30, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am herewith enclosing a list of libraries in whose names subscriptions have been entered covered by your check of \$100.00

I am also enclosing copy of the usual letter that we send out with all gift subscriptions. This is our usual procedure and I hope same meets with your approval.

Should you have any special libraries that you would like to have The Reflex go to, please let us have their names and we shall be glad to put them on our list.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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October 30, 1935 Librarian Public Library Massillon, Ohio Dear Sir: This is to advise you that through the courtesy of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, E 105th St at Ansel Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, a subscription to The Reflex for one year was entered in your name. Under separate cover we are mailing you a copy of the October issue. May I suggest that you acknowledge the receipt of the gift direct to Dr. Silver and also to this office? Cordially yours, B. Henry Arnold Secretary-Manager BHA: VR

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November 11, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver

Due to Dr. Melamed's illness the getting out of the November issue of the Reflex was delayed and in the rush that ensued Saturday a non-proofed copy was sent to you. Kindly disregard that issue as it contains numerous typographical errors. The corrected copy will be mailed to you immediately.

I regret this incident but you may rest assured that now that Dr. Melamed is back on the job, (part time only), the Reflex will be out regularly and in proper shape.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

B. Henry Arnold Secretary-Manager

BHA: VR

December 31st

Dr. S.M. Melamed, c/o The Reflex Magazine, 700 South La Brea, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Doctor Melamed:

The undersigned local members of the editorial board of the Reflex Magazine met this noon to decide on some concerted action. This letter sets forth the conclusions arrived at.

In view of the unsettled status of the Reflex Magazine and the charges and counter-charges between Mr. Arnold and yourself, it is the desire of those of us who were present to suspend our connection as members of the editorial board. We are reserving judgment on the merits of the controversy until such time as the audit is completed.

In the meantime, however, you are directed to remove our names from the editorial page and to instruct your staff not to permit our names to be used in any connection whatsoever. This action is taken because we understand the magazine has numerous creditors in amounts totaling several thousand dollars and that there is imminent danger of suspension of publication. You can readily appreciate that any further solicitation of subscriptions under such conditions might be considered as perpetrating a fraud on the public and that failure on our part to take such action as lay in our power would reflect on us personally.

Upon delivery of the auditor's report, another meeting will be called to which you and Mr. Arnold will be invited to consider the merits of the situation and, if the facts warrant the conclusion that the magazine has a chance of surviving, we may reconsider our present action.

Very truly yours.

(Signed)

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January 2.,1936

Rabbi Hillel Silver Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I take it upon myself to notify you that the local members of the Editorial Board of the "Reflex" magazine found it necessary to withdraw from the Editorial Board. I am enclosing herewith a copy of our letter, adressed to Dr. Melamed, which expresses the conclusions arrived at by the undersigned.

Very sincerely yours

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March 29, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I presume that you are familiar with Dr. Melamed's atrocious activities in this city. The Jewish leaders are up in arms against him. He nevertheless persists in carrying on his nefaraious and sinister work under the guise of publishing the Reflex.

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The Reflex which I reorganized at an enourmous cost to me and my friends will end soon. A petition in bankrupcy is being prepared against it. In spite of that and in spite of the fact that he was ordered by the former local members of the editorial board to cease using their names, he still solicits funds and uses their names misrepresenting the facts.

Ma, I suggest that you communicate with Professor P. S. Epstein, Caltech, Pasalena, before you get yourseff further involved with that irresponsible individual.

If you wish further information I shall be glad to let you have it upon request. With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,