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JEWISH CHARITIES OF PHILADELPHIA 330 SOUTH NINTH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA.

March 15, 1927.

Dear Silver:

I am enclosing copy of a letter to Harold Kellock, of the Russian Information Bureau. Kellock is only an employe in the Bureau, but I am hopeful that his chief, whom I do not know personally, will exert himself in the matter.

It is amazing what a thorough record the Soviet folk have of the people in this and other countries who have at various times expressed themselves for or against the Government. I have no doubt but that you are "properly recorded." Inasmuch as you have, on several occasions, publicly expressed your distrust, etc., of the Soviet, the chances are that Moscow has knowledge of the fact and a visa will be difficult to obtain. Then again, the fact that you are a rabbi might militate a bit. The Soviet isn't very fond of ministers, although, as I come to think of it, there were one or two Church leaders in the Sherwood Eddy group last summer. Should I fail to get satisfaction from Washington I will write direct to Dr. Rosen. I am inclined to think he might be able to accomplish something definite, although I note in the papers that Herman Bernstein was turned down again, despite Rosen's influence in his behalf.

Recht of New York City. Judge Mack knows him quite well. Recht will do anything for Mack. Suppose you also drop a line to Mack, asking him to take the matter up with Recht. Mack is now in Florida, P.O.Box 587, Palm Beach, and is likely to return any day. I would suggest your sending your original letter to the Woolworth Building, New York, and a copy to Florida.

I do hope you will be able to get into Russia -- a great world in the making.

With kindest regards,

Yours,

Rabbi A. H. Silver.

March 15, 1927.

Mr. Harold Kellock, Russian Information Bureau, 2819 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kellock:

One of my dear friends, Rabbi Abba Hilleh Silver, of Cleveland, is planning to spend the summer abroad. Both Rabbi and Mrs. Silver are anxious to visit Russia and familiarize themselves particularly with the colonization work among the Jews.

Rabbi Silver is one of the two or three leading rabbie in this country, - a person of great elequence and tremendous influence. I should love to have him visit Russia, so that he might bring back with him a picture of the back-to-the-soil movement among the Jewish people. I do wish, dear Kellock, you would take this matter up with the proper authorities and use all of your influence to obtain a visa for Rabbi and Mrs. Silver.

I am constantly importuned by people to obtain visas for them, but, for obvious reasons, I cannot entertain the various appeals. In the case, though, of Rabbi Silver, I do wish you would make an exception and please use your best efforts.

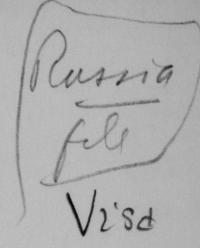
With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Jacob Billikott

JACOB BILLIKOPF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH CHARITIES OF PHILADELPHIA 330 SOUTH NINTH STREET PHILADELPHIA. PA. March 16, 1927.



Dear Silver:-

I am enclosing a letter from Kellock which is self-explanatory and also one to Kellock. After hearing from the latter I shall write to Dr. Rosen, but there is just one difficulty connected with the situation which I want to point out to you frankly.

Rosen wields tremendous influence in Moscow. His requests are almost always granted, although he has been turned down twice when he sought a visa for Herman Bernstein, but like Caesar's wife, Rosen has to be above suspicion. He dare not sponsor any one who on his return to this country is likely to attach the Soviet Government. Rosen's position then will be compromised. He will lose his prestige and his usefulness will be weakened. Any number of concessions have been made to the J. D. C. just because Rosen is at the head of the work in Moscow. If, therefore, you or any one Rosen sponsors would come back and criticise the Government - he would have to bear the blame and our work would suffer. So sensitive is Rosen on this point that when on my return to the United States I gave out an interview pleading for recognition, etc., but pointing to a few foibles in the Government - Rosen intimated that I should not have given out the interview.

Let me hear from you further before I write to Rosen.

Hastily yours,

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Rabbi A. H. Silver

" Rustia" Vr'sa March 17, 1927. Mr. Jacob Billikopf, Federation of Jewish Charities, 330 So. Ninth St. Phila, Pa. My dear Billikopf: Thank you very much for your letter of March 15th and for the trouble which you have taken in writing to Mr. Kellock. At your suggestion, I have also written to Judge Mack. I shall be very much interested in knowing what Mr. Kellock's reply is. With kindest regards to Mrs. Billikopf and yourself, in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I am Very sincerely yours, AHS: NEB

March 17, 1927.

Dear Kellock:-

Dr. Joseph Rosen in charge of the Joint Distribution Committee work in Russia either knows Rabbi Silver personally and, if not, is surely familiar with the extraordinary position Rabbi Silver holds in American Jewish life.

Inasmuch as your colleague, Mr. Skvirsky would have to forward Rabbi Silver's application to Moscow, do you not think it possible that it would be best for me to take the matter up direct with Dr. Rosen, who might succeed in obtaining speedier action. But, if a recommendation from Mr. Skvirsky would be acceptable to the Soviet authorities, we might let your office take the matter up. Please let me hear from you.

You should have been at the Philadelphia Foreign Policy Association meeting held at the Bellevue Stratford some weeks ago, when my discussion on Russia was followed by a speech delivered by Prof. Sorokin. He called me all sorts of names. It was a hectic occasion.

With kindest regards.

Cordially yours

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Mr. Harold Kellock, Soviet Union Information Bureau, 2819 Connecticut Avenue, Washington. D. C.

"Russia" a. H. S. "Passport" March 17, 1927. Judge Julian Mack, Woolworth Bldg. New York City. My dear Judge Mack: Mrs. Silver and I are planning to spend our summer abroad and we should like to get into Russia. I wrote to Billikopf, asking him how to go about getting a visa from the Soviet Government. He wrote a letter to Mr. Harold Kellock of the Russian Information Bureau in Washington, D.C. He also suggested that I write you, inasmuch as you are acquainted with Mr. Charles Recht, who is the attorney for the Soviet. I would appreciate very much if you could help us in the matter. With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Mack, in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I am Very sincerely, AHS: NEB

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CHARLES RECHT
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
110 WEST FORTIETH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

March 31st, 1927

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

In order to enter Russia, it will be necessary for you to make application for a visa to the Visa Department, People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

It generally takes at least two months before such application is acted upon. New regulations have just been promulgated at Moscow and we cannot state at this time with just what success you may meet.

We regret that our personal assistance in this matter would be of no avail as we are not authorized to make any recommendations to Moscow or to undertaking the securing of visas.

However, if we can be of help to you in any other respect, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Faithfully yours, Charles Recht.

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Photograph with applicant's signature to be attached here.

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to be filled out by persons desiring to enter the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

- For the information of applicants:

 1. Answers to the questions contained herein must be exact and complete. Persons failing to give exhaustive answers should not expect to receive a permit for admission to the U.S.S.R.
- 2. Children under 10 years of age need not present photographs. Children under 15 years are not required to fill out applications, but their names are to be given in the questionaire of the adult person whom they accompany.

QUESTIONS:

ANSWERS:

- 1. Surname, First Name, Middle Name (Persons having several surnames or pennames must state all of them)
- 2. Place of Birth
- 3. Age
- 4. Are you married or single
- 5. Citizenship, past and present
- 6. By whom is your passport issued? Date and number of passport.
- 7. Education (general and special)
- 8. Main profession, also present occupation. (If you are employed, state name and address of employer and capacity in which employed.
- 9. To what locality (city) of the USSR do you wish to go?
- 10. When do you wish to start?
- 11. Through which frontier do you intend to enter the Soviet Union?
- 12. How long do you intend to remain in the U.S.S.R.?
- 13. Object of journey (indicate what you are planning to do).
- 14. If you are going on business, answer the following questions:
 - a. What firms do you represent and by whom are you being commissioned?
 - b. State exactly what you intend to do in the U.S.S.R. and on what scale you are planning to carry it out.
 - c. What firms and individuals do you propose to approach and negotiate with?
 - d. What means (financial as well as technical) have you at your disposal?

e. It is required that you give references of banks, commercial firms, and private individuals abroad as well as in the USSR (you may even name old Russian Firms). If Persons under 16 years are accompanying you, 15. state their relation to you, the surname, first name, and age of each one. 16. If you have ever resided in the USSR before, you are requested to answer the following questions: a. When, where, what was your occupation? (State, city, address, place of employment, in what capacity you had been employed). b. To what political party do you belong, since when? If you left, state when and why. c. If you participated in military operations against the USSR, state on what front, when, in what unit, in what capacity; whether you had been conscripted or volunteered. d. Where you ever prosecuted or sentenced by legal or administrative process (if so, when, where and why?) e. Did you possess any real estate in the U.S.S.R. (state what and where) f. Have you any relatives in the USSR. If so, state their surnames, first names. patronymic, also age, address and occupation. g. When, why and under what circumstances did you leave the USSR (Russia). If after Nov. 7th, 1917, state who issued your foreign passport and visa, date of issuance and number of same, also indicate by what route and through what frontier you left Russia. What persons residing here can you give as refer-17. ence (their names and addresses). 18. Names and addresses of persons now residing in the USSR, who know applicant well and can vouch for him or her. 19. Enumerate documents attached hereto. 20. REMARKS Address Month date year Signed -Note: This application blank (or questionaire) is to be filled out in triplicate and three photographs are to be attached. One to each conv.



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Mr. S. Frederick Knoblock, District Passenger Agent, Holland America Line, Union Trust Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Knoblock:-

I have to thank you for your kind favor of March 28th having reference to what procedure is necessary to secure a Soviet Russian visa in behalf of an American citizen.

I took this matter up personally with the Russian Consul General, this city, and he stated that a visa of this nature could not be granted through his office, but that the matter would have to be referred to their headquarters at Moscow.

We recently had a similar request from our Chicago Office and I am attaching hereto a questionaire which has to be filled out in triplicate and forwarded to Moscow together with four photographs. The attached questionaire was sent to us by our Chicago Office, and I am passing same along to you for your information.

If there is anything further I can do please do not hesitate to advise. With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours, (Signed) F. M. Vaz.

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Judge Julian Mack, Woolworth Building, New York City.

My dear Judge Mack,

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I have received from Mr. Charles Recht. How do you interpret it? Does it seem that they do not want me to get into Russia, or it it worthwhile going to the trouble of writing to Moscow for the visa?

With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours,

"Nerria"

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CHARLES RECHT
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
110 West Fortieth Street
New York City

March 31st, 1927

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver,

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We regret that our personal assistance in this matter would be of no avail as we are not authorized to make any recommendations to Moscow or to undertake the securing of visas.

However, if we can be of help to you in any other respect, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Charles Recht

The letter of which the above is a copy was mailed to Judge Mack on April 2.1927.

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Miss Norma E. Bloomfield, Office of the Temple, 105th & Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Bloomfield:-

Complying with our personal conversation regarding the possibility of assisting Rabbi Silver in his efforts to obtain the necessary visa to enable him to enter Soviet Russia, we beg to enclose herewith, for your confidential use, copy of a letter received from our Montreal Office with regard to his interview with the Russian Consul General stationed at Montreal.

You will also find enclosed a copy of the questionaire mentioned in Montreal's letter, also instructions regarding same.

For your further information, may we inform you that our New York Office, as far as they have been able to ascertain, advise that a delegate to the Soviet government is enroute to this country. As soon as he arrives here, we understand, matters pertaining to travel to and from Russia will be definitely settled.

Of course, Rabbi Silver's attorney in the East, who incidently represents the Sovient government in America, is fully aware of this delegate's intended visit and will, no doubt, be of great assistance to Rabbi Silver in this matter.

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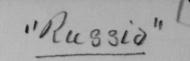
We will advise you further on this

Trusting the above will be of some assistance to your good Rabbi and assuring you of our further personal cooperation, we beg to remain

Faithfully yours,

S. Frederick Knoblock. District Passenger Agent.

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THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH CHARITIES OF PHILADELPHIA 330 SOUTH NINTH STREET PHILADELPHIA. PA. May 13, 1927.

Dear Silver :-

You must have been in bad humor when you wrote your letter of the 10th. To my knowledge, you never asked the J.D.C. to obtain a visa in Russia, so you cannot hold that organization in any way responsible. You did write to me as an individual (and, by the way, I am not at all in the J.D.C. councils and have attended only one Executive Meeting in my life and that was when I made a plea for the Ruttenberg plan) and as a friend I tried my level best both through Washington and Moscow to obtain your visa, but I failed. So, of course, you will not hold the J.D.C. responsible for my inefficiency.

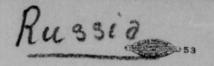
The letter in which Dr. Rosen stated he could not obtain the visa was one containing a lot of other personal references of a confidential nature, otherwise, I would have sent it to you. From the letter, I am satisfied that he did everything he could to obtain the visa but did not succeed.

Yours, Billikoth

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

P. S. I felt from the outset that the one person who could best manage the job would be Charles Recht. What have you heard from Mack on the subject.

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Brotherhood of Locomoline Engineers Journal

ALBERT F. COYLE, ACTING EDITOR AND PUBLICITY MANAGER JOHN F. WELCH. ASSISTANT EDITOR

B. OF L. E. BUILDING CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 18, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 106th Street Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Coyle asked me to send you a copy of the letter he sent to Mr. Recht relative to your entrance into Russia, copy of which I herewith enclose.

Very truly yours,

Betty E: Jane
Secretary to Mr. Coyle

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May 18, 1927

Mr. Albert F.Coyle
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Journal
B. of L. E. Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Coyle:

I wish to correct your impression that I have authority to arrange for passport visas in this country. I have no such authority nor has any one else here. It rests entirely with Moscow.

Judge Mack has already written me about Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland and while I have explained my position to Rabbi Silver, I have nevertheless asked him to come to see me when he is in this city.

In the meanwhile, I shall send copy of your letter to Miss Lucy Brenham of the Committee of Cultural Relations of Russia and to the office in Washington. I feel confident that they will do everything they can, in view of what you and Judge Mack say about Rabbi Silver, to assist him in his contemplated visit to Russia.

I thank you for the interest you are taking and when you have occasion to come to New York I hope I shall have the pleasure of meeting you personally.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Recht

110 West 40th Street

New York City

"Russia" ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 1865 Brotherhood of Locomolive Engineers Inernal ALBERT F. COYLE, ACTING EDITOR AND PUBLICITY MANAGER
JOHN F. WELCH, ASSISTANT EDITOR B. OF L. E. BUILDING CLEVELAND, OHIO May 20, 1927 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: I enclose copy of letter I have just received from Charles Recht. The letter is self-explanatory. If I can be of any further service to you in the passport matter, please command me. With sincerest regards. AFC. BY Encl.

March 22, 1927.

Dear Dr. Rosen:-

Rabbi and Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland are anxious to visit Russia next summer. Of course, you know Rabbi Silver, if not personally, then by reputation. In a word, he is one of the ablest men in the American pulpit and a genuinely great leader among our people.

Realizing that you are being constantly importuned to obtain visas I did not want to trouble you, but wrote to Harold Aellock, a friend of mine, connected with the Soviet Information Bureau in Washington. I am enclosing a letter from Kellock from which you will note that Mr. Skvirsky has written to Moscow. Will you be good enough to make inquiry at the Moscow office whether the Skvirsky letter arrived and if so, I am sure that a few words from you will result in Rabbi Silver obtaining the necessary papers.

I note that after all Herman Bernstein failed to obtain a visa.

The photograph of the Rabbinical Convention in Zhitomir arrived. What a distinguished looking group.

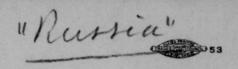
Do you get the Menorah Journal? If not, I am having the March issue sent to you under separate cover. Louis Fischer's article on Poland has created quite a furore. He gives an unjust picture of the J. D. C. activities in Poland. Our mutual friend, David Brown, is all 'up in the air.' I, too, took Henry Hurwitz to task because in the issue in which the Fischer article appeared he failed to publish whatever comments J. D. C. leaders might have had to make on the subject.

Mindest regards.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Joseph Rosen

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Brotherhood of Locomolive Engineers Journal

ALBERT F. COYLE, ACTING EDITOR AND PUBLICITY MANAGER JOHN F. WELCH, ASSISTANT EDITOR B. OF L. E. BUILDING CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 23, 1927

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In this morning's mail we received a letter from Harold Kellock of the Soviet Union Information Bureau. I am herewith enclosing a copy of same, although Mr. Coyle is not in the city, since I know that you will be interested in knowing what he writes.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Mr. Coyle

May 24, 1927.

Mr. Harold Kellock, Soviet Information Bureau, 2819 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Kellock:

I was in Washington last evening for a few hours and I gave myself the pleasure of calling on you and Mr. Skvirsky. Unfortunately neither of you was at home.

Earlier in the day I had seen Mr. Charles Recht in New York and he suggested that I call on you. I made application for a visa direct to the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs in Moscow on April 7th, a copy of which I am enclosing herewith.

We plan to go to Paris first and if possible we should like to obtain our visa in Paris.

Thanking you sincerely for all the courtesies which you have extended to me, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: NEB

Dovid Brown Russy Increased to \$25,000,000 UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN CHILD CARE, AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENTS. REFUGEES AND RELIEF IN FOREIGN LANDS UNDER AUSPICES: UNDER AUSPICES: DAVID A. BROWN, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AMERICAN JEWISH RELIEF COMMITTEE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE LOUIS MARSHALL, CHAIRMAN FELIX M. WARBURG, CHAIRMAN 512 PERSHING SQUARE BUILDING PEOPLES RELIEF COMMITTEE CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE 100 EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET ALEXANDER KAHN, CHAIRMAN LEON KAMAIKY, CHAIRMAN NEW YORK CITY May 26, 1927 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver East 105th and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio My dear Rabbi Silver. In a round about way, I have heard that you were considering going into Russia this summer. asked Mr. Hyman of our office here whether any communication had been received from you and his reply was that there had not been. While I know that the Russian Government's attitude towards rabbis and ministers is rather negative. except when they come into the country with an official group, yet I believe it would be possible in your case to secure a visa. Should you desire to go into Russia, and if I can be of any assistance in securing a visa for you, do not hesitate to call upon me. I suggest your writing me in care of my Detroit of fice. With kind regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself. I remain. Sincerely yours, alaustmour Give Them a Chance To Help Themselves

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June 22, 1927.

Rabbi Silver Care Albert F. Corle B. of L. E. Building Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We have received a letter signed by Mr. Charles Recht, and forwarded by Mr. Albert F. Coyle , referring to your proposed visit to Russia.

I suggest that you write concerning your visa to the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs (Narkomindel) Kusnetsky Most 5-15, Moscow, USSR. This is the usual way of bbtaining a visa.

I am , however, writing to Mr. Boris Skvirsky, of the Soviet Union Information Bureay, 2819 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., and asking him to do what he can to forward your request. A number of our members have visited Russia this summer, and we have, of course, been glad to do anything we could in assisting them to obtain visas.

We should be gald to have you as a member of the American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia , and if you know any other persoms interested in Russia we would appreciate having their names.

> Lucy Branhaue Very sincerely yours,

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. RE VISAS TO THE SOVIET UNION.

In order to enter any part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Russia), one must obtain a special permit or visa from the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs. Owing to the absence of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Soviet Union it is necessary that applicants write direct to Moscow.

It is essential to state in the application the address of the applicant, also in which city (Berlin, London, Paris, or any other) the applicant would prefer to have his or her passport vised, in order that the Moscow Foreign Office might be able to inform the proper consular representative concerning the issuance of a visa, in case such a visa is granted.

University students, teachers, artists, and generally those engaged in cultural pursuits may also write simultaneously concerning their proposed trip, to the USSR Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, Malaia Nikitakaia #6, Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Communications should be addressed as follows: Visa Dep't. of the People's Commissarist of Foreign Affairs (Narkomindel) Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

SOVIET UNION INFORMATION BUREAU.