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The Temple, memorial to Rabbi Gries, 1918-1919.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

November 14, 1918

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I received your letter of November 11th and regret that my duties here do not permit me to have the melancholy pleasure of attending the Memorial Service on Sunday morning, November 20th. When I first went to Cleveland Rabbi Gries was in the full greatness of his unusual powers. He was then already an established influence for good doing and high thinking in the city. I learned at first to admire and then frankly to lean upon him in many kinds of problems which were presented to me in connection with city affairs. His influence over his own congregation and community of course is too vivid a memory to need recalling, but I am glad to add the testimonial of one of his fellow-workers. His inspiration was constant and high, and though the influence of personality has no permanent external manifestation, surely the heart of Cleveland bears the marks of his having lived and worked in and for the city.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Newton D. Baker  
Secretary of War

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio



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THE TEMPLE E 55 AND CENTRAL AVE CLEVELAND O

YOU MAY COUNT ON MY BEING WITH YOU DECEMBER FIRST I APPRECIATE  
YOUR CONSIDERATION

ELO M FRANKLIN

646PM

also Tel. Rabbi Krans  
and Frank A. Scott-



November 22nd, 1918

Rabbi Lee M. Franklin,  
10 Edison Avenue,  
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Rabbi Franklin,

On my return from the West,  
I learned that you were kind enough to  
accept our invitation to deliver the  
Memorial Address on Sunday morning, Decem-  
ber first. I need not tell you how much  
I appreciate this. I am anticipating  
with great pleasure your coming.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



November 25th, 1913

Mrs. Julius J. Cohen,  
Corresponding Secretary,  
Hebrew Ladies Aid Society,  
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

My dear Mrs. Cohen,

Your letter of condolence was deeply appreciated by the family of Rabbi Moses J. Gries and by myself. We know that Rabbi Gries meant much to you and your community.

As a tribute and a memorial to Rabbi Gries, his friends and the members of this Congregation have founded a Gries Memorial Fund, to be used for the erection of a Memorial Chapel within the new Temple which we contemplate building in the near future.

Should your organization care to bespeak its tribute in this manner, I believe that it would be both beautiful and appropriate.

With kindest regards I beg  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,



CONGREGATION BETH EL  
DETROIT



Nov. 25th, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th & Central Aves.,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I beg to acknowledge with appreciation,  
your kind note of Nov. 22nd in which you  
say that you are glad to learn of my ac-  
ceptance of the invitation to deliver  
"The Memorial Address On Sunday Morning  
Next".

This leaves me somewhat uncertain as to  
just what is expected of me. Mr. Lowen-  
stein wrote that there were to be possibly three  
addresses of which mine was one.

Will you be good enough to advise me-  
if possible by return mail- a little  
more fully in order that I may prepare  
myself accordingly?

Thanking you in advance for your kindness  
and anticipating with pleasure our per-  
sonal meeting, I beg to remain, as always,

Faternally yours,

*Leah W. Frankel*



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Rabbi A H Silver

*The Temple*  
Cleveland Ohio

Official engagements make it impossible for Governor to accept your  
courteous invitation

Charles E Morris



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*Charles*



December 28th, 1918

Rabbi Leo M. Franklin,  
10 Edison Avenue  
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Rabbi Franklin,

I dislike to trouble you, but we  
are anxious to complete the record of the  
Memorial Services in honor of Rabbi Gries,  
to be presented to Mrs. Gries.

Could you not send us within the  
next day or so the manuscript or copy of your  
sermon. We will copy it for the book and return  
your copy to you if you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Above letter written also  
to Rabbi Nathan Krass, New York.



CONGREGATION BETH EL  
DETROIT

Dec. 31st, 1918.

Miss Frances H. Jones, Sec'y.,  
The Temple, E. 55th & Central,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Miss Jones:

I shall be exceedingly glad within the next day or two, to send on so far as I can reconstruct it, the Memorial Address which it was my privilege to deliver for Mr. Gries at the Service recently.

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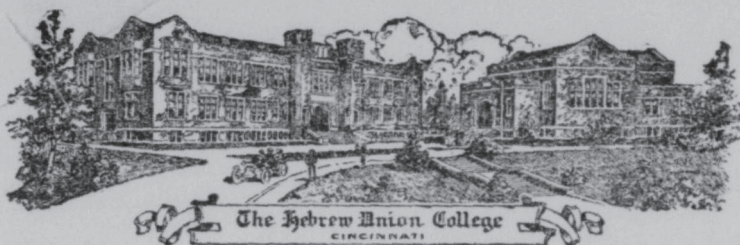
I had entirely forgotten that Mr. Lowenstein had asked me for a memorandum of my expenses. The matter is really unimportant as I had no expense outside of the actual travel which did not amount to much. You really need give yourself no concern about the matter.

With kindest personal regards and wishing you a Happy New Year, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

*Levin. Frank*





Dec. 31, 1918.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

We feel that we ought to have ~~se~~ some appropriate mention of the departed Rabbi Gries in our College journal, and we beg that you send <sup>us</sup> a brief account and appreciation of his life. We shall be equally glad to publish an elaborate article, if you should prefer that.

You will also bestow a great favor upon the journal you founded by sending us an article embodying ~~ye~~ your experiences abroad. We should accept with equal ~~ple~~ pleasure an article from you on any other subject.

The article on Rabbi Gries, we should like to have by January, 10.

With New Year Greetings, I am

Very truly yours,

*Leon Frank*

Acting Editor-in-Chief.



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January 8th, 1918

Mr. Leon Frank,  
Hahew Union College  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Frank,

I was very much pleased to receive your letter, in which you ask me to write an appreciation of the life of Rabbi Moses J. Gries.

Permit me to suggest the advisability of requesting Dr. Lee M. Franklin of Detroit, who was a life-long friend of Rabbi Gries, to send you a copy of his Memorial Address, which he delivered at the Memorial Service for Rabbi Gries, which was held in The Temple a few weeks ago. Dr. Franklin is in a far better position to estimate the services of Rabbi Gries than am I. I would ask him to send you the whole or a part of his very fine memorial tribute.

I am very grateful for your kindness in inviting me to contribute to the columns of the College Journal. Perhaps sometime in the near future, I may avail myself of your kind invitation.

Wishing you well, I am

Very sincerely yours,