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The Temple, general, 1934-1935.

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DR. GEORGE LEIKIN

FORMERLY CHIEF RABBI OF THE VOLGA REGION AND PROFESSOR OF
ROMAN LAW AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF KAZAN, RUSSIA, AND WIRZBURG, GERMANY

Bronx — NEW YORK
3560 Rochambeau Ave.

September 5 - 1934.

Rabbi Aba Hillel Silber
The Temple.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silber:

I am enclosing herewith a list of available lecture topics and an outline of my biography which had been used in Toledo. If there is still left in your heart some sentiment of friendship and sympathy to me, if you have some consideration for an unemployed rabbi and educator, struggling so desperately for existence by selling spiritual goods, which are of the gold standard ^{long} before the proclamation of the president, and looking for assistance and cooperation from his colleagues, I hope you will give me a chance to address your congregation, and I have no doubt I shall be appreciated in Cleveland as I have been at the Temple Israel Boston at the Rodaph Sholem in Pittsburg, Standard Club in Chicago and New Century Club in Boston and many others.

May I hope that at this time you will not humiliate me by leaving my letter and urgent request without a reply.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for a happy New Year to you, Mrs Silber and your children.

Cordially yours.

George Leikin

Jewish Educational League

LINWOOD AND SOUTHARD AVES.

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JOSEPH A. WOOLF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DR. GEORGE LEIKIN

Eminent Russian-Jewish Scholar, Educator and Leader

will give two addresses in Toledo

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1933

12:00 o'clock—Luncheon meeting—Fort Meigs Hotel

"The Communist Ideal and Its Realization"

8:15 o'clock—J. E. L. Auditorium, Linwood and Southard Ave.

"Political and Cultural Status of the Jews in Europe"

Toledo will have the privilege Monday, January 30, of hearing an Old World scholar on two most engrossing subjects—What is really going on in Russia—and—What is the status of more than eight million Jews in central and eastern Europe.

Dr. Leikin is an outstanding scholar, thinker and leader. He holds the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of St. Petersburg, and the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Law from Heidelberg, that great center of German scholarship.

Dr. Leikin was Professor of Jurisprudence and Roman Law at the University of Kazan, the oldest and most important University of old Russia. He also lectured on Philosophy and Law at the University of Wurtzenburg, Germany.

Dr. Leikin was the leader of the Jews of Russia during the Great War and after the Revolution. He was Chairman of the Committee of Jewish Communities of all Russia; the chief Rabbi and the Government Rabbi for the entire Volga region—15 provinces, with Kazan as its capital. Dr. Leikin there had complete civil, religious and financial jurisdiction over 800,000 Jews living in that vast area. In 1916 he was the spokesman of the Jews before the Czar upon the latter's visit of state to Kazan.

During the war Dr. Leikin was in charge of the relief work among the German and Austrian war prisoners and refugees. He was entrusted with funds for their relief by the American Embassy and the Hoover relief commission.

At the downfall of the Czarist government, Dr. Leikin assisted Kerensky in drawing up the first republican constitution for Russia. When Lenin seized power, Leikin was drafted by the Communists to help draw up their constitution. Prof. Leikin was intimately acquainted with the contemporary writers, poets and philosophers of Russia and with the leading figures, like Kerensky, Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Molotov and others who have guided the destiny of Russia since the War.

Since his sojourn in America, Dr. Leikin has addressed distinguished audiences, including the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Bar Associations of many cities, City Clubs, Forums and Civic organizations, Temples and Synagogues. As Professor Nathan Isaacs said of him, "His talk is rich in classic Latin and Hebraic illustrations, and his experiences in Russia under the Czars, under Kerensky and under the Bolsheviks, form an unique episode in modern Jewish history."

Under the czarist government Dr. Leikin was considered suspect as a radical; under the Kerensky regime he was a progressive liberal and under the Communist rule he was again suspect as a conservative and therefor as a reactionary. A real liberal, it would be interesting beyond measure to get the views of a Russian scholar about the great Russian experiment now going on. Is it really "going places"?

Luncheon reservations, 85c—limited to 100 only.

Admission to evening meeting, 50c.

Those attending the luncheon meeting, season members of the Saturday Night Open Forum and members of the Hillel Hour may purchase tickets for the evening meeting at 25c. Reservations for the luncheon must be in by 10:00 o'clock Monday morning. Reservations may be mailed in or phoned to Joseph A. Woolf, 1900 Linwood Avenue, Adams 5808.

LECTURE BUREAU
of
GEORGE LEIKIN
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-- General Topics --

1. The Communistic experiment in Russia
2. Two Truths (the first Republic and the Soviets)
3. The Ideal of the New Deal and its realization
4. Democracy and Dictatorship
5. Nationalism and liberty (Germany, Italy, Poland)
- 5½) *my personal experiences in the Old Russia and of the Soviets.*

-- Jewish --

6. Is there a future for the Jews in Russia?
7. The political and cultural status of the Jews
the world over
8. Is religion going to survive? (Religion and Science,
social trends)
9. The interpretations of religion by the Orthodoxy,
Reform, Conservative
10. The Drama of Modern Jewish Culture
a. Original culture and contributions
to foreign culture
b. Culture and civilization
11. The promise of a Jewish Culture in Palestine
12. Zionism and its significance and various interpretations
13. The Drama of Modern Jewish Youth and our pressing
Educational Problems
14. Jewish Jurisprudence - its significance and the
application to modern social structure
15. Personalities: Maimonides, Halevi, Luzatto, Krochmal,
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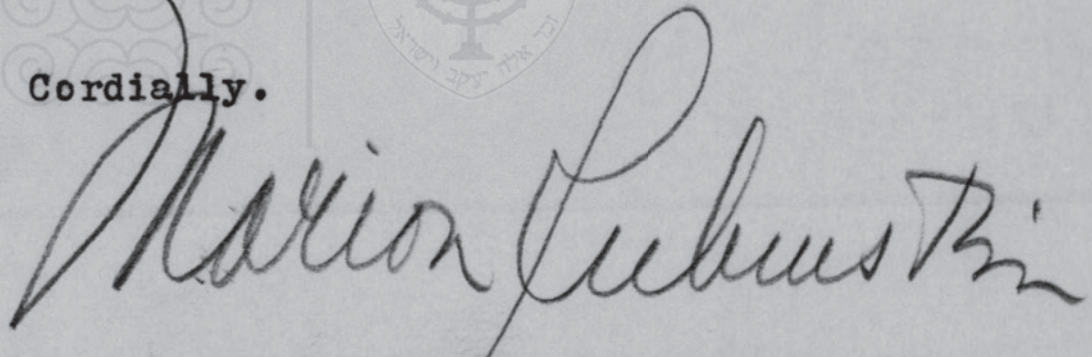
EDITORIAL ROOMS

September 11

Dear Rabbi Silver ;

Please - may I have a 500-word excerpt from your
Yom Kippur sermon by Saturday of this week. With many thanks and
my wishes for a very happy new year,

Cordially.


MARION LUBUSKIN

P.S. Also your program for Succoth and Simchas Torah, activities.



September 14, 1934.

Mr. Eugene E. Wolf,
Engineers Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Gene:

I think that the proper reply to the communication which you received from the American Guild of Organists and which was undoubtedly instigated by Beymer, and who is now the president of the organization, should be that the code of ethics which the American Guild of Organists informs you had been adopted by them on Oct. 23, 1933, was never communicated to the Temple so that The Temple could not know whether its action was contradictory to any code which the American Guild of Organists might have had nor would the Temple at any time accede to any such code.

Nothing more should be said.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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EDITORIAL ROOMS

Sept. 19, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
City.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of Sept. 5. Acting on your suggestion I got Marion Rubenstein to write a series of articles on your holidays. I hope that you saw the stories and that you liked them.

I always appreciate your criticisms and suggestions and would like to hear from you more frequently.

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Yours truly,

Earle Martin

Earle Martin



AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

September 21, 1934.

Mr. Earle Martin, Editor,
The Cleveland News,
1801 Superior Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Martin:

Let me thank you for your kind note of September 19. Our Holiday services were competently and adequately covered in the Cleveland News and I want to express to you my thanks. I hope that you did not mind my intruding upon your busy days with my request.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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September 25th, 1934.

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

Dear Rabbi:

We have completed the major part of the drive for new members in the Temple Men's Club. On the basis of the number of paid members from the last year's list, we have more than doubled the membership.

I think it would be very nice if you would write a personal letter of thanks to some of the men who have worked so earnestly and vigorously to accomplish this result. I suggest that letters be sent to the following people:

Ralph Schier	1418 Rich Bldg	Nathan Guren	2515 Ashurst R
Ben Kahn	Co. 7804 Carnegie	David Warshawsky	Sweetland Bldg
S.C. Finkel & A. B. Feder	2530 Superior	Marvin Kane	1006 Webster Ave
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M. H. Rich	2577 6th Ave	George Chertoff	1114 Center St
Harry Gershon	2729 Euclid, 14th fl.	Harry Greenwald	1389 W. 6th
Hanna & E. J. Garson	2289 Euclid	George Koller	724 Prospect
Jack J. Gold	Walnut Printing 905 Wal	Harry Siskin	3720 St Clair
(He procured 26 new members and led the others in the contest.)		Everett Loeb	3188 Coleridge Rd
Isaac Evans	2402 2nd Ave	Sam Newman	1342 Blvd
Edw. Kline	commodore	Morton Unger	2981 Meadowbrook Bldg
Alex Klopfer	2264 Colchester	H. H. Schallman	90 May Co
		S. L. Klopfer	Klepfer Bros. 413 St Clair

We are going to continue the campaign throughout the year by having semi-monthly meetings. Your letter to these men will help me keep up their enthusiasm, and I would appreciate it if you would write to them soon.

Very sincerely yours,

I. R. Morris

IRM:AT

September 27, 1934.

Mr. S. L. Klopper,
Klopper Bros.,
413 St. Clair Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Klopper:

May I tell you how deeply I appreciate the service which you rendered The Temple Men's Club in its highly successful membership drive. You made a distinct contribution to the work of the Club as well as of The Temple and I am deeply grateful to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 2, 1934.

Mr. Edward Liebenthal,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Ed:

I am enclosing herewith the letter which you were kind enough to show me. I suggest just a few slight changes which I have incorporated in the draft which I am enclosing herewith. I would suggest that you sign the letter as chairman of the committee and that at the bottom of the letter, the date of the first Sunday Morning service -- October 14 -- be given. I am confident that this letter will bring satisfactory results.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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DAY LETTER

October 19, 1934.

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof,
Congregation Rodef Shalom,
4905 5th Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I need not tell you again how much I appreciated your kindness in coming to my pulpit last Sunday. I have heard nothing but the highest praise of what must have been a very splendid and scholarly address. I am enclosing herewith a check to cover your traveling expenses.

In connection with our conversation last Sunday, you may be interested in the enclosed clipping from yesterday's New York Times.

With all good wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK
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October 31, 1934.

Mr. Eugene E. Wolf,
Engineers Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

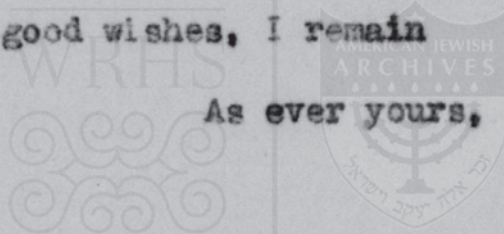
My dear Gene:

I am enclosing herewith a letter I received
from the Young Men's Christian Association. Be sure to
read it at the next meeting of the Board of The Temple.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



November 6, 1934.

Rabbi James G. Heller,
Isaac M. Wise Temple,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Heller:

I was pleased to hear from Rabbi Zepin that you would be free to accept the invitation of The Temple to occupy its pulpit on Sunday morning, December 2nd to speak in behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. We shall all be delighted to have you as the guest preacher on that day and I am confident that a warm welcome awaits you.

Will you please confirm this arrangement and, if possible, indicate the subject of your address so that proper publicity may be given to your coming.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to your coming to us, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 14, 1934.

Mr. Harold Fellenbaum,
2583 Overlook Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Harold:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed item about Mr. Heinz Liepmann, author of the novel "Murder Made In Germany". He would be a great drawing card for your organization -- if you feel strong enough to lay out that much money.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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James G. Heller Samuel Wohl

November 15, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple, E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am looking forward to being in your pulpit on December 2nd although I do not promise to speak about the Union of American Hebrew Congregations except at the very end. I should like to speak on the subject "The Modern Need of Religion".

With very friendly greetings and looking forward to being with you, I am

Yours sincerely,

JGH:RK

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

November 19, 1934

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To Mrs. Eli A. Miller, President

Street and No. State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods,

Place Park Lane Villa - City

DURING MY ABSENCE FROM THE CITY I TAKE THIS MEANS OF SENDING GREETINGS AND
CORDIAL GOOD WISHES TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO STATE FEDERATION
OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

Abba Hillel Silver

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November 21, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Ansel & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

As a member of the Executive Board
of The National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, the
question of the resignation of The Temple's Men's Club
from the roster of membership in the Federation has been
referred to me by the Secretary for a report.

I would like to have a talk with you on this sub-
ject, if you will indicate when I may have the privilege
of coming out to talk to you.

Very truly yours,

Samuel Horwitz

SH-FB

November 26, 1934.

Mr. Samuel Horwitz,
1070 Union Trust Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Horwitz:

I shall, of course, be very happy to discuss with you the subject of the Temple Men's Club and its relationship to the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods at any time convenient for you. I would, however, suggest that you first talk the matter over with the president of the Temple Men's Club, Mr. Bert Marks, who is acquainted with the history of the resignation and the reasons for it.

With all good wishes, permit me to
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

November 27, 1934.

Mr. Eugene E. Wolf,
Engineers Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Gene:

I am sending you a copy of the letter which I sent to Mr. Max Meisel at his request. I wanted you to be acquainted with its contents so that you would be in a position to guide the discussion at the Board meeting in such a way that intelligent action can be taken. I would request you most earnestly to digest the contents of this letter at your leisure and to make a careful study of the constitution and by-laws of the Cemetery exactly as you would do, objectively and dispassionately, in the preparation of any legal brief.

I am very sorry indeed that the situation has become so snarled due entirely to the fact that the members of the Cemetery Board, by and large, have not taken the trouble to make a careful and detailed study of the entire subject, but have jumped to conclusions to which they now cling stubbornly. Other affairs of the Cemetery -- such as taxing resigned members -- have also suffered because the provisions of the by-laws have not been sufficiently understood and adhered to.

You realize, of course, that I have no personal interest in the matter one way or another. Should the Temple receive some of the money to which it is entitled, it will not go into the increase of my salary!...I am interested in seeing a palpable wrong rectified, justice done to the congregations, and a procedure definitely established which will avoid such unfortunate misunderstandings in the future.

I feel that you ought to help me in this not merely because you are President of the congregation, but principally because of your fairness and integrity of judgment which I have had so many occasions to observe and to admire.

After you have had the opportunity to study the situation

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we might perhaps find an occasion to talk it over again.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



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608 Ninth Chester Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

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November 28,
1934

Miss Bessie Klein,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Klein:

Would you be good enough to send me the complete
list of the lectures on the Temple Lecture Course, including
the speaker, the subject and the date?

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Chadsey
Mildred Chadsey.

MC: JF

December 3, 1934.

Rabbi James G. Heller,
Isaac M. Wise Temple,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Heller:

On my return to the city this morning I learned from all sides of the splendid impression which your address made yesterday morning. I have heard nothing but the highest of praise of it and I am deeply gratified.

I am sorry that I could not be with you as I had scheduled myself some time ago for an address before the University of Chicago and before two other organizations.

Thanking you again for your kindness in coming to us, and with all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely
~~As ever yours,~~

AHS:BK

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION
OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SAMUEL B. FINKEL
222 SUMMER STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

December 13, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

In reply to your letter of the 5th. I hope you will pardon me if what I am about to say may seem excessively argumentative. I have no intention of drawing you into a discussion with me on Brotherhood ideology. I realize that you are a busy man. I hope, therefore, that you do not regard my effort to give you my point of view as a presumption on my part, and an imposition on your good nature in replying to my first letter.

I appreciate also that because of my position as President of the National Federation, I may be taking the entire situation too seriously. All of us are inclined to take our own official positions over-seriously. I leave to your own judgment as to how much you ought to discount from my statements because of my official closeness to the entire question.

You refer in your opening paragraph to the fact that the National Federation "was of no direct benefit" to your Brotherhood and that, therefore, your Brotherhood was not entirely convinced of the necessity of a National. May I respectfully point out that the second statement is what my Latin teachers used to call a "non sequitur" from the first statement. For the moment, let me grant that the National would be of no benefit to your Brotherhood, but that does not mean that the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods is not necessary. It is quite true that the more highly organized a particular congregation is, and the more able and energetic and influential its Rabbi is, the less is the necessity not only for a National Brotherhood, but for a local Brotherhood as well. But permit me to say that that ought not to be the measure of evaluation of a National organization. Stronger groups ought to be willing to help weaker groups, and your Brotherhood should regard it as an opportunity for service to help support an organization whose purpose it is to build lay groups where they are indispensable not only to the congregation with which they are allied, but to their own membership and to the community as well.

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Rabbi Silver -2-

As a matter of fact, Rabbi, your congregation can function with undiminished efficiency and effectiveness if it divorced itself from the Union, and yet I question whether you would consider such a severance. I am quite sure that your support of the Union is not based on what your congregation can or does get out of the Union, but for the innumerable services which the Union can perform for Reform Judaism and Jewry.

You speak in your second paragraph of the slogan "lay participation in religious life." If the Brotherhoods rely on lay participation in religious life merely as a slogan, then it is open to the criticism you make of it -- but neither more nor less than any other organization which relies upon its main objective merely as a slogan. One can refer cynically to the objective of any organization and brush it aside as a mere slogan.

One ought not to do so merely in a spirit of cynicism. I quite agree with you that in many instances alleged purposes of an organization are nothing more than merely catch phrases -- mere window-dressing cardboard signs. The Brotherhood, however, is trying earnestly to make lay participation in religious life a real thing and not merely a slogan. Candor compels me to add that our efforts are not always successful. No one is more conscious of the shortcomings of our Brotherhood work than I am. No one is more eager to make the entire movement more vital, and virile, and significant than I am. No one is more impatient with the seeming slow progress we are making than I am. But we are trying -- and against great handicaps.

I take the liberty of using Zionism and the Zionist movement as an analogy. I feel that it is not entirely a liberty for me to do so because up until Monday night of this week, I was President of the Brookline Zionist Organization; and during my term of office, which voluntarily expired this week, I spent almost as much time as President of this local Zionist organization as I have as President of the National Brotherhoods. Parenthetically, let me add, and I know this will please you, that during my term of office I succeeded in attracting some very influential men to my organization, among them your friend, and my Rabbi, Harry Levi.

The point I want to make is that it might be said by anti-Zionists that the Zionist movement does not always live up to its purported ideals and that its methodology is not always in

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Rabbi Silver -3-

conformance with the dignity of its ideology. And in a similar way, I also might have felt as President of the Brookline Zionist Organization, and with some justification, that the Zionist Organization of America had nothing to contribute to us, that it could be of "no direct benefit" to us, and that for this reason we should keep aloof from it. I did not take this position because I realized that the Z.O.A. is to be judged not by its value to our group, but by its value to the Zionist movement and to the Zionist ideal generally.

I am in full sympathy with you regarding the difficulty of integrating just another program into an already full congregational program. From a practical point of view that presents a real problem -- and I know it. But again I must say that if lay participation in religious work is something real, then there ought to be a way of meeting the practical difficulty of conflicting programs. All that is required is a little effort and a little imagination to synchronize one with the other. If the will is there, the way can be found.

You speak of keeping the men's clubs alive through "ceaseless artificial stimulation." Quite true, but quite sincerely and of course quite respectfully, I ask you: what of it? Men of science resort to artificial stimulation. In every organization you have artificial stimulation. But here again the important question is not the kind of stimulation one must use, but whether the organization to which the stimulants are being administered is worth stimulating.

Speaking of men of science reminds me to express to you my appreciation of your book "Religion in a Changing World." If you could see my volume of this book, you would find the two opening chapters elaborately underlined, and bracketed, and annotated. I spoke in Lynn Tuesday night, and much of what I said was based on what I got out of these two chapters.

I am asking the Cincinnati office to send you a pamphlet called "The Brotherhood Code", and one or two other short statements and pamphlets, and I will ask you to be good enough some time during your leisure to run over these statements. I haven't the slightest intention of making a nuisance of myself, and I shall not press the matter any further than I have already done.

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December 13, 1934.

Rabbi Silver -4-

I did feel, however, that I owed it to the organization of which I am President and also to my own personal interest in the general situation of lay participation in Jewish religious life, to answer your letter in the manner in which I have. In writing to you at this length, my purpose is far less merely to add another Brotherhood to our roster, than to win your own personal endorsement of the Brotherhood program.

With all good wishes,



Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel B. Finkel", is written over a circular seal. The seal features a menorah in the center, with the words "AMERICAN JEWISH" at the top and Hebrew text at the bottom.

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December 13, 1934.

Mr. Edward Liebenthal,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Ed:

My secretary has turned over to me the suggested list of plays for the joint alumni production. Frankly, I cannot see the point in having the two alumni associations of the Temples put on a play unless that play has a definite Jewish or religious significance. After all, our alumni organizations are not just social clubs. They have a special mission to perform in the lives of their members and in the community at large. The one play suggested which has any tie-up with what I regard to be the purpose of an alumni association, is Channing Pollock's "The Enemy". I would, however, suggest that your joint committee look through the field of Jewish plays available. You will probably find one that is both suitable and of artistic merit.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

December 24, 1934.

Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal,
The Temple on the Heights,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Rosenthal:

The president of your Men's Club will undoubtedly receive an invitation from the president of The Temple Men's Club to join in a city-wide celebration of the eight hundredth anniversary of Maimonides, sometime in March. Invitations have also gone out to the presidents of the other brotherhoods of the city.

If these invitations are accepted a preliminary meeting will be held in the near future to plan the details of the program. I think that it would be a lovely thing for the Men's Clubs of the city to join in a fine celebration of this character and I hope that your organization will come in.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 24, 1934.

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen,
The Jewish Center,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Cohen:

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Very cordially yours,

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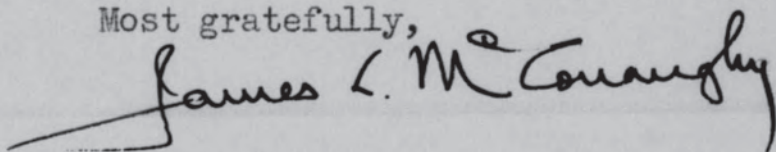
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
MIDDLETOWN, CONN.
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

December 26, 1934.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Feldman of Hartford, a very good friend of mine, has sent me the copy of the Bulletin containing your comment on my letter, which I believe also appeared in the Jewish Daily Bulletin. May I take this opportunity of thanking you for the kindly tone expressed therein; it is reassuring to know that a man of your position recognizes the problem and the broad-minded, sincere way in which we have attempted to meet it.

Most gratefully,

James C. McConaughy

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
% Jewish Daily Bulletin,
Cleveland, Ohio.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

WRHS



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

Dear Board Member:

Your President, Bert Marks, has called a very important meeting of the Men's Club for Thursday evening, January 3, 1935 at 8:00 P. M. sharp at the Board Room of the Temple.

Make a note and be sure to be there.

LEONARD BIALOSKY,
Secretary

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ARTHUR C. DENISON
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UNION TRUST BUILDING

CLEVELAND

December 29, 1934

Mr. Eugene E. Wolf
Engineers Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Gene:

I am genuinely sorry that I am not available for the service suggested in your letter of December 27. I always spend February abroad and while I may not go exactly overseas this February, I shall certainly be out of Cleveland the whole month.

With warm regards,

Cordially yours,

Newton D. Baker

Newton D. Baker

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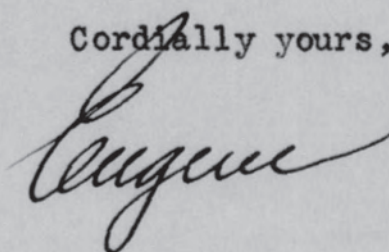
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105th and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio:

My dear Rabbi:

I am enclosing herewith letter just received
from Mr. Baker. Same speaks for itself.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



EEW:HS
Encl.



December 31, 1934.

Dr. James C. McConaughy,
Wesleyan University,
Middletown, Conn.

My dear Dr. McConaughy:

Let me thank you for your kind note of December 26. Let me assure you that my reaction to your statement and to the position which you took is shared by a very large number of thoughtful Jews in the United States who are giving this problem serious consideration.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

December 31, 1934.

Mr. Samuel B. Finkel,
221 Summer Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Finkel:

Let me thank you for your letter of December 13.
I read it with a great deal of interest.

As I indicated in my first letter to you, I have
no strong convictions one way or another about this matter.
It will undoubtedly come up for new discussion and action
at some future meeting of the Men's Club. If their finances
permit, they will probably reconsider joining the National
Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

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January 2, 1935

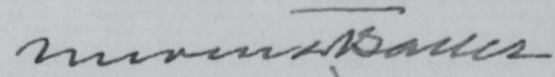
Mr. Eugene E. Wolf
Bloomberg and Wolf
Engineers Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Gene:

I frankly do not know where to turn to find a non-Jewish person to suggest for the pulpit at The Temple on February 24. Of course, I know a lot of people outside of Cleveland who would be fine if they could be gotten, but I know nothing about their engagements or ability to come so far for such a service.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Cordially yours,



Newton D. Baker

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January 2, 1935.

Dr. Joel B. Hayden,
Western Reserve Academy,
Hudson, Ohio.

My dear Joel:

I am again turning to you for a favor. I wonder whether you will be free to occupy my pulpit on Sunday morning, February 10? I am scheduled to be at the Harvard University Chapel that morning. I should very much love to give my people the pleasure of receiving a message from you. Every time you have been in my pulpit you have made a tremendous impression upon my people and many have asked me within the past year when you are going to be in The Temple pulpit again. You will really render us all a great service by coming.

I trust that you are now fully recovered and in excellent physical condition again. With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Hayden, in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Very cordially,

AHS:BK

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JULIUS BLOOMBERG
EUGENE E. WOLF
HARRY S. DASCH

January
Third
1934.

Mr. Harry Levy
c/o The Temple
East 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Harry:-

Kindly show the enclosed letter to

Rabbi Silver.



Very truly yours,

Eugene E. Wolf

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OFFICE OF THE
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abba Hillel:

The morning that you are speaking at Harvard I am preaching at Williams College. This is the second year that our out-of-town engagements have coincided.

I very greatly regret my inability to accept your invitation because there is nothing that I enjoy more than meeting with my friends at the Temple.

As our New Year begins we are thinking of you and your work and your family. May you all be richly blessed.

Let me just go on record again that I think the Alathian relationship is one of the real indispensable influences in my life over the past twenty years, and I hope there are greater riches for all of us as we share experiences together.

Cordially yours,

Jose Haydon

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Jan. 7, 1935.

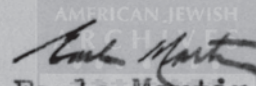
Doctor Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
City.

My dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you very much for sending me the summary of your address of yesterday. You will be interested to know that Mr. Frank Duncan, who writes our financial news, has for several weeks held consistently to the theory that the President is abandoning the New Deal.

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Yours truly,


Earle Martin



RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

January 16, 1935.

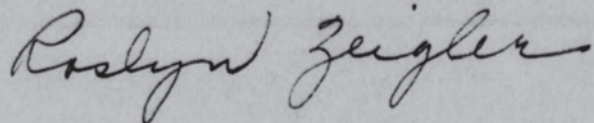
Secretary to Dr. Silver,
The Temple,
105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

Dr. Freehof is anxious to know the subject of the address which he delivered at the Temple in October, during the illness of Dr. Silver. According to my record, he spoke on "The Religious Revolt in Germany". Will you please ascertain, if possible, whether or not this is correct and let me hear from you by return mail?

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Secretary to Dr. Freehof

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January 17, 1935.

Miss Roslyn Zeigler,
Secretary to Dr. Freehof,
Temple Rodef Shalom,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Friend:

In reply to your letter of January 16,
permit me to state that the subject of Dr. Freehof's
address at the Temple on October 14 was: **RELIGIOUS
REVOLT IN GERMANY.**

With best wishes I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

% The Temple

East 105th at
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

552 Willard Ave
Bloomfield

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January 18-1935

my dear Rabbi: Having your address through
the curtesy of the Nat. Fed. of Temple Sisterhoods,
Cincinnati, Ohio, would you be kind enough
to furnish me with the Tableau program, which
you used in connection with the exhibit.

Our Sisterhood expect to
have the exhibit in the near future and your
program would be appreciated. Thank you.

Chairman of the Int. Com. Very Sincerely yours
of the Temple B'nai Zion. *Sinaiida Engelle*
(Mrs S. H.)

January 22, 1935.

Harold R. Peat,
2 West 45th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am interested to know whether it will be possible for General Smedley Butler to speak in my pulpit on Sunday morning, February 10 on a subject such as "Fascism in the United States". What would his honorarium be should he be free to come?

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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JANUARY 28, 1935

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To Harold R. Peat

Street and No. 2 West 45th St.

Place New York, N.Y.

PLEASE WIRE WHETHER SMEDLEY BUTLER CAN ACCEPT INVITATION FOR

FEBRUARY 10

A. H. Silver

Sender's address
for reference

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY
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Sender's telephone
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January 29, 1935.

Harold R. Peat,
2 West 45th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Peat:

Let me thank you for your kind telegram about General Butler. His fee is larger than we had anticipated so that we must forego the pleasure of having him with us at this time. I hope that it is only a pleasure deferred.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

January 29, 1935.

Mrs. S. F. Engelose,
55 Willard Ave.,
Bloomfield, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Engelose:

In your letter of January 18 to Rabbi Silver, you state that you would like us to furnish you with tableaux program which we used in connection with our exhibit. Would you be a little more explicit, please? To which exhibit do you refer? What sort of tableaux were they?

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Miss Bessie Kline



To the Temple

105th Str. at
Ansel Road
Cleveland - Ohio

55 W.illard Ave
Bloomfield, N.J.
January 31-1935

My dear Miss Kline: I refered to The Exhibit of
the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition of America, which
our Sisterhood received for display from the Nation.
Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in Cincinnati.
The Tableaux had been arranged according to the
interpreting of Rabbi Silver's Definition of America
and presented on October 13th 1926 in Mahler Al-
umni Hall.

I will be very much obliged
if Rabbi Silver would be kind enough to furnish
me with it.

Thank you. Sincerely yours
(Mrs S. H.) Gimarda Angelow

February 5, 1935.

Mrs. S. F. Engelose,
55 Willard Ave.,
Bloomfield, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Engelose:

Miss Edna Goldsmith, 1932 E. 97th St.
Cleveland, Ohio was in charge of the committee that
arranged the exhibit to which you refer. I am
sure that if you write to Miss Goldsmith she will
be able to give you the information you desire.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

February 14, 1935.

Dr. Nelson Glueck,
Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Nelson:

I am delighted that you will be with us on Wednesday evening, February 27. The meeting will be held in Mahler Hall of The Temple. Do you plan to bring any slides with you? If so, we will arrange for a machine. I would also appreciate it if you would send me one or two photographs to be used in our publicity.

Please let me know what time you plan to arrive. With all good wishes and looking forward with great pleasure to your coming, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 26, 1935.

Mr. Storm,
The Cleveland News,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Storm:

I am sending you the Year Book of the Central Conference of American Rabbis of 1934, which on pages 97-100 contains the latest statement of the American Reform rabbis on the subject of Social Justice. You may be particularly interested in the statement on page 100 which outlines the program on unemployment and insecurity.

When you are through with the Year Book, I would appreciate if you would return it to me.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

March 8, 1935.

Mr. E. M. Baker,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

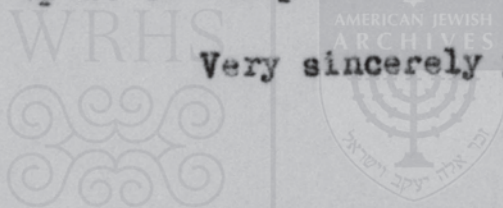
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the memorandum
which was drawn up at the Temple last evening.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



March 8, 1975.

Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner,
Euclid Ave. Temple,
8206 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

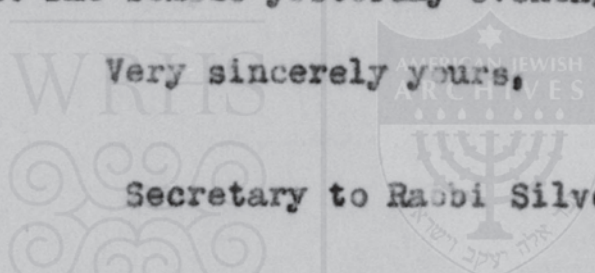
Dear Rabbi Brickner:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the memorandum
which was drawn up at The Temple yesterday evening.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

BJK
Enc.



Euclid Avenue Temple

EUCLID AT EAST EIGHTY-SECOND ST.

Cleveland

BARNETT R. BRICKNER
RABBI

March 11, 1935

Miss Bessie Kline,
Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you for your kind favor of March 8th
and the enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

An oval-shaped stamp from the "AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES" is partially visible behind the signature. The signature is written in cursive and reads "Barnett R. Brickner".

Barnett R. Brickner

BRB:FS

FROM E.M: BAKER

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Rabbi Silver:

I have just talked with Walton of Plain Dealer and Miller of the Press and I find them both glad to cooperate along the lines suggested by me. Of course, they reserve the right to make some mention of the matter in the event that there should be some unexpected developments.



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To DR. LOUIS MANN

Street and No. CHICAGO, ILL

Place

MY TEMPLE WILL CELEBRATE ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY, MAY 19 THE BOARD OF THE
TEMPLE JOINS ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU A MOST CORDIAL INVITATION TO DELIVER THE
LECTURE AT THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE IN THE MORNING STOP WE WOULD ALL DEEPLY
APPRECIATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION PLEASE WIRE KINDEST REGARDS

A H SILVER

Sender's address
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The Temple Men's Club

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

THE TEMPLE

EAST 105th STREET & ANSEL ROAD

Cleveland



April 4, 1935.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am happy to advise you that we have finally completed the program for the Maimonides Octo-Centennial Celebration and Banquet being given jointly by the six Jewish Congregational Men's Clubs at the Allerton Hotel Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 P.M. Will you please announce this at all meetings.

Speakers: Main Address
Dr. Z. Diesendruck
of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati.

Father Leonard H. Otting,
Head of Department of Philosophy at
John Carroll University,
ten to fifteen minute address.

Attorney Harry F. Payer,
former Assistant Secretary of State
and former Special Counsel to R.F.C.,
ten to fifteen minute address.

Musical Program:

Herman Rosen-violinist
Maurice Goldman (songs and
Emanuel Rosenberg melodies)

Informal except speakers' table. \$1.00 per plate.

Of course we are expecting you and Mrs. Silver to be with us at the speakers' table and I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you both that evening.

Cordially yours,

Bert W. Marks,
Chairman.

BWM:EC

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

April 4, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

I am enclosing a folder which more or less explains itself. Mrs. Kliachko is one of the most interesting women in Pittsburgh. Her classes in Jewish music and in general music have been remarkably well attended. She is a charming lecturer. She would like to give some lectures in the Cleveland district and suggested that I write to you. I thought it was a good idea. I know that if you will meet her you will want to find some opportunities for her to speak. She would like to come up to Cleveland to talk to you about it. Would you be good enough to allow her to come? I know you will be glad to talk to her after you have met her. If you will write to me and tell me when she can come, I will let her know.

With best wishes from Lillian and myself to Virginia and yourself, I am

As ever,

Sol

SBF:RZ
Enc.

April 4, 1935.

Mr. Elmer Louis,
966 Penbrooke Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Elmer:

I am enclosing herewith some facts about
Dr. Jacob R. Marcus for next week's publicity. You may
also obtain his picture in The Temple Office.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

HAROLD R. PEAT

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver
#10311 Lake Shore Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For the past half dozen years, the smaller communities of the United States have had little in the form of stimulating addresses, such as was furnished during the last decade by Chautauqua.

There is a demand and an evident need for an organization to supply honestly this purpose. I have been successful in securing the necessary financial backing to launch an enterprise which is known as "Co-Operators of America - A Non-Profit Corporation". Limited conservative salaries only will be made to those actively participating in the work of the development of the enterprise. The plan which has been tried for the past two years at Uniontown, Pennsylvania is as follows:

Local guarantors in each community subscribe to a local capital fund which in turn is used in the event of a deficit. The people in each community are invited to attend each lecture free; a collection is taken to cover the actual costs of each speaker. Each community will pay exactly the same fee for each lecturer. These fees in turn are less than half the usual fees paid by Clubs, Forums, Universities and Institutions that ordinarily use the same lecturers.

Because the lecturer will be on an organized circuit in fulfilling five or more engagements weekly, we are thus able to make the plan practical and genuinely cooperative at a great economic saving to each community.

If American ideals - Democracy, Christianity and Freedom are to be sustained, then the greatest bulwark for their sustenance is a constantly informed public opinion.

We are seeking a National Advisory Board and among those selected is your name and endorsement. I attach hereto a list of the names of the other distinguished Americans to whom this letter is being sent. Mr. Charles Henry Davis and myself are the originators of the plan and will have complete charge of its executive functions.

The purpose of the National Advisory Board will be

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

April 8th
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to help chose the speakers and the subjects and if the need therefore arises indicate their judgement and desires that any particular speaker shall not be allowed to appear. There is no financial responsibility involved or any price save such as is desired to be accorded.

Attached herewith are statements in re Charles Henry Davis and Harold R. Peat. Inasmuch as the co-workers are ready to commence work, may I not be favored with a reply at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours,

Harold R. Peat

HRP:F

*Dear Doctor - I want you in with us -
so far our acceptances have been 100%
May I hear from you soon? -
H.R.*

April 9, 1935.

The Honorable Henry G. Wallace,
Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Secretary Wallace:

Early in the Fall of last year, I took the privilege of writing to you to invite you to address the Forum of The Temple. Your secretary wrote me at the time that there would be a possibility of your accepting the invitation although you could not schedule yourself more than five or six weeks in advance. At a later date we received word that due to the pressure of work it would be impossible for you to accept our invitation.

I am turning to you again to invite you to be our guest and speaker at an outstanding event in the life of our Temple. The Temple will celebrate on Sunday evening, May 19, the Eighty-fifth Anniversary of its existence. Our Temple, which is the largest liberal congregation in the United States has had a distinguished record of service and leadership in the annals of Reform Judaism in America and the celebration of this event will attract nationwide attention.

We are anxious to have an outstanding leader of liberal religious thought and one who can point the way to the application of the great ideals of religion to the perplexing social and economic problems of our day, present at this celebration to bring a vital message to our people.

We fully realize how arduous your tasks in Washington must be at the present and yet we feel that your presence at this occasion and your message to our people will be of such significance as to justify the sacrifice which we are asking you to make. I would, personally, be deeply indebted to you if you could accept this invitation. Many civic and religious leaders of all denominations of our community will attend this anniversary banquet.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may hear from you at your earliest convenience, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 13, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I should like very much to address your forum.
The pressure upon my time, however, is so great, and
especially during the session of Congress, that I find
it very difficult to leave Washington.

I am therefore forced to decline your invitation.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Waller

Secretary

April 16, 1935.

Rabbi Joseph Fink,
Temple Beth Zion,
599 Delaware Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Joe:

You may recall that I spoke to you some time ago about the possibility of occupying my pulpit some time this year. The Sunday morning service at The Temple on May 12 will be devoted to the graduation exercises of our Temple High School. This is an important event in the life of our congregation and I should very much love to have you come and deliver the message to the congregation and to the high school graduates. I am anxious to have our people meet you and listen to you. Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether you can come.

With all good wishes to you and to your dear lady, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

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April 19

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To Dr. Wm. Fineshriber

Philadelphia, Pa.
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MY TEMPLE WILL CELEBRATE ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY, MAY 19. THE

BOARD OF THE TEMPLE JOINS ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU A MOST CORDIAL INVITATION

TO DELIVER THE LECTURE AT THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE IN THE MORNING. STOP

WE WOULD ALL DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION PLEASE

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April 26, 1935.

Dr. Louis Mann,
Chicago Sinai Congregation,
4622 S. Parkway,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Louis:

I was delighted to receive your telegram informing me that you can come to us on Sunday morning, May 19. This will be a commemorative service of the 85th anniversary of our congregation, Tifereth Israel. We are sending out special invitations for the service as well as for the banquet in the evening. I hope that you will be able to stay over for the evening affair.

I shall conduct the service in the morning and present you to the congregation. We will have a special musical program for the occasion. Our service begins at 10:30. You will have from thirty-five to forty-five minutes for your address.

You know something of the history of our congregation and of the things for which it stands. I am enclosing herewith a brief outline of the history of the congregation which you may want to read.

I shall make reservations for you at the Park Lane Villa which is across the street from the Temple. Please notify me when you plan to arrive and we shall have someone meet you at the station.

With all good wishes to you and Ruth, I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK
Enc.

April 30, 1935.

Mr. Harold R. Peat,
2 West 45th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Peat:

Please pardon the delay in answering
your kind letter of April 8.

I shall be pleased to serve on the
Advisory Board of the new enterprise which you
are launching, "Co-operators of America - A Non-Profit
Corporation."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Harold R. "Private" Peat

Probably no one in this country is more ideally fitted to organize CO-OPERATORS of AMERICA than Harold R. Peat. For the past fifteen years, Mr. Peat has been in direct contact with thousands of American Committees.

In 1920 he organized the Canadian Chautauquas, and he personally secured contracts with twenty-five or more signatures in nineteen communities in twenty-one days. A record which has never since been equalled.

It is significant that because Mr. Peat built the Canadian Chautauquas on such solid foundations, now in 1935 when all other Chautauquas throughout the World are defunct, the Canadian Chautauquas are still operating.

Mr. Peat sold the Canadian Chautauquas in 1925 to J. M. Erickson who is still the President of the Corporation.

In 1928 Mr. Peat, with a staff of five workers, secured sixty-five contracts at \$1250.00 each in the Province of Ontario alone, over a period of three months.

In 1931 Mr. Peat became Manager of the Special Features Division of the National Broadcasting Company's Artists Service which organized and promoted such features as Seth Parker, the Post and Gatti Tour, Irvin S. Cobb, Sir Hubert Wilkins, Floyd Gibbons and many others.

In 1932 Mr. Peat organized his own business independently of the National Broadcasting Company and today has admittedly the finest lecture bureau in the United States.

He is the author of "Private Peat" (1917-Bobbs-Merrill); "The Inexcusable Lie" (1923 - Barse & Hopkins); has written articles for the leading magazines, and, in addition to his business activities has delivered over four thousand lectures in fourteen years - 1917-1930.

He has friends and contacts in almost every American and Canadian community.

He is a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner, an Elk, a member of the American Legion and one of the founders of the Canadian Legion; has been honored by the Governments of France, Belgium, Great Britain, Canada and the United States. He is married, has three grown daughters and will be forty-one on his next birthday.

He was born in Jamaica in the West Indies and was educated by private tutors. When the War broke out in 1914 he enlisted as a private in the 1st Canadian Brigade of Infantry, was wounded severely, etc. etc.

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April 30, 1935.

Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees of
The Temple.

My dear Friends:

It was very gracious and kind of you to
send me the beautiful flowers last Sunday morning
when I preached on "My Twenty Years in the Ministry."
It was a source of great happiness to me and I am
very grateful.

With all good wishes, permit me to
remain

Very cordially.

AHS:BK



April 30, 1935.

Mr. Edward M. Baker,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Baker:

I am very happy that you will participate in the service next Sunday morning. The only other layman will be Isador Grossman. Each one of us will have about twelve minutes. I suggest that we divide the subject matter in the following way: You devote your address to the national and local causes included in the Campaign, such as the educational work locally (the schools of the Bureau) and to universities (the Hillel Foundation). A word may also be said about the Hebrew University in Jerusalem which is another of the educational agencies supported by our Fund. The self-defense work of the Anti-Defamation League and of the League for Human Rights Against Nazism should be indicated. A word, too, may be said about the other national institutions such as the National Farm School.

Isador Grossman will speak of the work of the Joint Distribution Committee and of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. I will direct my remarks to failure of our community in recent years to meet its obligations, the need of regaining our prestige and something about the gentle art of giving.

We should have a very fine and helpful morning next Sunday. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

E. M. BAKER
CLEVELAND

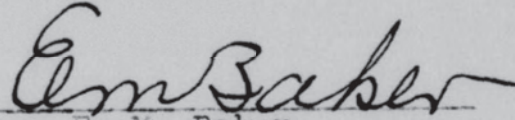
April
Thirtieth
Thirty-five.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I thank you for your letter of the thirtieth. I shall be happy to participate in the services next Sunday morning and shall devote myself to the National and Local causes and shall not transgress against the time limit.

Thanking you for the opportunity, I am will all good wishes,

Cordially yours,


E. M. Baker.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

TEMPLE BETH ZION
DELAWARE AVENUE
BUFFALO, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE
RABBI
JOSEPH L. FINK, PH.D.

May 2nd, 1935

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

My dear Friend :

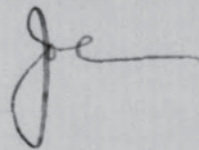
I look forward to the pleasure of
being with you on Sunday, May 12th.

As to the facts of my life, they
are very few and simple: I was born in Springfield,
Ohio. I received my B.A. degree at the University
of Cincinnati in 1916; my M.A. degree in 1917;
Ph.D in 1934 ; graduated Rabbi in 1919 from Hebrew
Union College. First pulpit Terra Haute, Indiana
1919-1924; Buffalo 1924 -

I am wondering if you wear a gown
at your services. If you do, shall I bring my own
along ? I will telephone you on my arrival in
Cleveland.

With kind greetings, I am

Cordially yours,



THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

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May 3, 1935.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
103rd Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

This is to acknowledge receipt of my expense check. Many thanks.

I enjoyed my brief stay with you all and was very much impressed by the enthusiastic group whom you have assembled about you. I feel that you are doing a mighty fine constructive job with them.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver, I am

As ever,

Isaac R. Marcus

JRM:JG

May 3, 1935.

Rabbi Joseph Fink,
Temple Beth Zion,
599 Delaware Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Fink:

We have not as yet received any photographs of yourself. Would you kindly send us one or two by return mail? We would like to use them in our publicity on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to the above matter, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

B.K

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

May 3, 1935.

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof,
Rodef Shalom Temple,
Fifth and Morewood Avenues,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

In going over my correspondence I find a letter from you on April 4 about a Mrs. Kliachko. I have been so terrifically busy with work here, particularly in connection with the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign of which I am general chairman, that I have not had time to devote to anything else. I would suggest that Mrs. Kliachko get in touch with me sometime in the Fall when there may be a possibility of using her services. This season, as you know, is practically over.

With all good wishes to you and Lillian in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK

May 9, 1935.

Dr. Joseph L. Fink,
Temple Beth Zion,
599 Delaware Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Fink:

The newspapers have requested an abstract of the address which you are to deliver at The Temple on Sunday morning. We would appreciate it very much if you would bring several copies with you on Sunday for distribution.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

TEMPLE BETH ZION
DELAWARE AVENUE
BUFFALO, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE
RABBI
JOSEPH L. FINK, PH.D.

Extract from "Education As a Factor in Jewish Survival"
delivered at The Temple by Dr. Joseph L. Fink, of
Buffalo, N.Y., on Sunday, May 12th.

The chief need of Jewish life today is the need for education. It is not a mechanical but a dynamic process. When we speak of Jewish education we mean that process that fits the Jew to live his life wholesomely, naturally, happily. The first rational object of Jewish education is to affect the complete adjustment of the Jew with the environment in which he lives. It is necessary that we begin this process in our early youth in order to be adjusted for the sequel of our lives. Jewish education is not yet a finished science. It is a growing science. We need more material to work with. We need more expert and earnest teachers to do the work. We need a determined and deliberated goal toward which to work. We need to make the process not only palatable but most desirable to our youth and adults. Mere apparatus and costly buildings will not make Jews. We need the spirit behind the education process even more than we need the material equipment with which to work. A Jew who is thoroughly grounded in Jewish culture, devoted to the ideals of the Jewish faith, is thoroughly prepared to meet the contingencies of life. If suffering comes, such a Jew can bear it more nobly than others. He has a compensating culture to draw on. He is self-helpful. He is fit for life. If he has drunk deep of Israel's fountain of learning and idealism and he is forced to meet discrimination and bigotry in our yet imperfect world, his Judaism will sustain him and raise him to a level superior to his condition. Our road of salvation leads through our class-rooms.

May 16, 1935.

Dr. Louis L. Mann,
Chicago Sinai Congregation,
4622 S. Parkway,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Mann:

The newspapers have requested an abstract of the address which you are to deliver at The Temple this coming Sunday morning. We would appreciate your bringing three or four copies with you on Sunday.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

May 17, 1935.

Dr. Joseph L. Fink,
Temple Beth Zion,
599 Delaware Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Fink:

I need not tell you how much we enjoyed your magnificent address Sunday morning. I have heard nothing but the most favorable comments from all sides. I was sorry that you had to leave so soon after the service as I hoped to spend a few hours with you in "schmuess". But birthday parties, of course, come first.

I don't know what your traveling expenses were, but I am taking the chance of enclosing a check to cover it.

With all good wishes to you and your dear lady, and hoping to see you soon again, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

May 20, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Spaeth, City Editor,
The Cleveland News,
1801 Superior Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Spaeth:

May I tell you how deeply I appreciated the fine and generous way in which you reported the 85th anniversary of The Temple. We all feel indebted to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 20, 1936.

Mr. O. M. Walton,
The Cleveland Plain Dealer,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Walton:

May I tell you how much I appreciated the very fine and understanding way in which you handled the publicity of the 85th anniversary of The Temple. All of us have been greatly pleased not merely with the generous space which the Plain Dealer allotted to the occasion but with the sympathy and accuracy of your reporting.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 20, 1935.

Mr. Paul Miller,
The Cleveland Press,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Miller:

May I tell you how deeply I appreciated the fine and generous way in which you reported the 85th anniversary of The Temple. We all feel indebted to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

HAR SINAI CONGREGATION
BOLTON AND WILSON STREETS
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

RABBI EDWARD L. ISRAEL

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May 31, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

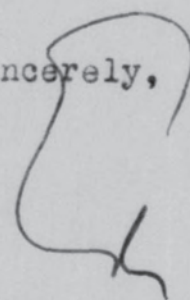
Dear Abba:

I don't recall whether I let you know my traveling expenses before I left Cleveland. They will run to about \$35.00. I found that you had left instructions to have the hotel bill charged to you.

You have a very vital and wide-awake group there. It was a stimulating pleasure to talk to them.

Heartiest personal greetings.

Sincerely,



June 1, 1935.

Dr. Louis L. Mann,
Chicago Sinai Congregation,
4622 S. Parkway,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Lou:

Need I tell you how deeply we appreciated the magnificent address which you delivered at the Eighty-fifth Anniversary Service of The Temple and how grateful we are for your coming to us, particularly in view of the illness of your child? I trust that your child is fully recovered and that you are all well. I am sorry that you had to return to Chicago in the afternoon and could not stay over with us for the banquet in the evening. It was an inspiring affair.

I hope that I may have the opportunity of seeing you at the Rabbinical Conference at the end of this month.

With all good wishes to you and Ruth, and thanking you again in the name of our entire congregation for the great service which you rendered us on a great occasion, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I am enclosing herewith a check to cover your traveling expenses.

Dr. Louis L. Mann, Rabbi of Chicago Sinai Congregation, and Professor at the University of Chicago, delivered the 85th Anniversary Address at The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, on "The Religion of the Future," and said in part:

Selections

The religion of the future must be broad and all inclusive. It will depend little, if at all, upon form, creed, ceremony, rite, ritual, all of which may remain as incidentals, but will consist of an all-inclusive philosophy of life, a "Weltanschauung" or Lebensanschauung — a philosophy of life, a way of life. It must represent the sum total of all relationships that a man can sustain to the Universe in which he finds himself, sociological, biological, psychological, metaphysical, civic, national and international, ethical, industrial, esthetic, emotional, filial, and paternal; to the known and the unknown, to God, to man, to duty, to self, and every other possible relationship, ad infinitum.....

The response to this sum total of inter-related relationships in terms of an attitude, an aptitude, and a solicitude — an attitude toward one's fellowmen and the cosmos, an aptitude for service of unlimited varieties, and a solicitude for all that is human, that is religion.....

The church of the future will be a departmentalized institute of human relations. In addition to the clergyman, other aspects of human nature and human life must be administered to by those qualified to do so. I would add to the staff a scientist and philosopher, to help make the adjustment to the newer thought of the day, an economist because our ethics and our economics are so inter-related, a trained pedagogue because religious education has been greatly neglected, a sociologist to keep religion from becoming complacent and self-satisfied as long as the poor are exploited, a psychiatrist so there may be a scientific confessional, and a physician because without a healthy body a healthy mind is unlikely.....

The religion of the future must be vital and dynamic, rather than static. It cannot be, to use the phrase of the New Testament, "The same yesterday, today, and forever." The religion of the future must not "keep pace" but must, on the other hand, set the pace. What Matthew Arnold said of culture may also be said of the religion of the future; it must be "light and leading." If it tends to become static it will be led, and become a drag, and rather than shed light, will fall into the shadows.....

The religion of the future will realize that truth is not absolute but relative. That it is not made but in the making. That it is not final but a quest. No one has the truth. Anyone who says, "I've got the truth" has merely confessed that he has lost it. Religion in the future will not be so anxious — as has religion — to hold on to its so called "truths" until it has lost its truthfulness. The religion of the future will not be, as religion is so frequently termed, a "conservative" force. It must be radical, a

revolutionary force. If people were to put the principles of religion into practise tomorrow, we would have the most far reaching revolution of all the ages.....

The religion of the future will present itself as a living challenge, rather than rehash a dead issue. It will cry "halt" to the command of the dead. Read the history of religion and you will find how frequently the dead hand of the past has stretched forth its bony fingers to clutch the living present by the throat to the point of strangulation. The living dogmas of the dead become the dead dogmas of the living.....

The religion of the future would be a creative spirit rather than a stereotyped institution. In the past we have suffered from the curse of institutionalism. I know that institutions are necessary, otherwise the spirit would become nebulous, if not evaporate, but institutions tend to become impersonal stereotyped and routinized. When the spirit of the founders ceases to set aglow the hearts of the followers then has religion become canned or embalmed, for dead it is, whether it knows it or not.....

The religion of the future will not make a fetish out of any book, no matter how old, no matter how valuable, no matter how intrinsically worthwhile. I have reference now to bibliolatry - making an idol of the Bible. The Bible was not written by God. It was written by Jews. What a pity to take a book, the one book which above all other books protests against idolatry, and make of it an idol! The ultimate sanction for religious experience is human life, not a divine book. Do you recall the words of James Russell Lowell:

"God is not dumb, that he should speak no more,
If thou hast wanderings in the wilderness, and
find'st not Sinai,
It is Thy soul that is poor."

The religion of the future will be more of a forum than a denomination. I have already spoken of the curse of institutionalism in the past. Let me now pay my respects to the blight of denominationalism. Of course I know that denominations represent differences of opinion. Differences stimulate; indifferences disintegrate. Differences are good, but I am finding fault with differences that do not differ. There are one hundred and eighty-three kinds of Protestant Christianity in the United States and two hundred and thirty-three in the world.....

The church of the future must practise tolerance. It has preached tolerance throughout the ages. The time has come for it to take "the beam out of its own eye before it can say unto another let me take the mote out of thine eyes." The church of the future must practise an active tolerance. It must seek to understand through an interpenetration of culture, of thought and of idealism the things upon which people differ, not the passive tolerance which is the tolerance of indifference. Voltaire once said: "I don't agree with a word that you are saying, but I'll give my life for your right to say it.".....

The religion of the future must boldly and courageously

face the social problem rather than have an air of timidity and pusillanimity. The religion of the future dare not say "the poor will be with us always." The religion of the future must concern itself with the abolition of poverty, the establishment of old age security, of unemployment insurance, of proper housing conditions, the prevention of crime, of social diseases, of exploitation, of juvenile delinquency, of corruption in politics, of the abuses of capital and labor. It dare not hold itself aloof from politics. It must realize that religion is not "preparation for life;" but that "religion is life." In the days of the Hebrew prophets — the world's greatest religious geniuses — they faced the poverty and corruption of their day instead of promising them golden staircases and pearly gates hereafter. A religion worthy of the name must establish righteousness here on earth.....

The religion of the future will not come to terms with the war system. It must meet that system in a head on collision. It must stop the private profit in the manufacture of arms. It must kill the killing business by taking its profit away. Need I remind you that a man named Schaffer, a paid propagandist for a munition factory, all but upset an international disarmament conference, with the destiny of nations involved, because it would make the munition business unprofitable..

The religion of the future will withhold a chaplain from the field of battle. A chaplain's value is as great as a hundred machine guns. He is not there, as some so erroneously believe, to bury the dead and to comfort the dying — if they cared about human life, they would not enter into the damnable business of war.....
He is there to give divine sanction to the hellish business of wholesale murder.

If the religions of the world would unite and conscientiously object to war — to all war, to every war — you could kill the business of killing and no longer would there be a moratorium on morality and an abrogation of decency. Any church that will ever again bless war will therein and thereby damn itself!.....

When people everywhere can rise above geographical boundaries, and racial prejudices, and national animosities, and no longer permit the artificial, arbitrary, and man-made differences to obliterate the God-made resemblances between man and man, when the cry "humanity first, humanity last, humanity always" will be heard everywhere, when men will love God, whom they cannot see, because they love their fellowmen, whom they can see, then and then only will the religion of the future become the religion of the present, bestowing blessing and benediction upon suffering mankind.

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RABBI EDWARD L. ISRAEL

TELEPHONES { LAFAYETTE 3927
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June 3, 1935

Secretary to
Rabbi Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear friend:

I wonder if there is any possibility of their being returned to us the two pictures of Rabbi Israel which I sent you for publicity purposes. I shall appreciate greatly if you would be good enough to have them returned if it is at all possible.

Sincerely,

Iris Rose Bogorad

Secretary to Rabbi Israel

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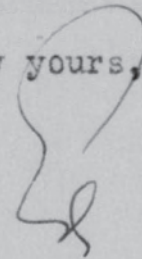
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Our letters probably crossed. I want to thank you for your check, but even more for the extremely complimentary letter which accompanied it. It is not easy for any of us to appear on the same platform with you without suffering terribly by contrast, but perhaps it was because your people realize that thing that they made full allowances for me and received me in such a gracious manner.

Heartiest greetings to you and Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,



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June 12, 1935

THE FACULTY

My dear Dr. Silver,

Your letter of June 5th was forwarded to me here. I regret the delay involved.

The problem which you put to me is not an easy one. To find a Jewish educator of standing who is not a Hebrew secularist is a difficult, if not an impossible, task. The combination of traits which goes to make the breed, does not seem to include, to any appreciable extent, a sympathy for the religious point of view. That is one reason why we have been forced, here in my department, to concentrate so hard on the training of Rabbis to specialize in educational work.

I know, personally, Chipkin, Levin, Dushkin, Friedland, Samson, Solub, Honor, Henrich, Konowit, Rosen, Schoolman, Scharfstein and Solter, to mention some of the prominent men in the field whose names I recall off-hand, and I do not believe that my statement above does any of them any very grave injustice. I should add, in all fairness, that I do not know Eddies, Abrams, Kaplan (of Baltimore), or Chomsky. Perhaps one of these is the man you are seeking - I cannot say.

If the choice were mine, I would probably place most confidence in Dr. Leo H. Honor, of the Chicago Bureau. He is, at least, not a balut pessimist; on the positive side I can say that he is intelligent and a gentleman, has wide experience in the field and seems to me to have a more balanced point of view than many of the others.

I regret that I cannot be of greater assistance, but "the fault, dear Brutus," etc.

With warmest regards to you and to Mrs. Silver, and with best wishes for a fine summer, I am

Very cordially yours,

Abraham H. Fraugman

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200 W. 108 St., N.Y.C.
June 19, 1935

My dear Dr. Silver,

I have your letter of June 14th, and while I am flattered by your offer to suggest my name to your survey committee, I would certainly advise against it. Your fear that objections would be raised by the Talmud Torah group is certainly well-founded; in fact, I can, myself, see much justification in that point of view. I know what a "treife-pasul" is.

I am very pleased to accept the invitation of your Temple Women's Association. January 31st seems a good date to me as any other Friday in that month, from this distance; and while the honorarium is far more than I deserve, I shall pocket it gladly. The subject is the only thing that bothers me. As you no doubt realize, it can be handled from many angles, depending on the calibre of the group. If this is an alert, intelligent group I would like to treat it more or less scientifically, without, of course, forgetting that it is a popular lecture. I would appreciate your advice.

The topic "Home Building" strikes me very favorably for the series. It has been a much neglected subject, I have long felt, and I will consider it a privilege to participate in it.

With warm regards and all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Abraham H. Fraumblum

June 21, 1935.

Mrs. Moice Blum,
1623 E. 117th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Blum:

I have received word from Dr. Abraham N. Franzblau that he will be glad to address the Friday Morning group of the Temple Women's Association on January 31. He will speak on "Religion in the Home." He writes in his letter: "The topic 'Home Building' strikes me very favorably for the series. It has been a much neglected subject. I have long felt and I will consider it a privilege to participate in it."

Have you made progress with the other speakers?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

[undated]

Rabbi Joseph Fink,
Temple Beth Zion,
599 Delaware Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Joe:

I was delighted to receive your letter informing me that you will be able to come to us and address our High School Graduation Exercises on Sunday morning, May 12. Our services begin at 10:30 and you will have from thirty to thirty-five minutes for your address. We are all looking forward to your coming.

We shall make reservations for you at the Park Lane Villa which is just across the street from The Temple. Please send me one or two photographs of yourself and also a short biography sketch which we may use in our publicity.

With all good wishes to you and your dear lady and looking forward to your coming, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS: BK

[undated]

CHARLES DAVIS

BASS RIVER, CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS
NEW YORK PHILADELPHIA BOSTON

- 1889 First to designate capacity of generators and motors by a heat limit above atmosphere - now universally called for
- 1890 Designed first sky-scraper - 30 stories, 12 was then the highest
- 1892 Built first high-speed cross-country trolley road
- 1892 Designed first "panel board" distribution for lighting and power - now used in every installation
- 1892 First suggested iron pipe conduit interior wiring - now universally used
- 1892 Designed saddle making underground trolleys successful
- 1897 First suggested tunneling Hudson River
- 1897 Designed first "stream line" railroad train they will now soon displace others
- 1897 Designed first electric signals and control for fast trains at close headway - used on N.Y. subway, they could not otherwise run so fast and so close as they do.
- 1898 First to suggest double truck street cars thus reducing cost to operate more than all other reductions combined.
- 1898 First to suggest what was to be the "Flivver" - but my people thought this was visionary and would not put up the money
- 1911 First suggested NATIONAL HIGHWAYS - Roosevelt's message to Congress, on its opening, advocated their building. Part of the \$4,880,000,000 blanket appropriation is to be used for such a system
- 1911 To date made many of the advances in road building -
 - n(a) Flat Roads (f) Federal Aid
 - (b) Sea Rules for Roads (g) Highway Road Exhibits
 - (c) Lighting signals (h) A. Ass. S. Hy. Officials
 - (d) Banked curves (i) Mfg. Ass.
 - (e) Two-ways (j) U.S. Highways

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Individual Psychology Foundation
Davis Library Highway Engineering and Transport
Co-Operation League of America
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American Men of Science
Who's Who Among Association Executives