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The Temple, general, 1942-1943.

April 25th, 1942

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

You are a member of one of the outstanding Temples in the country, whose Rabbi is internationally famous and one of the most prominent in the world.

Considering all of the problems that face us, both as citizens and as Jews, we consider it vitally important to maintain our institution on as high a plane and on as efficient a scale as possible.

This cannot be done without money.

Our problems are greater and our expenses are higher and we must either curtail our important activities or have your assistance. We have three problems -- you can help in all three:

First - the Mortgage. This plan is familiar to you. If you have not yet subscribed, we would appreciate your doing so at once. This would relieve the Temple of interest and amortization in the amount of almost \$12,000 - if subscribed to by all members and therefore paid off.

Second - We have been assessed \$3.00 per member, by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, for the national work that they are doing for our mutual benefit. This we must add to your bill.

Third - Of our total membership of 1300, we now have 700 who are paying the minimum rate of \$60. We are unable to function on this basis, and we ask you to pay \$75. as a minimum rate, instead of \$60. as heretofore.

This letter is written to you on the assumption that you are sufficiently interested in The Temple to want to see it function not only satisfactorily but as a credit to the community. And on this assumption we must have your additional financial support.

If you would like any further information we would be happy to have someone call on you.

(To be signed by the President of The Temple, or Chairman of the Finance Committee -- or both).

June 17, 1942

Miss Martha Markowitz
2600 Hampshire Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Martha:

At your leisure, I would like you to come in to see me. I am getting up the service folder for the Assembly, of which we spoke, and I would like to have your advice as to what to include -- prayers, hymns, etc. Please telephone before you come to make sure that I am in.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 30, 1942

Miss Martha Markowitz
2600 Hampshire Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Martha:

I think that at every Children's Service, a short passage from the Scriptures should be read in the place indicated in the printed service. The Jewish Welfare Board has recently made available for Jewish soldiers and sailors readings from the Holy Scriptures, a copy of which I am sending you enclosed. They are well selected passages, and from this volume I have indicated some selections which you may use.

In the first place, I would suggest that you use the following Psalms: 1, 5, 8, 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 27, 42, 43, 46, 75, 84, 90, 91, 96, 103, 104, 111, 112, 113, 115, 116, 121, 123, 124, 125, 130 and 145.

From the other Books of the Bible, I refer you to the following pages of this small volume: 44, 49, 53, 91, 113, 127, 135, 137, 139, 145, 147, 149, 150, 157, 239, 241, 243, 245 and 248.

I would suggest that in reading from the Bible, you use not this small enclosed volume, but the standard one, preferable a large-sized one which you can obtain in The Temple Library. It will be much more impressive. I would also arrange to have a pulpit on the stage, and the Ark visible during the service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

September 14, 1942

Mr. Philmore Haber
Union Commerce Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Philmore:

First -- a very happy new year to you and yours.

I should like to suggest that you call a meeting of the Endowment Committee of The Temple of which you are chairman, at your earliest convenience. This committee can be of great value to The Temple in the stimulation of bequests and endowments. Jews, as a rule, are not in the habit of making bequests in their wills to religious and educational institutions. Their generosity is almost exclusively directed to hospitals, orphanages and other eleemosynary institutions. It is a common among Christians, however, to leave bequests to churches.

Our President, Mr. Weitz, has appointed an Endowment Committee whose other members, as you probably know, are Julius Bloomberg, Eugene Freedheim, Isidor Grossman, Frank Joseph and I.R. Morris. May I suggest that you call a meeting at your convenience. You may wish to have the President of The Temple in attendance, and I should also be very happy to join with you. Please get in touch with me before you set the date to make sure that I will be in the city.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 14, 1942

Mr. Clarence Fishel
Cleveland Cotton Products Co.
1833 E. 23rd St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Clarence:

I do not know whether this is exactly what you wanted for the column. I hope that you will find it satisfactory.

With all good wishes for the new year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

September 14, 1942

Mr. Philip Bernstein
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

May I suggest that you, as chairman of the Library Committee of The Temple, call a meeting, at your convenience in the near future, to talk over plans for our Library for the coming year. It may be well to have the meeting some evening in The Temple Library with our librarian, Miss Leikind, in attendance. She would acquaint the committee with the operation of the Library, its services and its needs. In the Temple Holiday Announcement Booklet you will find the names of the other members of your committee.

I would suggest that you get in touch with Miss Leikind and arrange for such a meeting and let me know the time. I should like to attend the meeting, and perhaps the President, Mr. Weitz, would also like to attend it.

With all good wishes to you and yours for a most happy new year, I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK

PHILMORE J. HABER
CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 16,
1942.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

May I wish you and your family a
Happy New Year and express the hope that the
coming year may prove to be the turning
point toward a more tolerant and decent world.

I quite agree that a meeting of the
Endowment Committee should be called in order
that the work may be begun at as early a date
as possible. If a meeting were set for
September 22nd or 23rd, would your engagements
permit you to attend? Will you also indicate
whether a luncheon or evening meeting would be
more desirable? My own preference for the
first meeting would be one in the evening, to
be held at the Oakwood Club, when ample time
could be given to the establishment of a pro-
gram. If you will 'phone as to your pre-
ference in the matter, I shall proceed to ar-
range for the meeting.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Philmore J. Haber

PJH/MM

*Thursday
Sep. 24*

Oakwood Club

The Temple

EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

TELEPHONES GARFIELD 0150-0151

Cleveland

MELBOURNE HARRIS
ASSISTANT RABBI

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D. D.
RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

September 17th, 1942

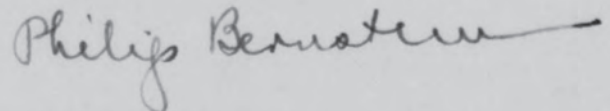
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

The Library Committee of The Temple will meet on Tuesday evening, September 29th, at 8:00 o'clock in the Temple Library. Rabbi Silver and Miss Leikind, our librarian, will discuss with us the services and needs of the library, and we will want to help plan its operation so that it may be of maximum service to the Congregation and the School during the coming year.

Since the meeting obviously will be of fundamental importance in determining and carrying out our Committee's responsibility, I hope very much that you will attend and shall count upon your presence unless I hear from you to the contrary in the next day or two.

Sincerely yours,



PB:k

Philip Bernstein

C O P Y

PHILMORE J. HABER
CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 18,
1942.

Julius Bloomberg, Esq.,
1910 Union Commerce Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Julius:-

I have been requested by Rabbi Silver and Sidney N. Weitz, President of the Temple, to arrange a meeting of the recently selected Endowment Committee of the Temple, and I wish to advise that the first meeting of this Committee will be held next Thursday evening, September 24th, at 8 o'clock P. M. at the Oakwood Club.

This is the first effort of the Temple to attempt to secure a type of assistance which most other denominational groups have received for many years- it is also the first meeting of this Committee.

An evening meeting has therefore been arranged so that ample opportunity could be afforded the members of the Committee for a complete discussion of policy and activity. It is my opinion that once a well-rounded program is established the work of the Committee should not be burdensome in any sense.

I trust that you will be good enough to set this evening aside and that we may therefore have a full attendance at the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you next Thursday evening, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Philmore J. Haber

PJH/MM

This letter also sent to:
Eugene H. Freedheim
Isidor Grossman
Frank Joseph
I. R. Morris

September 22, 1942

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I hope that you are giving some thought to the printing of the membership location list so that we can go ahead with it. We should have it out, if possible, in time for the opening of our Sunday Morning Services on October 11. The Religious School is, as you know, in session and some parents have already called up for information.

Please also consider whether we should add to the list those who are not members of The Temple, but who are members of the Men's Club and the Temple Women's Association. I am quite sure that the Men's Club and the Temple Women's Association would be pleased to contribute to the cost of the printing. You might wish to consult the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

LAW OFFICES OF
WEITZ AND WEITZ
LEADER BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

SIDNEY N. WEITZ
LOUIS E. WEITZ

September 23, 1942.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

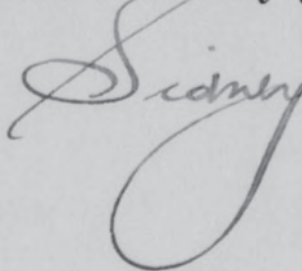
Dear Rabbi:

I have given further thought to the matter of printing a list of members according to their location and feel that this is an expense which we are justified in incurring. I would include in this list those who are not members of the Temple but are members of the Men's Club and the Women's Association so that, in its entirety, it may be made available to both organizations.

Approval will be obtained from the Chairman of the Finance Committee when he returns to the city tomorrow.

With kindest regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,



SNW M

9-28-42

MEMORANDUM TO MRS. BIALOSKY

From
RABBI SILVER

My dear Malvine:

Please announce at the opening meeting of the
Temple Women's Association:

1) The closing Succoth Service on Saturday morning --
10:30 o'clock.

2) The opening Sunday Morning Service -- October 11,
10:30 o'clock.

Please urge fine attendance at these services and
throughout the year. Public worship has a great role to play in the
maintenance of civilian morale during the war.



October 2, 1942

Mrs. Leonard S. Labowitch
2384 Euclid Heights Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Labowitch:

Enclosed herewith is the tentative program
of the Temple Women's Association Institute
which is to be held on January 13, 1943.

With best wishes, I remain
Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

October 7, 1942

Mrs. Leonard Bialosky
3398 Washington Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Malvine:

Do you think that we should send a Chanukah gift to every one of our boys in service? Chanukah, this year, is on December 4. If gifts are to be sent to them, they should be mailed by November 1st. This is the Government's request, or sooner, if possible. I wish you would give this some thought. You may wish to talk it over with Mr. Sidney Weitz and also with the President of the Men's Club, Mr. Leonard L. Broida.

You might also think through the *mature* of the gift. We have about two hundred men in the service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 12, 1942

Mr. Philip Bernstein
Jewish Welfare Federation
Chester-Twelfth Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

Were you able to follow through
on the Jewish police officers and time off
for the Holy Days? I understand that the
same practice of denying time off prevailed
also in the Engineers Department.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 26, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Friedman
13720 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friends:

The Honor Roll of Temple Men in the Service of Our Country will be dedicated on Sunday morning, November 1, 1942 in connection with The Temple religious services. A special ceremony honoring the two hundred sixty men who are now in the various branches of the military services of the United States, and those who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country, will be conducted.

A section of The Temple will be reserved for the parents, wives and immediate relatives of the men in service. I should like to extend a special invitation to you to attend the services, and I am enclosing herewith a card for the reserved section.

The service begins at 10:30. Please be in your pews before that time. The doors of The Temple open at 10 o'clock.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

October 26, 1942

Mrs. B. Feigenbaum
1397 East Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

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With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 18, 1942

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received yesterday from George Zepin. You may wish to take the matter up with the other members of the Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

LAW OFFICES OF
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LEADER BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

SIDNEY N. WEITZ
LOUIS E. WEITZ

November 19, 1942.

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

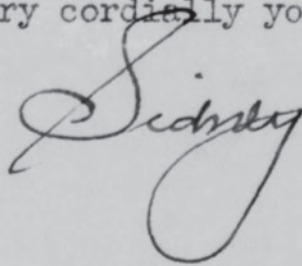
Dear Rabbi:

I have your letter of November 18th enclosing
letter from Rabbi Zepin.

In view of his suggestion I am again referring
the question of Rabbinical pensions to the
chairman of the committee which heretofore
handled the matter, with the request that this
suggestion be given consideration.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,



SNW M

December 10th, 1942

Dear Sidney:

Inasmuch as I am leaving for the Army on January 2nd, I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees and as Chairman of the Finance Committee of The Temple.

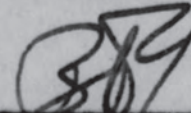
Altho it is due to the efforts of others - and not to any effort of mine - it is nevertheless a pleasure to know that the mortgage will shortly be paid off, and I hope that the campaign will be sufficiently successful to allow for a surplus that can be used for an Emergency Fund.

I should also like to suggest that in future budgeting you continue to charge a sum equivalent to our interest and amortization, for the next several years, which sum can be added to the Emergency Fund.

It has been a pleasure to serve with you.

My very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



ROBERT HAYS GRIES

RHG:JC

Mr. Siendy Weitz, President
The Temple
East 105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Copy to:
Rabbi A. H. Silver

December 14, 1942

Mr. Philip Bernstein
Jewish Community Council
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

The enclosed clipping tells an interesting story. The amount of space devoted to Mrs. Feigenbaum in the News in relation to the other war mother is very revealing, and the jumbled way in which the story is told is not a great compliment to the newspaper. There was no Chanukah service at The Temple yesterday morning. That service took place a week ago. Again, there was no mention at all that Bernard Fields was among the first of Cleveland Boys to die for their country. I must give the Catholics credit for their public relations work.

I am also enclosing some literature that has come to me. The typed address is similar to the type on envelopes containing similar stuff which is frequently sent to me by some professional Cleveland anti-Semite.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc. - 2

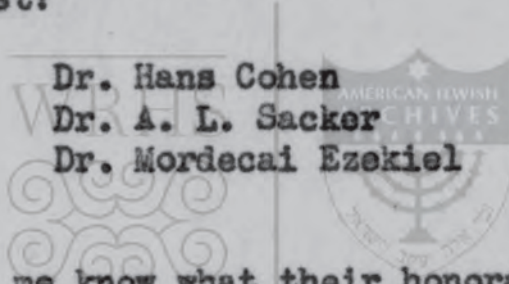
January 12, 1943.

Adult Education Council,
224 S. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Would one of the following men be available
for an address in my pulpit on Sunday morning,
January 31st?

Dr. Hans Cohen
Dr. A. L. Sacker
Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel



Please let me know what their honorarium would
be. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:bw

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January 15, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

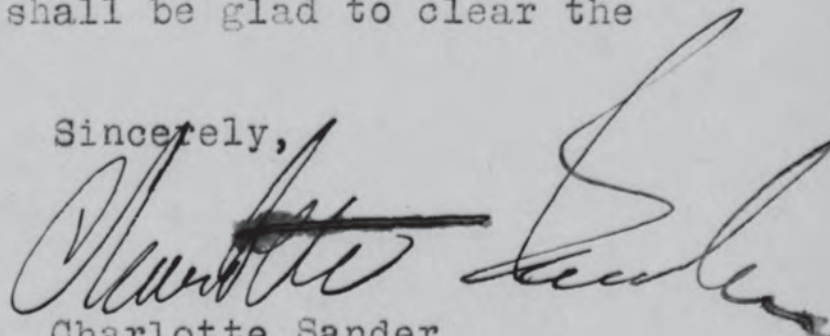
Dr. Ezekiel has just completed his midwest schedule. However, I shall be glad to ask whether he would consider a special trip to Cleveland for January 31st. This would require at least an honorarium of \$200.00. This is also the situation in the case of Dr. Kohn.

Dr. Sachar is not available for January 1st, I am sorry to say.

I should like to recommend Dr. Henry S. Bloch to you. I believe I have suggested him to you on several other occasions. He is one of the most interesting and popular speakers on our list. Rabbi Berman of Temple Isaiah-Israel had him take his pulpit last month and the reports about him on that occasion were very enthusiastic. He spoke on "The Common Man - Is He a Jew?" I know that Dr. Bloch would win and hold the interest of your congregation. His terms are \$125.00.

If you can meet the requirements for either Dr. Kohn or Dr. Ezekiel, I shall be glad to clear the date with them by wire.

Sincerely,



Charlotte Sander
Secretary, Speakers Bureau

PS:

Another interesting possibility is Dr. James M. Yard of the Chicago Round Table for Christians and Jews.

January 18, 1943.

Mr. Ed Goldstein
The May Company
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Ed:

I tried to reach you the other night at your home to tell you how much we are all indebted to you for the fine publicity which our meeting last Wednesday enjoyed in the public press. It was due to you that the meeting was so largely attended and proved so completely successful.

Many, many thanks and with all good wishes,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:bw

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

To Dr. Joel Hayden

January 22, 1943 19

'Phoned 12:30 m - bw

Care of or Apt. No. Western Reserve Academy

Street and No. Hudson, Ohio.

Place WRHS

AMERICAN JEWISH
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COULD YOU OCCUPY MY PULPIT SUNDAY MORNING JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST YOU WOULD

HELP ME OUT GREATLY AS I AM SCHEDULED TO BE AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

CONGREGATION AND I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU COME ^{6✓4} KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER ²

Yes

WANT A REPLY?

"Answer by WESTERN UNION"
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Sender's address
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To Rabbi Philip Bernstein

Jan. 20, 1943. 19

Care of or Apt. No. Jewish Welfare Board

'phoned 12:35

Street and No. 220 - 5th Ave.,

New York City

Place

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

MORNING

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO OCCUPY MY PULPIT SUNDAY JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST

IT WOULD DELIGHT ME AND CONGREGATION IF YOU CAN COME WILL OF COURSE

TAKE CARE OF EXPENSES AND HONORARIUM PLEASE WIRE

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

GRAMERCY 5-4320

GRAMERCY PK. HOTEL.

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for reference

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of the

National Jewish Welfare Board

220 FIFTH AVENUE



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January 25, 1943

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Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein
Executive Director

Dear Abba:

Not having heard from you, I assume you were able to make other arrangements for next Sunday morning, and I am grateful. I was honored by the invitation and I am still willing to come if you absolutely need me, but this week-end will be terrific for me owing to a number of inescapable obligations and to preparations for moving my family to New York next week.

Please call on me again whenever you would like to have me.

As ever,

Sunday
Feb. 21

January the 27th
1943

My dear Phil:

First let me thank you for your beautiful words of greetings and tribute on the occasion of my anniversary. The service last Sunday morning moved me deeply and I shall cherish for many years the warm words of tribute which have come to me from so many friends in all parts of the country.

I did succeed in getting someone to occupy my pulpit next Sunday morning - Dr. Joel B. Hayden - an outstanding minister of Ohio. I did not wish to impose upon you after you explained to me how crowded this week-end would be for you, but I do want you to come to the Temple and that is quite soon. I am to be at Harvard University for my annual visit beginning Sunday, February 21st. Can you come on that morning? It would be Brotherhood Week and we will make a special occasion of it with you as the guest speaker. I do hope that you will be able to come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein,
Executive Director,
National Jewish Welfare Board
New York City.

AHS:bw

COMMITTEE ON ARMY AND NAVY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

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February 2, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 104th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am really very unhappy to be compelled to write this letter. For I am both honored by this second invitation and also I want very much to be of assistance to you in this or any other way that is possible.

My problem arises out of the fact that I had committed myself to a series of visits to camps in the south in the period surrounding the date of February 21st. Since hearing from you, I have been trying to juggle the arrangements so as to be free for the trip to Cleveland. It just does not seem to be possible without seriously disrupting the entire trip and inconveniencing many people. On that particular morning of February 21st, I am scheduled to dedicate an Oren Kodesh at the Norfolk Naval Training Station. Chaplain Ruslander had rearranged all plans for this occasion so as to enable me to be present on that date.

Under the circumstances, much as I would like to accept your invitation, I am afraid that I cannot. I do hope that you will appreciate that uncontrollable circumstances rather than any lack of desire on my part are responsible for my decision.

I am almost embarrassed to say again that you may feel free to call upon me whenever you want me or need me, but I really mean it.

I send you my warm regards and best wishes.

As ever

TELEGRAM

February the fifth
1943

DR. EVERETT W. CLINCHY
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS
381 - 4th Avenue, New York City

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO OCCUPY MY
PULPIT SUNDAY MORNING FEBRUARY TWENTY-FIRST
IN HONOR OF BROTHERHOOD WEEK OUR COMMUNITY
WOULD EXTEND TO YOU MOST WARM WELCOME WOULD
BE DELIGHTED IF YOU COULD COME PLEASE WIRE

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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2:59 PM



[1943]

TELEGRAM

New York, N.Y.

February 5th - 5:20 PM

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February the seventh
1943

My dear Dr. Hayden:

I just returned from Chicago where I spent a few days recuperating from my celebration and I hasten to send you this note of gratitude for your kindness in occupying my pulpit last Sunday morning. I trust that you will not regard that too great an imposition and I hope some day to reciprocate.

The congregation was deeply impressed by your message, as it always is, whenever it is their good fortune to listen to you.

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

Most cordially yours,

Dr. Joel B. Hayden
Hudson, Ohio

AHS:bw

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

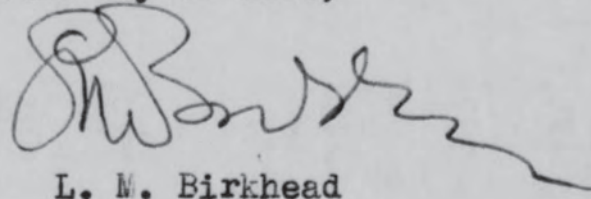
I am happy to speak to your Congregation on Sunday morning, February 21st.

Inasmuch as I am stopping in Detroit on the way, I expect to plan my schedule so that I shall arrive in Cleveland on Saturday night. You may count on my being at your Temple by ten o'clock or shortly thereafter Sunday morning, February 21st.

The subject that I prefer to speak on is War On The Propaganda Front. I also have an address on The Impact of Propaganda on Democratic Civilization.

Cordial personal greetings.

Yours for the democratic way of life,



L. M. Birkhead

lmb/ns

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February 13, 1943

Rabbi Silver,
Statler Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delivering herewith the photographs of Chapel Cleeve which I mentioned to you in our telephone conversation this morning and which arrived from England today.

This is the institute which I visited when in England last year near where my late Father was living. I am also forwarding herewith a copy of the report on the visit to the Children's Home, and I would be grateful if you will return both the report and the pictures to me.

On some later occasion if you would like me to talk to some of the members of your Temple about my visit to Chapel Cleeve and about conditions in Great Britain, I will be only too pleased to do so.

I hope you will have a successful luncheon tomorrow.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. J. Bisiker'.

E. J. Bisiker
British Vice Consul

EJB:EMT

February 15, 1948

Dr. L. M. Birkhead
Friends of Democracy, Inc.
137 E. 57th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Birkhead:

I am delighted to know that you will occupy my pulpit on Sunday morning, February 21. My people will look forward eagerly to your coming and to hearing your message. I will be at Harvard University that morning, and my associate, Rabbi Harris, will conduct the services and will introduce you to the congregation. I have announced as your subject, "War on the Propaganda Front".

Our services begin at 10:30 and we conclude at 12:00. You may have about thirty-five to forty minutes for your address. I would suggest that you stop at the Wade Park Manor which is a block away from The Temple. It is a first class hotel. Most of our Temple visiting speakers appreciate the proximity of this hotel to The Temple.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Montor, I have received biographical data, but I have not received your photograph. I would appreciate a gloss or two to be used in our newspaper publicity.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 16, 1943

Mr. E. J. Bisiker
British Vice Consul
1673 Union-Commerce Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bisiker:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the photographs of Chapel Cleeve which I was very happy to view. It is clearly a very attractive home for the children and I am pleased that the American Jews have had a hand in establishing it.

We shall be delighted, some day in the near future, to avail ourselves of your gracious offer to talk to some of the members of The Temple about Chapel Cleeve and conditions in Great Britain.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

CLEVELAND, OHIO

20 February, 1943.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Receipt of your letter of February 19, 1943, is hereby acknowledged. I am pleased to advise you that Coast Guardsmen stationed in Cleveland, Ohio, have been notified as to the Sunday morning services conducted at The Temple each Sunday beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Sincerely,

R. W. Dempwolf

R. W. DEMPWOLF,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
District Coast Guard Officer,
Cleveland, Ninth Naval District.

February 25, 1945

Rabbi Melbourne Harris
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Harris:

It was very encouraging to me on Sunday morning to have so many ask what to do. There is a desire for very concrete suggestions and actions on the part of these people.

Therefore, I am sending along the following suggestions:

1. Will you take your pen in hand and write to your Senators Taft and Burton and say that you hope they will do everything possible to win the war expeditiously and work for a decent and durable peace? Say that you hope that no Ohio Senator will carry on as did Borah and Lodge following the last war.
2. Write in a similar vein to your own Congressman.
3. Get as many others as possible to do the same.
4. Cooperate fully with the Civilian Defense set-up and all other war efforts. Cooperate uncomplainingly and with enthusiasm.
5. Combat in every possible way all the "anti" propagandas. Do not repeat propaganda or rumors about Russia, China, England and the President. Strengthen every pro-democracy group. Inform yourself about democracy. Talk up democracy and defend democratic civilization. Do not join any organization because it has a high-sounding name. Find out what it is doing. Strengthen your own religious groups by regular attendance and full participation.

Yours for the democratic way of life,

L. M. Birkhead

lmb/ns

Dear L. M. :

There are certain hard and ugly facts which deeply concern me and which we have agreed must determine the character of the program of Friends of Democracy.

First of all, there are those powerful obstructionist forces in the press which are sniping at the war effort and which threaten already to lead our country back into an era of isolationism. Even a casual reading of the editorials of the Chicago Tribune, the New York Daily News, certain of the Hearst papers and numerous smaller publications throughout the country indicate the direction in which these powerful obstructionist forces would lead us. They threaten the victory we are going to win.

In the second place, there is this powerful, extreme isolationist-America First Committee bloc in Congress which is directed by Wheeler, Nye, Reynolds, Brooks, Fish, Clare Hoffman, Day and their kind. This bloc may be able to wreck any constructive proposals for a decent and durable peace.

Moreover, we still have with us numerous subversive groups. Hundreds of these committees and organizations which have followed the pro-Axis line are still carrying on. A number of their publications continue to be sent through the mails. The America First Committee has been revived as a political party and the Rev. Gerald L.K. Smith is still on the radio.

Through these subversive groups and these obstructionist forces, distrust of democracy has been propagated throughout the country. There has been widespread effort to create doubt about

the ability of our government. Propaganda against our Allies, particularly the British and the Russians, has been widespread also.

As we look forward to the post-war period, we must think in terms of economic dislocations and the demobilization of millions of soldiers as our nation changes from a war to a peace time economy. Already there are nasty rumors about responsibility for this war. Roosevelt and the British and the Jews are to blame, according to widespread propaganda. Among the extreme and fanatical Fundamentalists there has been the propaganda that Hitler is "the bulwark against the anti-Christ of Jewish Communism." The impact of all this propaganda upon us has been terrific. The minds of many of our citizens have been poisoned.

Now the pro-democracy groups are being attacked on the floor of Congress and in the powerful obstructionist press. There is an attempt to intimidate by threats and investigation and by libel suits.

These hard and ugly facts are a great challenge to Friends of Democracy. As we think of what has been done in the past, we recognize the importance of certain jobs which have been well done. For example, the Rev. Gerald B. Winrod was defeated as a candidate for the United States Senate; Joseph McWilliams likewise was defeated for Congress; Father Coughlin is no longer on the radio; and many other achievements are to be credited to the pro-democracy activities of such organizations as Friends of Democracy.

To do the job of combatting the forces against us adequately our program must be carried on more effectively and more comprehensively. We have been working on too piece-meal a basis. As I see it, here are the major things which Friends of Democracy should do.

1. Dealing with the powerful obstructionist forces in the press represented by the New York Daily News, the Chicago Tribune, the Washington Times-Herald, many of the Hearst papers and such smaller publications as the Ft. Wayne, Indiana, News Sentinel and so forth. This program includes contact with advertisers, well-documented pamphlets to be distributed among the constituents of these papers, special advertisements, the promotion of mass meetings, and many other activities.

These powerful obstructionist forces in the press represent major focal points of extreme isolationist and pro-Fascist propaganda.

2. One of the major threats to winning the war expeditiously and the most serious menace to a decent and durable peace is the extreme supernaturalist-isolationist-America First Committee bloc in Congress. This bloc includes such powerful Congressional figures as Senators Wheeler, Nye, Brooks, Reynolds, Bennett Clark, Worth Clark, Shipstead, Johnson of California and Congressmen Clare Hoffman, Hamilton Fish, Stephen Day and Dewey Short.

A carefully planned program must be carried out against these Senators and Congressmen in the states and districts which they represent. It must be organized as a citizens movement against the obstructionist tactics of this bloc.

3. The anti-propagandas - anti-Semitism, anti-British, anti-Russian and other anti-propagandas which are used as political weapons. The project dealing with these anti-propagandas includes the preparation and distribution of millions of simple leaflets indicating the disruptive and divisive character of these anti-propagandas when used as political weapons. Also a program of speeches before thousands of clubs throughout the country, special leaflets to religious Fundamentalists and other religious groups, and important radio programs. This project is a direct frontal attack on propaganda as a weapon.

4. A project dealing with powerful individuals who are involved directly or indirectly in the extreme isolationist and anti-propagandas. This project will include a definite program concerning Charles A. Lindbergh, Carl Mote, Henry Ford, Lawrence Dennis and former Congressman Jacob Thorkelson and others. Also there are the cases of the Rev. Gerald L.K. Smith and the Rev. Harvey Springer, both of whom are on the radio. For example, in the case of Smith, we have a complete record of his connections and his activities, and we have worked out a program of action against him and his radio program.

5. One of the biggest religious blocs in the country is the

Fundamentalist group. In this group are numerous fanatical Fundamentalist leaders like the Rev. W. B. Riley, Rev. Gerald Winrod, Rev. Harvey Springer and similar leaders. These fanatical Fundamentalists exploit such ideas as that "Hitler is the great bulwark against the anti-Christ" and "The anti-Christ will be a Communist Jew."

The program must include organizing the liberal wing of the Fundamentalists and the direction of a pamphleteering and speaking program within the Fundamentalist movement.

6. Checking on the subversive groups and publications throughout the country and a program of action against them. This project includes a nation-wide survey of mothers groups and related women's organizations, the surviving shirted groups and numerous other committees still functioning. A nation-wide survey of the activities of these groups which have followed the Axis propaganda line should be made in connection with the project.

7. A project dealing with the representatives of the pro-Axis propaganda, such as, for example, the Spanish Library of Information, the Falangists, the Vichy crowd, the Steuben Society, and so forth. These representatives carry on, within the law, and it is quite important that they be observed and a program of action against their propaganda be carried out.

8. A special study of the impact of propaganda on western civilization; the meaning and significance of this propaganda and what to do about it. This project is not only important as a measure which would make the American people aware of propaganda, but also it is important as a basis of understanding the meaning and significance of propaganda and what to do about it.

9. Neighborhood groups and community organizations - Many of these groups are already in existence. Others should be established and their activities directed. There will be, during the war and particularly in the immediate post-war period, the problems of violence, street meetings, anti-democratic propaganda and so forth which only neighborhood groups can deal with.

10. In the program of Friends of Democracy, of course there is also:

- a. Research - which means observing and keeping careful records of all the anti-democratic propaganda groups and publications.
- b. Information service - furnishing information to government agencies, publications and so forth.
- c. A directory of pro-Nazi and anti-democratic propaganda groups - with an outline of their program, financial backers and so forth.
- d. The distribution of The Propaganda Battlefront - mimeographed news-letter publishing exposes of subversive groups and reporting on happenings on the propaganda front.
- e. The preparation of a portable propaganda exhibit properly documented and illustrated and suited for exhibition in schools, clubs and civic groups. This exhibit will make it easier to explain the technique and devices of propaganda.

To do this job we need a minimum budget of \$150,000. I know that we can do the job and with this amount we can strike a blow that will turn the tide.

Sincerely,

Rex Stout

February 25, 1943

Mrs. Leonard Bialosky
3398 Washington Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Malvine:

Purim is coming, and Purim is the season of "Shalach Monos", the sending of gifts. This would be another lovely occasion to remember our boys in the service. Since last Chanukah, I would judge that one hundred fifty or more boys of The Temple have joined the Armed Forces. These did not receive a Chanukah gift from The Temple. It would be a fine thing to remember them on Purim as well as the other boys. I understand that it is not possible to send packages to men in the Army stationed overseas, but we can send packages to the men overseas in the Marines, Navy and Coast Guard, and to those in this country.

I got in touch with the Men's Club and they are devising ways of raising their share of the expense. I am wondering whether the Temple Women's Association is in a position to make an appropriation? Would you check up with your Budget Committee and let me know? I would also ask the Finance Committee of The Temple Board to make an appropriation. You might also wish to give some thought to the matter of the gift. These gifts ought to be sent sometime during the first week of March. Purim is on the 21st of March.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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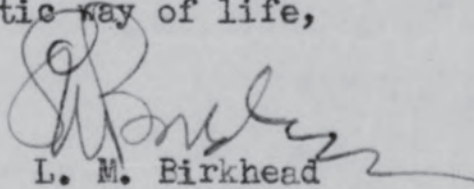
I was happy to be in your pulpit on Sunday and meet your Congregation. Also it was a pleasure to be greeted by Mrs. Silver.

The enclosed letter which I have sent to Rabbi Harris is self-explanatory.

I believe that you will be interested in the confidential letter which I have just had from our president, Rex Stout, which explains the critical situation confronting the country and some of the major undertakings which must be carried on to combat the dangerous developments.

Thank you again.

Yours for the democratic way of life,


L. M. Birkhead

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could I see you sometime
when you are in New York?

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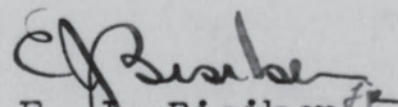
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for the report on Chapel Cleeve which you return to Mr. Bisiker. Would you please, also, return the photographs to this office when you have finished with them.

Mr. Bisiker will be happy to speak to the members of The Temple about Chapel Cleeve when you wish to plan it at a mutually convenient time.

Sincerely yours,


E. J. Bisiker
British Consul

EJB/FR

March 1, 1943

Dr. L. M. Birkhead
Friends of Democracy, Inc.
137 East 57th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Birkhead:

I am enclosing herewith a check as an honorarium for the address which you delivered at The Temple services a week ago.

I am indeed very grateful to you for taking time out from your very busy life to come and talk to our people. They were deeply impressed -- and I am afraid a little frightened by what you told them. I have sometimes wondered whether it is helpful, taking everything into consideration, to over-stress with Jews, who are sufficiently shaken by events abroad, the motif of "The Philistines are upon thee"....

With all good wishes and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you someday soon, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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March 3, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of March 1st and for the honorarium. I appreciate your generous words concerning my address.

I was particularly interested in the following statement from your letter about the reactions of your Congregation to my address:

"They were deeply impressed -- and I am afraid a little frightened by what you told them. I have sometimes wondered whether it is helpful, taking everything into consideration, to over-stress with Jews, who are sufficiently shaken by events abroad, the motif of 'The Philistines are upon thee'".

I have been thinking hard and long about the present crisis. The enclosed letter of Rex Stout, our president, which he wrote me recently, presents a sound approach. The situation is so critical that I believe it is necessary now to speak with the utmost candor and, if necessary, frighten people. The facts are frightening. In Europe and America the pro-democratic forces have appeased the enemy in one way or another. I see it particularly in this country among my Christian friends who indicate that when I speak with frankness about the critical situation confronting us, they say that I am an alarmist. They have reactions similar to those of your Congregation, but, of course it is not so personal. We have been working, both in Europe and in this country, for the past decade, on the principle of underestimating the enemy. It has always been the case of "too little and too late," both on the military and the propaganda fronts. Hence, our disaster. The situation in this country is potentially more dangerous than I can possibly convey in words. Our Committee, including Rex Stout and myself, are deeply disturbed.

There is a rising tide of the various "anti" propagandas. The growing anti-Russian propaganda may develop to such proportions

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that we may not be allowed to sit down at the peace table with Russia. The anti-British propaganda is tremendous, and as it has been used as a political weapon in the past so it may be again. There is a widespread and sinister belief that we are fighting to preserve the British Empire.

But the most serious of the "anti" propagandas is anti-Semitism. In the Chicago Tribune and its satellites we read editorials to the effect that the "internationalists" are responsible for this war and the "internationalists" mentioned are the Sassoons, the Rothchilds and the Warburgs. The Washington Times-Herald and the Chicago Tribune recently had a vicious attack on Frankfurter. Just now coming to us are rumors to the effect that people in the Middle West and the South have seen chalked on the side of troop trains such slogans as, "We are going to lick the Nazis and the Japs. We'll be back to lick the Jews." There are such widespread rumors as the one which is now very familiar in all parts of the country entitled, "The First American." Irish names are mentioned as those who have sunk the first Japanese battleship, found the first Nazi spy, et cetera, and the first American to receive four new tires was Nathan Goldstein. You know the statement I have in mind. Msg. Sheen repeated this entire statement, with the exception of the last line about the Jews, in his radio address two or three Sundays ago. There is now a considerable amount of violence, as you know, aimed at the Jews. Swastikas have been painted on Jewish stores in various parts of the country and some fifteen to twenty temples and synagogues in Brooklyn have been stoned and broken into and sacred objects defiled. There have been similar happenings in other sections of the country.

If anti-Semitism were confined to hoodlums or to the ignorant, it wouldn't be quite so dangerous, but it is to be found in men and women in high places, in business, religion and politics. It is not anti-Semitism as a personal prejudice so much as it is anti-Semitism as a political weapon, and it is deep-seated. The other day one of our United States Senators remarked to a very intimate friend of mine, "Maybe we should never have got into this war. You know how the internationalists tricked the United States into it anyway." and he made a gesture indicating the Jews.

The serious anti-Semitism does not come alone from the little fellow who passes out the nasty leaflets on the street or in front of a church or at a meeting. The major focal points of infection may be found in the Chicago Tribune, the New York Daily News and their satellites. Also, in the extreme isolationist bloc in Congress. There are, moreover, certain powerful individuals who are involved in one way or another, such as, for example, Henry Ford and Lindbergh. They stand somewhat as symbols. Then there are also individuals all over

the country like the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, the Rev. Harvey Springer, Carl Mote and Father Edward Lodge Curran who carry on very effectively within limited areas. There is general agreement among all of these, including the powerful obstructionist forces in the press as well as among members in Congress, that the thirty-three seditionists were recently indicted only because of their anti-Semitism.

This propaganda, which slows down the war effort now, is likely to find its most fruitful soil in the post-war period. Congress has sabotaged the National Planning Resources Board. The organizations working in the post-war field are so far very academic, such as, for example, the Organization for the Study of Peace and the United Nations movement. They make no appeal for mass support. We may have to shift sixty million people from a war time to a peace time economy. We shall have to demobilize several million soldiers. Already such emotional slogans as "Get us out of this mess," "Back to normalcy," and "Let's make sure to preserve the sovereignty of our nation" are being bandied about, and then, of course, there is the inevitable question of who got us into this war. The answer is easy for the anti-propagandists.

I don't want to give you the impression that I despair of the situation, for I believe that something can be done as indicated in the letter of Rex Stout to me.

I believe that the Jewish organizations are not really tackling the heart of the problem. They are doing very good work, but that work is piece-meal and, for the most part, on the fringes. Every year, for example, the American Jewish Committee reports that anti-Semitism is declining. There are numerous meetings, conferences, many pamphlets, but the heart of the problem is not reached. By their very nature the Jewish groups must deal with the problem as though it were a sectarian matter.

Right now the American Jewish Committee is giving a great deal of time and energy to an effort to allay the conflict between the Zionists and the anti-Zionists. I understand that Judge Joseph L. Proskauer is afraid that this conflict may create a great deal of anti-Semitism. The fact is that very few Christians understand what the conflict is about, just as very few Jews understand the major doctrinal and policy conflicts between Christians.

Many of our pro-democracy groups are going out of business now. The only militant, non-sectarian group working in this field is Friends of Democracy. Our organization has taken over some of the defunct organizations. There are some very academic groups. They approach the problem in a very general way. There are fine words and good resolutions from Christian groups such as the Federal Council of Churches. The National Conference of Christians and Jews keeps the bridge across the chasm between Jews and Christians and this is a useful job, but otherwise it is not very effective.

It happens that the two persons most interested in Friends of Democracy are Rex Stout and myself. We are also the two biggest contributors to Friends of Democracy. It is interesting to note that Rex and myself are two middle western Christians of Quaker ancestry. Recently when Rex wrote a piece for the New York Times on "Hating the Germans," he was violently attacked by many Christians. I found it necessary to defend him and call the attention of my Christian brethren to the fact that they never exhibited any such resentment against their Christian brethren who preached violent and obscene hatred of the Jews.

The tide may be changed so that the Jews may not be engulfed, but at the moment the chances are that it will require heroic effort to turn the tide. Both Rex and I are devoting all of our time now to this cause. Rex is arranging to resign as chairman of the War Writers' Board so that he can devote more time to Friends of Democracy, but we are doubtful right now of obtaining adequate support to do the job that ought to be done.

If I were a leading and outstanding Jew, I would get some of my most reliable friends and associates in the country together and see that the problem of anti-Semitism is met with intelligence and I would see that it is dealt with realistically. Unfortunately, the Jewish organizations are still dealing with the problem as a matter of discrimination and not as a political weapon. The Jewish organizations also sabotage many of the efforts of such groups as Friends of Democracy to get substantial sums of money. Having got such friends together, I would try to deal with the problem in a comprehensive and militant way. I would see that the job is done. I would not permit such fears as that "you may create more anti-Semitism by your efforts" to restrain my efforts. I had the experience of having the head of one of the most important Jewish organizations in the country write me when we were fighting Winrod and plead with me not to publish the Winrod pamphlet because, he said, "it would certainly elect Winrod to the Senate." He was so afraid of any action that he was almost paralyzed, and yet I believe that the late Justice Brandeis was right when he declared, "If we would guide by the light of reason, we must let the mind be bold." You may know about the great pressure put upon Friends of Democracy to prevent us from publishing our Ford pamphlet.

I have talked with a few leading Jews in the above manner. Most of them get nervous and say, "You overstate the case," and again I think to myself that it is a case of under-estimating the enemy. Rex likes W. L. Shirer's story of liberals and Jews who met in Berlin and could have gotten rid of Hitler for \$150,000, but they thought it was too much money.

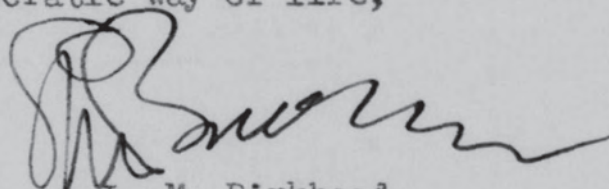
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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I believe that the job can be done with a comparatively small amount of money. As a matter of fact, it isn't a case of huge sums of money, but of plans, strategy, brains and outwitting the enemy. The enemy is vulnerable and can be destroyed now, but I doubt that the enemy can be destroyed in the post-war period. The time to do the job is while the temper of the country is favorable.

Cordial personal greetings.

Yours for the democratic way of life,



L. M. Birkhead

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Confidential

Dear L. M.:

There are certain hard and ugly facts which deeply concern me and which we have agreed must determine the character of the program of Friends of Democracy.

First of all, there are the powerful obstructionist forces in the press which are sniping at the war effort and which threaten already to lead our country back into an era of isolationism. Even a casual reading of the editorials of the Chicago Tribune, the New York Daily News, certain of the Hearst papers and numerous smaller publications throughout the country indicate the direction in which these powerful obstructionist forces would lead us. They threaten the victory we are going to win.

In the second place, there is the powerful, extreme isolationist-America First Committee bloc in Congress which is directed by Wheeler, Nye, Reynolds, Brooks, Fish, Clare Hoffman, Day and their kind. This bloc may be able to wreck any constructive proposals for a decent and durable peace.

Moreover, we still have with us numerous subversive groups. Hundreds of these committees and organizations which have followed the pro-Axis line are still carrying on. A number of their publications continue to be sent through the mails. The America First Committee has been revived as a political party and the Rev. Gerald L.K. Smith is still on the radio.

Through these subversive groups and these obstructionist forces

distrust of democracy has been propagated throughout the country. There has been widespread effort to create doubt about the ability of our government. Propaganda against our Allies, particularly the British and the Russians, has been widespread also.

As we look forward to the post-war period, we must think in terms of economic dislocations and the demobilization of millions of soldiers as our nation changes from a war to a peace time economy. Already there are nasty rumors about responsibility for this war. Roosevelt and the British and the Jews are to blame, according to widespread propaganda. Among the extreme and fanatical Fundamentalists there has been the propaganda that Hitler is "the bulwark against the anti-Christ of Jewish Communism." The impact of all this propaganda upon us has been extreme. The minds of many of our citizens have been poisoned.

Now the pro-democracy groups are being attacked on the floor of Congress and in the powerful obstructionist press. There is an attempt to intimidate by threats of investigation and by libel suits.

These hard and ugly facts are a great challenge to Friends of Democracy. As we think of what has been done in the past, we recognize the importance of certain jobs which have been well done. For example, the Rev. Gerald B. Winrod was defeated as a candidate for the United States Senate; Joseph McWilliams likewise was defeated for Congress; Father Coughlin is no longer on the radio; and many other achievements are to be credited to the pro-democracy activities of such organizations as Friends of Democracy.

To do the job of combatting the forces against us adequately our program must be carried on more effectively and more comprehensively. We have been working on too piece-meal a basis. As I see it, here are the major things which Friends of Democracy should do.

1. Dealing with the powerful obstructionist forces in the press represented by the New York Daily News, the Chicago Tribune, the Washington Times-Herald, many of the Hearst papers and such smaller publications as the Ft. Wayne, Indiana, News Sentinel and so forth. This program includes contact with advertisers, well-documented pamphlets to be distributed among the constituents of these papers, special advertisements, the promotion of mass meetings, and many other activities.

These powerful obstructionist forces in the press represent major focal points of extreme isolationist and pro-Fascist propaganda.

2. One of the major threats to winning the war expeditiously and the most serious menace to a decent and durable peace is the extreme supernaturalist-isolationist-America First Committee bloc in Congress. This bloc includes such powerful Congressional figures as Senators Wheeler, Nye, Brooks, Reynolds, Bennett Clark, Worth Clark, Shipstead, Johnson of California and Congressmen Clare Hoffman, Hamilton Fish, Stephen Day and Dewey Short.

A carefully planned program must be carried out against these Senators and Congressmen in the states and districts which they represent. It must be organized as a citizens movement against the obstructionist tactics of this bloc.

3. The anti-propagandas - anti-Semitism, anti-British, anti-Russian and other anti-propagandas which are used as political weapons. The project dealing with these anti-propagandas includes the preparation and distribution of millions of simple leaflets indicating the disruptive and divisive character of these anti-propagandas when used as political weapons. Also a program of speeches before thousands of clubs throughout the country, special leaflets to religious Fundamentalists and other religious groups, and important radio programs. This project is a direct frontal attack on propaganda as a weapon.

4. A project dealing with powerful individuals who are involved directly or indirectly in the extreme isolationist and anti-propagandas. This project will include a definite program concerning Charles A. Lindbergh, Carl Mote, Henry Ford, Lawrence Dennis and Former Congressman Jacob Thorkelson and others. Also there are the cases of the Rev. Gerald L.K. Smith and the Rev. Harvey Springer, both of whom are on the radio. For example, in

the case of Smith, we have a complete record of his connections and his activities, and we have worked out a program of action against him and his radio program.

5. One of the biggest religious blocs in the country is the Fundamentalist group. In this group are numerous fanatical Fundamentalist leaders like the Rev. W. B. Riley, Rev. Gerald Winrod, Rev. Harvey Springer and similar leaders. These fanatical Fundamentalists exploit such ideas as that "Hitler is the great bulwark against the anti-Christ" and "The anti-Christ will be a Communist Jew."

The program must include organizing the liberal wing of the Fundamentalists and the direction of a pamphleteering and speaking program within the Fundamentalist movement.

6. Checking on the subversive groups and publications throughout the country and a program of action against them. This project includes a nation-wide survey of mothers groups and related women's organizations, the surviving shirted groups and numerous other committees still functioning. A nation-wide survey of the activities of these groups which have followed the Axis propaganda line should be made in connection with the project.

7. A project dealing with the representatives of the pro-Axis propaganda, such as, for example, the Spanish Library of Information, the Falangists, the Vichy crowd, the Steuben Society, and so forth. These representatives carry on, within the law, and it is quite important that they be observed and a program of action against their propaganda be carried out.

8. A special study of the impact of propaganda on western civilization; the meaning and significance of this propaganda and what to do about it. This project is not only important as a measure which would make the American people aware of propaganda, but also it is important as a basis of understanding the meaning and significance of propaganda and what to do about it.

9. Neighborhood groups and community organizations - Many of these groups are already in existence. Others should be established and their activities directed. There will be, during the war and particularly in the immediate post-war period, the problems of violence, street meetings, anti-democratic propaganda and so forth which only neighborhood groups can deal with.

10. In the program of Friends of Democracy, of course there is also:

- a. Research - which means observing and keeping careful records of all the anti-democratic propaganda groups and publications.
- b. Information service - furnishing information to government agencies, publications and so forth.
- c. A directory of pro-Nazi and anti-democratic propaganda groups - with an outline of their program, financial backers and so forth.
- d. The distribution of The Propaganda Battlefront - mimeographed news-letter publishing exposes of subversive groups and reporting on happenings on the propaganda front.
- e. The preparation of a portable propaganda exhibit properly documented and illustrated and suited for exhibition in schools, clubs and civic groups. This exhibit will make it easier to explain the technique and devices of propaganda.

To do this job we need a minimum budget of \$150,000.

I know that we can do the job and with this amount we can strike a blow that will turn the tide.

Sincerely,

Rex Stout

March 3, 1943

Mr. Edward J. Meisel
Meisel Tire Co.
1761 Chester Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Ed:

Mr. Weitz suggested that I draft for you a statement embodying the action of the Finance Committee with reference to the engagement of an Assistant Supervisor and Director of Social and Club Activities at The Temple. You may wish to have this statement before you when you bring up the matter at the forthcoming meeting of The Temple Board of Trustees.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

March 4, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

If the matter of establishing a Temple Endowment or Trust Fund is to come up at the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Trustees, I believe that you should have a final conversation about it with Isador Grossman and Philmore Haber so that a concrete proposal can be presented.

Judging from the sentiments expressed at the meeting a few days ago, the consensus of opinion seems to be that contributions should be made directly to The Temple or the congregation, as such, but that the congregation should set up a special Trust Fund or Endowment Fund into which these bequests are to be placed. The Fund is to be administered by the Board of Trustees. I think this is a simpler arrangement, and one which will meet with the approval of the Board.

It would be nice to have Mr. Grossman and Mr. Haber present at the next meeting of the Board to present the resolutions for the establishment of a Temple Trust or Endowment Fund.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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HARRY A. LEVY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

March 10, 1943

Dear Friend:

We send you hearty greetings on the occasion of the Holiday of Purim which will be celebrated on March twenty-first. The officers and members of The Temple join us in the expression of these good wishes.

The Holiday of Purim is a very happy one in the calendar of our people. It commemorates the triumph of Israel over the arch foe, Haman, who in ancient days sought to destroy our people. His evil conspiracy was frustrated, his defamations were of no avail, and he himself perished. Need we draw your attention to the close parallel between Haman and Hitler? It is the hope of free men everywhere that Hitler, too, and all the dark and brutal forces behind him will soon share a similar fate.

There is dawn on the horizon!

Our beloved country is in action, growing mightier and more resolute and poised for the final assault. Together with all the freedom-loving peoples of the earth it is determined to crush forever the menace of Nazism and Fascism, to put an end to the reign of chaos, aggression, terror and intolerance which has defiled our age, and to usher in a nobler world order which will be based upon the rights of all men and all peoples to life and liberty, and which will be established in justice and peace.

We are proud that you are a member of the fighting forces of this great army of Free Men. We pray that you will be granted the sustaining strength and the sheltering arms of our Heavenly Father throughout all the oncoming days.

You will be interested to know that 358 men of The Temple are now in the armed forces of our country. Many of them are already overseas. They are giving a good account of themselves. The civilians at home, your parents, members of your families and friends, are also trying to do their patriotic duty to the best of their ability, each in his own sphere of usefulness. The Temple is a very busy place these days with all forms of civilian defense projects—Red Cross Sewing, Blood Donors, First Aid, Bond and Stamp sales, War Fund Campaigns, and many others.

Purim is traditionally an occasion for sending gifts. This package is a Purim gift, sent to you with our love and good wishes—and our prayer for your safety and well-being—and speedy return home on the wings of victory.

Most cordially,

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

RABBI MELBOURNE HARRIS

March 12, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I was very pleased that both important acts were passed by the Board of Trustees yesterday.

With reference to Miss Berman, I am proceeding to discuss with her in general outline the nature of her services here at The Temple. We will define specifically her activities. I will submit a draft of it to you before long.

With reference to the Endowment Fund, I would suggest that you or Phil Haber draft a letter to be sent to the lawyers of The Temple enclosing the resolutions which were adopted setting up the Endowment Fund and soliciting their cooperation. Something should be said in the letter about the purposes for which such an Endowment Fund would be used, and the need for it, the widespread establishment of such endowments among churches in the United States, and the desirability of calling the attention of Jewish testators to the importance of remembering temples and religious institutions in their wills. The letter, inclusive of the resolutions adopted, might be set up in an attractive small folder so that lawyers may keep it on file.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 22, 1943

Dr. Morton Morgenstern
Rose Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Morton:

Will you please convey to all the members of The Temple Men's Club Orchestra, and to the director, Mr. Carl Graver, the deep appreciation of the Cleveland Zionist Society for the very beautiful musical program which the Orchestra presented at the Purim Party of the Society on Sunday evening. I have heard nothing but warmest praise for the lovely music which the Orchestra rendered. We are indeed very grateful.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 4, 1943

Dr. Henry Miller Busch
Cleveland College
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My dear Dr. Busch:

I have just returned from Philadelphia where I attended the Annual Conference of the United Palestine Appeal and I have been informed by many who attended the services last Sunday morning of the splendid instructive and elevating message which you brought to The Temple people. I want to thank you profoundly for your kindness in coming to us. I hope that we shall have the pleasure of having you with us soon again.

Please convey my best wishes to Mrs. Busch in which Mrs. Silver heartily joins me. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

May 6, 1943

My dear Jack:

Miss Kline informed me that you phoned yesterday about the Committee on Attendance. I should like to get together with you some time soon and talk over the matter. The congregational season for Sunday Morning Services is drawing rapidly to a close. We conclude our Sunday Morning Services, as you know, prior to Confirmation. It would therefore be wiser in my judgment that any plan which we would adopt for action would be more helpfully undertaken early in the Fall, just prior to the opening of our Sunday Morning Services. But I will meet with you before then, I am sure, and we will talk the entire matter over.

With all good wishes to you and yours,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Mr. J. B. Kohn
2380 Canal Road
Cleveland, Ohio

May 12, 1943

Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, President
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Dr. Dykstra:

I am turning to you for a favor encouraged by something which you wrote to me not long ago when I accepted an invitation to address a meeting at the University of Wisconsin. You thought that some day you would be able to reciprocate. I am writing to you on the off chance that your calendar will permit you to come to Cleveland on Wednesday evening, May 26. The Temple will, on that evening, hold its Annual Meeting which is the outstanding event in the life of our congregation. To these Annual Meetings we have made an effort to bring national figures who have a significant message to bring. Last year the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Adolf Berle, Jr., was our guest; the year before, Secretary of the Interior Ickes. The meeting is very largely attended, and the community listens in on it.

It would mean much to our community and to me if you could accept this invitation which was extended to you by the Board of Trustees of The Temple. I believe that you would enjoy your visit to Cleveland where you have not spoken for some time. May I hear from you, if possible by wire, so that we may proceed at once with our publicity?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Lt. Julius Mark, Ch. C
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Great Lakes, Ill.



OUR TEMPLE WILL HONOR ITS 400 MEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES ON WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 26. THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXTEND TO YOU OUR MOST CORDIAL INVITATION TO BE OUR HONORED GUEST AND SPEAKER ON THIS OCCASION. BECAUSE OF THE DEFINITE PATRIOTIC CHARACTER OF THE MEETING IT WAS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY ALL TO HAVE ~~A CHAPLAIN OF OUR ARMED SERVICES~~ ADDRESS THE MEETING. IT WOULD GIVE ME PERSONALLY GREAT PLEASURE IF YOU COULD SEE YOUR WAY CLEAR TO ACCEPT. KINDEST REGARDS. PLEASE WIRE.

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May 17, 1943

Rabbi Philip Bernstein
Jewish Welfare Board
220 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Phil:

I am delighted that you will be with us on Wednesday, May 26, and I know that the congregation will also be delighted to receive your message. Last year Mr. Adolf Berle, Jr. was our guest and speaker; and the year before, Harold Ickes. The meeting is held in The Temple. Following the meeting there is a reception in Mahler Hall. Other than the few annual reports which will be submitted by the officers, you are the only speaker on the program.

I have made reservations for you at the Wade Park Manor which is a very fine hotel in close proximity to The Temple. Please let me know when you plan to arrive. My secretary has made reservations for you on the 11:46 P.M. train for New York.

I shall look forward eagerly to your coming.
With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 17, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I am enclosing herewith some names
which have occurred to me as good timber
for the Board. I have not arranged these names
according to any sequence.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

May 19, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz, President
The Temple
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

As you know, elections will soon be held for the American Jewish Conference which is to convene in July. More than forty national Jewish organizations representing practically the whole of American Jewry are part of this Conference which is to consider all post-war Jewish problems. Elections for delegates to this Conference will be held in all the communities early in June. In Cleveland these elections will be held on June 7. Every Jewish organization, Temple Sisterhood, etc. is entitled to send electors to the meeting which will select the Cleveland delegates to the American Jewish Conference. There will be nine delegates sent from Cleveland.

Jewish organizations in our community are entitled to send representatives to the meeting which will select these delegates on the basis of one representative for the first fifty members, and one for each succeeding seventy-five. On the basis of fourteen hundred members, our Temple would be entitled to nineteen representatives. These representatives must be selected at a membership meeting of the congregation. Such a list should be presented to the congregation at our Annual Meeting on May 26 for election. I shall be very happy to assist you in drawing up that list. It is important that every one who accepts to represent The Temple should be present at the meeting when the delegates will be selected because there will be no voting by proxy or by groups.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 19, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

It has occurred to me that it would be an appropriate occasion, next Wednesday, to make official announcement of the establishment of The Temple Endowment Fund. The importance of it should be stressed, and its value to the future of The Temple. Perhaps you would wish the chairman of the Endowment Committee to make a presentation of this new Fund to the membership. This would give the subject added weight at the meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 20, 1943

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

Dear Abba:

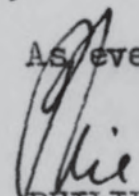
Thanks for your note, and again for the invitation.
I am glad that I have been able to accept.

I am planning to arrive on the 11:10 A.M. train
and will go directly to the Wade Park Manor.
I will get in touch with you when I will be
settled there.

It will be good to spend some time with you, and
I am honored by the opportunity to participate.
in so notable an occasion.

With friendliest greetings,

As ever,


PHILIP S. BERNSTEIN

May 28, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

Mr. Willard was in to see me yesterday about the choir contracts for next year. Because Mr. Dewhirst had to leave for the Army, and the possibility that the present tenor, Mr. Born, may also have to leave soon, he suggests that we augment the choir by four voices so as to give us replacement and volume. The four people whom he suggests to be added have from time to time been singing in our choir. There would be practically no increase in cost to us inasmuch as Mr. Dewhirst's salary was \$650 a year and the four new voices could be added at a salary of \$150 each.

Mr. Willard also suggests that two of the present members of the choir, Mrs. Robert Bossinger and Mr. Ernest Bodenweber, who were entitled to receive a raise last year, should be given that raise this year -- \$3 a month each, or about \$30 a year. This would increase the total budget of the choir for the coming year just \$10, and would give us a choir of eighteen voices, which would be splendid.

The contracts should be signed within the coming week, if possible.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 28, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

From the enclosed card you will note that alternates can and will be selected to the Cleveland election meeting of the American Jewish Conference. I would suggest that you appoint five or six alternates to take the place of those who may not be able to attend the meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

CLEVELAND COLLEGE
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 28, 1943

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

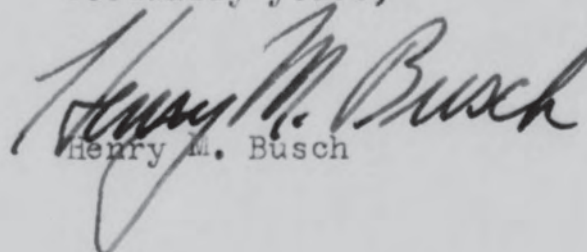
Thank you for your kind letter and for your check. I should have answered your note immediately, but as you can well understand the pressure of academic activities toward the close of the school year, which is normally great, has increased by the calling to the colors of practically all the men who are enrolled in the college. It was necessary to make out individual examinations for each man just prior to his induction, and to see that all records were complete so that he could take them with him on the morning when he reported for duty. The bulk of that work coincided with the period starting at about the week when I occupied your pulpit, and the 15th of May. Then came the regular examination period. In addition I have been busy as usual with out of town addresses, all of which made it abnormally difficult for me to answer my personal correspondence. As a matter of fact I have not been in Cleveland one weekend since the Sunday when I spoke at the Temple.

I want to take this long deferred opportunity of expressing my congratulations to you on the completion of your 25th year as Rabbi of the Temple. It was a source of great satisfaction to be present in the Temple for the Sunday morning celebration and to hear so many of our esteemed public leaders express what was in my own heart, and must have been the sentiment of everyone who knows you well. You must know by now that your irreplaceable value to this community does not inhere alone in your leadership of your people, but in the many services you have rendered to a variety of public causes.

It is a source of special gratification to me to have had the opportunity to know you as a friend, even though our paths seem to cross with less and less frequency as our activities increase.

Mrs. Busch was with me at the Temple, and expressed, as she often has, great admiration for you. She joins me in good wishes to you and Mrs. Silver.

Cordially yours,


Henry M. Busch

HMB:ms

June 20th, 1943.

For Rabbi Silver:--

A few notes on music problems. For your study, O.K., or otherwise.

1. I had a long talk with Mr. McKinnon on Friday last after the service. He will let me know our answer by Wednesday of this week. He is being paid nearly what we offered him for the one Sunday service at Dr. Phillips's church, but would like to come to us if he can arrange his work and will talk over with his employer the possibility of getting away on Fridays and Saturdays. \$500

2. On looking over the blanks filled out by Rabbi Harris I find that our second choice, Mr. Toomey, is very doubtful of getting away from work at all. This makes me think strongly of our third choice in a manner shown below. #6

3. We should be talking about music for the summer services, now only two weeks away. Last year we were fortunate in having two regular members of the quartette, Kraft and Dewhirst, with us all summer. Mrs. Kraft is going to California this summer as her plans now are, and Dewhirst of course is no longer available.

4. My thoughts run along the following lines. Get our tenor, Mr. Born, who is very important on account of the Kiddush. Get either Mrs. Fraley whom you have not heard, or Mrs. Bossinger for the alto. If McKinnon accepts the solo place, then get him for the bass. Instead of trying two sopranos for the summer, get Miss Dworkin for the entire time, if we can. I do not expect to go anyplace this summer, so can be at the organ.

5. I do not know what you paid last summer for any of the voices, so do not know what money will be available for these nine summer Friday evening services. To go ahead with the above plans I should have a budget.

6. In case Mr. McKinnon does not accept our solo job I am thinking strongly of asking the young voice that struck us so favorably last Monday to come in and sing with us during July. We can then hear him under routine conditions, and make up our minds if he is possible for the regular job. He is said to be a poor musician, which would not handicap him as much for the simple summer services as it will for the regular Holyday and winter work, but which I will be able to judge after a month's work with him. If he cannot handle even the summer work, then I will fill out August with Mr. Hirshberger who has been singing with the quartette on Fridays during June, and whom I consider very competent.

7. I had a letter from Mr. Weitz with a list of the contracts sent out. These do not include the four additional voices we discussed last month. I mention this as Miss Cornsweet wants to locate elsewhere in case we do not take her at The Temple, and I have promised to let her know as soon as I know. Has this matter been fully discussed and decided upon?

8. I will talk over the above with you and go more into details on Friday next, or sooner if you think wise.

A. R. Willard.

July 1, 1943

Mr. Alfred R. Willard
Willard Storage Battery Co.
E. 131st St. and St. Clair Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Willard:

In looking over my notes on last Yom Kippur's service, I find the suggestion that the music for Ya-aleh on Yom Kippur Eve should be changed. The music drags too much.

There is also the suggestion that we find some one to blow the shofar in Mahler Hall. Young Leidner, you will recall, blew the shofar in The Temple and it was well received by the congregation.

I am enclosing herewith a musical program of a Friday Evening Service which was conducted in connection with the Central Conference of American Rabbis convention last week in New York City.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

July 13, 1943

Mr. Tossy Spivakovsky
Hancock Point
Maine

My dear Mr. Spivakovsky:

I do not wish to disturb you during your well-earned summer vacation but the Program Committee of The Temple Women's Association is anxious to complete its program for the coming season and it has requested me to write to you. They would like to plan a musical afternoon for their November program which will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 10. Every year the Organization presents an outstanding artist as part of its cultural program. The Committee has voted unanimously to invite you to be their guest artist this coming season. Would you be free to accept their invitation, and would you kindly indicate what your honorarium would be?

It would give me, personally, great satisfaction to have you accept this invitation. The membership of The Temple Women's Association is large and representative and you will, I am confident, enjoy the afternoon. We recall with great pleasure your playing during The Temple Services last April.

There is one other invitation that I would like to extend to you. Would you be free to play the Kol Nidre on Yom Kippur Eve at The Temple? The Eve of the Day of Atonement will this year be on Friday evening, October 8. In previous years we have had artists from The Cleveland Symphony Orchestra play this impressive religious composition. We are of course prepared to pay an honorarium also for this Service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

HANCOCK POINT
MAINE

July 15, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I feel very honored that the Committee of The Temple Women's Association has decided to invite me to be their guest artist for the musical afternoon, next November, and to have asked you to extend this invitation to me.

I accept with pleasure your kind invitation (provided I am free from orchestral duties). I cannot, however, tell you my fee until I know what kind of program (the length of it, whether with piano accompaniment etc.) is desired.

I shall be very happy to play the Kol Nidre on Yom Kippur Eve at The Temple, and this, of course, without any fee.

Thanking you for your kindness,
I remain Very cordially yours,

Toshy Spravakovsky

July 19, 1943

Mr. Tossy Spivakovsky
Hancock Point, Maine

My dear Mr. Spivakovsky:

Thank you so much for your kind note of July 15. I was delighted to learn that it will be possible for you to be with The Temple Women's Association in November and with The Temple at the Kol Nidre Service on Yom Kippur Eve. I have advised the Chairman of the Program Committee of the Temple Women's Association, Mrs. Julius Click, to write to you and give you the information which you request concerning the length of the program, etc. etc.

Upon your return to the city, I will request Mr. Willard, the Organist of The Temple to get in touch with you about the service on Yom Kippur Eve.

With all good wishes and hoping that you will have a very pleasant summer's rest, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

July 19, 1943

Mr. A. R. Willard
Willard Storage Battery Co.
E. 131st and St. Clair Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Willard:

I got in touch with Mr. Tossy Spivakovsky and invited him to play the Kol Nidre service on Yom Kippur Eve at The Temple. I am pleased that he was able to accept our invitation. It will be nice to have a new artist play the Kol Nidre. I advised him that you would get in touch with him upon his return to the city and make the necessary arrangements.

Leonard Rose placed the Kol Nidre in Mahler Hall last year. Inasmuch as he is no longer in the city, we will have to find someone else to take his place -- either Mr. McBride, who played in The Temple last year, or someone else. In the absence of Mr. Levy, I would suggest that you make the necessary arrangements.

I am sorry about the confusion of yesterday afternoon. I would suggest that you double-check with the Office every Friday as to your organ engagements for the following Sunday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

LAW OFFICES OF
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SIDNEY N. WEITZ
LOUIS E. WEITZ

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July 19, 1943.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

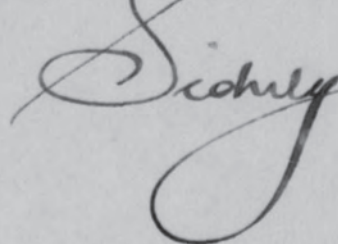
I have your letter enclosing estimates and specifications
from Rorimer-Brooks.

While I am satisfied that the work should be done and the
estimate is not excessive, I must obtain the approval of
the Finance Committee, particularly in view of the fact
that the budget set up for the year provided for an
allocation of \$2000.00 for repairs, and the estimate of
Rorimer-Brooks is \$1400.00 and there is the item of
pointing which is now also under consideration.

As soon as I can get the Finance Committee's approval I
shall advise you so that arrangements can be made to
have the work done.

With kindest regards, I am

Most cordially yours,



SNW M

July 27, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

Thank you so much for your letter. I am glad that progress is being made about the pointing of the Temple walls. I also hope that arrangements will quickly be made with the Rorimer-Brooks people about the painting of the designated rooms of The Temple.

The list of committees which you suggest is first rate. Because of the elimination of the Mortgage Liquidation Committee there are eight members of that committee who will not be re-appointed to any other committee. I would suggest that these eight be distributed on the House Committee, Membership Committee and Seat Sale and Rental Committee. These eight are Leo Ascherman, Isaac Evans, Irving Kane, Nathan E. Polster, Dan Sherby, Judge Jos. H. Silbert, Edgar J. Sloss and Harold Thorman. The lawyers among them may be added to the Endowment Committee. It has been suggested that room be found on one of our committees for Saul H. Schachtel, Alex Klopfer, Chaires A. Weiskopf and Paul Friedman.

I shall speak to Mrs. Neumark this morning about the chairmanship of the Religious School Committee.

I plan to leave Friday evening for Maine to get a little rest before the new season begins. Rabbi Harris will be returning this coming Sunday morning. He was in town yesterday for a conference with me about all pre-Holiday arrangements.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

P.S. Rabbi Harris told me yesterday that he may have some names to suggest to you for some of the committees.

July 30, 1943

Mrs. Julius Glick
2960 Brighton Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Glick:

In connection with the program for our Seminar, I inquired through Mrs. Marc Grossman of her husband, who is attending the School of Military Government in Charlottesville, Va., concerning someone who could speak at our Seminar on the administration of conquered peoples and occupied countries which our Government is preparing for. I am enclosing her letter.

I would suggest that you write either to Col. Dillard or to Col. Miller telling them of the program in mind and asking them to suggest suitable speakers for this occasion.

I am leaving today for a few weeks vacation. Should you wish to communicate me, I will be at Bald Mountain Camp, Bald Mountain, Maine, or you can get in touch with Rabbi Harris who will be in the city from Sunday on.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

August 5, 1943

Mrs. William Kaynes
16901 Alfersyde Dr.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Kaynes:

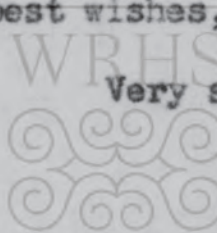
Mrs. Leonard Bialosky requested me to send you a list of the officers and Board members of the Temple Women's Association and I am herewith complying with her request.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



August 21, 1943.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Commodore Hotel,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi:

I received your letter and regret to note that your vacation has been interrupted and that you have had rainy and cold weather.

I read about your selection as the political leader of the Zionist Movement in the United States and I am sure that no better selection could have been made. Undoubtedly we can make satisfactory arrangements so that you may be free to attend to the additional work which this job entails.

A meeting of the Membership Committee is scheduled for Tuesday next and when Leo Neumark returns I expect to arrange for a meeting of the Seat Sale and Rental Committee.

Practically all of the painting has been done. None of the damage caused by the fire has been taken care of as yet as this is awaiting the completion of the investigation by the adjusters for the insurance company. Instead of painting the two restrooms in the front of the building, the walls and ceilings were washed. While this does not serve the same purpose, it seemed necessary to curtail expenses in part, leaving this and the work in the front lobby for next summer. In all other respects the items covered in the Rorimer-Brooks specifications have been done and, in fact, one or two items were added.

I am informed that the inspection of our boilers disclosed that they are not in very good shape. Last year we replaced four flues and I am told that the inspector will recommend that we replace all of the remaining flues if we wish to avoid any disaster this winter. How much expense this will involve I do not know. Apparently it is one of those things which must be done.

Sylvia joins me in sending our best wishes to you and Virginia, and we hope that the remainder of your vacation will be restful and pleasant.

Most cordially yours,

SNW M

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SIDNEY N. WEITZ
LOUIS E. WEITZ

August 24, 1943.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Waldorf-Astoria,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi:

I learned today that you are at the Waldorf-Astoria and not at the Commodore as I was informed when I wrote to you on Saturday. I am, therefore, enclosing a copy of my letter.

Since writing I have made arrangements for a meeting of the Seat Sale and Rental Committee for Friday next and I am in hopes that we will have a good as well as an enthusiastic attendance.

With best wishes to you and Virginia, I am

Most cordially yours,

Sidney

SNW M
encl

July 19, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I am enclosing herewith the ruling of the Regional War Labor Board on the question of the wage adjustments. As you will note from the enclosed, adjustments have been approved as far as the stenographers at The Temple are concerned, but not as far as the janitors are concerned.

Your office has informed Miss Abramson that you will be busy all week in the Federal Court. I have therefore suggested to Miss Abramson to get the consent of the Chairman of the Finance Committee and that of Mr. Goulder to issue checks for the increases which were voted by the Board which were made effective as of April 1.

I believe that the Finance Committee ought to meet immediately and consider the matter of the janitors. We are likely to have considerable trouble here unless their wages are adjusted. It might be found necessary to make an appeal of the decision of the Regional Board. In that case, the appeal should not be delayed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

July 16, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

You will recall that at the meeting of the House Committee held on June 30 it was decided to have certain rooms of The Temple, lobbies, etc. painted this summer, and that the Rorimer-Brooks people be asked to do the work. I am enclosing herewith the estimates and specifications submitted by Mr. Boone of Rorimer-Brooks. I would suggest that you authorize the Company to proceed with the work. I understand that they are prepared to have all this work done before Labor Day, but in order that they may plan their schedule, they would like to have our authorization as early as possible. Considering the amount of work involved, the estimate is not excessive.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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SIDNEY N. WEITZ
LOUIS E. WEITZ

July 26, 1943.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

I have been examining the list of committees to determine what, if any, changes should be made for the coming year, and submit herewith my tentative thoughts.

I would leave the Endowment Committee, the House Committee, the Insurance Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Membership Committee and the Memorial Book Committee intact.

From the Finance Committee I would eliminate Mr. Gries' name in view of the fact that he is out indefinitely, and designate E. J. Meisel as regular Chairman.

The Mortgage Liquidation Committee would be eliminated entirely as its function has been performed.

Due to the death of A. Lewenthal, I would eliminate his name from the Public Worship Committee.

On the Music Committee I would add the names of Dr. Morton Morgenstern and Lester H. Colbert. The name of Lloyd Feder would be eliminated as he has never shown any interest in serving.

On the Library Committee I would omit the names of Philip Bernstein, Saul Feigenbaum, Henry Kutash and Dr. James Wolfstein, and would designate Mrs. Louis Lux as Chairman.

On the Religious School Committee I would omit Mr. Lawrence Rich and substitute Irving Kane. While I have had no official word, I am informed that Mrs. Neumark expressed the desire to retire as Chairman of this committee. If this is the case I suggest Mrs. Charles Auerbach as her successor. She is quite capable and would have been named two years ago except for the fact that other responsibilities which she undertook prevented her from giving this job the time that it required.

Rabbi A. H. Silver - Sheet 2

July 26, 1943.

I would also add the Seat Sale and Rental Committee, with the following as members thereof: Leo W. Neumark, Chairman, Sam Friedman, Joseph Hartzmark, B. J. Krohngold, A. M. Luntz, Emil H. Gottfried, Peter E. Klein, Joseph H. Tyroler, Joseph Bloomfield and Allen Klivans.

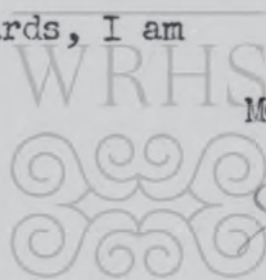
These suggestions are subject to your approval and if you have any other names to recommend I shall be pleased to use them.

I do not know whether you received a copy of George Mayer's letter to me and, therefore, enclose one herewith. I shall go over the matter with Mr. Charles Ginsburg and arrange with him to secure the services of someone who specializes in pointing and then Mr. Mayer can go over the essential work to be done.

With kindest regards, I am

Most Cordially yours,

SNW M
Encl



July 1, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I received a contribution this morning of \$150 from Louis C. Selden in memory of his mother requesting me to apply it to whatever cause I prefer. I applied it to The Temple Memorial Book and have so informed Mr. Selden.

I am pleased that you were able to dispose of so many matters yesterday at the House Committee meeting.

I am somewhat concerned about Mr. Levy's work around the High Holy Days. I do not believe that he will be in a position to do much if any work, certainly not the enormous amount of work which must be done beginning with the middle of August. If we are to get anyone to take over most of that work during the Fall months, he should be engaged pretty soon so that he may familiarize himself with the set-up.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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LOUIS E. WEITZ

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July 22, 1943.

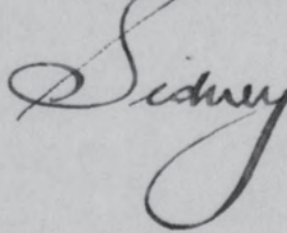
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

I received your letter of July 19th, with which you enclosed the ruling of the War Labor Board with reference to applications for increases in the salaries of the stenographers and janitors, and I shall determine immediately what steps are necessary either for reconsideration of the decision with regard to the janitors or appeal therefrom. Whatever must be done will be done.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



SNW M

Copy for the information
of Rabbi Silver

August 10, 1943

Mr. Joseph M. Berne, President
The Jewish Welfare Federation
Room 320, Chester-Twelfth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Berne:

In reply to your letter of August 3rd.

Although we realize that Rabbi Silver represents a great many agencies, I must continue to name him as our representative, owing to the fact that he is with Prof. Albert Einstein, Co-Chairman of our National Council, and also because of his attachment to the University and his special understanding of its significance. He is in addition a member of our Board of Directors.

Cordially yours,

Samuel B. Finkel
Director

SBF/G

cc: Rabbi Silver

Dear Rabbi Silver, [Encl.]

Miss Marx and I suggest that the following hymns be included in the Service Folder.

May I suggest that one of the additional

services be patriotic
in theme.

If I can be of any
further service, kindly
let me know.

Sincerely yours,
Martha B. Markowitz