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The Temple Men's Club

CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

August 8, 1947.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver c/o Dr. Greenberg R. F. D. No. 1 North Port, Long Island New York

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Immediately upon receiving word from Mr. Kastin of your desire in not having Arthur Bliss Lane appear before the Temple Men's Club, I at once took steps to cancel the signed contract.

I am glad to advise you that just the other day the signed contract was returned to us.

With my very best wishes and trust that you are enjoying good health, I am

Cordially yours,

HARRY GEI

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September 10, 1947 Mr. Louis Gale, Religious Editor The Cleveland Plain Dealer Cleveland, Ohio My de r Mr. Gale: Eaclosed herewith are two cards of admission to our High Holy Day Services. Our New Year Services will be held on Sunday evening, September 14 at 7:45 P.M. and on Monday morning, September 15, at 9:30. I trust that you will be able to attend our services. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK Enc.

September 10, 1947 Mr. William Dinwoodio, Religious Editor The Cleveland News 1801 Superior Avenue Cleveland, Ohio Dear Mr. Dinwoodie: Enclosed herewith are two cards of admission to our High Holy Day Services. Our New Year Services will be held on Sunday evening, September 14 at 7:45 P.M. and on Monday morning, September 15 at 9:30 A.M. I trust that you will be able to attend. With ald good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK Enc.

September 10, 1947 Mr. Frank Stewart, Religious Editor The Cleveland Press E. 9th at Rockwell Cleveland, Ohio Dear Mr. Stowart: Enclosed herewith are two cards of admission to our High Holy Day Services. Our New Year Services will be held on Sunday evening, September 14, at 7:45 o'clock, and on Monday morning, September 15, at 9:30 o'clock. I trust that you will be able to attend our services. With all good shes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK Bac.

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October 17, 1947

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Enc.

Will you kindly call to the attention of Dr. Silver, the enclosed copy of letter received from the W. Colston Leigh lecture bureau?

Dr. Silver was interested in scheduling Spruille Braden on October 26th, but Mr. Braden was not available on that date. Do you think that Dr. Silver might be interested in the November 16th possibility?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours.

Blanche J. Shepard

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October 13, 1947

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard Club Program Service 41 East 42nd Street New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

I am so sorry that arrangements could not be made for SPRUILLE BRADEN to speak for Dr. Silver late this month, but I do hope that he will be able to use him on Sunday. November 16th, when he is definitely available at the fee of \$750 I quoted you. You understand, of course, that the date must be offered subject to previous acceptance.

I shall look forward to hearing from you again, and hope you will not hesitate to get in touch with me at any time I can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours.

ALIM

/s/ Ardis Leigh

hk: 10/17/47

4 . October 17, 1947 Jewish Center Lecture Bureau 145 E. 32nd St. New York 16, N.Y. Gentlemen: Enclosed is the signed confirmation of Mr. Clark Eichelberger's booking with Tme Temple on Sunday morning, October 26. As you will note, I have made reservations for Ir. Sichelberger at the Tade Park Manor which is a fine notel just around the corner from The Temple. Will you kindly let us know the exact time of arrival of Mr. Bichelberger? Dr. Silver has chosen as the subject of Mr. Eichelberger's address: THE A TOMIC AGE --ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS. Our services start at 10:30 promptly. It would therefore be advisable for Mr. Sichelberger to be at the Temple no later than 10:15 so that he will have time to go over the service with Dr. Silver or his assistant, Rabbi Nodel. With best wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, BJK Secretary to Dr. Silver

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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talked with you is:

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Sincerely

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October 20, 1947

Dr. A. H. Silver The Temple 105 Street and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Although I receive many requests to speak, and unfortunately must refuse the majority of them, I was very pleased and flattered to be invited to speak to your congregation, and delighted to accept.

I would appreciate your writing me and telling me just what you would prefer I speak about. I am told that Mrs. Namm has forwarded you a list of general topics usually sent by the Bureau to prospective audiences. These are very flexible, and I should like to have your ideas and suggestions.

Faithfully yours,

Clark M. Eichelberger

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ORGANIZATION BOOKING REMINDER & REPORT

DATE Oct. 21, 1947

RE APPEARANCE OF Clark Eichelberger

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to Dr. A. H. Silver

ORGANIZATION The Temple

INVOICE TO BE SENT TO Same

DATE AND HOUR Sun. Oct. 26, 1947 at 10:15 AM

PLACE OF MEETING

The Temple

105 St. and Ansel Rd.

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Cleveland, Ohio

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United Nations - Mr. Eichelberger will take over

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October 22, 1947

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
105 Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have received word today through the Jewish Lecture Bureau that a reservation has been made for Mr. Eichelberger at the Wade Park Manor Hotel, near the East Cleveland Station.

Thank you very much for making these reservations. Mr. Eichelberger plans to arrive in East Cleveland at 7:25, the morning of the twenty-sixth, Sunday. He would like to have a hotel reservation available at the time of his arrival on Sunday morning. I wonder if you would make this reservation at the Wade Park Manor in accordance with this schedule.

In accordance with your instructions, Mr. Eichelberger will arrive at the Temple before 10:15 AM Sunday morning to go over the service.

Very sincerely,

Helen Savacool

Secy to Mr. Eichelberger

JOSEPH E. DAVIES

OFFICERS

October 23, 1947 Clark M. Bichelberger, Director American Association for the United Nations, Inc. 45 E. 65th St. New York 21, N.Y. Dear Mr. Eichelberger: Permit me to acknowledge your letter of October 20 to Dr. Silver, which we received today. Dr. Silver is out of the city and I am therefore taking the liberty of answering it for him. I sent you the following telegram this afternoon: DR. SILVER SELECTED THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT FOR YOUR ADDRESS THIS COMING MINDAY MOUNING: "THE ATOMIC AGE -- ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS." Our services start promptly at 10:30 A.M. and are over at noon. You will have from thirty-five to forty minutes for your address. Dr. Silver is scheduled to be in Atlantic City over this next week-end to address the national convention of Hadassah. Rabbi Julius Nodel, Dr. Silver's assistant, will read the service and will introduce you to the congregation. We would appreciate it if you would be in Dr. Silver's study no later than 10:15 A.M. so that Rabbi Nodel may go over the service with you. I made a reservation for you at the Wade Park Manor which is a fine hotel around the corner from The Temple. Your reservation starts Saturday, October 25. Our Temple congregation is looking forward eagerly to hearing you on Sunday morning. With best wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, BJK Secretary to Dr. Silver P.S. Will you kindly let us know when you plan to arrive?

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October 27, 1947

Miss Bessie Kline Secy. to Dr. Silver

The Temple

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Enc.

Ansel Rd. and East 105th Street

Cleveland, Ohio

RE: Mr. Clark M. Eichelberger's

address before The Temple on October 26, 1947.

Dear Miss Kline:

May we ask your kind cooperation in the matter of returning the enclosed club report blank to us for our final records.

We trust that your meeting was successful in every way, and that you will feel free to call upon us for speakers to address future meetings.

With many thanks, I am

Cordially yours

Blanche J. Shepard

Director

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith copies of letters send to the Presidents of the three organizations of the Temple. I agree that prayers should not be set aside at any time and hope that those people who have pledged to render service will be able to adjust their time accordingly.

It has also occured to me that because of the importance of this effort to give strength and salvation to the remnants of our overseas survivors who are eagerly seeking haven in Palestine, that you would see fit, as one of the world's leading Jews, to give your endorsement to the efforts of this day for press release purposes.

If I could have your expressions promptly with any statements you may wish to make for the English, Anglo Jewish, and Jewish press, I am confident it will be of great assistance and value in its successful accomplishment.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Meshbrer S-Day Chairman

HSM:ms Enc.

November 3, 1947 Mr. Clark M. Eichelberger, Director American Association for the United Nations, Inc. 45 East 65th St. New York 21, N.Y. My dear Mr. Eichelberger: I have just returned home and have learned from many of my people here what a splendid message you brought to them a week ago Sunday. They all spoke in highest praise and in deep appreciation of your fine analysis of the w rld situation and of the role of the United Nations Organization. I need not tell you how profoundly grateful I am to you for the truble which you took to come to Cleveland and to occupy my pulpit. I send you all my warmest greetings. Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

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November 7, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciated your letter very much. It was a privilege to speak in your Temple. I was impressed by the beauty of the service, and thank you for the opportunity to be there.

Things seem to be going better at Lake Success, and it may be that before this month is over much of what you asked for in your appearance before the Assembly will have been granted. I certainly hope so.

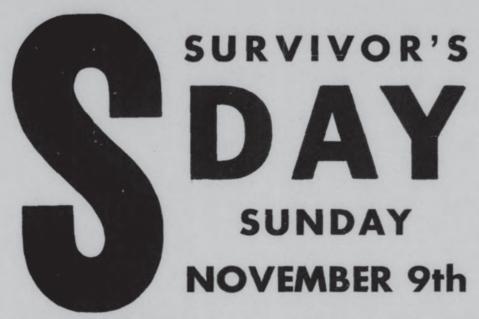
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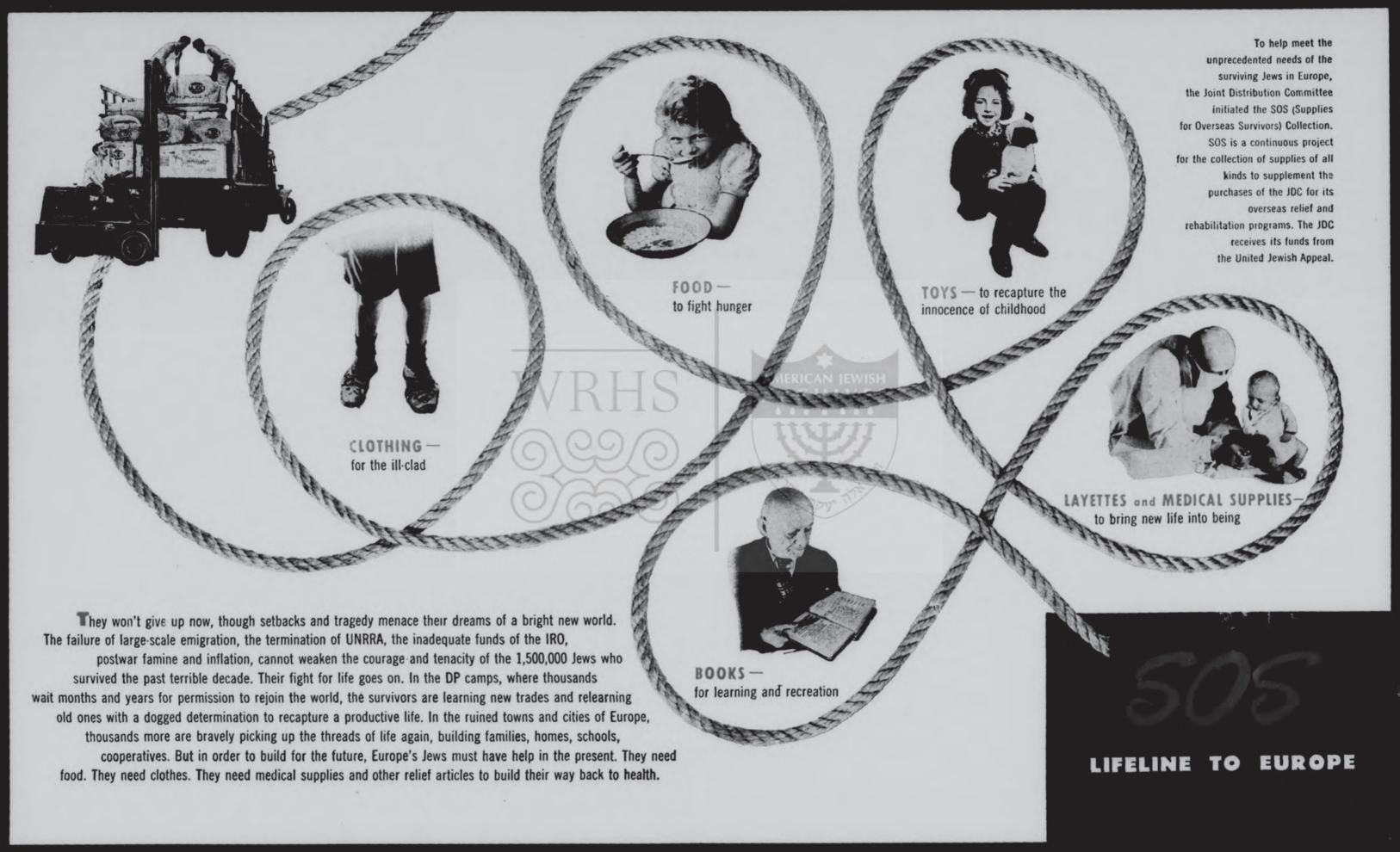
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November 18, 1947

Miss Bess Kline
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

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Will you please advise Dr. Silver that I have billed Hadassah for the charges incurred in connection with Mr. Eichelberger's visit to Cleveland and shall keep in touch with Hadassah until the matter is satisfactorily settled.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard

Director

December 4, 1947 Mr. Louis Weitz Leader Building Cleveland, Ohio My dear Louis: I am returning the letter which you sent to Rabbi Nodel. I made some notes on it. I would suggest that you check with the Zionist Organization of America on the nature of the resolution which I believe its convention adopted last June on the subject of the Stratton Bill. The office of the Zionist Organization of America is 41 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK Enc.

LOUIS E. WEITZ ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW LEADER BUILDING CLEVELAND 14 December 16, 1947 Rabbi A. H. Silver The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: Enclosed you will find the corrected letter which I am sending to the AVC Bulletin regarding the statements of Mr. Cox in a recent issue of the Bulletin. I trust that this will meet with your approval. Sincerely yours, LEW M encl

December 16, 1947

Editor AVC Bulletin 206 Barr Building Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In your issue of November, 1947, there appeared an article by Arthur Cox entitled "Palestine Out of Focus." In that article Mr. Cox stated as follows:

"An indication of the great concern American Jews have for achieving a National State is the fact that no leading Zionist has supported the Stratton bill, as a measure towards solving the problem of displaced Jews."

It would seem to indicate that there is opposition on the part of Zionists to the entry of displaced persons into the United States. However, the facts indicate otherwise. At the hearing upon the Stratton bill among those present was Rabbi Stephen Wise, long eminent amongst the Zionists in the United States as well as the Zionists of other countries. Further, in a report to the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Reyall, Rabbi Philip Bernstein, who until recently was adviser for Jewish Affairs to American Civil and Military Authorities in Germany, stated that the only two practical solutions to the problem of Jewish displaced persons was the opening of Palestine for immigration and the entry into the United States for Jewish displaced persons desiring to live in this country. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who has been the spokesman for the Zionists before the United Nations General Assembly, is another who endorses the Stratton bill.

As a matter of fact, in July of this year, on the occasion of the Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, the following resolution was submitted to the assembled members and was passed by the Organization:

"WHEREAS, there is now pending before the Congress of the United States several bills intended to open the doors of this country to homeless and displaced persons now languishing in various camps throughout Europe, and

"WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this great Citadel of democracy welcome to its shore all those who desire to come here, now therefore be it

"RESOLVED that the Zionist Organization of America in Annual Convention assembled in New York City on this 6th day of

July, 1947, and representing over 250,000 members in the 48 states of this country, urge the Congress of the United States to adopt as speedily as possible the Stratton Bill."

It is an erroneous conception that Zionism is inconsistent with the purposes promoted by the Stratton bill. The Zionists do not believe, nor have they indicated a belief, that all displaced persons or all displaced persons of Jewish origin wish to migrate to Palestine. They have long been aware that some of these people do desire entrance into the United States. They have maintained that those displaced persons who desire to go to Palestine should be permitted to do so - for Palestine is the National Home - and should not be forced to go elsewhere by restricting immigration into Palestine. They have likewise felt that those who desire to migrate to the United States should likewise be entitled and privileged so to do.

There exists no inconsistency, and it is unfair to have your readers led to believe that one edsts. I feel that in fairness not only to your readers but to those who follow Zionism, this interpretation as submitted by Mr. Cox should be corrected.

Very truly yours,

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December 22, 1947 Mr. Walter A. Goldsmith, Chairman Public Worship Committee 2550 Arlington Cleveland, Ohio My dear Walter: I thought that you would be interested, as Chairman of the Public Worship Committee, to know of the plans which I have made for the occupancy of The Temple pulpit during my absence. Rabbi Julius Nodel will preach at most of the Sunday morning services. He will conduct all of them. I have invited some of the leaders in the American Jewish Rabbinate as well as in American public life to speak from time to time in our pulpit as guest preache s. The following have accepted: Dr. Nelson Glueck, President of the Hebrew Union College; Dr. A. J. Feldman, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Dr. Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh; Frank Goldman, national president of the B'nai B'rith; Rabbi Leon I. Feuer of Toledo, our former assistant; Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, one of the f remost Christian clergymen of the United States; and Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados of Guatemala, member of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine. You may wish to inform the other members of your committee about these arrangements. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours. AHS: BK Copy = hu. Wests

December 26, 1947 Miss Margaret Weidenthal, President The Temple Alumni Association The Temple Cleveland 6, Ohio My dear Margaret: I am especially eager that the members of the Board of The Temple Alumni Association as well as the members at large should cooperate in maintaining good attendance at Sunday morning services during my absence. Will you not make a special effort to bring it to the attention of all the members of the Board and at public meetings? During my absence, The Temple pulpit will be occupied by Rabbi Julius Nodel. I have also invited some of the foremost Rabbinical leaders of the United States as well as outstanding Christian Clergymen and leaders of public opinion in our country to occupy our pulpit from time to time. They will all have worthwhile messages and I am most eager to have them well-received by the congregation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

Mrs. J. P. Roth, President
The Temple Women's Association
2840 Washington Blvd.
Cleveland, Chio

My dear Mrs. Roth:

I am especially eager that the members of the Board of the Temple Women's Association as well as the members at large should cooperate in maintaining good attendance at Sunday morning services during my absence. Will you not make a special effort to bring it to the attention to all the members of the Board and at public mmetings as well as on Tuesdays?

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AHS: BK

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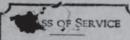
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LAW OFFICE OF WEITZ AND WEITZ LEADER BUILDING CLEVELAND 14. OHIO SIDNEY N. WEITZ April 26, 1948 LOUIS E. WEITZ Dr. A. H. Silver Sulgrave Hotel 67th Street & Park Avenue New York City Dear Rabbi: I regret to advise you that Dr. Glueck will not be our speaker at the next annual meeting. This morning I received a call from him in which he stated that he finds it necessary to rescind the arrangement made with Rabbi Fine, as otherwise he will be in a serious predicament because of the position that he has taken with other congregations who extended similar invitations which were not accepted. It is his position that he could not possibly accept the numerous invitations that are extended to him and still fulfill his responsibilities as President of the College. In each instance he has assigned as the reason for the inability to accept the invitations the fact that he would not appear before the membership of one congregation unless the membership of all other congregations affiliated with the Union participated in the affair. Whether or not we agree with his policy, the fact remains that we are confronted again with the necessity of obtaining a speaker. I will appreciate it if you will give some consideration to the matter so that when you return we can reach some decision. Will you also give some thought to the question of personnel of the Committee on the Foundation Fund? I attach a list of names of those who I think might be invited, but this is only a suggestion and you are free to eliminate or add any names. With all good wishes, I am SNW M

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Daniel Sherby

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Paul Wintner



May 9, 1948 Mr. Relph Bing 15457 Enclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio Dear Ralph: I am enclosing herewith some paragraphs as a guide to what you may wish to include in the booklet. This is all the first draft. It will have to be revised and considerably abbreviated, but it presents some of the main ideas that will be helpful to include. I shall be away until Wednesday. You may get in touch with me then if you wish. With all good wishes, I remain Cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS: er

WE TEACH HUMANITY

Beyond the confines of race and creed and country, there is humanity - the one world to which mankind has been struggling and aspiring through the ages.

No religion has proclaimed that vision as magnificently as Judaism. We wish to transmit it to our children.

We teach our children to respect other men's faiths as they would wish others to respect their own. As far as we can in the limited time available to us, we acquaint our children with the beliefs and the religious practices of other faiths. It has been a long-standing custom at our religious school to have groups of children of other faiths visit our school and our services where our religion and customs are explained to them. In turn groups of our children visit the churches of Christian denomination from time to time for a similar purpose. In the course on Jewish History, the rights of other religions and their teachings are objectively and reverently studied.

Our aim is not narrow parochialism. We wish our children to acquire as comprehensive an understanding of their great religion and of the spiritual contributions which it made to other religions which derived their basic teachings from the
fountainhead of Judaism.

Our motto: Have we not all one Father; has not one God created us all

WE TEACH AMERICANISM

Jewish children require basic teaching in Americanism to the same extent as all non-Jewish children in the United States.

It is one of the essential responsibilities of the church and the temple to explain and to inculcate to the rising generation the great principles of freedom, denocracy, human equality, and brotherhood upon which America is built.

It is very pleasant to teach these American ideals in a Jewish religious school for they are essentially the great Jewish ideals which America and mankind as a whole inherited from Judaism. They represent the great teachings of our prophets and seers.

It is pleasant to point out the concurrence of the two great traditions - the American and the Jewish - and that loyalty to all that is finest in Jewish life inevitably makes for loyalty to all that is finest in American life.

A good Jew is a good American.

We do not hide our Jewish light under a bushel, nor do we preach charvinistic *101% pseudo-Americanism. We prepare our children for free and eager participation in the total life of the American community as Equals among Equals. We prepare our children also to be loyal members of the household of Israel and to share joyously in the responsibilities of the Jewish community and to contribute to the advancement and the protection of Jewish life everywhere.

WE TEACH HEBREW

Hebrew is the Sacred Tongue. It is the language of the Bible. It is the language in which most of the literature of Israel was written. It is the spoken language of modern Palestine. It is the language of many of our prayers. It is a vital link which binds together the generations of Israel and the Jewish religious communities throughout the world.

We wish our children to know something of this noble tongue. To the extent that they are able to devote more time to the study of Hebrew, our school enables the children to acquire a considerable acquaintance with the language, but we feel that all children, even those who cannot devote extra time to Hebrew instruction, should acquire during their school years at least enough of the language so that they can read with facility and understand the great liturgical passages of our prayer book, recite the benedictions, and know some of our most famous hymns.

We cannot start too late with this instruction, nor can we make it a matter of individual preference.

WE TEACH ABOUT PALESTINE

Palestine is today in the headlines. Everyone is discussing it. The United Nations has had the Palestine problem under consideration for more than a year. On May 16th the Jewish State was proclaimed in Palestine.

Palestine has been of the essential pattern of Jewish history from the days of Abraham to this day. The rebuilding of Palestine in our day has captivated the imagination of mankind. The heroic struggle of Jewish pioneering to rebuild the land of Israel and the manner in which they are defending the land has filled the hearts of Jews everywhere with pride.

of Palestine as possible. Accordingly, we teach in our school the history, geography and the story of the rebuilding of the country in modern times. We do not teach any ideologies. We do not indostrinate. We inform and educate. Our basic position is that which was defined by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at its last conference in Cincinnati.

"Because in the congregations of the Union there are divergent opinions on the question of Zion," the Union recognizes the right of each individual to determine his own attitude on this controversial question."

It is similarly determined by the action which was taken by the Central Conference of American Rabbis at its convention in 1943.

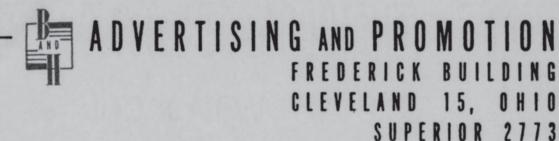
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"Of late, however, some of our members have renewed the assertion that Zionism is not compatible with Reform Judaism. The attempt has been made to set in irreconcilable opposition 'universalism' and 'particularism'. To the members of the Conference, this appears unreal and misleading. Without impugning the right of members of

the Conference to be opposed to Zionism, for whatever reason they may choose, the Conference declares that it discerns no essential incompatibility between Reform Judaism and Zionism, no reasonwhy those of its numbers who give allegiance to Zionism should not have the right to regard themselves as fully within the spirit and purpose of Reform Judaism."

Union Prayer Books "Uphold also the hands of our brothers who tell to rebuild Zion. In their pilgrimage among the nations the people have always turned in love to the land where Israel was born, where our prophets taught their imperishable message of justice and brotherhood and where our psalmists sang their deathless songs of love for Thee and of The love for us and all lumanity. Ever anahrined in the hearts of Israel was the hope that Zion might be restored, not for their own pride or vainglory, but as a living witness to the truth of The word which shall lead the nations to the reign of peace. Grant us strength that with The help we may bring a new light to shine upon Zion. Imbue us who live in lands of freedom with a sense of Israel's spiritual unity that we may share joyously in the work of redemption so that from Zion shall go forth the law and the word of God from Jerusalem." (pp. 68-69)

BING AND HAAS



May 10, 1948

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for the time given me last Friday. Miss Berman and Mr. Levy have both given me additional information and have promised me complete details by the end of this week, so we should be off to a flying start.

As I informed you, Barbara Berger, who majored in child psychology, will be assisting me in preparing the brochure and will contact Miss Berman from time to time.

We are certain that you will be pleased with the completed job, and we are looking forward with enthusiasm to the work connected with it.

cordially,

BING and HAAS

RALPH S. BING

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Our country is composed of people of many faiths and varying creeds. We attempt to acquaint our children with this fact and to cultivate in them respect for faiths other than their own.

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An effort is made to clarify further and interpret the religious, ethical, and social concepts of Judaism. Students are also acquainted with the rise of Christianity and its relationship to Jewish life and though.

Picture Caption

Marching into The Temple to Participate in a Religious School Rally





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The Central Conference of American Rabbis at its Convention in 1943 passed the following resolution:



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FOREWORD

This is the story of an institution of learning. But more than that, it's the story of Americans in the making and how they're being equipped to meet the challenge of an ever-changing world - a world whose ideologies seem warped and twisted to unprepared young minds.

Religious School accomplishes this task. The School is not perfect, but then perfection in any religious system is always a difficult goal to attain, particularly today, when parents representing various trends of thought have their own very definite ideas on the subject. With this in mind, the Temple continues its work, welcoming suggestions and following its aim of preparing young American Jews for useful lives in the community.

CURRICULUM

Planned for all reform temples by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Religious School curriculum is carefully selected to meet the requirements of each age group as interests and abilities dictate. Frequent faculty meetings and individual conferences with school dir-

ectors promote a better understanding of how religious education can most effectively achieve its aims: to develop in children an appreciation of the high social and ethical ideals of our religion, and to prepare them for good citizenship as Americans.

At the kindergarten and primary levels, children are introduced to Jewish traditions and culture through the media of story, music, games, creative arts and dramatics. An abundance of handicraft materials and bulletin boards where their work can be displayed stimulates interest and participation. A recent addition is the children's library, one of the finest of its kind in the country. Light, airy and colorful, its shelves packed with beautifully illustrated books, the library provides a wonderful opportunity for its enthusiastic young visitors to become acquainted with Jewish folklore and history.

In the elementary and junior high departments, class room work is supplemented by educational films and slides, showing recent developments in Jewish life the world over.

Pageants, plays, and assemblies which are planned and ex-

ecuted by the boys and girls under teacher supervision add interest and meaning to the history of their people by bringing to life famous Jewish personalities.

Literature and History are studied as they relate to each other - literary achievement being taught as an integral part of the historical period in which it developed, in order to make the material more meaningful to the student. The historical and literary survey, which covers the period from Abraham to the present time, provides the foundation necessary for the future study of contempory Jewish life.

Hebrew is the language of modern Palestine, and today with the entrance of the new state of Israel into the world, it has become increasingly more important to people of all faiths. The fundamentals of Hebrew are taught as part of the curriculum, and to the extent of interest expressed and time devoted to study, our school enables its pupils to gain an acquaintance with the language. We feel that all children, even those who cannot give extra time to Hebrew instruction, should acquire at least enough of the language to read and understand the great liturgical passages of our prayer books, recite the benedictions, and know some of our most cherished hymns.

In order to accomplish its goal of preparing youth for intelligent participation in civic life, the Religious School considers it vital to relate its studies to the happenings of the modern world. For this reason, a regular weekly period is devoted to the review and study of current events, beginning in the seventh grade and continuing through high school. Through reports, informal and panel discussions, students are encouraged to take an active interest in world affairs as they affect the Jewish people to develop a social awareness and responsibility as citizens of their community and of the world.

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The only true democracy is an educated democracy, and it is toward this end that our program is directed. The study of comparative religions is an important part of the curriculum, designed to further an understanding and respect in our youngsters for faiths other than their own. Respect, not tolerance, is the goal for which we strive. Throughout their religious education, emphasis is upon the similarities of all religions, but in the eighth and ninth grades, children study differences as well as likeness. As part of this program, organized groups of youngsters from our school exchange visits with churches

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fellow understanding and good will!

At the high school level the program centers around an intensive study of the modern Jewish community, dealing with problems which these boys and girls will face as young adults. At this time special study of the Bible is made, including both old and new Testaments, pin order to clarify further and interpret the religious, ethical and social implications of Judiasm, and Christianity. Classes are informal, often held as seminars, panels, or debates as indicated by expressed interests of the group. Individual research, if desired by a student, is encouraged as a valuable supplement to classroom work.

Students now take more responsible leadership in the planning and execution of their own program. They conduct their own chapel services and all members of the group have the opportunity to participate. In addition to their academic work, students maintain a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, including a school newspaper, debating and dramatic societies, and an annual oratorical contest. Not

by the Student Council, which arranges many gale affairs yearly.

After completing their formal religious education, graduates may join the Temple Alumni Association and continue friendships made through the years. One of the most popular youth organizations in the community, it offers a stimulating year-round program, featuring dances, picnics, lectures and discussions. Temple Alumni and their friends can always be sure of a warm welcome and a grand time with this group.

It has always been our belief that a close three-way asseciation between child, parent and religious school is
highly desirable. Accordingly, when a child enters school,
his parents are invited to have a personal conference with
the Rabbi, who discusses with them the aims of our institution. We continue to maintain close contact with parents
throughout the period of the child's religious education,
encouraging them to visit us and to attend P. T. A. meetings
where new ideas and suggestions are welcome.

rrinted materials are sent to parents which explain how religious holidays may be celebrated in the home. In this way we hope that parents and children will share together these joyous occasions in the spirit and tradition of their faith.

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The Temple, in the conduct of its religious school, is conforming to this thought.

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PICTURE CAPTIONS

The Ray Gross Memorial Library for younger children.

Note the low chairs and tables, designed to accomdate small statures.

....and the general library, thoroughly complete for research and study by older children and adults - recently received national recognition in the form of an excellency citation from the Jewish Book Council of America.

Pretty Rivia Miller, instructing a class in Hebrew. Teachers like Miss Miller make the fraction of the whole school session devoted to this study a pleasure, rather than a chore!

Rabbi Nodel explaining Temple symbols to a visiting group of Christian students of Lakewood High School. It is through exchange meetings like this that "respect" replaces "tolerance" as the code word.

The Temple - a center of Cultural achievement, as well as a House of Worship.

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MARGIN NOTES

age, interest and abilities determine program

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advanced instruction methods for older children

Hebrew and its treatment

religion today

similarities and differences

the high school

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Palestine and the religious school

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LAW OFFICE OF WEITZ AND WEITZ LEADER BUILDING CLEVELAND 14, OHIO SIDNEY N. WEITZ LOUIS E. WEITZ July 6, 1948 Dr. A. H. Silver The Temple Ansel at East 105th Street Cleveland 6, Ohio My dear Rabbi: I am enclosing letter from the Congregation Gates of Hope Inc., with reference to the use of Mahler Hall for the High Holy Days. I do not want to convene a special meeting of the Trustees to act upon the matter, but will poll them by mail if you feel that favorable consideration should be given to the request. Please let me have your comment. With kindest regards, I am Sincerely yours, Didney SNW M encl

. July 21, 1948 Mr. Sidney Weiss, President The Temple Leader Building Cleveland 14, Ohio My dear Mr. Weitz: May I express to you and through you to the officers and members of the Board of Trustees of The Temple my profound appreciation for the very beautiful tribute which, in a most attractive and engrossed form, was presented to me on the occasion of the Community Testimonial on Monday evening, July 19th. I profoundly appreciate the sentiments expressed which I shall long cherish. The appreciation of men for my humble services has always heartened and inspired me, but none has meant so much to me as that which has come to me from my own Temple and from the men and women with whom I have worked through the years in the beautiful fellowship of Tifer eth Israel. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS: er

July 23, 1948 Mr. Sidney N. Weitz Leader Building Cleveland, Ohio My dear Sidney: The enclosed booklet on our Religious School has just come off the press and I hasten to send it to you. It will be distributed to the entire membership of the congregation, Men's Club, Alumni, etc. during the next week when our Religious School Committee begins its campaign for the enrollment of children in our Religious School. I am delighted with the job which was executed by Ralph Bing and his organisation. It toble the story of our School attractively and, I believe, effectively, and will do much to counteract the victous propaganda which some members of the American Council for Judaism, under the guise of the new congregation, have been spreading about our School. Have you been in contact with Rabbi Zeligman? With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS: er Enc. Via Special Delivery

August 2, 1948 Mr. Sidney N. Weitz Leader Building Cleveland 14, Ohio My dear Sidney: Some time ago the question of the rabbinical pension for Rabbi Nodel came up for discussion. At that time I believe you felt that that matter would be part of an over-all pension plan which would be adopted by The Temple. It appears from the last meeting of our Finance Committee that the pensioning of our Temple personnel has been provided for in some satisfactory manner. There remains, therefore, the question of the rabbinical pension for Rabbi Nodel. I believe that he is fully entitled to it. The overwhelming number of the rabbis in the C.C.A.R. are already enrolled w der that plan. I feel that the congregation should assume its share of the financial arrangements involved without further loss of time as every year increases the premium. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHSter

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