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Tydings resolution in the Senate condemning Nazi persecution of  
the Jews, 1933-1934.

July 11th, 1933.

Hon. Stephen M. Young  
Congress of the United States  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Young:

Through the courtesy of Mr. Nathan Loeser I received a copy of your address on the persecution of Jewish people by Hitler which appeared in the Congressional Record. I read it with the keenest of interest and pleasure. It was a strong, comprehensive and altogether fair statement of the situation and magnificent defense of the helpless Jews persecuted by a ruthless racial and religious intolerance. Please accept my thanks.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely,

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
LABORATORY OF ANATOMY

November 15, 1933.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

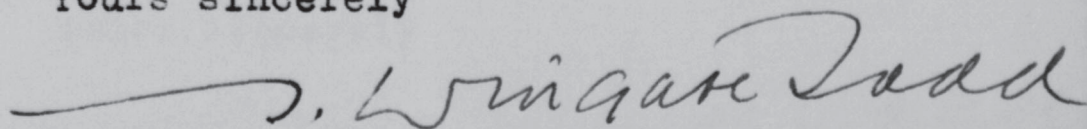
I did very much appreciate your letter of November 7th and the cards of admission for the address of Edgar Ansel Mowrer on November 8th. Had Mrs. Todd and I not been engaged that evening we should have been there. As it was some friends of ours who thoroughly appreciated the opportunity took our place.

The contrast between the reaction of Germany to her difficulties and the response of this Community to its embarrassment last year has impressed me very much. Of course one would have to have famine and the loss of self respect over many years to compel such reactions as we have seen in Germany and in Russia. The American people are a healthy people and a happy people but nevertheless the response last year was that of an adult Community whereas Germany is reacting as an adolescent.

I should have appreciated very much the opportunity to hear Mr. Mowrer to learn the age and experience of those who are responsible for the present direction of Germany's affairs. I hope the meeting was as successful as it deserved to be.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



T. Wingate Todd.

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# *The Federated Churches of Greater Cleveland*

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*Cleveland, Ohio*

November 17, 1933

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
City

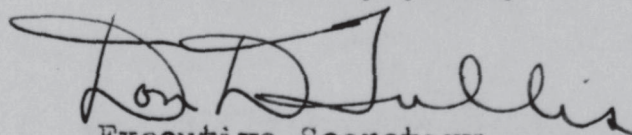
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you for your kindness in sending me two tickets for the lecture in The Temple last week.

Mrs. Tullis and I greatly enjoyed the story of Germany as told by one who has been so close to the social and political life of the nation during the past nine or ten years.

It is a horrible picture yet I am convinced of the truthfulness of it and that the citizens of America must be made to realize what the situation really is.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Executive Secretary



DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD  
DR. JONAS S. FRIEDENWALD  
1212 EUTAW PLACE

BALTIMORE, MD. January 16, 1934.

Rabbi-A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

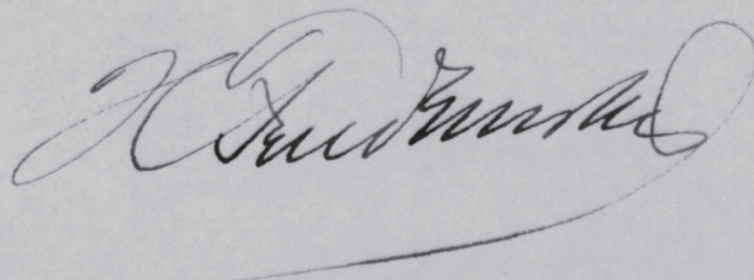
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Confident of your sympathy with the Resolution offered in the Senate by Senator Tydings, and referred to in the accompanying letter, I shall ask you to write to all of your friends, Christian and Jewish, in Ohio, and request them to write to Senator Robert J. Bulkley of your state, and a member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs, and to Senator Key Pittman, Chairman, urging an early and favorable report on this Resolution, in the cause of humanity and American institutions and liberty.

I hope that you will aid all you can in this undertaking, for I have no friends in your state to whom I can write.

Will you yourself also write to the Chairman and to any other members of the Committee whom you know?

Sincerely yours,





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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 23 (calendar day, JANUARY 24), 1934

MR. TYDINGS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Foreign Relations

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RESOLUTION

Whereas the present Government of the German Reich has deprived certain groups of its citizens of many of their civil and political rights and has imposed upon them restrictions, pains, and penalties, harsh and severe in nature; and

Whereas among the groups so discriminated against by said Government are approximately six hundred thousand Jewish citizens of the Reich, and the great number of Christians of partly or wholly Jewish descent; and

Whereas it is manifest that, as regards the Jewish citizens of the Reich and such Christians of Jewish descent, the actual causes for the discriminations against them are their religious beliefs or professions, and their racial origin, neither of which is aground reasonably affecting their rights and privileges as citizens of a modern state; and

Whereas on many historic occasions, beginning in the year 1840 and continuing down to the year 1919, intercessions have been made by the United States on behalf of citizens of states other than the United States, oppressed or persecuted by their own governments or peoples, including nine separate occasions on behalf of Jews in foreign states, indicating that for nearly one hundred years the traditional policy of the United States has been to take cognizance of such invasions of human rights; and

Whereas the German Reich stands pledged to the United States to accord to its "nationals who belong to racial, religious, or linguistic minorities" \* \* \* "the same treatment and security in law and in fact as the other nationals": Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate of the United States express its pro-  
2 found feelings of surprise and pain, as representatives of the people  
3 of the United States, upon learning of the discriminations and  
4 oppression imposed by the Reich upon its minority groups, includ-  
5 ing its Jewish citizens; and be it further

6       *Resolved*, That the Senate of the United States express its  
7 earnest hope that the German Reich will speedily alter its policy,  
8 restore to its minority groups the civil and political rights of which  
9 they have been recently deprived, and undo, so far as may be, the  
10 wrongs that have been done them.



January 18, 1934.

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

My dear Gene:

I am enclosing these letters for your perusal.  
I think it would be helpful for The Temple to  
send a telegram or letter to Senator Bulkley as well  
as to Senators Pittman and Robinson. You might  
also wish to write to them in person.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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JULIUS BLOOMBERG  
EUGENE E. WOLF  
HARRY S. DASCH

**BLOOMBERG AND WOLF**  
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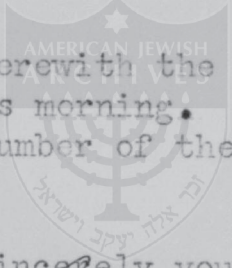
January  
Nineteenth  
1934.

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

Dear Rabbi:

I am returning herewith the enclosed memorandum which you sent to me this morning. Both Mr. Bloomberg and I have already wired a number of the senators along the lines suggested.

Sincerely yours,

  
*Eugene E. Wolf*

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The above Resolution was submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which consists of the following:

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Democrats

Key Pittman (Chairman)	Nevada
Joseph T. Robinson	Arkansas
Pat Harrison	Mississippi
Walter F. George	Georgia
Hugo L. Black	Alabama
Robert F. Wagner	New York
Tom Connally	Texas
J. Hamilton Lewis	Illinois
Nathan L. Bachman	Tennessee
Elbert E. Thomas	Utah
Frederick Van Nuys	Indiana
F. Ryan Duffy	Wisconsin
James P. Pope	Idaho
Robert J. Bulkley	Ohio

Republicans

William E. Borah	Idaho
Hiram W. Johnson	California
Arthur Capper	Kansas
David A. Reed	Pennsylvania
Simon D. Fess	Ohio
Robt. M. La Follette, Jr.	Wisconsin
Arthur H. Vandenberg	Michigan
Arthur R. Robinson	Indiana



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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

RABBI EDWARD L. ISRAEL

TELEPHONES { LAFAYETTE 3927  
MADISON 3601-W

UNUSUALLY URGENT--ACTUAL TEXT OF THIS LETTER STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL!

January 12, 1934

My dear colleague:

Senator Tydings of Maryland has introduced the enclosed Resolution on the German situation before the United States Senate. Since the introduction of this Resolution, Senator Tydings, as well as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee whose names are appended, have been swamped with messages, both of commendation and of condemnation.

I can tell you confidentially that the Foreign Relations Committee is, on the whole, sympathetic, but needs some immediate and vigorous expression of public support.

I have been asked to urge you to do all you can in your community to start a veritable barrage of letters on the Tydings Resolution to the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Have all the people that you can, both Jews and Christians, write to the Senators on the Committee--to all of them if possible, but by all means to Senator Pittman, the chairman and Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas who is a member of the Committee and Democratic floor leader.

We must rely on you to adopt the means that you can in the community to bring this about. I appeal to you especially to get some of the Christian ministers to cooperate with you so that letters received will not be almost entirely from Jews.

We need thousands upon thousands of letters from individual American citizens. Have the letters sent directly to the Senators at Washington, D. C. Let them urge these Senators to support the Tydings Resolution on Germany in the Foreign Relations Committee. Have your people write their local Senators as well and urge them to support the Resolution both in the Committee and to support it themselves if and when it gets out on the floor.

PLEASE DON'T DELAY A MOMENT! This must be put across before the heavily subsidized vicious Nazi counter-propaganda consolidates its efforts. Get busy immediately and have the letters pile in on Washington.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

EDWARD L. ISRAEL



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Frank N. Troger . . . . . Executive Secretary

January 22, 1934

COPY OF LETTER SENT BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS

Dear

For months many have observed in wonder and disappointment the silence of our Government with respect to Nazi Germany.

On January 8th, Senator Tydings introduced in the United States Senate a resolution dealing with this matter. A copy of this resolution is attached. We now have the opportunity to evoke a suitable expression from our Government.

It would be extremely helpful if you would write or telegraph to, at least, the two Senators from your state, and to the Chairman, Key Pittman, of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and other members of that Committee a list of whom is attached. You, and as many of your acquaintances as you can persuade to write or telegraph, should urge upon these Senators prompt and favorable action on this resolution.

Knowing your deep interest in this matter I appeal to you to take such action. I shall appreciate receiving from you copies of such letters and telegrams as you may send to Washington.

Sincerely,

Simon E. Sobeloff,  
United States Attorney's Office,  
Post Office Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.



January 26, 1934.

Dr. Harry Friedenwald,  
1212 Eutaw Place,  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Friedenwald:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 16th. We have contacted with quite a number of people in the State and a large number of letters and telegrams are being forwarded to Senators Bulkley and Pittman. We are watching the situation very closely.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



February 1, 1934.

Dr. Don D. Tullis, Exec. Secretary,  
The Federated Churches of Greater Cleveland,  
1010 Hippodrome Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Tullis:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the resolution which has been introduced in the Senate of the United States by Senator Tydings of Maryland. The purpose of this resolution is to bring the moral pressure of the public opinion of the United States to bear upon the Nazi regime in Germany to alter its policy of political and economic discrimination practised against the Jewish citizens in Germany. Numerous religious and civic groups throughout the country are rallying to the support of the Tyding resolution. It is, of course, a matter which concerns not merely the Jewish people but fundamental human principles. An endorsement of this resolution by the Cleveland Federated Churches would, I am sure, be of great service and would be an outstanding evidence of good will and fellowship, such as the Federated Churches has fostered through the years.

I would appreciate hearing from you in this matter. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.