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OFFICE, DUTTENHOFER BUILDING,

CINCINNATI, March,
Eleventh,
1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am delighted that you have accepted the supervisorship tendered to you by the Board of Managers. The duties of the supervisor are important, but it is not intended that they should take up more time than the supervisor has at his disposal for this work.

Your District is known as District #23, and consists of northeastern Ohio east of a line running in the direction from Cleveland to Columbus, and north of a line running through Steubenville, but not including Steubenville.

The appropriation placed at the disposal of each supervisor is \$150.00. This is available for traveling expenses of the supervisor in visiting any of the cities or institutions in his District, for purposes of organization. When the visit is in the nature of "circuit preaching" the congregation itself ought to pay for the services and not the Union of Congregations.

I have no desire to burden this letter with many details, and will speak of the work of the supervisor only in a general way. Cities containing over fifteen Jewish families ought to be visited about once a year, preferably at the beginning of the season. If at all possible a school or a congregation should be organized and arrangements perfected whereby some neighboring minister, not the supervisor, visits this city regularly to conduct services. The community served in this manner ought to pay for the services, the amount depending entirely upon their affluence.

If there are any colleges in your District, these ought to be visited for the purpose of seeing what service the rabbi can render to the Jewish students. Sometimes a Students' Synagog is advisable, at other times a much simpler organization, which can meet

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to entertain an occasional lecturer sent by you, would be preferable.

If there are any State Hospitals or State Correctional Institutions, these are to be visited for the purpose of seeing what can be done for the Jewish men and women. All these details including the presence of Jewish inmates in these institutions will be furnished to you from time to time by this office. We have made several surveys of the Correctional Institutions and our information is at your disposal.

With reference to all these duties it sometimes becomes necessary for the supervisor to delegate his powers to some other minister in the neighborhood of the city or institution. This rabbi is designated as deputy supervisor. Of course, tact demands that the "nearest" man be chosen for this purpose.

As I expect to write to you often, I will go into greater detail on a subsequent occasion.

Accept my sincere thanks for your offer of cooperation, and believe me to be

Very cordially yours,



George J. Simon
Director.



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CINCINNATI, September,
Twenty-seventh,
1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am very sorry that you were unable to come to the meeting held in Mr. Mahler's office. While no very definite plans were adopted, the needs of the College as well as the obligation of Cleveland to do its share was the subject of consideration. Cleveland has undertaken to raise its quota amounting to about \$30,000 a year. The Committee that met at Mr. Mahler's office agreed that the opening step of the campaign should be a dinner given to the large contributors, for the purpose of securing some large initial contributions. These arrangements were left to a special committee consisting of the three rabbis and Messrs. Mahler and Bruml. I believe there are thirty-four men that give \$1,000 and over per annum to the Jewish Charities in Cleveland. These will be the men invited to attend the first meeting.

It was originally Mr. Gries' suggestion that Mr. Adolph S. Ochs, owner of the New York Times, come to the meeting to address this group of men at the dinner given by Mr. Mahler. Mr. Ochs, however, has answered that he finds it impossible to leave New York at this time.

Other plans were suggested at the meeting of the Committee of five which followed the other meeting. However, owing to your absence from the meeting consideration of these plans was postponed.

Under separate cover I am sending you a few pamphlets. Some of these have been used in the campaign for publicity in Cleveland, being sent once a week to the

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mailing list that we prepared. The material contained therein is old, but the difficulty of preparing new material without adequate help is out of the question at the present time.

With kindest personal greetings, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Gay Zepin
Secretary

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#2 Pamphlet on College in press





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CINCINNATI,

October 14, 1918

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Silver:-

In accordance with my promise to you, I am herewith explaining the situation at Canton, which necessitated the postponement of the meeting on Tuesday, October 15th..

I received a telegram while in your city from Rabbi Zepin, to the effect that there has been a change of plans in Canton. I immediately went there and found that a drive on the 15th. would be absolutely a failure. It seems as though the congregation of Canton were setting out upon a little drive of their own during this week in order to raise funds for their own congregation. Under these conditions it would hardly be advisable to come there and try to raise the quota for that city. I took the matter up with Mr. Toransky, who is the leading spirit in Canton, and he promised to put the matter over. As yet the method is quite undetermined and I do not know how we are going to do it. I realize, of course, that you are a busy man and express herewith my regrets in having thus inconvenienced you in any way. However, as soon as I learn of anything definite concerning Canton I will communicate with you immediately.

Have you made a decision concerning Loraine? I have this morning dispatched two letters to Loraine, one to Rabbi Volkman and one to Mr. Gould, informing them that as soon as I learn of your decision I will communicate with them. Will you kindly advise me therefore, of your decision in this matter?

Trusting to hear from you and with kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Abraham Shusterman

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CINCINNATI Jan. 15, 1919

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
E. 55th St. & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Mahler announcing the close of the campaign in Cleveland, with \$15,033 raised and some "prospects" still outstanding. This is exceedingly gratifying.

The report was placed before a meeting of The Cincinnati members of the Executive Board, and it is needless to say that they were very much elated over the results. The amount raised represents about 680 subscribers. This is a fine commentary on the very able work of every member of the Committee that had this matter in charge. I hope we will be able to make proportionately as many friends of the same kind in other cities where we expect to carry our campaign.

I have been told of your active participation in the work and I see your name among the subscribers. I want to express to you my personal thanks and the thanks of every member of the Executive Board for your cordial cooperation in behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. After all, the best reward for work of this kind is the knowledge that it has been well done. This knowledge you have without my telling you. The cause for which we are laboring is dear to the heart of every well-wisher of Israel.

With renewed assurance of my high esteem,
I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

J. W. Freiberg
President.

Let us establish his institutions on a firm financial basis

JWF/EN

April 24, 1919.

Rabbi George Zepin,
Dept. of Synagogue and School Extension,
Duttenhofer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Shohl informing me of the coming drive for membership and also containing the list of the memberships of every congregation. I note that Tifereth Israel Congregation is credited with 470 members. The last semi annual contribution of our congregation to the Union, if I recall correctly was \$337.50, which means that we are paying for a membership of 755. This, of course does not include the delinquent list of the past year nor the thirty new members which were admitted to The Temple during the past few months. For the sake of Historical Accuracy, as Dr. Duetsch would say, I would credit in your next list, the Congregation of Tifereth Israel with at least 755 members.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

April 30, 1919.

Rabbi Harry Levi,
24 Verndale Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Dr. Levi:

I do not know to whom to send the names of our delegates to the coming Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, so I am taking the liberty of sending it to you with the hope that it will reach the proper authorities.

The delegates appointed by the Congregation are

Mr. and Mrs. B. Mahler
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Eisenman,
Mr. and Mrs. B. Lowenstein,
Miss Edna Goldsmith
Rabbi A. H. Silver.

Anticipating with pleasure our meeting again and with kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Levi, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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WASHINGTON, D. C. August 14, 1919.

My dear Sir:

No doubt you have been advised that you were elected a member of the Board of Delegates on Civil Rights at the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board held June 22, 1919.

Please, therefore, keep me advised of any and all matters which may occur in your community that might need action by me.

Very truly yours,

Simon Wolf,
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