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The Union Bulletin

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations

LOUIS RICH
MANAGING EDITOR

November
Seventeenth,
1922.

34 W. SIXTH STREET
CINCINNATI.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
E. 55th and Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have read in the papers that your congregation is setting about to build an imposing temple, which will be a most striking and unusual edifice architecturally.

As you know the Union Bulletin is very much interested in buildings of that kind, and whenever possible publishes articles on temples and temple architecture. You probably have seen an article on this subject in our last issue. The publication of such articles is prompted not only by our own interest in them but also by requests for information and suggestions in synagog building coming from various Jewish communities.

Would it therefore be considered an indiscretion on our part to ask you to favor us with some sort of an article descriptive of your proposed Temple, for the benefit of our readers? This article could appear either over your signature or as a news item.

If agreeable, I would suggest also to send us a picture or two of the contemplated structure. We could then give the article a better and more attractive display in our magazine.

In the hope that the above request will not prove an imposition on you and thanking you for whatever action you may take to comply with it, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

Louis Rich
Managing Editor.

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1922

Mr. Louis Rich,
Managing Editor,
The Union Bulletin,
34 West Sixth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rich,

As per your request I am having
sent to you a photograph of the model of our
New Temple and a short description of it.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S.

The photo goes forward by
separate mail. Kindly
see that it is returned to
us promptly and in good
order.

The Union Bulletin

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations

LOUIS RICH
MANAGING EDITOR

34 W. SIXTH STREET
CINCINNATI.

January
Twenty-Fourth
1923.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
% Tifereth Israel Temple,
E 55th St. & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in sending us an article on and picture of your proposed Temple. The two appear in the January issue of the Union Bulletin, copies of which have been mailed to you.

Under separate cover I am returning the picture of the Temple.

Thanking you again for your courtesy in the matter, I beg to remain

Yours sincerely

LR:MK

Louis Rich
Managing Editor.

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C O P Y

September
Fourth,
1923.

At the Golden Jubilee Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations which was held in New York in January 1923, it was practically the unanimous opinion of the twelve hundred and more delegates, representing a prepondering majority of the congregations in the Union, that a new method of financing the Union and the College must be established.

In June of this year the Executive Board took up this recommendation and appointed a subcommittee to work out and put into effect the details of the new plan so that a fair apportionment for all congregations could be arrived at. This committee has been working on this proposition for several months and has finally adopted a plan which will permit the immediate execution of the resolutions adopted by the Council.

Based upon the returns from a questionnaire sent to congregations, replies were received from over two-thirds of its membership, and we are able to estimate that part of the income of the congregations which corresponds to the usual and ordinary congregational expenditures, at three and one-half million dollars per annum. The amount required by the Union over and above its fixed and dependable income is \$340,000. or approximately ten percent, of the above amount.

Within the very near future a detailed statement will be presented to you and forms will be submitted so that the respective boards can work out the method of arriving at their apportionment, so that this can be included in your budget for the coming year.

The Executive Board and the Committee that have worked on this matter have been encouraged by the enthusiastic manner in which this proposition has been received by the country at large. We sincerely hope that your Board will give us the same support as have other Boards throughout the country.

With compliments of the season, I am

Faithfully yours,

(signed) CHARLES SHOHL

CS:RH

President.

WRHS



Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Merchants Building

Mr. Charles Shohl,

Cincinnati, Ohio

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1923.

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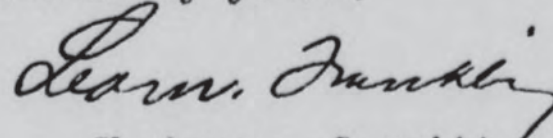
Dear Colleague:

The Tract Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is desirous of obtaining manuscripts suitable for distribution in the form of Tracts. Perhaps you have in your files a manuscript that would be available for this purpose. Or it may be that you would like to write a Tract on some timely subject. In either case we shall be very glad to hear from you.

It is of course understood that no manuscript will be accepted until it has been favorably passed upon by the proper committee of the Tract Commission. If you yourself do not care to submit a manuscript, perhaps you have in mind a certain subject upon which you believe Tracts ought to be written and you may be able to suggest men fitted to write them.

For your co-operation in these matters, the Commission will be duly grateful to you. Awaiting your response and with cordial New Year's greetings.

Fraternally yours,



Chairman, Committee on
Subjects and Writers.

LMF:RH

C O P Y

September
Twelfth,
1923.

Pursuant to our letter of recent date we herewith enclose a blank form indicating the basis on which to compute the expenditures of your congregation applicable to the apportionment outlined in our previous letter. The purpose of this form is, of course, to show the exact amount which your Board is expected to contribute towards the Union. You will readily see from the items mentioned on the enclosed blank that we have confined the taxable items to such expenditures as are quite uniformly used by all congregations throughout the country. It has been the aim of the Committee to work out a plan that would be equitable and fair to all the congregations collectively and to each of them individually.

As a result of the questionnaire sent out to congregations, it was estimated that the part of the income of the congregations which corresponds to the usual and ordinary congregational expenditures was three and one-half million dollars per annum. The Union will require over and above its fixed and dependable income \$340,000 or about 10% of the above amount.

It is to be hoped that the officers and trustees will work with us in this effort, and see to it that the blanks are returned at the earliest possible moment, as our fiscal year begins November 1st. Immediately upon receipt of this blank furnished by us, with the proper information, we shall be happy to send you a statement covering your assessment.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) CHARLES SHOHL,

CS:RH

President.

October 3rd, 1923.

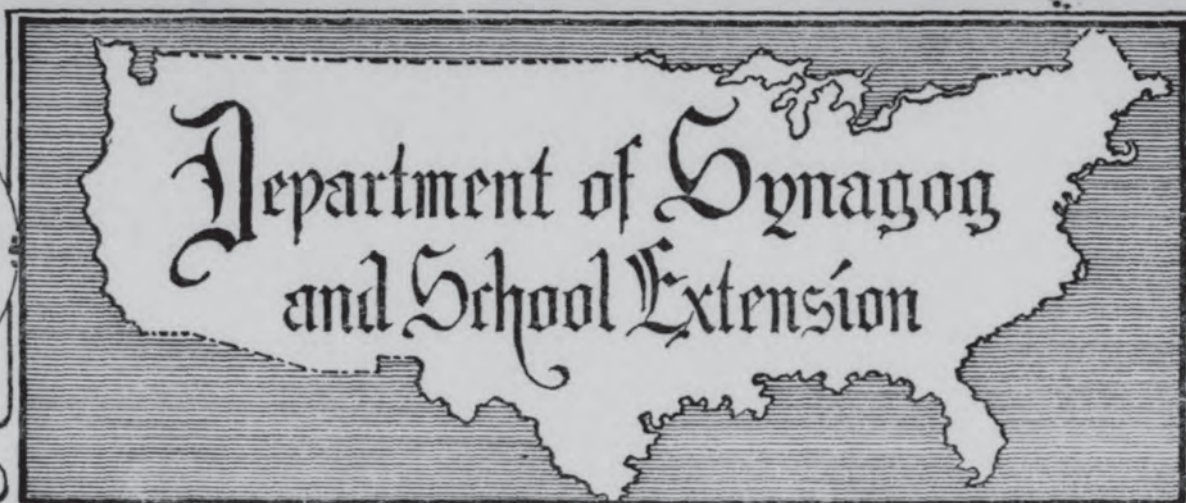
Rabbi Geo. Zepin,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin,

We have quite a number
of the old edition of the Union Prayer
Book, Volume 2 on hand. If your department
has any use for them for distribution
to institutions, please let us know and
we shall be glad to send them to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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October
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1923

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Sometime at the end of the month of October, I expect to be in Cleveland to address a Parent-Teachers meeting in Rabbi Wolsey's School. At that time I should also like to have the opportunity of discussing with you some of the problems in Jewish Education that I know we are both interested in. The exact date of my coming to Cleveland has not yet been set but it will probably be the end of next week. Would it also be possible for me, if I can arrange it during my brief stay, to see your school which I understand is one of the largest in Cleveland? I should also welcome the opportunity of meeting Miss Ida Schott who I understand is the president of the Ohio State Teachers' Association.

If I can be of any assistance in the formulation and the execution of the plans in connection with the next Teachers' Conference, I shall be only too glad to help.

With kind personal greetings to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran

EG:RG

Educational Director.

October 16th, 1923.

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran,
Merchants Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Gamoran,

I shall be very pleased to see you when you are in Cleveland and to show you our school. Miss Schott is in Europe now but Miss Markowitz is substituting for her. Please get in touch with me when you arrive in the city.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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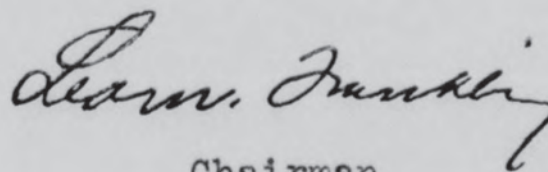
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Several weeks have elapsed since we asked you to do two things. First, for suggestions for tracts and secondly, whether you have prepared or published any material that can be converted into a tract.

I have not heard from you as yet in response to my first letter. Will you please be so kind as to give this matter your earliest attention?

Thanking you in advance, I beg to remain, with kindest greetings

Very sincerely yours,



Chairman

LMF:RC

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
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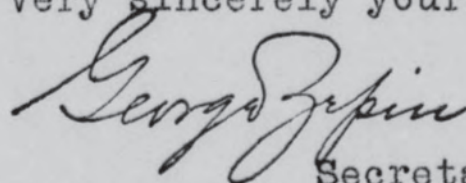
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Not having heard from you in response to his recent letter asking for criticisms or suggestions with reference to the new curriculum recommended by the Education Commission, Dr. Philipson has asked me to write to you to inquire whether you have not overlooked the matter. With this in mind the date of the meeting has been postponed so as to permit replies to come in by November 15th.

If it is your intention to make any suggestions will you be so kind as to give the matter your attention at your earliest opportunity?

With kindest personal greetings, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



Secretary.

GZ:MN

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CINCINNATI,

October
Nineteenth,
1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the Golden Jubilee Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held in New York City last January, a resolution was introduced recommending a new method of financing the Union and the College. This was adopted by a practically unanimous vote of the Council. The new plan provided for an equable apportionment of the expenses of the Union among all its congregations, the same being based on the income of the congregations.

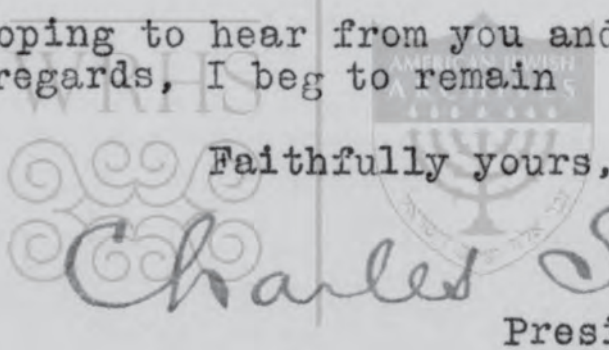
In accordance with this recommendation of the Council the Executive Board of the Union appointed a sub-committee to work out the details of the plan. After several months of painstaking work by the Committee a plan has been worked out whereby the recommendation of the Council can be put into immediate effect.

As the result of a questionnaire sent to the congregations it was estimated that the part of the income of the congregations, which corresponds to the usual and ordinary congregational expenditures, is three and one-half million dollars per annum. The amount required by the Union over and above its fixed and dependable income is \$340,000.00 or about 10% of the above amount. Accordingly the apportionment was fixed at 10% of the income of each congregation corresponding to its usual and ordinary congregational expenditures and blank forms have been sent to each congregation to secure the necessary information by which the actual assessment for each congregation will be fixed. A copy of the blank form is attached for your information.

I am happy to say that the response so far received has been very gratifying and all indications are that the new plan will be very successful. I am very anxious to secure the cooperation of your officers and especially of yourself to make the plan successful in your own congregation. As the Rabbi knowing our needs and having our interests at heart you can be of great service to us in making the plan popular and securing approval for it from your Board of Trustees and the members of the congregation. I shall be very glad to hear from you with regard to this matter and also to give you any additional information with regard to the working of the new plan.

Hoping to hear from you and with kind personal regards, I beg to remain

Faithfully yours,

Charles Shohl

CS:MN

President.

Report of Congregation

(Date)

(Name of Congregation)

(City)

(State)

For fiscal year ending

Receipts:

Dues, rents, cemetery, etc. \$.....

Donations, legacies, sales of property, etc.

Total Receipts \$.....

Ordinary Disbursements (assessable):

Rabbis, cantors and assistants. \$.....

Choir

Religious Schools

Maintenance of buildings, rents, repairs, taxes,

insurance, supplies

Supplementary services

Bulletin, advertising, clerical help.

Total assessable disbursements \$.....

Other Disbursements (non-assessable) \$.....

Total Disbursements \$.....

Balance \$.....

Ordinary Disbursements Assessable \$.....

Ten per cent of the above \$.....

Membership of Congregation

(Number)

(Signature of President of Congregation)

(Signature of Secretary or Treasurer)

Footnote I. The Union Executive Committee will set aside out of the above 10%, \$1.00 for each member of your Congregation as your Contribution in accordance with Section 4 of the Constitution.

Footnote II. Not assessable and excluded from ordinary disbursements are:

Payments on mortgages for interest or principal;

Cemetery;

Interest on loans;

Purchase of real estate and erection of new buildings.

Copy for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

October 19th 1923.

Mr. Benjamin Loewenstein, President,
Tifereth Israel Congregation,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr. Loewenstein:

Supplementary to our letters of September 4th and 12th I beg to give you the following additional facts concerning the new method of financing the Union. This method has been worked out in compliance with the following resolution which was adopted by the XXVIII Council, meeting in New York, January, 1923:

"It is the sense of this Convention, in principle, that the future needs of the Union be allotted to the various Congregations, members of the Union, based on a percentage of the income of said congregations.

"To carry out this principle, the Secretary is instructed to ask congregations to present at the earliest possible time a Budget showing receipts and expenditures for the year 1922 and estimated receipts and expenditures for 1923.

"The Executive Committee is empowered to put this plan into operation as soon as possible with such minor changes as it may find necessary to make this plan workable."

The new system of financing the Union replaces the old method of annual subscriptions. Your congregation is requested to file, with the Committee on Apportionment, before December 1st, its report on the enclosed blank, and to take such steps in your own Board of Trustees as are necessary to take care of the apportionment..

Semi-annual payments on the apportionments will be due on February 1st and August 1st. The new plan is meeting with the universal approval of an overwhelming majority of the congregations. We hope to have all the replies in within the next three weeks.

Please advise on enclosed postal by return mail the date of your next monthly Board meeting and when we may expect a reply on the enclosed report blank.

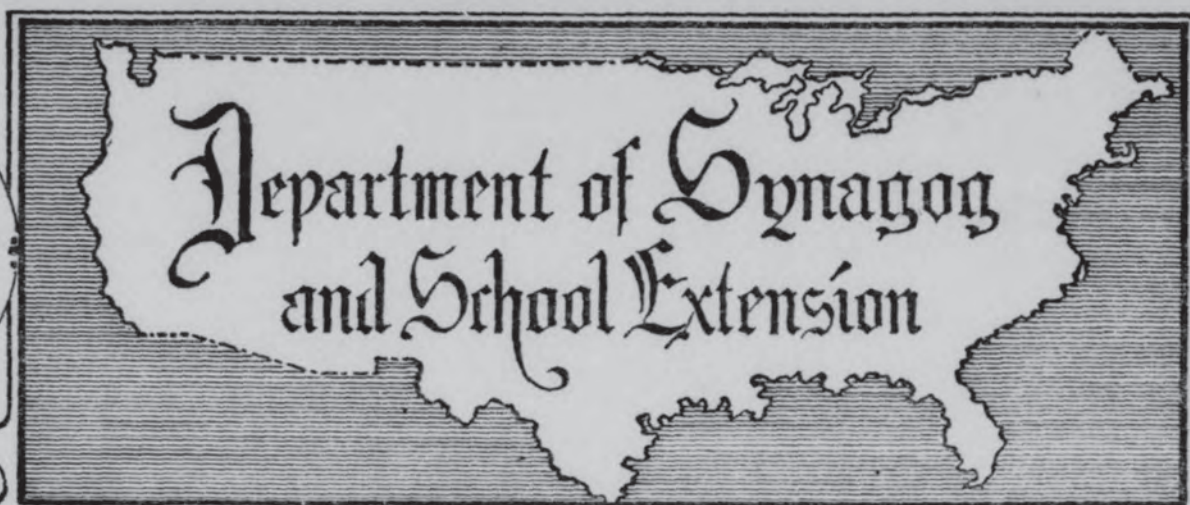
With kindest greetings, I beg to remain

Faithfully yours,

Charles Shohl

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October 22, 1923.

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EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

RABBI MICHAEL AARONSOHN
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been requested to secure your cooperation with the local chapter of the Disabled Veterans of the World War in their Forget-Me-Not-Day Drive to take place on November 10th.

This cooperation may be in the form of an announcement to be made in your pulpit on the Saturday previous to the drive or also in a short write up to be inserted in your Temple Bulletin. Any further assistance which you may find yourself able to render to this organization in this worthy cause will be deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Michael Aaronsohn
Field Representative.

MA

October 24th, 1923.

Dr. Leo H. Franklin,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Franklin,

I am in receipt of your letter of October 17th. Frankly I do not understand what you wish of me. At the last conference quite a number of suggestions for tracts were submitted. I do not know that I can offer any more suggestions at this time. I have numerous lectures printed and two hundred sermons typewritten and filed. If you want any of them for a tract I shall be glad to give it to you. I am not volunteering any articles nor do I want to enter into any competition for the honor of having a tract published.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

The Cleveland Committee

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Oct. 25th/23.

My dear Rabbi Silver, I know that you are extremely busy these days, and I hate to bother you. But my need is great.

There are a large number of subscribers to the Union of Am. Hebrew Congregations who have not paid their 1923 subscriptions, and Cleveland is far short of its quota -

Could you kindly give me the names of 10 or 12 men, who would be willing to interview a limited number of delinquents? I have already secured 12 names from Rabbi Wolsky.

Thank you very much -
With best wishes & kind regards to you & your dear "Mrs.", I am Yours sincerely,
Adolph I. Newman

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CINCINNATI,

October 26, 1923.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are undoubtedly acquainted with the details of the new method of financing the Union. The enclosed letters will make clear any point that has escaped your attention.

We are inviting a small group of Rabbis to assist us in this matter. Their tasks will consist of visiting a certain number of cities where we feel there is a need for further explanation of this method. They will be asked to sit with the Boards of Trustees and explain this new financial plan, which has been adopted.

This work will have to be done during the month of November or December. To carry out this plan adequately we are asking these Rabbis to give us a full month of their time if that much time should be found necessary in any circuit. We will of course ask each Congregation to permit the Rabbi to absent himself from his Congregation in order to make this trip, but before making this request of your Congregation we would like to have your consent and the expression of your willingness to serve.

It is quite possible that the number of favorable responses which will be received in the next thirty days will reduce the number of cities that will have to be visited. This will always be a happy solution of the problem. Meanwhile I would be pleased to hear from you with reference to this matter so that I can place your acceptance before the Committee on Apportionment.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Faithfully yours,

Charles Shohl

President.

CS:BB

November First, 1923

Mr. Adolph I. Newman,
1624 East 115th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Newman,

I wonder whether you still have in your possession the list which Mr. Hartman turned over to you when you accepted the office. Mr. Hartman and I drafted that list very carefully. You will find there the men who are most likely to help you in your work. If you have not the list, please advise me and I will send you another one.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

NATHAN J. MILLER
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

November Twentieth,
Nineteen hundred Twenty-three.

Dear Abba:-

Your favor of the sixteenth instant just received, and am sorry that you cannot oblige these folks by speaking before them in January. Will communicate your decision to them.

As to the Union, I seem to have let myself in, as I think I wrote you, for a great deal more of a contract than I had anticipated. The Cincinnati people are about the most difficult crowd that I ever tackled.

(Confidentially) had a long talk just now on the subject with Mr. Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago. He left my office a few minutes ago. He came down for the Jewish Publication Society's banquet, but came in to talk over the Union affairs with me, and left saying that he would support me in anything that I want to do.

Several of the gentlemen, who have been interested in the matter for a number of years, have approached me, wanting to know if I would take the presidency, if they could succeed in persuading Mr. Shohl to resign, in January. Am afraid that I would not have the time to give it, however. On the other hand, it is a question just which man would fill the position satisfactorily, and still a bigger question as to the advisability of "kicking up a rumpus," unless we have a definite program.

Another thing, (confidentially) I think besides Mr. Shohl, Rabbi Zepin is another man that they ought to get rid of. It takes him a week to answer a letter and when he does answer it, it is evident that either he does not know what he is talking about, or does not want to tell me what I want to

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know, possibly both.

Perhaps when you go to Atlantic City, you will pass thru New York, and, if so, of course, would be delighted to see you.

Meantime, of course, we are delighted with Virginia's progress, and your Aunt Linda would be glad to join me in sending a lot of love, if she knew that I were writing.

With regards,



Yours very truly,



A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Abba H. Silver", is written over the American Jewish Archives logo.

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

If I do not succeed in seeing you in the near future, you might when you have time, (and suppose you do have a few minutes occasionally) write me more fully about the Union. Of course, would not quote you for the world.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CINCINNATI,

November
Twenty-first,
1923.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 55th and Central Sts.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have not heard from you in reply to my letter of October 26th. Possibly the letter did not reach you. A copy of the same is herewith enclosed.

Perhaps the mention of a month's absence from your congregation presents an insurmountable difficulty. I am happy to inform you that we have received a great many replies, materially reducing the number of cities that have to be visited. Possibly only a few will be assigned to you in your district.

I would be very much obliged to you for a reply to my letter in order that we may proceed with the assignments within the next week.

Trusting that we will have your cooperation and awaiting your response I beg to remain, with kind regards

Faithfully yours,

Charles Shohl

President.

CS:TM

C O P Y

November 23, 1923.

Mr. Benjamin Loewenstein,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr. Loewenstein:

We have received several hundred replies to our letter of October 19th on the new method of re-financing the Union. A number of congregations took exception to the way in which our report blank was printed. Please note the enclosed copy of the new printing which does away with the objectionable feature.

I am wondering whether we have not heard from you because of some of the objections mentioned by others. Please glance over the enclosed blank and bring it to the attention of the congregation.

It is most unfortunate that since the announcement has gone forth that the Union would be financed in a new way, our old sources of income have stopped. Unless the congregations give us their hearty support, we will be unable to continue the grand work that the Union has been doing.

I am sure that this aspect of our difficulty has been overlooked by you or we would have heard from you ere this. Will you be so kind as to give this matter your immediate attention in order that we may be able to continue with the work in which we have every reason to feel that you are interested?

Awaiting your response, I beg to remain

Faithfully yours,

(signed) CHARLES SHOHL

CS:VH

President.

November 23rd, 1923.

Mr. Chas. Shohl,
Union of American Hebrew Cong.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Shohl,

I am afraid that I shall not be able to accept your very kind invitation to lecture in behalf of the new methods of financing the Union. My work here incidental to the building of our new Temple is so heavy that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more obligations.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

November 24th, 1923.

Mr. Howard Wertheimer,
Jewish Review & Observer,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Howard,

Some time ago you put this office to a flurry gathering together cuts and articles on our new Temple. You seemed to be in a terrific hurry for them. We sent them to you and I took the trouble to write an article myself. It is now almost a month and the write-up did not appear. I have not noticed that the news in your paper during the last few weeks has been of such primary importance as to necessitate crowding out The Temple matter. Apparently you had a good impulse and then got cold feet.

Please return those cuts to us as we are in need of them.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Detroit, Mich.,
Nov. 26th, 1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

WRHS



I understand that the letter which you addressed to the Tract Commission was for the Cincinnati office rather than for me. I am in fullest agreement with you as I believe you have reason to know, in regard to the policies and methods of that office.

While I am disappointed that you cannot occupy my pulpit on Sunday morning, January 13th, I am perfectly frank to say that I do not at all blame you. Three addresses in the course of twenty-four hours is almost too much for a man when he is in robust health. We shall, however, look forward to some other occasion when we may have you in our pulpit.

Sincerely trusting that you are feeling better than you apparently were when you wrote and with greetings and regards from house to house, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Leo M. Franklin

Gellert

November Twenty-seven
1923

Emercy 4313 Whitman Ave.
Mr. Gonda,
Agent for The Wagnerian Opera Co.,
Care The Masonic Temple, 3515 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Gonda,

Referring to the contemplated decorations for our New Temple, I desire to report to you that The Temple Finance Committee expressed the opinion, at its last meeting, that they were not as yet ready to take up this matter. They feel that until such times as the major features of the Temple are taken care of they do not care to enter into the question of decorating any of the rooms.

I would suggest that you let this matter rest until such time as you may hear from us.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. H. Silver

December seventh
1923

Mr. Nathan J. Miller,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Uncle Nate,

I am sorry that I have not had the time to answer your letter any sooner, but I have been out of the city a great deal. I am leaving again Sunday evening for Baltimore, to bring Virginia home. It will be fine to have her home again.

I think it would be a fine thing if you could see your way clear to accept the Presidency of the Union. It will mean a great deal of work, but it will also mean a most rare opportunity for great service at a critical time. Mr. Shohl is of course negative and the quicker he is replaced by a man of strong convictions and executive ability, the better it will be for the common cause.

I am glad that you think you have arrived at an opinion about Zepin, independently. He is, to my mind, altogether impossible. I do not believe that the Synagogue and School Extension will make any real progress as long as he remains in control of it.

When I am in New York next, I shall be very happy to discuss these things with you.

Please convey my love to Aunt Linda, and my heartiest congratulations to Peggy. Virginia writes me that she met her beau and that she is delighted with him. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting him before long.

With kindest regards, as ever yours

NATHAN J. MILLER
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

December Eleventh,
Nineteen hundred Twenty-three.

Dear Abba:-

Thank you very much for your kind favor of the seventh instant.

Your Aunt Linda went to Atlantic City, to spend a couple of days with Virginia and her Dad. As Virginia will have returned long ere this, you, of course, will have heard of her having done so.

As to the Cincinnati situation, have spent a great deal of time on it, and to date, at any rate, am of the view that Mr. Shohl and Rabbi Zepin retard the work; the former is a nice old gentleman, who probably was never fit for the job when he was young; and as to Rabbi Zepin, think he tries to play both ends against the middle, with the usual result.

Whether the Board would want me to be President, and whether I would have the time to give it, if I did accept it, and over and above all, whether I would be the man for the place, these are very serious questions.

It looks to me that, at any rate, Mr. Shohl and Rabbi Zepin will never get out, until they are forced out, and that could not be accomplished for over a year.

Spent a couple of hours with Mr. Ochs, going over the proposition the other afternoon, and have likewise taken the matter up with other gentlemen; all proffered support, if it is decided to be aggressive.

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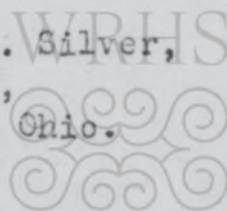
Sometime when I see you will
tell you more about it.

Meantime, lots of love to
Virginia.

As ever,

Uncle Harry

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



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CINCINNATI, December 26, 1923.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board has been called for Sunday, January 27, 1924 in New York City at Hotel Astor. In view of the important problems requiring solution at this time, it has been suggested that every Board of the Union be invited to hold a meeting in New York City a few days in advance of the meeting of the Executive Board and that the Executive Board invite the members of these cooperating Boards to meet with the Executive Board in a special conference.

If you attended the last Council of the Union you probably realize the issues that are before us at the present time and the fact that the Union faces a crisis which is fraught with incalculable consequences for its development and its future.

In view of the above fact I herewith issue this call for a special conference of all the members of all the Boards of the Union and couple with it a personal request that you come to New York in order to attend the meeting of your Board and this conference of all the Boards, which is to take place Sunday afternoon, January 27, 1924 at 2 P. M. at the Hotel Astor.

If you have the interest of the Union at heart you will be fully repaid by participating in these deliberations.

Awaiting your response and with kind regards, I beg to remain

Faithfully yours,

Charles Shohl
President.

CS:MN

December 28th, 1923.

Mr. Charles Shohl,
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Shohl,

I regret very much that I shall be unable to attend the meeting which you have called for Sunday, January 27th. I must remain in Cleveland that day to take care of my Services and the many congregational activities which usually take place on Sunday.

Assuring you of my readiness to cooperate with you, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand from Mr. Shohl that he has called a Conference of all the members of all the Boards of the Union to be held in New York City on January 27th to discuss important issues facing the Union. I note that meetings of the individual Boards of the Union will also be held a few days in advance.

I beg to extend to you a welcome in behalf of the New York Executive Committee. We are arranging luncheons on Friday for the members of the various Boards that are to meet on that day, and a luncheon for the members of the Executive Board on Sunday. There is also to be a banquet given by the New York Executive Committee to the members of all the Boards on Sunday night. I sincerely trust that you will make every effort to be present.

Aside from the fact that these meetings are for the purpose of discussing matters of vital import to the Union, and which will undoubtedly influence you in your decision to come, I beg to state for the New York Executive Committee that we shall endeavor to make your stay as pleasant as possible.

Will you kindly fill out the enclosed post card, so that we may make all the necessary arrangements for your comfort during your stay in New York City?

With kindest greetings, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Nathan J. Miller
Chairman.

NJM:AS

Enc.

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

The annual meeting of the Board of Delegates on Civil Rights, of which you are a member, is hereby called for Friday, January 25, 1924, at Hotel Astor in the city of New York at 10 A.M. Please make every effort to be present.

Enclosed is draft of the Annual Report for consideration at the meeting and thereupon for submission to the Executive Board of the Union, which will hold its semi-annual meeting on the 27th of January at the same hotel.

In addition to the report, matters pertinent to the work of our Board will be presented for appropriate action.

Hoping you will be present at the meeting, and awaiting the opportunity of a personal greeting, I have the honor to remain

Very cordially yours,

M. Rosenberg
Acting Chairman, Board of
Delegates on Civil Rights.

MDR:MN

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DELEGATES ON CIVIL RIGHTS.

To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Gentlemen:

When the unrelenting hand of death was laid upon that champion of American Jewry, the Hon. Simon Wolf, it left a gap in the household of Israel most difficult to fill. Mr. Wolf possessed a fund of information pertaining to the needs of Americans in general, and the Jew in particular. He was not only an ardent supporter of conditions having a tendency toward the alleviation of human suffering and the advancement of mankind and those things seeking to suppress religious persecution, but his kindly nature and his charitable disposition made him the untiring friend of the unfortunate and oppressed, devoting as he did a vast amount of his time and his superior mental equipment to matters of humanitarian import and to those conducive of national and civic betterment.

These lofty traits of mentality and character have established a precedent difficult to attain by any person honored with the distinction of succeeding him in the office as Chairman of the Board of Delegates on Civil Rights.

The honored President of the Union has seen fit to name one of the members of the Board of Delegates as the appointee ad interim, pending ratification of his action by the Executive Board of the Union. The fullest appreciation of the acting Chairman for the honor conferred is voiced by him in which however he does not overlook in the slightest degree the keen responsibilities which the exacting duties of the office entail upon the one entrusted with their fulfillment and discharge.

The Constitution of the Union provides, under Paragraph (b) Section (2) that part of its duties shall be

"to provide means for the relief of Jews from political oppression and unjust discrimination and for rendering them aid for their intellectual elevation."

Under Mr. Wolf's chairmanship, the Board of Delegates has discharged in a capable manner the duties within the scope of the

above quoted constitutional provision. The liberty, intellectual advancement and happiness of the Jew wherever located, has had the aid of this Board, irrespective of the branch of Judaism with which the individual may have been affiliated -- whether reform, conservative or orthodox.

By reason of Mr. Wolf's acquaintance with the successive administrative heads of the various branches of our National Government, he obtained liberal and humanitarian constructions of such statutes and rulings, the technical enforcement of which might have militated against our co-religionists. With it all Mr. Wolf consistently proclaimed his Americanism, never permitting any work which he undertook to detract from his constant loyalty to America -- the country which through his own choice became that of his adoption.

In full sympathy with all of the above, and imbued with kindred principles, the Board has it from the Acting Chairman that he will endeavor in a useful and practical manner to fill the office to which he has been temporarily appointed.

The civil, religious and political welfare of the Jew, should of course, at all times be sacredly guarded and receive full protection from the onslaughts of anti-semitic propaganda. The Klu Klux is having its fling; Henry Ford has had his. One by one they flaunt their fiery torches into the vision of unoffending American sentiment, only to blaze for a while and then to flicker, smoulder and finally die out. The bulwarks of American principle are too soundly entrenched to be weakened by this sort of fanatic fermentation.

Similar onslaughts are being attempted in Europe. The cry in Germany today is "down with the Jew," a condition described by Dr. Alfred Klee, sent by the Jewish World Relief Conference to investigate the situation as "the first pogrom on German soil in Modern times." Regretful as it is, causing untold suffering to our co-religionists, which should be made the occasion of solemn protests, yet all of this hysteria is but the death cry of a tottering nation and can with reason be expected before long to have spent itself.

This tirade against our people at home and abroad is but the voice of groups of individuals seeking to find a scapegoat in this day of unrest among the masses in general. Although we must be vigilant and on guard against every such onslaught, and protest vigorously whenever the rights of our brethren at home or abroad are trampled upon, there is as this Board views the situation, no need for any intensified alarm. Faith should be fostered in the future of the Jew with a reasonable conviction that within time not vastly remote, this anti-semitism will have been reduced to a minimum and the cry of fanatic leaders will have found no audience other than that made up by themselves.

About the time that President Shohl announced the appointment as Acting Chairman of the Board, the latter was also notified of his appointment as the Washington representative of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith. The late Simon Wolf was also similarly honored. Both organizations having the accomplishment of the same common purpose in view, they can, it is believed, with practical advantage be jointly entrusted to the same individual.

The Acting Chairman has recently^{been} privileged to receive letters from the President of the United States, as well as from the Secretary of State, (the same being on file in his office), containing expressions clearly indicating that the administration authorities in this country are favorable to our people, that they possess a high regard for the religious, political and civic welfare of the latter, thereby placing the Jew upon the same unprejudiced level with other religious denominations in the United States.

At the Twenty-Eighth Council Meeting of the Union, held in New York in January of this year, the following resolution with reference to the Alien Registration Bill, was adopted:

Whereas, there are pending before the Congress of the United States bills requiring the annual registration of all aliens in this country, with deportation as the penalty for non-compliance, even in case of pure oversight, and with the probable result that compliance will lead to an enormous number of deportations to foreign lands on purely technical grounds, without time limit, of persons having their family ties and all their interests here, and

Whereas, these bills are frankly patterned on the unpopular Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798, and the harsh and oppressive Chinese Exclusion Law machinery in force, and would give unlimited opportunities throughout the country for blackmail, extortion and oppression, and are apt to cause injuries to the seven million aliens in this country, scarcely paralleled in our day, despite the desire of some of their framers that a part use of such registration be to aid (though ineffectively) in educating the immigrants in civics, through the department also having charge of deportations, be it

Resolved, that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in Council assembled, while recognizing that this is a matter concerning immigrants of all faiths, expresses its unqualified and emphatic disapproval of such measures, and of all invidious discrimination against, and segregation of, aliens; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Board of Delegates on Civil Rights to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Labor and the Chairman of the Committees on Immigration and Naturalization of the United States/^{Senate} and the House of Representatives.

Although the bill failed of passage at the last Congress, owing to the congestion at the close of the session, effort is now being made to secure support for its reintroduction, and your Board will of course be prepared to enter its protest before the proper authorities when this is done.

The following resolution was also approved and referred to our Board at the last Council meeting:

Whereas, the safety and preservation of humanity's ideals are dependent upon the sanctity of the home which is created through marriage, and

Whereas, the laws of the several states are at wide variance in their provisions for marriage, and

Whereas, the divorce laws of the several states are at equally wide variance, and

Whereas, the desertion laws of each state are limited in their jurisdiction, be it

Resolved, That the Union of American Hebrew Congregations advocate the enactment of uniform marriage, divorce and desertion laws, and that proper steps be taken by the Union in aid of their enactment.

A number of the most influential organizations of the country have gone on record approving the enactment of such uniform marriage, divorce and desertion laws, and at the opportune time, either alone or in conjunction with others, your Board will exert its influence toward this realization.

The present immigration problem presents a panorama of human sacrifice which must enlist the sympathy and spirit of co-operation of our co-religionists in this country, and for that matter persons of other faiths, and which correspondingly entails upon the Board of Delegates on Civil Rights a paramount duty to adjust, so far as the same is compatible with laws which may be enacted, and which efforts of the Board should have for its purpose, the alleviation of the hardships to which these unfortunate refugees have heretofore been subjected.

The congestion of immigrants at Ellis Island during the month of November, resulting in orders of deportation for those coming within the excess quota law, has brought to the Washington office of the Acting Chairman of the Board from out of town Jewish organizations, numerous individual cases where exclusion and deportation had already been ordered and which in most instances have been satisfactorily adjusted with the officials of the Department. Several Jewish organizations, through specially appointed committees, have been active in an attempt to aid these unfortunate people, but with partial success only. After conference with several Washington members of the Board, the Chairman cooperated with the efforts made by these other organizations. The attitude of the Department at the time was that it fully recognized the duty of invoking the law as it was written, yet its humanitarian attitude has been somewhat yielding, as a result of which the efforts referred to were instrumental in obtaining slight modifications of a rigid enforcement of the law, though such ruling has not been officially published. The excess quota immigrants in the emergency were divided into two classes: First, those in the classification where deportation would have resulted in family separations and other hardships, and the second classification in which deportation would entail no such hardships. Those refugees who came within the first class mentioned were admitted under certain rigid restrictions, while in the other class, the strict provisions of the law were ordered enforced.

The next scene presents to view the activity of Jewish organizations which succeeded in perfecting an arrangement with the Canadian officials whereby about 500 of the November excess quota

immigrants might enter the Dominion of Canada, provided that certain formalities in the way of indemnity bonds and per capita tax were provided for, and there to await the opportunity for entering the United States upon the opening up of the quota.

The next picture brings into question the lawful admissibility of the November Ellis Island immigrants, based upon a ruling of Mr. Justice Knox in the Federal Court to the effect that the Secretary of Labor did not have the power of charging the excess quota of previous months against that of a subsequent month; and based upon that conclusion was the corresponding discovery that the November quota had not been actually exhausted before arrival of these immigrants, who it accordingly appeared were erroneously ordered deported. The causes for the review of the deportees' situation were based upon Writs of Habeas Corpus, obtained by two attorneys of our own faith in New York, appearing as counsel for twelve Jewish immigrants detained at Ellis Island. Following that decision, the admission was ordered of the twelve for whom the Writs had been obtained, the presiding Justice stating further that the order affected eight hundred and seventy-six others who were being detained at Ellis Island. The court pointed out the great hardship which would be inflicted upon those Russian immigrants who had left Russia in good faith in October to be shut out because the United States had played the part of humanitarian in aiding those other Russians who were refugees and others who could not be returned to Japan because of the earthquake.

The above situation raised the question concerning those excess quota immigrants temporarily admitted on parole and under bond during the months from July to November, and in whose behalf the Rev. Dr. Abram Simon of Washington, D. C., and the Chairman of this Board were accorded an interview with the Hon. W. W. Husband, Commissioner General of Immigration on the 17th instant. This interview was of a very friendly nature, the subcommittee stating that it was the purpose to dispose of the pending question on an amicable basis; that it was thought the entry into this country of the excess quota immigrants during the months referred to could not be lawfully disturbed and that it was possible, if such were attempted,

legal steps might be invoked seeking to insure the permanence of their residence in the United States; the contention being based upon the fact that these immigrants were received by the United States authorities and were influenced in no manner whatsoever by fraud, nor by any effort to mislead or misrepresent. It was further urged to the Commissioner General at the interview referred to, that it might be well to obtain the enactment of an act of Congress to legalize their presence in this country, in order that any disquieting intentions might be set at rest for all parties in interest.

The interview referred to brought forth from the Commissioner General the conviction that it would be best to take no action whatsoever either by the Department or by the immigrants or their representatives, as he was convinced with reasonable assurance, that nothing would be done by the Department to disturb or impair their future residence in the United States. He stated that some 2400 human beings were involved, of which number there were 1597 Russians and 376 Turks, and that the Department was more or less actuated from a humanitarian standpoint in that the circumstances surrounding the entry of these unfortunate persons was of a tragic nature, and their deportation would impose upon them hardships of greater severity than it would care to inflict. The following exchange of letters more fully demonstrates the attitude of the Department, viz:

"December 18, 1923.

Hon. W. W. Husband,
Commissioner General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Husband:

Referring to the interview which you kindly accorded Dr. Abram Simon and myself yesterday afternoon, in which the status of the excess quota immigrants admitted during the five months preceding November of this year was the subject of discussion, you will recall that the opinion advanced by us was to the effect that the said immigrants having been admitted by the Government authorities without raising any question as to their lawful admissibility, and without any act whatever on the part of the said immigrants calculated to misrepresent or mislead, should establish for them the right of permanent residence in this country. The number as stated by you approximated 2400, of which 1597 were Russians and 376 were Turks.

In the discussion of the above matter, you will recall we stated to you further that the purpose of our interview was intended solely to establish an amicable basis which would preclude any question as to the legality of their admis-

sibility, and that there was no desire on the part of the constituency represented by us to take or even to consider any drastic action, but was intended as a man to man discussion in free exchange of views to determine what might best be required, if anything, to conserve the interests of all parties involved.

The attitude of the Department, intimated by yourself, reciprocated a spirit of friendliness in the matter, and in which you gave it as your opinion with equal frankness, in the interest of all concerned, that no action whatsoever would be taken concerning the immigrants, basing the same as you did upon the very tragic circumstances at the time of the admission of most of them, and which as stated by you, strongly actuated the Department in its humanitarian spirit to consent to the admission of the immigrants referred to, rather than to order their exclusion.

You will recall in addition to the above, it was suggested by us that if the Department had any intention of taking action in the matter the enactment of a special act of Congress might be obtained on behalf of the said immigrants, and which for all time would set to rest any lingering doubt concerning the rights of the immigrants referred to.

The purpose of this letter is to ascertain whether or not we are at liberty to give currency to our constituency to the generous views which you expressed at the interview referred to, or whether you prefer that we refrain from any public expression upon the subject whatsoever.

Awaiting an early reply to the above, with the assurance, Mr. Commissioner General, that we at all times hold in the highest esteem the unbiased views of the Department as expressed by yourself, and thanking you in advance for any trouble which a reply hereto may entail upon you, I have the honor to remain

Very truly yours,

M. D. ROSENBERG
Representing Union of American Hebrew
Congregations and Independent Order of
B'nai B'rith."

and reply thereto as follows:

"U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Bureau of Immigration
Washington

December 22, 1923.

Mr. Maurice D. Rosenberg,
Representing Union of American
Hebrew Congregations and Inde-
pendent Order of B'nai B'rith.
Commerce and Savings Building.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Rosenberg:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant with further reference to the matter discussed with Dr. Abram Simon and yourself here at the Bureau.

I have since had occasion to discuss with Assistant Secretary White the status of aliens who were admitted during the four months, July to October, in excess of the quotas of

such months and who were charged against the November quota. It is very clear to all that as a result of Judge Knox's decision there are in the United States a certain number of aliens of various nationalities in excess of the quota for the present fiscal year. The situation is, of course, a very peculiar one, but as I said to you, no one seems disposed to inflict the hardship of deportation upon these people if it is at all possible to avoid it, and it seems clear that there is no immediate intention of making any move in that direction.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Husband
Commissioner General."

WWH:REM

The above immigration situation demonstrates that the present law is burdened with human hardship, involving serious problems confronting our people abroad, and in spite of this, and notwithstanding all that has occurred in the past, bills have been introduced both into the Senate and House of Representatives, making still further restrictions with regard to the entrance into the United States of these alien people.

The Acting Chairman at this writing has had the details of the pending bills looked into, has been in correspondence with the Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge of the United States Senate and the Hon. Albert Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration in the House of Representatives, concerning the hearings upon the subject, from both of whom courteous replies have been received. The hearings in question are now in progress before the Committee on Immigration of the House of Representatives and the Acting Chairman, recognizing his duty in that behalf, is cooperating with members of the Board and with others prominent among the Jewish faith for the purpose of making a presentation of the Immigration question, so far as it may best serve the various interests concerned, and an appointment for the purpose has been fixed for the 4th day of January, 1924, the Acting Chairman of this Committee having conferred upon the subject with several well informed members of our Board of Delegates, among whom are the Rev. Dr. Abram Simon, Messrs Henry Franc, Jr. and Myer Cohen of Washington, D. C., together with Max J. Kohler, Esq., of New York.

It should be borne in mind that there was not sufficient time for calling a meeting of the entire Board of Delegates upon this Immigration question, as the date for the meeting, has, at the suggestion of the executive officers in Cincinnati been set for the 25th of January, in New York, but in view of the urgent and present exigencies of the case, the Acting Chairman has anticipated the meeting of the Board by arranging for the hearings as above set forth.

It should be borne in mind that one of the great weaknesses in the present immigration system lies in the fact that the American consular representatives are permitted or even obliged to vise passports of aliens departing from their native country, when the said representatives should in justice to the immigrant be charged with the duty of doing the same only upon the basis of the fixed quota, while heretofore the power has been exercised by disregarding the quota, which leaves the immigrant to become acquainted with his fate after having departed from his home country, accompanied with many sacrifices made in the disposition of property rights and other hardships, only to find upon arriving in this country, that the doors are closed to him. Such unfortunate conditions can be alleviated by refusal to vise the passports referred to where the quota is already filled, or perhaps where the immigrant does not measure up morally, physically, or intellectually to standards prescribed by our laws on immigration. These features and others of a similar nature should be stressed when enactment of appropriate legislation is sought.

In July of this year the Acting Chairman was the recipient of a complaint to the effect that a pamphlet which is sold all over Yellow-stone Park entitled "Truthful Lies," contained matter offensive and objectionable to the good name and reputation of our co-religionists, and in which request was made that the proper representation of the Government would either cause a suppression of the booklet or the elimination of the offensive phrases. Upon receipt of this information the office of the Acting Chairman in Washington at once sought the cooperation of the Hon. Arno B. Cammerer of the

National Park Service, which finally resulted in a suppression of the objectionable matter, as indicated by two letters, copies of which are as follows:

"DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Washington

July 26, 1923.

Mr. Horace M. Albright,
Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park,
Yellowstone Park, Wyoming.

Dear Mr. Albright:

Representatives of the Anti-Defamation League of America, representing the Jewish people in this country, have called on me and protested against the inclusion of two jokes against the Jewish people shown on page 53 of "Truthful Lies."

I defended the obvious innocuousness of the jokes, particularly the last one, but they felt that these jokes had hurt the sensibilities of numbers of their people, preminent among whom was Judge I. M. Golden of the Mills Building, San Francisco, who has also made a written protest. These people feel that inasmuch as the Park is Government-owned and controlled, hurtful statements in printed publications sold under Government license should be elided, and I think so too.

I feel that this is a matter which should be taken up by you direct with the publishers for correction in the next issue, rather than have it done from Washington.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) ARNO B. CAMMERER
Acting Director"

"DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Washington

August 6, 1923.

Mr. Maurice D. Rosenberg,
Commerce and Savings Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

I am today in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park advising that he has informed the author and publisher of "Truthful Lies" that as the book is published in a National Park it should not contain matter embarrassing or hurtful to any race or creed and telling him to edit the book so that the two jokes regarding the Jewish people be eliminated. I trust this will be satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

Arno B. Cammerer,
Acting Director"

This report is tendered in the discharge of a formal duty, and as seen, covers but a brief period of time, being the few months since the passing of our former distinguished Chairman. It necessarily lacks the volume which it would otherwise have had if in the usual course it covered the period of a year, as heretofore in reports of the activities of the Board of Delegates on Civil Rights.

The coming year, it is hoped, will witness further advances in portraying improvement of the Jewish situation, both here and abroad, and your Board may with confidence be relied upon to do its part in the events as they unfold themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

Washington, D. C.
December 31, 1923.

BOARD OF DELEGATES ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Maurice D. Rosenberg,

Acting Chairman.



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January Tenth, 1924

Rabbi George Zepin,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin,

I have been informed that at the last meeting of the Federation of Sisterhoods, you made a certain statement regarding my relations to the Union Bulletin and my refusal to give you a picture of the new Temple. I understand that your statement was made without mentioning me by name, simply referring to me. I would appreciate it very much if you will let me know just exactly what you said at that meeting.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, E. 55th & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The reference to you at the meeting of the Executive Board of the Sisterhood was quite innocent. The ladies were indignant at the discontinuance of the Union Bulletin. They wanted to know why. I explained to them that the Bulletin itself had many inherent defects which could have been eliminated, but I also called their attention to the fact that there ^{are} rabbis and laymen who considered the whole enterprise of the Union Bulletin or "house-organ" as a waste of money. Being asked to give further explanation of this attitude I gave as my opinion that some people were constitutionally averse to anything that smacked of "publicity and propaganda". I then instanced the case of one man from whom we made the innocent request for a picture of his contemplated temple, and stated that it had taken weeks and weeks to secure this picture. I attributed his unwillingness to the attitude of mind described above.

In justifying myself for making such a persistent plea for said photograph I described your temple rather glowingly. Miss Edna Goldsmith seemed to understand the reference to yourself. I did not deny it. Afterwards she spoke in favor of reinstating the Union Bulletin, which surprised me again as I thought she would echo your point of view. No one asked for any further explanation and none was given.

With kindest personal regards I beg
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary

GZ:MK

January 16th, 1924.

Miss Edna Goldsmith,
2552 Overlook Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Goldsmith,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I received from Mr. George Zepin in reply to an inquiry of mine. I wonder whether Zepin's statement is accurate. You will see from this letter that your endorsement of the Union Bulletin surprised Mr. Zepin. It certainly surprised me. You requested me and a committee to meet with you. We met and I gave you a full hour of my time. The committee unanimously rejected the recommendations of renewing the publication of the Union Bulletin but you recommended it nevertheless.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

January 17th, 1924.

Rabbi George Zepin,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin,

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 11th. On November 17th, 1922 Mr. Louis Rich of your office wrote me requesting a photograph of The Temple as well as a descriptive article. He did not designate for what issue of the Bulletin he required the material. Furthermore we were at the time having additional photographs of the model made. I sent you the photograph on December 26th, 1922 along with a short description of the building. Just how you arrived at the "midrash" that this delay was due to an unwillingness on my part to cooperate with the Bulletin and that I was "constitutionally averse to anything that smacked of publicity and propaganda, I do not know. It might perhaps be well before you make public statements of such character that you first get the facts. Had I wished to refuse the request of your office for a photograph of the new Temple I would have so informed it.

I am however glad that the Union Bulletin has been discontinued.

Sincerely yours,

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January 17th, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o Temple, E. 55th & Central,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The New York Executive Committee invites you to attend a dinner on Sunday, January 27th, at 7.30 p.m. at the Hotel Astor. This dinner is being tendered to the visiting members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and to a group of representative New York Jews.

In order that we may perfect our arrangements will you please let us know at once whether or not you are coming?

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Nathan J. Miller
Chairman

NJM:FS

January 21st, 1924.

Mr. Nathan J. Miller,
120 Broadway
New York City.

Dear uncle Nate,

I am sorry that I shall not be able to attend the meeting of the Union next Sunday. I have been away from my pulpit so much of the time that I think I ought to stay at home. I do not know what problems you will discuss at your meeting but attention should be called to one or two things. The Board of Delegates on Civil Rights has been a defunct institution ever since its organization. I have been a member of it for three or four years and have never been called to a meeting. That is one of Zepin's paper organizations with which he gives the impression of great activity in the Union.

Zepin is making a new effort to ~~dis~~-inter the Union Bulletin which was recently buried. He had a resolution passed at a meeting of the Federation of State Sisterhoods to that effect and he will probably use that as a means of reviving the worthless publication which costs the Union over \$30,00 annually. I do not know what response there has been to the proposed new plan of financing the Union adopted at the last conclave. My Congregation has not voted on it as yet but I rather feel that it will vote the project down.

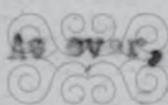
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I feel that the plan if adopted would give the hierarchy in Cincinnati carte blanche to do anything they pleased.

It may be that Virginia and I will spend a few days in New York the second week in February and then we shall have a chance to talk over a few of these things.

I am
With kindest regards to Aunt Linda,
As ever,



NATHAN J. MILLER
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

January Twenty-third,
Nineteen hundred Twenty-four.

Dear Abba:-

Your favor of the twenty-first instant received today. Regret very much that you will not be here at the meeting.

Am not quite so sure that I agree with you that the Union Bulletin is worthless, altho your opinion is ever so much better than mine could possibly hope to be. Some people from the smaller communities have told me that they miss it very much. Further than that, the sum of which you speak, is only arrived at by including a certain amount of overhead, which the office at Cincinnati seems to have anyway.

The Cincinnati crew are the most difficult that I ever encountered, - wire pulling and politics (the latter of the cheapest variety) constantly in evidence.

Have been told that old man, Shohl, would not get out of office, under any conditions, until next January. He has been advised to resign by his most intimate friends, and steadily declines, and is probably supported in his absurd position by Rabbi Zepin, who is now fearful of the loss of his job. He should have lost it long ago, from what I can see of his administration.

Mr. Ochs is very much interested, and told me the other evening that he will do almost anything that I suggest. We had worked out a plan to separate the Union from the College, and go to the

country for a large endowment for the College. The fund was to be started by large contributions from certain rich New York people; think the plan could have been put thru, given a reasonable length of time to create a proper atmosphere.

Even this, however, will, I think, be opposed by Mr. Mack and the other Cincinnati folks for no good reason in the world, except that they, as I see it, fear that they will be called upon to contribute their quota.

The question of financing has to come up and many of the New York congregations will secede, rather than adopt the plan, I am afraid.

Another difficulty is that so many Presidents of Temples and their Rabbis tell me that their congregations are not agreeable, and yet three minutes afterwards pledge me not to quote them. If I could take the floor and name those who have advised me, (that is, in a confidential way), that they are going to vote against the project, it would be killed, but I cannot afford to embarrass anyone.

If you want me to say for your Temple that it will not accept the plan, ask your President to drop me a telegram on receipt of this letter, in care of my office, as above.

It is a pretty mess, sure, all round, when religious work is handled in this way; the only way out, as I see it, would be quiet, diplomatic, painstaking work amongst prominent laymen, for at least a year. And a rather humiliating feature of an unhappy piece of business is, that certain prominent Jews are each now laying definite plans to be elected President of the Union, to succeed Mr. Shohl a year

hence; in each case the man in question is one who would not give it much personal attention, after he would have been elected. What has happened is, now that the Joint Distribution Committee is going out of business, and the great pressure for time and money in that direction is relieved, some of our men, who have been very prominent in that work, are very keen to be President of the Union.

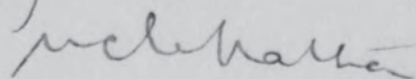
There is no objection to such an ambition, because it undoubtedly is now the most prominent position in the American Jewish world, but there is an objection on my part, in a very real sense, to two of the men, because in each case, these are men who would delegate the supervision to some paid employe, which would mean a continuation of the Zepin regime, or possibly something worse.

Have written you in rather a gossip sort of way; look forward to the pleasure of seeing you here next month.

If anything occurs to you that you would like to suggest, drop me a wire or 'phone me. The meetings will start Friday morning and continue fairly steadily until Sunday night.

Lots of love to you and Virginia, and thanks for writing me.

Yours very truly,



Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East Fifty-fifth Street and Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

January 25th, 1924.

Mr. Nathan J. Miller,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear uncle Nathan,

The likelihood is that our Congregation will not endorse the plan of financing the Union adopted at the last Conference although no action by the Board has as yet been taken. The President of the Board, Mr. Lowenstein, on his own initiative and ignorant of the full scope of the plan wrote Mr. Shohl that the congregation will adopt the project. He has since written to Mr. Shohl retracting that statement.

Agent: The Union Bulletin. We have innumerable English Jewish weeklies in this country which reach the smallest Jewish communities and which are only too glad to carry any publicity which the Union wishes to give them. We have two such papers in Cleveland. I believe Ohio has more than five English Jewish Weeklies. Their combined circulation is very much greater than the possible circulation of the Union Bulletin however vigorously it were pushed.

I would love to see the college separated from the Union but I rather fear that the Cincinnati people who know how unpopular the Union is will oppose such a

With love to Aunt Linda, I am

As ever,

Plan

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Feb 6, 1924

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For the first time in our history,
we have implored the War Dept office to grant
us exemption, if you will but "sign on the
dotted line."

WRHS



Your signature is required on the
line below the one on which I have written
"The Temple."

Will you please mail the blank back
to me immediately at my home address?

I'm sorry you missed the meeting Monday
night. Albert was just angry enough to make
the meeting interesting.

Sincerely,

Helen Tronstein.

February 19th, 1924.

Mr. Nathan J. Miller,
New York City.

Dear Uncle Nathan,

Through your kindness I
have just received Foodick's Twelve
Tests of Character. I know that I
shall read it with a great deal of
pleasure and profit. I am returning
to you Post-Worton. There is a lot
of interesting information in it and
I enjoyed reading it.

What do you think of the
conference Sanby. I should love to
get your reaction.

With kindest regards to you
and yours, I am

As ever,



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Rabbi A.H. Silver,
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are about 250 strong. Each one of us is preoccupied with congregational activities. And yet, there are large groups that are not reached by the rabbis from their pulpits. I know you will agree with me that each one of us ought to contribute part of our time and effort to this worthy task of reaching the groups outside of our communities. I know you are doing this already. You have helped us in the past and we are therefore encouraged to ask for your cooperation again.

We are going to ask you to visit certain cities that need religious organization, certain universities where the opportunity is promising for winning the young men and women for the Cause, certain institutions where rehabilitation work may be possible. We hope we will receive your cooperation.

There is so much good that has been done through the voluntary service of the rabbis and there is so much yet that can be done. I feel that we ought to exhaust these possibilities before counselling the Union to engage regional field secretaries to undertake these tasks. This, of course, should be done also but the funds are not available just now.

I will appreciate a line from you in this connection.

With kind greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Director.

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Mr. Nathan J. Miller

New York.

THE NEW PLAN FOR FINANCING THE UNION

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. WHAT IS THE APPORTIONMENT PLAN?

Answer 1. The apportionment plan is a new method of raising sufficient funds for the support of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations by apportioning the total expense among the congregations composing the Union.

Q. 2. WHY SHOULD THE BURDEN BE PLACED ON THE CONGREGATIONS RATHER THAN ON INDIVIDUALS?

A. 2. Because the Union is a union of congregations. It is more logical as well as more business-like for the Union to deal directly with the 270 congregations, which have permanent organizations, than with the 43,763 individuals composing those congregations whose support would be subject to personal vicissitudes.

Q. 3. WHERE DID THIS PLAN ORIGINATE?

A. 3. The plan was recommended by the twenty-eighth Council of the Union, which met in New York City in January, 1923, adopting the suggestion made by a number of member congregations.

Q. 4. WHAT STEPS WERE TAKEN TO PUT THE NEW PLAN INTO EFFECT AND WHEN?

A. 4. The Executive Committee of the Union was empowered to put the plan into operation at once.

Q. 5. WHY WAS A NEW PLAN NECESSARY?

A. 5. Because the former plan of individual subscriptions has broken down. These subscriptions constituted three-fourths of our income. In 1919 they amounted to \$320,000 given by 12,000

subscribers. In 1923 the total number of subscribers was reduced 6,000, who gave \$150,000.

Q. 6. WHAT IS THE APPORTIONMENT BASED ON?

A. 6. On the ordinary congregational expenditures of each congregation.

Q. 7. WHAT IS MEANT BY ORDINARY EXPENDITURES?

A. 7. Expenditures for the regular upkeep of the synagog and its activities *including* Rabbis, cantors and assistants, choir, religious schools, maintenance of buildings, rent, repairs, taxes, insurance, supplies, supplementary services, congregational bulletin, advertising, clerical help, etc., and *excluding* required payments on mortgages for interest or principal, cemetery, interest on loans and purchase of real estate and erection of new buildings.

Q. 8. IS THIS BASIS FAIR?

A. 8. Yes, because the share of the larger congregation will be larger in accordance with its ability and the share of the smaller congregation smaller in accordance with its smaller resources. Also because the 50,000 members of congregations belonging to the Union will all be contributing to its support as contrasted with the 6,000 members who subscribed this year.

Q. 9. WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF APPORTIONMENT DUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 1923?

A. 9. Ten (10) percent, payable in semi-annual installments, February 1, 1924, and September 1, 1924.

Q. 10. HOW WAS THIS PERCENTAGE ARRIVED AT?

A. 10. As the result of a questionnaire sent to congregations it was calculated that the total of the ordinary expenditures of our congregations is three and one-half million dollars per annum. The amount required by the Union over and above its fixed and dependable income (gifts and interest from the Endowment Fund) is \$340,000.00, or approximately ten percent of the above amount.

Q. 11. CAN A CONGREGATION BE EXPECTED TO PAY THE APPORTIONMENT IF ITS PRESENT BUDGET SHOWS A DEFICIT?

A. 11. Yes—because no congregation collects

more than it needs, therefore, few if any have surpluses.

Q. 12. WHAT IS THE BEST PLAN OF PROVIDING FOR THE APPORTIONMENT?

A. 12. The best plan is to increase the budget of the Congregation for the coming year so that it will include an amount equal to ten percent of last year's expenditures.

Q. 13. HOW SHALL THE APPORTIONMENT BE RAISED?

A. 13. Each congregation will be free to raise its apportionment in its own way.

Q. 14. WILL IT BE HARDER TO RAISE THE APPORTIONMENT IN A SMALL CITY THAN IN A LARGER ONE?

A. 14. Since the amount to be raised is a percentage allotment whereby the small congregation pays a small amount and the large congregation a larger amount the size of the city makes no difference. The obligation rests upon the small congregation as well as upon the large congregation and only in proportion to its size and wealth as evidenced in its congregational expenditures.

Q. 15. WHAT BECOMES OF THE ONE DOLLAR PER CAPITA DUES PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONSTITUTION?

A. 15. The sum of one dollar for each member provided for in the Constitution as dues will be credited to the Congregations out of their assessment.

Q. 16. WILL THE NEW PLAN PUT AN END TO SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS?

A. 16. The new plan is to take the place of the old plan. It has been suggested by some individual subscribers that they desired to continue their annual gifts and that these should be added to the Endowment Fund of the Union. The income from amounts added to the Endowment Fund in this manner would automatically reduce the annual apportionment of the congregations.

Q. 17. WHAT VOICE DID THE CONGREGATIONS HAVE IN THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW PLAN?

A. 17. The plan was approved at the Twenty-eighth Council which consisted of representatives duly elected by the congregations.

Extracts from the Official Proceedings of the Union, Covering the Adoption of the Appor- tionment Plan.

JANUARY 24, 1923

NEW YORK

Resolution presented by the Golden Jubilee Committee recommending the plan.

Colonel Isaac M. Ullman, of New Haven, presented the following resolution for the Golden Jubilee Committee, which was adopted:

"It is the sense of this Convention in principle that the future needs of the Union be allotted to the various congregations, members of the Union,* based on a percentage of the income of said congregations.

"To carry out this principle, the Secretary is instructed to ask congregations to present at the earliest possible time a Budget showing receipts and expenditures for the year 1922 and estimated receipts and expenditures for 1923.

"The Executive Committee is empowered to put this plan into operation as soon as possible with such minor changes as it may find necessary to make this plan workable."

*The Committee on Apportionments found it more just and practical to figure the apportionment on the congregational expenses instead of income.

Report of Congregation

(Date)

(Name of Congregation)

(City)

For fiscal year ending

Total Receipts \$

Assessable Disbursements:

Rabbis, cantors and assistants... \$

Choir \$

Religious Schools \$

Maintenance of buildings, rents,
repairs, taxes, insurance, sup-
plies \$

Supplementary services \$

Bulletin, advertising, clerical help \$

Total assessable disbursements \$

Non-Assessable Disbursements..... \$

NON-ASSESSABLE DISBURSEMENTS ARE:

Payments on mortgages for interest or principal; ceme-
tery, interest on loans; purchase of real estate and
erection of new buildings.

Total Disbursements \$

Balance \$

Assessable Disbursements \$

Ten per cent of the above..... \$

Membership of Congregation _____
(Number)

The Union Executive Committee will set aside out of the above 10 percent, \$1.00 for each member of your Congregation as your Contribution in accordance with Section 4 of the Constitution.

(Signature of President of Congregation)

(Signature of Secretary or Treasurer)

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. WHAT IS THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS?

Answer 1. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations is an organization consisting of 270 congregations, representing a combined membership of 43,763, which works for the preservation of Judaism.

Q. 2. HOW IS THE UNION DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS?

A. 2. Other organizations work for the preservation of Jews, the Union for the preservation of Judaism. Without Judaism Jews will not remain Jews. Judaism is the Jew's contribution to the world's thought which must be renewed in every generation.

Q. 3. WHAT ACTIVITIES DOES IT SUPPORT?

A. 3. The Union supports:

- a. The Hebrew Union College.
- b. The Department of Synagog and School Extension.
- c. The Board of Delegates on Civil Rights.

Q. 4. IN WHAT FURTHER BRANCHES OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY IS THE UNION INTERESTED?

A. 4. The Union assists in the support of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

Q. 5. WHAT IS THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE?

A. 5. The Hebrew Union College is an institution for the training of rabbis and for the furtherance of Jewish learning in America.

Q. 6. WHERE IS THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE LOCATED AND WHAT ARE ITS FACILITIES?

A. 6. The Hebrew Union College is located in Cincinnati, Ohio. It has a large up-to-date administration, classroom and chapel building, a separate library building, a dormitory building, and a gymnasium building.

Q. 7. WHAT ACTIVITIES DOES THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE INCLUDE?

A. 7. The Hebrew Union College includes:

- a. A college for rabbis, the faculty of which consists of 15 professors and instructors, some of whom are the foremost in the world in their respective specialties. It has graduated 239 rabbis and has a present enrollment of 89 students. No tuition is charged.
- b. The Teacher's Institute, to assist in the training of religious school teachers. Conducts institutes for the training of teachers in the teaching of Jewish religious school subjects, in the principles of pedagogy and in religious school administration.
- c. The Hebrew Union College Library, intended both for the students and professors of the College but open also to all scholars who desire to pursue studies along Jewish lines. Contains 58,000 volumes and 10,000 pamphlets.
- d. New York School for Teachers, for the training of teachers for New York Sunday and week-day schools, opened in the Fall of 1923 with 193 students. No tuition is charged.

Q. 8. WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF SYNAGOG AND SCHOOL EXTENSION?

A. 8. The Department of Synagog and School Extension contributes to the solution of the religious problems of:

- a. Jews living upon farms, involving 10,000 children.
- b. Jews living in small scattered groups. The Department's list consists of 1,000 towns.
- c. Unaffiliated Jews in large cities.
- d. Unaffiliated and untaught children in metropolitan centers.
- e. Jews and Jewesses in Universities, involving 30,000 persons.

- f. Services at *summer resorts*.
- g. Jews in *correctional institutions*.
- h. Jews in *hospitals* for defectives.
- i. Publication of Jewish religious literature for children.
- j. Information Bureau furnishing advice and guidance with regard to religious school organization and management, curriculum, text books, etc.
- k. Publication of "Young Israel," a magazine for Jewish children.
- l. Publication of Jewish religious literature (high school department).
- m. Publication of *Tracts* for education of Jews and Gentiles on what Jews are and what they stand for. Also sermons for lay readers of congregations.
- n. Organization of *State Teachers' Associations* to improve Jewish education.

Q. 9. WHAT IS THE BOARD OF DELEGATES ON CIVIL RIGHTS?

A. 9. The Board of Delegates on Civil Rights aims to realize and to preserve in practice the liberties guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States.

Q. 10. WHAT ARE ITS MAIN LINES OF ACTIVITY?

A. 10. It has two main lines of activity:

- a. It prevents the enactment of class legislation.
- b. It endeavors to preserve a liberal attitude on immigration questions.

Q. 11. WHAT IS THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS?

A. 11. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is a federation of 300 sisterhoods numbering 46,000 women. Its purpose is to interest women in Judaism.

Q. 12. WHAT IS THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS?

A. 12. The National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods is a newly created organization consisting of 54 brotherhoods having a combined membership of 7,000. Its purpose is to interest young men in Judaism.

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***A Brief Statement of its
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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

From the very beginning of their history the Jews have always regarded religious and moral training as one of the chief objects in life. This training was directed by teachers in the schoolrooms and by rabbis in the synagogues.

The Jews who settled in the United States realized the necessity of continuing this instruction. New teachers and new rabbis had to be provided to guide the Jews of the new land and to minister to their spiritual and educational needs. For this reason the Hebrew Union College was founded in Cincinnati, in the year 1875, by Dr. Isaac M. Wise, who saw more clearly than others the urgency of the work.

The Hebrew Union College was created primarily for the purpose of preparing young men for the Jewish ministry. Its establishment was made possible only by means of the active co-operation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, an association organized by a group of devout and energetic men for the purpose of strengthening Progressive Judaism in America.

The College has become the fountainhead and exponent of the historical and prophetic interpretation of the Jew's destiny in history rather than of the ritualistic interpretation prevailing in the European countries from which the vast majority of Jews had emigrated. This point of view the College teaches the students, and they in turn transmit it to the congregations of America. The result is that the pulpits as well as the pews have been deeply influenced by this teaching of American Judaism as personified by the Hebrew Union College, the modern academy of Jewish religion and law.

At the present time the Hebrew Union College has fifteen professors and instructors. All

of them are specialists in their work and are among the foremost Jewish scholars in the world. Dr. Julian Morgenstern is President. Dr. Kaufmann Kohler, who was President of the College for nineteen years, is now President Emeritus. No tuition is charged for instruction at the College.

THE LIBRARY

The Hebrew Union College Library comprises over 58,000 books and 10,000 pamphlets. In addition to the standard books of general reference found in similar college libraries, the library includes a splendid collection of Hebraica and Judaica, notably on Bible, Talmud, Liturgy and History. The Birnbaum Collection of Jewish Music is unsurpassed by any similar collection. The Spinoza Collection is the largest in America. The library is available for use not only by the students and faculty of the College, but by all scholars who wish to pursue studies along Jewish lines.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Teachers' Institute was organized in connection with the College. Its purpose is to train and prepare teachers for Jewish Religious Schools. In order to prepare the teachers better for their work, the Institute has arranged Summer Sessions in various communities. It has been gratifying to note the large number of religious school teachers who have availed themselves of the opportunity to attend these sessions.

The Teachers' Institute sends members of its staff to lecture on Jewish topics, and particularly on all questions relating to religious school work in communities where such a need exists. In the past few years many of the professors of the College visited the larger Jewish communities and reached a great many teachers, thus preparing them to do more effective work with the children under their guidance.

THE NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS

The New York School for Teachers was organized in the Fall of 1923. Its purpose is to train Jewish young men and women to teach in the schools of New York City. The classes are open to young men and women over the age of seventeen who possess at least a high school diploma. The school is in charge of Mr. Abraham N. Franzblau, B. A., of the department of education of a city college of New York. The school opened with a registration of 194 students.

DEPARTMENT OF SYNAGOG AND SCHOOL EXTENSION

The organization of a synagog had in previous days been left to the whim or caprice of this or that particular community. Usually it was a matter of accident. In early days, a requisite number of Jewish men formed a synagog. Often such organizations languished. But, on the other hand, many survived and prospered, and are now among the large and influential congregations of our country.

The necessity of stimulating organic and communal life among the Jewish communities resulted in the creation of a Department of Synagog and School Extension, which aims primarily to bring the word of the Torah to those children of Israel who had hitherto dwelt in darkness; that is, had had no organized Jewish life and activity.

PROGRAM

No sphere of activity within the Union has expanded as rapidly as this department, due in large measure to the variety of needs it answers.

The original intention of approaching smaller communities and encouraging them to organize congregations suggested the plan of addressing communities scattered throughout

the country that were without contact with the larger house of Israel. To these, sermon pamphlets were mailed, accompanied by an urgent appeal to the Jewish inhabitants to meet together for holiday services, at which some one among them might read service and sermon.

PUBLICATION OF TEXTBOOKS

In order to prevent the children born in such isolated communities from growing into manhood and womanhood totally ignorant of their religious heritage, the publication of religious textbooks was undertaken. Specialists in their respective fields were engaged to gather the material, and trained pedagogues utilized this material for the children according to the most approved methods of modern pedagogy.

The vital work of preparing this literature was entrusted to a Commission on Jewish Education, composed of members of the Union and the Conference of American Rabbis. It has issued a number of creditable textbooks, and has outlined a list of publications for religious education that will greatly facilitate instruction in all religious schools.

SYNAGOG EXTENSION AT COLLEGES

The Department of Synagog and School Extension became officially active in 1904. As this Department began to function, it was discovered that there were groups of Jewish people who could not be organized into congregations as this is generally understood. These groups were the students at universities and colleges, presenting themselves in an ever-increasing number. The need for approaching them was as urgent as that of approaching other groups, and acting on that need, the Department established a method of visiting universities and colleges; organizing among the young Jewish men and women student congregations, of which there are about ten functioning, and furnishing these students with services

and sermons, lectures and addresses by men or women qualified to deliver a message.

For the past few years the Department has conducted a Prize Oration Contest in several universities. This has served to arouse and maintain greater interest in things Jewish on the part of the students.

SYNAGOG EXTENSION IN INSTITUTIONS

Measures were likewise taken to have the scope of the Department include some supervision for inmates for penal and correctional institutions as well as those living in institutions for defectives. To such institutions voluntary visits are made by rabbis, who find increasing pleasure in the gratitude manifested on the part of the unfortunates confined there.

YOUNG ISRAEL MAGAZINE

In the survey of national conditions it was discovered that not only the unaffiliated in smaller communities, but another group, more isolated than all the others, were the victims of neglect. It is not generally known that there are between 8,000 and 10,000 Jewish children scattered on farms throughout the country. These children are removed from Jewish centers, and, unless enlightened, would be reared without a knowledge of Judaism. To meet this condition, a monthly periodical was originated, known as "The Home Study Magazine," which seeks to bring to these children information on Jewish religion and history. This magazine, enlarged and improved, is now published under the name "Young Israel," and is sold to religious schools at cost.

TRACTS

The Tract Commission, composed of appointees of the Department of Synagog and School Extension and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, is engaged in the preparation and distribution of tracts among Jews and non-Jews for educational purposes. It is ex-

ceedingly important that the non-Jewish world receive at our hands a just estimate of Jewish ideals and the Jew's contribution to civilization.

Four tracts have thus far been published by the Commission and have had a distribution of 25,000 each. We have a mailing list of about 25,000 names of educators, judges, legislators and state executives, libraries, ministers of various denominations, editors of newspapers and journals, and editors of religious publications. The Tract Commission plans to issue four tracts annually.

Another of the activities of the Tract Commission is the annual publication of a pamphlet of holiday sermons for distribution among the communities that have no religious leaders.

The Tract Commission undertakes to supply the press of the country with correct reports and data describing our Jewish holidays, the newspapers of the country having previously resorted largely to imagination to furnish their readers with proper data concerning Jewish holidays.

SUMMER RESORT SERVICES

Services for summer resorts and recreational places was a venture the Department undertook in 1910. By means of this plan those resorts which are frequented by large numbers of Jewish people are provided with services during the summer months. Services are conducted at these resorts by rabbis who are summering there and by rabbis who are invited to officiate. Prayer books, hymnals and leaflet reprints of both are supplied, and the services as a rule are popular and well attended.

These services are now conducted every year during the months of July and August in all sections of the country. They are growing in favor, and tend to counteract the apathy and unconcern which develops when the stimulation and incentive of religion are absent.

In the summer of 1923, 75 rabbis and laymen held 358 services in 48 places.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

In various districts of the country Religious School Associations have been organized, composed of the rabbis, superintendents and teachers in our Jewish religious schools. These associations generally meet during the mid-winter holiday recess. Their value is inestimable. Usually a program lasting three days is arranged, and the sessions prove stimulating and inspiring. For sessions of this kind the Department provides exhibit of school books, outlines methods of instruction, and furnishes lecturers to expound and explain the latest pedagogic program.

The Teachers' Institute of the Hebrew Union College sends its professors on request to lecture at these district meetings.

BOARD OF DELEGATES ON CIVIL RIGHTS

To Safeguard Rights and Privileges of Jews as Americans

This account of the activities of the Union might be designated, if it is necessary to so classify it, as a story of religious and educational endeavor. The various departments of the Union so far enumerated are concerned in providing Jewish religious education for those who are without it and in establishing places and organizations for religious worship where none exist. In this large domain the Union has functioned as the foregoing paragraphs have explained and illustrated.

But there is another vital function undertaken by the Union which is not primarily included in educational or religious work. This subsidiary department deals with the civil rights of the Jews when these are in jeopardy.

The particular department under which the civil questions of the Jews are adjudicated is the Board of Delegates on Civil Rights. Organized in 1859, the Board was not incorporated into the Union until 1878, and until then

was known as the Board of Delegates of American Israelites.

The present Board is appointed biennially by the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and consists of sixty members representing all sections of the United States. Through them the Board keeps informed on questions and events affecting the civil rights of the Jews in America, particularly on problems of immigration, passport, injustice, prejudice and discrimination affecting the Jew. It also watches legislation to prevent, to the extent of its power, the passing of unjust immigration laws, which would debar worthy immigrants from entering our gates.

The Board was fortunate in having as its chairman for thirty-three years a man eminently qualified to attend to the civil relations of the Jews of America and the world. This chairman was none other than Mr. Simon Wolf, of Washington, D. C., who passed away recently. The achievements of the Board testify to Mr. Wolf's ability and zeal in behalf of his brethren. Mr. Maurice D. Rosenberg, of Washington, D. C., has been appointed Acting Chairman of the Board in Mr. Wolf's place.

ACTIVITIES OF BOARD OF DELEGATES

It will be recognized that the Board of Delegates on Civil Rights has a wide scope of activity when it is recalled that careful study and attention is given to immigration laws, and in cases when their inefficiency and injustice is palpable, judicious efforts are made for their revision. The immigrant is in constant need, particularly the Jewish immigrant. When these have been detained at ports of entry with seeming injustice, a helping hand is extended, and every assurance given them that their cases will receive just and sympathetic consideration.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

With like zeal the Board has striven to preserve the cherished principles of American

democracy, insisting particularly upon the separation of church and state. In cases of misunderstanding of the Jew, and of misconception of his position and purpose in life, the Board has endeavored to enlighten the public through the medium of the press and other literature.

WORK FOR WORLD JEWRY

Beyond national confines, it has co-operated with many Jewish organizations on matters affecting the Jew, and through its appeals to the Department of State has tried to prevent injustice and oppression in many cases which have been brought to its attention.

The aftermath of the World War has brought to the fore grave and pitiable cases at home and abroad. Cases of court-martial, parole, pardoning, or commuting of sentences of Jewish soldiers have been presented to the Board. The nature of these cases is of a character to prevent their publication, but a number of such cases have been handled by the Board during the last few years.

PREVENTS CLASS LEGISLATION

Constant watchfulness is necessary to keep discriminating legislation from the statute books of the several states, and a like solicitude is exercised for our Jewish brethren abroad. The Board protested to the State Department in regard to reported Polish pogroms, as well as those reported from the Ukraine. The Government assured the Board that everything was being done to bring about a restoration of law and order in those countries.

In the sixty years covering the activities of the Board it has opposed amendments to the Constitution declaring this a Christian land and a Christian government, and acknowledging the divinity and rulership of Jesus. It has assisted individuals in securing citizenship and in restoring them to that status in instances where citizenship has been lost through mis-

understanding of the law on the part of the individuals concerned.

Aside from its sphere of activity in America, the Board of Delegates has been active, through the State Department, in every country on the globe in which the position of the Jew has been endangered through misunderstanding or injustice. Valiantly championing the civil rights of the Jews, it has lived to see the day when right is beginning to be done the Jews in America and abroad.

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

*To Strengthen Religious Spirit and Continue
Old Jewish Traditions*

For many years some of the congregational activities in America had been relegated to the women. It was the Jewish women who had charge of the philanthropic activities, and through their organized aid societies the practical work of the congregations found expression. Societies of this nature had existed in nearly every reform congregation in America for several decades.

The growing importance of the work of the women's societies affiliated with Jewish congregations was recognized by the men responsible for the upkeep of the synagogues, as they realized that their women folk were administering many of the practical affairs of the congregation with eminent satisfaction. The limited leisure of the men drawn into the economic whirlpool compelled the Jewish women, through their aid societies, to administer the social affairs of the congregation. They had sufficient leisure, and the urgency of the need obligated them to lend their best efforts to this commendable purpose.

As the women's societies increased in number and influence, the similarity of their aims and purposes became generally known, and in 1913 the suggestion to federate these societies was proposed and was forthwith carried out.

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Under the auspices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, fifty-four societies of this nature federated in that year at Cincinnati, and formed what has now become known as the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. This federation concentrates its attention on the synagog. It remains within the pale of religious inspiration and upholds the arms of those ministering at the altar of the living God.

On the roster of the Federation there are today 300 Temple Sisterhoods located in every part of the country and including three societies in Canada. It includes also seventeen State and District Federations, all of which intensify the national work. The affiliated societies have, through their common aims and united efforts, sustained the religious spirit in congregations and continued the life of Jewish tradition by enlarging the sphere of congregational activity and by enabling a larger number to participate in the ceremonials and application of Jewish beliefs and doctrines.

On its practical and official side the Federation has crystallized its purposes and aims in a consistent and workable manner, enabling those detached from large Jewish centers to master the essential obligations incumbent on Jew and Jewess.

The greatest piece of constructive work done recently by the Federation was the collection of \$250,000 necessary to build a dormitory for the students at the Hebrew Union College. There is no other Jewish woman's organization which has been in existence for this short period of time which has accomplished such a gigantic task. The Dormitory will stand as a lasting tribute to those Mothers in Israel who have shown their interest in our future Jewish leaders.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS

To intensify the interest of the Jewish layman in the synagog and its activities the Na-

tional Federation of Temple Brotherhoods was organized in January, 1923, at New York City, at the meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It is distinctively a layman's movement. It is a definite attempt to break away from the established tradition that religion is the concern of the rabbis exclusively.

The Federation of Brotherhoods has undertaken an extensive program of religious work through its seven national committees. The National Committee on Religious Propaganda has undertaken two important tasks. One is the visitation of small unorganized centers. The second task is that of making a survey of conditions of Jewish religious education in the larger cities where there are Brotherhoods.

The National Committee on Student Welfare has outlined three distinct programs of activity for Brotherhoods, depending upon the location of the university in its relation to the Brotherhood. These activities consist of bringing the students into closer touch with Jewish communal life, the establishment of Student Loan Funds, Student Labor Bureaus, nominal student membership in congregations and Brotherhoods, and having a "Student Day" a few times a year at each congregation, in which Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods may co-operate.

The National Committee on Synagog Attendance plans to urge each Brotherhood to conduct an inquiry as to reasons for non-attendance at religious services and the conducting of campaigns to increase synagog attendance.

The National Committee on Social Service has undertaken to interest the Brotherhoods in religious welfare work in correctional institutions and in hospitals.

The National Committee on Membership aims to increase the number of Brotherhoods affiliated with the national organization and also to increase local membership.

The National Committee on Open Forums encourages the holding of open forums in all congregations. Where no outside speaker is available the committee plans to prepare a number of syllabi on current Jewish problems for the use of the Brotherhoods for their open forum discussions.

The National Committee of Co-operation is to serve as a sort of clearing house for all Brotherhoods with special reference to their programs.

At the present time there are fifty four Brotherhoods affiliated with the National Federation, and the number is growing. The Brotherhoods are bringing into this work a degree of energy and zeal which we sincerely hope will redound to the benefit of the Jewish cause.

SCHOOL EXTENSION IN NEW YORK CITY

The responsibility of the Jewish people of New York City to safeguard their own brethren, which they assumed in the days of Peter Stuyvesant as a guarantee for locating in Manhattan, is still being in force, as is evidenced in the renewed activity put forth by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations through its New York representatives to provide religious education for thousands of Jewish children.

Investigation shows that there are over 275,000 Jewish children of school age in New York City. This estimate is based on a census made of the public schools of New York. Among these it was found that about 70,000 were registered in religious schools. Classified under religious schools were enumerated the Talmud Torah, the private chedar, private religious instruction, and Sabbath-schools as organized by congregations.

To permit a population as large as these figures indicate to grow into manhood and womanhood without the guidance of moral and religious instruction would invite a catastrophe

which would jeopardize the good name of Israel not only in New York, but throughout the country.

The solution is not a matter that can begin with those who have been neglected. To be thorough-going, it must originate at the beginning in the education of children. The most hopeful indication of success lies in the ready response of the parents of the children. The first appeal for increased religious educational facilities was eagerly hailed by the Jews of New York. Numerous and sincere requests were received asking for assistance in starting schools and synagogues.

In response to these urgent appeals, no less than stirred to action by this discovery of lurking criminality—hitherto unrecorded in Jewish history—the New York Committee, representatives of the Union, interceded with their fellow-representatives for concerted action to be concentrated in New York.

The first effort initiated was the establishment of the synagogue in the Bronx known as Temple Sinai. This congregation, sustained at first by subventions from the Union, is now self-supporting. But the committee realized that the situation presented by Jewish children in New York without religious instruction was more pressing than the erection of congregations, vital and valuable as these happen to be. The need for schools for children in all districts of New York was regarded as the supreme necessity.

BRONX AND HARLEM SURVEYS

The Bronx was found to be the district of the city where the need of religious schools was most keenly felt. In this district the Jewish population had increased tremendously during the preceding ten years. As an initial step, our committee made a survey of the Bronx. It was discovered that whereas there were 51,369 Jewish children of school age in this district, the Jewish religious schools could accommo-

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date only 6,108, or 11.9 percent. The next step was the organization of an experimental school, which was established in the neighborhood most thickly populated by Jews. Before it was one year old, the Ezra Hebrew School, established by the Union at 1745 Washington Ave., as a result of our survey, had become the largest and most influential school in the Bronx.

In 1919 a survey of the religious school conditions in Harlem section in New York was made. It was found that the conditions here were even worse than in other sections of the city. The results of the survey show that whereas there is a population of 47,987 Jewish children in the district, only 9,603, or 20 percent, attended Jewish religious schools. This survey only emphasized the fact that there was a crying need for more and more schools in these congested districts.

EZRA HEBREW SCHOOL

The capacity of the Ezra Hebrew School is 525 children, and its register during the year was usually at that figure. In addition to these, there are at present a large number of children who are waiting for admission and whom we can not accommodate. To relieve the situation, at least partially, an additional classroom was constructed, which increased the capacity of the school to 650. The percentage of attendance has been about 90 percent. This compares very favorably with the attendance in the public schools, which approximated 85 percent.

There are nineteen classes, divided into nine grades ranging from 1A to 6B. Sessions are conducted daily, excepting Fridays and Saturdays, from 3:30 to 7:30 P.M., and Sunday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The classes meet daily for one hour, except Sundays, when there is an additional thirty-minute assembly. The staff consists of six teachers under the supervision of a principal, these teachers being young men and women of college education, who have received special training to teach in Jewish religious schools.

The Ezra Hebrew School was quickly followed by the establishment of four additional schools: the Beth El Hebrew School, the Emanu-El Hebrew School, the B'nai Hebrew School and the Kaufmann Kohler Hebrew School.

The New York Executive Committee and the New York Committee for School Extension are actively engaged in increasing the facilities for religious education in New York City.



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Information for Speakers

1. The Apportionment Plan.
2. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations.
3. Speakers' Hand Book.
4. Local Directory and Report Sheet.
5. Two Interviews } a. Morning Paper.
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
E. 55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Colleague:

I have your kind letter of recent date stating that if possible you will bring the matter of purchasing the plaque of Dr. Wise to the attention of your congregation.

Under separate cover I am sending you a photograph of the plaque. It is a beautiful piece of work and is highly praised by art critics, both for its resemblance to Dr. Wise and for its workmanship.

Trusting to hear from you soon, and with kindest personal greetings I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Gay Zepin
Secretary.

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THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CINCINNATI,

March 3, 1924.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the official call for a Special Council of the Union to be held in Chicago, April 13th and 14th, to consider the financial situation that confronts us; also a copy of the amendment to the Constitution which has been proposed.

It is of the utmost importance that we have representatives from as many congregations as possible in order that this amendment when adopted may be the expression of the opinion of the large majority of the congregations. Unless we have a considerable majority of the congregations behind this movement, it is, of course, precarious to adopt the amendment.

I am writing to you to request you to get behind this movement and to give it your moral support. The officers of the Union have been elected to manage its affairs but the members of the Union have not provided the wherewithal to do this managing. Will you take this matter up with the President of your Congregation for the purpose of having delegates from your Congregation appointed at the earliest possible moment? And will you urge upon them to attend the meeting? Any assistance which you can render will be deeply appreciated.

Awaiting your response and with kindest regards,
I beg to remain

Faithfully yours,

Charles Shohl

President.

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Rabbi A.H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
E. 55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I need about four copies of your address "Judaism and Christian Science", which I am instructed to send to the members of the Editorial Committee of the Tract Commission. I wrote to Bloch for copies of it and he replied that it is out of print. I wonder whether you have four copies to spare? This will save us the trouble and expense of having the address copied in the office.

With cordial regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Louis J. Gelson

Assistant Director
DEPARTMENT OF SYNAGOG
AND SCHOOL EXTENSION.

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Mr. Silver
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March 14, 1924.

Mr. Bonj. Loewenstein,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr. Loewenstein:

Our letter of February 7th seems to have miscarried or not received your attention. In the same we requested a semi-annual payment in accordance with quota made by the Committee on Apportionment. If I failed to make clear that this payment is to be credited to your account when the new plan is adopted, I wish to do so now. We shall be glad to furnish you with a list of the subscribers who have contributed in the past. These subscriptions are available for your use in making up the quota of your congregation.

I am writing this letter in advance of the meeting in Chicago because of the unusual need for funds.

Trusting that this will receive your earnest attention and that you will favor us with a check for the amount of the apportionment, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) JACOB W. MACK

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Treasurer.

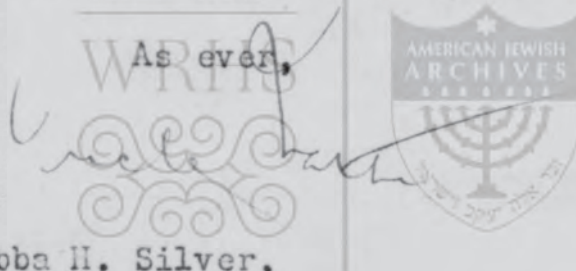
NATHAN J. MILLER
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

March Eighteenth,
Nineteen hundred Twenty-four.

Dear Abba:-

My recollection is that I
promised to let you know how matters progress-
ed with regard to the Union, and am, therefore,
enclosing, for your confidential information,
copy of a letter, which I have just written to
Mr. Charles Shohl.

Lots of love to Virginia; hope
she is one hundred percent. again.



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

March Eighteenth
Nineteen hundred Twenty-four.

Dear Mr. Shohl:

The local office of the Union will have forwarded you by this mail copy of the resolutions, which were adopted by the New York Executive Committee yesterday afternoon.

Rabbi Zepin will probably have seen you ere this, and, in addition to conveying to you and our other Cincinnati friends, all personal regards, will probably have advised you of the sentiment that was expressed yesterday afternoon in a lengthy and interesting meeting, which if it did disclose a practically unanimous sentiment adverse to the proposed financing of the Union, nevertheless proved how much interest all of these gentlemen, who represent substantial interests in our community, are displaying in the Union.

So far only three of our local congregations have consented to send delegates, and in only one of the three cases are the delegates going, with the understanding that their congregation will abide by the plan. This one instance is Temple Emanu-El, of New York, which has appointed six delegates, not more than two of whom are likely to be present, and possibly only one, the writer.

After deducting the amount that the various members of Temple Emanu-El are contributing to the Union, the balance to be paid by that particular congregation, is so small in proportion to its annual budget, that the trustees were willing to sanction the expenditure, but that is probably the only case of that kind in this city.

Nearly all of our congregations have declined to send delegates, and practically all of these, have advised us at the same time that they will not pay the tax, even if the Council passed the measure.

Trying to do our duty by the Union, to which we all feel so close, we are dividing up these

If it can be done (and presume that it can) my suggestion would be that the order for the meeting of the Council be rescinded, and that we have another meeting of the Executive Committee, and at that meeting a new committee might be designated to try to work out some other plan, that will at least partially meet the objections, which I now learn are not by any means confined to this city.

If your financial situation is not too urgent, the whole matter might well go over until the June meeting of the Executive Committee. You and your associates there in the office, however, are the best judges as to the feasibility of delay.

Hope that you will take this in good part, and have no objection to your showing the same to Mr. Mack, and our other mutual friends there. Have written you fully and candidly, and possibly a bit gossipily, but thought that I ought to convey to you the situation as I see it.

Once more all personal regards,

Yours very truly,

Mr. Charles Shohl, President,
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

March 20th, 1924.

Mr. Benjamin Lowenstein,
1323 West 9th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Lowenstein,

I am enclosing herewith a confidential report sent by the chairman of the New York Executive Committee of the Union to Mr. Shohl which will give you an idea of the attitude of the New York Congregations toward the proposed plan of financing the Union. I am glad that we are sending no delegates to the conference next Sunday. Our Congregation cannot at this time assume the responsibility of placing an additional burden of some \$10,000 upon the dues of our members.

Please return this report to me after you have read it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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congregations for special visits among the various members of our local committee. We have selected such individuals, as are close personally to the various situations, which, in an enormous community of this character differ widely in almost every possible sort of way.

These gentlemen will meet the various trustees and attempt to persuade them, at least to send delegates, even if they are opposed to the plan, but, frankly, have no hope of any success of any consequence.

Personally, I am very fearful of the result of the Council, because of the fact that in this City (which probably contains one-half of the Jewish population of the country) we shall have lost many members, in all probability, if this plan becomes binding, and if it is not binding, it is of no value.

And I am not merely fearful, as explained to Rabbi Zepin this morning, as to New York, but I think of the reaction on the rest of the country, when it knows the sentiment amongst our people here represented in New York (which is supposed to represent a large part of the Jewish wealth of the country) that if New York takes this attitude, the rest of the country may shrug its shoulders, and decline likewise.

We shall rather then be in the ridiculous position of something like the famous Mahomets coffin - twixt heaven and earth; it would work out then if the Council passed this plan, it will have enacted legislation which will not produce the revenue, because so many congregations will not pay.

Au contraire, if the Council adjourns without passing this plan, we will really be in more or less of a ridiculous position, having brought delegates hundreds of miles and doing nothing but talking, to say nothing of the fact that as we go on in this way day by day, we are incurring the possibility, if not the probability, of alienating good friends, whom we cannot afford to lose.

Nor can any new plan be worked out in the general Council; as a matter of fact, think practically all of the people, whom I know, will certainly not remain in Chicago any longer than noon on Monday, the day following the opening of the Council.

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THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

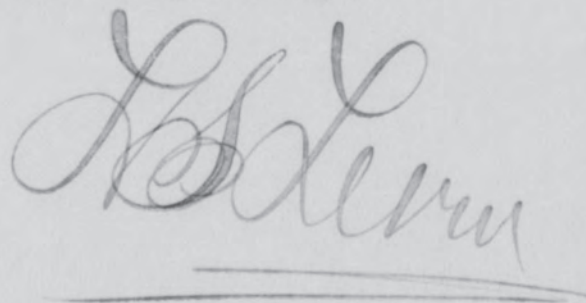
In keeping with my promise of last night, I am enclosing you Minutes of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, held in New York on April 15th, 1923, and November 3rd, 1923, and I am this day writing the National office to send you a copy of the National Federation By-Laws.

Again let me say to you that it was a real help to me to listen to your inspiring talk before Pittsburgh Lodge.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

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Minutes
of the
Executive Board

National Federation
of
Temple Brotherhoods

New York, N. Y.
April 15, 1923

National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

Minutes of Executive Board

The Metropolis Club,
New York City.

April 15, 1923.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, a meeting of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods was held at the above time and place at 10:00 a. m.

There were present Messrs. Alexander Cahn, Edward G. Gerstle, H. L. Karpeles, Leonard S. Levin, Judge Leopold Minkin, Wallace Rosenheim, Arnold M. Schmidt, Roger W. Straus, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Fred Vorenberg, Leo A. Weil, Leonard Weinberg, Moses Wiesenfeld, Frederic Wingersky.

Rabbi Jacob B. Pollak was present on invitation of the President.

President Roger W. Straus presided over the meeting. Rabbi George Zepin, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

EXCUSES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Communications were received from the following members expressing their inability to attend: Messrs. Emanuel Bronner, Julius W. Freiberg, Edward S. Greenbaum, Julius C. Lang, Charles Rosenthal, Herman Selz, D. R. Shapiro and Frederick Ullman.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES SINCE ORGANIZATION

Rabbi George Zepin, Secretary, reported verbally concerning the activities of the Executive Office since the organization of the Federation, naming the following items:

Work Done Since Convention

(a) News letter to Jewish press covering the Convention.

(b) Article in Union Bulletin on National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

(c) Digest of speeches made at Convention, sent to all delegates.

(d) Gathering statistical information for records and Bulletin.

(e) Printing Constitution folders, forms, etc.

(f) Campaign for elimination of duplicates on Bulletin list. Union Bulletin to go to all members of Brotherhoods.

(g) Requested suggestions for appointment on National Committees.

(h) Year Book, including Survey of Activities of Brotherhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the work of the Executive Officers mentioned in the Secretary's report be approved.

It was moved and duly carried that the Year Book of the Brotherhood be mailed to all members of the Executive Board, to all local Brotherhood Presidents and Secretaries, to all local Chairmen, to all members of national committees, and to the Board members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the Secretary be authorized to urge the various Brotherhoods to furnish the information for the directory of the Brotherhoods to be published in the Year Book.

It was moved and duly carried that the Brotherhoods be urged to pay the dues for the present year at the earliest possible moment.

It was moved and duly carried that a copy of all communications addressed to local Presidents or local Chairmen be also addressed to every member of the Executive Board of the National Federation.

It was moved and duly carried that the work of the National Committees be taken up for consideration.

COMMITTEE ON OPEN FORUMS

It was moved and duly carried that the National Committee on Open Forums devise a series of programs for the season, beginning with September, 1923, and that these be published in a booklet for distribution among the constituent Brotherhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the Committee issue from time to time a bulletin giving a list of available speakers, subjects, etc., for those Brotherhoods that desire to engage speakers for their meetings.

It was moved and duly carried that the Committee consider the advisability of making arrangements with one or two speakers for a series of lectures to be delivered in the course of one or several tours; the object of this arrangement being to secure such services at a price within the means of some of the smaller organizations.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA

It was moved and duly carried that the National Committee on Religious Propaganda, in order to carry out Article XI of the Constitution, adopt the following two projects:

1. For the larger cities, having a large local problem presented by unsynagogued Jews and Jewish children not receiving the benefits of religious education, the following program was suggested: A survey of local conditions of religious education, this being considered the first step toward a solution of the problem of religious propaganda in those cities.

2. For smaller cities without pressing local problems, such as outlined in the above paragraph, a policy of neighborhood visitation was suggested. For this purpose the Committee was authorized to assign to every Brotherhood one or two cities in their neighborhood where Jews are living but without any form of religious organization, and to urge upon these Brotherhoods to visit these cities for the purpose of organizing some form of Jewish religious activity.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE

It was moved and duly carried that the National Committee on Social Service be authorized to follow these two avenues of activity:

1. To organize within each Brotherhood such groups as desire to pursue social service, and to advise each Brotherhood to place the services of these groups under the guidance of local organizations having charge of the particular kind of social service desired by those who organize.

2. That every local Brotherhood be urged to make a survey of institutions in their city or neighborhood where Jews may be present in order to undertake some form of religious welfare work for those housed in these institutions.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SYNAGOG ATTENDANCE

It was moved and duly carried that the following suggestions be commended to the National Committee on Synagog Attendance for their consideration:

1. A personal survey of the members of each congregation, seeking to ascertain reasons for non-attendance at religious services.

2. The appointment of a large committee, with instructions to each member thereof to telephone or call on a certain number of persons in the congregation, urging them to attend services.

3. The advisability of instituting a campaign urging every member who rides to the Temple in his automobile to call for some other member in order to take him to the services, the same to be known as the "Don't Ride Empty" campaign.

4. To urge upon every Brotherhood to organize an efficient corps of ushers to take charge of the religious services.

5. To urge upon every Brotherhood to provide at the entrance of each synagogue a number of shelves with an adequate supply of free prayer books for all those who attend the services.

6. To devise a system of legitimate publicity for synagogues, including the use of bulletin boards in front of Temples.

It was moved and duly carried that the first of the above recommendations be made the special feature of work for the ensuing season.

It was moved and duly carried that the National Committee on Synagog Attendance look into the matter of legitimate advertising for synagogue purposes, and to report thereon at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WELFARE

It was moved and duly carried that in order to carry out the provisions of Article XIV of the Constitution the following avenues of activity be approved, leaving to

the National Committee the details of conducting any programs that they desire:

1. Student Loan Funds.
2. Student Labor Bureau.
3. Student Chapels.
4. Nominal Student Memberships in Congregations, Brotherhoods, Sisterhoods, etc.
5. A Student Day at each Congregation in which Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods are to be asked to cooperate.
6. A program of activity for young men and women who expect to attend colleges.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

It was moved and duly carried that the National Committee on Membership assign to each Brotherhood a city or locality in its neighborhood where no Brotherhood exists or where an existing Brotherhood has not affiliated with the National Federation, and to urge our members to organize Brotherhoods wherever possible, and to secure their affiliation with the National.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION

It was moved and duly carried that the National Committee on Cooperation undertake the following immediate tasks:

1. Establishment of an Exchange Bureau, to which would be sent an account of all successful meetings and enterprises undertaken by each society during the year, and which would undertake to furnish copies of these to other societies.
2. To urge upon Brotherhoods, in the same city or in close-by cities, to organize joint meetings for the interchange of plans.

ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES

It was moved and duly carried that each National Committee shall consist of three

members from the Executive Board, and not more than seven members appointed at large by the President of the Board, the same to represent as many localities as possible.

It was moved and duly carried that a complete statement of the program of the National Committees be sent to every President, and that a statement of the work of each committee be sent to every local Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that every member of the Executive Board be invited to become a member of the President's Flying Squadron for the purpose of visiting one Brotherhood each year at their own expense, to promote interest in Brotherhood work.

It was moved and duly carried that the next meeting of the Executive Board be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, shortly after the fall holidays.

It was moved and duly carried that the Treasurer, Mr. Julius W. Freiberg, be authorized to open a checking account in the First National Bank at Cincinnati, Ohio.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was presented from Mr. Frederick Ullman tendering his resignation as a member of the Executive Board and giving reasons therefor.

It was moved and duly carried that the resignation of Mr. Ullman be accepted with deep regret.

Adjourned.

ROGER W. STRAUS,
President.

GEORGE ZEPIN,
Executive Secretary.

Minutes
of the
Executive Board

National Federation
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Temple Brotherhoods



Cincinnati, Ohio
November 3, 1923

National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

Minutes of the Executive Board

Hotel Sinton,
Cincinnati, Ohio,
November 3, 1923.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the April meeting of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, a meeting of the Executive Board was held at the above time and place, at 6:30 p. m.

There were present Messrs. Herbert Bloch, Emanuel Bronner, Julius W. Freiberg, Leonard S. Levin, Judge Leopold Minkin, Wallace Rosenheim, Charles Rosenthal, Arnold M. Schmidt, Roger W. Straus, Fred Vorenberg, Leo A. Weil, Leonard Weinberg and Frederic Wingersky.

President Roger W. Straus presided and Rabbis George Zepin and Louis I. Egelson were the secretaries for the meeting.

On invitation of Mr. Straus, Mr. Charles Shohl, the President of the Union, was present and welcomed the Executive Board to Cincinnati and stated that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was very happy in having the cooperation of the two auxiliary organizations, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

The minutes of the preceding meeting of the Executive Board having been sent previously to all the members of the Board, were declared approved.

EXCUSES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Letters were received from the following members expressing their regret at their inability to be present at the meeting: Messrs. Alexander Cahn, Edward G. Gerstle, Louis Horwitz, H. L. Karpeles, Julius C. Lang, Clarence Michaels, Jerome L. Schwartz, Herman Selz, D. R. Shapiro, Arthur Hays Sulzberger and Moses Wiesenfeld.

It was moved and duly carried that a letter be sent to Mr. Moses Wiesenfeld,

of Baltimore, Md., expressing sympathy with him in his illness and the hope for his early recovery.

Rabbi George Zepin, Executive Secretary, presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

Gentlemen:

I beg leave to report the following activities of the Executive Office since the last meeting of the Executive Board in April.

Since the Convention the following new Brotherhoods have affiliated with the National Federation: Dallas, Texas; Elmira, N. Y.; Los Angeles, Cal. (Temple Emanuel); New Haven, Conn.; New Orleans, La. (Touro Synagog); Omaha, Neb., and Rochester, N. Y. Fifty-two Brotherhoods sent representatives to the meeting at the Convention in New York. Of these fifty-two it was ascertained subsequently that ten were Brotherhoods in name only, and did not have definite organization. The addition of the seven new members to the Federation makes our membership at the present time forty-nine Brotherhoods, which represent a total individual membership of about 6,500.

During the past few months we have been in frequent correspondence with about fifteen congregations that are in the process of organizing Brotherhoods. We have sent them model constitutions and other Brotherhood material with a view to securing their affiliation with the Federation. Since many of these new organizations were to hold their initial meetings during the past month we are not ready to report on the results of this propaganda.

We have written a number of letters to the Brotherhoods requesting the payment of dues. To date twenty-seven Brother-

hoods representing 4,270 members, have paid their dues. Twenty-two Brotherhoods have not as yet responded. Another letter to the members who have not paid will be sent out shortly.

The membership of the various National Committees was completed through the appointment of representatives from as large a number of the active Brotherhoods as possible. The members of the Committees were notified of their appointment and their acceptances have been received. Stationery for the various National Committees has also been printed.

A joint letter from the various National Chairmen was sent to all the Presidents of Brotherhoods requesting them to appoint sub-committees corresponding to the National Committees. About twenty-five percent of the Brotherhoods have thus far complied with the request. It will be necessary for each National Chairman to address a letter to the Presidents of the Brotherhoods stating the scope of the work of his committee, and urging the appointment of Local Committees.

In preparation for the season's activities of the several National Committees, charts were prepared in the office, giving assignments to the individual Brotherhoods for Social Service, Student Welfare, Religious Propaganda and Membership.

The Executive Office sent out two questionnaires for the Open Forums Committee. The results of these questionnaires are embodied in the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Open Forums.

The Executive Office also endeavored to secure engagements for Prof. Julius Goldstein, of Germany, to address a number of Brotherhoods.

In accordance with the instructions of the Executive Board, the Year Book of the Brotherhoods was distributed among the Presidents and Secretaries of Brotherhoods, to local Chairman, and to the Board members of the Union and the Sisterhoods.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1923

Receipts

From Dues\$1,008.25
\$1,008.25

Disbursements

Stationery	\$	13.76	
Postage and Telegrams		66.66	
Printing and Multi-graphing		99.97	
Year Book		355.94	
Expressage57	
Committee on Welfare		1.54	
Committee on Cooperation		1.54	
Committee on Membership		1.54	
Committee on Open Forums		1.54	
Committee on Social Service		1.54	
Committee on Synagogue Attendance ...		1.54	
Committee on Religious Propaganda ..		1.54	547.68

Cash Balance, October 31, 1923, \$460.57

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE ZEPIN,
Executive Secretary.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Executive Secretary be received and spread on the minutes.

Mr. Julius W. Freiberg, Treasurer, presented the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods:

Gentlemen:

I beg leave to submit the following as my report for the year ending October 31, 1923:

Received from George Zepin, Secretary	\$1,008.25
Vouchers Nos. 1 to 31, inclusive...	547.68
Balance on hand.....	\$ 460.57

Respectfully submitted,
JULIUS W. FREIBERG,
Treasurer.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Treasurer be received and spread on the minutes.

Mr. Emanuel Bronner, Chairman of the National Committee on Religious Propa-

ganda, presented the following program for the work of his Committee during the coming season:

PROGRAM OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods:

Gentlemen:

At the last meeting of the Executive Board, the National Committee on Religious Propaganda was entrusted with two important activities as follows:

1. "For the larger cities, having a large local problem presented by unsynagogued Jews and Jewish children not receiving the benefits of religious education, the following program was suggested: A survey of local conditions of religious education, this being considered the first step toward a solution of the problem of religious propaganda in those cities.
2. For smaller cities without pressing local problems, such as outlined in the above paragraph, a policy of neighborhood visitation was suggested. For this purpose the Committee was authorized to assign to each Brotherhood one or two cities in its neighborhood where Jews are living but without any form of religious organization, and to urge upon these Brotherhoods to visit these cities for the purpose of organizing some form of Jewish religious activity."

The former activity, that of making a survey of local conditions regarding religious education, is a task of huge proportions. It involves first of all a definite and scientific plan for the conduct of such a survey, and, secondly, an intensive campaign to interest the various cities in providing for the necessary expense in making the survey. I would respectfully suggest that we defer the carrying out of this project until the Executive Office has had an opportunity of looking into this matter very carefully for the purpose of working out a comprehensive scheme for making local surveys.

Our activity then for the coming year would be that of acting in the capacity of a Big Brother, religiously speaking, toward the smaller communities in our vicinity. It would consist of one or two visits to ascertain their needs in religious organization to be accompanied by the formation of the requisite organization.

The preliminary work would necessitate urging the Presidents of the individual Brotherhoods to appoint vigorous local committees on Religious Propaganda of which the rabbi would naturally be a member. It would consist, further, of correspondence both with the individual Brotherhood and with the city to be visited to arrange for a meeting of the smaller Jewish community. We ought to devote the month of November to these preliminary arrangements. This is a campaign in itself.

December could be devoted by all the Brotherhoods to visiting the assigned cities for the purpose of organizing religious schools or congregations as the case may be. Such a concerted plan of action on the part of a large number of Brotherhoods would, to my mind serve as a great stimulus toward the successful carrying out of the plan.

The campaign for the work of the Committee during the month of January would have for its purpose the extending of an invitation by the rabbi and the Brotherhood Committee to the religious school teachers of the smaller community to come to the larger city and familiarize themselves with the methods of conducting a well organized religious school. We would also urge, through the local Propaganda Committee, that the Board of the Congregation invite to one of its meetings, the Board members of the newly organized congregation in order that they too may learn of the methods in vogue among the larger congregations for their proper maintenance.

But a new congregation or a new religious school once organized cannot be left to itself. It must be nurtured until it can stand alone. And so during the month of February, another meeting would be held at the smaller city for the purpose of noting the progress made. At this time the rabbi might conduct a religious service and per-

haps arrangements could be entered into with the rabbi and his congregation that would permit him to make periodic visits to the smaller community.

At this point the work of the Committee on Religious Propaganda would come to an end for the season. The thread, however, could be taken up perhaps by the Membership Committee, which might find it possible to organize a Brotherhood in the smaller city. Or perhaps it might be well to have a joint committee, composed of both the Propaganda Committee and the Membership Committee endeavor to establish a new Brotherhood since the Membership Committee could very well profit by the friendly relations previously established by the Propaganda Committee. Your Chairman respectfully requests the judgment of the Executive Board in this connection.

If the Executive Board approves the foregoing plan, your Committee on Propaganda will immediately proceed to carry it into execution.

Respectfully submitted,
EMANUEL BRONNER,
Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the program as outlined be approved by the Executive Board and the National Committee be authorized to carry out its program.

Mr. Wallace Rosenheim, Chairman of the National Committee on Student Welfare, then presented the program of the activities of his Committee for the coming season:

PROGRAM OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WELFARE

To the Executive Board of the National
Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

Gentlemen:

In endeavoring to map out a program of student welfare activities for the Brotherhoods, your Committee was obliged to prepare three distinct programs depending upon the location of the university in its relation to the Brotherhood. Some Brotherhoods are situated at some distance from universities, others are located in cities where there are universities and still other

Brotherhoods are in cities quite near to universities.

Your Chairman carried on an extensive correspondence with the Executive Office on this subject and wishes to express herewith its thanks to the Secretariate of the Federation for its splendid cooperation.

I wish to present herewith a program for student welfare for the three groups of Brotherhoods mentioned above.

PROGRAM FOR STUDENT WELFARE

I—Program for Brotherhoods situated at some distance from Universities.

A—Student Loan Funds.

B—Program of activity for young men who expect to attend college.

1—Secure names of these young men with the colleges they wish to attend.

2—Call a meeting of these young men in advance of their going away to college through the agency of some college graduates living in the town and direct their attention to our own societies situated in or near the Universities that they propose to attend.

II—Program for Brotherhoods in cities where there are Universities.

A—"Student" Membership in Brotherhoods, Sisterhoods, Congregations, etc.

1—Make membership a personal matter by sending personal invitations. If there is more than one Brotherhood in the city, each Brotherhood ought to make it its business to attract to its membership, at a nominal rate or otherwise, a group of young men from the University. These men should be attracted one by one, to its membership. In other words, one man, then his friends, then their friends, etc., so as to obtain a homogeneous group. There is a saturation point which every Brotherhood will recognize. A Brotherhood of 200 members can only take care of "so many" student members.

2—This membership ought to include in the case of out-of-town stu-

dents, seatings in the temple for weekly services as well as holiday services, invitations to congregational "seders" and to other "affairs" that are given for the benefit of our young people.

- 3—Include these young men and possibly young women similarly situated in a study circle. It may be necessary to start separate study circles for these students so they can make progress commensurate with their ability and thus remain interested in the work.

B—Student Loan Funds.

C—Student Labor Bureau.

D—A Student Day at each congregation in which Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods cooperate.

E—Accentuate the idea of keeping the students in touch with the spirit of the Jewish home by encouraging invitations to the homes on Friday evenings, Sundays or Holy Days.

III—Program for Brotherhoods in cities quite near to Universities

A—Universities containing more than ten and less than twenty Jewish students.

- 1—Organize study classes to be directed by visiting rabbis, or correspondence courses directed from Central Headquarters of the Federation, in all cases to cooperate with existing agencies such as the Jewish Chautauqua—such groups to elect their own class leader.

B—Larger Universities where the number of Jewish students is one hundred and often reaches four hundred.

- 1—Secure rabbi to be director of Jewish Student religious activities wherever possible.
- 2—Student Loan Fund.
- 3—Student Labor Bureau.
- 4—Student Chapels.
- 5—Student Day activities in neighboring cities to be held at least three or four times a year.
- 6—A "Community Seder" in nearby city urging the attendance thereof of the students.
- 7—Jewish Student "Get-Together."

Our first task will, of course, be to se-

cure the appointment of a committee on student welfare in each Brotherhood and to enter into correspondence with the local chairman. Your Committee then plans to ask the Brotherhoods in cities where there is a University and in cities quite near a university, to establish a Student Labor Bureau to help those students who wish to work their way through college.

During the month of January, your Committee would like to suggest to all Brotherhoods to make a survey in their own communities to ascertain the names of the young men who expect to attend college the following season. This information would serve during the following month as a basis for the establishment of Student Loan Funds to enable the students to pursue their college course. The Brotherhoods would be obliged to have personal interviews with the prospective students and learn whether they are able to finance their way through college. The information thus obtained might also be used by the Brotherhood, to communicate later on, perhaps in June, with the Brotherhood of the city in or near such university to secure assistance for the worthy students through their Student Labor Bureau.

For this coming season your Committee suggests that during the month of January there be held a "Student Day" in communities having universities and in those quite near universities. This activity might be carried on in conjunction with the Sisterhoods, on a Sunday afternoon or an evening when all the Jewish students in the city or from nearby cities could come together for a social affair. In subsequent years the "Student Day" activity should be conducted at the beginning of the school year in the month of October, toward the end of the month.

The Brotherhoods would also be urged to have a second "Student Day" early in April, and to see that all out-of-town Jewish students are invited to homes for the Passover. This is also an activity that can be carried on in conjunction with the Sisterhoods.

By September of each year each Brotherhood would have the names of the students from its own community who expect to go to universities in other cities.

The local committee on Student Welfare would be asked to send these names to the corresponding committee in the city nearest the university and ask the Brotherhood to extend whatever courtesies they possibly can to the students.

There are a number of other activities contained in the program which are not dealt with in this report. Your Committee feels that the work outlined above is more than ample for one season.

Respectfully submitted,
WALLACE ROSENHEIM,
Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the program be approved by the Executive Board and the Committee be authorized to enter upon the activities outlined.

In the absence of Mr. Herman Selz, Chairman of the National Committee on Synagog Attendance, the Vice Chairman, Mr. Charles Rosenthal, reported on the program of his Committee:

PROGRAM OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SYNAGOG ATTENDANCE

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods:
Gentlemen:

To your Committee on Synagog Attendance has been assigned a variety of activities, any one of which might well be made the aim and goal of a season's work.

The activities assigned to our Committee are as follows:

- “1. A personal survey of the members of each congregation, seeking to ascertain reasons for non-attendance at religious services.
2. The appointment of a large committee with instructions to each member thereof to telephone or call on a certain number of persons in the congregation, urging them to attend services.
3. The advisability of instituting a campaign urging every member who rides to the Temple in his automobile to call for some other member in order to take him to the services, the same to be known as the “Don't Ride Empty” campaign.
4. To urge upon every Brotherhood to

organize an efficient corps of ushers to take charge of the religious services.

5. To urge upon every Brotherhood to provide at the entrance of each synagog a number of shelves with an adequate supply of free prayer books for all those who attend the services.

6. To devise a system of legitimate publicity for synagog, including the use of bulletin boards in front of Temple.”

The Executive Board at its last meeting instructed our Committee to make the first activity the special feature of work for the coming season, namely, a personal survey to ascertain reasons for non-attendance at services. In this connection it was intended to use the methods employed in one of our affiliated cities. Your Committee begs leave to request that this activity be deferred to another season in order to permit of a more detailed study of the methods employed in the city referred to and the preparation of plans that would be applicable to the majority of affiliated Brotherhoods.

Your Committee therefore suggests that the second and third activities listed be carried out this season, namely, the “Telephone Campaign” and the “Don't Ride Empty Campaign”.

The preliminary work of securing the appointment of local committees on Synagog Attendance and the establishing of contact with the local chairmen of committees could very well be carried on during the month of November.

Subsequent thereto the local Chairman on Synagog Attendance would be urged during the month of December to organize his committee for action. It would be suggested to him to get a list of the members of the congregation and apportion them among the members of his Committee, giving ten or fifteen names to each member. These lists would be properly arranged with telephone numbers opposite each name. During the first week in January, the Committee would commence to function by calling up the several members assigned to each one and urging them to attend services. Where the telephone communication is not found efficacious, a personal call would be made, urging the member to attend.

The cooperation of the rabbi would, of course, be necessary in carrying out the program. It might be suggested to him that the month of January be especially devoted to an endeavor to revive greater interest in the synagog. His sermons might be devoted to subjects like "The Need for Religion in Everyday Life"; "The Essentials of Judaism"; etc., etc.

The enthusiasm aroused by these services might be kept up during the month of February and March through the "Don't Ride Empty Campaign". This would consist of urging those who use their automobiles to go to service, to invite others of the congregation to ride with them to services.

At frequent intervals the local chairman of the Committee on Synagog Attendance would be asked to report the results of the "Telephone Campaign", and the "Don't Ride Empty Campaign". Your Committee is strongly of the opinion that the Brotherhoods, properly organized can be instrumental in a revival of Judaism and in making the attendance at worship a very important feature in every man's religious life.

In addition to these two activities your Committee plans to urge each Brotherhood to assume the responsibility of having notices of the Temple services placed on the bulletin boards in the hotels.

I trust that the Executive Board will approve of the plans suggested above so that your Committee may immediately enter upon their execution.

Respectfully submitted,
HERMAN SELZ,
Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the program of the Committee be approved by the Executive Board and the Committee be authorized to carry out its program.

In the absence of Mr. Edward G. Gerstle, Chairman of the National Committee on Social Service, the Vice Chairman, Mr. Arnold M. Schmidt, presented the following program of his Committee for the coming season:

PROGRAM OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE

To the Executive Board of the National
Federation of Temple Brotherhoods:

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Social Service begs leave to present herewith for the approval of the Executive Board, its plans for the season 1923-24.

As a preliminary thereto, I beg to call to the attention of the Board, the two definite tasks assigned our Committee on Social Service at the last meeting of the Board. They are as follows:

1. "To organize within each Brotherhood such groups as desire to pursue social service, and to advise each Brotherhood to place the services of these groups under the guidance of local organizations having charge of the particular kind of social service desired by those who register.

2. That every local Brotherhood be urged to make a survey of institutions in their city or neighborhood where Jews may be present in order to undertake some form of religious welfare work for those housed in these institutions."

These two lines of activity make necessary the organization of a Social Service Bureau within the Brotherhood for the purpose of cooperating with local organizations, and secondly, the formation of a Social Service Committee to make a survey of the institutions, both local and in the vicinity, and to carry on a variety of activities in behalf of the Jewish inmates of these institutions.

Your Committee plans to devote the month of November to the preliminary work of organization of the Bureau and the Committee. It involves correspondence with the Brotherhood President, urging him to appoint an active committee for Social Service and to organize a Bureau of Workers. A letter is also to be sent to the local chairman on Social Service, urging him to make a survey of the local institutions and to organize his Social Service group so that they may give their best cooperation to the Social Service organizations in his own city.

During the month of December we would ask the local chairman to have a meeting of his Committee and assign the local tasks, and to send us reports on the local institutions together with the names of the various sub-committees in charge of each class of work. Requests for reports of local activities would be made from month to month.

Now as to the work in institutions in the vicinity. It is the plan of your Committee to ask each local chairman to devote the month of January to the making of a survey of the institutions in his neighborhood, ascertaining the number of Jewish inmates in each institution and the types of necessary work such as: an occasional service by the rabbi, the formation of a reading circle or a Bible Class. The local committee would also be asked to have a personal interview with each Jewish inmate and ascertain their home addresses and their relationship with their former home and family.

The information derived from the survey of the institutions in the preceding month and the results of the personal interviews with the inmates would form the basis for the activities of the Social Service Committee during the month of February. Through correspondence on the part of the Committee with relatives of the inmates, the endeavor would be made to re-establish contact between the inmates and their homes. Where the inmate is approaching the time of his release from the institution, preparations might be made by the local committee for his resumption of useful citizenship in his home town.

The month of March would be devoted to planning the celebration of Passover at the several institutions, while during the month of April we would circularize all local Committees for reports on the work accomplished during the season.

Your approval of the plans of the National Committee on Social Service is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD G. GERSTLE,
Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the program of the National Committee on

Social Service be approved by the Executive Board and the Committee be authorized to carry out its program.

Mr. Leonard S. Levin, Chairman of the National Committee on Membership, presented the following program of his Committee for the season:

PROGRAM OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

Gentlemen:

Your National Committee on Membership recognizes fully the importance of the mission with which it is charged, to organize new Brotherhoods wherever possible and to bring them into affiliation with our National Federation. In order that our Federation may enlarge its program of usefulness to Judaism, we must have the strength and influence that comes from numbers.

Your Committee is prepared to enter at once upon a campaign to secure new members for the Federation. The Executive Office has canvassed the situation and has prepared a list of prospective members. It is among these that our first campaign will be carried on.

I beg to present herewith for your consideration a brief outline of our proposed activities in this direction during the coming season together with a few letters that we would use in the campaign. Our first endeavor would be to organize, within every Brotherhood, a Membership Committee whose duty it would be to visit a community or two in its neighborhood and organize a Brotherhood where there is none and secure its affiliation with us. We intend to ask the President of each Brotherhood to serve on that Committee, since, in the event of the organization of a new Brotherhood, he would be the logical man to point out to them the workings of such an organization. A letter would also be addressed to the local chairman of the Committee and also to the city that is to be visited in an endeavor to arrange for a meeting.

This preliminary work could be carried on during the first month. At some time during the second month, or, if conditions

are not favorable during December, then during January, a meeting would be arranged in the neighboring city for the purpose of presenting the aims and objects of the Brotherhood movement. If the sentiment seems favorable toward the organization of a Brotherhood, a meeting could be arranged during the following month when speakers from the organized Brotherhood would be present to assist at the first meeting of the new organization. Your Committee on Membership would immediately notify the Chairman of the Committee on Cooperation of the organization of the new Brotherhood and request him to send a variety of programs so that the new Brotherhood might plan its meetings for a few months in advance.

That is one aspect of the work of the National Committee. But there is another purpose that the Committee can serve and that is to urge every Brotherhood to increase its own membership locally. After the Committee has done its work in the neighborhood, it will be ready to consider ways and means of bringing every eligible resident into its Brotherhood membership.

Your Committee is most anxious to give its best efforts to this undertaking. It awaits the approval of the Executive Board of the plans outlined.

Respectfully submitted,
LEONARD S. LEVIN,
Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the program of the Committee be approved by the Executive Board and the Committee be authorized to begin its program immediately.

Mr. Leonard Weinberg, Chairman of the National Committee on Open Forums, presented a report of the work of his Committee and also a program for the season:

PROGRAM OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON OPEN FORUMS

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

Gentlemen:

In order to carry out the instructions of the Executive Board at its last meeting, it was necessary for the Committee on Open

Forums to gather a list of available speakers and subjects and to ascertain to what extent the Brotherhoods called upon outside speakers.

Before the summer, a questionnaire was sent to all the affiliated Brotherhoods, asking the following questions:

1. How often do you invite paid speakers?
2. How much do you pay for such service?
3. Do you pay their railroad expenses?
4. Do you pay a commission to the Bureau providing the speaker?
5. Who was your "Best Number" last year?
6. Do you think it would be feasible to route one or two speakers for an address to a large number of Brotherhoods?

To this questionnaire only ten replies were received which was hardly sufficient to form the basis of any conclusion. But it is interesting to note that of these ten Brotherhoods, only four make a practice of having paid speakers, the balance of them using local talent.

To secure additional information on the subject, the Executive Office sent out a further inquiry to a list of about eighty-eight rabbis. To date forty replies have been received. Half of them indicate the use of paid speakers and the other half use local unpaid talent.

From the replies received to both questionnaires, we have been able to prepare a list of available speakers which we can send to constituent Brotherhoods upon request.

Your chairman is of the opinion that as the Brotherhoods grow in number and in influence in their communities, a larger number will wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of having outside speakers address them three or four times during the year. Having this in mind, your Committee plans to prepare a list of a number of subjects and speakers and send them to the Brotherhoods with the suggestion that they endeavor to arrange a lecture course. Though the season is advanced, it may be possible for some of the Brotherhoods to have three or four addresses during this season. A letter containing the

information will be sent to the Brotherhoods toward the end of this month.

There will always be a number of Brotherhoods that will find it impossible to have outside speakers and which may wish to restrict their open forum to the membership of their Brotherhoods. For this group your Committee is planning to prepare a number of syllabi on a few current Jewish problems, such as:

1. Immigration.
2. The University Situation.
3. Jews Abroad—A Study of Post-War Conditions.
4. The Saturday-Sunday Question.
5. The Unassigned Pew.

These syllabi will be prepared early in the spring for distribution to the Brotherhoods in time to include some of these subjects in their program for the following season.

The Executive Office had heard of the coming to this country of Professor Julius Goldstein, of Darmstadt, Germany, a leader in Jewish thought in that country and a lecturer of wide repute abroad. Professor Goldstein was coming for a series of addresses in New York and Chicago and asked us to arrange a few lectures for him on the way between these two cities. Letters were sent to about twenty-two congregations, twelve of which have Brotherhoods. Of these twelve, only three Brotherhoods, those of Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh, availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing Professor Goldstein. A number of Brotherhoods replied that their programs had already been arranged, while still others stated that the budget of their Brotherhoods did not permit them to have paid speakers.

Your Committee is unprepared at this time to make report with reference to the instructions of the Executive Board to consider the advisability of making arrangements with one or two speakers for a series of lectures throughout the country.

Respectfully submitted,
LEONARD WEINBERG,
Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the National Committee be

adopted and that the Committee be authorized to enter upon its activities.

Mr. Leo A. Weil, Chairman of the National Committee on Cooperation presented the following program of his Committee for the coming season:

PROGRAM OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods:

Gentlemen:

If your chairman understands the purpose of the National Committee on Cooperation correctly, it is to serve as a sort of clearing house for all Brotherhoods, with special reference to their programs at their regular meetings.

To establish a sort of depository for the various Brotherhood programs, your chairman conceives it his duty to keep in touch with the various Brotherhoods and ask them at regular intervals to send copies of their programs to him.

Your Committee is also to serve as a distributing agency. When the requisite number of programs has been received they are to be studied carefully and the best of these programs will be assembled, perhaps in booklet form, and sent out to the individual Brotherhoods to serve as suggestions for their own programs.

The plan of work for the coming season will consist, first, of a letter to each Brotherhood, asking them to send in their best programs of previous years, and also, if possible, the program of each meeting for this year. When this material has been received I believe a month's time should be devoted to a study of the programs and to the preparation of a booklet for distribution. By January this material ought to be in shape to be sent out to the Brotherhoods.

The other phase of activity assigned to your Committee is to urge the Brotherhoods in the same city or in close-by cities to have occasional joint meetings. During the month of February your Committee might urge the holding of joint meetings in March wherever possible.

During the month of May a questionnaire might be sent out to all the Brotherhoods asking them to send in the program that

has proved most successful during the past year.

Your Committee would like to suggest that in future years a booklet of successful programs be sent to all Brotherhoods, either in June or in September, so as to be of assistance in planning the work of the following season.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO A. WEIL,
Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the program of the Committee be approved by the Executive Board and the Committee be authorized to carry out its program.

The Executive Secretary reported that the President had appointed Mr. Jerome L. Schwartz, of Buffalo, New York, and Mr. Louis A. Horwitz, of El Paso, Texas, as members of the Executive Board in place of Messrs. Frederick Ullman and Edward S. Greenbaum who had resigned.

It was moved and duly carried that the appointments of Messrs. Schwartz and Horwitz be confirmed.

It was moved and duly carried that all members of the Executive Board shall receive copies of campaign letters and form

letters sent to the Presidents of Brotherhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that copies of form letters sent to Presidents or Secretaries of Brotherhoods be sent to members of the Executive Board living in the same city with the President or Secretary.

A communication was presented from Mr. Leon Voorsanger, of San Francisco, with reference to the publication of a bulletin for the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. The Executive Board passed a resolution stating that in its opinion a Union Bulletin is a very useful publication and that the Brotherhoods would gladly welcome the issuing of such a bulletin, provided that the Executive Board of the Union felt that its finances permitted such publication.

It was moved and duly carried that the thanks of the Board be extended to the Cincinnati members for their attention and entertainment.

Adjourned.

ROGER W. STRAUS,
President.

GEORGE ZEPIN,
Executive Secretary.



National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods



Officers
Executive Board
Standing Committees
Constitution

Executive Board

of the

National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

ROGER W. STRAUS, *President*

120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Term Expires
January

1925	HERBERT BLOCH, 810 Main St.....	Cincinnati, O.
1925	EMANUEL BRONNER, 1012 E. Genesee St.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1927	ALEXANDER CAHN, 188 Livingston St.....	New Haven, Conn.
1927	JULIUS W. FREIBERG, TREASURER, c/o Ideal Concrete Machinery Co.....	Cincinnati, O.
1925	EDWARD G. GERSTLE, 80 Maiden Lane.....	New York, N. Y.
1927	EDWIN S. GREENBAUM, 1122 Fox St.....	New York, N. Y.
1925	H. L. KARPELES, 725 High St.....	Newark, N. J.
1925	JULIUS C. LANG, 1100 22nd Ave., N.....	Seattle, Wash.
1925	LEONARD S. LEVIN, 1356 Denniston Ave.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
1927	CLARENCE MICHAELS, 426 Mt. Stephen Ave.....	Montreal, Quebec, Can.
1925	JUDGE LEOPOLD MINKIN, 109 State St.....	Albany, N. Y.
1927	WALLACE ROSENHEIM, 97 Pingree Ave.....	Detroit, Mich.
1927	CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Hotel Patten.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1927	ARNOLD M. SCHMIDT, 215 Montague St.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1925	HERMAN SELZ, 659 Buckingham Place.....	Chicago, Ill.
1927	D. R. SHAPIRO, 2095 Fulton St.....	San Francisco, Cal.
1927	ROGER W. STRAUS, PRESIDENT, 120 Broadway.....	New York, N. Y.
1925	ARTHUR HAYS SULZBERGER, 30 W. 88th St.....	New York, N. Y.
1925	FREDERICK ULLMAN, 62 Highland Ave.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
1925	FRED VORENBERG, 67 Washington St.....	Boston, Mass.
1925	LEO A. WEIL, 719 W. 8th St.....	Erie, Pa.
1927	LEONARD WEINBERG, 943 Brooks Lane.....	Baltimore, Md.
1927	MOSES WIESENFELD, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT, 2333 Eutaw Place.....	Baltimore, Md.
1927	FREDERIC WINGERSKY, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT, 53 State St.....	Boston, Mass.

GEORGE ZEPIN, *Executive Secretary*

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1923-1925
NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON OPEN FORUMS

Chairman—Leonard Weinberg.....943 Brooks Lane, Baltimore, Md.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA

Chairman—Emanuel Bronner.....1012 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, N. Y.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE

Chairman—Edward G. Gerstle.....80 Maiden Lane, New York, N. Y.

COMMITTEE ON SYNAGOG ATTENDANCE

Chairman—Herman Selz.....659 Buckingham Pl., Chicago, Ill.

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WELFARE

Chairman—Wallace Rosenheim.....97 Pingree Ave., Detroit, Mich.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Chairman—Leonard S. Levin.....1356 Denniston Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION

Chairman—Leo A. Weil.....719 W. Eighth St., Erie, Pa.

(Complete Committees will be published later.)

Constitution of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhods

Adopted January 25, 1923

Preamble

We, the representatives of the Brotherhods and Men's Clubs of the various congregations comprised in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with a view of enlisting the support of the men of American Jewry in the cause of Judaism, do hereby establish the National Federation of Temple Brotherhods, and declare this to be our Constitution and By-Laws.

Constitution

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be The National Federation of Temple Brotherhods.

ARTICLE II

Objects

The objects of this organization shall be:

A. To stimulate interest in Jewish worship, Jewish studies, social service and other kindred activities.

B. To cooperate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in carrying out its national plans.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Sec. 1. Any organization of ten or more Jewish men, affiliated with or working under the auspices of a Jewish congregation; or any organization of ten or more Jewish men, residing in a locality where there is no Jewish congregation, may become a member of this Federation, by making application to the Executive Board of the Federation.

Sec. 2. Any organization of ten or more Jewish men attending a University or Col-

lege may become a student-chapter of this Federation entitled to all the privileges of a regular member by making application to the Executive Board of the Federation.

Sec. 3. No more than one organization from any one congregation shall be a member of the Federation.

ARTICLE IV

Dues

Every Brotherhood shall pay annually into the treasury of this Federation twenty-five cents for each of its members.

A Brotherhood in arrears for dues for a period of two years may be suspended from membership after due notice by the Executive Board, which may, at any time, reinstate the Brotherhood to membership on such terms as the Board may prescribe. The Executive Board may appoint a committee to exercise these powers.

ARTICLE V

The Convention

The legislative body of this Federation and its highest authority, shall be styled the "Convention", and shall be composed of the representatives of the Brotherhods comprising this Federation, who are duly elected or appointed in accordance with the custom of each Brotherhood.

The Convention shall be presided over by such officers as the delegates choose to elect from their own members.

ARTICLE VI

Representatives at the Convention

Sec. 1. Each Brotherhood shall be entitled to appoint one representative to the Convention.

Sec. 2. In addition to the representatives provided for in Sec. 1, each Brotherhood shall be entitled to additional representatives as follows: each Brotherhood having over fifty and less than one hundred members shall be entitled to an additional representative to the Convention. Each Brotherhood having over one hundred and less than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional representatives. Each Brotherhood having over three hundred members shall be entitled to three additional representatives.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings of the Convention

The meetings of the Convention shall be held at the same time and place as the meeting of the Council of the Union, or at such time and place as the Executive Board shall determine, and shall constitute a section of the proceedings of the Council.

ARTICLE VIII

Executive Board

Sec. 1. The Convention shall elect an Executive Board of twenty-four members. The first twenty-four so elected shall hold office as follows: twelve until the next Convention meets and twelve until the second following Convention. At each Convention after the first Convention twelve members shall be elected to hold office until the second following Convention. No member shall be elected to the Executive Board for more than two successive terms.

Sec. 2. The Executive Board shall meet after the final adjournment of the Convention which elected it, and at the same place where the Convention held its sessions, for the purpose of organizing for the transaction of business. At this meeting, the Executive Board shall elect from its own members, a president, two vice-presidents and a treasurer who shall hold office for the period during which the Board is elected and until their successors are elected. At this meeting the Executive Board shall appoint the National Standing Committees provided for herein, and shall elect an Executive Secretary and an Assistant Executive Secretary who shall not be

members of the Executive Board and whose salary shall be determined by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall also transact any other business arising at this time.

Sec. 3. The Executive Board shall meet annually at such time and place as may be determined upon by the members of the Executive Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President upon written request of five of the members.

Sec. 4. The office of the Executive Board shall be in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sec. 5. Nine members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX

National Standing Committees

The Executive Board of the Federation shall appoint the National Standing Committees provided for herein, and such other committees as it finds necessary for the execution of its aims and purposes. The Executive Secretary shall be the Secretary of each National Standing Committee.

Each National Standing Committee shall devise methods of carrying out the work entrusted to it, and shall communicate these plans to each Brotherhood through local committees in the Brotherhood bearing the same name.

ARTICLE X

National Committee on Open Forums

The National Committee on Open Forums shall devise programs for individual Brotherhoods and render such assistance as it may, when requested, to carry out these programs.

ARTICLE XI

National Committee on Religious Propaganda

The National Committee on Religious Propaganda shall endeavor to interest the constituent Brotherhoods in the religious problems of their communities and neighborhoods and shall devise methods of securing the cooperation of the Brotherhoods in the solution of these problems.

ARTICLE XII

National Committee on Social Service

Sec. 1. The National Committee on Social Service shall encourage the constituent Brotherhoods to interest themselves in all phases of social service, both in the local community and in neighboring communities.

Sec. 2. It shall advise the local Brotherhoods as to the best methods of social service.

ARTICLE XIII

National Committee on Synagog Attendance

The National Committee on Synagog Attendance shall foster regular attendance at divine worship by precept and by example and take other active part in stimulating interest in divine services.

ARTICLE XIV

National Committee on Student Welfare

The National Committee on Student Welfare shall devise ways whereby each Brotherhood may undertake to invite into its own membership the Jewish men attending local and nearby universities; to cooperate with the Sisterhoods of their congregations to render similar service to the women students, and to cooperate with other agencies.

ARTICLE XV

National Committee on Membership

Sec. 1. The National Committee on Membership shall organize new Brotherhoods wherever possible and secure their affiliation with the Federation.

Sec. 2. It shall encourage the local Brotherhoods in their endeavors to increase their membership.

ARTICLE XVI

The National Committee on Cooperation

Sec. 1. The National Committee on Cooperation shall seek to bring the constituent Brotherhoods into closer relationship with one another.

Sec. 2. It shall solicit information from the Brotherhoods as to their activities and shall in turn transmit the information in the form of periodic bulletins.

Sec. 3. It shall cooperate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in their several activities for the furtherance of Judaism.

ARTICLE XVII

Annual Reports

The President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer and each National Standing Committee shall make annual reports to the Executive Board. These reports shall be submitted to the Biennial Convention, in the years when such Biennial Conventions occur.

ARTICLE XVIII

Official Bonds

The officers of all the Boards who receive and disburse funds of the Federation shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of their respective duties as the Executive Board shall direct. No member of the Executive Board shall be accepted as surety thereon.

ARTICLE XIX

Vacancies

All vacancies occurring in the membership of any of the Boards or Committees appointed by the Convention or Executive Board shall be filled by the Executive Board, and whenever, during the recess of the Executive Board, a vacancy shall occur in any office, Board or Committee appointed or elected by the Convention or Executive Board, the President of the Executive Board shall fill such vacancy by appointment, which appointment shall remain in force only until the next meeting of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XX

Amendments

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution must be first submitted to the Executive Board, which shall present them to the first meeting of the Convention thereafter, together with their views on the proposed amendments, whereupon, if adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present, it shall become part of the Constitution.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

Officers

The officers of the Federation shall perform such duties as are usually incumbent upon officers of similar societies.

ARTICLE II

Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary shall keep accurate records of all the proceedings of the Executive Board, shall attend to all correspondence, shall receive moneys coming into possession of the Federation, and shall, without delay, forward these moneys to the Treasurer, and shall keep a record of receipts and disbursements.

No check shall be issued except on voucher signed by the Executive Secretary and President.

ARTICLE III

Treasurer

The Treasurer upon receipt of moneys from the Executive Secretary shall, without delay, deposit the same to the credit of the Federation in a National bank designated by the Executive Board.

The Treasurer shall issue checks on funds only when presented with vouchers bearing the signature of the Executive Secretary and President.

The Treasurer shall keep a record of the moneys received and paid out.

ARTICLE IV

Deposit of Securities

All securities, including the bonds given by the officers of the Federation, shall be

deposited in a safe deposit company in Cincinnati to be designated by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall end on the thirty-first day of October, annually, to which time all reports shall be made, and the same shall be printed biennially by the Executive Board, and published for distribution, and shall be submitted to the Convention at the regular meetings thereof.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Examinations

The President of the Executive Board shall appoint annually, at the close of the fiscal year, a competent public accountant, whose duty shall be to examine the books and vouchers of the Executive Secretary and to inspect the securities belonging to the Federation.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments to By-Laws

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any meeting of the Convention, provided that notice of proposed amendments were sent in writing to the members of the Executive Board at least thirty days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Government of Convention

The Convention shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, revised, in all cases not provided for in the Constitution.

National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

Executive Office: Merchants Building, Cincinnati

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

At a meeting of our Men's Society of Temple.....
.....held.....192.. a motion pre-
vailed to join the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

Yours truly,

Secretary

Street and Number

City

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS

Executive Office
Merchants Building
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March
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Rabbi A.H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 55th and Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have had a letter from Mr. Leonard S. Levin, of Pittsburgh, the Chairman of the National Committee on Membership of the Federation of Brotherhoods, requesting me to send you a copy of the Constitution of the Federation. I am enclosing a copy herewith together with a copy of a constitution of one of the Brotherhoods that has been fairly successful in its activities.

I trust that we will have the pleasure of welcoming your Brotherhood or Men's Club into the Federation early in the fall.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Executive Secretary.

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RABBI GEORGE ZEPIN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
RABBI LOUIS I. EGELSON
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

CONSTITUTION OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF EUTAW PLACE TEMPLE

Baltimore, Md.

Art. 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the BROTHERHOOD OF EUTAW PLACE TEMPLE.

Art. 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Brotherhood shall be to promote the Welfare of Oheb Shalom Congregation by stimulating the religious interest of those affiliated with it.

Art. 3. Membership

Any man affiliated with Oheb Shalom Congregation shall be eligible to membership. Authority to elect members is vested in the Board of Directors.

Art. 4. Officers

Sec. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and eight additional directors, said twelve officers constituting the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Brotherhood. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for one year, and until the election and qualification of their successors; the additional directors shall hold office for two years and until the election and qualification of their successors provided, however that at the first meeting of the Brotherhood,

four of said additional directors shall be elected for two years and four for one year.

Sec. 3. The President shall appoint, at least one month before the annual meeting, a Nominating Committee of five members, whose duty it shall be to present a list of nominee for the offices to be filled. Additional nominations for any office may be made from the floor.

Art. V Meetings

Sec. 1. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of May, at least one week before the annual meeting of the Congregation, on a day to be determined by the Board of Directors. All members shall be notified of said annual meeting at least one week in advance.

Sec. 2. Other meetings shall be held as the Board of Directors deem advisable to promote the purpose of the Brotherhood.

Art VI Dues

The annual dues shall be \$1.00. (now \$2.00)

Art VII Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Brotherhood except for amending this Constitution.

Art VIII Amendments

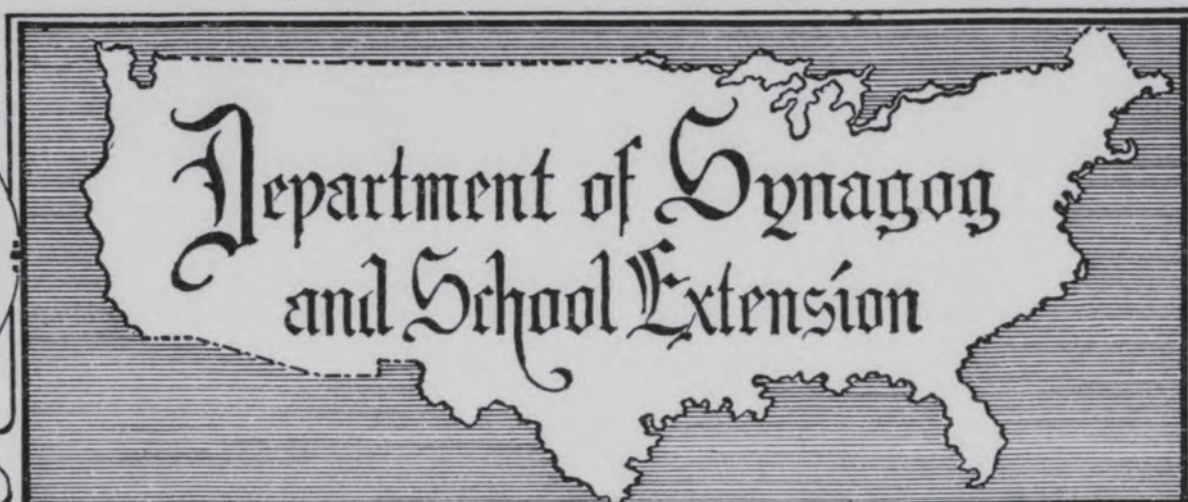
This Constitution may be amended at any meeting, provided a copy of the proposed amendment shall be

sent to each member, at least one week prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken; and provided further that at least twenty per cent of the members of the Brotherhood be present at the meeting at which the amendment shall be submitted, and that at least two-thirds of those present shall vote in favor thereof.

Amendments

1. Have changed date of annual meeting from October to May.





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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are acquainted in a more or less degree with the work of the Commission on Jewish Education. Since we have added Dr. Gamoran to our force the Commission has become unusually active and has adopted a large program. Where formally we engaged purely in editing such manuscripts as were brought to our attention we have now undertaken a more ambitious program. The enlargement of our duties requires a corresponding increase in the membership of our Commission.

A few days ago Dr. Louis Grossmann's resignation was received. I am authorized by the Chairman of the Board of Managers to tender you the appointment to the vacancy thus created.

I sincerely trust that you will accept. The task upon which the Commission is engaged is the most hopeful work before us. I know that you will find the work interesting and worth while.

Trusting to receive your early acceptance and with kindest personal regards I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Director

GZ:MK

April 3rd, 1924.

Rabbi Geo. Zepin,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin,

Permit me to thank you and
through you the Chairman of the Board of
Managers for your invitation to serve
on the Commission on Jewish Education.
I shall be pleased to serve.

With kindest regards, I am
Very sincerely yours,

April 9th, 1924.

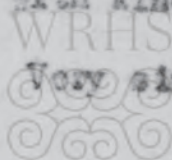
Mr. Leonard S. Levin,
515 Berger Bldg.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Levin,

Permit me to thank you for
your kindness in sending me the information
about Temple Brotherhoods.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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April 14, 1924.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Silver:

I have a letter from Rabbi Zepin informing me that you have accepted the appointment on the Commission of Jewish Education. As Chairman I desire to express my pleasure at having you on the Commission. I hope to see you present at our meetings and to have you help us in the very important task which is ours. You will hear from Rabbi Zepin as to what special Committee you will be asked to work with.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

David Philipson
CHAIRMAN.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Chicago, Sunday, turned out to be a most inspirational one.

More Judaism not less Judaism was the high note sounded by all the speakers most of whom were laymen.

The great need for religious training for our children and the relationship between religious training and the future of Reform Judaism was stressed time and time again during the all day Conference.

A Conference called to devise ways and means to finance the activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations turned out to be one of the greatest religious gatherings of its kind ever held in this country.

The Conference, as you already know, withdrew the suggested plan of financing. A Committee of which the writer is chairman was appointed to suggest a new plan at the next meeting and also appointed chairman of a committee to raise the necessary funds to meet the budget for the fiscal year.

The delegates who were present pledged themselves to a man to assist in this financing. It was the general understanding that each community would raise an amount at least equal to the amount they would have raised under the plan withdrawn.

The President of your congregation has been wired and written to and urged to do all in his power to get your congregation into action.

You as Rabbi can and will, I am sure, do all in your power to hasten action in this matter.

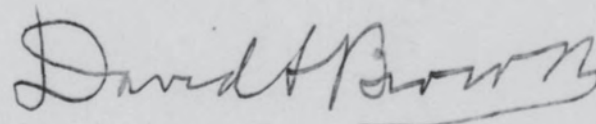
The Union has need of funds at once. The work now engaged in must continue as at present and later in a larger way.

I urge you to make the present financing of the Union the most important of your congregational duties.

Once properly financed, I believe we will enter upon a new era in American Reform Judaism. The need is great. All it requires are leaders and money and we have both in abundance.

The Committee has opened temporary headquarters in the offices of the Union at Cincinnati. Address me there. I remain

In all sincerity,



Chairman Committee on Finance.

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April
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1924.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have the honor to inform you that
the Chairman of the Commission has appointed
you a member of the Committee on Teacher Training.
The full membership of the Committee is as follows:

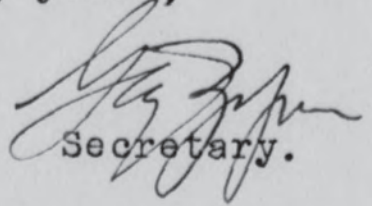
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Dr. Julian Morgenstern

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the
minutes of the last meeting of the Commission which
explains the duties of the Committee of which you
are a member, and which takes up a number of mat-
ters of interest to members of the Commission.

With kindest personal greetings and best
wishes for a pleasant Passover, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

GZ:MK


Secretary.

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May
Sixth,
1924.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Up to the present I have received no reply from the several communications addressed to you since the meeting in Chicago, Sunday April 13th.

You will be interested in knowing that since this meeting I have had a most remarkable response from every section of the country, promising cooperation and participation in solving the financial problem of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Evidently the spirit that prevailed at the meeting has spread throughout the country, with the result that many congregations who were opposed or noncommittal on the original plan are agreeable and happy at the method suggested for raising sufficient funds to meet the budget for this year.

I am anxious to hear from you, if possible, immediately so that the committee of which I am the Chairman, when it meets in the near future, will have before it a report from every congregation affiliated with the Union.

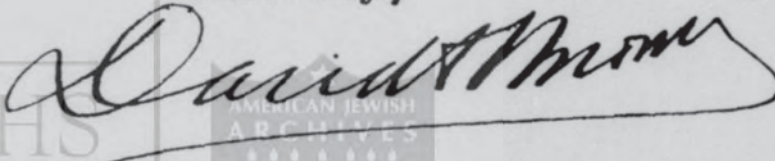
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As stated in my previous communications, what we are asking is that the Congregations shall accept as a minimum quota the amount they have paid under the plan withdrawn, and that they raise this money in any way which may be agreed upon by their own congregations.

My temporary headquarters are still in Cincinnati, and will appreciate your getting in touch with me either by wire or letter.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,



Chairman.
Committee on Finance.

DAB:JM



NATHAN J. MILLER
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

May Twelfth,
Nineteen hundred Twenty-four.

Dear Abba:-

Have been wanting to write you about Union affairs, but have been literally loaded to the guards with a lot of things, and, for that matter, there has not been much doing since the Chicago convention. As you know, the Committee, which was appointed at that time, is now getting busy, and has for the present divided itself into three sub-committees, and, unfortunately, I happen to be on each one.

You certainly must have some very definite ideas on the subject of the Union, and am wondering if you would, at your convenience, write me with regard to them. Would like you to send me your ideas with regard to what changes we should make in the Constitution, in the very structure of the Union itself.

If you do not happen to have a copy of the Constitution at hand, you can secure one easily enough by writing to Cincinnati, but imagine that you have one in your files.

The opinion is unanimous that Mr. Shohl should not be reelected; after all, however, nothing can be done in this matter until next January. Will, of course, keep your reply confidential.

All here are well, and look forward to seeing you at the wedding on June twelfth, if not sooner. Love to Virginia.

As ever, *Nathan Miller*

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

May 14th, 1924.

Rabbi Geo. Zepin,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin,

I would appreciate very much
if you would send me a copy of the Constitution
and By Laws of the Union of American Hebrew
Congregation.

WRHS
with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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My dear Rabbi Silver:-

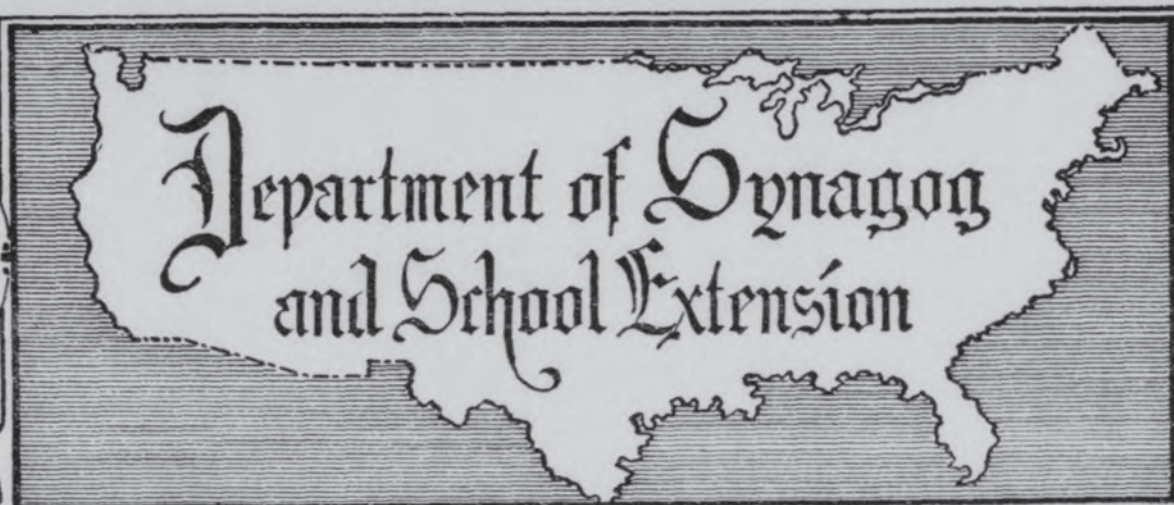
I am in receipt of your letter of
May 14th., and in answer am sending you under
separate cover a copy of the Constitution
and By-laws of the Union of American Hebrew
Congregations.

With kindest greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary.

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple, E55th
& Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:-

We have never had one of your sermons in our sermon pamphlet. We should like to have one for Yom Kippur afternoon, either for Hazkarath Neshamoth, or for Neilah. Dr. Ettelson has consented to write the Kol Nidre sermon and Dr. Bettan, the Yom Kippur morning sermon.

Please let me know as soon as you possibly can whether or not you will be good enough to send me the sermon requested. If your answer is in the affirmative, I would appreciate it if you would at the same time let me know when I may expect to receive it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Louis I. Egelson
Assistant Director.

LE:VH

May 26th, 1924.

Rabbi Louis I. Eggelson,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Eggelson,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to contribute a sermon to the holiday pamphlet. I have no Neilah sermon which I would care to see printed and I will not have the time to write one until shortly before the next holidays, which will probably be too late for your purposes. Should you want a New Years Eve or morning sermon, I think I have one that would prove satisfactory. If you cannot use it this year please call on my some other year.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sure you realize that when I wrote to you for the Neilah Sermon, I also was in correspondence with a few other rabbis regarding other sermons for the Pamphlet.

It just happens that the New Year Eve and New Year Morning sermons are already provided for for this Pamphlet.

I have still to hear about the First Day Passover Sermon though it is quite possible that the rabbi who was asked will consent to send one. I will know by Wednesday noon definitely whether I am to receive that sermon or not. I shall write to you tomorrow further about it. If I do not receive the sermon from the rabbi who was asked to contribute it, I would very much like to have your sermon for that occasion.

Thanking you very kindly for your promptness and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Louis I. Egelson
Assistant Director.

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Cincinnati, Ohio, May 30, 1924

Mr. David A. Brown, Chairman,
General Committee on Union Affairs,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Union, held at the Hotel Astor, May 4th, 1924, the Chairman of the Committee was authorized to appoint a sub-committee to revise the Constitution in all matters dealing with finance.

The Committee appointed by the Chairman was as follows:

David M. Bressler, New York,
Oscar Berman, Cincinnati, Ohio,
General Abel Davis, Chicago, Illinois,
Moses E. Greenebaum, Chicago, Illinois,
Ben Lowenstein, Cleveland, Ohio,
Henry L. Mayer, San Francisco, California,
George Mosbacher, Los Angeles, California,
Edwin B. Meissner, St. Louis, Missouri,
Jacob W. Mack, Cincinnati, Ohio,
Nathan J. Miller, New York,
David A. Brown, Detroit, Michigan, Ex-officio.

Subsequently, Mr. Brown appointed Mr. Miller Chairman, of such Sub-committee.

Said Sub-committee met at the Hotel Drake, Chicago, Illinois, on May 18, 1924.

PRESENT: Messrs. Abel Davis,
Oscar Berman,
Ben Lowenstein,
David A. Brown,
Jacob W. Mack,
Nathan J. Miller,
Rabbi George Zepin, Secretary

ABSENT AND

EXCUSED: Messrs. David M. Bressler,

Moses E. Greenebaum
Henry L. Mayer
George Mosbacher
Edwin B. Meissner

Various methods were discussed with the end in view of securing the necessary funds to finance the Union, and such proposals, as evolved in the course of the discussion, may be grouped as follows:

1. Assessment and dues of the Member Congregations.
2. Creation of an Endowment Fund for the College of such a size as would probably produce an income at least sufficient to maintain the college.
3. Voluntary contributions to the Union, based on yearly donations.
4. Combination of two or three of the above methods.

After a lengthy discussion the following conclusions may be said to have represented the consensus of opinion of the members.

1. The creation of an Endowment Fund for the college is a matter which should be deferred for the present, primarily for the reason that such a Fund could not be raised without bringing to the notice of prospective givers the value and importance of the Union and College, it being generally agreed that such knowledge was woefully lacking at the present time. It was further thought that with a proper appreciation of the work of the Union and College, which understanding will probably be the result if the Plan as herein outlined is adopted, it would be comparatively easy, at a later date, to secure funds to constitute a substantial Endowment Fund; estimates as to the size of such a Fund differ, it being held by one gentleman that three million dollars was sufficient, and another view being that the sum should be five million dollars.

The Committee is very anxious to have it distinctly under-

stood, however, that their failure to recommend the immediate effort to create an Endowment Fund, is not to be understood to preclude such action in the future; the soundness of such an effort was unanimously recognized but the opinion was that the matter should be deferred.

2. Your Committee has given what it deems to be ample consideration to the various plans of financing that have been submitted from time to time.

3. The conclusion reached was that the method proposed in this report represents an equitable and workable composite of previous efforts and suggestions, and that it is likely to assure sufficient revenue, not merely to meet the present average needs, but likewise to cover further reasonable expansion in the departments of the Union now existent.

4. It was then agreed if the financial requirements of the Union were to be met by subscriptions, it would be imperative that a working organization be created for that purpose and with that end in view, the Committee recommended in a general way, the following:

(a) The work of financing the Union is of sufficient importance to warrant the creation and maintenance of a committee similar in character to that of the Board of Governors now charged with the management of the College, or similar to that Committee now responsible for the educational work of the Union.

(b) The Board of Finance is the name now suggested for such a Board. It was held that such a

Board should consist of not more than fifteen members and that the membership of the Board be drawn from all sections of the country, divided, however, into not more than fifteen Zones, each Zone to furnish one member of the Board. Each Zone Chairman to organize a Zone Committee of as many members as may be required in order to cover thoroughly all communities and congregations in his particular Zone area, such Zone Chairman to be held responsible for raising the amount in his Zone area to be fixed by the Board of Finance.

Members of the Zone Committee to be chosen from the different communities constituting the Zone.

(c) As far as possible each member of the Zone Committee to be responsible for the raising of the quota allotted to his community, each congregation to be requested to appoint one of its Board to co-operate with the Chairman of that particular Zone Committee.

(d) The present dues of One Dollar for each member of the individual congregations to be continued.

5. It was emphasized that the Plan as herein outlined would succeed only if permanent organizations of above or similar character, were established and maintained.

The President of the Union shall appoint the Chairman of the Board of Finance subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The members of the Board of Finance shall be appointed jointly by the President of the Union and the Chairman of the Board of Finance; these latter appoint-

ments shall also be subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

6. Each community shall be allowed to determine for itself the method of securing its own contribution.

7. Whilst possibly not specifically within the province of this particular Committee nevertheless, after lengthy discussion, it was held that the Committee feels in a high degree the importance of the co-operation and the assistance of the Alumni of the college and also of those Rabbis not graduates of the H. U. C. but who, nevertheless, occupy pulpits of member congregations. It was suggested, therefore, that the proper committee should be advised that the Alumni Association and the C. C. A. R. should elect representatives to the Executive Committee of the Union, to the Board of Management of the College and the Committee on Synagogue and School Extension. The Alumni Association or the C. C. A. R. should determine of themselves whether such representatives should be appointed by their presiding officer, selected by a Nominating Committee or elected in open meeting, as may be their preference. These representatives to hold office yearly until the next meeting of the Alumni Association or the C. C. A. R. and always to have the same privileges and rights as other members of the above named Governing Committee.

Thus, and only thus, was it felt that it could be brought home to the Rabbis that they must assume their full proportion of the responsibility to work in its various fields of endeavor.

8. The present provisions of the Constitution dealing with the finances should, if necessary, be changed to meet the requirements of this Plan, but it was suggested that such changes should only be along the lines which would place full responsibility, for the consummation

of the Plan, upon the Executive Committee and the Committees appointed by it with the end in view of creating all necessary organizations. It was especially recommended that the details of the Plan, as far as possible, should not become part of the Constitution, thus eliminating the necessity of calling a special meeting of the Council for making the changes, since except in matters of broadest policy, the Executive Committee of the Union could always meet situations arising.

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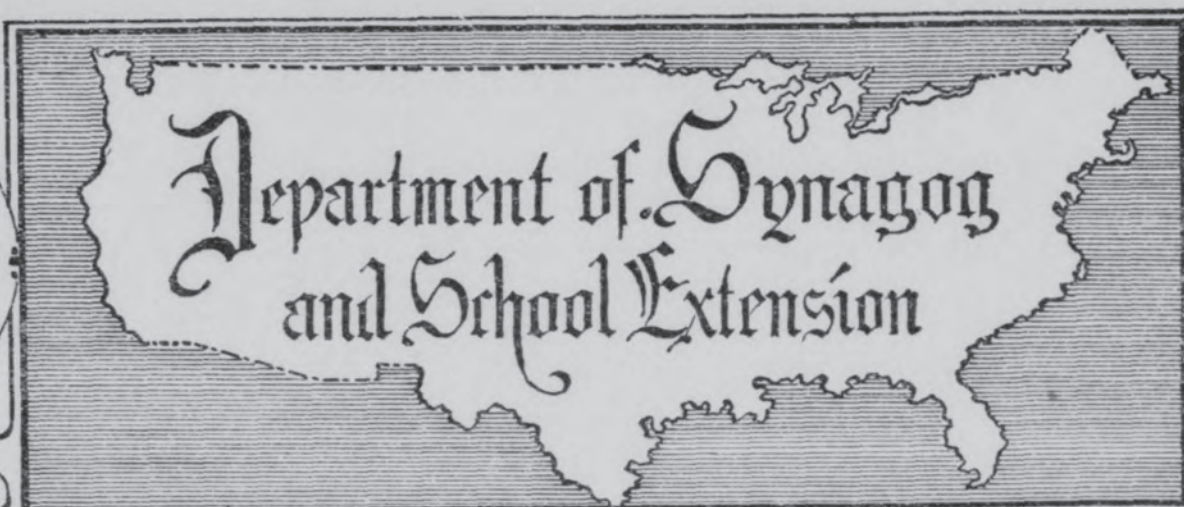
THE ABOVE ALL BEING PRESENT

The above report was accepted in principle by the General Committee on Union Affairs.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded and unanimously carried that if the Plan above recommended or along similar lines, be approved by the Council the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Union is advised that it is the consensus of this Committee that the office of Chairman of the Board of Finance be tendered to Mr. David A. Brown of Detroit; unanimously carried.

It was also moved and duly carried that the Board of Finance refer the contents of Paragraph 7 to the Committee on Survey; moved duly seconded and carried that Paragraph 8 be referred to the Committee on Constitution.

The Chairman of the Board of Finance was requested to furnish a copy of the report as it now stands to all members of the General Committee on Union Affairs.



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Rabbi A.H. Silver,
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E. 55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You may have been out of town when I wired you on May 29th asking whether you could send a sermon for the first day Passover for the Sermon Pamphlet.

Please wire me collect whether or not you can send it to me. As you know the rabbis go on their vacation almost immediately after confirmation and if I am obliged to look elsewhere for the sermon, I would like to get word to the rabbis before they leave.

I do hope that you will be able to send me the sermon.

With cordial regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Louis I. Egelson
Assistant Director.

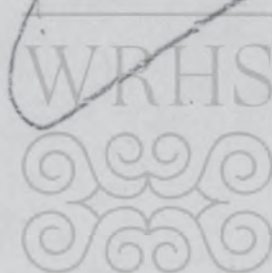
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June 3, 1924.

Rabbi Louis Eggelson,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sorry cannot send you sermon.
Will be glad to assist you some other time.



A. H. Silver.

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NATHAN J. MILLER
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

June Sixth,
Nineteen hundred Twenty-four.

Dear Abba:-

Thank you very much for your favor
of the third instant.

Certainly hope that you will be
here next week for the wedding and then we will set
aside a little time, as I want to talk over some of
the plans of the Union with you.

Meantime, all of the committees are
busy, and no matter what happens, have accomplished
two things, namely, have gathered together a group
of serious, earnest men, who are giving the situa-
tion detailed consideration, without regard to the
expense or time, which they utilize, and, secondly,
which is probably more important, Mr. Shohl is dis-
tinctly out.

He made an announcement at the Execu-
tive Committee meeting, at Cincinnati, last Saturday
night to this effect. Am reliably informed that he
was advised that he could not be re-elected, under
any circumstances, and that this was the only grace-
ful way out.

Speculation as to his successor is
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Meantime, I enclose copy of report,
which I made as Chairman of the Committee on Finance,
and which was adopted.

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mittee on the Constitution, and Mr. A. Leo Weil, of
Pittsburg, is Chairman of the Committee of Survey.
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Lots of love to Virginia. Strain
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ciated by all of us.

My Mother is expected Monday, and, in fact, think practically the whole clan will have gathered by Tuesday night.

As ever,

Yule Hatten

WRHS

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
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Dear Mr.

New York June 14/24

Sorry not to have seen you again
before you left town. Thanks for coming.

The Committee on Survey of which Mr
A. Lev. Weil is Chairman meets Saturday
or Sunday in Pittsburgh. I am going over there
for the session.

Now, if you have anything special to
suggest, other than you could Thursday,
please write me. I value your opinions
and suggestions, beyond measure.
Yours truly,
A. C. K. K. K.

June 17th, 1924.

Mr. Nathan J. Miller,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Uncle Nathan,

There is very little that I would add to what I said last Thursday, except this. According to the constitution of the Union, no provision is made for compulsory rotation in office as regards the members of the Executive Board, the Board of Managers of the Synagogue and School Extension and the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College. Membership on the Executive Board is for a term of four years and membership on the Board of Governors and the Board of Managers is for a term of three years. This condition has resulted in the retention of a lot of dead timber on all three Boards which the Union fears to dislodge because of the danger of offending people. It is to my mind highly important, if new ideas and new blood are to be introduced into all three organizations, that a clause making rotation in office automatic should be introduced. This would necessitate revising Sections nine, thirteen and twenty of the Constitution as well as Section Thirty-three as applicable to the officers of the Boards. The Constitution also calls for the officers of the Executive Board, the Board of Governors, and the Board of Managers to be in Cincinnati. This is a crucial point. If ever the work of the Union is to be decentralized and extended the place for its officers should not be restricted by Constitutional law. This too should be revised.

I feel that you ought to insist upon the revision of Section six of the Constitution which has to do with representation to the biennial councils. These gatherings are assuming more and more as the number of Congregations and their memberships increase, the character of mass meetings at which no serious work can be accomplished. Representation should be limited.

June 17th, 1924.

Each Congregation should be entitled to at least one delegate, one additional delegate for the first fifty above twenty-five, one additional delegate for the next fifty, one additional delegate for the next hundred, one additional for the next two hundred and one additional for the next three hundred and one additional for the next four hundred etc. thus for example, a Congregation having a membership of one hundred would be entitled to two delegates, a large Congregation having a thousand members would be entitled to no more than six delegates. I am of course suggesting just the general idea, not the specific plan.

Both Jinks and I spent a beautiful evening with you and we were both happy to have been there.

With kindest regards to Aunt Linda, permit me to remain

As Ever

NATHAN J. MILLER
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

June Nineteenth,
Nineteen Hundred Twenty-four

Dear Abba:

Many thanks for yours of the 17th which I have just received.

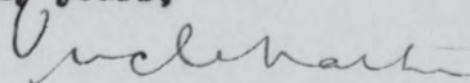
Presume we will have a meeting in Pittsburgh on Sunday and will certainly give your suggestions every attention without quoting you, as of course, I would not embarrass you in any way for the world.

Dr. Enelow was down to see me yesterday and took up with me the question of the Presidency of the Union and I covered it with him along the same lines as I did with you. Anyway, people are going away for the summer and I rather think the matter will die out until possibly next October and I will, of course, see you here long before then, I hope.

Lots of love to Virginia. All at home are well. We had telegrams and letters from the bridal couple, who seem to be having a great time; makes old codgers like myself feel a bit envious. Who was it, I am sure I do not recall, who wrote the lines:

"Oh Youth and Love! Oh Love and Youth!
Twin suns that light a waste of time,
You put to blush the cynics rhyme,
You are the sweet eternal truth."

Sincerely yours,



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