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April 26th, 1926.

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, Educational Director,
Department of Synagog & School Extension,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Gamoran:

I am laying plans for the next session of our Graduate School beginning next September.

I should like to amplify the work we are doing and I shall need your cooperation. I have been studying the Teacher's Training Course that you are developing and as a consequence I should like to have your reaction on the following suggestions.

I. We have a University of considerable size (registration is some 5000) and the Pedagogical work (Thorndyke, Dewey, Kilpatrick, etc.) of course is given in the educational department. I believe our students in the Graduate School could be directed to do the work your desire in this direction toward a teacher's diploma at the university and in a more satisfactory manner than it could be given by us.

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II. The Syllabus of our Graduate School which we have sent you, I believe covers the ground quite well in the Jewish subjects and to be sure we could add whatever other courses that you might desire in this direction. The Graduate School covers a four year course.

III. Conclusion -- Suppose now we add a fifth year requirement for those who desired to receive a Teacher's Diploma from your department. This would be in the nature of a post-graduate year. Those looking forward to receiving this diploma from the department would be required to take certain courses in the educational department of the university and certain prescribed courses in the graduate school curriculum from year to year. May I hear from you soon as to the feasibility of our working this out together?

Needless to say, we would try to conduct this work to meet your wishes. This might turn out to be a feasible way of developing teacher's training institutions in the far west.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(signed) Samuel Koch.

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Dr. A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in acknowledging
receipt of your check for \$50.00, cover-
ing your contribution to the Union of
American Hebrew Congregations for 1926.

The Officers of the Union deeply
appreciate your generous support which we
take as a very welcome evidence of your
interest in our work. The contributions
of the friends of our organization have
enabled us to continue, to the best of
our ability, the work of the Union in all
of its departments.

With renewed thanks and kind greet-
ings, I am

Cordially yours,

Resident Vice-President.

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Dr. A. H. Silver
E. 105th Street at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

September 14th, 1926.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter that I wrote to you on July 9th. You did not get it because you were out of town, I believe. Will you be kind enough to let me hear from you on this subject as I should like to be able to report on this matter definitely at the next meeting of the Commission.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for a happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran

Educational Director

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COPY

July 9th, 1926.

Dr. A. H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

First, I want to thank you for your prompt reply by telegram. It enables me to proceed immediately to discuss the proposed changes with Miss Bildersee. There is one more matter that I want to bring to your attention. There was to be a meeting of the Teacher Training Committee at the Conference. As Rabbi Koch and you were both away, we decided not to postpone matters that were pending any longer and to take them up with the individual members of the Teacher Training Committee. There were two matters that came up for consideration. One was the enclosed letter which I received from Rabbi Koch. While it is not necessary to enter into the details that might have to be arranged in order to meet the local needs in his community, it was necessary to submit the suggestion that the Union issue a national diploma for teacher training. Such a diploma would be given to all those who would meet the minimum requirements that have been set down in the curriculum for teacher training that have been approved by the Commission when it approved my monograph on the subject. (See pages 28 to 31 in "Teacher Training for Jewish Schools") Both Dr. Simon and Rabbi Calisch approved the suggestion as well as the enclosed form for a diploma.

The second matter that came up for discussion was the proposed list of publications for teacher training. I suggested the tentative list which I am enclosing herewith. Both Dr. Simon and Dr. Calisch approved it in all respects except that Dr. Simon felt that item #1 - a series of Bible Commentaries - was a somewhat too ambitious undertaking, especially in view of the fact that the Jewish Publication Society still claims that it is a part of their plan to issue Bible Commentaries from a Jewish point of view. For your information, I wish to state that this suggestion came up in a different form before the Commission about two years ago. At that time the Commission decided to communicate with the Jewish Publication Society, with a view to finding out how soon they intend to publish their Commentaries. We received a communication from the Jewish Publication Society but it did not contain any very definite information as to the possible time when their commentaries would be coming forth. Dr. Simon felt that we would meet our teachers' needs by the preparation of a Biblical Anthology, which you will recall was decided upon at the last meeting. Dr. Calisch, on the other hand, felt that the series of Bible Commentaries was most necessary and that the chances of their being published by the Jewish Publication Society, and being suitable to our needs when published, are slim. What is your opinion on this matter?

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself in which the family joins, I am

/Sincerely yours,

Educational Director

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November 2nd, 1926.

Rabbi Barnett Brickner,
Euclid Avenue Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Brickner,

I am calling a meeting of the Program Committee of which you are a member to discuss matters relating to the program of the forthcoming convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The meeting will be held at the Mid-Day Club on Thursday, November 4th at 12:15. I trust that you will make every effort to attend this first meeting of the committee.

Very sincerely yours,



Chairman.



Copy of above letter sent to;

Mr. Nathan Loeser Mr. A.J. Halle	National City Bldg. Leader-News Bldg.
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December 1, 1926

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of November 29th received, and
I thank you very much for the attention in this
matter.

Respectfully yours

SR/CHR

Samuel Reichler

[1926?]

DR. Emanuel Gamoran,
Educational Director,
Commission on Jewish Education,
Merchants Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Gamoran,

Replying to your letter of September fourteenth;
Regarding the questions raised in your letter of July ninth.

I am in favor of Dr. Simon and Rabbi Calisch
with regard to issuing a national diploma for teacher training.

As regards the second item concerning a list of publications for teacher training - I am not in favor of Item I.

Under Item 4 I would include a systematic presentation of Jewish Ethics.

It may interest you to know that the idea which I broached to you last winter, with regard to adding another session to our Religious School schedule, has been carried through. We announced last Sunday that members of the Eighth Grade have been placed in a Pre-Confirmation Department, and that they will be required to come for an additional session on Friday afternoons. Next year we hope to extend this to the Sixth Grade.

This seems to me to be the most practical way of approaching the problem of reorganization of our schools on a two-day-a-week basis. It might be well for you to get in touch with some of the Rabbis in Cincinnati and elsewhere, to see whether they will not follow suit. It is a fine opportunity to start the movement in earnest.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I sent to the parents of the Eighth Grade children of our School, after having explained the subject thoroughly to the children themselves.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. A. H. C.

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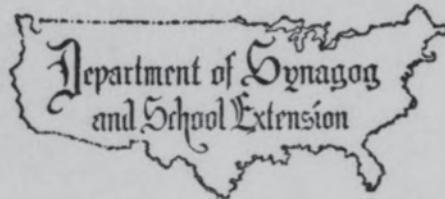


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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Congregation Tifereth Israel,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in informing you that
at the meeting of the Board of Managers
held on March 29th, you were re-appointed
a member of the Commission on Jewish Educa-
tion, to April 1st, 1930. I will appreciate
a line from you indicating your acceptance.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary.

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April 6, 1927.

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran,
Synagogue and School Extension,
Merchants Bldg.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Gamoran:

Permit me to thank you for
your kindness and thoughtfulness in
sending me a copy of your book, changing
conceptions in Jewish Education.

I hope to have the opportunity
before long of reciprocating in kind.

With best wishes, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely,

AHS:NEB

April 7, 1927.

Rabbi George Zepin,
Dept. of Synagog and School Extension,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin:

Permit me to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of April 4th,
informing me of my re-appointment as
a member of the Commission on Jewish
Education. I shall be pleased to serve.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

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The Tract Commission

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The Temple
E. 105th at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Colleague:

At a meeting of the newly organized Tract Commission held in Cincinnati on March 30th, it was decided to ask you to write two tracts: one, of a series to be published under the general title "Judaism and Other Modern Religions". The specific tract which you are asked to write under this heading will bear the title "Judaism and Christian Science". Other tracts in this same series will be "Judaism and Religious Tolerance", "Judaism and Ethical Culture", "Judaism and Unitarianism", and "Judaism and Fundamentalism". The other tract which you are asked to write is under the general title "Theology", and the specific tract is "The Messianic Hope". Other tracts in this series are "The Evolution of the God Idea", "The Social Message of the Prophets", "The Religion of the Psalmists", "Immortality", and "The Jewish Year".

I trust that you will see your way clear to writing these tracts and that you will advise us of your acceptance of this invitation at the first possible moment.

May I say that the Commission has decided to pay a uniform honorarium of One Hundred Dollars for each tract accepted for publication. It is requested that a short bibliography be attached to all tracts.

Trusting that I may hear from you very soon, and with kindest regards and fraternal greetings, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

Leon Franklin
Chairman

If you accept this invitation,
please advise us of an approximate
date at which you think you can put
the manuscript in our hands.

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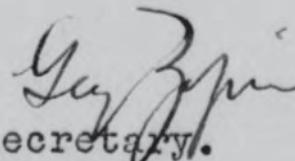
Dear Dr. Silver:

The Editorial Committee which has in charge the publication of the addresses delivered at the three Conferences on the Perpetuation of Judaism and of which Dr. Lee K. Frankel is Chairman, desires to include the address which you delivered at the close of the symposium on Wednesday evening.

I trust that we have your permission to do so and am enclosing a copy of the stenotyper's transcript of the address. Will you have the kindness to make any necessary corrections and return the copy to this office as soon as possible? The material for the book is about ready and we hope to go to press in a few days.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness and with cordial personal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary.

GZ:RG

April 21, 1927.

Rabbi George Zepin,
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin:

At your request, I am forwarding
you a corrected copy of the remarks which I
delivered at the close of the Symposium at the
last convention of the Union.

I have had the address transcribed
in order that your printer may have a clean copy.
I have made a few verbal changes in the address
and have added or eliminated a few words here
and there.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

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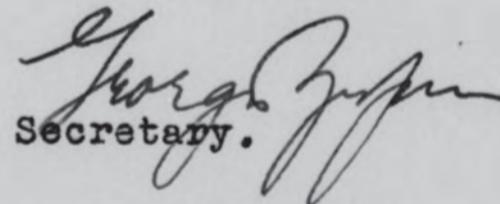
Dr. Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks very much for sending
me a corrected copy of your address
at Cleveland. Your kindness was
greatly appreciated.

With cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,


George Zspin
Secretary.

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LEON L. WATTERS
1049 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

April 28, 1927.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

As Dr. Watters is at this time out of town, I have taken the liberty of opening the enclosed letter and find that both the letter and check were apparently sent to Dr. Watters in error. I am accordingly returning them herewith.

Since the envelope was addressed to Dr. Watters at 1049 Park Avenue, I take it that there may have been a letter intended for him. If so, I would much appreciate your forwarding same to the above address.

Yours very truly,

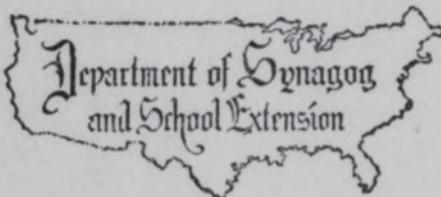
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Not having heard from you for a number of weeks I am wondering whether you have already sent out the circulars of your book to the members of your congregation. You will recall that our understanding was that I was to circulate the other congregations in Cleveland simultaneously with the circularization of your members through your office.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Louis I. Egelson
Assistant Director.

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P.S. I have not yet seen a copy of the book though I imagine we ought to get one any day.

L.E.

U. A. H. C.

Temple Scholarship Fund.

June Tenth
1927

Rabbi George Zepin,

Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin,

Mrs. H. Auerbach has shown me the correspondence which you have had with her.

The reason the Temple Women's Association decided to apportion a second scholarship of \$500.00 by itself is due to the fact that the Association did not receive acknowledgment in your published record or for the two \$500.00 scholarships sent to you.

On October 11th, 1926, you acknowledged to Mrs. Ralph Rosenfeld the receipt of \$1000.00 for two complete scholarships for the year 1926-1927, but in the Sisterhood Year Book The Temple Women's Association was credited with only \$700.00, and in your letter to Mrs. Auerbach, dated May 26th, you repeat this error.

Some one in your organization seems to have a genius for such mistakes. The Temple sent you six months ago \$1460.00 for 1460 Temple members. In the Year Book of the Union, which has just appeared, you credit The Temple with 1200 members.

I wish that you would make the proper corrections at once.

With kindest regards and wishing you a pleasant summer, I am

Very sincerely yours,

U - Zepin

June 16, 1927.

Rabbi George Zepin,
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 15th.

You state "With reference to the contribution of \$1460.00 to pay for 1460 Temple members, beg to state that the check was evidently not accompanied by a letter and for that reason the Bookkeeping Department did not know that any special credits were intended and merely credited the amount to the account of the Congregation."

But your Bookkeeping Department evidently forgot to credit the amount to the account of the Congregation. In your 53rd Annual Report on Page 82, you credit Congregation Tifereth Israel with \$3111.50 which was sent to you exclusive of the membership dues so that neither among the contributions received from congregations nor in the ledger of congregations is our Temple credited with the amount of money which was actually sent to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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U. A. H. C.

COPY - Dr. F. H. Silver

July 18, 1927.

Mr. David A. Brown,
General Necessities Corp.
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Brown;

I take pleasure in enclosing a memorandum of Sunday's meeting, and in addition thereto I beg to state that I met Rabbis Feuerlicht, Rauch and Morgenstern and Mr. Meyrowitz at the hotel later in the day, where we went over the situation again.

It seemed to be the general opinion that a letter should be gotten out over the signature of the president of the Alumni Association or the Alumni Committee, or signed by yourself, Rabbi Feuerlicht and Mr. Vogelstein, this letter to be in the nature of an appeal with the request that same be read from the pulpit on Yom Kippur.

Another idea that was brought out at this meeting was that the quotas ought to be revised upwards in order to furnish some sort of guidance to the committee that is to visit each city.

It is needless to say that both of the above suggestions await your approval before any further action is taken.

Rabbi Feuerlicht promised to come down to Cincinnati during the last week of August or the first week of September in order to arrange the list of speakers, and also to design some literature for distribution.

I am taking it for granted, of course, that nothing will be done before I have the opportunity of getting in touch with you in the early fall and presenting to you, if possible, letters, lists, and everything else that may be of use in the campaign.

With kindest regards, and trusting that you will spend a pleasant summer, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

George Zepin

Secretary.

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NEW YORK CITY, July 17, 1927.

Memorandum of Conference between Mr. David A. Brown and Committee
of the Hebrew Union College Alumni.

In response to an invitation from Mr. David A. Brown a conference was held in New York City which was attended by Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Board of Finance, Mr. Ludwig Vogelstein, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Union, Rabbis M. Feuerlicht, and Joseph Rauch, members of the Committee of Alumni of the Hebrew Union College. Dr. Morgenstern, Rabbi Zepin, and Mr. Arthur Meyerowitz attended the conference unofficially.

Rabbi Feuerlicht for the Alumni stated that they had no desire to change the present plan of operation but wished merely to stir up additional enthusiasm by arranging for visits to various weak cities by members of the Alumni who had ability along these lines. After considerable discussion the following general plan of operation was proposed by Mr. Brown:

1. Late in August a special statement on the condition of the Union to be issued by Mr. Vogelstein, Mr. Brown, and the president of the Alumni Association.
2. In September Rabbi Feuerlicht to get out a letter to Rabbis stating what was done in Cape May and stressing the obligation that the Alumni had assumed.
3. A list of the weak cities would have to be made; also a list of the speakers and dates for the meetings.
4. In addition to a group of rabbis there should also be a group of laymen to visit various points, especially the large cities where our collections are in sufficient. Preference was expressed for dinner meetings of about fifty people rather than Mass meetings.
5. These visits are to be followed up by the organization of local committees using Brotherhood members as well as Sisterhood members for the purpose of carrying out the plans determined upon at the meetings.
6. In addition to the above plan which contemplates securing community support Mr. Brown offered to supply a list of individual men of means for special case work, the same to be regards as extras. This list was prepared by the United Jewish Campaign.
7. The plan to begin as early as practical after September 1st and should be completed by December 1st.

Dr. Morgenstern made the following suggestions:

- a. That a report of the work of the Alumni be made at each annual meeting of the Alumni as an incentive for future work.
- b. Requests that loyalty of Alumni be not continuously questioned.
- c. Doubts the advisability of advertising too much that the congregations are not supporting the Union adequately.
- d. Asks advice with reference to gaining greater publicity for the Hebrew Union College.

Rabbi Feuerlicht suggests that the accomplishments of the Alumni would make very good publicity news in any campaign.

Before the conference closed Mr. Brown promised to work out the details of the plan of operation before September.

U.A.H.C.

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- Resolved that the Commission favor the publication of a series of commentaries which shall:
1. Set forth the traditional interpretations.
 2. Embody the results of modern biblical study.
 3. Emphasize the spiritual value of the Bible of modern Jews.

It was further resolved that a committee of five be appointed for further elaboration of a plan to carry out the above project, the committee to report back to the Commission.

The Chairman of the Commission, Dr. David Philipson, has appointed the following committee:

Dr. Samuel Schulman, Chairman
Dr. Julian Morgenstern
Rabbi S. Felix Mendelsohn
Dr. William Rosenau
Dr. A. H. Silver

With kind greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary

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P.S. The minutes of the Commission will be sent to you in a few days.

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COMMISSION ON RESEARCH

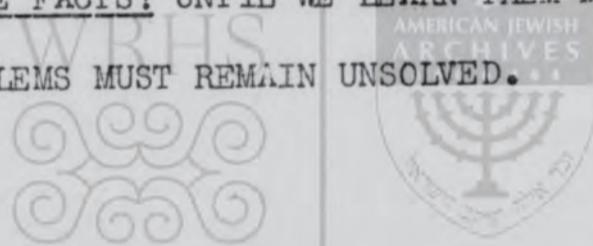
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SOME JEWS FEEL THAT MODERN JUDAISM HAS FAILED TO HOLD ITS FORCES AGAINST THE ONSLAUGHT OF AMERICAN LIVING AND THINKING. OTHERS CONTEND THAT THE LAST TEN YEARS HAVE WITNESSED A REMARKABLE REVIVAL IN JEWISH LIFE.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS? UNTIL WE LEARN THEM MANY IMPORTANT JEWISH PROBLEMS MUST REMAIN UNSOLVED.



This booklet gives you the opportunity to express your beliefs and opinions on many aspects of Judaism. Your name will not appear on any part of it so you may feel free to answer as frankly and as honestly as you wish. You will find complete instructions at the top of each page. Begin on page one and answer all the questions. Be careful not to omit any.

In complying with this request as fully and as responsibly as possible you will be rendering a great service to judaism.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON THIS BOOKLET

Page I

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY PLACING A CHECK IN THE PARENTHESES () IN FRONT OF EACH STATEMENT WHICH DESCRIBES YOU. LEAVE ALL OTHER STATEMENTS BLANK.

() Male () Married Age: () Below 20 () 20-29 () 30-39 () 40-49
() Female () Single () 50-59 () 60-69 () 70-79 () 80-89

- () 1 - I was born in this country
() 2 - My parents were born in this country. (Check even if only one was)
() 3 - My grandparents were born in this country (Check even if only one was)

SECULAR EDUCATION

- () 1 - I am a graduate of Elementary School
() 2 - I am a graduate of High School
() 3 - I am a graduate of College or University

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- () 1 - I have had no religious education whatever
() 2 - I attended Sunday School for a few years only
() 3 - I graduated from Sunday School or was Confirmed
() 4 - I attended Post Confirmation classes for ____ years
() 5 - I have attended classes for Adults in Jewish studies for ____ years
() 6 - I have attended week-day Hebrew School for ____ years
() 7 - I have studied in a Yeshiva or Theological Seminary

CHILDREN

- () 1 - I have no children
() 2 - My children are listed below

(LIST EACH CHILD SEPARATELY AND PLACE CHECKS ALONG THE LINE TO INDICATE WHETHER MALE OR FEMALE, WHETHER RECEIVING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ETC. LIST EVEN GROWING UP OR MARRIED CHILDREN)

Oldest child: - Age (); Male (); Female (); Now receiving Religious Education (); Received some Religious Education but discontinued after a few years (); Graduated or Confirmed (); Continued studies after Confirmation ();

Next child: - Age (); Male (); Female (); Now receiving Religious Education (); Received some Religious Education but discontinued after a few years (); Graduated or Confirmed (); Continued studies after Confirmation ();

ETC.

FINANCIAL STATUS

AS ACCURATELY AS I CAN ESTIMATE, MY TOTAL INCOME AND THAT OF MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY IS: (INCLUDE ALL EARNINGS OF THOSE WHO LIVE IN YOUR HOME)

() 1 - Below \$3000. per year () 4 - \$8000. to \$12000. per year
() 2 - \$3000. to \$5000. per year () 5 - \$12000. to \$25000. per year
() 3 - \$5000. to 8000. per year () 6 - Above \$25000. per year

MY OCCUPATION IS _____

AFFILIATIONS:

(THIS IS TO BE FILLED OUT FOR BOTH HEADS OF THE FAMILY. CHECK ANY ITEM TO WHICH EITHER HUSBAND OR WIFE BELONGS)

WE BELONG TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:-

- () 1 - A Temple (as a regular dues-paying member)
- () 2 - A Temple Men's Club or Women's Society
- () 3 - A Temple School Board or Religious School Committee
- () 4 - A Federation of Jewish Charities
- () 5 - A Jewish Hospital, Orphan Asylum, Old Folk's Home, Sanitarium or other Jewish Charitable Institution
- () 6 - The I.O.B.B., The I.O.B.A., or some other Jewish Lodge or Fraternal Order
- () 7 - The Temple Brotherhood or Sisterhood or the Council of Jewish Women
- () 8 - The Zionist Organization of America or the Hadassah
- () 9 - The Jewish Publication Society
- () 10 - A Y.M.H.A. or a Y.W.H.A.
- () 11 - A Jewish college Fraternity
- () 12 - A Jewish City or Country Club
- () 13 - A National Fraternal order in a chapter composed entirely or largely of Jews.
- () 14 - The following other Jewish Organizations: (specify) _____

I HAVE THE FOLLOWING JEWISH BOOKS OR CEREMONIAL OBJECTS IN MY HOME: (check)

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| () 1 - Sabbath Candlesticks or candelabra | () 8 - A Hebrew Bible |
| () 2 - Kiddush Cup or Goblet | () 9 - A set of the Jewish Encyclopedia |
| () 3 - A Mezzuzah | () 10 - Graetz' History of the Jews |
| () 4 - A Luach (Jewish Calendar) | () 11 - A Prayer Book |
| () 5 - A Chanukah Menorah | () 12 - Books on Jewish subjects, such as History, Bible, Religion - How many? |
| () 6 - A Mizrach | () 13 - Books of Jewish fiction for children - How many? |
| () 7 - An English Bible | () 14 - Books of Jewish fiction for adults - How many? |

I READ THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS FREQUENTLY: - (if you subscribe to any underline them)

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| () 1 - The Jewish Daily Bulletin | () 4 - The B'nai Brith Magazine |
| () 2 - The Menorah Journal | () 5 - The New Palestine |
| () 3 - A Jewish weekly magazine (like the American Hebrew, American Israelite, Jewish Tribune, or similar local journal) | () 6 - Young Israel or Young Judea |
| | () 7 - A Yiddish Newspaper |

AMONG MY CIRCLE OF INTIMATE FRIENDS (i.e.) THOSE WHO EAT AT MY TABLE, GO OUT WITH ME, ETC., THE PROPORTION OF CHRISTIANS IS:- (underline)

ALL: Almost all: Three Quarters: One-Half: One Quarter: Almost None: None:

THE AMOUNT OF ANTI-JEWISH PREJUDICE WHICH I HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN MY OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THIS COUNTRY IS:- (underline)

A very great deal: A great deal: Some: Very little: None:

INDICATE HOW OFTEN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CEREMONIALS IS OBSERVED IN YOUR HOME, BY UNDERLINING REGULARLY, SOMETIMES OR NEVER.

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| 1 - Going to Temple on Saturdays..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 1 |
| 2 - Going to Temple on Sundays..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 2 |
| 3 - Going to Temple on Rosh Hashonah & Yom Kippur..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 3 |
| 4 - Going to Temple to say Kaddish for Yahrzeit..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 4 |
| 5 - Lighting Sabbath Candles..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 5 |
| 6 - Saying Kiddush (Sanctification of Wine) Friday night | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 6 |
| 7 - Having Chanukah lights lit on Chanukah..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 7 |
| 8 - Fasting on Yom Kippur..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 8 |
| 9 - Having a Seder at home during Passover..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 9 |
| 10 - Observing the dietary laws about forbidden animals..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 10 |
| 11 - Saying Grace at meal times..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 11 |
| 12 - Decorating the house with greens during Shavuoth..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 12 |
| 13 - Having a Succah during Succoth..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 13 |
| 14 - Staying home from business on Saturday..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 14 |
| 15 - Reciting prayers privately at home..... | REGULARLY-SOMETIMES-NEVER- | 15 |

BETWEEN ARE A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS. READ EACH ONE CAREFULLY AND INDICATE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT BY UNDERLINING LIKE, DISLIKE OR INDIFFERENT.

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|---|--------------------------|------|
| 1 - To go to Temple..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 1 |
| 2 - To read prayers responsibely or in unison in Temple.... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 2 |
| 3 - To have prayers read in Hebrew in Temple..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 3 |
| 4 - To have more time for Silent Prayer and Meditation.... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 4 |
| 5 - To take part in the singing during services..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 5 |
| 6 - To have a Cantor read and sing the services..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 6 |
| 7 - <u>To have Christians singing in the Choir.....</u> | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 7 |
| 8 - To hear sermons on popular books and plays..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 8 |
| 9 - To hear sermons on the Bible and Jewish subjects..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 9 |
| 10 - To hear sermons on political and economic subjects.... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 10 |
| 11 - To observe Jewish Ceremonials at home..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 11 |
| 12 - To send your children to Religious School..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 12 |
| 13 - <u>To have Christians as intimate personal friends.....</u> | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 13 |
| 14 - <u>To have your son or daughter marry a Christian who becomes converted to Judaism.....</u> | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 14 |
| 15 - <u>To have your son or daughter marry a Christian who refuses to become converted to Judaism out of faith.</u> | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 15 |
| 16 - To hear of a Jew winning some great International Honor..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 16 |
| 17 - To be employed by Christians..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 17 |
| 18 - To employ Jews in your business..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 18 |
| 19 - To do business with Jews..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 19 |
| 20 - To have a Jewish homeland in Palestine..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 20 |
| 21 - To be told you do not look at all Jewish..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 21 |
| 22 - To hear that Jews are more intelligent than Gentiles... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 22 |
| 23 - To hear a Jew spoken of as a "Kike" by Christians..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 23 |
| 24 - To hear a Jew spoken of as a "Kike" by other Jews..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 24 |
| 25 - To be generally recognized as a Jew by Christians..... | LIKE-DISLIKE-INDIFFERENT | - 25 |

EACH STATEMENT BELOW HAS FOUR DIFFERENT ENDINGS OF WHICH ONLY ONE IS CORRECT. READ EACH STATEMENT CAREFULLY AND UNDERLINE THE ENDING WHICH YOU THINK IS THE CORRECT ONE.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- a - The father of Isaac was.....ABRAHAM: MOSES: NOAH: JACOB:
 b - Saul was aPRIEST: PROPHET: KING: JUDGE

- 1 -The first Jew was.....MOSES: ABRAHAM: ADAM: NOAH - 1
 2 -Moses led the Hebrews out of.....CANAAN: EGYPT: UR: BABYLON - 2
 3 -The first King of the Hebrews was.....MOSES: JOSHUA: DAVID: SAUL - 3
 4 -The first Temple was built by.....DAVID: JOSHUA: SOLOMON: EZRA - 4
 5 -The Kingdom was divided after the death of...SAUL: JEREBOAM: HEZEKIAH: SOLOMON - 5
 6 -Hezekiah was aPRIEST: PROPHET: JUDGE: KING - 6
 7 -Isaiah was aPRIEST: PROPHET: JUDGE: KING - 7
 8 -The Jews were permitted to return from
 Babylon by.....CYRUS: DARIUS: ALEXANDER: XERXES - 8
 9 -The first of the Scribes was.....BEZALEL: ZECHARIAH: JEREMIAH: EZRA - 9
 10-The revolt against Antiochus was led by...AKIBA: JUDAH MACCABEE: JOSEPHUS: HYRCANUS - 10
 11-The Pharisees were a sect of.....ROMANS: CHRISTIANS: JEWS: GREEKS - 11
 ;2-The second Temple was destroyed by the....ASSYRIANS: ROMANS: BABYLONIANS: PERSIANS - 12
 13-Herod was aKING: GENERAL: RABBI: PRIEST - 13
 14-Hillel was aKING: GENERAL: RABBI: PRIEST - 14
 15-The Babylonian Jews were ruled by their own....PATRIARCH: KING: GAON: EXILARCH - 15
 16-The mystic movement in Judaism is the....CABALAH: CHAZARS: HASKALLAH: KARAITES - 16
 17-The greatest Hebrew Commentator on
 the Bible and Talmud was.....MAIMONIDES: RASHI: IBN GABIROL: PHILO - 17
 18-The greatest Medieval Hebrew Philosopher
 and Physician was.....MAIMONIDES: RASHI: IBN GABIROL: PHILO - 18
 19-The Jews were expelled from Spain in.....1298; 1394: 1492: 1534 - 19
 20-A famous False-Messiah of the 17th
 Century was.....SABBATAI ZEVI: SPINOZA: KARO: SERENE - 20
 21-The effect of the "May Laws" in Russia was...BENEFICIAL: HARMFUL: BOTH: NEITHER - 21
 22-The Reform Movement was founded in.....AMERICA: POLAND: GERMANY: FRANCE - 22
 23-The first Jewish settlers in America were.....GERMAN: RUSSIAN: POLISH: SPANISH - 23
 24-The first book of the Bible is called.....GENESIS: PROPHETS: EXODUS: PSALMS. - 24
 25-The man who was saved from the Flood was...ABRAHAM: LOT: NOAH: JACOB - 25
 26-The story of David and Goliath is told in the
 Book of.....JOSHUA: JUDGES: SAMUEL: KINGS - 26
 27-The prophet who was swallowed by a fish was.....JOB: MALACHI: JONAH: JOEL - 27
 28-The book containing many of the prayers used
 today in the Synagogue is.....LAMENTATIONS: PROVERBS: GENESIS: PSALMS - 28
 29-The book containing the refrain "Vanity
 of Vanities; all is Vanity" is.....ECCLESIASTES: LAMENTATIONS: PROVERBS: JOB - 29
 30-The Holiday on which we build Booths is.....PASSOVER: SHEVUOTH: SUCCOTH: PURIM - 30
 31-The Holiday on which we blow the Shofar...SHEVUOTH: PASSOVER: ROSH HASHONAH: PURIM - 31
 32-The giving of the Law is celebrated on...PASSOVER: SHEVUOTH: SUCCOTH: SIMCHAS TORAH - 32
 33-The Scroll of Esther is read on.....SUCCOTH: PURIM: PASSOVER: CHANUKAH - 33
 34-The Prayer for the dead is called.....KIDDUSH: KADDISH: SHEMA: Yahrzeit - 34
 35-The Palm-branch used on Succoth is called.....ESROG: HABDALLAH: LULAB: MAROR - 35
 36-The Rite of Circumcision is called.....BRITH: PIDYON HA'BEN: MOHEL: SHOCHET - 36
 37-The portion read from the Prophets
 during Sabbath services is called.....HAFTORAH: SIDRA: SEFER TORAH: MINCHA - 37
 38-Leaven of any kind is called.....MATZOH: MAROR: CHOMETZ: AFIKOMEN - 38
 39-Yom Kippur falls during the month of.....NISSAN: TISHRI: KISLEV: ADAR - 39
 40-The special prayers of Praise recited in
 the synagogue on Jewish Holidays are called....AMIDAH: MUSAPH: SHEMA: HALLEL - 40

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS OF STATEMENTS CONTAINS THREE DIFFERENT OPINIONS ABOUT A CERTAIN RELIGIOUS QUESTION. READ THESE THREE DIFFERENT OPINIONS CAREFULLY AND CHECK THE ONE IN EACH GROUP WHICH COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR OWN OPINION. BE CAREFUL TO CHECK ONLY ONE IN EACH GROUP AND DO NOT OMIT ANY GROUPS.

Group I.

- () a. I believe that there is a God.
- () b. I believe that there is no God.
- () c. There may be a God, but I am not convinced.

Group II.

- () a. What people call God is merely the laws of nature.
- () b. God is the great Father who lovingly guides us all.
- () c. God is a supreme, intelligent force working for the good but not interested in the individual.

Group III.

- () a. Prayer is valuable because God hears and answers us if we are worthy.
- () b. Prayer is valuable only for its psychological effect upon us.
- () c. Prayer has no value whatever.

Group IV.

- () a. Death is the end of everything for us.
- () b. After death the soul lives on in the Hereafter.
- () c. The soul may live on after death, but I am not convinced.

Group V.

- () a. The miracles described in the Bible actually happened.
- () b. The miracles described in the Bible never happened.
- () c. The things described in the Bible as miracles were merely natural phenomena which chanced to happen at the right moment.

Group VI.

- () a. Only the Ten Commandments were given by God to Moses.
- () b. The whole Torah was given by God to Moses.
- () c. No part of the Torah was given by God to Moses, but all of it was written by men.

Group VII.

- () a. Sin is always punished by the natural consequences of the act.
- () b. Sin is always punished by God.
- () c. Sin is not necessarily followed by punishment of any kind.

Group VIII.

- () a. The progress of Science will ultimately destroy Religion.
- () b. The progress of Science will ultimately strengthen Religion.
- () c. Science and Religion have nothing to do with each other and can go their own ways without conflicting.

Group IX.

- () a. Success and happiness are sent by God to those who are, in the long run, most deserving of it.
- () b. Success and happiness depend, in the long run, upon our own intelligence, effort, and care.
- () c. Success and happiness depend, in the long run, on luck and other purely accidental factors beyond anyone's control.

Group X.

- () a. There is no justification for Israel's survival, except perhaps its mere right to exist if it wishes to.
- () b. The main justification for Israel's survival lies in our hope of making further cultural contributions to civilization.
- () c. The main justification for Israel's survival lies in our desire to fulfill our religious mission to mankind.

DO THE SAME ON THIS PAGE AS YOU DID ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE, THAT IS, CHECK THE ONE STATEMENT IN EACH GROUP WHICH COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR OWN OPINION.

Group I.

- () a. Marriage with a Gentile is never justifiable.
- () b. Marriage with a Gentile is justifiable if he agrees to accept Judaism.
- () c. Differences in religion should not interfere with any marriage.

Group II.

- () a. The most important cause of anti-semitism is jealousy and fear of competition.
- () b. The most important cause of anti-semitism lies in the Church's teachings.
- () c. The most important cause of anti-semitism is the conduct of certain undesirable types of Jews.

Group III.

- () a. Ceremonials have no value in modern Judaism and ought to be abolished.
- () b. Even though ceremonials do not appeal to adults they ought to be retained for the sake of their value for children.
- () c. Ceremonials have great emotional and inspirational value for adults as well as for children and ought to be retained.

Group IV.

- () a. To give an adequate Jewish education to our children the Sunday Schools must have more than one session a week.
- () b. One session a week would be sufficient if the Sunday Schools were not so inefficient and badly run.
- () c. The Sunday Schools are now giving quite an adequate Jewish education.

Group V.

- () a. Palestine should be built up as a world-center for Jewish cultural activity and a refuge for persecuted and oppressed Jews.
- () b. Palestine should be built up so that Jews may have a land and government of their own and cease to be men without a country.
- () c. The upbuilding of Palestine has no real justification and does not deserve the great attention it is receiving today.

Group VI.

- () a. The cultured and intellectual type of modern Jew has outgrown the need for the Temple.
- () b. The cultured and intellectual type of modern Jew has a need for the Temple but finds it unattractive and unappealing in its present state.
- () c. The Temple is quite adequate in its present state to meet the needs of any cultured and intelligent modern Jew.

Group VII.

- () a. The type of Rabbi most needed today is the one who can deliver an eloquent and stimulating sermon.
- () b. The type of Rabbi most needed today is the one who devotes himself mainly to pastoral work in the homes of members of his congregation.
- () c. The type of Rabbi most needed today is the one who devotes himself mainly to educational work with the children and the parents.

Group VIII.

- () a. The home exerts so little Jewish influence on its children today because the parents are too much interested in their own affairs.
- () b. The home exerts so little Jewish influence on its children today because the parents themselves are generally ignorant of things Jewish.
- () c. The home exerts as much of a Jewish influence today as ever; possibly more.

Group IX.

- () a. There is no reason why Jews and Gentiles should not mingle as much as they desire, socially, in business and any other way.
- () b. It is justifiable for Jews to have business and professional dealings with Gentiles but the line ought to be drawn at social relationships.
- () c. The less Jews have to do with Gentiles, the better off they will be.

WHAT ARE THE THINGS WHICH MAKE US FEEL JEWISH? THE ANSWER IS PROBABLY NOT THE SAME FOR EVERY JEW. IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT.

ON THIS PAGE ARE A NUMBER OF FACTORS TO WHICH VARIOUS PEOPLE ATTRIBUTE THEIR FEELING OF JEWISHNESS. READ THEM CAREFULLY AND CHECK ONCE THOSE THAT YOU FEEL TO BE IMPORTANT IN YOUR OWN CASE, CHECK TWICE THE MORE IMPORTANT ONES AND CHECK THREE TIMES THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES.

THE FACTORS TO WHICH I ATTRIBUTE MY FEELING OF JEWISHNESS ARE:-

- ()1. Having been born a Jew I instinctively feel Jewish.
- ()2. I get a thrill of pride when I read or hear about Jewish achievements and accomplishments in the past or present.
- ()3. My knowledge of the history and literature of Judaism makes me feel Jewish.
- ()4. My instinctive sympathy for Jews who are oppressed or afflicted makes me feel Jewish.
- ()5. The outside world makes me feel that I am alien to it and do not "belong", which emphasizes my feeling of Jewishness.
- ()6. The fact that I move in Jewish circles and instinctively enjoy my contacts with Jews more than with others makes me feel Jewish.
- ()7. My feeling that we Jews have a unique cultural heritage which ought to be preserved and handed on to future generations makes me feel Jewish.
- ()8. My feeling that we Jews are endowed with certain uncommon and valuable traits and talents which ought to be preserved makes me feel Jewish.
- ()9. My feeling that the Jews still have many valuable contributions to make to humanity makes me feel Jewish.
- ()10. The fact that I was brought up in a real Jewish home is a large factor in my Jewishness.
- ()11. My conviction that Judaism is a more sensible and acceptable religion than any other with which I have come into contact makes me feel Jewish.
- ()12. My love for Jewish ceremonials makes me feel Jewish.
- ()13. My feeling that Jews have a loftier ethical and moral code than others makes me feel Jewish.
- ()14. My knowledge of Yiddish or Hebrew greatly emphasizes my feeling of Jewishness
- ()15. I feel Jewish because of my conviction that the Jews are a nation and my hope that we will some day have our own land and government again.

HOW WOULD YOU RANK YOURSELF AS A JEW, TAKING ALL THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION? CHECK THE ITEM BELOW WHICH BEST REPRESENTS YOUR OPINION.

- ()1. A very good Jew (feeling more strongly Jewish than the average)
- ()2. A fairly good Jew (feeling about as strongly Jewish as the average)
- ()3. A borderline Jew (feeling somewhat Jewish but not very strongly so)
- ()4. An indifferent Jew (not denying that I am a Jew but having no interest at all in Judaism)
- ()5. Not a Jew at all (Denying that I am a Jew and desiring to have nothing at all to do with Judaism)

THIS BOOKLET HAS TRIED TO TOUCH UPON THE MOST IMPORTANT PHASES OF JUDAISM. THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY MANY THINGS WHICH WE HAVE LEFT OUT ABOUT WHICH YOU HAVE DECIDED OPINIONS AND UPON WHICH YOU MIGHT WISH TO COMMENT.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE ANY SUCH COMMENTS PLEASE WRITE THEM ON THE BACK OF THIS BOOKLET OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET AND ATTACH IT. DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME.

KINDLY MAIL THIS BOOKLET WITHOUT DELAY TO THE COMMISSION ON RESEARCH, 2 EAST 76th STREET, NEW YORK CITY. WE SHALL BE PLEASED TO ANSWER INQUIRIES OR REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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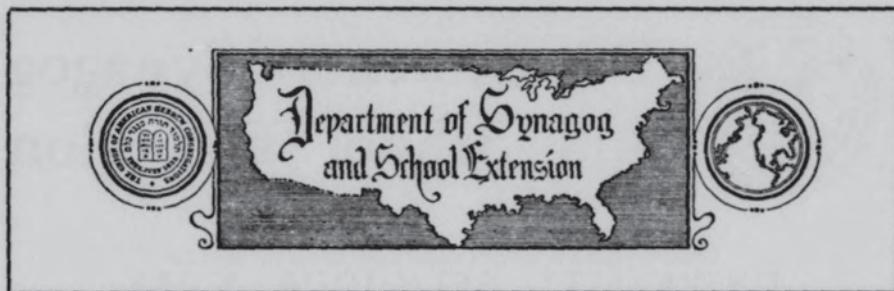
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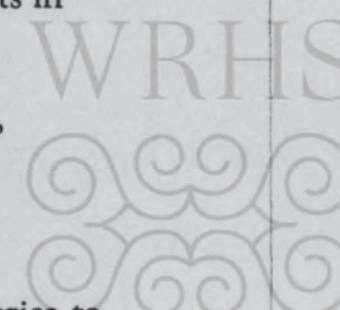
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3. Orations are to be sent to the Award Committee.
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Euclid Avenue Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Brickner,

I am enclosing herewith
a copy of the service which will be used
next Sunday night. I would suggest that
you lead the service to the bottom of page
three and I will take the Adoration and
Kaddish on page four. Mr. Roger will play
the responses and I would therefore suggest
that you go over your part of the service
with him.

With kindest regards, I am
Very sincerely yours,

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A.H.Silver

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
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My dear Friend:

I am enclosing a correspondence
between Dr. Alfred Wms. Anthony of New York
and myself. The correspondence was called
forth by the joint telegram which we sent from
Cleveland. Doubtless you will be interested
in this exchange of letters.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

David Philipson.

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January 19, 1927.

Rabbi David Philipson
270 McGregor Ave.
Mt.Auburn, Cincinnati O.

Dear Dr. Philipson:

The telegram from Cleveland signed by you and Drs. Enelow, Silver Wolsey and Simon came promptly to hand.

You will bear in mind, of course, that our Committee on Goodwill between Jews and Christians, while it is a Committee of the Federal Council, does not represent all of the Federal Council. The Federal Council is not homogeneous, as is true of almost every organization. Our Committee has said repeatedly that our greatest task was with our own people that in our own constituency within the denominations which composed the Federal Council are extremists like the Klu Klux Klan and the Fundamentalists, and those of every type and stripe of Christian, and we can never speak for them all. We can speak only for that part of the Federal Council which freely accords with our views.

The significant thing is that the entire Federal Council permits the existence of a Committee such as ours, with a platform such as that on which we stand. It is our task to attract to this platform all we can. It is significant that more and more people are coming to this platform. Your people must be patient with us, and with the constituency which is behind us. It would be most unfortunate if you were to require us to do an impossible thing. It would be almost as unfortunate if any utterance from your people, which could be regarded as a protest, were to be made public, and thus emphasize the difference between us. We will make progress if we emphasize the things which are common rather than the things which are divisive.

We were to have had a conference with Dr. John R. Mott yesterday afternoon, but Mr. Herring could not be present, and we did not know until too late that you people had made arrangements for Dr. Grossman to represent you. We thought you would be unrepresented, and consequently the conference was called off. Now Dr. Mott has made appointment for a conference on the next date which is possible for him, which is Friday, February 25th at 11 a. m. in his office, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City. We hope that representatives of your people will be present at that Conference.

You may rest assured that our Committee will take no compromising attitude toward this question.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) Alfred Wms. Anthony
Chairman.

January 24 1927

Dr. Alfred Wms. Anthony
105 East Twenty Second St
New York

Dear Dr. Anthony:

I have your letter of January 19th in response to our joint telegram sent from Cleveland. My colleagues and I were greatly distressed when we learned of the program of the Budapest Conference. We had hoped that the movement for Good Will between Christians and Jews would put an end to the active propaganda for the conversion of Jews to Christianity. For that reason we sent the telegram which speaks for itself.

I know your difficulties with your constituency. A century old point of view is not changed in a trice. It will require a long time to educate your masses to the standpoint occupied by men like yourself and Mr. Merring. We are perfectly willing to exercise patience, as you request, but what we would like to know is whether there will be any representation made to the Budapest Conference to abandon the historic attitude of the question of the conversion of the Jews and substitute therefor the program adopted by our Joint Committee on Good Will quoted in our telegram.

I should much like to attend the conference with Dr. Mott but it is impossible for me to be in New York on February 25. If the conference can be held a week earlier, namely Friday February 18, I will be able to attend. Kindly let me know whether this change is possible,

With cordial regards, I am,

Faithfully Yours,

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Dr. A. H. Silver,
1486 E. 106th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have recently received a revised copy of the play "Ezra" by Rabbi Joseph Leiser. This play has been submitted to a Committee of the Commission on Jewish Education consisting of Rabbi Maximilian Heller, Rabbi Louis Witt and yourself and has been rejected. The author is now submitting it again for re-consideration by the Commission.

As the manuscript was originally submitted during the year that I was in Palestine, I did not have the opportunity to read it or to make a report on it at that time. I am enclosing a report, however, on the revised manuscript.

In accordance with the decision of the Commission at its last meeting, a report on a manuscript of this type should be ready a week after its receipt by the Commission. May I not request you, therefore, to let me hear from you by February 7th?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamson

Educational Director,
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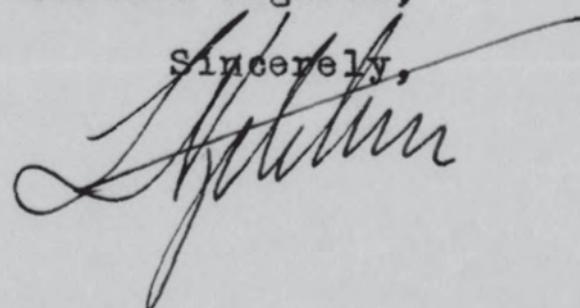
My dear Dr. Silver:

I beg to extend to you and to your fellow-members of the Cleveland Executive Committee the sincere thanks of the officers of the Union for your cooperation in making the Cleveland Council such an outstanding success. Having dealt with Conventions before, we all realize the amount of effort that was put into this work long before the Convention opened.

I particularly appreciate the fine sentiments that you expressed at the Symposium on Wednesday night. The best that any Convention can do is to arouse enthusiasm and to give the delegates broader outlooks. I believe this was accomplished to a very marked degree. For your participation in the deliberations, etc., please accept my thanks.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,



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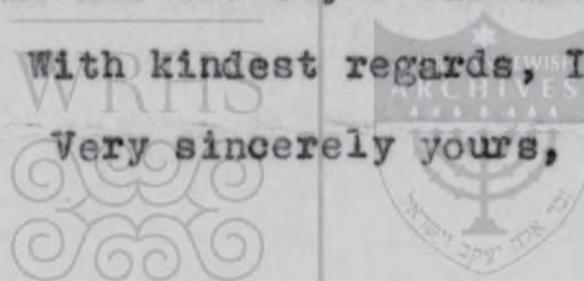
Dr. Emanuel Gamaron,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Gamaron,

I am in full agreement with your report on Joseph Leiser's "Ezra". Your objections are valid. The play is not the kind that our commission ought to publish. Neither the theme nor the style warrant publication.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



REPORT ON "EZRA" BY JOSEPH LEISER

I have read the play "Ezra" carefully now that it has been revised by the author. I did not report on this play previously as it had been submitted while I was away from the country.

In this play the author attempts to depict the struggle that went on in Palestine immediately following the Babylonian Exile and the period of Ezra and Nehemiah. In my opinion the play is not well worked out either as a drama or as history. The drastic measures which circumstances compelled Ezra to take with regard to the sending away of the foreign women which the Israelites had married are by no means presented in favorable light. The entire presentation will be readily open to misinterpretation and might perhaps favor the point of view of those who described the movements for which Ezra was responsible as rabbinism. The author, to be sure, repeats again and again that the step which Ezra advocates has to be taken, 'the constant repetition of that fact, the fact that the race must be kept pure, does not by any means affect the sympathy of the reader. On page 41, for example, Johannah says "no, my dear sir, I am not obeying my husband, but the law of your cruel God." Both in that part and in what follows as well as in what precedes the sympathy of the reader is much more likely to be with Johannah than with Ezra.

Now whatever we may think of the human tragedy involved in the lives of the people that were affected by the step which Ezra took, Jewish history seems to have justified his action. It is hardly our object to present any play in which the sympathies would be against Ezra.

From the point of view of the drama too, I should hardly recommend this as a good play. The first act is very dull and the following two acts moderately so.

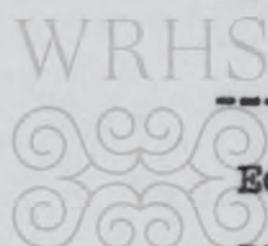
On page 3—the scene between the market women and the poet sounds very trivial.

On page 6-I should be inclined to raise the question of whether the Sabbath was really supposed to be a day of solemn reflection. It seems to me that it had certain fundamental elements in it which were rest, spiritual activity, and joy. Now, of course, I know what the intentions of the author are, but I think he fails to make them clear.

The betrayal of Elizer at the end is very suddenly introduced without any preparation and Sanballat's fearlessness and his sudden sufficient fear also indicates a rapid change without ~~any~~ explanation.

All in all I am inclined to think that this play will not be useful for our purposes and I recommend its rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



Educational Director

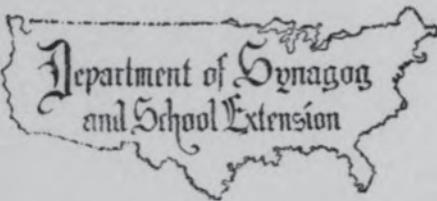
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East 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith please find a sample of the announcement of the Prize Oration Contest to be distributed among students at Universities in your district in such manner that they will receive the attention of the largest number of Jewish students. If you will undertake to conduct the contest in your district, please let me know and I will have the announcements mailed to you.

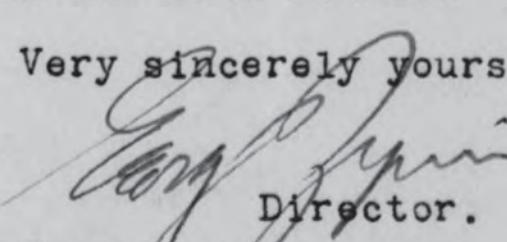
As in previous years there are to be three prizes in every supervisor's district in which the contest is to be held, as follows:

A first prize of \$50.00 for the best essay and two second prizes of \$25.00 each for the next two essays deemed worthy of award.

May I suggest that in appointing an award committee to pass on the essays, that you ask two or three of the deputy supervisors in your district to serve in that capacity.

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

Very sincerely yours,


George Zepin
Director.

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P.S. Please note change of date of expiration of Contest.
I have written the same letter to Rabbi Brickner.

G.Z.

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Rabbi George Zepin,
Synagog & School Extension,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin,

I shall be glad to assist in the conduct of the Prize Oration Contest in this district, and you may send me the necessary announcements at your convenience. I have noted your suggestion concerning the award committee.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Rabb Epstein A.H.C. Copy of Telegram

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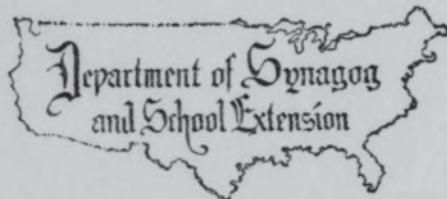
Please send me copy of
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a.h. silver.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you under separate cover 50 copies of the Prize Oration Contest announcements which I ask you to kindly distribute where they will receive the most publicity among the college students.

Thanking you for your cooperation
I am, with kind regards

Sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Director.

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I. Industrial Justice

See XX For Wolsey Cor.

February 10th, 1927.

Miss Elizabeth S. Magee,
308 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Magee,

I wish I had the time to write an article on the Industrial Justice program which was adopted at the last conference of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Unfortunately I haven't the time. I rather think that the program might be printed without comment and would tell its own story. You might state in connection that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations represents all the United Reform or Liberal Jewish Congregations in America, some three hundred in number.

With kindest regards,
I am
Very sincerely yours,

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February 10th, 1927.

Mr. Simon Lazarus,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Lazarus,

Let me thank you for your kind note of February 3rd. I am sorry to learn that you will not be able to be in New York for the meeting on March 1st. I wish you could see your way clear to come. I think the tentative draft of the Executive Committee is an excellent one. I shall keep it in mind at the meeting.

With kindest regards and trusting that you are well, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

February Twenty-seventh
1927

Dr. W. H. McMasters,
Mt. Union College,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Dr. McMasters,

I am sending to you herewith the announcement of the annual Prize Oration Contest in Universities, sponsored by the Department of Synagogue and School Extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I would appreciate it if this announcement could be displayed on the Bulletin board at Mt. Union.

All prize orations should be sent to me at The Temple, East 105th Street at Ansel Road.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

February Twenty-seventh
1927

Dr. Charles E. Miller,
Heidelberg College,
Tiffin, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Miller,

I am sending to you herewith the
announcement of the annual Prize Oration
Contest in Universities, sponsored by the
Department of Synagogue and School Extension
of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.
I would appreciate it if this announcement
could be displayed on the Bulletin board at
Heidelberg.

All prize orations should be sent
to me at The Temple, East 105th Street at
Ansel Road, Cleveland.

With kindest regards, I beg to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

Colleges in Ohio

Re Oratorical Contest

February Twenty-seventh
1927

Dr. Miner Lee Bates,
Hiram College,
Hiram, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Bates,

I am sending to you herewith the announcement of the annual Prize Oration Contest in Universities, sponsored by the Department of Synagogue and School Extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I would appreciate it if this announcement could be displayed on the Bulletin Board at Hiram.

All prize orations should be sent to me at The Temple, East 105th Street at Ansel Road, Cleveland.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

February Twenty-seventh
1927

Dr. Charles F. Wishart,
Wooster College,
Wooster, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Wishart,

I am sending to you herewith
the announcement of the annual Prize Oration
Contest in Universities, sponsored by the
Department of Synagogue and School Extension
of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.
I would appreciate it if this announcement
could be displayed on the bulletin board at
Wooster.

All prize orations should be sent
to me at The Temple, East 105th Street at Ansel
Road, Cleveland.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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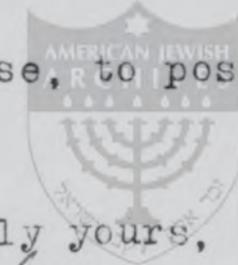
March 3rd, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
The Temple, East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We shall be glad, of course, to post the announcement
concerning the prize orations.

Very sincerely yours,



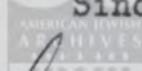
Henry L. King

PRESIDENT'S ROOM
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
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CLEVELAND

March 7, 1927

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In response to your request of February 28th we were very glad indeed to post on our bulletin boards the announcements of the annual prize oration contest in universities, sponsored by the Department of Synagog and School Extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.



Sincerely yours,

Gertson R. Schill
Secretary

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland

Oratorical Contest
in Colleges

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mount Union College

ALLIANCE, OHIO

Re Bulletin of
announcements

March 8, 1927.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Let me acknowledge with best
thanks the announcement of the annual Prize
Oration Contest in Universities, which we are
displaying on our Bulletin Board at Mount Union
College.

Here's hoping that some Mount
Union boy wins one of these prizes.

With best regards

Yours sincerely,

W. H. M. Masters

President

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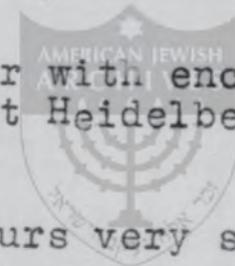
HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY
TIFFIN, OHIO
CHARLES E. MILLER, PRESIDENT

March 11, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:-

I have your letter with enclosures and write to say that we have no Jewish students at Heidelberg this year. With kindest regards I beg to remain,



Yours very sincerely,

Charles E. Miller

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Contest

BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE
BEREA, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 14, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

President Storms is in receipt of your letter calling attention to the Prize Oration Contest in Universities, sponsored by the Department of Synagogue and School Extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The bulletins which came also, are placed on our bulletin boards as you request.

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Very truly yours,


Frances J. Mills
Secretary to President Storms

U.U. Union AFN.C

Commission on
Social Justice

March 18, 1927.

Rabbi George Zepin,
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
Merchants Bldg.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of March 16th, informing me of my
appointment to membership on the Commission on Social
Justice.

I regret that I must decline this
appointment. I have been a member of this Commission
for two years and yet the report of the Social Justice
Commission which was presented at the last Union Con-
vention was never submitted to me nor was I consulted
about it.

I do not care to assume the
responsibility for the work of any committee, of
which I am a member, when I have no opportunity to
participate in the formation of the policies of such
a committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have for acknowledgment your letter
of March 18th which is being forwarded to
Mr. Vogelstein.

Officially I am not supposed to say
any more than the above nor even to hint,
however vaguely, that a similar complaint
has been heard of from other sources.

Will write again when I hear from
Mr. Vogelstein.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary.

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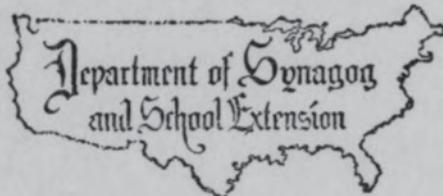
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Dr. Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of March 30th and will
of course comply with your wishes in the matter
of circularizing the members of your Congrega-
tion. If I had the membership lists of the
other congregations in Cleveland, I do not sup-
pose you would object to my circularizing them.
Would it be possible for Mr. Bluhm to send me
such a list?

Dr. Gamoran told me that you would like
to see the sample pages as well as the sample
binding of your book. I am sending it to you
under separate cover. Please return it to me
when you are through with it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Louis D. Eggen
Assistant Director.

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