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Dr. Abba H. Silver East 105th & Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am pleased to send you under separate cover two new books that we have just published. One is "In the Land of Kings and Prophets," by Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz. This is the fourth in our series of Bible Readers. The other book is "A Symposium on the Project Method" which contains the papers read at the 1927 Conference of Rabbis together with the discussion, and in addition a list, by Dr. Gamoran, of over one hundred projects related to the Jewish holidays, customs, and ceremonies.

Two additional books are on the press and should appear within the next two months: "In the Days of the Second Temple," by Jacob S. Golub, and "The Burning Bush," by Joseph Gaer.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours.

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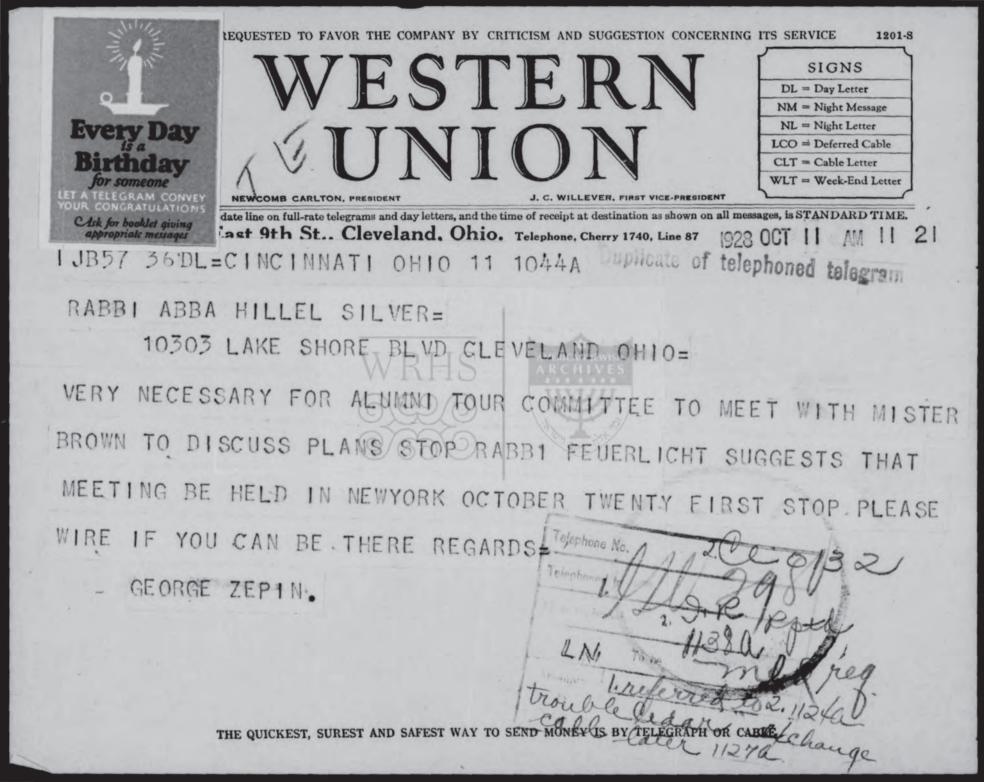
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XXXI COUNCIL Congregations - Sisterhoods - Brotherhoods SAN FRANCISCO, FEBRUARY 10-15, 1929



Telegram from Cincinati

Oct. 11th,1928.

from Mr. George Zepin

Very necessary for Alumni Tour Committee to meet with Mr. Brown to discuss plans. Rabbi Feuerlicht suggests that meeting be held in N. Y. Oct. 21st. Please wire if you can be there. Regards

Answer same date

Regret very much can not come on October 21st.

A. H. Silver

SAMUEL SCHULMAN, D. D., D. H. L. RABBI, CONGREGATION EMANU-EL 6TH AVENUE AT 76TH STREET NEW YORK CITY

> October 11 1928.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver :-

I regret to inform you that the meeting announced for October 16th will not take place, inasmuch as the majority of the Committee could not attend. Will you kindly indicate by return mail what date in November or late in October would be convenient for you. I shall also write to the Chairman of the Education Commission, Dr. Philipson, asking him whether he contemplates calling a meeting of the Commission in the immediate future. If so, it might be feasible to arrange for a meeting of our sub-committee on the day before the meeting of the whole Commission.

It is highly desirable that we have a me et ing of our Committee. We ought to take this matter of Commentaries in hand. I think we can carry it through and render a service to Americah Judaism to the extent of providing in a simple and popular commentary a necessary exposition of the Scripture for the highest grades in our schools, for our women's organizations, Bible classes, etc. I may say now, as Chairman, offering my thought as a mere suggestion to the members of the Committee, to consider it, that we are not supposed to aim at workmanship in these books, which seeks to impress the reader with the weight of learning and with endless discussions of problems of criticism and philology. As has been made clear, our enterprise does not intend to be in the nature of a competition, with the project launched by the Jewish Publication Society through its Committee on Commentaries of which the Chairman of our Commission and myself happen to be members, and which is halting for lack of funds. What we are after is, I take it, something much simpler and therefore more masily obtained. I have not the least doubt that there is talent enough within our own

Rabbinical body in this country to write that kind of handbook commentary to the Scripture which we need for our purposes; and especially under the guidance of suggestions formulated by our Committee and an earnest participation in the work by our Committee, we should SAMUEL SCHULMAN, D. D., D. H. L. RABBI, CONGREGATION EMANU-EL 5TH AVENUE AT 76TH STREET NEW YORK CITY

October 11th, 1928.

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To Rabbi A. H. Silver Page 2.

be able within two years top rovide a series of books. I am inclined to believe they will prove a source of income because they must necessarily be popular, inasmuch as they meet a real need. Therefore, I think every effort should be made for our Committee to come together. It is impossible to handle a matter of this kind by correspondence.

As soon as I feel I have a suitable date, I will let you know as to when the Committee is to meet.

Cordially yours,

With very best wishes,

SS: DB

SAMUEL SCHULMAN, D. D., D. H. L. RABBI, CONGREGATION EMANU-EL BTH AVENUE AT 76TH STREET NEW YORK CITY

October 24th, 1928.

Rev. Dr. A. H. Silver, The Temple, East 105th Street at Ansel Road, Cleveland, O.

Dear Colleague:-

As I understand, the meeting of the Commission on Education, of which we are members, will be called for December 11th, at Cincinnati.

If this meeting takes place, I herewith call a meeting of our Committee on Commentaries for Monday, December 10th, at Cincinnati, at the offices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the Merchants! Building, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

Kindly let me know whether you are ready to attend a meeting on this date, or on any day before the date selected for the meeting of the Education Commission. Please note that at such meeting of the Committee on Commentaries, you are to have material ready in the way of suggestions as to point of view, principles and methods which the Committee might suggest to prospective writers. Also, have some names ready. We ought to get together to take up this work. I differ with those who hold that we have not enough men who could write some good popular commentaries for the circles and for the purposes we have in view.

Please let me know whether you can attend the meeting.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely, Samuel Schulman

SS:DB

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November 5th, 1928

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

My dear Dr.Silver,

You will no doubt recall our correspondence with reference to the questionnaire which is being prepared by the Commission on Research to serve as a basis for its investigation of the homes of members of Reform congregations affiliated with the Union.

In view of the very helpful attitude which you displayed toward this work, I am writing to ask whether we could possibly have your cooperation in one more matter of some importance.

For the distribution of these questionnaires, we are using two techniques. The first is to mail these questionnaires to members of the various congregations requesting them to fill them out and return them to us. This technique is rather wasteful, as you can readily imagine, since the proportion of responses is usually about ten percent.

In order to amplify these results, we are trying to substitute a second technique in a number of selected congregations. Under this technique the procedure is to actually distribute the questionnaires at a Sunday morning service, requesting the congregants present to fill them out right then and there. This assures us of the responses, and is at least five times or more as efficient as the mailing technique.

The plan we are suggesting is as follows :-

- 1 That for the date selected for such distribution of the questionnaires, the topic for the sermon be announced as "An Experiment in Religion".
- 2 That when the time comes for the sermon, a few well chosen words be spoken about the necessity for research in Jewish life today, and about the importance of this particular bit of research.
- 3 That the questionnaires be distributed then with a request that those who are present proceed immediately to fill them out.
- 4 That the questionnaires be collected before the end of the service.

While this may seem somewhat difficult, it is my opinion that the novelty of this procedure and the interest which it will arouse, would certainly overbalance any of the apparent obstacles.

The questionnaire will be of such form as to be answerable in from twenty minutes to half hour. We will, of course, supply the questionnaires, pencils and any other materials which may be necessary, and will have them shipped to your Temple sufficiently in advance to make possible adequate preparation for the distribution of the questionnaires.

I should very much like to hear your reaction to this plan and the possibility of following it in your congregation.

With warmest regards and sincere thanks for your cooperation in the past, I am

Faithfully yours Directo

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BOARD OF FINANCE

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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32 W. Sixth Street CINCINNATI, O.

November 8, 1928

Dr. A. H. Silver Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have received so many assurances of cooperation from congregations and speakers that we are starting the Tour immediately. Further delay would seriously hamper preparations for the meetings.

I am enclosing the Committee's assignment to yourself and would request your acceptance by return mail. This reply, which may be made by mailing enclosed postal card, is of the utmost importance as we are planning 200 meetings and each delay is apt to cause expensive confusion.

Please also mail the enclosed card to the president of the congregation you are to visit, informing him of the time of your arrival.

You have already received a booklet telling about the Union, the College and the allied organizations and activities.

In this letter is a report sheet giving the amounts paid by the congregation in recent years. Also the real share of the Union's expenses to be borne by this congregation called the "quota". All quotas are figured on a percentage basis and are as just for one as for another.

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This Tour is a rare opportunity for spreading a knowledge of the Jewish situation in America and for organizing American Jewry to march forward towards self respecting survival.

We appreciate what each speaker is doing for Israel and thank you most cordially.

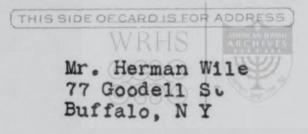
With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

David Mmm Chairman.

Please see Suggestion Leaflet for a statement of the important things to do in the city you are visiting.





City snd Date Have accepted assignment to address Tour Meeting in your city on (date) December 14 Will arrive (date) Hour Railroad

Sincerely,

Speaker

1928 - November Tour - 1928 ASSIGNMENT SHEET

City where Meeting is to be held

Buffalo, N.Y.

President

Mr. Herman Wile,

Address

77 Goodell St.

Date of Meeting

December 14th.

SPEAKER ASSIGNED

NAME	ADDRESS	
Dr. A.H. Silver,	10303 Lake Shore Blvd Cleveland, O.	

A Record of Support Received in Recent Years by Union and College

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Temple Both Zion, Buffalo, NY Congregations ordinarily billed quarterly. Collection year, January to December.

Giving History

1919 Quota assigned -Collected (including dues) 30.00

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Oct.10,1928 \$3,760.00

Paid for 1928 on the basis of their old quota. Accepted \$4,000. in addition to dues as their contribution for 1928.

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ZNovember 8, 1928.

Mr. Eugene E. Wolf, Cleveland, O.

Dear "r. Wolf:

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We are counting on the cooperation of every congregation in the November Tour, and particularly on the president of each congregation.

For years, we have heard the criticism that nobody knows the Union and the College. Here is an opportunity to spread a knowledge about the institutions nobody knows, but which are producing leaders and literature and giving guidance and direction to the Reform movement in America.

These institutions were called into existance by the congregations of the Union and the responsibility for these institutions rests squarely upon the shoulders of the congregations.

One hundred and fifty lay leaders and rabbis have volunteered their services in visiting these congregations. The Committee on Assignments has fixed a date and made the assignment of speakers for your Congregation as per enclosed sheet.

Please accept date and assigned speaker without requesting changes. The Committee has not found it an easy task.

If we are to make a success of the Tour, it is absolutely necessary for each congregation to get up a rousing meeting for this occasion. CINCINNATI

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The managing committee requests that you also arrange a luncheon or an evening dinner-meeting of the Boards of your Congregation, Sisterhood and Brotherhood where the speaker can give you a heart to heart talk about the conditions of the Union and the College.

If these meetings are followed up by actual work, our financial difficulties will be at an end. May I warn you that mail-order campaigns are a useless waste of money. We must send men to call on men if we want results.

Enclosed are several postal cards. Please mail them immediately.

With best wishes for a large and successful meeting with kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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(Signed) DAVID A. BROWN

Chairman.



DR. LOUIS L. MANN RABBI

Chicago Sinai Congregation

4600 GRAND BOULEVARD

November Twelfth, 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, 105th Street & Ansel Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.RHS

Dear Abba:

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations asked me to talk at your temple on December 14th. I wrote back and told them that I was to be at your temple anyway on December 2nd and I would then speak on such a subject that would permit of digression for the Union. I also suggested that they also appoint you to do the same thing for Sinai on December 2nd. Does this meet with your approval? If not, we will leave things as they are.

Both your congregation and mine doubtless are doing their duty. Every member of Sinai contributes to the Union. Let me hear from you.

With kindest greetings to you and your wife in which Ruth joins, I am

Sincerely,

1928 - November Tour - 1928 ASSIGNMENT SHEET

City where Meeting is to be held

Cleveland, Ohio.

President Mr. Eugene E. Wolf,

Address 1451 East Blvd.

Date of Meeting

December 14th.

SPEAKER ASSIGNED

NAME	ADDRESS
Dr. Louis L. Mann,	5042 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.
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32 W. Sixth Street CINCINNATI, O.

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November Thirteenth 1 9 2 8

Dr. Abba H. Silver Tifereth Israel Congr. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I just received a letter from Dr. Louis Mann, whom Mr. Brown assigned as the speaker for your congregation at the meeting in the interest of the Union. He says the following:

"I shall be glad to speak in Cleveland but you must change the date to December 2nd (not 14th). Silver will speak at Sinai on December 2nd so have him appointed for Sinai, no matter what you contemplated for Sinai, and I shall take Tifereth Israel."

Needless to say, this change of pulpits is entirely satisfactory to us, and I trust that you will arrange it accordingly. I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will drop me a line confirming this so that we may know that these two congregations are taken care of.

Thanking you and with kindest personal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Nov, 14th, 1928.

Dr. Louis L. Mann, Chicago Sinai Congregation, 4600 Grand Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

My dear Lou:-

I was planning to write to you this morning when I received your letter of November 12th.

At a meeting of our Board last evening the very same suggestion was made which is contained in your letter; that is instead of making a special trip to Cleveland on December 14th, that you devote part of your address on December 2d to the Union. I shall be glad to do the same thing in my address before your Congregation.

My people here have not been as good to the Union as your people. Not all of them have contributed, but the Board is now making a special effort to raise the Temple's full quota, which will not be very difficult.

Please let me have the subject of your address for December 2d so that we can give it the desired publicity. I shall speak before your Congregation on the subject, "How To Measure Life."

With kindest regards to Ruth and yourself in which Virginia joins me, I am

As ever,

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BOARD OF FINANCE

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

32 W. Sixth Street CINCINNATI, O.

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November Fifteenth, 1928.

Dr. Abba H. Silver, 10303 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are having great difficulty this year in arranging the Tour in the interest of the Union. Cities like Buffalo that have been doing quite well are raising strenuous objections to doing any more than their quota. Some of the best cities do not feel like having a mere hurrah meeting for the Union, forgetting that if they do have such a meeting the collections will be much easier next year. Where they insist on not having a meeting, of course we have to abide by their decision. As regards Buffalo, it is a fact that they are paying very liberally. We have not heard from you and I am therefore writing that the Buffalo date has been cancelled.

I should like to take this opportunity of saying one thing more. As you are a man of great strength, we need you very much in this cause. We are not assigning anything else to you except Chicago, concerning which I have already written, but would like to, should the need arise, if you would have the kindness to give me an open date. If you can let me hear from you on this point, it would be greatly appreciated.

With thanks and kindest personal greet-

Very sincerely yours,

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Nov. 15th, 1928.

Rabbi George Zepin, Union of American Hebrew Congs., 32 W. Sixth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin:-

Permit me to ocknowledge receipt of your letter of November 13th.

Dr. Louis Mann and I will exchange pulpits on December 2d and both of us will speak on the work of the Union.

permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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SYNAGOGUE HOUSE : PHONE, MADISON 6474

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

MADISON AVENUE AND ROBERT STREET

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

BALTIMORE, MD.,

November 26, 1928.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

The enclosed came today. You will be interested in it in the light of the letters that you sent me. Although I don't know just what "Jewish World Citizens" has to do with youth, perhaps Dr. Gibbons will make it clear when he sees me on Saturday.

I am also sending to you some correspondence that I have just had with David Brown. I should like your impression of the whole thing and any suggestions you might have to make as to further procedure. I am convinced that there are other prople who feel the same way as I do about the Union. My belief is that the whole cause of the difficulty is the conduct of the office by George Zepin and that we have fallen into the same difficulty that we had before the supposed cleanup at St. Louis. Without any desire to kick over the traces or to organize an opposition, it does seem to me that there should be some way in which we could get together the people who feel similarly and make ourselves felt in no uncertain terms. Just how to go about this, however, I do not know, and I wonder if you have any suggestions. Also, I would appreciate knowing your feeling as to whether it would be wise to do anything about it and as to whether there would be anything accomplished thereby.

Polly joins me in love.

Faithfully,

SYNAGOGUE HOUSE PHONE, MADISON 6474

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

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MADISON AVE. AND ROBERT ST. BALTIMORE. MD.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

November 13, 1988.

Mr. David A. Lionn Detroit, Michi a

by dear Mr. Brown:

I recret that I was unable to accept the appainment in the November Drive. The notification case only faturday evening in the late mail. The first date was for the fellowing Friday. The two places assigned no were Scranton and Paterson and represented only a few hundred dellars. These trips would have necessitated my missing two Saturday services here. I hardly then ht it worth while.

With every good wish and personal

reards.

Faithfully yours.

Marris S. Lezaron.

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Baltimore Gebrew Congregation MADISON AVE. AND ROBERT ST.

BALTIMORE. MD.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

November 10, 1928.

Mr. David A. Brown Detreit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Browns

Despite the fact that I netified the office by wire and by mail of my inability to accept the appointments, this material came to no today. I am merely enclosing it for your information as a further exhibit of the manner in which thinks are being conducted and to voice my protect a minst this continued inefficiency that you as a business man would not stand for one moment in the conduct of your personal affairs.

Flease understand that there is nothing personal in my pressing this matter at all. Is is merely this:that at a time when support for the Union is so absolutely essential and when the Union must not fail to keep its friends by maintaining a cod reputation, it is depletable that the impression should be given that affairs are negligently and loosely handled. Of course, my experience may be isolated. However, this is not the first time that I have been basharded with useless form letters and information, nor is it the first time that I have protested; and I presume that others have had the same experience.

I trust that you will take this in the spirit in which it is offered - namely, for the benefit of the erganization to the best interests of which both of us are beenly devoted. Merris S. Lezeren.

Baithfully yours,

Detroit, Michigan

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Nov. 17, 1920.

Rabbi Morris S. Lazaren Madisen Avenus & Robert Street Baltimore, Mi.

By dear Rabbi Lanaron:

I have your letters of the 15th and 14th and rearst exceedingly that the days assigned you from my Cincinnati office in connection with the November Tour (not drive, as you call it) conflicted with your regular services.

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I take it for granted of course that my office hendling the details of this November Tour has to accept the dates given then by their respective communities, and the chances are that they are attempting to have sur people fit in with their regular services.

I suppose what is true in your case would be true in practically every case where Habbis are involved, unless they are ready to five up their regular services and have seene ene else fill their pulpits it would be impossible to use Rabbis in connection with this tour.

I take it that you have notified the dincinnati effice as that they can make other arrente.

Your letter of the 14th enclosing letter from Mr. Lavy. / I can readily see that Mr. Levy is under a misapprehension. He asmuse that if his community has not the full quote as assigned by the Union that there is no further reason why we should continue our effort te familiarize the people of his commity with the Union and with the College. From this distance I am not familiar with the facts as to whether or not Seranton has measured up to its full responsibility, but taking for granted that it has, they should be envious te have you or any other well known Rabbi came to their community and present a message, not only of the Union and the College, but to present a Jewish massage for the benefit not only of the members of their concreation but far the entire commity.

Some day I am coinc to open the door to what has been in my mind in connection with this whole effort in addition to the financial problem that on the surface covered the purpose of our activities. Your own letter indicates an irritation, which shows that you yourself fail to understand our method of procedure. I am accustemed to receiving letters of this kind in which there is a constant reiteration that too much mail is being sent, too many telegrans are being sent, too much money is being wasted. I am frankly willing to take my hat off to you or ony other man who has made a success in the Ministry, but I refuse to doff my chapeau to you when it comes to the technique of conducting an effort of this nature. The fact of the matter is, mad friend, whatever favorable epinion I had of your good judgment in connection with social activities of a money raising mature, I threw in the discard because of the position you and your associates manoeuvred the United Jewish Campaign into during a period of several years which resulted in such a colescal failure that I received numerous letters of spelery from some of the finer citizens of your commanity.

I am always ready to accept critician, providing that critician can be backed up by facts, but the results of our continuous effort in this country in connection with the Union and the College speak for themselves.

(over)

When I accepted this responsibility five years are there was a cry throughout the land that the Union was unknown sutity. That people were not interested. They did not know of its work pegardless of the fact that the Malumists of the College eccupied the pulpits of the loading congregations of America. Today any Reformed Jew in this country who makes a statement of that kind labels himself deaf, dusb and blind.

It is my hope that within the next year or two that not only will we have permenently financed the budgetary requirements of the Union, but that through the tremendous amount of effort which has been put back of the Union at this time that the five million dellars endemnont fund which Mr. Adolph Cohs is attempting to raise throughout the country will be near completion, but more than both of these, will be the interest which we will have created in Reform Judalan throu hout the hand. This is not altogether my job, but I have assumed it, not because of lack of opportunities for work, but because evidently no one olse was willing to shoulder the responsibility.

With kindest regards, I remain,

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Nevember 19, 1926.

Mr. David A. Brown Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Brown:

It takes two to make a quarrel and I certainly do not intend to quarrel with you who have done so much for the Union but at the same time I do intend to try to make you see the situation which in your letter to me just received you have apparently overlooked

I hoped, as I first wrote you, and I still hope, that you will take this in the spirit in which it is offered, namely, the best interests of the Union. That was the sole thought I had in mind.

The facts are these: I received the notification of appointments to Scranton and Paterson for Nevember 16 and Nevember 30. The notification came late Saturday afterneon of the 10th. I wired and wrote Cincinnati my inability to accept these appointments During the week material came, indicating that they had not checked up on the matter. New, there are several points involved here. In the first place, the amounts to be raised in the two cities were measure. The expenses incident to making the trip from Baltimore would not have been negligible. It is certainly an open question whether it was worthwhile for me to have made the trip to these two places under these conditions, leaving a fact that Scranton had already pledged its quota and it is likewise, at least in my judgment, an open question whether it were necessary for me in the li ht of this fact and of the small quotas - or justifiable for me - to have made the trip.

Last year in the November Tour I was away from my congregation for three weeks because I believed the effort as justified. I feel that in the particular instances mentioned neither the effort nor the sacrifice was justified; that men could have been brought from much nearer vicinities to the two cities and both from the point of view of the Union and that of my congregation, this position is correct.

I do not underestimate the propaganda for the Union which I carnestly believe is in the long run perhaps just as important as the actual money received and yet there are a certain sloppiness and inefficiency and lack of tast in the conduct of the tour which it seems to no demand your attention. You yourself admit "I am accustomed to receiving letters of this kind in which there is a constant reiteration that tee much mail is being sent, tee many telegrams are being sent, tee much money is being wasted." This is the point I want to make; that is my plos is not an isolated one and if these complaints come to your office as you yourself say they do, certainly semething must be wrong. It is only my desire that the Union put its best front forward and make friends, not leee them, that makes me urge a complete and personal investigation upon your part of this whole matter.

(Over)

To Mr. David A. Brown

11/19/28

Murthermore, the large cities cannot be treated as the smaller communities. There is a certain tactlessness in setting a date for a meeting for a city like Baltimore without prior consultation with the people in Baltimore as to whether this date is agreeable in the li ht of the local conditions and engagements that may be pending. This is not said in harping criticism: the criticism comes not so much from the rabbis as from the laymon who resent this high-handed method of dealing with large Jewish communities. While a detail such as this certainly cannot come under your supervision, these people who are in charge should beer this in mind. This is not the first time this has happened: - our people were much irritated last year because the date was thrust upon them.

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An affair such as this cannot by its very nature please everybody, I grant you, but at the same time it is also equally true that it cannot be worked out on paper without taking into consideration the human elements and conditions involved.

That you say with reference to the United Jewish Campaign in Baltimore is completely and utterly baside the point. I beg to call to your attention that it was not the Jewish community of Baltimore that delayed the campaign but that it was interference on your part and on the part of other leaders in New York who went out of their way, as I remember the situation, to write to some of our Baltimore Jews in such a manner as to destroy the unity which the rabbis of the city had achieved amone Baltimore Jewry for the putting across of a united campaign. I say this only to set you right in the matter.

I can assure you that meens appreciates more than I the tramendous service that you have rendered to the Union and to the cause of Reform Judaism in this country. It is only to make that service more efficient that I call to your attention certain inadequacies and failures. So far as loyalty to the Union is concerned and to the College, I do not yield even to you in this matter.

After all, unless the various communities are happy and pleased, we shall not not that joyous support which is absolutely essential. Please think over very seriously and we into this whole matter of the office end of our organization. If there is any man that can do anything to bring efficiency into the system, it is you, and I assure you I will be among the first to support any program making for greater satisfaction in the conduct of Union affairs.

with kindest regards,

Detroit, Mich.

November 20, 1928.

Mr. Morris S. Lazaron Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Baltimore, Md.

My dear Rabbi Ingaron:

Your feller-up letter enclosing material which is part of our campaign technique, and which you evidently did not read - otherwise you would have understood the why of sending it to you - received.

I have no desire to st into discussion with you on this matter; as I stated in a provious communication, I think you are entirely out of your field in criticising our procedure. Thank od that you are not on my Advisory Committee in connection with other of my compaigns or you might tear your hair out by the roots.

I am always willing to spend from three to five conts to raise a dollar and in doing so have subjected myself to a great deal of criticism on the part of these who fail to understand that raising money is a business, and that selling a social effort is just as hard as it is to sell anything material.

Both of us are extremely busy; at least I know I am, and I would appreciate your just resting on my judgment in this matter.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

DAVID A. BRANN.

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

MADISON AVE. AND ROBERT ST. BALTIMORE, MD.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

November 22, 1928.

Mr. David A. Brown Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Brown:

So it has come to this: that an alumus of the Hebrew Union College and a loyal supporter of the Union may not apprise the Chairman of the Finance Committee of certain inefficiencies in the office and may not request that he examine the situation, in which he should be interested because he is responsible for it, without being subject to abune!

Your uncalled for personalities mean nothing to me. But that you should attempt to browbeat me into silence in the matter of Union affairs when you yourself admit that there have been numerous complaints from others is a very serious matter -serious from the peint of view of the Union.

Since when is it a crime to aske the Chairman of the Finance Conmittee to check up on the conduct of affairs? And why should the Chairman ignore mumerous complaints whether he believe them justified or not?

I assure you I do not intend to yield this point even to so redoubtable a person as you.

Faithfully yours,

Morris S. Lozaron.

BOARD OF FINANCE

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

32 W. Sixth Street CINCINNATI, O.

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> November Twenty-seventh, 1928.

Dr. A. H. Silver, c/o The Hebrew Union College, Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received a letter from Dr. Frisch, of San Antonio, which contains the following paragraph in reference to yourself:

> "Abba Hillel Silver is to speak in Houston February 5th before the Men's Club of the Temple there. I secured this engagement for him. He will be on the way to the San Francisco con-vention. If he has not already made another lecture engagement in Dallas or this neighborhood, perhaps you can persuade him to speak before our congregation in behalf of the Union on the following night, that is, the 6th or 7th. He could leave here the night of the 7th and get to San Francisco in ample time for the beginning of the Union Convention on Sunday the 10th. Even a Friday evening address at our services would, I think, permit of his getting to San Francisco on Sunday."

We are having a hard time getting the right kind of men to help us out with these meetings and I am wondering whether you could accommodate us in this.

Hoping to hear from you and with kindest personal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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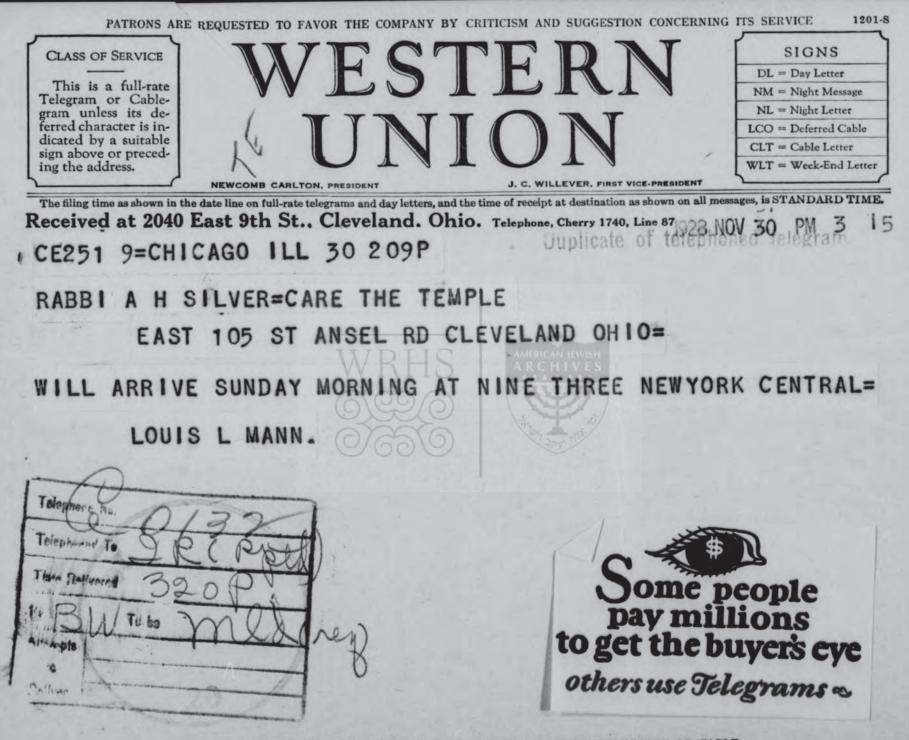
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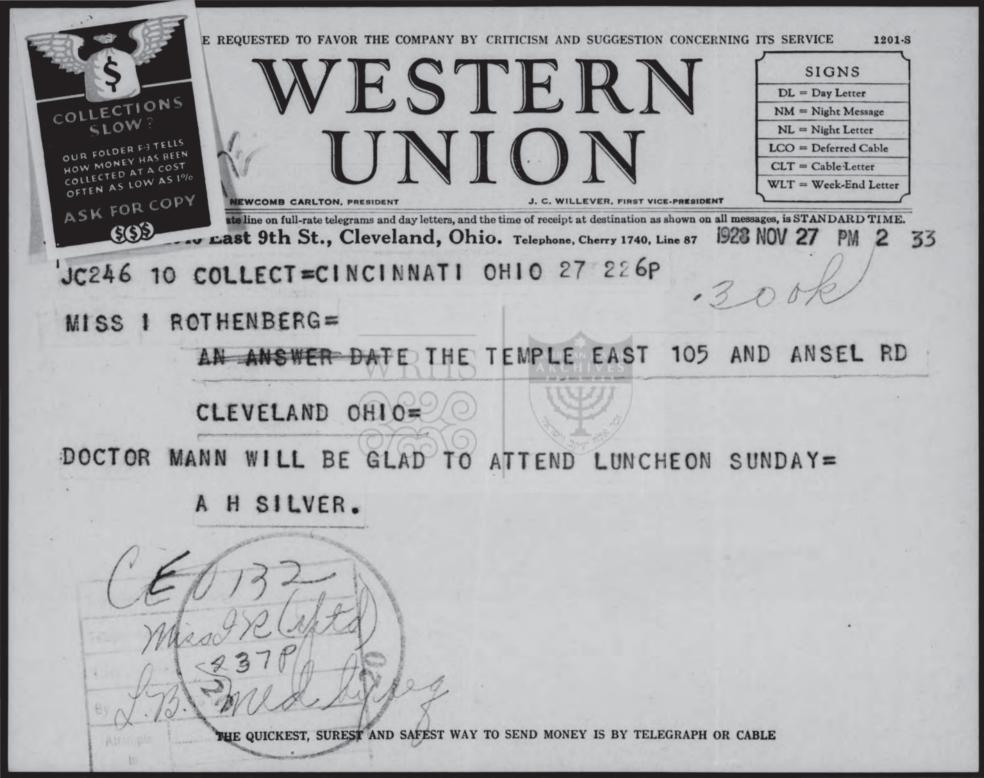
to call & Mr. Vogelater P.S. - Shall be up at the College at 9:30 tonight and perhaps may have a chance to speak to you about this.

G.Z.





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Dec. 3d, 1928.

Rabbi Louis L. Mann, Sinai Temple, 4600 Grand Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

My dear Rabbi Mann:-

Enclosed please find a clipping which appeared in last Saturday morning's edition of the Plain Dealer.

with kindest regards, permit me

to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Dec. 4th, 1928.

Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Madison Ave. & Robert St., Baltimore, Md.

My dear Morris:-

Thank you for the correspondence with Great God Brown, which you sent me. May I humbly suggest that you were not wise in entering into a correspondence with him. You have neither the refinement of sensibilities nor the delicacy of expression required to vie with Brown..... He has it all over you when it comes to Billingsgate. In fact he has it all over anyone that I know of.

write the book that Mr. Gibbons wants. It is well worth while.

With kindest regards, I am

As ever,

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BOARD OF FINANCE

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

32 W. Sixth Street CINCINNATI, O.

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December Seventh 1928

Dr. Abba H. Silver 10303 Lake Shore Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have a letter from Rabbi Mann telling me of his enjoyable visit to Cleveland last Sunday. I hope your visit was equally enjoyable and I know that we can look forward to increased returns in each case.

You will recall that you were going to let me know after consulting your calendar whether you could visit San Antonio on behalf of the Union on or about February 6th. Will you kindly let me hear from you regarding this so that I may know what answer to give Rabbi Frisch. This was the subject of a recent letter to you.

When we rode down to the depot together you were kind enough to acquiesce to my proposition that you visit several large cities in our behalf whenever convenient for you.

I have been looking over the larger cities and find that not having had this promise in the beginning of the season, the larger cities have all been assigned wherever they accepted such assignments and undertook to hold meetings. Of course, some are always falling down and I shall avail myself of your kindness if something of this kind turns up. Should I be unable to do so this season, I will camp on your trail next year with sufficient warning in advance.

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Dr. Abba H. Silver: -2-

If Chicago made any definite promises please drop me a line so that we will know what to do.

Thanking you for your kindness in this matter and with personal regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Secret

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COMMISSION ON RESEARCH

OF THE

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A. N. FRANZBLAU Director New York City

2 EAST 76th STREET · New York City TELEPHONE: BUTTERFIELD 4564

December 14, 1928.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Doubtless by this time you have received a copy of the questionnaire sent to members of your Congregation. I hope this meets with your approval. I shall appreciate any help you may be able to give in urging your members to fill out these questionnaires and return them to the office of the Commission at the earliest moment.

At the time this questionnaire was being considered by the Commission, it was hoped that certain other questions might be asked bearing on distinctly theological aspects of Judaism. I am enclosing sheet one in which categorical replies were sought to certain specific questions. This was adversely commented on by numbers of individuals, and for this reason was abandoned. Subsequently, sheets two and three were prepared.

After giving the matter mature thought, we felt it inadvisable at this time to insert any of these questions, believing it better to secure as far as possible, answers to the concrete queries in the questionnaire which you have received. Nevertheless, we feel that the questionnaire is incomplete and that the time may come, should the Commission be continued, when it may be desirable to send out another questionnaire dealing with more subtle theological aspects.

It is for this reason that we are sending you these forms as we are sending them to other members of the ministry, with the request that you give them your careful and earnest consideration. We feel that the questions should first be laid before the rabbinate beforethey are submitted to the laymen. At your convenience, may we ask you to write to us, giving us your personal views on the whole matter?

Very truly yours, Lett pankel

Chairman

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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 as many of the questions as you can. Then return this booklet to us in the attached envelope.

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

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Sex :	AGE: (check) below 20; 20-40; 40-60; over 60
BIRTHPLACE:	1—In what country were you born?
	2-In what countries were your parents born?
SECULAR EDU	CATION: Indicate your secular education by checking the items below:
[]	1-Graduated from Elementary School.
[]	2-Graduated from High School.
[]	3—Graduated from College.
	Do you hold any degrees? Specify
RELIGIOUS ED	UCATION: Indicate your religious education by checking the items below:
[]	1-No formal religious education.
[]	2-Attended Sunday School but was not Confirmed.
[]	3-Confirmed in Sunday School.
[]	4-Attended Post-Confirmation classes. (How many years?)
[]	5-Attended adult classes. (How many years?)
[]	6-Attended week-day Hebrew School. (How many years?)
[]	7-Received private instruction. (How many years?)
[]	8-Attended a Theological Seminary. (How many years?)
My 1	eligious education included instruction in the following subjects: (Check):
	1. Bible 2. Biblical History 3. Post-Biblical History
	4. Translation of Prayers from Hebrew 5. Translation of Bible from
	Hebrew 6. Advanced Hebrew 7. Ceremonials 8. Re-
	igion and Ethics Other subjects:
OCCUPATION :	What is the profession or occupation of the head of your household?
	e you married or single?
	widow, widower, etc., please specify)
	e you any children?
	many of your children are of the following ages:
	6 yrs
	many are now attending religious school?
	many attended but discontinued before Confirmation?
	many were Confirmed?
How	many continued their Jewish studies after Confirmation?

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Do you or any of the members of your household belong to any of the following organizations? Please check those to which you belong:

- [] 1—A Temple (as a regular dues-paying member).
- [] 2-A Temple Men's Club, Women's Club, Brotherhood or Sisterhood.
- [] 3-A Federation of Jewish Charities.
- [] 4-A Jewish Hospital, Orphan Asylum, Old Folk's Home, Sanitarium or other Jewish charitable institution.
- [] 5-The I. O. B. B., the I. O. B. A., or some other Jewish Lodge or Fraternal Order.
- [] 6-The Zionist Organization of America or The Hadassah.
- [] 7-The Jewish Publication Society.
- [] 8-A Y. M. H. A. or Y. W. H. A.
- [] 9-A Jewish City or Country Club.
- [] 10-A Jewish College Fraternity.

If you belong to any other Jewish organizations not listed here, please specify them below:

Have you any of the following books or ceremonial objects in your home? If you have, please indicate by checking:

- [] 1-A Bible.
- [] 2-The Jewish Encyclopedia.
- [] 3-Graetz' History of the Jews.
- [] 4-A Prayer Book.
- [] 5—Books on Jewish subjects, such as History, Bible, Religion. About how many?
- [] 6—Books of Jewish fiction for children. About how many?
- [] 7—Books of Jewish fiction for adults. About how many?

- 1 1 8-Sabbath Candelsticks or Candelabra.
- [] 9-Kiddush Cup or Goblet.
- [] 10—A Mezzuzah.
- [] 11-A Luach (Jewish Calendar).
- [] 12-A Chanukah Menorah.

List any others below:

Do you have discussions on Jewish questions and problems in your home? the subjects around which the discussions most frequently center?

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Answer the following questions by underlining the proper word at the end of the line:

1-Do you attend Temple services during the year?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never- 1
2-Do you go to Temple on Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never- 2
3-Do you go to Temple on other Jewish Holidays?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never- 3
4-Do you go to Temple to say Kaddish for Yahrzeit?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never- 4
5-Are Sabbath Candles lit in your home?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never- 5
6-Do you have Kiddush in your home on Friday night?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never- 6
7-Do you light Chanukah Candles on Chanukah?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never- 7
8-Do you Fast on Yom Kippur?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never- 8
9-Do you have a Seder at home on Passover?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never- 9
10-Do you say grace at mealtimes in your home?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never-10
11-Do you have a Succah or visit one on Succoth?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never-11
12-Do you stay home from Business on Saturdays?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never-12
13-Do you stay home from Business on the Jewish Holidays?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never-13
14-Do you have family services of worship at home?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never-14
15-Do you ever recite prayers privately at home?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never-15
16-Do the children in your home say prayers before going to bed?	Regularly-Occasionally-Never-16

Below are listed various things to which we would like to have your reaction. Please indicate how you feel about them by underlining YES or NO.

Do You Favor-1-Reading prayers responsively? Yes-No- 1 2-Having more parts of the services in Hebrew? Yes-No- 2 3-Silent prayers and meditations? Yes-No- 3 4-Congregational singing? Yes-No- 4 5-Sermons on books and plays?.... Yes-No- 5 6-Sermons on purely religious subjects based on the Bible? Yes-No- 6 7-Sermons on political and economic subjects? Yes-No- 7 8-Having a cantor ?.... Yes-No- 8 9-Having all pews in the Temple free?Yes-No- 9 10-Sending your children to Jewish religious school? Yes-No-10 11-Increasing Religious School sessions to twice a week? Yes-No-11 12-Having your children learn Hebrew?..... Yes-No-12 13-Conducting Jewish ceremonials in your home?.... Yes-No-13 14-Having a Community Seder instead of a home Seder on Passover? Yes-No-14 15-Adult classes for instruction in Judaism?... 16-Having Sunday Services in addition to the regular Sabbath Services?..... 17-Revising the prayer book so as to add more personal prayers bearing on present sentiment and thought?Yes-No-17

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Each of the unfinished statements below has four different endings suggested, 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 b—Saul was a	
0—Jaul was a	TRIEST, TROPHET, KING, JUDGE
1-Moses led the Hebrews out of	CANAAN, EGYPT, UR, BABYLONIA- 1
2-The first king of the Hebrews was	Moses, Joshua, David, Saul- 2
3-The first Temple was built by	DAVID, JOSHUA, SOLOMON, EZRA- 3
4-The kingdom was divided after the reign of	SAUL, JEREBOAM, HEZEKIAH, SOLOMON- 4
5—Isaiah was a	PRIEST, PROPHET, JUDGE, KING- 5
6-The Jews were permitted to return from Babylonia	by CYRUS, DARIUS, ALEXANDER, XERXES- 6
7-The revolt against Antiochus was led by	AKIBA, JUDAH MACCABEE, JOSEPHUS, HYRCANUS- 7
8-The Pharisees were a sect of	ROMANS, CHRISTIANS, JEWS, GREEKS- 8
9-The second Temple was destroyed by the	Assyrians, Romans, Babylonians, Persians- 9
10—Hillel was a	KING, GENERAL, SCHOLAR, PRIEST-10
11-The Babylonian Jews were ruled by their own	PATRIARCH, KING, GAON, EXILARCH-11
12-The Mystic Movement in Judaism is	CABBALAH, CHAZARS, HASKALLAH, KARAISM-12
13-The greatest Hebrew Commentator on the Bible an	d
the Talmud was	MAIMONIDES, RASHI, IBN GABIROL, PHILO-13
14-The greatest Medieval Hebrew Philosopher and	10427
Physician was	MAIMONIDES, RASHI, IBN GABIROL, PHILO-14
15-The Jews were expelled from Spain in 200	1298, 1394, 1492, 1534—15
16-The Reform Movement was founded in	AMERICA, POLAND, GERMANY, FRANCE-16
17-The first book of the Bible is called	GENESIS, PROPHETS, EXODUS, PSALMS-17
18-The man who was saved from the Flood was	Авганам, Lot, Noah, Jacob-18
19-The story of David and Goliath is told in the book of	ofJoshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings-19
20-The book containing the refrain "Vanity of Vanities	s;
all is Vanity" is	ECCLESIASTES, LAMENTATIONS, PROVERBS, JOB-20
21-The holiday on which we build booths is	PASSOVER, SHEVUOTH, SUCCOTH, PURIM-21
22-The holiday on which we blow the Shofar is	SHEVUOTH, PASSOVER, ROSH HASHONAH, PURIM-22
23—The giving of the Law is celebrated on	PASSOVER, SHEVUOTH, SUCCOTH, SIMCHAS TORAH-23
24-The Scroll of Esther (Megillah) is read on	SUCCOTH, PURIM, PASSOVER, CHANUKAH-24
25-Yom Kippur falls during the month of	NISSAN, TISHRI, KISLEV, ADAR-25

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What are the things which make one feel Jewish? You can help to answer this important question by giving us your reaction.

Below are listed a number of factors to which various people attribute their feeling of Jewishness. Please read them carefully and check those which you feel to be important in your own case. Check twice any which you feel to be especially important.

I attribute my feeling of Jewishness to the following:

- [] 1—I was born a Jew.
-] 2-I was brought up in a Jewish home.
- [] 3--I have associated with Jews all my life.
- [] 4-I have had a Jewish education.
- [] 5-The beliefs and ethics of Judaism appeal to me.
-] 6-Judaism offers me a great deal spiritually.
- [] 7-The ceremonials of Judaism appeal to me.
- [] 8-Jews possess certain unique traits and characteristics which I would like to see perpetuated.
- [] 9-I feel Judaism still has the capacity to make important contributions to civilization.

You may add other factors not mentioned above in this space:

Have you any suggestions to make for the welfare of Judaism in this country?

Have you any criticisms to make which may prove helpful to Jewish leadership?

- Have you any further comments to make on any of the subjects treated in this booklet? If so, please indicate them on this page and the one following. You may attach other sheets if necessary.
- To facilitate frankness and to safeguard your confidence we request that you do not sign your name.



Kindly use the attached return envelope and 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.

CHECK ONE IN BACH ROUP

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Sheet 1	
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 levingly guides us all.	
() c. Ged is a supreme, intelligent force working for the good but not interested in the individual.	
Group III	
 () a. Frayer is valuable because God hears and answers us if we are worthy () b. Frayer is valuable only for its psychological effect upon us. () c. Frayer has no value whatever. 	•
Group IV	
() a. Death is the end of everything for us.	
() b. After death the soul lives in the Hereafter. () c. The soul may live on after death, but I am not convinced.	
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Greup 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 6006 WW	
() a. Only the Ten Commandments were given by God te 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 or it was written by men.	
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Greup V11	
 () a. Sin is always punished by the Natural consequences of the act. () b. Sin is always punished by God. 	
() c. Sin is not necessarily foll-wed 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 d. with each other and can	
go their own ways without conflicting.	
Grcup IX	
() a. Success and happiness are sent by Ged to these 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.	
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() c. The main justification for Israel's survival lies in our desire to fulfill our religious mission to mankind.

Sheet -2-

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-Do you believe in a Personal God, a great Father who lovingly guides us all ?-- MES--NC.
-Do you believe that God concerns himself with us as individuals?------YES----N
-Do you believe that God determines the things which happen to us?------YES---No
-Do you believe that God hears and answers our prayers?-----YES----NC
- you believe that if we are truly worthy God gives us what we pray for?----YES---No
-Io you believe that the soul lives on after death?-----YES---NC
-Do you believe that the miracles described in the Bible actually happened ?----YES---NO
-Do you believe that the Torah was given by God?-----YES---NO
3-Do you believe that the Ten Commandments were given by God to Moses at
      Mt. Sinai?-----YES---NO
10-Do you believe that sinful life is punished and worthy living rewarded
       in some way by God?-----YES---NO
- Do you believe that Conscience is the voice of the Divine within us?------YES---NO
12-Do you believe that repentance can be achieved through prayer?-----YES---NO
13-Do you believe God is displeased if we do not worship Him?-----YES---NO
14-Do you believe that God sometimes sends sichness or misfortune to test our
       faith or to chaston, us?-----YES---NO
15-Do you believe that man has Free will to choose between right and wrong?----YES---NO
16-Do you believe that at some future time there will be a Messianic Era in
        which truth, justice and peace will reign?-----YES---NO
'7-Do you believe that Israel is God's chosen people?-----YES---NO
.8-Do you believe that Israel has a special mission to perform in the world?----YES---NO
19-Do you believe that the Jews are not a nation but merely a religious
        community?-----YES---N
CO-Do you believe it is worthwhile for us to work for the perpetuation of
        Judaism ?-----YES---N
21-Do you believe the Kaddish prayer brings peace to the departed soul?-----YES---N.
22-Do you believe that one can accept the teachings of modern science and
        still believe in the teachings of modern religion? -------YES---NO
23-Do you think that our present institutions in Reform Judaism are adequate
        to satisfy the needs of the modern intellectual type of Jew?-----YES---NO
24-Do you think that the observance of Jewish ceremonials is of value in the
        modern Jewish home?-----YES---NO
25-Do you think that our homes today are exerting the proper Jewish influences
        on our children ?-----YES---NO
36-Do you think that the type of Jewish education we give in our religious
        schools is adequate?----YES---NC
27-Do you think that the younger generation of today is as interested in
        Judaism as the preceeding generation?-----YES---NC
28-Do you think that Reform Jews ought to take part in the movement for the
        upbuilding of Palestine ?-----YES---NO
89-Do you think that intermarriage is justifiable?------YES---NO
30-Do you think that it is possible on the whole for Jews to observe the
         Sabbath under present conditions?----NC
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1 - In what way does religion help you in life, from the point of view of <u>happiness?</u>

2 - What do you think is the influence of religion on the life of man from the point of view of moral character?

3 - In what way do you think religion influences, if at all, men and women, as citizens, as members of society?

4 - What do you think is the value of prayer?

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5 - How would you express your belief with respect to the Revelation of God through the Bible?

6 - What is your thought, if you have any, on the immortal ity of the soul?

7 - What do you think is the function of Israel in the world?

8 - Why do you believe Judaism to be a religion well fitted for modern men and women?

9 - What is your opinion as to the proper Jewish influence which our homes are exerting on our children?

10- What is your opinion of the type of Jewish education given in our religious schools?

Dec. 17th,1928

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Dr. Louis L. Mann, Sinai Temple, Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Mann:-

I am returning herewith the photograph which you so kindly sent us for publicity in connection with your address here on December 2d.

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Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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32 W. Sixth Street CINCINNATI, O.

December Twenty-sixth, 1928.

Dr. Abba H. Silver, 10303 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Can you give me an answer about visiting San Antonio in January, concerning which I wrote you recently? I should very much like to hear from you.

With thanks and kindest personal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi George Zepin, 32 W. Sixth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin:-

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letters. I have been having a great deal of trouble in arranging my Texas schedule.

I had hoped to accommodate as many of the communities there as have written to me. I have Austin, Houston and El Paso scheduled. I now find that I shall have to forego Austin because of train connections.

I am leaving here on the fourth and want to be in San Francisco on the 10th. So that it is out of the question for me to accept any other engagements in Texas.

with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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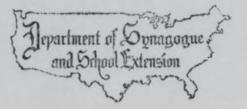
I notice in the Bulletin of your Congregation of March 24th that you are to broadcast over Station WJAY on Sunday afternoon from five-thirty to six-thirty.

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know your program of broadcasting, whether it is to last over a period of weeks and whether it is to be always at the same time and over the same station. If I have this information then I will be glad to make announcement of your broadcast together with that of the other broadcasting of Jewish religious services which we announce in the Jewish weekly press.

With cordial regards to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

loon Assistant Director.



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March 26th, 1929.

Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, Merchants Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Egelson:-

I am not broadcasting regularly. Station WJAY has requested the Temple to broadcast once a month for a period of a few months. Should the arrangements become permanent next year I will notify you so that you can make the announcement.

> With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours,

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Dr. Abba H. Silber E. 105th & Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio May Gto, 1929 MMATION

ADOLPH OCHS LONG DISTANCED ASKING ME TO GET FROM YOU AN ACCOUNT OF FINE MEETING IN CLEVELAN LAST WHEN FOR PUBLICATION IN ISRAELITE THIS WEEK AND FOR IMMEDIATE GEN RAL RELEASE TO PRESS stop VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED BY WHAT TOOK PLACE STOP CAN WE HAVE IT FOR TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAYS PRINTING PLEASE ADVISE CORDIAL REGARDS

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May Tenth, 1929.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind letter of May 6th containing information on the fine meeting held in Cleveland in the interest of the Hebrew Union College Endowment Fund.

We got out immediately an account of this for the American Israelite and the general press.

We are all very happy to know that the meeting was so successful and hope that it will result in the raising of substantial sums for the fund.

With kindest personal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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June 16th, 1929.

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, Commission on Jewish Education, Merchants Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Gamoran:-

I am returning herewith the sample chapters of a Teacher's Book to the Bible Reader, which you sent me. These chapters are well written and I think they will prove very helpful to the teachers.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours.

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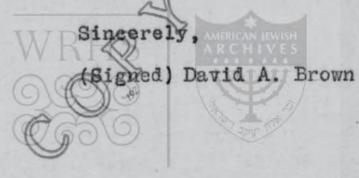
New York, N. Y. June 21, 1929.

My dear Rabbi Zepin:

The graph that you sent me shows quite a falling off in collections. My advice is to print same on your letterhead and send to every congregational president and rabbi.

If they can, I am sure they will send you a check for the rest of the half year. Some will even send you a check for the whole year.

Keep one thing in mind - you are dealing with friends - who do not want the College and the Union to suffer.



July 11, 1929.

Dr. Abba H. Silver, Cleveland, O.

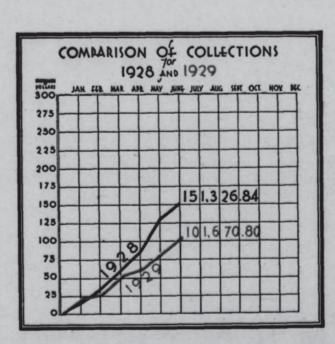
Dear Dr. Silver:

Your congregation has sent us \$3,609.50 less this year than last to date.

Can you send us a check for the remainder? Many bills await payment.

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Miss Irene Rothenberg, Secretary to Rabbi Silver, The Temple, E. 105th St. at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rothenberg:

In accordance with your letter of June 21st, I take pleasure in sending you 30 copies of the Endowment Fund pamphlet under separate cover.

With kind greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Oct. 24th, 1929.

Rabbi George Zepin, Merchants Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Zepin:-

I have just returned from the East and find your telegram asking for my consent to organize a meeting in connection with your tour.

I shall of course be happy to address such a meeting if the time will be convenient for me. Please do not schedule me before consulting me about the date. I already have a very crowded out-of-town lecture program for the next two months.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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