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THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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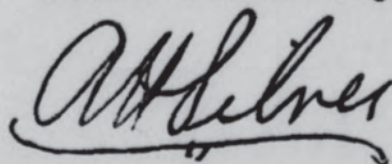
Each year we are reminded of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of which we are a constituent congregation. The Union supplements in a national way the work that our congregation does in a local way. The Union gives national direction to liberal Judaism in America.

Everybody knows of the Hebrew Union College and the Department of Synagog and School Extension. Their work merits much praise but no longer needs any commentary. This is our working unit for the perpetuation of Judaism in America.

I am writing to request a contribution. I trust that you will make the same as generous as you can.

Please send me your check for transmittal to the Union. They need the money now and if convenient to send it now, it will be doubly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



Rabbi,

Congregation Tifereth Israel.

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Dr. A. H. Silver
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been waiting for your return to this country to write you this letter. I trust your trip abroad was pleasant and restful. Many important things are happening to World Jewry these days and it is with somewhat of an effort that we must turn to the work-a-day problems that confront us here and today.

I have in mind the objections that you raised to "another" organization at the meeting we held in Detroit. Of course, we do not want to call into existence an organization in your district if we can't count upon you. However the problems to which this new organization will address itself are calling for solution and no other way of solving them has been found. May I enumerate them.

We have a large number of unorganized settlements of Jews who are speedily drifting away from Judaism. The reports of the regional rabbis and my own experience confirm me in this opinion. Should we not try to awaken a sense of responsibility in the laymen of Ohio for the detached units right here at our doors?

We have a College Students problem. Outside of the few universities cared for by the Hillel Foundation and the Union's work - there are thousands of Jewish boys and girls whose College career is a period of enforced detachment from Judaism. Shall we refrain from convincing the Jews that this is their legitimate burden?

We have many men and some women in penal institutions. Are the rabbis the only ones that have a duty in the premises?

Dr. Silver.....2

We have the tremendous problem of training teachers and guiding those untrained teachers who nevertheless do teach.

There is a woeful lack of enthusiasm for religion - especially in our ranks of liberals.

How can we better dramatize these conditions for the layman than by bringing them together for the purpose of solving these problems? We teach by doing just as we learn by doing.

The above sums up in a few sentences the whole object of knitting together more closely the congregations, Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods of each district.

In most of our congregations, we still think that our duties are bounded by the four walls of the Synagogue. Why not try to enlarge the horizons of our membership? Here and there men are accomplishing this with splendid results. You, yourself have been one of the outstanding examples of this endeavor - but in the main there is a dreadful parochial narrowness about our congregational life. In my humble judgment this effort will help overcome this narrowness.

The Union through its Synagogue Extension Bureau cannot get into close touch with the whole United States. Problems of finance alone make it impossible, not to mention the bar of distance and of the stumbling block of sectional feeling and sufficiency.

The Union's meetings are too far away for the attendance of many whose enthusiasm might be enkindled in this way.

It will take much money and an infinitely greater degree of organization than we have to solve these problems, but our movement is young. Let's make a beginning and let the future bear some of the burden of perfecting the halting arrangements which we now purpose to inaugurate.

I am leaving for New York next Thursday, passing through Cleveland. If you are free for an hour Thursday afternoon (Sept. 12th) I can stop over in order to talk the matter over with you.

I don't know that I will be able to add much to what I have said. I am unfortunately inarticulate in matters I hold most important. But I can save you the trouble of writing at length and, what is more, get your point of view.

Dr. Silver.....3

You know that you could be a tower of strength to us in any endeavor to which you would give your thought. I would cherish that assistance, even if I recognize my inability to convince you 100% in a matter which you approach with such outspoken disapproval.

Please let me have a line from you. An appointment for Thursday afternoon or morning would be deeply appreciated.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary

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Sept. 9th, 1929.

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

My dear Zepin:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of Sept. 6th.

I shall of course be very happy
to see you when you visit Cleveland on Thursday. I
shall be in my study all morning. Please phone before
you come.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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October 2, 1929.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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I take pleasure in sending you here-
with an outline for a "Source Book of Mediaeval
Jewish History".

The manuscript is an attempt to meet
the needs, which we discussed at one of our
meetings, by supplementing the actual textbook
work in Jewish history, of giving students an
opportunity of acquainting themselves with the
source material upon which history is based.
When completed the book will probably be most
useful to teacher-training schools, adult groups,
university students and young people.

Dr. Philipson has appointed you to
serve on the Reading Committee for this manuscript.
The other members of the Committee are Dr. Hyman
G. Enelow, New York City, and Dr. William Rosenau,
of Baltimore.

Should you approve the outline submit-
ted at present, the author will proceed to the
preparation of the selections, many of which will
have to be translated into English from other
languages.

We shall therefore appreciate it if
you will examine this outline carefully, and let
us have your suggestions and criticisms. It is
particularly important that where you believe
something which has been included should be omit-
ted, that you make notation of the desirability

10-2-29.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

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of such omissions, as this will save the author
useless work.

Looking forward to hearing from you
on this subject, and with best wishes for a
happy New Year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran
Educational Director.

EG.B

Report on Outline for a "Source Book of Medieval
Jewish History".

The Commission on Jewish Education, at one of its meetings, approved the preparation of a series of Source Books on Jewish History. One of these is to cover the Talmudic-Midrashic material from a literary as well as historic point of view. Another is to be essentially a presentation of documents, decrees, laws, chronicals, etc., covering the period of the Middle Ages. The attached manuscript gives in outline form the documents and selections that might enter into such a collection. It is organized topically, and within each topic, chronologically. The number on the extreme left of the page indicates in each case the date of the document. The number on the extreme right shows approximately the length of the selection in words.

The Committee will therefore be in a position to pass judgment not only on the advisability of including a particular selection, but also on the question of proportion. Is too little or too much space given to any particular phase of Jewish history?

I am inclined to feel that on the whole the plan is satisfactory and the organization adequate. More de-

tailed suggestions will no doubt occur when the actual documents are presented. I recommend that the Committee approve the present procedure of the author and that we encourage him to go ahead with the preparation of this Source Book.

Respectfully submitted,

Emmanuel Gamaran

Educational Director.



October 2, 1929.

A SOURCE BOOK OF MEDIAEVAL JEWISH HISTORY.

- I. The State and the Jew.
- II. The Church and the Jew.
- III. THE JEW IN RELATION TO HIS OWN GROUP.
 - A. Jewish Self-Government
 - B. Jewish Heroes and their problems.
 - C. Jewish sects, mystics and Messiahs.
 - D. Jewish Poetry.
 - E. Jewish Literature and ideals.
 - F. Jewish Philosophy.
 - G. The inner life of the Jew and his problems.

THE STATE AND THE JEW.

212	Caracalla grants all freedmen in the Roman Empire citizenship	Latin Law.	20
315-329	Constantine.C.T. (Theodosian Code)16.9.1-2,6. Jews not to persecute apostates. No conversion to Judaism. No marriage between Jew and Christian. No circumcision of slaves.	Latin Law	150
339	Constantius. C.T. 16.8.6. No marriage of Jews with Christian women. Death is penalty for this, C.T. 16.8.7. Confiscation of the property of a Christian who becomes a Jew etc.	Latin Laws	90
359	Julian the Emperor and the Temple. Julian wants and begins to rebuild the Jewish Temple. Sezemen's Ecc.Hist.	Greek	1000
438	Theodosius II. Nov. Theod.3. No Jew in any office Laws against synagogues, use of Christian servants and on conversion.	Latin Law	350
531	Justinian Code. 1.5.21. A Jew cannot testify in court against a Christian. A very important disability.	Latin Law	80
553	Justinian. Novella 146. Torah may be read in Greek, in synagogues. Attacks on Jewish heresies. The State here regulates the Jewish worship.	Greek Law	250
640c.	Code of Omar. As codified in early modern period. Hanbalite interpretation.	Arabic	450
1182	France expels her Jews. Rigor. Middle Age Historian of France.	Latin	1100
1244	Charter of Fred II of Austria. Basic Jewish charter for all Eastern Europe.	Latin	1000
1265c	TheSiete Partidas. Spanish law code. Details of the relation of the State and the Church of the Jew.	Spanish	1270.

The State and the Jew.

1348-1349.	The Jew and the Black Death. Latin and German Historians of the Middle Ages. Mathews of Neuenburg etc.	Latin & German	1000
1392	Oath taken by the Jews in Frankfurt am Main.	German	250
1421	Austria expels her Jews also the accompanying massacres and suffering.	Judeo-German	1100
1492	Spain expels her Jews: Abravanel tries to save Jewry A non-Jew tells of the expulsion A Jew tells the whole story of the expulsion. "Marx" account	Hebrew Spanish Hebrew	300 210 1700
1498	Portugal expels the Jews. Rneq HaBacha ^{WISH}	Hebrew	1800
1648-49	The Nemirow massacre during the Cossack revolt. In Yewen Megulah.	Hebrew	900
1655	Letters relative to the settlement of the Jews in New Amsterdam	Dutch	1000
1655	Manasseh ben Israel's Declaration of the Commonwealth of England. Seeks return of Jews to England.	English	700
1750	The General Charter of Frederick the Great for the Jews of his German lands.	German	1000

✓ Privileges granted Polish Jewry by
Casimir ^{the Great} IV (1367)

THE CHURCH AND THE JEW

313	Cannons of the Council of Elvira. First to legislate against the Jews.	Latin Law	160
325	Council of Nicea legislates against observance of the Jewish Sabbath	Latin Law	200
c.400	St. Ambrose and Emperor Theodosius. Ambrose reproaches the Emperor who objects to the burning of Jewish synagogues. Ambrose makes various accusations against the Jews.	Latin	800
c.600	Gregory the Great. Pope. Objects to forcible conversion of Jews of Marseilles. Insists that a seized synagog be restored. Lays down the fundamental principles of Church relations to the Jews.	Latin	450
694	17th Council of Toledo. Egica and the Jews. Infamous decree enslaving Jews, confiscating the property, separating children from parents.	Latin	315
1096	The First Crusade. Selections from the documents in the Stern-Neubauer Collection.	Hebrew	3-4000
1146	Second Crusade. St. Bernard and the Jews. Trouble at Cologne	Hebrew	1500
1171	The Blois Ritual Murder Case. First important continental affair.	Hebrew	1200
1190	Third Crusade. In England. Acct. of Wm. of Newbury. Fate of Jews of York.	Latin	2000
1215	Third Lateran Council. The Jew-Badge.	Latin	200
c.1250	Joinville: Memoirs of St. Louis IX. How to stop disputations with Jews.	Latin	340
1272	Bull of Gregory X protecting the Jews from a variety of charges.	Latin	600
1391	Chasdai Crescas' account of the Spanish persecutions.	Hebrew	760
1477	Host Desecration at Passau. Broadside. Illustrated.	German	500

The Church and the Jews2-

c.1506	Pfefferkorn Affaire. How Frankfurt a.M. saved its books	Hebrew	300
1253	Luther and the Jews. Pro-Jewish and anti-Jewish sentiments. Latter from later writings. Earlier sentiments in Dass Jesus Christus eyn geborner Jude sei. Latter: Von den Juden und ihren Tuggen.	Hebrew	350
c.1553	The Burning of the Talmud in Italy.	Hebrew	600
1568	Inquisition. Torture of a woman suspect. Toledo.	Spanish	850
18th cent.	Martyrdom of a Jewess in Drohobysz, Poland Ritual accusation. She sacrifices herself for the community.	Hebrew	150
18th cent.	Martyrdom of Chayyim Reizes in Lemberg Accused of bringing a convert back to Judaism	Hebrew-	250.

1247. Bull of Innocent IV against
Blood Accusation

JEWISH SELF-GOVERNMENT

1160	The Exilarch, the Academy and Bagdad. From Benjamin of Tudelo	Hebrew	950
1416-1418	Taqqanoth of Italy. Prohibition of gambling. Intention to intercede with the Pope. Levying taxes on the Jews. Reproach of Jewish vices.	Hebrew	1080
1528	Josel von Rosheim, the Shetadlan, saves Jews from expulsion in a certain territory. A paragraph from his diary.	Hebrew	160
c.1624	Synod of Four Lands. Law of bankruptcy. Barbers forbidden to let Christian blood Decree against informers.	Hebrew	550
1613-1632	Protocol of the Lithuanian Synod. Murder of Jews. to be avenged. Collections for Palestine regulated. Before bringing suit against Gentiles first consult the local leaders in Jewry. Framers must do no business on the Sabbath Farmers must do as little manual labour as possible on the Sabbath.	Hebrew	500
c.1648	Poland. Organization of Communal charities. from the Yemen Meculah.	Hebrew	450
c.1648	Poland: Judicial organization in Poland. From the Yewen Meculah.	Hebrew	300
17th cent.	A Sumptuary Law of the community in Frankfurt. a.M.		

✓ More Taqqanot - Esp. of the Spanish Jews. 1432

JEWISH HEROES. AND THEIR PROBLEMS

900	Paltiel, a Jewish Vizier in the Fatimid Caliphate. From the Ahimaaz Chronicle	Hebrew	1700
934	Saadia and his quarrels with the Exilarch. From Nathan the Babylonian's Account.	Hebrew	1100
1050	Samuel HaNagid. The account in the Rabad	Hebrew	750
1147	Jacob Ram and his narrow escape from Crusaders	Hebrew	300
c.1200	Maimonides. A letter to an Ibn Tibbon describing how he spent the day.	Hebrew	585
	Maimonides: Letter to ben Yabar. To a man who knows no Hebrew encouraging him to study	Hebrew	400
e.1400	Simon Duran of Spain and North Africa. Shall a rabbi receive pay?	Hebrew	300
1560	Don Joseph, Duke of Naxos, rebuilds Tiberias for Jews.	Hebrew	600
c.1607	Gemach Dawid: Bibography of Mordecai Meisel. What a Jewish philanthropist accomplished.	Hebrew	250
c.1650	Spinoza. Life. Account of Colerus c.1750 Learns an art to support himself. Figure, Clothes, Appearance, Character.	Dutch	850

JEWISH SECTS, MYSTICS, AND MESSIAHS.

Middle Ages:	Karaism: A rabbanite account.	Hebrew	450
	A Karaitic account from the Orach Gaddiqim.	Hebrew	800-1000
c.870	Aaron the Babylonian. Folk-Lore. Superstition. Witches Mysticism. From the Ahimaaz Chronicle	Hebrew	500
Middle Ages:	Geonic Mysticism. The saving power of the Amen. In Jellinek.	Hebrew	400
c.1160	David Alroy. An Arabic anti-Jewish Account. Another account: Jewish. In Benjamin of Tudela	Arabic Hebrew	800 720
c.1300	Zohar. The search for Simeon bar Jochai by a relative Souls come down into the body.	Aramaic and Hebrew	450
c.1524	Reubeni and Molocho. From Eneq Ha-Bakha' and Farissol's book - <i>Mentira</i>	Hebrew	1000
c.1570	Chayyim Vital. Goes to Heaven in a Dream Safed Mysticism.	Hebrew	1000
1666	Sabbetai Zevi. From the accounts in the writing of Jacob Emden.	Hebrew	1800
18th cent.	Chasidism. Besht prays on Yom Kippur. Sefer Torah bought through tainted money is no good. How to love ones neighbor.	Hebrew	400

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1. Frankfurt trial - Extensive documentary literature
2. ~~Emden's Explanations~~
not enough on Chasidism. - something of Chasidism. Controversy. Rev. Cuthbert
3. Renaissance, rabbinical lit. attack on Tradition + ~~Chasidism~~
Catala - Agariah de Rossi - (16-17) "Mish' Enayim"
+ I am Modena. (16-17) Hov Sakal; Ari nohem

JEWISH POETRY

Early Middle Ages:	Piyyut pre-Kallir. For Yom Kippur Musaf. "All the world shall come to serve thee"	Hebrew	160
Geonic	The Angels came a mustering. Tr. by Zangwill. For Succoth.	Hebrew	100
c.1050	Aqdamuth. Meir ben Isaac Nehorai	Hebrew	50
c.1050	Ibn Gabirol. Religious poems. Zangwill edit. various religious poems and parts also the Royal Crown.	Hebrew	450
	Ibn Gabirol. Wine Song.	Hebrew	200
c.1141	Selection of Hebrew poems of Judah Halevi	Hebrew	200
c.1160	Abraham Ibn Ezra. Poem	Hebrew	60
13th cent.	Shacharith to Yom Kippur. Piyyut: Ana-Shem. Trans. by Zangwill.	Hebrew	200
c.1215	Susskind of Trimberg. Minnesinger.	German	80
c.1300	Immanuel of Rome. Hell and Paradise. Selections. Also Love Lyrics.	Hebrew	500
	Ballad of Ephron, Prince of Topers.	Hebrew	400
c.1320	Kalonymos ben Kalonymos. Ebben Bechan. Better to be a woman than a man. Satire Attack on hypocrites. Also a selection from his more serious poems if necessary.	Hebrew	700
c.1360	Santob de Carrion. "Friendship"	Spanish	75

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 a sheds light on life, manners, etc. etc.
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 Anthologies in
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JEWISH LITERATURE AND IDEALS

c.1100	Rashi. Selections from his Commentaries to Bible.	Hebrew	300
c.1160	Selections from the Mishneh Torah of Rambam: Idolatry and Art. Respect for a Teacher. Primary Education Alms	Hebrew	500
c.1190	Joseph b. Judah Aknin. Healing of Souls Study of Science for its own sake.	Arabic	200
c.1190	Ethical Will of Judah Ibn Tibbon.	Hebrew	800
Mediaeval	The Jew and the Pope. Mediaeval midrash. in Jellinek's collections.	Hebrew	2000
c.1200	Maxims of Education and Instruction of Judah the Pious of Ratisbon.	Hebrew	200
c.1200	Isaac Zabara: Book of delights. Selections. The Son and the Slave.	Hebrew	600
c.1357	Ethical Will of Eleazar of Mayence A mediaeval German Jew.	Hebrew	500
1467	Colophon of Orach Chayyim of Conat Mantua 1476 Incunabulum. Or of the early Bechinat Olam.	Hebrew	240
erally modern ages	A typical Haskmah for a book	Hebrew	480
c.1550	David de Pomis: Groundlessness of reproach against Jewish Physicians.	Latin	400
c.1570	Joseph Caro: Shulchan Arukh. Selections: Good treatment of a Ger Toshav; Blessing over non-Jews; Follow the cortege of a non-Jew; Laws in regard to proselytes; Laws in regard to Apostates; Not call self a Christian even to save ones life. Attitude toward gifts of Jews and non-Jews. No toll deceit through change of cloths; control of high prices. Gambling.	Hebrew	600
c.1575	Chizzuk Emunah. Polemics vs Christianity. sober and respectful. Points to the contradictions in the N.T.	Hebrew	800

Jewish Literature and Ideals -2-

- 1619 A personal letter written in Austrai during the
Thirty Year's War. In the Wachstein collection.
Nr. 14. Yiddish 320
- c.1625 Selections from the Sheloh of Horowitz.
On study at night. On the proper time to
study Cabala. Opposition to the study of
philosophy and the sciences. Non-Jews not to
be taught Hebrew. Hebrew 250
- 1676 Kaidenower: Qab ha-Yashar. The Yiddish
version: How a Jewish traveller recovered
his robbed monies. Yiddish 400
- c.1767 Jacob: Responsum: Care of animals. No
mistreatment. Hebrew 400
- 1723 Lebh Tobh: Yiddish. Advice of a mother to
a daughter, how to take care of her husband
and keep him in good humor. Yiddish 600

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
Moses Chayim Luzzatto, d. 1747

JEWISH PHILOSOPHY

*not sufficient
- better omit.*

c.1050	Bachya: Proof of God through design in Creation In Duties of the Heart	Hebrew	250
c.1200	RMBM: Moreh Nebhuchim. Various excerpts. All evil due to ignorance etc.	Hebrew	400
1232	Bann against the anti-Maimunists by the Saragossa Community	Hebrew	480



THE INNER LIFE OF THE JEW AND HIS PROBLEMS

404	Letter of Synesius. A picture of Jewish sailors in 5th century. Shows their observance of Jewish laws.	Greek	500
839	Conversion of Bodo a Catholic churchman to Judaism	Latin	250
1171	Jews of College are accused of using bad coins. Prove their innocence. In the Stern-Neubauer Kreuzzugsberichte collection.	Hebrew	900
1488	Obadiah of Bertinoro in Alexandria. Travel letter.	Hebrew	1000
c.1550	Israel Isserlein. Responsum about an apostate who was repentant	Hebrew	300
1553	Constantinople as described by Hans Dernschwamm. Tells of Jewish business life, relations to Turks etc.	German	800
1586	The True Shylock. A Jew almost loses a pound of flesh to a Christian Shylock.	Italian	1470
c.1610	A Jewish soldier is killed in battle. Description	Hebrew	200
1635	Diary of Asher Levy: 1598-1635. Fragments given here: Saved from drowning: Plague in town. Builds new house poverty stricken. Tells a story of an apostate who calumniates Jewish books, but Jews are saved. The local official makes trouble for the Jews. Petty persecution of Jews. Our hero goes to Metz to get help for the poor of his community.	Hebrew	900
c.1625	Meir Loblin: Responsum: Unintentional killing of a fellow-Israelite and the punishment, as decreed by the rabbis.	Hebrew	800
1668	Autobiography of a 17th century Jew in Bohemia and Moravia. Interesting details of a child's life till 17 years of age. Good picture of life of the day. The "Marx" account	Hebrew	3500

The Inner Life of The Jew and His Problems -2-

- 1650c. Responsum: Girl promises to marry a Gentile. Flees
Brought back. Denies it. Finally freed. Hebrew- 140
- 1650 Autobiography of Glueckel of Hamel. Stories of
Jewish exiles from Poland. Story of the grandmother,
a lender of pledges. Charity. Story of an attempt to
rob the father. Story of Jewish thieves who were
punished. Hebrew- 1000
- c.1742 Memoirs of Ber of Belechew. Marriage
divorce and remarriage. Yiddish 500
- 18th cent. Radzivil and the Jews. From the Autobiography
of Maimon German 400

Education among Polish Jews in 16-17c.
"Yeven Metzules" and "Shemoneh
Ephraim: Amude Shesh".

Mr. Julius Höpfer - Quellenbuch - neue Vols.

Oct. 16th, 1929.

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

My dear Dr. Gamoran:-

I have read with great interest the outline for a Source Book of Medieval Jewish History which you sent me. It is a very good outline and the work promises to be of real value. A cursory perusal of it gives me the following reactions:

1. The source book will be excellent for adult groups. It will be too advanced for a high school class or for Confirmation and pre-Confirmation classes where such a book is greatly in demand. We are experimenting with such a source book for our pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes this year. Perhaps after you will have published your two source books you will be able to have a simplified shorter volume for these groups.

2. I am not at all sure that the items on Jewish poetry and Jewish philosophy ought to be included in this source book. It is quite impossible to give a proper idea of the wide range of Jewish philosophic speculation in the Middle Ages by bringing three excerpts totalling about one thousand words or even by adding a few additional excerpts. Nor is it necessary in my judgment to include a few specimens of Medieval Jewish poetry. There are already fairly good anthologies of Jewish poetry in English in the field, which are easily accessible. Again two thousand or twenty-five hundred lines will give the student a most inadequate and unsatisfactory grasp of the subject.

Even under the head of "Jewish Literature and Ideals" only such items should be included as have a definite historical value throwing light on the life, custom, manners, etc. of our people during the Middle Ages.

I am aware that Dr. Julius Hoxter does include in his volumes of "Quellenbucher" items of poetry, but his plan is a much more comprehensive one and he devotes considerably more space to each item than is contemplated in our source book.

4. Offhand I would make the following suggestions as regards details under the head of "The State and the Jew:"

Oct. 16th, 1929.

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran,
Continued....page 2.

I would suggest that the Privileges granted Polish Jewry by Casimir the Great (1367) be included.

Under the heading of "The Church and the Jew" perhaps the Bull of Innocent IV against the Blood Accusation (1247) can be included.

Under "Jewish Self-Government" I would suggest that more of Takkanot be included, especially those of the Spanish Jews (1432).

Under "Jewish Sects" an item should certainly be included covering the Frankist Movement. There is extensive source material on this subject.

I would further suggest that four hundred words devoted to the Chassidic Movement is insufficient.

Something too should be included reflecting the extended controversy which raged between the Chassidim and the Mithnagdim.

I find too, that no items are quoted reflecting the rise of the rationalist critical school among our people, - attacks on Tradition, Cabala, etc. Excerpts should be included of the works of Azariah de Rossi and Leon Modena, etc.

5. Under the head of "The Inner Life of the Jew and His Problems" I would suggest that some idea of the status of education among the Jews of Poland of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century be included, quotations from Yeven Metzula, 'Amude Shesh, etc.

I may, from time to time, forward to you other suggestions.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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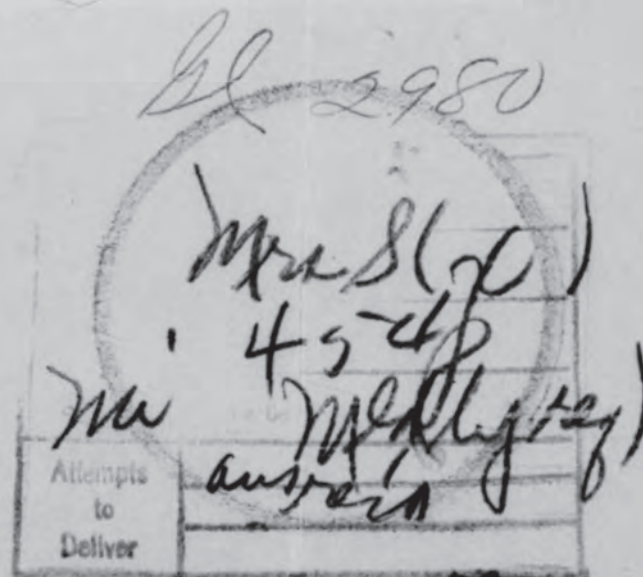
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October 21, 1929.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

I have your letter of October 16th concerning the Source Book on Medieval Jewish History, and I want to thank you for giving it your immediate and careful attention. I want to assure you that every suggestion you made will be carefully considered by the author.

I am inclined to believe that we ought to suspend judgment as to the exact age group for which this Source Book will be useful. It will, as you point out, surely be suitable for adults, and possibly certain selections which can be starred might be used in younger groups; however, when the selections are all prepared we may find it advisable to publish the book in two forms: one for younger people and one for adults. The one for younger people might have some omissions as well as simplification of the sources included. In any case, I am happy that you agree with me that this will be a useful piece of work, and I shall encourage the author to proceed and complete the work as soon as possible.

With all good wishes from house to house,
I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran
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TWENTIETH WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWER BY WIRE COLLECT STOP

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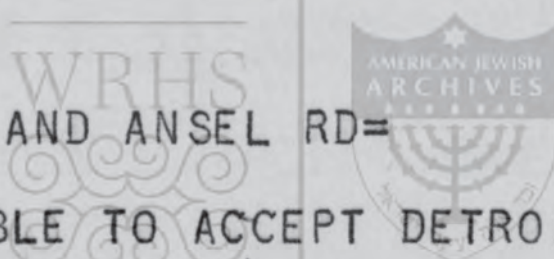
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Answer Oct. 29th, 1929.

IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ACCEPT ANY ENGAGEMENTS ON SUNDAY EVENING
MUST OCCUPY MY OWN PULPIT ON THAT DAY.

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ONLY CITIES REQUIRING SPECIAL STIMULATION WOULD VERY MUCH
LIKE YOU TO VISIT TOLEDO DECEMBER SIXTH PLEASE WIRE CONSENT

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 34 West Sixth Street
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Nov. 1

My dear Rabbi Silver.;

I have been in correspondence with the member of my Nat. Com. in Cleveland, who happens to be a young woman of attainments and sincerity. She has tried to win the cooperation of your woman's organ and Young Folk's group for the idea of an Ohio State Fed. of Young Folk's Temple Leagues.

She informs me that you have a splendidly organized and beautifully ^{directed} group, which does not feel the necessity of a federation for the increasing of their own efficiency and interest, or some such statement was made to her. Also that we are overorganizing.

I must beg to call your attention
and through you, I pray, the
attention of your group, that
there has never been an organ
in the State or of a national
character of the youth of America
under the banner of Reform Jewry
in connection with the synagogue,

Temple Emanuel felt as
you do in New York, but their
young people were urged into
our State Fed. and were thrilled
by the Conference we held in July.
They, as your group, had much
of stimulus to offer to the
small town groups and could
not withstand the desire to be
of service and in the end ^{discerned}
much was to be gained.

Will you please put your
strength of personality and
liberality on back of this
movement? We ask only for
a trial, but personal greetings.

Cordially
Jaworsky May

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Dr. Abba H. Silver
Tifereth Israel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since I wired you regarding Toledo, matters have so shaped themselves that I can tell you our whole program.

As I wired, the Committee should very much like to have you visit Toledo on Friday, December 6th. They would also appreciate your opening your pulpit for a Tour meeting on Sunday morning, for which they would like to assign Rabbi James Heller. This can be on any date acceptable to you. The Committee has tentatively suggested December 22nd. This would be convenient for us, but as I have said, any date more acceptable to you will be satisfactory.

I should very much like to hear from you regarding both matters as these suggested arrangements have not been communicated to anyone else and the notifications ought to go out very soon.

If you can wire me on receipt of this letter, it will be a great help.

With thanks and kindest personal greetings,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

GZ:PF

Geo. Zepin
Secretary

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AM TAKING FOR GRANTED YOU WILL VISIT TOLEDO DECEMBER SIXTH
AS SUGGESTED MY TELEGRAM OCTOBER THIRTY FIRST STOP WOULD
LIKE TO ASSIGN RABBI HELLER TO YOUR PULPIT ON SUNDAY MORNING
DECEMBER TWENTY SECOND AND IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE
WOULD SUGGEST IF ACCEPTABLE TO YOU THIS BE AN EXCHANGE YOU
TO COME TO CINCINNATI ON SAME DATE STOP WOULD APPRECIATE
REPLY BY WIRE REGARDS-

GEORGE ZEPIN.

DL 2980 TO Mrs S
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Nov. 6th, 1929

WIRE TO RABBI GEORGE ZEPIN
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CAN NOT COME TO TOLEDO ON THE SIXTH AM IN NEW YORK ON
THAT DAY WILL BE PLEASED TO COME ON THE 13th. PLEASE
MAKE NO ARRANGEMENT FOR ANYONE TO OCCUPY MY PULPIT UNTIL
YOU HEAR FROM ME.

A. H. SILVER



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Dear Dr. Silver:

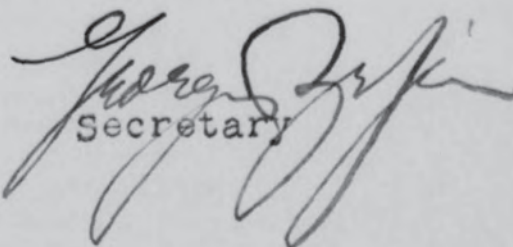
I am in receipt of a letter from Rabbi Joseph S. Kornfeld enclosing a copy of a letter which he wrote you regarding the Tour meeting which was arranged for his city and in which he suggests that instead of addressing his congregation on the Union on Friday evening, December 13th, he would prefer to have you speak at their annual meeting, which will take place early in January.

Needless to say, we are entirely satisfied to leave this to you, as we feel that the Union will be the gainer by either arrangement, if you speak for it.

With kindest personal greetings, I am

Sincerely,

GZ:PF


Secretary

Wire to Rabbi Zepin

Cincinnati, Ohio.

WRHS



Nov. 15th, 1929.

WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE RABBI HELLER OCCUPY MY PULPIT ON SUNDAY
DECEMBER TWENTY-SECOND. STOP INASMUCH AS I AM SPEAKING AT TOLEDO
CAN YOU NOT ARRANGE MATTERS SO THAT I WOULD NOT HAVE TO EXCHANGE
PULPITS WITH HELLER. PLEASE WIRE

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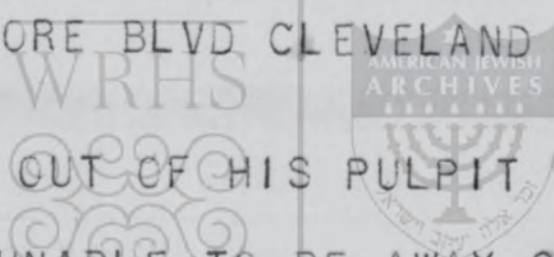
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RABBI HELLER WILL BE OUT OF HIS PULPIT THREE TIMES DURING THE
NEXT FEW WEEKS AND UNABLE TO BE AWAY ON DECEMBER TWENTY
SECOND STOP WOULD BE GLAD TO COME JANUARY TWENTY SIXTH IF THIS
AGREEABLE TO YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW REGARDS=

GEORGE ZEPIN.

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AM TRYING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENT SUGGESTED IN YOUR TELEGRAM

WILL LET YOU KNOW DEFINITELY MONDAY THANKS AND REGARDS=

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

On November 18th I wired you, stating that Rabbi Heller could come to Cleveland to address your congregation on the Union on January 26th. I have not as yet heard from you.

I know that you are very busy, but if you can drop me a line at your convenience so that I can inform Rabbi Heller, I shall appreciate it very much.

With thanks in advance and kindest personal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary

GZ:PF

Nov. 27th, 1929.

Rabbi James G. Heller,
Congregation B'nai Yeshurun,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear James:-

Rabbi Zepin writes me that it will be possible for you to occupy my pulpit on Sunday morning, Jan. 26th. I wonder whether you could not come to us on January 19th instead of the 26th. This would be a much more convenient day for us. I shall be most delighted to have you and my entire congregation will eagerly receive your message.

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to exchange pulpits with you on that Sunday. For family reasons, I shall be unable to leave Cleveland during the month of January or the early part of February. At some future time I hope to be of service to you.

I wonder if it would tax you too much if you would address our young people that same afternoon. They have planned a series of meetings on the general theme of "Youth and the Modern World," and they have invited some of the outstanding men of the country to address them. You will meet a very fine and eager group of young men and women who would like to hear you discuss "Youth and Religion."

I trust that you are well.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

Nov. 27th. 1929.

Rabbi George Zepin,
32 W. 6th St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of Nov. 25th.

I shall be most happy to have
Rabbi Heller occupy my pulpit some Sunday in January.
We would, however, prefer to have him come on the
19th of January instead of the 26th. You understand
of course, that I shall not be able to exchange pulpits
with him on that day. I hope to be able to reciprocate
at some other time.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Cincinnati

Nov. 1929

Dear Friend:-

One of the great institutions for the preservation of Judaism in America is the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of which our Temple is a member.

This Union makes possible the maintenance of the great institution for the training of Liberal Rabbis - the Hebrew Union College. It also supports a department of Synagogue and School Extension which carries the message of Liberal Judaism to all the outlying centers of our country. It assists in the founding of new religious schools, trains religious teachers, publishes text books, fosters Jewish cultural and religious activities among college men and women and in many other ways propagates our faith among the rising generation of Jews in America.

The activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations are made possible through voluntary contributions of Jews throughout this country. If you have been one of its supporters in the past, may we not count upon your continued support in the future? If you have not yet identified yourself with this splendid national cause, may I not appeal to you to do so at this time?

You may send your contribution to me and I shall be happy to forward it to the Union.

Yours very sincerely,

AHS/IR

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received your letter of November 27th and got in touch with Rabbi Heller. He informs me that he is unable to come to Cleveland on January 19th but that he will take this matter up further with you himself. I trust that a suitable date will be arranged.

Thanking you and with kindest personal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary

GZ:PF

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December 2, 1929

Dear Friend:-

One of the great institutions for the preservation of Judaism in America is the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of which our Temple is a member.

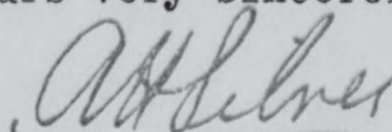
This Union makes possible the maintenance of the great institution for the training of liberal Rabbis - the Hebrew Union College. It also supports a department of Synagogue and School Extension which carries the message of Liberal Judaism to all the outlying centers of our country. It assists in the founding of religious schools, trains religious teachers, publishes text books, fosters Jewish cultural and religious activities among college men and women and in many other ways propagates our faith among the rising generation of Jews in America.

The activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations are made possible through voluntary contributions of Jews throughout this country. If you have been one of its supporters in the past, may we not count upon your continued support in the future? If you have not yet identified yourself with this splendid national cause, may I not appeal to you to do so at this time?

You may send your contribution to me and I shall be happy to forward it to the Union.

Yours very sincerely,

AHS/IR


A. H. Silver

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Dr. Abba H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sorry that you had to leave immediately after the service on Saturday. However, I am writing you what I wanted to tell you in person - that I enjoyed the visit to your school exceedingly. I noted a very fine spirit on the part of pupils and teachers, and I was impressed above all, by the very fine service for the children of the junior high school classes. In fact, I felt it was so well conducted, that, properly motivated, it might be considered an esthetic experience for the children.

With kind personal greetings from house to house, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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PHONES AVON 334 AND 335

Rabbi James G. Heller

December 6, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

I wish that I could say yes to your request to change the date to speak in your pulpit from January 26, to January 19.. It looks like you and I are in the same boat. We expect a baby on January 15, and my wife will have to undergo a Caesarian section. You can therefore imagine that I shall not be able to be out of the city four days later; thus ^{even} coming on the 26th will be difficult for me. When I come I shall of course be glad to address your young people in the afternoon.

Will you let me know definitely whether it is agreed that I come on the 26th?

I sent you the following wire:

"Greatly regretted you could not accept invitation to address opening meeting Youth Temple. Will it be possible for you to come to special service under auspices Youth Temple with entire congregation Friday evening, December 27 Please wire collect"

With friendly greetings from house to house, I am

Yours sincerely,



Dec. 12th, 1929.

Rabbi James G. Heller,
Plum St. Temple,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Jim:-

The date of January 26th would be fine for my Congregation, but I am anxious to have you also address our young people in the afternoon and that date is not a convenient one for them as it falls within the college examination period. I shall try to make some other arrangements with you later on.

I should very much love to come to your Youth Temple but I simply can not absent myself from the Temple any more. I have been away two or three days a week in the last few months. To ease my conscience I have made it a rule not to be away from the Temple during the week-ends, when most of our congregational activities take place. In spite of my decision I was compelled to accept an invitation from the Union to talk before the Toledo Congregation this Friday evening. You will therefore understand my inability to come to you on Friday, Dec. 27th. Perhaps at some future time I can be of some service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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PHONES AVON 334 AND 335

Rabbi James G. Heller

December 19, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

I am not quite sure as to the intent of your letter of December 12, and would like you to confirm it. Do I understand that owing to the fact that you cannot have a meeting of your young people on the afternoon of January 26, you would prefer to postpone my coming on that day to some other time?

With friendly greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

JGH:M



Dec. 23d, 1929.

Rabbi James G. Heller,
Plum St. Temple,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Jim:-

Your understanding of my letter is correct. I am trying to get a Rabbi who would be in position both to occupy my pulpit in the morning and to address our young people in the afternoon.

I was very sorry that you could not come to us on January 19th. I still hope that we may have the pleasure of having you with us some time this season and I shall communicate with you at a later time.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your letter of January 22nd we have sent you 150 copies of the tract by Dr. Freehof and a similar number of the tract by Dr. Rosenau. A bill for same is enclosed herewith.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that you were kind enough to consent to write two tracts for the Commission on JUDAISM AND CHRISTIAN SCIENCE and another on THE MESSIANIC HOPE. We shall be very glad to receive these manuscripts as soon as you can let us have them. If at all possible, we should like to have them during the next few months. We have two manuscripts now almost ready to go to the printer, one on "Judaism and International Peace" and another on "Judaism and Unitarianism." These will undoubtedly be distributed in June and September, respectively. We would like to have at least one of the tracts for distribution in December of this year. You will recognize from this that we are trying to distribute at least four tracts a year.

May I also say, for your information, that these pamphlets are being splendidly received. Requests come to us from theological seminaries and schools of religious education asking us for copies for instruction purposes in those schools.

I heard last night from a Clevelander that you have again become a daddy. Please accept my sincere congratulations both for yourself and for Mrs. Silver.

With cordial regards and good wishes, in which Mrs. Egelson joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have received many complimentary letters with reference to the Tour.

You yourself will be pleased to learn of a reference to your visit to Toledo in a letter from Rabbi Joseph S. Kornfeld which has recently come to the office. This reads as follows:

"Rabbi Silver delivered an inspiring address wherein he spoke most appreciatively of the work of the Union."

We are led to feel by such encouraging statements that the Tour is rendering valuable service to our cause and that it is eminently worthwhile to repeat the same from year to year.

With all kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

David A. Brown
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To the President and Rabbi:-

Complying with the enclosed request,
we are sending you herewith a copy of a
resolution adopted by the Synagogue Council
of America with reference to the abridgment
of religious liberty in Russia together
with a copy of the letter from the Syna-
gogue Council on the same subject.

Respectfully yours,

George Zepin,
Secretary.

GZ:RK

RESOLUTION OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
WITH REFERENCE TO THE RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN RUSSIA

The Synagogue Council of America, representing synagogal and rabbinical organizations which comprise millions of Jews of all shades of Judaism, joins with other religious bodies in the United States in solemn protest against the abridgement of religious liberty taking place with increasing violence in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics .

In the name of the Jewish people, whose very survival has in every generation been bound up with liberty of conscience, we appeal to the conscience of humanity against the measures which the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is carrying out to suppress Church and Synagogue and to persecute those whose hearts beat with reverence for the Divine Father.

We call upon our bretheren of the House of Israel in this land of freedom to repair to their synagogues on the Sabbath, March seventh, to offer up public prayer that the campaign against religion in Soviet Russia may come to a speedy end, giving way to that brotherhood which is the flowering of God's spirit on earth."

7-16-30
Synagogue Council of America
Telephone: Longacre 8298
11 West 42nd Street
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New York City

February 21, 1930.

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

Dear Rabbi Zepin:

Enclosed you will find a copy of an urgent resolution which has been adopted by the Synagogue Council of America, calling for a special public service of prayer on the Sabbath, March 7th. We have chosen this date rather than the following week-end (the date chosen by the Protestants), because the tragic situation in Russia can more appropriately be dealt with on Sabbath Zachor, than on the joyous Sabbath of Purim.

We would ask you in view of the painful urgency of the situation to transmit this resolution to all the constituents of your organization, adding to the united appeal of the Synagogue Council the special endorsement of your organization.

We would suggest that at the appropriate place in the service, selections from a suitable psalm, such as 44 or 79, be read as an introduction to a special sermon and prayer. We would further urge that the issue be dealt with not as a political issue but purely as a religious one.

We would appreciate hearing from you what action you have taken with regard to this important matter.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Elias L. Solomon,

President of the
Synagogue Council of America.

(signed) J. B. Pollak,

Secretary.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Philipson is desirous of calling a meeting of the Commission on Tuesday, April 22nd, in the city of New York. At his request, I am writing to every member of the Commission, asking him to set the day aside for this purpose.

A Schedule of Business will shortly be furnished.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary.

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Samuel Schulman, D.D., D.H.L.

March 19th

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

Dear Colleague,--

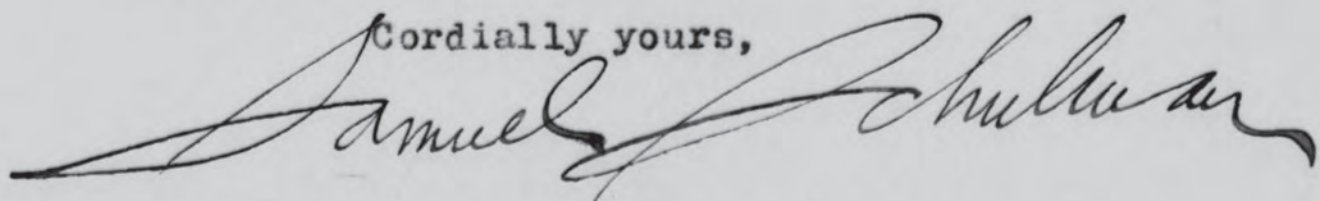
As a meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education is contemplated for April 21st or 22nd, or thereabouts, I feel that as Chairman of the Committee on Commentaries, our Committee ought to take some action, either by the presentation of a report to the Commission on Jewish Education, which we might formulate by correspondence, or at least, at a meeting immediately preceding the meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education.

As you know, I have tried to get a meeting of our Committee a number of times during the last year. It seemed impossible to do so for various reasons. I am therefore enclosing a draft of a tentative report of our Committee to the Educational Commission. Please read it carefully, criticize and modify it freely, if you feel so inclined. I am quite sure we can get something in final shape, which can serve as a basis of work for our Committee.

I am aware that some members of our Committee question the advisability of proceeding with this work, because they think we have not at present, men sufficiently competent to write Commentaries. They can express their opinion in the correspondence. And eventually, if they were insistent on their opinion, it might be presented in the form of a minority report. I myself believe that for the kind of Commentary which the Educational Commission contemplates, to meet a very urgent need, we have a sufficient number of men in the country, who could undertake to write it. Please let me know your views as soon as possible.

With very best wishes,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Samuel Schulman', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON COMMENTARIES.

DRAFT OF A REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON COMMENTARIES TO THE COMMISSION ON JEWISH EDUCATION.

By S. Schulman

Your Committee feels that the Commission on Jewish Education should proceed, through this Committee, with the project of preparing popular Commentaries on the Bible. There is an urgent need for such Commentaries. Our Women's Organizations, our Bible Classes, our Post Confirmation classes, all demand a simple popular Commentary upon the Scripture. They can look to no other agency at present, than to the Commission on Jewish Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Therefore, we ought to proceed immediately to work.

Your Committee feels that such Commentaries, as prepared under the auspices of the Educational Commission, need not conflict with the eventual carrying out of the enterprise of the Jewish Publication Society, of preparing Commentaries on the Bible. The Commentary which our Commission should prepare, while based on the best results of modern research, as well as on knowledge of the classical Jewish Commentaries, should not pretend to an undue display of learning, or to a lengthy discussion of critical controversies, if it discussed them at all. In short, this Commentary is not to be for the student, in the technical sense of that word, but for the masses of the people.

The Commentary should be prepared in accordance with the following suggestions: (1) A simple, condensed, clear and intelligible explanation of words, where this may be necessary.

2--It should very briefly explain the historical background which may be necessary for the understanding of any passage.

3--It should always aim at bringing out the ethical and

religious significance of the passage wherever possible. It should, being a popular Commentary, aim at "edification."

4--It should call attention to literary beauty, when this is called for.

5--The author of the Commentary should prepare a bibliography. In a Preface to his Commentary, he shall, in as brief and condensed a form as possible, give his reasons for the results he has come to with respect to the general questions, as to critical problems concerning time and authorship etc. In the Commentary itself, none of these questions shall be touched upon. Writing for the people, the purpose of the Commentator should be to bring out the meaning of the content of the book as a literary, religious Classic, irrespective of time.

6--It is understood that the Commentator shall write with reverence, and while perfect freedom of thought is given to him, he should maintain the traditional conception that in some way, the Torah and Prophetical Books of the Bible are the instrumentalities of a unique revelation made by God, through men.

7--The Commentary is on the English text of the Bible, as presented in the Translation made by the Jewish Publication Society, in conjunction with the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

8--The Committee feels that there are quite a number of competent men in the country, both amongst colleagues, members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and outside of the Conference, who are able to write such Commentaries as are here contemplated. The Committee on Commentaries will therefore assume that it has the power to invite men for the writing of these Commentaries. The Commission on Jewish Education itself should decide what compensation should be given for such work, or it might delegate that power to

the Committee on Commentaries. We ought to have the first Commentary ready at least within two years.

9--The Committee feels that, with respect to the Pentateuch, a selection from that Pentateuch should be made by the Committee. And after such selection has been decided upon, the matter be turned over to the writer, who is to be asked to write a Commentary. The Committee feels that, for the purposes of popular instruction, it is not necessary or advisable to write a Commentary on the whole Pentateuch. The Committee also recommends that, in addition to a Commentary on such selected portions of the Pentateuch, a Prophet like ~~Mikah~~, Isaiah, or Jeremiah, or Amos or Hosea, be begun with. Simultaneously with selected portions of the Pentateuch and with some Prophet, a Commentary on a number of selected Psalms should be written. This selection should also be made by the Committee, and then a writer invited to prepare a Commentary on these Psalms. The Committee feels that, with the presentation of the Torah, in the narrower sense, and of a typical Prophet, and of selected Psalms, a good beginning will have been made for the provision of popular Commentaries on the Scripture, for our people, and their needs relatively well met. Of course, the Committee will lay out eventually, a larger plan for Commentaries on many other books of the Scripture.

10--The Commentary should be written in good English, to be altogether untechnical, the style to be worthy of the subject.

11--The Committee on Commentaries will subdivide itself into sub-committees of Readers on the manuscript presented to them. The Readers will offer comments and suggestions, and as is customary, while leaving perfect freedom to the writer, will expect important suggestions to be accepted, inasmuch as the Committee on Commentaries acts in the capacity of an Editorial Board for these Commentaries.

Respectfully Submitted,
New York, March 19, 1930

Samuel Schulman

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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April 4, 1930

Mr. S. H. Einstein,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr. Einstein:

Some time ago I wrote you enclosing a memorandum of your subscription to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for 1929. As your check has not been received, I presume this matter was overlooked.

I am informed that the officers of the Union have borrowed considerable sums from the bank for the payment of current bills. They are especially anxious to collect outstanding balances for last year. If you could send your check by return mail it would save the payment of unnecessary interest and would be a great help to them at this time.

Awaiting your reply and with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:MEC

A. H. Silver
A. H. Silver

*When I subscribe to anything
I am prompt in paying but
Do not think you can show me
that I did to the above mentioned*

*Yours truly,
S. H. Einstein*

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Mr. Sol Blum,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr. Blum:

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Awaiting your reply and with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Respy' Fred Joseph.

April 9th, 1930

Miss Gertrude Folks Zimand,
National Child Labor Committee,
215 Fourth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Zimand:-

I would appreciate very much if you will kindly send me two copies of the proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Conference of the National Child Labor Committee in which Rabbi Silver participated.

With kindest regards and thanking you in advance, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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Dr. Abba H. Silver,
East 105th and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I beg to enclose a Schedule of the forthcoming meeting of the Commission on April 29th at Temple Emanu-El, New York City. The Leaventratt Room has been set aside for our meeting. Please note that the Committee on Bible Commentaries of which you are a member meets at 9:30 in the morning.

The members of the Commission will lunch together at Temple Emanu-El and the meeting of the Commission will follow immediately thereafter.

While it is hoped that the business will be completed before dinner, members are requested to keep the evening open for a meeting, should business warrant.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

George Zepin
Secretary.

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April 10th,
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Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th St.,
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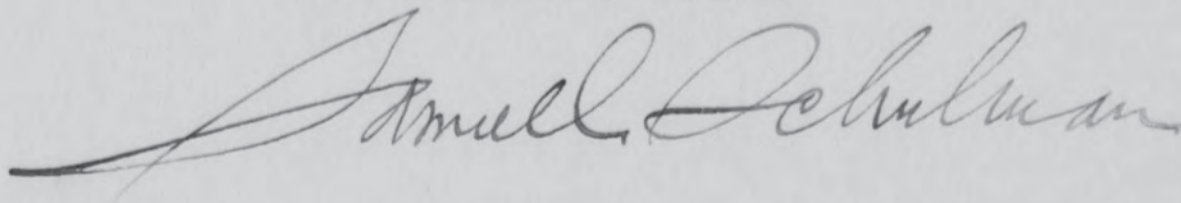
Dear Colleague,--

As you know, the date of the meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education is to be April 29th. I wrote you, on March 19th, enclosing a draft of a Report of the Committee on Bible Commentaries, which I intend to present to the Commission, and I asked you to make whatever comment you wished.

I have received, thus far, two answers from other members of the Committee, favoring my Report, on the whole. I would be exceedingly obliged to you, if you would let me have your opinion, so that I could have sufficient time to draw up the Report. I know you are busy, but we ought to have this Report ready for the Commission.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy and kindness in the matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel Schulman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

April 18th, 1930

Dr. Samuel Schulman,
Congregation Emanu-El,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Schulman:-

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of April 10th. I have been out of the city a great deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I think that I wrote to you a year or so ago on the subject of the proposed popular commentaries of the Bible. I am not in favor of the Commission proceeding with this work. I do not believe that there is any urgent need for such commentaries at this time. In my organization, at least, I have felt no particular need for the type of commentary suggested. There is still such pressing need for other types of text books in our elementary schools and high schools that the Commission ought not to spend time, thought and money on the suggested series of commentaries at this time.

I will have occasion to discuss this matter with you more fully when we meet at the Commission meeting in New York on April 30th.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

also to S. H. Einstein

April 23th, 1930

Mr. Sol Blum,
1868 Alvason Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Blum:-

Permit me to reply to your note of

April 4th.

You have of course, made no subscription to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. But it has been the practice of our Temple, as well as of all the other Reform Temples in this country, to assist the Union by supplying it with their membership lists and by indicating on the list a probable amount which may be requested from the given individual for the support of the activities of the Union. This in no way commits anyone to a subscription. It is just a suggestion and a request.

Through this medium the Temple membership has been contributing a sum of approximately \$8000 annually to the support of the Hebrew Union College, the Synagogue and School Extension Departments and many other activities of the union.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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New York City
April 29, 1930.

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSION ON JEWISH EDUCATION

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, Dr. David Philipson, a meeting of the Commission was held in the School Building of Temple Emanu-El, New York City on Tuesday, April 29th. The morning was devoted to meetings of several sub-Committees which presented their reports later in the day.

The meeting of the Commission was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Dr. Philipson.

There were present, Rabbis David Philipson, Chairman, Cincinnati, Ohio; Samuel J. Abrams, Boston; Edward N. Calisch, Richmond; H. G. Enelow, New York; Leon Fram, Detroit; Solomon A. Fineberg, Mt. Vernon; James G. Heller, Cincinnati; Louis L. Mann, Chicago; David Marx, Atlanta; William Rosenau, Baltimore; Samuel Schulman, New York; Abba H. Silver, Cleveland; Louis Witt, Dayton; Louis Wolsey, Philadelphia; and George Zepin, Secretary, Cincinnati. Rabbi David Philipson presided, Rabbi George Zepin recorded the Minutes. Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, Educational Director, attended the meeting.

Letters from the following members of the Commission unable to attend were presented, Rabbis Samuel Goldenson, Samuel Koch, Lee J. Levinger, Julian Morgenstern, Joseph Rauch and Abram Simon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary presented the following report, which was received and after correction was ordered spread upon the Minutes.

Cincinnati, Ohio
April 29, 1930.

To the Commission on Jewish Education

Gentlemen:

This report presents a condensed statement of our activities since the last Commission meeting June, 1929 and leaves

to the several committee reports which will likewise be presented, the treatment at length of the problems that confront each committee. Some of these Committees have undertaken to review plans and activities of past years and to present important new projects for the approval of the Commission.

THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

During the past twelve months, the Commission held one meeting, in Detroit on June 25, 1929.

The report of the Commission to the C. C. A. R. was read and approved. Advisory action was taken with reference to the report of the Committee on Fellowships, approval being given to the renewal of five fellowships recommended by the Committee and the termination of one fellowship.

A proposal by Mr. Joseph Gaer to prepare a volume of stories dealing with Jewish folklore was approved upon terms left to the Chairman and Secretary. A similar proposal for another volume is now before the Commission, the manuscript for the first volume having been completed and accepted by the Reading Committee.

A proposal to prepare several volumes dealing with Jewish History of the Biblical Period for children in Grade six and following was discussed and referred to the Committee on Elementary Education. A proposal to prepare a volume on Jewish Ceremonies and Customs for the Fifth Grade was discussed and referred to the Committee on Elementary Education.

The Commission accepted the proposal to combine with the work of the Commission, a Department of Research especially as this pertains to the educational field.

The appointment of a sub-committee on Research was approved.

It was resolved to request the Board of Managers to appoint Dr. Lee K. Frankel as a member of this Commission and the Commission authorized the Chairman, Dr. Philipson, to appoint Dr. Frankel Chairman of the Committee on Research.

BOOKS PUBLISHED

One volume in our Bible Readers Series has been published this year, "The Voice of the Prophets" by Mamie G. Gamoran. The volume "Assembly Programs" by Elma Levinger has been printed and will be delivered by the printer in a few weeks. Three plays by Mrs. Fannie B. Linsky were published in separate booklets, "Happy New Year", "The Sabbath Angel", and "Old Pictures in New Frames". These have all been issued by the Elementary Committee.

In the field of Teacher Training, we have published in mimeograph form, a syllabus on the "Teaching of Jewish History".

One research study was published, the same consisting of a series of eight Achievement Tests in Jewish History for all grades, beginning with Grade 1, prepared by Dr. Julius Maller and Rabbi Jacob B. Pollak. This is accompanied by a Guide and Key for the use of Teachers.

Nine of our previously published volumes were reprinted during the year.

MANUSCRIPTS ON HAND

The last of the Series of Bible Readers dealing with the Hagiographa, prepared by Mamie G. Gamoran, is complete and has been approved by the Reading Committee. It is now ready for printing.

"The History of the Jews in the United States", by Dr. Lee J. Levinger is in the hands of the printers.

"Israel in Canaan" — a history by Dr. Jacob Golub is in the hands of the author for revision.

The following three plays are in the hands of Reading Committees: "The Light of Peace", "The Dancing Lights", "Mother of Exiles".

The following three manuscripts are in various stages of preparation by authors who are in frequent communication with Dr. Gamoran and, through him, with the respective Committees that read the original sample chapters submitted:

Teachers Text Book for our volume
"In the Land of Kings and Prophets",

"A Source Book on Medieval Jewish History"

A volume on

"What the Jew has Contributed to Civilization".

RESEARCH

In addition to the eight achievement tests referred to above under the paragraph enumerating the published items of the last year, we are about to receive a manuscript of a study pursued by Dr. Maller entitled: "Testing the Knowledge of Jewish History".

An interesting experiment that promises to yield a manuscript for publication one year hence is being conducted in our New York Schools by Rabbi Jacob B. Pollak and Dr. Harry Comins, one of our Fellows at Teachers College. The same consists of a series of Project Lessons, dealing with "The Social Life of the Early Hebrews".

FELLOWS IN PEDAGOGY AT TEACHERS COLLEGE

I beg to report concerning the activities of the Committee on Fellowships appointed by the Board of Managers and consisting of Dr. David Philipson, Chairman, Dr. Julian Morgenstern and Rabbi George Zepin.

At the beginning of this scholastic year, we awarded five fellowships, leaving the sixth open. It was contemplated that the amount thus reserved might provide for assistance to Graduate Students at Teachers College in preparation of theses which would be of especial interest to us. It also seemed to be the consensus of opinion that preference should be given to H.U.C. graduates in the selection of candidates for the fellowships. At the close of the scholastic season we are usually furnished with the standing of the students at Teachers College and this becomes the basis for the action of the Committee with reference to renewal of Fellowships.

An interesting experiment was conducted last summer in New York City, where a seminar was arranged for our Fellows under the guidance of Dr. Gamoran, Dr. Maller and Rabbi Pollak.

Four Rabbis asked permission to join this group which met three mornings a week during the month of August. Dr. Gamoran gave twelve lectures on "Curriculum and Methods of

Teaching in the Jewish Religious School", Dr. Maller gave four lectures on "Character Education and Testing", Rabbi Pollak gave four lectures on "Classroom Organization and Management".

TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS

Of the eight Teachers Associations with which we have cooperated in the recent years, four held meetings this year. These associations are still in the stage that requires considerable promotional activity. Rabbi Egelson has given his attention to this matter in the past twelve months.

At one of our Commission meetings, it was suggested that programs be prepared for the guidance of Teachers Conventions. An attempt at this direction was made at the Ohio Meeting, where a number of speakers directed their papers to a study of the problems of the Confirmation age classes. Rabbi Egelson made a study of "Confirmation Practices in 100 Schools." Dr. Maller analyzed a group of Confirmation manuals from the point of view of character education. Dr. Gamoran delivered a paper on "What a Junior High School Teacher Should Read". Rabbi Louis Witt and Rabbi James G. Heller, members of the Commission, participated in the program of this Teachers Convention.

At the meeting of the New England Teachers' Association in Hartford, Connecticut, Rabbi Pollak delivered two lectures on "Class-Room Management", Dr. Gamoran two lectures on "Teaching Jewish History" and Dr. Maller on "Character Education".

At the first meeting of the new association organized in Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Calisch and Dr. Simon of the Commission participated in the program. Dr. Gamoran delivered two lectures on "Methods of Teaching Jewish Customs and Ceremonies."

EXHIBITS

Exhibits were prepared and sent to the following meetings this year:

A selected list of our publications was sent to the New England Teachers Association Convention in Hartford, Connecticut and to the Convention of the Teachers Association of

Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia at Richmond, Virginia.

Our Sesquicentennial Exhibit as well as an exhibit of all our publications was sent to the Southeastern Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

A special exhibit containing a selected list of works on General education and Jewish education was sent to a meeting of the Sisterhood at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

A set of our newer publications and a selected list of new books on General education and Jewish education was sent to the Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Detroit in June 1929.

We sent an exhibit to the State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in New York City consisting of Material for Teacher Training in the Jewish School as well as a selected list of our publications.

A special exhibit of readings for the Teachers of the Junior High School classes in the Jewish Religious School was sent to Canton, Ohio at the Convention of the Ohio State Teachers Association.

We are also planning to send a set of our publications to the Conference of the World Liberal Union in London, England.

GENERAL

Dr. Gamoran has lectured before Teachers meetings and Parent Teachers Association in Indianapolis, Louisville and St. Louis, and has visited Chicago, Cleveland and New York where he consulted with authors engaged on various manuscripts. When occasion offered, Dr. Gamoran and the Secretary have kept in touch with fellows at Teachers College. Dr. Maller delivered a lecture on "Jewish Religious Education and Its Effects upon Character Growth", at the Regional Conference in Baltimore of the Religious Education Association.

Respectfully submitted,

George Zepin,

Secretary.

Regarding the proposal mentioned in the above report with reference to a new volume of stories on Jewish Folklore by Mr. Joseph Gaer—

It was resolved that the Commission approve the plan for an additional volume of stories.

With reference to that part of the report dealing with the Fellowships in Pedagogy —

Dr. A. H. Silver moved and Dr. Samuel Schulman seconded the adoption of the following resolution:—

In view of the responsibility that attaches to the Commission on Jewish Education with reference to the recipients of our fellowships in Pedagogy —

Be it resolved that the Board of Managers of Synagogue and School Extension be requested to turn over to the Commission the full responsibility for this activity including the power to regulate the award and renewal of such fellowships.

The resolution was adopted.

It was resolved that the Chairman, following the receipt of such authority, be authorized to appoint a Committee with proper powers.

Dr. William Rosenau, Chairman of the Committee on Youth Work, presented the following report:

REPORT OF ELEMENTARY COMMITTEE

To the Commission on Jewish Education

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Committee on Elementary Education, I beg to submit the following report:

Our Committee has been one of the most active during this year, as in previous years. Owing to the fact that a strong effort has been made to publish the books needed in the elementary school in order to meet the needs of our revised curriculum, the members of our Committee have been busy reading new manuscripts almost throughout the year.

Since the last meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education in June, the following books have appeared, all of which were read and passed on by the Sub Committees on Elementary Education.

The Sabbath Angel, a Sabbath play by Mrs. Fannie B. Linsky.

Happy New Year, a play for Rosh Hashana by Mrs. Fannie B. Linsky.

Old Pictures in New Frames, a play by Mrs. Fannie B. Linsky.

The Voice of the Prophets, by Mamie G. Gamoran. This is the fifth in our series of Bible Readers and includes selections from all the Prophets.

A book on "Assembly Programs for the Jewish Religious School" prepared by Mrs. Lee J. Levinger is now in press and will appear shortly.

A number of manuscripts are still in the hands of committees. These include Bible stories for children six or seven years old, a teacher's book to accompany our Reader "In the Land of Kings and Prophets" and several others. Still other manuscripts are in the hands of authors for revision, such as "Israel in Canaan" by Dr. Jacob S. Golub, which promises to maintain the high standard achieved in his previous book "In the Days of the Second Temple".

With the cooperation of all the members of the Commission on Jewish Education, we hope to continue our work and we trust that in several years our Jewish Religious Schools will have the necessary textbooks to carry on effective instruction.

A couple of months ago Rabbi Max Currick referred to us a request which was addressed by the Peace Committee of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to the Central Conference of American Rabbis for the preparation of a children's book on the subject of Peace. The members of the Committee on Elementary Education have approved our proceeding to engage someone for the preparation of such a book.

At the meeting of the Committee on Elementary Education held this morning the following resolutions were adopted:

1 - That we favor the publication of literature on the subject of peace for the children in the elementary school.

2 - That we favor the publication of a monograph for teachers on this subject.

3 - That we favor the publication of a descriptive book consisting of Jewish ceremonials and the customs that function in the synagogue and home. This book should also provide for projects and should be written to meet the needs of children in the intermediate grade.

William Rosenau, Chairman
Samuel J. Abrams Joseph Rauch
James G. Heller Louis Wolsey
Louis Mann

The following action was taken on recommendations contained in the report.

With reference to the recommendation for publishing literature on subject of Peace for children in the elementary school -

It was resolved, on motion made by Dr. Enelow and seconded by Dr. Silver, that the Commission approve the suggestion of producing a book for home reading for young children on the subject of Peace and that the Committee on Elementary Education be requested to prepare an outline of the material to be included in such a book.

With reference to the recommendation for a Teacher's Monograph on Peace -

It was resolved, upon motion by Dr. Enelow and seconded by Dr. Silver, that the Commission undertake the publication of a monograph for teachers on the teaching of peace in the Jewish school, and that this task be assigned to the Committee on Teacher Training.

A suggestion contained in the original report with reference to publication of a volume on Peace by the Youth Committee was eliminated from the report by the Chairman with the consent of the members of his Committee.

BOOK ON CEREMONIES AND CUSTOMS

It was resolved to approve the suggestion in the report dealing with the production of a descriptive book of Jewish Ceremonies and Customs for intermediate grades.

The report of the Elementary Committee, with corrections noted above, was adopted and ordered spread upon the Minutes.

Dr. Samuel Schulman presented the following report of the Committee on Bible Commentaries:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE COMMENTARIES

New York, N. Y.,
April 29, 1930.

To the Commission on Jewish Education:

Gentlemen:

Your Committee feels that the Commission on Jewish Education should proceed, through this Committee, with the project of preparing popular Commentaries on the Bible. There is an urgent need for such Commentaries. Our Women's Organizations, our Bible Classes, our Post-Confirmation classes, all demand a simple, popular Commentary on the Scripture. They can look to no other agency, at present, than to the Commission on Jewish Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Therefore, we ought to proceed immediately to work.

Your Committee feels that such Commentaries, as prepared under the auspices of the Educational Commission, need not conflict with the eventual carrying out of the enterprise of the Jewish Publication Society, of preparing Commentaries on the Bible. The Commentary which our Commission should prepare, while based on the best results of modern research, as well as on knowledge of the classical Jewish Commentaries, should not pretend to an undue display of learning, or to a lengthy discussion of critical controversies, if it discussed them at all. In short, this Commentary is not to be for the student, in the technical sense of that word, but for the masses of the people.

The Commentary should be prepared in accordance with the following suggestions: 1—A simple, condensed, clear and intelligible explanation of words, where this may be necessary.

2— It should very briefly explain the historical background which may be necessary for the understanding of any passage.

3— It should always aim at bringing out the ethical and religious significance of the passage wherever possible. It should, being a popular Commentary, aim at "edification."

4— It should call attention to literary beauty, when this is called for.

5— The author of the Commentary should prepare a bibliography. In a preface to his Commentary, he shall, in as brief and condensed a form as possible, give his reasons for the results he has come to with respect to the general questions, as to critical problems concerning time and authorship, etc. In the Commentary itself, none of these questions shall be touched upon. Writing for the people, the purpose of the Commentator should be to bring out the meaning of the content of the book, as a literary, religious Classic, irrespective of time.

6— It is understood that the Commentator shall write with reverence. And while perfect freedom of thought is given to him, he should maintain the traditional conception that in some way, the Torah and Prophetical Books of the Bible, are the instrumentalities of a unique revelation made by God, through men.

7— The Commentary is on the English text of the Bible, as presented in the Translation made by the Jewish Publication Society, in conjunction with the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

8— The Committee feels that there are quite a number of competent men in the country, both amongst colleagues, members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and outside of the Conference, who are able to write such Commentaries, as are here contemplated. The Committee on Commentaries will therefore, assume that it has the power to invite men for the writing of these Commentaries. The Educational Commission itself should decide what compensation should be given for such work, or it might delegate that power to the Committee on Commentaries. We ought to have the first Commentary ready, at least, within two years.

9— The Committee feels that, with respect to the Pentateuch, a selection from the Pentateuch should be made by the Committee. And after such selection has been decided upon, the matter be turned over to the writer who is to be asked to write a Commentary. The Committee feels that, for the purposes of popular instruction, it is not necessary or advisable to write a Commentary on the whole Pentateuch. The Committee also recommends that, in addition to a Commentary on such selected portions of the Pentateuch, a Prophet like Isaiah or Jeremiah,

or Amos, or Hosea, be begun with. Simultaneously with selected portions of the Pentateuch, and with some Prophet, a Commentary on a number of selected Psalms should be written. These selections should also be made by the Committee, and then a writer invited to prepare a Commentary on these Psalms. The Committee feels that, with the presentation of the Torah in the narrower sense, and of a typical Prophet and of selected Psalms, a good beginning will have been made for the provision of popular Commentaries on the Scripture for our people, and their needs relatively well met. Of course, the Committee will lay out eventually a larger plan for Commentaries on many other Books of the Scripture.

10— The Commentary should be written in good English, to be altogether untechnical, the style to be worthy of the subject.

11— The Committee on Commentaries will subdivide itself into sub-committees of Readers on the manuscript presented to them. The Readers will offer comments and suggestions, and as is customary, while leaving perfect freedom to the writer, will expect important suggestions to be accepted, inasmuch as the Committee on Commentaries acts in the capacity of an Editorial Board for these Commentaries.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Felix Mendelsohn
Julian Morgenstern
William Rosenau

Samuel Schulman,
Chairman.

New York, April 29th,
1930.

APPENDIX TO REPORT
OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE COMMENTARIES
CONTAINING SUPPLEMENTARY SUGGESTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Rabbi Mendelsohn, while accepting the whole Report, suggests that the Commentaries should be on the whole Pentateuch instead of on selected portions thereof.

Dr. Julian Morgenstern, while accepting the whole Report, suggests that we substitute the Book of Judges, or Samuel for the Pentateuch, and also recommends that the first Commentary on the Prophets be on Amos and Hosea, in one book.

ACTION TAKEN

In presenting the above report, Dr. Samuel Schulman called attention to several individual suggestions that have not been incorporated in the body of the report but which were quoted in an appendix to the report and concerning which Dr. Schulman requested the instructions of the Commission.

The first that was considered was an objection by Dr. A. H. Silver with reference to the publication of Commentaries by the Commission at this time. After discussion, Dr. Silver withdrew his objection.

The second suggestion considered was by Rabbi Mendelsohn that Commentaries should be on the whole Pentateuch instead of selected portions thereof. This suggestion was discussed but did not meet with the approval of the majority of the Commission.

The third item consisted of two suggestions by Dr. Morgenstern, the first being that the book of Judges or Samuel be substituted for the Pentateuch. After a discussion, this suggestion was rejected by the Commission.

Dr. Morgenstern's second suggestion that the first Commentary of the Prophets deal with Amos and Hosea in one volume was approved.

The report of the Committee on Bible Commentaries was adopted.

Dr. Gamoran presented the following report.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

To the Commission on Jewish Education.

Gentlemen:—

With the permission of the members of the Commission on Jewish Education I would like to summarize what we have done in recent years, and to present what appears to me to be the next step which we might take for the improvement of our educational work. It is to the credit of the Commission on Jewish Education that it envisaged its task not merely in terms of the publication of literature for Religious Schools, but in terms of the problem of Jewish education in America as a whole. The efforts of the Commission have been to work in the direction of finding a solution to this problem.

In organizing itself for the execution of its task, the Commission divided itself into committees, thinking of some of the major problems confronting us. These committees are Elementary Education, Youth Education, Adult and University Education, Teacher-Training and Research. The Commission realized that if the problem of Jewish education is to be adequately solved, it must think of all the age groups from kindergarten to the university, and of all types of training from the pupil in the elementary school to the highly specialized educational director of a Temple.

If I were asked to summarize what the Commission on Jewish Education has done during the last few years, I would say that its achievements are three-fold:

1. The Commission has adopted a plan and a general procedure with regard to the development of educational literature.
2. The Commission on Jewish Education pursued a program of publications which has resulted in giving a new tone to the preparation of Jewish textbooks not only in our own midst but also among other groups interested in Jewish education.
3. The Commission has envisaged the problem of Jewish education as a whole and has gradually worked towards its solution.

Since the adoption of the new curriculum by the Commission on Jewish Education, a little over five years have passed. It behooves us therefore to consider most seriously the present situation in Jewish education and the main problems that confront us in the future development of our work. Looking at Jewish education from a somewhat different point of view, we may distinguish five problems:

1. The problem of the unschooled.
2. The problem of the curriculum.
3. The problem of textbooks.
4. The problem of method.
5. The problem of training of personnel.

The first four problems are to a great extent dependent on the fifth — the training of personnel. We have attempted to deal with the problem of personnel. We all realize that the ultimate success of the work in our schools and in our educational centers depends upon the training of rabbis, teachers and educators. The training of rabbis and religious school teachers has been provided for. The training of Jewish educators has not. We are all acquainted with the tendency of our larger congregations to invite educational directors to do their work. I know several such. This training is not always adequate. Education depends on leadership and leadership in education depends not only on personality but also on technical training. We have begun work in this direction by sending men to Teachers College who are specializing in education with a view to securing their Ph.D. degree and entering our own department, or assuming other positions in Jewish education if they are invited to do so. We hope to secure more fellowships than the six which we have at present and to train more men for educational work. We have done this work now for nearly five years. My plea is that it ought to be done more adequately.

Sending men to Teachers College without providing adequate supervision will by no means assure us that they will be able to do our work when they complete their courses in Columbia. First of all, care must be taken that their work should be well-balanced; secondly, provision must be made for constant application of general educational theory to practice, and especially to practice within the field of Jewish education. We now realize how difficult it is to direct the thinking of our men along our own Jewish problems. This can be done only through constant contact with the men and through careful supervision of their program of studies.

To be adequately trained in Jewish education the men should, at the same time that they pursue courses in Teachers College, also do work along Jewish lines including

- a. Jewish study so as to increase their Jewish knowledge.
- b. Actual educational experience under supervision. Such experience must be guided in order that it should be varied and that it should prepare the men for the many educational tasks that will confront them in the practical field.

Thus thinking of this problem, it occurred to me that what we need is a sort of graduate school for Jewish education, not an institution for the training of rabbis, not an institution for the training of teachers, both of which have been provided for, but one for the training of men and women who are going to devote themselves to Jewish education as their life work.

The only effort to train such men was made in the past in an individual way and without any systematic attempt to develop an institution that will assure the possibility of fulfilling our needs in the future. In my opinion, the future of American Jewry will depend to a large extent upon whether its leadership has the vision to look at the problem as a whole, and to appreciate that, just as law and medicine and the rabbinate and Jewish social work require special training and such training has been provided in definite institutions, so there ought to be one such institution to meet the needs of Jewish education.

The Commission on Jewish Education which in the field of Jewish education represents the richest groups in American Jewry should take the leadership in the establishment of such a school, which would constitute the apex of any well conceived system of Jewish education.

LOCATION

The plan would of course involve locating the offices of the Department of Synagogue and School Extension in New York City. There are, however, many reasons for the taking of such a step. In New York City, Teachers College, the finest

institution for training in Jewish education, is located. New York City offers better facilities for the finding of authors for some of our forthcoming publications. It is a center of educational work. In addition to Teachers College, the Institute of Educational Research and the Institute of School Experimentation are in New York City. The finest experimental schools such as Horace Mann and the Lincoln School are there.

Furthermore, it is a city in which one-half of American Jewry is found. It contains a variety of Jewish schools and experimental centers. We have schools of our own which we control directly and in which important experimental work under our auspices has already begun. Dr. Maller, the head of our Department of Educational Research, is also located in New York.

In short, the taking of this step ought not to be very difficult, especially in view of the fact that the Union has an office in New York City already, and in view of the fact that the president of the Union lives in that city and so does Mr. Brown, the chairman of our Finance Committee.

FACULTY

A school such as I describe would of course have to develop a resident faculty as well as a visiting faculty. Members of the Commission on Jewish Education, scholars of repute, would come to such a school from time to time to present their points of view on various phases of Judaism and Jewish education.

That the taking of such a step is in accordance with the best tendencies of modern education may be seen from the fact that those interested in Jewish social work, a field by no means as specialized in comparison with social work as a whole as in the field of Jewish education, have found it necessary to organize a special school for the training of Jewish social workers. They too found it advisable to locate their school in New York City and to cooperate with the School of Philanthropy as we would indeed cooperate with Teachers College, Columbia University. Another illustration within the field of religious education, though not within the Jewish field, is the work done by Prof. Athearn in organizing the Boston School for Religious Education. An interesting report on the work which this school has done has recently appeared under the title "An Adventure in Religious Education".

Once organized, a school such as ours would serve not only to train workers in Jewish education; it would have the additional value of raising the tone of Jewish education and of offering facilities to others who would come to it for the sake of obtaining a more intelligent grasp of the most important problem confronting American Jewry, even though they might not be interested in obtaining a higher degree in education.

While I realize that this body cannot create such an institution by passing a resolution, I also appreciate the fact that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations would not consider undertaking the establishment of such an institution without first seeking the advice and the encouragement of the Commission on Jewish Education. Fully conscious of the possible implications of such a step for the future progress of American Jewry, I respectfully submit this suggestion, and I trust that the Commission will give it most serious consideration, and will indeed see in it the possibility of completing the grand structure of Jewish education which we have been building.

Respectfully submitted;

Emanuel Gamoran,

Educational Director.

The report was received and ordered spread upon the Minutes.

After a full and complete discussion of the report in which every member joined, the following resolution was moved by Dr. Enelow and seconded by Dr. Schulman:

Resolved that the Commission on Jewish Education make representation to the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College as to the necessity of creating a Department for the Theory and Practice of Jewish Education, the same to be an integral part of the Hebrew Union College and to that end, we direct the attention of the Board of Governors to the value of appointing a Professor of Education at an early date.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Gamoran requested action on other recommendations contained in his report.

On motion of Dr. Witt, seconded by Dr. Schulman it was resolved that further consideration of the report be deferred until the next meeting of the Commission.

FAIRCHILD CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman presented a letter from Mr. Milton Fairchild with reference to the activity of "The Character Education Institution" in connection with the Public School Curriculum. It was resolved that the matter be referred to the Chairman with power to dispose of the business involved after consultation with Drs. Gamoran and Maller.

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH WORK

The following report of the Committee on Youth Work was presented by the Chairman, Dr. Schulman, and adopted.

WRHS REPORT AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH EDUCATION
TO THE COMMISSION ON JEWISH EDUCATION

April 29, 1930

Several efforts have been made during the last few years, in publishing books planned for the High School Department, in accordance with our new curriculum. Unfortunately, the manuscripts submitted did not always prove sufficiently worthwhile to warrant our encouraging the authors to go ahead. But the Committee is happy in saying that the important book "A History of the Jews in the United States," written by Rabbi Lee J. Levinger, has been prepared, revised, and is now going to press.

The Committee on Youth Education, through its Readers and especially through its Chairman, contributed very much towards helping to make this a good book. We have at present, in hand, the preparation of a book on "What the Jew Contributed to Civilization". The prospective writer of this book has sent in three specimen chapters. They have been thoroughly examined by your Committee. We have also a project in American Jewish History, and one or two others, for which it is hoped the authors will soon be found.

The Committee recommends to the Commission to request the Board of Managers of the Synagogue and School Extension Department of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to include in the budget of the ensuing year, a sum adequate for pursuing the work of the Youth Committee, in accordance with the policy adopted by this Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL SCHULMAN, Chairman
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Dr. Silver requested the privilege of the floor and spoke of the work of the Commission, calling attention to the necessity for preparing text books dealing with the following courses:

"A Course on Moral Problems",

"A Course on Biblical Literature",

"A text book on "Post-Biblical Literature".

The Secretary was ordered to include the above suggestions in the minutes and to place same on agenda for the next meeting of the Commission.

Various Committees present offered to present their reports but it was resolved to postpone the consideration of all other matters until the next meeting of the Commission and It was further resolved that the next meeting of the Commission shall be held in the city of Providence on Tuesday, June 24th.

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c/o The Temple,
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am just in receipt of a letter dated April 4th, enclosing a memorandum, indicating that I had not paid a subscription to The Union of American Hebrew Congregations in 1929.

I believe there must be some mistake about this, for I have no recollection of having made any such annual pledge. A few years ago I may have contributed something but I am quite sure that there was nothing that ~~I find~~ to indicate that I would do this on an annual basis.

Will you kindly have this checked into and if you find that I am wrong, I will appreciate being advised just when I signed such a pledge and if possible I would like to see a copy of my signature on such a pledge, for I have no record of it, and usually take care of such matters very promptly.

Yours truly,

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Gentlemen:

Att: A. H. Silver

At the request of Mr. Louis Gardner of
1002 Prospect Avenue, he states that he signed no subscription
to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for 1929. If he
did, he kindly asks you to send him a copy of his signature.

If this is the case, he will send you his
check. This is in answer to your letter of April 4th 1930.



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Very truly yours,

(D. Bernstein)

DB:PK

May 2d, 1930

Mr. D. Bernsteen,
Robert-Stone Co.,
1380 Ontario St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bernsteen:-

Permit me to reply to your letter of May 1st in connection with the subscription of Mr. Louis Gardner to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

He made no subscription to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. But it has been the practice of our Temple, as well as of all the other Reform Temples in this country, to assist the Union by supplying it with their membership lists and by indicating on the list a probable amount which may be requested from the given individual for the support of the activities of the Union. This in no way commits anyone to a subscription. It is just a suggestion and a request.

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With kindest regards and best wishes,
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Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

May 5th, 1930

Mr. Harry Affelder,
2575 Norfolk Rd.,
Cleveland Hts., Ohio.

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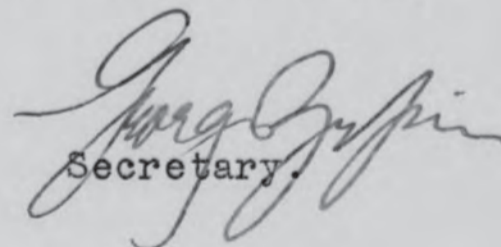
Dear Dr. Silver:

Miss Montagu sent us a number of letters of invitation to various persons to participate in the London Conference and also a list of alternate speakers, should any of those first asked be unable to accept. I judge from the fact that the letter to yourself was not among those that Miss Montagu wrote to you directly.

At the request of Rabbi Lefkowitz, Chairman of the American representatives on the Governing Board, will you kindly let me know by wire whether you have accepted Miss Montagu's invitation.

Thanking you in advance, and awaiting your reply, I am, with kindest personal greetings,

Yours very sincerely,


Secretary.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Some time ago, I read an article published in one of the Jewish papers giving your views on Synagogue Centers, etc. I took this to be merely an expression of your own personal opinion.

In a reprint from the Jewish Year-Book containing a review of the past year, I read that you conducted a survey dealing with this subject and based your decision upon facts reflected by practices in a number of synagogues. I am wondering whether this material is available.

I am thinking of the program for the next Council of the Union. Have suggested to Mr. Aaron that a series of papers seeking to properly evaluate the different activities of the Synagogue would probably be of great interest.

Would the material that you gathered be helpful in this direction?

Am going to New York this week, planning to leave here Thursday morning. Could stop over for a Thursday afternoon in Cleveland (or could even make it Thursday morning), if you have the time for a little chat on the subject. Am also in a most receptive mood for subjects for the Program Committee for the XXXII Council.

If you can and will see me Thursday, please wire, my expense.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness in this matter, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary

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My dear Dr. Silver:

From time to time we receive requests for a statement of the Jewish position with regard to the Messiah. You will recall that you were kind enough some time ago to accept the invitation of the Tract Commission to prepare a pamphlet on "The Messianic Hope". I am wondering whether we may expect to receive your manuscript some time soon.

We have a few manuscripts on hand at present ready for publication. If we could receive yours within the next four or five months, I believe we would be ready to publish it the first part of next year.

With kindest regards to you and yours and very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Louis I. Egelson
Secretary

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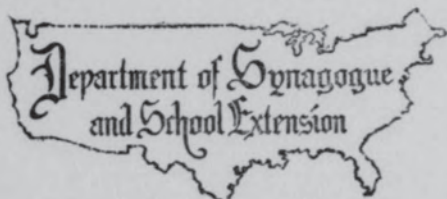
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10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am pleased to inform you that at the last meeting of the Board of Managers you were re-elected a member of the Commission on Jewish Education for a period of three years to January first, 1934.

We will appreciate a line from you informing us of your acceptance.

With kind greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Eugene Zepin
Secretary

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May 29th, 1930

Rabbi George Zepin,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zepin:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of May 27th.

I shall be very pleased to serve as a
member of the Commission on Jewish Education.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FIFTH AVENUE AT SIXTY-FIFTH STREET

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Samuel Schulman, D.D., D.H.L.

June 9th
1930

Rev. Dr. Abbba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague,--

The Commission on Jewish Education adopted the Report of the Committee on Commentaries and thus empowered it to proceed with the enterprise. As the Report calls for the Committee's making its own selection of the portions of the Pentateuch to be published and of the selections of the Psalms to be made, I would consider it advisable for the members of the Committee to proceed with making such selections, so that when I get back from Europe in about August, we might take the matter in hand and have our decision ready upon what part of the Pentateuch and upon what Psalms we want to write a Commentary. The Commission on Jewish Education adopted the suggestion of Dr. Morgenstern, that as to the Prophets, we issue a Commentary on the two books, Amos and Hosea.

The following men were suggested as possible writers of Commentaries. The suggestions come from various sources. The names are:

Rev. Dr. Felix A. Levy
Rabbi Jacob Singer
Rev. Dr. Gerson B. Levi
Dr. Solomon Freehof
Prof. Charles N. Mendelsohn
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Dr. Henry Englander
Dr. Harry Comins
Dr. Sol. B. Finesinger
Dr. Jacob Raisin.

I have given these names some thought, but have not yet come to a decision. I would like to hear some suggestions from the members of the Committee. I may say that if we could prevail upon Dr. Morgenstern to write a Commentary, it would be highly desirable to have him do so. My preference would be to have him write

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the Commentary on Amos and Hosea.

I expect to leave for Europe, Tuesday, June 3rd, midnight and I hope to be back by August 6th. My secretary will be in my office, #1 East 65th Street, during the month of June. If you wish to answer this letter, she could send on to me whatever suggestions you care to make with respect to possible writers of Commentaries. I do hope you will give this matter your earnest thought and that we proceed vigorously with the work.

With very best wishes of a pleasant Summer,

Sincerely and cordially yours,

The signature is written in a cursive script. In the background, there is a faint circular stamp that reads "WRHS" and "AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES".

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Dr. A. H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in sending you herewith the beginner's Hebrew book prepared by Mr. Friedland and myself. In view of the fact that I am one of the co-authors, I cannot submit a report on suggestions and criticisms. Mr. Friedland and I have naturally gone over whatever criticisms we had of each other's work and the present manuscript therefore represents our third draft. Instead of a regular report, I am therefore sending you a sort of substitute which is an attempt to explain what we had in mind as we were working on the preparation of this book.

I need hardly add that we shall greatly appreciate any suggestions or criticisms that you may have to make.

Dr. Rosenau, Chairman of the Elementary Committee, has appointed you to serve on the Reading Committee for this manuscript, together with Rabbi Samuel Abrams of Boston and Dr. Jos. Rauch of Louisville. In view of the difficulty of getting Hebrew manuscripts typed, we shall greatly appreciate it if you will return your copy to us as soon as possible, so that we may send it to another reader whose reaction we are eager to get (not a member of our Committee).

Personally I should greatly appreciate receiving your report before the Central Conference meets. If you should have the opportunity to give this an immediate reading, we would then be able to do our revision during the summer in the light of the suggestions made

Dr. A. H. Silver 6-17-30 #2

by the various members of the Committee.

With kind personal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gumbman
Educational Director.

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REPORT ON HEBREW BOOK BY A. H. FRIEDLAND AND

E. GAMORAN

1. The attached manuscript is a book for beginners in Hebrew. The preparation of this book was authorized by the Commission on Jewish Education in accordance with the revised curriculum which provides for a book that will prepare the children for the study of selections from the Genesis in the original.

In order to make sure that this will be effectively done, the authors have selected some important passages in Genesis and made a vocabulary study. This study revealed the nature of the vocabulary as a whole, the number of words, and how frequently they occur.

2. In constructing their beginners' book, the authors constantly checked against their Genesis vocabulary study. The result has been that the present vocabulary included in this beginners' book is 95% Biblical, 90% related to Genesis, and 70% based on the specific passages in Genesis which were selected. It is hoped some day in the future to publish these passages separately, with appropriate aids to study thus forming an introduction to a study of the Bible in the original.

3. In the course of writing, an effort has been made to introduce simple grammatical forms that will help the pupil when he comes to the Bible. Here and there Biblical phraseology was introduced, biblical names were used, etc.

4. Plenty of provision was made for repetition, as you will note both from the repeated expressions which occur in the stories themselves, as well as from the exercises which were introduced especially for the sake of review. The majority of the words are

not only repeated twenty to thirty times, but are also distributed in the various lessons in accordance with the laws of memory. Practice in reading intelligently, instead of mere mechanically reading of material which the child does not understand, has been introduced. It should also be noted that in arranging for translation, the authors have been cognizant of the fact that the Jewish Child in America will have little occasion to translate from English into Hebrew. But, if he continues his Jewish Education he will be interested in the reading of Hebrew sources and will, therefore, have much need of translation from Hebrew into English.

In arranging the exercises in this book much provision was, therefore, made for such practice.

5. The vocabulary has been kept down so that the present manuscript which will probably be divided into two books, will include no more than about 200 words in each book. This will provide for plenty of drill and will result in making the pursuit of Hebrew easy and pleasant on the part of the children.

6. The main object of the authors has been to enable the child to read enjoyable stories as soon as possible and thus to develop a love for Hebrew, as well as to acquire the basic knowledge which will lead him to the Bible.

Through the inclusion of varied and attractive exercises which are motivated, and also, through the inclusion of a variety of games and songs, the material has been made as lively as possible. It should also be pointed out that the stories as a rule either reflect Jewish life, or if they deal with child life in general, are calculated to develop the attitude of sympathy and kindness such

as responsibility for the weak and the helpless.

Here and there elements of humor that appeal to children have been introduced.

The manuscript has benefitted by the criticisms of about thirty to forty teachers of Hebrew and other educators to whom various parts of the book were shown.

Several lessons were also tried out in the classroom.

Respectfully submitted,

Emanuel Gannora

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I know you have been pretty busy and you have had a good deal of excitement in your city as a result of the Zionist Convention. Nevertheless, I confess I was disappointed not to see you at the last meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education, or at the Conference.

By now I hope you have completed the reading of the Hebrew book prepared by Friedland and myself, and I shall greatly appreciate receiving your report. Please send it to me in care of our New York office, Room 1190, 11 West 42nd Street.

With kind greetings from house to house, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran
Educational Director.

EG/DN

Sent to Dr. 1190
11 West 42 St.
N. Y.

July 7th, 1930

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

My dear Gamoran:-

I have read the beginners' Hebrew book which you sent me for review. I find it a very attractive and skillfully prepared textbook for beginners. I believe that it will be a welcome book in our religious schools.

I find one thing missing. In my school, as well as in other schools, we teach the children from the very first grade simple prayers over bread, water, etc., the Shema, etc. Somewhere in the proposed textbook these blessings and prayers should be included, if only as memory work. This would avoid the necessity of placing an additional textbook in the hands of the children.

Sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

P.S.

Under separate cover I am returning the mss.