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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You have helped in the Tour on previous occasions and we would like to have your assistance this year.

Before assigning a city to a very busy man like yourself I write to ascertain whether the date is open and other conditions welcome.

Strange as it may seem, Cincinnati needs a Tour meeting. We can arrange a meeting in Dr. Philipson's Temple on Friday evening, November 20th. Can you and will you come?

Of course, your Congregation needs a meeting also. I have not mentioned this second matter to Dr. Philipson, but I feel quite sure he would be glad to speak in your Temple at a Tour Meeting. Please write me in confidence if this is agreeable.

I hate to say it (it sounds so familiar) but we are in a terrible fix -- financially. There is only one encouraging feature -- stimulation is bringing results -- not spectacular results to be sure but better than we expected. The Tour Months, October to January inclusive, provide the income for the year.

Looking forward to your speedy and favorable response and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary

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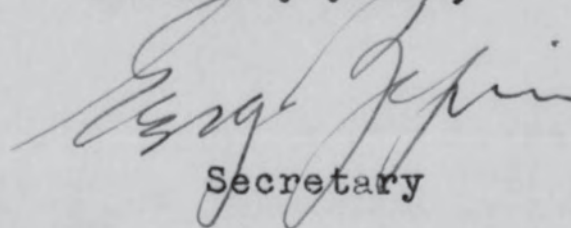
Dear Dr. Silver:

Please let me have a reply to my letter of
October 7th with reference to your Tour visit to
Cincinnati.

I have not mentioned to Dr. Philipson the
possibility of his coming to Cleveland for the Tour
meeting in your Temple. That depends on you. But
I did mention to him that we were writing to you
with reference to coming to Cincinnati to address Dr.
Philipson's Congregation on the Union. Your silence
is naturally embarrassing. Please be good enough to
let me hear from you at your early convenience.

With kind greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,


Secretary

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THE UNION TOUR

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have not heard from you in response to my recent letter but I must take it for granted that we will have your help. The Tour, thanks to the kindness of our devoted "Tour Speakers" has been our most successful method of establishing Good Will."

The Tour Meetings, this year will not begin until the middle of November as the Fall Holidays occur throughout the month of October.

Your assignment will be placed in the mails about two or three weeks in advance of the specific date.

Under separate cover I am sending you several pamphlets which describe the work of the Union from different angles.

I have an important request to make. If two speakers are assigned to one city - a detail which cannot be determined until later - may I request the lay speaker to devote his remarks to the actual financial situation of the Union and to its need for support? May I also ask the Rabbi-Speaker to take as his theme, the value or the necessity of the Union in our religious life. This will prevent overlapping.

When there is only one speaker - of course he will have to treat both aspects.

You will be surprised and perhaps amused to learn that we get complaints from congregations that the Tour Speaker (usually when there is only one) delivered a lovely address but did not touch upon the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Do I have to add that this, of course, defeats the purpose of the Tour.

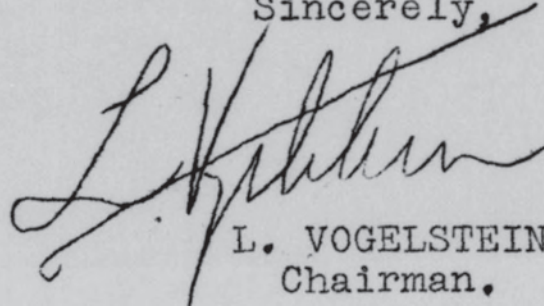
A TOUR-of-the-Congregations is conducted each year by the Union. - Volunteer spokesmen for the cause of Judaism are assigned to speak on the work and function of the Union. - Rabbis, laymen, and lay women from all parts of the country are enlisted in this service - - -

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Again my hearty thanks for your very helpful co-
operation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,


L. VOGELSTEIN
Chairman.

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P.S. The literature referred to above is enclosed.



Oct. 19th, 1931

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

My dear Rabbi Zepin:-

I regret exceedingly that I will not be
able to come to Cincinnati for the Tour.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

MORRIS S. LAZARON
1914 MADISON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD.

November 20, 1931.

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

Dear Abba:

The next meeting of the Board of Managers of the Department of Synagogue and School Extension takes place in Cincinnati on December 15th. I do not wish, nor shall I be a mere figure-head on the Board. I have a feeling that something is wrong but I am not yet able to put my finger definitely on what the matter is. Several things appear to me to be obvious:

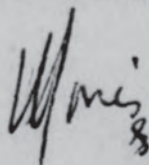
1. The little substantial showing made for the money expended

2. That there is no definite, clean-cut goal or purpose toward which they are working.

I should be grateful to you if you will write me informally and frankly what your ideas are. Meanwhile, I am going to make an investigation of the machinery and functioning of parallel organizations in the Protestant group in the hope that I might have something constructive to offer at the December meeting.

I hope Raphael is altogether better again. Polly joins me in love.

As ever,



COMMISSION ON JEWISH EDUCATION

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Dr. Abba H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Commission on Jewish Education has received an invitation to hold its next meeting in St. Louis, on the same day that the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods will meet - namely Tuesday, January 19, 1932.

The invitation is extended to us at the suggestion of the officers of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

It is planned that the evening be marked by a public dinner tendered to the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and to the Commission.

Members of the Commission will recall that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is deeply interested in all Educational work and especially in Youth Work and for several years has been engaged in organizing Youth Societies. For the year 1930-31 the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods appropriated \$15,000. for the educational work of the Department of Synagogue and School Extension.

The occasion should offer an opportunity for making the larger public conscious of the fact that we are entering upon a new activity - Youth Work.

Members of the Commission are requested to keep the date open for this purpose. Sub-committees of the Commission are requested to consider the advisability of holding committee meetings on the preceding day (Monday, January 18th) if the business of such committees requires such meetings.

With kindest greetings,

Sincerely,

Secretary

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Alba,

I'm going to Cincinnati
Dec. 15 & attend a meeting
of the Syn. & School Extension Com.
I'm inclined to think you feel
as I do that sanctifying is
working with our UATC organization.
I do not want to be a piece
head on the committee & have
been trying to get reports of
organization & machinery in 11
Christian bodies & compare
their work with ours in the
effort to put my finger defi-
nitely on what's wrong. I'm
not at all definite yet as to
what changes I feel should
be made, tho I have some

ideas. I wonder if you
could take the trouble to
think aloud for me re the
Org. & Sch. Wks Dept.. what
definite criticisms have you to
offer as to its present methods
& organization? What suggestions
have you to make as to changes,
etc? I cannot spill the
beans out of the present pot
unless I have a more palatable
broth to offer and one better
calculated to end the present
anemia from which the
organization is suffering.

We are all fit T.G. The
present meeting will probably
decide the movement for
unions. Israel left the hospital
Sat. So the men x his cong.
will consult him now. Had
a long talk with Rischel
yesterday and made clear

MORRIS S. LAZARON
1914 MADISON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD.

my own posits. We both think
Israel will not accept a sub-
sidiary posits & so the time
will drop out, leaving Entaw
Pl. & acc. We shall C
what we do C...

Meanwhile love to all.

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MORRIS S. LAZARON
1914 MADISON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD.

December 16, 1931.

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

Dear Abba:

I have just returned this morning from an interesting session at Cincinnati. It was resolved to appoint a committee to thoroughly survey the Department work and to make recommendations for a re-organization. I can tell you more about it when I see you, as I hope, on Sunday.

I have been very much tempted to wire and call off both engagements, as for the past five days I have had a case of laryngitis which is not yielding to treatment. I hope, however, by Sunday I will have some voice left.

With love to Jinks and you,

Faithfully,

M. S. Lazaron

Dec. 3d, 1931

Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Morris:-

It is difficult in the compass of a letter to indicate to you all that I think is wrong with the Department of Synagogue and School Extension. The whole criticism may be summarized in a nutshell. During its many years of existence and considering the tremendous amount of money which has been spent, it has done practically nothing either in "extending" the number of Reform Synagogues in the United States or the number of religious schools.

Here and there I suppose the Department can point to a modest achievement but negligible in comparison with the magnitude of its real job and the amount of money actually spent. The Department of Synagogue and School Extension simply has no program and doesn't know what it is about.

In the one department where it has done commendable work - The Commission of Jewish Education - it succeeded because it defined its program and placed a man at the head of it to carry it through. (I am not sure that the Commission on Jewish Education is under the auspices of the Department of Synagogue and School Extension. In all likelihood it is under the joint auspices of the Union and the C. C. A. R.)

The Department has attempted to do too many "small" things and lost sight of the major problems, that of reaching the tremendous number of unaffiliated American Jews and the hundreds of thousands of Jewish children who are not receiving any Jewish education.

I believe that a small Scope (committee should be appointed to outline, say a five year program, (since this is the order of the day) for the Department defining specifically what its main objectives are to be and the specific methods of achieving them.

I am also of the belief that a thorough study should be made of the finances of the Department, believing that much money is unwisely spent, that many economies can be effected even after the reductions which have already been made and that what ~~other~~ money there is can be used to better advantage.

Dr. Morris S. Lazaron
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To conclude; the Department of Synagogue and School Extention has heretofore been a negligible factor in the desperate effort which is being made to save the American Jew and the American Jewish youth for Judaism. It has never had a full understanding of the scope of the problem and has never adjusted its machinery for a large scale effort to solve this problem.

I question seriously whether the man at the head of it will ever be able to have anything but a provincial view of the function of his Department which to my mind should be the fighting arm of American Liberal Judaism.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am



Very sincerely,

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December 21, 1931

Dr. Abba H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education is herewith called for Tuesday, January 19th at Chase Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri.

The morning will be given over to meetings of the sub-Committees of the Commission. The Commission will meet in the afternoon and receive the reports of the sub-Committees. A detailed letter concerning the meetings of the sub-Committees will be sent to you shortly.

On the evening of Tuesday, January 19th, the members of the Commission will be guests at a complimentary dinner where it is hoped that a large number of St. Louisians will be present. The dinner is given jointly in honor of the Commission and in honor of the Executive Board of the N.F.T.S. which will be meeting in St. Louis on the same day.

Please indicate on the enclosed card whether we can expect you.

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

Sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary.

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By order of Chairman,
David Philipson

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December 29, 1931

Report of the Committee on Teacher Training

To The

Commission on Jewish Education

In behalf of the Committee on Teacher Training, I take pleasure in reporting on the progress which we are making in this field of work.

You no doubt recall from our previous reports that we have published one monograph and five syllabi dealing with the basic studies for the training of Jewish teachers. During the last school year, 255 copies of our syllabi have been ordered by rabbis and congregations that conduct Teacher Training classes.

Our work in connection with the annual meetings of our Teachers' Association continues. The various members of our staff are in great demand at these meetings where they conduct institutes devoted to various subjects of interest to teachers. Members of the Hebrew Union College faculty, members of the Commission on Jewish Education, and many individual rabbis in their respective districts participate in these meetings.

One of the most interesting experiments which we have inaugurated and which we repeated this year, was that of the Teachers' Institute conducted during the summer for a ten day period at Camp Osceola, Hendersonville, N. C. The teachers in the southern district have expressed a great deal of interest in this institute, and the comments which we have received from them, have been most enthusiastic. The faculty consisted of Professor Henry Englander, who lectured on "Biblical and Post Biblical Literature" and of Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, who lectured on "Methods of Teaching Jewish ^{History} Literature."

We are informed by our Educational Director that with the addition

of another member to the Educational Staff of the Union, namely, Dr. Harry L. Comins, it will be possible in the near future to undertake the publication of a teachers' magazine to meet the needs of the teachers in our Religious Schools. This will be started as soon as feasible.

Since the last meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education, I am happy to report that we have received Professor Cronbach's manuscript on "The Teaching of Peace in the Jewish Religious Schools." This is a Teachers' Manual and is now in the hands of our Reading Committee.

(Here we shall insert either a verbal report or a written report of the proceedings of our Committee meeting to be held in St. Louis in the morning preceding the meeting of the Commission.)



Respectfully submitted,



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Mr. Morris Rogat,
Wickliffe, O.



City and Date

Your city has been assigned to us for visiting. We will be glad to send a committee to become acquainted and to discuss problems of mutual interest.

THE CHAIRMAN OF VISITING COMMITTEE IS

Name _____

Address _____

COMMITTEE CAN COME ON

day of week _____ date _____ hour _____

Please advise if date agreeable and if you can get meeting of all interested parties. Awaiting your reply

Sincerely,

A CAMPAIGN FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT
OF JUDAISM

CONDUCTED BY *The Union of
American Hebrew Congregations*



Plan and Purpose
TO VISIT 1000 CITIES
IN 1932

CO-OPERATING BODIES

THE following departments of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations are co-operating in this enterprise.

The Department of Synagogue and School Extension has secured information concerning over 1,000 cities where small groups of Jews are said to be living, but where no form of Jewish religious organization is reported. Names of some Jewish residents are furnished.

Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods through their national boards have undertaken to have their local chapters appoint Visiting Committees who will visit cities assigned to them at their own expense.

Wherever possible the Union has requested Congregation, Sisterhood and Brotherhood to appoint a joint Committee on Advancement of Judaism to supervise the effort locally. This Committee will be furnished with a Survey Blank for each city assigned. The same contains the information on our records.

❖ ❖ WHAT TO DO ❖ ❖

1. The Chairman of each Visiting Committee is requested to write to Correspondent in city to be visited, suggesting date for visit, asking for a meeting of all Jewish families.
 2. Most of the cities are within easy automobile distance. Visits on a Sunday are advised.
 3. If there are enough families to organize a Congregation, a Religious School, a Sisterhood or a Brotherhood—that is the object of the visit.
 4. Visiting Committees are requested to take with them the Survey Sheet for each city and to secure information requested.
 5. Return Survey Sheet (filled in) to Cincinnati headquarters, together with a brief report on result of visit.
 6. We will supply literature and guidance if needed. If circumstances require we may call on you again for your services.
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What the National Office is Prepared to Do after the Visit



1. *We can send information* for the guidance of persons in these cities that desire to organize a Congregation;
 - conduct religious services;
 - organize a school;
 - organize a Youth Club;
 - a Sisterhood;
 - a Brotherhood.
2. *We can supply literature* for conducting services;
 - teaching the children;
 - activities for Youth Clubs;
 - programs for Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods.
3. *We can arrange for more regular visits (wherever possible)*
 - of neighboring Rabbis;
 - Sisterhood and Brotherhood representatives;
 - Can supply some correspondence courses.
4. *We invite correspondence* from cities that desire these services.

Address

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CONGREGATIONS -:- SISTERHOODS -:- BROTHERHOODS

Survey of 1932

*This side for cities without any
type of Jewish Organization.*

Key City Cleveland, Ohio.

Assigned to.....

(Chairman)

City Wickliffe,

County.....

State Ohio.

A. JEWISH POPULATION

1. Number of Jewish families.....Total persons.....
2. Number of Jewish children between 5 and 14 years.....
3. Number of Young People between 15 and 21 years.....

B. NAMES OF PERSONS to whom we can write

1. On how to organize a religious school.....
2. On work for Young People.....
3. On how to organize religious services.....
4. On how to organize a Sisterhood.....

C. NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS (and addresses if possible)

THOSE WHO HAVE CHILDREN FROM 5 TO 14

AS MANY OTHERS AS POSSIBLE

Mr. Morris Rogat

Information Secured or Verified by

Name.....

City.....

Representing.....

(Organization)

Date.....

Return to

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
Merchants Building, Cincinnati, Ohio

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The Union of American Hebrew Congregations

CONGREGATIONS -:- SISTERHOODS -:- BROTHERHOODS

Survey of 1932

This side for Cities where there is some type of Jewish Religious Organization.

City..... County..... State.....

A. CONGREGATION

1. Name.....
2. Do you hold regular Services.....
3. Or do you hold Services only on Holidays..... When held last.....
4. Rabbi.....
5. Have you a Jewish Cemetery.....
6. If no organized congregation, please name someone to whom we can write on this subject.....

B. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

1. Number of children.....
2. Principal.....
3. If no school, please name someone to whom we can write on this subject.....

C. AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

1. Sisterhood, To whom shall we write regarding.....
2. Brotherhood, To whom shall we write regarding.....
3. Young People's Organization, To whom shall we write regarding.....

D. JEWISH POPULATION

1. Number of Jewish families..... Persons.....
2. Children from 5 to 14.....
3. Young People from 15 to 21.....

E. NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS—(Always Welcome)

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Key City..... Cleveland, Ohio.

Assigned to.....
(Chairman)

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AS MANY OTHERS AS POSSIBLE

.....	<u>Mr. J. Wyman</u>
.....	<u>Mr. M. Parny</u>
.....	<u>Mr. M. H. Oster</u>
.....	<u>Mr. Sam Kessler</u>
.....	<u>Mr. Abe Wymore</u>
.....	<u>Mr. Chilowitz & family</u>
.....	<u>Mr. Kornitzky,</u>
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CONGREGATIONS -- SISTERHOODS -- BROTHERHOODS

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City..... County..... State.....

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4. Rabbi.....
5. Have you a Jewish Cemetery.....
6. If no organized congregation, please name someone to whom we can write on this subject.....

B. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

1. Number of children.....
2. Principal.....
3. If no school, please name someone to whom we can write on this subject.....

C. AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

1. Sisterhood, To whom shall we write regarding.....
2. Brotherhood, To whom shall we write regarding.....
3. Young People's Organization, To whom shall we write regarding.....

D. JEWISH POPULATION

1. Number of Jewish families..... Persons.....
2. Children from 5 to 14.....
3. Young People from 15 to 21.....

E. NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS—(Always Welcome)

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Mr. M. Chalfin,
3rd St.,
Fairport Harbor, O.

City and Date

Your city has been assigned to us for visiting. We will be glad to send a committee to become acquainted and to discuss problems of mutual interest.

THE CHAIRMAN OF VISITING COMMITTEE IS

Name _____

Address _____

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AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
COMMITTEE CAN COME ON

day of week _____

date _____

hour _____

Please advise if date agreeable and if you can get meeting of all interested parties. Awaiting your reply

Sincerely,

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City..... Fairport Harbor,

County.....

State..... Ohio.

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3. Number of Young People between 15 and 21 years.....

B. NAMES OF PERSONS to whom we can write

1. On how to organize a religious school.....
2. On work for Young People.....
3. On how to organize religious services.....
4. On how to organize a Sisterhood.....

C. NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS (and addresses if possible)

THOSE WHO HAVE CHILDREN FROM 5 TO 14

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Dover Village, O.



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ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Record for

Key City.....**Cleveland, Ohio. (Tifereth Israel)**.....

CITIES WITH 15 OR MORE FAMILIES

City

Correspondent

*Please Keep Record of
Chairman to Whom City is Assigned*



CITIES WITH LESS THAN 15 FAMILIES

City

Correspondent

*Please Keep Record of
Chairman to Whom City is Assigned*

Dover Village, Ohio.	Mr. Joe Newman
Fairport Harbor, Ohio.	Mr. M. Chalfin
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Wickliffe, Ohio.	Mr. Morris Rogart
Willoughby, Ohio.	Mrs. H. F. Simon

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Willoughby, O.



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Assigned to.....

(Chairman)

City Willoughby, County..... State Ohio.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have written to the two Cleveland Congregations hoping that they would appoint a joint committee for visiting cities in the vicinity. Not hearing from either of them, we have divided the Cleveland assignments into two groups and are asking that the Rabbi of each Congregation take care of those cities assigned to his Congregation.

Unfortunately none of the cities assigned to your Congregation have more than fifteen Jewish families. It is therefore questionable whether the Brotherhood will be interested in doing this work. We shall leave that to you. Both your Sisterhood and Brotherhood have chairmen of religious extension. May I suggest that you take this matter up with them. We are hoping that this work will be done by a committee, jointly representing the Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Congregation.

Enclosed you will find a Key City Assignment Sheet containing names of towns and correspondents.

Will you ask the chairmen to notify the correspondents in INDIVIDUAL CITIES at least a week in advance of the day they expect to visit said city and ask the correspondent to arrange a meeting if possible.

Important. It is useless to wait for an answer. Unfortunately our correspondents in these towns frequently imagine that this is merely a disguised attempt to MAKE A COLLECTION. We have assured them to the contrary but it is best not to wait for a reply.

If you will return these FILLED IN Blanks to us - we will render whatever service in our power, and will keep you informed of all developments if any.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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May 13, 1932

With thanks for your cooperation, and with kindest
greetings,

Sincerely,

Levy Zepi
Secretary

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in sending you under separate cover two parts of the Peace Manual prepared by Dr. Cronbach, the outline of which you approved last year. I am enclosing at the same time, my reports which accompany both parts of the manuscript. You will notice that one part is intended for use in classes with younger children and the other for use in classes of older children. I am inclined to believe that some of the material may be read by the boys and girls themselves, while portions of it will be suitable for the teacher only. I presume there will be no objection on your part if Dr. Cronbach and I go through the manuscript after we have received all the suggestions of the Reading Committee, with a view to separating these two parts.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is exceedingly eager that we should get this book out as soon as possible. We should therefore greatly appreciate your giving the manuscript an immediate reading.

Looking forward to hearing from you and with best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran

Educational Director

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a brief report for the Teacher Training Committee. This has been read and approved by Dr. Simon, our chairman, and is to be presented at the meeting in St. Louis. I shall greatly appreciate your O.K. or any suggestions that you may have in this connection.

I am enclosing at the same time a memorandum which I have drawn up and which presents a problem which, in my opinion, should be of great interest to our Committee. It seems to be impossible to get a meeting of our Teacher Training Committee together, and therefore, I should very much like to have your reaction to the question raised in the attached memorandum. Won't you please write me so that word reaches me not later than Thursday? I should like to have the judgment of the Teacher Training Committee on this question before the meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education takes the problem up in St. Louis.

With kind personal regards and looking forward to hearing from you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran
Educational Director

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Jan. 9th, 1932

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

My dear Dr. Gamoran:

I have read with interest the Peace Manual which Dr. Abraham Cronbach prepared. I find one serious defect in the work. Dr. Cronbach has not drawn any distinction in the selection of his material between the idea of peace and that of passive non-resistance. So that some of his material resembles more the teachings of Gandhi than that of Judaism. Thus Chapter II of the Peace Manual for Jewish Religious Schools for the older children called "War Does Not Defend," wherein he contends that neither the Civil War nor the Revolutionary War were necessary, and wherein he states: "Might not the Colonists have persuaded England without any war to grant them their freedom" is a fantastic reading of history. What is important to emphasize today is not that national self-defense is unethical or unnecessary (a doctrine which I seriously challenge on moral grounds) but that international instrumentalities have now been established by international agreement to which a nation in need of defense can appeal - a condition which did not exist prior to the creation of the League of Nations, the World Court and the Pact of Paris.

Writing from the point of view of a Hindu pacifist rather than that of a Jewish historian, the author of the Manual has also given a bizarre interpretation of the Maccabean struggle (Page 16, ff. Part II of Peace Manual). We simply must not do violence to our own history and literature in order to make a "point" for a doctrine of passive non-resistance which was never part of the main stream of Jewish thought. To say that: "Antiochus would not have molested the Jews in the first place had all of the Jews themselves been loyal and honest men" is to make a mockery of the whole Maccabean struggle and of the significance of the Festival of Chanukah. Incidentally, if we are to accept this version of

the Maccabean struggle, the history text books which our children use in the religious school and which tell the story of the Maccabees from another point of view altogether will have to be rewritten.

I would suggest that the Manual be rewritten, and that no forced interpretations of past events in Jewish history be indulged in. We have no right to suggest to our children that Judaism has been in favor of non-resistance or opposed to wars of self-defense. This is a falsification of fact and text. What we should emphasize is that the world has made marked progress in the direction of international relations and that machinery has now been established for the peaceful adjustment of international difficulties. So that wars today are not only terribly costly and disastrous but also unnecessary.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:ME



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Cleveland, Ohio.
January 11, 1932.

Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron,
1914 Madison Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Rabbi Lazaron:

I take it that you have already been apprised of your appointment on the Committee of Expansion of the Department of Synagogue and School Extension.

In case you are puzzled by the title of this Committee, I might say that it was named in order not to cast any reflection upon past endeavor, but to work out a plan for increasing the efficiency of the work of Synagogue and School Extension Department. Irrespective of what the name of the Committee may be, the purposes remain the same as you will note from the attached.

I asked Rabbi Zepin, who was on his way to New York the other day, to stop over in Cleveland and to discuss with me a method of procedure.

I am submitting to you a tentative statement of the Aims and Procedure of the Committee as I see them, with the view of securing your critical reaction.

As soon as we agree on a Procedure, our plan should be to assign the several preliminary studies that are set forth in the statement to as many committees. The analysis of the resources and set-up of the Department can be made by members of our own Committee without calling in any outside help.

The study of the Program and Activities of our Congregations involves the gathering of a considerable amount of information and statistical facts. For the preparation and tabulation of this material, we are assured that we may call upon the staff of the Department, and more particularly, Dr. Julius H. Maller, who is on the faculty of the Teachers' College, Columbia University in the Department of Research.

The study of Christian organizations parallel to that of the Department can also be made by members of our Committee.

When these studies are completed, the Chairman with the aid of the members of the Committee can correlate their findings, prepare a set of recommendations which will first be sent out to all the members of the Committee for their critical reaction preliminary to the calling of a meeting of the Committee itself.

I believe that our findings will be of interest not only to the Board of Managers, but of necessity also the Executive Committee of the Union, and to the forthcoming Council meeting in Savannah in January, 1933. This makes it necessary for us to begin our work immediately.

Will you be good enough to submit your critical reactions to the statement enclosed within two weeks, and such views as you may hold touching the work of the Committee?

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation, I am

Your sincerely,

BARNETT R. BRICKNER



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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of January 9th concerning Dr. Cronbach's "Peace Manual". I agree with you fully as to the interpretation implied in the sentence concerning Antiochus. I do not suppose that if all the Jews had been loyal and honest, that Antiochus would have taken a radically different attitude from the one that he did. Furthermore, I doubt very much whether Dr. Cronbach will object to making that change.

The problem which you raise, however, with regard to Chapter 2, dealing with the section "War Does Not Defend", is a more difficult one to solve. While it may sound far-fetched to say that the Colonists might have persuaded England to grant them their freedom, I think a very good case could be made out and is made out even in that chapter, to the effect that the so-called "wars of defense" are usually not worthwhile. The problem becomes even more serious when we realize that the militarists will justify every war on the ground of self-defense, as indeed they did in the days of the Great War in our own country. I even remember such moving pictures as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and others that dramatized the coming of the Germans to America, besieging New York City, etc.

I am inclined to believe that with some modification here and there, it should be possible to publish Professor Cronbach's manual. If you examine both my reports on the first part and on the second part, you will find where I call Professor Cronbach's attention to a number of biblical passages where, in my opinion, the interpretation is, as you say, forced. I agree with you that there would be no object in basing a case on such interpretations when, as a matter of fact, we can make out a very good case for peace without them.

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If there are any other specific suggestions for modification, please let me know. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall assume that barring the two passages which you have noticed and those that I have already called to the attention of the Committee in my reports, the revised copy should go to press.

I regret exceedingly that you are not coming to St. Louis but I hope you will write me so that your letter reaches me before Friday, concerning the problem which came up before the Teacher Training Committee and about which I wrote you the other day. I am eager to have your reaction before I leave the city. I am leaving Saturday night, as I am lecturing in St. Louis on Sunday.

With kind greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year from house to house, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran

Educational Director

EG:BK

Jan. 14th, 1932

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

My dear Dr. Gamoran:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of January 13th.

I would request that you read the letter
which I sent you to the Committee. I am not at all sure
that one or two minor changes in the text of Dr. Cronbach's
manual will be adequate.

I am of the opinion that the entire manual
should be revised, eliminating all suggestions of oriental
non-resistance which is alien not only to the spirit of
the Western world but to Judaism.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

ANS/IR

MORRIS S. LAZARON
1914 MADISON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD.

January 18, 1932.

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

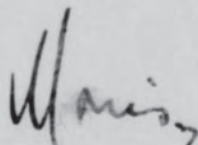
Dear Abba:

As I know that you would want to be kept in touch with the Union situation, I am sending, confidentially of course, the enclosed letter. Will you let me have your feeling about it?

I have no objection, of course, to the name of the Committee and while I would not want to hurt anyone's feelings, I feel that the best interests of the Union should be the determining factor in all the Committee's deliberations.

With love to the youngsters,
Jinks and you,

Faithfully,



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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of January 14th. As I explained to you in one of my previous communications, it will not be possible for the Teacher Training Committee to meet. Dr. Simon is not coming, you are not coming, and Dr. Morgenstern is not coming. Dr. Calisch will be the only member of the Teacher Training Committee. That is why it was necessary for me to send you the memorandum concerning the problems in Teacher Training and to solicit the opinion of the members by mail.

Under the circumstances, and in view of the fact that it does not seem likely that the Teacher Training Committee will have a meeting in the near future, I would appreciate it very much if you would go to the trouble -- for I know how busy you are -- to indicate any more specific suggestions, as you did in your previous communication, for changes in the Cronbach manuscript. Dr. Calisch and Dr. Simon have already voted in favor of it. I imagine Dr. Morgenstern will agree also, and it will probably be left to Dr. Cronbach and to me to straighten matters out. I shall naturally want to be guided by the suggestions of the Committee where they do not conflict, and I will certainly appreciate your help.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in sending you
herewith an inscribed copy of a reprint,
"Jewish Education in the United States."
This was prepared as one chapter in a
volume on "Studies in Religious Education,"
edited by Professors Lotz and Crawford,
and published by Cokesbury Press.

With kind greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Memorandum from Dr. Gamoran

To the Teacher Training Committee

Copies for information of Dr. Philipson, Rabbi Zevin

In view of the fact that it seems to have been impossible to call together a meeting of the Committee on Teacher Training recently, it is necessary for me to bring this problem to your attention, as it will no doubt come up at our Commission meeting in St. Louis.

The Commission on Jewish Education has at one of its previous meetings adopted the idea of issuing a national diploma to those who meet the minimum requirements of our Teacher Training Course. These minimum requirements include a three-year course, two evenings or afternoons a week, devoted to the study of the following subjects:

- Bible and biblical history
- Post-biblical history and literature
- Hebrew (one year Hebrew grammar and composition, two years Pentateuch)
- The Jewish Religion and its institutions
- A course for beginners in education
- The Jews in America
- Jewish Songs

This course of study was approved at one of the meetings of the Commission and the national diploma to be issued was also approved.

Now Rabbi Baron, of Milwaukee, who has been at work on the problem of Teacher Training in connection with his school, has raised the following question. Would we be willing to give this national diploma to schools that will conduct a normal school course but will not include Hebrew as a required subject of study. I am quoting from one of his letters:

"As for the instruction of normal school students in Hebrew, I shall by all means appreciate your presenting the subject before the members of the Commission, at its next meeting. There are many schools, such as Sinai in Chicago, that have no Hebrew classes at all. There are many others, I am sure, like my school, that have their Hebrew instruction separate from the rest of the school. I want to encourage young people to study Judaism, Jewish history, Jewish literature, current Jewish problems, particularly the problems of Jewish Education, and I don't want to put a stumbling block of Hebrew training in their way, particularly inasmuch as they will have no occasion to actually use it in their work, and inasmuch as their knowledge of Hebrew will necessarily remain very superficial. I need not tell you that my heart and soul is wrapped up in Hebrew; but I do not like dillettantism. For such of my normal school students as want to specialize in Hebrew, I shall make ample provision. Others, who want to take one or two elective courses in Hebrew, shall also be given an

opportunity to do so. But for those who want to work hard in Jewish studies through English channels, and do not care to spend time in Hebrew, I want them to have the opportunity and the encouragement of a nationally recognized school and nationally recognized course of studies for a Jewish educational profession."

It is a matter of great importance, I believe, for the future of American Jewry, whether Hebrew will be considered a definite requirement for all those who are engaged in teaching in our Jewish Religious Schools. My own opinion is that the minimum program which we have adopted is a sufficient minimum, and to do anything to encourage people to study even less than the minimum at present, perhaps would be detrimental to Judaism in America. This would be the case particularly if our own teachers remain ignorant and, therefore, unenthusiastic about the study of Hebrew. My recommendation to the Committee, therefore, is that we should maintain our present minimum requirements as conditions for the issuance of the national diploma. However, it would be advisable to issue a different type of diploma worded somewhat differently from the present one, which might be given to those who have pursued certain courses and have met the minimum requirements in all other respects but those of Hebrew. For example, instead of reading the way our present teacher's certificate reads, it might read: "This is to certify that ----- has pursued courses of study in our Jewish Normal School prescribed by our Congregation and approved by the Commission on Jewish Education, and is therefore entitled to teach the elements of Jewish History and Religion in our schools." The diploma which we would issue to those who have actually completed all the minimum requirements would then read: "This is to certify that ----- has completed the course of study for Jewish Normal Schools prescribed by the Commission on Jewish Education, and is entitled to teach the elements of Hebrew, Jewish History, and Jewish Religion. In token whereof, this diploma is granted unto him."

It would also be advisable to make sure, in granting the diploma, that the number of sessions held weekly are approximately the same as those prescribed in our minimum requirements, and wherever possible, to suggest a definite number of text books and supplementary books to be used as readers by the students. This would be necessary in order to avoid making these courses merely the occasion for attending to lectures, after which no work is done by the students.