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MERCHANTS BUILDING, CINCINNATI, O.

December 20th

1939.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you herewith a letter, together with an outline drawn up by Prof. Landsberger. He is one of the refugee professors at the Hebrew Union College.

As you probably know, he is one of the outstanding authorities on art, and occupied a very important position in Germany until the present regime made it necessary for him as for so many others, to leave the country.

Dr. Landsberger would like to prepare a book on Jewish art, the outline of which is being submitted herewith. Professor Englander, chairman of the Committee on Adult Education of the Commission on Jewish Education, has especially requested that you serve on the committee to consider this matter. He also wanted me to point out not only the value of the work of which we think there is a need, but also that a book on art would be quite an expensive undertaking. A rough estimate is that it would involve about \$3,000.00. Now, of course, if there should be a sale for the book and there may be, because there is no book in English on the subject, this would not be a serious problem; nevertheless, we are anxious in this particular case, to have the reaction of our committee, not merely to the outline submitted, but also to the practical question as to whether there would be an interest in such a book on the part of the Jews of America.

I do hope you will give this an early examination and let us have your opinion on the subject.

With kind greetings and best wishes from house to house, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran
Educational Director.

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January 12th
1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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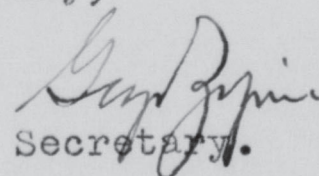
Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in informing you that at the meeting of the Board of Managers held December 13th, you were re-elected a member of the Commission on Jewish Education for a three year period beginning January 1, 1940.

The Board is deeply appreciative of the service you have rendered us as a member of the Commission, and hopes that you will have the time to give the work of this department your splendid cooperation in the future as in the past.

With kind personal regards,

Cordially,


Secretary.

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March 14, 1940.

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

I am writing you at the urgent request of both Dr. Philipson and Dr. Englander. Prof. Landsberger's outline on "A Work on Jewish Art", which we submitted to you several months ago, is still in our files, and he is waiting to hear from us. It so happens that another publishing house has now asked him whether he would prepare a book on Jewish art for them. Of course, if our committee should be interested, Prof. Landsberger would naturally prefer to prepare the book for us. However, we must have the frank opinion of our own committee.

Won't you please write me by return mail? It will take only a half hour or so to examine Dr. Landsberger's outline which you already have in your possession.

With kind personal greetings to Mrs. Silver and to you, in which Mrs. Gamoran joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Emanuel Gamoran

Educational Director.

EG:JM

March 25, 1940

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran
Merchants Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Dr. Gamoran:

I think the proposal to have Dr. Landsberger prepare a book on Jewish art is an excellent one, and I think that the expense involved would be fully justified. I am greatly impressed with his approach to the subject, and I feel that his volume would be a distinct contribution to every school and Temple library, as well as to every Jewish home.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK