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RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN
HEBREW CONGREGATIONS - HELD IN CHICAGO, ILL. on January 18, 1944

The Union declares that its function is to interpret, maintain and promote Reform Judaism and reaffirms its loyalty to its spiritual purposes.

The Union, continuing as a member of the American Jewish Conference, declares its sense of fellowship with all Israel and will associate itself with all worthy and practical efforts designed to ameliorate the tragic plight of world Jewry and to assist in reconstructing those communities that have suffered from the ravages of Nazi tyranny.

Because in the congregations of the Union there are divergent opinions on the question of Zionism, the Union recognizes the right of each individual to determine his own attitude on this controversial question and therefore the Union refrains from taking any action on the Palestine Resolution adopted by the American Jewish Conference.

We call upon our congregations and their members to rally loyally to the support of the Union so that its great and noble work may continue to enrich the spiritual life of American Israel.



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Second Tentative Draft
of
Revision
of the
Laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations

PREAMBLE

The congregations represented in this Union of American Hebrew Congregations affirm their faithful attachment to Judaism, and conscious of Israel's sacred duties, undertake to discharge these duties effectively pursuant to the laws of the country and under the protection of benign Providence.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Article 2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Union are:

- a) To encourage and aid the organization and development of congregations and synagogues.
- b) To promote religious instruction and encourage the study of Jewish history and literature.
- c) To maintain the Hebrew Union College, at Cincinnati, Ohio.
- d) To foster other activities for the perpetuation of Judaism.

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP

Any American Jewish congregation, upon approval by the Executive Board, may become a member of this Union by subscribing to its Constitution and By-Laws.

Article 4. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The legislative body of the Union and its highest authority shall be the "General Assembly," which shall be composed of representatives of congregations comprising the Union.

Each congregation shall be entitled to two delegates and to such additional representation in the General Assembly as the By-Laws may provide.

At the General Assembly meetings each delegate or his alternate shall be entitled to a vote.

The General Assembly shall elect its own officers.

Article 5. MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Regular meetings of the General Assembly shall be held biennially at such time and place as the General Assembly or the Executive Board may determine. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the President of the Union and shall be called by him upon written request of the majority of all the members of the Executive Board or upon written request of fifty member congregations.

Article 6. EXECUTIVE BOARD

There shall be an Executive Board of one hundred members which shall have complete charge of the affairs of the Union and which shall be its highest authority when the General Assembly is not in session.

The term of office of the members of the Executive Board and the method of their election shall be determined by the By-Laws.

Article 7. OFFICERS OF THE UNION

The officers of the Union shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Director, an Administrative Secretary, and at the option of the Executive Board a chairman of the Executive Board, and Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, all of whom, except the Director, the Administrative Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, must be members of the Executive Board. The Director and Administrative Secretary shall be selected by the Executive Board. The remaining officers shall be elected by the Executive Board immediately after the close of each biennial session of the General Assembly for a term of two years, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. The officers of the Union shall be the officers of the Executive Board.

Article 8. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the General Assembly by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, provided the delegates present represent at least one-third of all the member congregations. Such amendment may be initiated by the Executive Board or may be submitted in writing by a member congregation to the Executive Board. In either event the Executive Board shall transmit the same to the member congregations at least sixty days in advance of the next regular or special meeting of the General Assembly. The Executive Board shall present such amendment to the General Assembly, with its views thereon.

BY-LAWS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board, consisting of one hundred members, shall be constituted as follows:

(a) Six members thereof shall be elected by the Central Conference of American Rabbis from its own membership for regular terms of four years. At the first meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis following the adoption of these By-Laws, the Conference shall elect six members of the Executive Board, three for four years and three for two years, and thereafter, biennially shall elect three members for four years. In addition, the President and Vice-President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, during their respective terms of office, shall be ex officio members of the Executive Board with power to vote.

(b) The Director of the Union, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College, the President of Hebrew Union College, the President and First Vice-President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the President and First Vice-President of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, and the President and First Vice-President of the National Federation of Temple Youth shall be ex officio members of the Executive Board with power to vote, provided, however, each of such members shall be a member of a constituent congregation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

(c) Fifty-three members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly upon a basis of equitable geographical distribution, as follows:

Each of the organized regions of the Union shall be entitled to representation upon the Executive Board. Each Federation of Congregations now or hereafter established by the Union shall constitute a region for the purposes of this subsection. The number of Executive Board members from each region shall be governed by the total number of individual members of the congregations within the region for whom the prescribed minimum dues are paid, and shall be distributed equitably among the congregations within the region.

Each of the organized regions of the Union shall present its quota of nominees for the Executive Board to the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly.

Wherever there is no organized region of the Union, or in the event an organized region shall fail to present such nominees, the delegates from that geographic area in attendance at the General Assembly shall submit such nominees to the Nominating Committee.

(d) The remaining thirty members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly as representatives at large without special reference to the regions.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board, which shall be about six months prior to the regular General Assembly meeting, the President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Board, a committee whose duty it shall be to present to the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly a list of carefully selected nominees, in the number to be elected as representatives at large, for election to the Executive Board by the General Assembly.

A list of these nominees shall be sent to each constituent congregation at least ten days in advance of the meeting of the General Assembly. Any twenty delegates present at the General Assembly may make additional nominations for representative at large to the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall report to the General Assembly the names of all nominees for balloting, with its recommendations.

(e) At the meeting of the General Assembly at which these By-Laws shall be adopted, one-half of the members of the Executive Board shall be elected for two years, and one-half for four years. Subsequently at each meeting of the General Assembly one-half of the Executive Board members to succeed those whose terms expired shall be elected for a term of four years.

(f) Vacancies caused by death or resignation shall be filled by the Executive Board for a period lasting until the next meeting of the General Assembly, at which time the General Assembly shall elect members to fill the unexpired terms. Such vacancies shall be filled from the constituencies, if any, to which the retired members were accredited, on nominations from those constituencies.

(g) For the purposes above mentioned, rabbis of Union Congregations, and wives of members of congregations shall be considered members of the respective constituent congregations of the Union.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet at least twice a year at such time and place as the President of the Union shall designate. Special meetings of the Executive Board shall be held on the written request of twenty of the members thereof or when the President shall so order. Twenty-five members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Board shall be ex officio the trustees of all property belonging to the Union.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have the power to elect to honorary membership on the Executive Board without the right to vote, such persons whose long and distinguished services have merited such consideration. However, at no time shall there be more than fifteen honorary members on the Executive Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Section 4. The Administrative Committee of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shall consist of the President of the Union, the Chairman of the Executive Board if there is one so elected, the Director of the Union, the presidents of the N.F.T.S., N.F.T.B., N.F.T.Y., the President of the Hebrew Union College and fifteen other members of the Executive Board appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board. The Administrative Committee shall have and may exercise all the powers and functions of the Executive Board in the interim between meetings of the Executive Board, provided, however, that all matters of general policy shall be determined by the Executive Board or the General Assembly. The President of the Union shall

be ex officio Chairman of the Administrative Committee and the Administrative Secretary of the Union shall be ex officio Secretary of the Administrative Committee. Meetings of the Administrative Committee may be called at such time and place as may be determined by the President of the Union, or by a Vice-President in the absence of the President. The expense of the members of the Administrative Committee in attendance at meetings thereof shall be borne by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

Section 5. The presidents of the congregations affiliated with the Union shall meet as a council, either nationally or regionally, at the call of the President of the Union, at such time and place as he may designate, but at least once every two years. The Council shall serve as an advisory body to the Union and may present recommendations to the Executive Board of the Union. Report on the recommendations of the Council shall be made by the Executive Board either to a succeeding Council or to the General Assembly of the Union, or both.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNION

Section 6. The Director of the Union shall administer all the affairs of the Union. New projects, recommended by him, must receive the approval of the Administrative Committee or the Executive Board before being put into effect. The Director shall be ex officio a member of all Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Union. He shall present reports at periodic intervals to the Administrative Committee and to the Executive Board of the Union, and a report to the General Assembly at its regular meetings.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Section 7. The Administrative Secretary, in addition to his duties as departmental head, shall act as Secretary of the General Assembly, of the Executive Board and of the Administrative Committee, and of committees appointed by these bodies, as designated by the Director.

FISCAL YEAR

Section 8. The fiscal year shall end on the thirtieth day of June.

FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS

Section 9. The books of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shall be audited at least once a year by an auditor or auditors chosen by the Executive Board.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Section 10. At the regular semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board next preceding the close of the fiscal year, a budget shall be submitted; this budget shall be prepared in ample time and shall

have been passed upon by a Budget Committee of not less than five members of the Executive Board appointed by the President at a previous meeting. The budget and any additional monetary appropriations shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Board present and voting at the meeting. The various Commissions and the affiliates of the Union shall submit to the Union on or before March 30 their estimates for the coming fiscal year, approved by their respective Boards by majority vote. None of the Boards or institutions subsidiary to the Executive Board shall have authority to spend money except as provided in the Budget and as specifically approved by the Executive Board.

ENDOWMENTS AND TRUST FUNDS

Section 11. The Executive Board shall biennially appoint five members thereof as a Committee on Endowment and Trust Funds. Said Committee shall be vested with the custody and control (a) of all trust funds, money, securities and trust property of the Union; (b) of all other funds and securities of the Union including those held for or requiring temporary investment. Said Committee shall have full power and authority to sell and dispose of all funds and securities and trust property which may come into its hands as above provided, and to invest and reinvest the proceeds thereof, and its chairman or vice-chairman shall have full authority to sign any and all transfers, instruments and papers which may be necessary or required, and to do so whenever he may be so empowered by resolution of the committee. Such power and authority shall be exercised by said Committee by a vote of not less than a majority of the whole Committee. All securities coming into the custody and control of the Committee shall be kept in a safe deposit box.

DUES

Section 12. Each member congregation of the Union shall pay yearly into the treasury of the Union, either directly or through its individual members, an amount equal to \$3.00 per member. This shall be considered minimum dues and shall not preclude the raising of additional funds through individual subscriptions or otherwise to meet the budgetary needs of the Union.

BANK DEPOSITS

Section 13. All banks of deposit for Union funds and all banks of deposit for revolving funds for the various departments of the Union shall be named by the Executive Board or by the Administrative Committee. Checks, drafts and other instruments for the withdrawal of funds on the major accounts shall bear such signature or signatures as may be determined from time to time by the Executive Board or the Administrative Committee.

AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS, ETC.

Section 14. The President, the Chairman of the Executive Board, any Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Director, or the Administrative Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations

shall be authorized to sign in the name and on behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations a receipt and/or release for any gift legacy, bequest or devise received from any donors, or from any executors, administrators, trustees or other representatives of estates.

REPRESENTATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 15. The representation of the member congregation in the General Assembly shall be based on the number of persons for whom the prescribed minimum dues are paid. Each member congregation in good standing shall be entitled to two delegates and to one additional delegate for each one hundred persons or major fraction thereof for whom the prescribed minimum dues are paid over and above the first one hundred.

Each congregation shall be entitled to an alternate for each delegate, who may exercise all the powers of the delegate during the latter's absence.

Members of the Executive Board and of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, by virtue of, and during the term of, their office, shall also be members of the General Assembly with all the privileges of delegates including the right to vote and the right to office; these additional members of the General Assembly shall not prejudice the right of the congregations of which they are members to appoint as many delegates as the membership of such congregations would entitle them to, provided that each delegate shall have only one vote. Honorary members of the above named Board shall be considered honorary members of the General Assembly but without the privilege of voting or election to office, other than honorary, unless duly elected as delegates by a congregation belonging to the Union.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 16. Thirty members, in addition to the President of the Hebrew Union College, shall constitute the Board of Trustees (known as the Board of Governors) of the Hebrew Union College. Nineteen members shall be elected by the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and six shall be elected by the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College, and five shall be elected as Trustees at Large by the Central Conference of American Rabbis from among its membership. Members of the Board of Governors shall be elected biennially for a period of four years and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Governors shall be filled by the Body by which the retiring member was elected. Honorary Trustees may be named by the Board of Governors.

The President of the Union, the Director of the Union, and the Chairman of the Executive Board shall be elected on the Board of Governors as part of the nineteen members which the Executive Board elects. The quota of the Union shall be elected at the

regular semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board, for terms of office to begin on January 1, following.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE MAGAZINE OF THE COMMISSION ON SYNAGOGUE ACTIVITIES

Section 17. Out of the dues paid by each congregation into the treasury of the Union, the same consisting of \$3.00 per member and applying especially to the dues paid by the congregation for the members of the Board of Trustees of the congregation, there shall be set aside twenty-five cents for each member of a Board of Trustees and other members designated, the same to apply as a subscription price for the Magazine of the Commission on Synagogue Activities, published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 18. The President of the Union shall call the delegates to the General Assembly to order and ask for the election of a temporary Chairman and a temporary Secretary. When these are elected, the temporary Chairman shall appoint a Committee on Credentials and a Committee on Permanent Organization. After a report of the Committee on Credentials shall have been adopted the General Assembly shall consider the report of the Committee on Permanent Organization and shall elect such officers of the General Assembly as it deems proper. Unless otherwise ordered by the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly shall then appoint such committees as he shall deem necessary, and shall without debate refer to them the reports of the several officers and boards and of the committees previously appointed, in such manner as he may deem advisable.

He shall also appoint such other committees as the General Assembly during its session may order.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

Section 19. Any motion or resolution purporting to express the views or sentiments of the Union or its constituents or personnel upon any question not directly affecting the conduct of the affairs of the Union or its constituents, when presented at any General Assembly meeting, shall require for its passage an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the representatives present at said meeting of the General Assembly and voting.

AMENDMENTS

Section 20. These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any meeting of the Executive Board, provided written notice of proposed changes has been given to each member of the Executive Board not less than thirty days in advance, or by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the General Assembly.

CONGREGATIONAL AUTONOMY

Section 21. Nothing contained in this Constitution and these By-Laws shall operate to interfere in any manner whatsoever with the mode of worship, the school or any of the other congregational activities of the constituent congregations of the Union.



June 6, 1945

To the
UAHC Delegates to the
Synagogue Council of America

Gentlemen:

The interest in the Synagogue Council of America on the part of the Reform representatives in general, and of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in particular, is beyond question. Originally proposed by the then President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the late Dr. Abram Simon, the Synagogue Council came into being through the initiative of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Since that time the Union has watched with great satisfaction the development and progress of the Synagogue Council. One does not, as a rule, seek to limit the scope of one's own offspring, even though at times one does endeavor to provide guidance, to the end that the twig may grow as it was first bent. The purpose of this memorandum is to call attention to the original purpose of the Synagogue Council and to certain tendencies which have more recently developed that might deflect the Synagogue Council from the purpose which was in the minds of those who first called it into being.

There can be no doubt as to the even greater need today of a coordinating agency such as the Synagogue Council was intended to be. Far more pressing is the demand at the present hour to unite the spiritual forces of American Jewry against the rising tide of secularism in our time. Consequently, there is not the remotest intention on the part of the Union to restrict the development of the Synagogue Council in this direction. On the contrary, we have noted with considerable gratification the progress which the Synagogue Council has made, especially under recent administrations and through the continuing executive labors of Rabbi Ahron Opher who, for a number of years past, has served as the efficient and effective Assistant to the President of the Synagogue Council.

Nonetheless, we wish to call attention to the unambiguous reservation that was included in the original Declaration of Principles of the Synagogue Council, to the effect that it is "clearly provided that such proposed Council in no way interfere with the religious and administrative autonomy of any of the constituent organizations." However, certain recent statements, actions, and proposed plans of the Synagogue Council have caused some measure of apprehension on the part of the Union representatives concerning the possible interference on the part of the Synagogue Council with activities which for many years past have been pursued by the Union. By way of illustration, we might point to the fact that, for unnumbered years the Union has released to the press of the country statements relative to the observance of the Jewish holidays and festivals. Insofar as we have been able to ascertain, these press notices were favorably received on every hand and were considered non-sectarian and non-denominational in their character. The fact that the Synagogue Council has now undertaken to issue such press notices may be a very small matter,

but it is indicative of a tendency which might be far-reaching. If it is within the province of the Synagogue Council to publish such press notices, it might easily be conceivable that the Synagogue Council may well enter the larger area that would include the publication of such pamphlets, tracts, etc., which is one of the principal projects of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

As a matter of fact, one of the leading spirits in the Synagogue Council recently informed the Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations that in order to build a stronger Synagogue Council it may be necessary for the Union to relinquish some phases of its present endeavors. We do not conceive of the Synagogue Council in such terms. We believe that the Synagogue Council was created for the exclusive purpose of coordinating and, insofar as possible, strengthening its constituent bodies and, by this means, strengthening itself. Instead of intimating, for the purpose of building a stronger Council that it may be imperative for the Union or other constituents of the Synagogue Council to relinquish some aspects of their work, the very opposite should be the case. By encouraging the constituents to take on more and more enterprises, while at the same time coordinating these respective activities with those of the other constituents of the Synagogue Council, we shall be able to gain stronger synagogue representation in American Jewry.

To illustrate further the fact that the above mentioned concern on the part of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is not by any manner of means imaginary, we wish to point to the report of the recently formed Synagogue Council's Committee on "The Synagogue and the Workingman." This Committee seems to have been established in sublime innocence of the fact that, for years now the Central Conference of American Rabbis has been vitally concerned with this field, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has likewise been interested in a rapprochement between Synagogue and Labor. As a matter of fact, conferences have been held by representatives of the Union and those concerned with the labor movement. No attempt was made by the Synagogue Council to ascertain whether its own committee would in any way intrude upon the work of the Union. In addition, this report suggests that a pamphlet is to be prepared dealing with Jewish traditional attitudes and pronouncements on the general subject of labor. Such a pamphlet has been considered by the Commission on Public Information of the Union and lies directly within the purview of the Union's regular activity. Any attempt to establish a Labor Temple on the part of the Synagogue Council, as is indicated in the above mentioned report, would again duplicate the long-established program of Synagogue Extension of the Union in general and their specific plan of working in this field as soon as the personnel now in chaplaincy service is available.

Furthermore, in a letter recently addressed to all the congregations of the Synagogue Council's constituents, the President of the Synagogue Council indicated that part of the Council's contemplated program includes the publication of a magazine. Already

the Union, together with the Central Conference, is issuing LIBERAL JUDAISM, and the Rabbinical Assembly has just announced the projected publication of a quarterly, "Conservative Judaism." Once again it appears that the Synagogue Council, instead of being a coordinating body, is seeking to include all manner of functions that are already well provided for by its constituent organizations. With regard to radio programs also, we believe that the time allocated to the Synagogue Council should in turn be apportioned to its national constituents rather than to individuals.

Another case in point is the recent communication addressed to the rabbis of America relative to the observance of V-E Day and the providing of such rabbis with suggested services for the occasion. The congregational leaders, both lay and rabbinic, look to the Union, as undoubtedly they do to their other parent bodies, for precisely this kind of service. If the Union did not provide this kind of assistance, it would again be accused, as it has been in the past, of being "asleep on the job." It cannot constantly be relinquishing its essential tasks to others, and for the Union to provide this kind of assistance and for the Synagogue Council to do so likewise is a useless duplication of effort. Such illustrations could be multiplied, but they should suffice to indicate the dangers that are involved.

It was primarily because of this danger to convert the Synagogue Council from its original purpose as a coordinating agency into a functioning body gradually taking over the work of its constituents that motivated the Union's disinclination to approve of the projected plan to raise \$100,000 for the expansion of the Synagogue Council. While the Union agrees that the Synagogue Council may require a larger measure of support than it is now procuring, it does not in any wise envisage a program justifying an appeal for \$100,000. To be sure, one of the leaders of the Synagogue Council intimated that although the appeal would be made for \$100,000, it would be well pleased if \$25,000 was forthcoming. However, we wish to point out that an appeal for \$100,000 might seriously interfere with the fund-raising efforts of the Synagogue Council's constituents and would result in a weakening of the Council rather than a strengthening of it.

Nor does the Union approve of any appeal whatsoever being made directly to its own congregations. These congregations are the only medium through which the Union itself can function, and it hinders rather than helps its own program to have a double appeal made by the Synagogue Council. Regardless of the different character of the latter's appeal, the result has already proved to be most confusing. We have been the recipients of innumerable letters protesting against the Synagogue Council appealing directly to our congregations. We therefore urge a rethinking of this entire question of the financing of the Synagogue Council, and we propose that such financial appeals be restricted to the constituents of the Synagogue Council itself, or to Welfare Funds which represent a cross-section of Jewish community life.

As a matter of fact, we do not believe that the Synagogue Council should, under any circumstances, be in continuous communication or contact with the individual congregations or congregational leaders, but should function solely through its constituent bodies, at least in such instances where the constituent body is equipped and prepared to act as a medium for the Synagogue Council's communications. We therefore strongly recommend that all contemplated programs and procedures of the Synagogue Council that have to do with synagogue activities shall be channelled exclusively through the constituents of the Synagogue Council.

The Union is more than prepared to give due credit to all plans and programs that originate in the Synagogue Council, but it insists that it must serve as the medium for communication with its own congregations and congregational leaders.

We recommend, furthermore, that no new programs be initiated by the Synagogue Council without due notice being given to the official heads of the constituent bodies sufficiently in advance to enable such directing heads to confer with their respective representatives to the Synagogue Council prior to such meetings at which consideration is to be given to such projected plans.

Any number of new ventures have been undertaken recently which the administrative officers of the constituent bodies have not had the opportunity fully to discuss prior to their presentation at Synagogue Council meetings. We feel that we can no longer be responsible for action on the part of the Synagogue Council upon which we have not been able fully to deliberate.

In conclusion, we wish to state that the above reservations and requests are voiced not in any way to attenuate the effectiveness of the Synagogue Council but rather to make it even more effective in the realm in which it was intended to act. As a united voice and as a coordinating representative of the religious forces in American Jewry we wish it to continue to grow from strength to strength, but within the area of actual synagogue functioning we believe that it can only grow in power and influence through the increased influence and enterprise of its constituent bodies.

We trust that the reservations and the concrete recommendations herein contained will be given the earnest and sympathetic consideration of the Synagogue Council.

Respectfully submitted,

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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July 5, 1945

re: Conference July 9

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My dear Dr. Silver:

It was no surprise to me to learn that you were elected President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

I want to express to you my very best wishes for a most successful administration. I will be very happy to work with you on the many matters in which the Conference and the Union operate jointly.

I am certain I can also bespeak the wholehearted cooperation of the staff of the Union in assisting you whenever you call on them.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Adolph Rosenberg

Adolph Rosenberg
President

AR:IS

Law Offices
JOHNSON, LUCAS, GRAVES & FANE
Suite 1902 Power & Light Building
Kansas City 6, Missouri

July 5, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On June 2, 1945, your Committee on Revision of the Constitution met in Chicago to consider the many suggestions offered by members of the Executive Board, and to again consider certain basic problems which have required considerable study and deliberation.

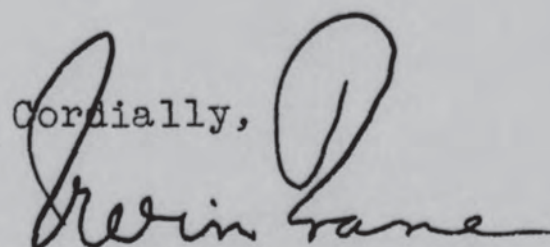
Many changes were adopted by the Committee, and I am sending you herewith a second revision embodying the same. This is by no means a final draft, as the Committee is still considering certain phases of the Constitution, including

- (1) A clear definition of the relationships of the Union and its affiliates;
- (2) A change in the name of the organization*;
- (3) A further revision of Section 10 of the By-Laws, entitled "Budget Committee";
- (4) Possible revision of Section 16 of the By-Laws relating to the Hebrew Union College;
- (5) Revision of Section 17 of the By-Laws, in view of changed circumstances;
- (6) An enlargement of Section 19 of the By-Laws to clarify procedure at meetings of the General Assembly with respect to the introduction and disposition of resolutions.

Your Committee has done considerable preliminary work on the above matters, but is not ready to make a final report thereon. It is contemplated that these matters will be disposed of prior to the next meeting of the Executive Board, at which time a final report will be made.

With my kindest regards, I am,

Cordially,



Irvin Fane, Chairman
Committee on Revision of UAHC
Constitution

*This question has been assigned to a special committee of the Executive Board.

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NEW YORK CITY 21 Sept. 4th, 1945.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your cooperation and that of other leaders throughout the country enabled our combined campaign to raise over \$330,000.- for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1945.

This total made it possible for the College to receive \$70,000.- which was most pleasing to the College authorities in Cincinnati.

I wish at this time to extend to you my sincere thanks for the splendid help and cooperation you have given us in Cleveland and also extend to you and your dear ones my very best wishes for the coming New Year.

I trust that you may be spared to continue your efforts on behalf of Palestine and that we shall see these efforts crowned with complete success in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

Jerome L. Levy
Jerome L. Levy

P.S. - I am pleased to enclose the first copies of 2 new pamphlets just off the press.

[Signature]

1 THE UNION and THE COLLEGE

Serving 323 constituent congregations and hundreds of additional synagogues throughout the American continent.

2 COMBINED CAMPAIGN

The combined campaign was initiated to enable the Union and the College to expand these services and to launch new undertakings for the benefit of the entire American Jewish community.

3 OUR OBJECTIVE

We must increase our income to a minimum of \$550,000.00 annually to do an effective job in the fields of our endeavor.

4 SOURCES OF INCOME

Our income is derived from congregational dues, individual subscriptions, and allocations from a few Welfare Funds.

5 AN EFFECTIVE UNION

We must rely upon our affiliated congregations and their individual members for adequate support if we are to continue to serve them more effectively.

6

SERVICES RENDERED BY THE UNION

- A. Maintains a College for training rabbis and providing chaplains.
- B. Sponsors Institutes on Judaism for Christian ministers and educators.
- C. Organizes new congregations among unaffiliated in metropolitan areas and rural regions.
- D. Publishes educational material for religious schools and adult education.
- E. Produces literature for the molders of public opinion.
- F. Operates offices and rabbinic services in four regions.
- G. Conducts a department for development of the Synagogue program.
- H. Holds seminars for religious school teachers.
- I. Distributes morale-building literature to the Armed Forces.
- J. Publishes a national magazine, LIBERAL JUDAISM.

*The Union and the College
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September 11
1945.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It gives me much pleasure to tender to you an appointment on the Administrative Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I hope you will find it possible to accept.

The Administrative Committee meets four or five times during the year, between the meetings of our Executive Board. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 14. I hope that you will make every effort to attend.

With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Adolph Rosenberg

Adolph Rosenberg
President

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September 24, 1945

This is a copy of a letter
sent to the President of
your Congregation.

Are you interested in maintaining the position
which Liberal Judaism enjoys in America today? Are you
interested in guaranteeing a secure future status for
the religious tolerance which characterizes the great
country in which we live?

Your answer to the above questions will be your
Congregation's response to the Annual Joint Campaign
of the UAHC - HUC, the two organizations which repre-
sent your religious interests on the American scene.

The past season showed a fine response from member
congregations and from interested individuals. We are
encouraged to believe that this response will continue
to grow from year to year.

For 1945-46, your Congregation's quota is \$12,000.00,
made up in part by your regular dues of \$3 per capita
to the UAHC and by individual contributions. This
amount is reasonable, but it must be met if we are to
continue our important work and provide adequate means
for post-war expansion plans.

Please make your Campaign plans now at the begin-
ning of your season. Your full and generous support
is very necessary.

Sincerely yours,

ROGER W. STRAUS

RWS:JA

CHAIRMAN

September 28, 1945

Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
34 West Sixth St.
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Rosenberg:

I have been asked by the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to discuss with you a matter relation to the Pension Fund. I wonder whether you would be free to meet with me some time in the afternoon of Tuesday, October 9th? The Executive Board of the C.C.A.R. is having a meeting in Cincinnati on that day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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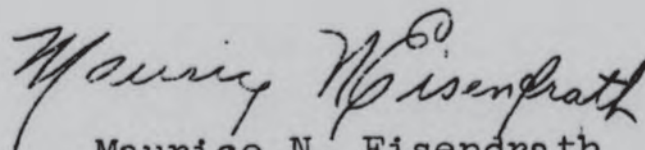
Dear Colleague:

As a constituent of the Synagogue Council of America, we wish heartily to associate ourselves with the Day of Prayer which it has proclaimed for Thursday, October 4. We urge that, within each of our local congregations and communities, all of our rabbinic and lay leaders within the Union will do everything in their power to give impetus to this nation-wide insistence upon the abrogation of that moral and spiritual iniquity contained in the British White Paper.

The continued desperateness of our people's plight demands such moral pressure upon the religious conscience of America.

Trusting that you will give every assistance to the expression of this united voice of American Israel, I am,

Yours most sincerely,



Maurice N. Eisendrath
Director

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--Monthly Cash Report--
THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
 (Exclusive of Hebrew Union College)

September 30, 1945

Balance in Banks August 31, 1945 \$ 64,755.47

RECEIPTS

Publication Donation	\$ 100.42	
From Collection	17,540.60	
From Sale of Books	*12,437.75	
Miscellaneous	168.53	
Reform Magazine	168.20	
Summer Services	30.00	
Donation	350.00	
Accrued Interest	<u>3,656.37</u>	<u>34,451.87</u>

\$ 99,207.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer	\$ 10,000.00	
UAHC Monthly Requisition	25,998.54	
Rabbinical Pension Board	5,000.00	
HUC Part Payment on Campaign Dist.	<u>15,401.59</u>	<u>56,400.13</u>

CASH IN BANK, September 30, 1945 \$ 42,807.21

HELD IN FOLLOWING DEPOSITORIES

First National Bank, Cincinnati	\$ 33,725.34	
Manufacturer's Trust Co., N. Y.	6,127.92	
Peoples Bank - Savings Account	<u>2,953.95</u>	
	\$ 42,807.21	

PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS ON BORROWED FUNDS

First National Bank, Cincinnati	\$ 9,750.01	
National Federation of Temple Sist. ...	<u>7,875.00</u>	
	\$ 17,625.01	

A COMPARISON OF CURRENT YEAR'S INCOME WITH THAT OF LAST YEAR

	<u>Current Year's Income</u> <u>Through Sept. 30, 1945</u>	<u>Income of Last Year</u> <u>Through Sept. 30, 1944</u>
From Congregations	\$ 48,736.25	\$ 51,393.93
Overhead Book Dept.	5,604.99	5,604.99
Miscellaneous	422.21	396.22
Donations (Including Tracts)	--	350.00
NFTS	7,500.00	7,500.00
Reform Magazine	350.72	596.97
Summer Services	<u>95.00</u>	<u>138.25</u>
	\$ 62,709.17	\$ 65,980.36

* Total cash received from sale of books. Once a month the Union is credited with the cost of overhead about \$1,868.33 per month. Adjustment is made by the auditors at the end of the year.



THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF *Temple Youth*
Affiliated with THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
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HELEN L. STRAUSS, *Interim Director*

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October 10, 1945

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Chaplain, U. S. N. R.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Youth is holding a meeting at the Fenway Hall Hotel in Cleveland on Saturday night, October 20, and all day Sunday, October 21.

We should be most happy if you would bring a greeting to our members on Saturday evening, October 20th. The meeting will start at 8:00 P.M.

Your presence at our Board meeting will indeed be a source of inspiration to all of us. I realize that you have a very heavy program both in your congregation and your communal work. May I take this opportunity of congratulating you on your election to the presidency of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Although the prime purpose of this letter is to invite you to give us a few moments of your valuable time, I believe that you would want to know the status of the Temple Alumni in its relationship to the National Federation of Temple Youth.

For several years we enjoyed the affiliation of the Alumni and had two members on our National Executive Board - Mildred Heller Davidson, and Leonard Wolen. When Leonard returned from the Armed Forces he was again reappointed as an active member on our Board but he has taken no part in our activities, despite the fact that we were particularly anxious to have the Alumni participate, since Cleveland is the hostess city. We have suggested that the president of your Alumni be invited to attend the sessions as an auditor.

While it may be true that this Alumni Association is self-sufficient, the National Federation is a matter of give and take. We feel that the Alumni could be helpful to many of our weaker groups. I believe you will agree that somehow from the most unexpected sources, even a large and flourishing organization may learn through others.

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If you have any suggestions as to how we may revive the interest of the Alumni in the N.F.T.Y. we shall greatly appreciate your cooperation.

I do hope that I may hear from you that you will be with us at the sessions of the Executive Board.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard G. Sang
Bernard G. Sang
President

P.S. My address is: 110 South Dearborn, Chicago 3, Ill.



Whose
UNION



What is it

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What does it do?

This is The Union of American

1 It is the combined energy, activity and leadership of 324 congregations in the United States and Canada, representing more than 85,000 families.

2 It is the Commission on Information about Judaism which has printed and distributed over two and a half million copies of a series of morale-building pamphlets to the men in the armed forces. Since the beginning of the war, it has also distributed more than a million copies of its Popular Studies. These studies also reach thousands of molders of public opinion.

3 It is the Jewish Chaplain who is our public relations man in the army camps and naval stations. The Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union have succeeded in providing more than 50% of the Jewish chaplains now serving. We cooperate with the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Hebrew Congregations

4 It is the Commission on Jewish Education (set up by the Union and the Central Conference of American Rabbis) which creates textbooks for children, young people, teachers and adults for our Liberal religious schools. These books are used also by more than 750 additional Conservative and Orthodox schools. The Commission also publishes material for pre-school children and for the education of parents. Recently, it has launched the American Institute for Jewish Studies to stimulate Jewish education among youth and adults. It publishes *THE JEWISH TEACHER*, arranges institutes for adults and teachers and plans programs of state and regional teachers' associations.

5 It is the Department of Synagogue Activities which stimulates congregational life, encourages the observance of ceremonies in synagogue and home, and furnishes information and guidance

This is THE UNION

to rabbis and congregational leaders to enrich the synagogue program.

6 It is the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods with 130 Brotherhoods and 25,000 members providing and implementing a far-flung program for stimulating lay participation and responsibility in the synagogue's religious, educational and social activities. The Federation also conducts the program of the Jewish Chautauqua Society which supplies authoritative speakers on Jewish history, ethics and religion to thousands of non-Jewish students and teachers in the United States and Canada.

7 It is the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods—embracing 400 Sisterhoods with 60,000 members in six countries—which maintains the Hebrew Union College Scholarship and Religious Education Fund, distributes cultural program and educational materials on modern Jewish problems, cre-

ates study materials for Jewish parents, maintains a fund for new religious school textbooks and inaugurates special religious broadcasts. This is the largest Jewish women's religious organization in the world.

8 It is the National Federation of Temple Youth, with 82 chapters and 3800 members leading our young people into a greater area of service and devotion to religious ideals.

9 It is the magazine, LIBERAL JUDAISM, an illustrated monthly journal to foster progressive Judaism—for the advancement of the spiritual and cultural ideals of Israel and mankind.

10 It is a great religious institution cooperating with and helping to maintain the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Synagogue Council of America and the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

11 It is your religious voice on the American scene.

RECENT PROJECTS of the Union of American

1. Institutes on Judaism which provide authentic knowledge of Jewish history, practices and beliefs for Christian ministers and lay leaders, have been arranged in all areas of the U. S. Understanding combats prejudice.

2. The Problem of the Unaffiliated Jew in its four aspects — large metropolitan centers, small towns, rural areas, and the Yiddish speaking labor group. The plan is to survey these fields and conduct an intensive campaign of education to enroll members of these groups in the ranks of Liberal Judaism. When the chaplains return to civilian life, they will find among the unaffiliated a fertile field to apply the war experiences they have had with a widely varied cross section of Jewish men in the Armed Forces.

3. Regional Offices of the Union have been established in the metropolitan areas of Chicago and New York, in the New England States and in the South

Hebrew Congregations

East District. Serviced by rabbis who act as Directors of each district, religious activities have been intensified and several new congregations have been organized.

4. The Rabbinical Pension Plan jointly sponsored by the Union and Central Conference of American Rabbis, and the first plan of its kind in American Jewish history, has already enrolled 150 rabbis. This plan assures security and comfort for the rabbi's declining years and lifts the burden of support from the congregational treasuries.

5. Town Hall Discussion Meetings material deal with the religious aspect of current, vital subjects. This year's topic, "Religion Prepares for Peace," was used by 193 congregations.

6. For Congregations Which Are Building Synagogues, Religious School or Center Buildings, the Union will fur-

nish the services of consultants who will visit congregations on request to confer with the local Building Committee and will check architectural plans for efficiency and economy.

7. Personal Visits are made by the heads of Union Departments who act as advisors to local congregations in arranging seminars for Religious School teachers or in organizing the curriculum of the school. Reorganization of administrative and financial set-ups, extension of activities programs, membership drives, and other congregational problems have been solved by visits from the personnel of the Union staff.

8. A Liturgical Music Project, based on selections from the famous Birnbaum Collection of Jewish liturgical music housed at the library of the Hebrew Union College, consisting of six double faced twelve inch records with an explanatory narrative will be issued in commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the Hebrew Union College in the Fall of 1945. This is a joint project of the Union and the College.

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October 11, 1945

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

Dear Friend:

When Rosa told me that she ran into you the other evening I did regret, even more, that you were unable to have dinner with us, as I would have liked so much to have had you with us during the unforeseen hours that you were compelled to remain in Cincinnati. I hope that you finally got off all right. It was good to see you, especially in the role of President of our Central Conference, and all of us felt that we had spent a very profitable and fruitful day under your guidance.

There are many matters that I am anxious to discuss with you some one of these days whenever you may have a spare hour or so in the midst of what I know is the extraordinarily heavy load which you are carrying. Perhaps one of these days when I am en route to New York I may stop over in Cleveland, or maybe we could meet in New York. I plan on being in New York on the 7th of November and will probably remain there for several days -- just in case you will likewise be there around that time. I want to talk to you especially about the subject that you referred to at the meeting the other day regarding the Synagogue Council and the Central Conference's relationship with it; also I am anxious to talk over with you the whole problem of the Biennial Council and the best approach to some of the issues that will be before us at that time.

I was very happy that the Executive Board decided to appoint representatives to a Joint Committee of the Union and the Conference to look into the feasibility of establishing a Joint Commission on Social Justice. I am convinced that this is a pressing need, and I hope that we will be able to work out some satisfactory arrangement that will in no wise sacrifice the understandable desire on the part of the Conference to retain complete freedom of expression.

I trust that you will be able to appoint the Conference representatives shortly, as I would very much like to have this matter in such order that it can be presented to the forthcoming Biennial Council. I imagine that you will want Isserman either to be one of the Conference representatives or to be invited to sit

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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October 11, 1945

in with us, out of courtesy to his Chairmanship of the present Commission on Social Justice.

Hoping to hear from you at your early convenience, and with warm personal greetings, I am, as ever,

Yours most cordially,

Maurice

MNE:SG



October 12, 1945

Mr. Bernard G. Sang, President
National Federation of Temple Youth
110 So. Dearborn St.
Chicago 3, Ill.

My dear Mr. Sang:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 10.
I shall try to drop in on your Conference on Saturday
evening, October 20.

As far as The Temple Alumni is concerned, and
its relationship to the National Federation of Temple
Youth. I would suggest that you talk to some of the
officers of the Alumni when you are here and perhaps
invite a few of the officers of the Alumni Association
to attend your sessions.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF UAHC
CINCINNATI, OHIO

October 14, 1945

At the call of the President of the Union, Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was held at the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Sunday, October 14, 1945, at 10:15 A.M.

The following members of the Committee were present: Adolph Rosenberg, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, Jesse Cohen, Solomon Elsner, Robert P. Goldman, Mrs. Hugo Hartmann, Dr. S. S. Hollender, Lester A. Jaffe, David F. Kahn, and Philip Meyers. Mr. Herbert C. Oettinger and Dr. H. B. Weiss of Cincinnati, and Mr. Irvin Fane of Kansas City, were present on invitation of the President.

Mr. Jerome L. Levy, Finance Director, Mr. Henry Levy, the Public Relations Director elect, and Mr. Hyman Kanter, accountant of the UAHC, were also present.

Mr. Rosenberg presided and Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, Administrative Secretary, recorded the minutes.

It was announced that Dr. Julian Morgenstern and Mr. Melvin S. Meyers were absent because of illness and that Mr. Melville S. Welt of Detroit was absent because of the illness of his brother-in-law, Rabbi Leo M. Franklin.

It was moved and duly carried that messages be sent to Rabbi Morgenstern and Mr. Melvin S. Meyers expressing the hope for their speedy recovery and to Mr. Melville S. Welt in relation to Rabbi Leo M. Franklin.

Report of Rabbi Eisendrath

Rabbi Eisendrath presented Mr. Henry Levy, who is joining the Union staff as Director of Publicity for the Union and the Hebrew Union College, beginning November 1, 1945.

1. Union Staff Meeting. Rabbi Eisendrath spoke of the Union staff meeting which was held a few nights before the Administrative Committee meeting, at which eighteen members of the staff were present. He called attention to the fact that only two members were absent, that this is the largest staff of workers that the Union has ever had, that the meeting was very fruitful in its discussion of future programs of the Union.

2. Winning the Unaffiliated. He spoke of the program for winning the unaffiliated and the assignment of our part-time Regional Rabbi, Alfred Wolf, to make preliminary surveys in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland. There are many obstacles to be overcome in the program for the establishment of new

congregations. There are vested interests of the existing congregations which have to be met. The lay leaders and rabbis have to be enlisted in the larger program. Reform cannot grow unless we increase the number of congregations affiliated with us. Rabbi Wolf is beginning his work in Boston. A report of the preliminary results of the survey in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Cleveland will be presented at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

3. Liberal Judaism Magazine. Rabbi Eisendrath spoke briefly about the new plan with reference to the expansion of Liberal Judaism Magazine which was to be presented to the Administrative Committee by Rabbi Max C. Currick of Erie, Pennsylvania, the Chairman of the Committee on Liberal Judaism Magazine, who was present at the meeting by invitation of the Chairman. The general nature of the magazine may have to be revised and the plan contemplates that the magazine be sent, without charge, to the individual members of congregations that are now paying the \$3.00 per capita. The plan likewise envisages the soliciting and printing of advertisements which would balance in a large measure the increased cost of the magazine because of its larger circulation.

4. Relations with JIR. He also reported that progress had been made in the rapprochement with the Jewish Institute of Religion; that the premise is becoming manifest that we cannot afford to divide our forces of Reform at the present time. The President of the Hebrew Union College is to have a conference with the President of the Jewish Institute of Religion in the near future.

5. Motion Picture Project. In a few months the scenario writer will come to Cincinnati for conference and consultation, and it is hoped to have the scenario ready at the time of the next Biennial.

6. Headquarters for the Union. A meeting was held a few days ago with representatives of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to consider general problems regarding a campaign which the NFTS is to undertake for funds for a Union headquarters building in Cincinnati and headquarters in New York City.

Mr. Rosenberg thanked Rabbi Eisendrath for his very interesting report and stated that the various items are now before the Committee for discussion.

Judge Elsner remarked that it was necessary that something be done to overcome the cleavage that is widening between the HUC and the JIR; that the Institute naturally makes demands upon its graduates to evidence their loyalty to their Alma Mater, and that as a result the Union does suffer in securing the full cooperation of the JIR graduates for the Union's program.

Dr. Hollender commented that a similar situation existed in Chicago.

Mr. Rosenberg pointed out that we are moving along slowly but steadily to solve the problem but that we must first permit the heads of the two institutions to get together and iron out the difficulties.

Mr. Rosenberg added that we have developed too casual and too self-satisfied an attitude in our consideration of the challenge of Conservative Judaism. If we want Reform Judaism to be paramount, we must be conscious of our own institutions. We must be loyal to them, and express that loyalty by strong support of our program.

Rabbi Eisendrath stated that the Reform rabbis are asking why they are not informed of what is going on, particularly with reference to the plans of the Conservative group to approach members of Reform congregations for support of their projects. He asked whether it would be wise to send a personal and confidential letter to the rabbis telling them of the present drive of the JTS. Shouldn't we put our rabbis on the alert with regard to the Welfare Fund drives in their communities so that we receive for our cause allocations of at least the same amounts that are set aside for the Conservative group?

Mr. Goldman suggested that Rabbi Eisendrath send a letter to the Presidents of our congregations, as well as to the rabbis.

Liberal Judaism Magazine

Mr. Rosenberg called on Rabbi Max C. Currick to present the report of the Committee on Liberal Judaism Magazine. Rabbi Currick stated that at a recent meeting of the Committee, a plan for increasing the influence of the magazine was discussed. Our magazine has grown and developed so that now it is the most quoted Jewish magazine, but we must reach a larger clientele if the road is opened for us. Reform Judaism is the expression of the type of Judaism that will prevail. Other movements are tending in our direction. The Board of the Union has an educational obligation, not alone a fiscal one.

Rabbi Currick read the resolution adopted by the Committee on Liberal Judaism at its meeting held in Cincinnati, October 9, 1945, as follows:

The Committee on Liberal Judaism recommends that the magazine, 'Liberal Judaism' be expanded to reach all congregational members, who pay \$3.00 per capita or for whom the \$3.00 per capita is paid.

He stated that the additional cost for sending the magazine to 30,000 congregational members would be made up in large measure by a program of including advertisements in the magazine. He added that within a reasonable time the magazine should be self-supporting.

Dr. Hollender stated that he was unalterably opposed to advertising in Liberal Judaism Magazine, that it detracts from the dignity of the publication and that our magazine should be properly supported otherwise.

Rabbi Currick pointed out that magazines which carried advertisements are more widely read than others.

Mr. Kahn stated that he too was opposed to advertising, even if there were a big profit for the magazine.

Mr. Philip Meyers was not opposed to carrying dignified ads. He thought that possibly the entire cost of the magazine might in time be defrayed by the advertising.

Mr. Jaffe added to that thought by stating that people think more of a magazine that can attract first-rate ads, because it means that the magazine is going to homes which can be appealed to by such ads.

Rabbi Eisendrath called attention to the fact that we had tried to obtain subscriptions for the magazine by offering 50¢ to the Sisterhoods for each subscription turned in but that plan did not succeed. Circulation promotion is very expensive; it might or it might not be successful. Our aim must be to get Liberal Judaism into the homes of our constituents. Frequently the question is asked, "What does the Union do for me?" If Liberal Judaism went into every home, there would be a concrete bond between the individual and the Union. It would be a splendid leverage to raise all our congregations to the \$3.00 per capita basis. He added that dignified advertisements ought not detract from the dignity of the magazine.

Mr. Henry Levy, the Publicity Director, was asked to state his point of view. He said that circulation through promotion was very difficult and would probably never reach above 25,000 for our magazine, and that the history of magazine promotion for publications such as ours is against the possibility of a 50,000 circulation. He stated that we could get the highest type of institutional advertising, such as insurance, railroads, and hotels, which would not detract from the dignity of the magazine.

Mr. Jesse Cohen remarked that he would like to see Liberal Judaism Magazine reach all Liberal Jews, members of congregations, sisterhoods and brotherhoods, and that if it could be worked out that we have a magazine covering all affiliates we would have about 100,000 circulation. He stated that the Brotherhood Federation has advertising men on its Board and that an endeavor was made to secure national advertising for the JEWISH LAYMAN, but the consensus seems to be that you cannot get national advertising unless you have a circulation of 50,000.

Rabbi Currick stated that we did not initiate the magazine, LIBERAL JUDAISM, as a house organ and that we have got to maintain it as a literary magazine.

Mr. Kahn expressed the thought that the average Jew seems to be suffering from an inferiority complex and that if the magazine can be used to counteract that, it would be doing a great service.

Mr. Goldman asked: if we did not go into the advertising campaign, couldn't we use the expense involved in setting up the advertising machinery by increasing our circulation? He thought that we ought to send the magazine to congregational members who pay the \$3.00 per capita, and that after we reach the 50,000 circulation that we should consider the matter of advertising. He thought that since the magazine would be helping our joint campaign, an appropriation might be secured from that fund.

Mr. Philip Meyers stated that he had never heard the statement made that it required a 50,000 circulation before national advertising could be secured. He was in favor of authorizing the Magazine Committee to go ahead, particularly if we could pay the additional cost through advertising.

Mr. Rosenberg pointed out that there seemed to be a consensus favorable to the expansion of the magazine, but there was a question with reference to taking advertising. He asked for a show of hands with reference to accepting advertising. The majority of those present voted against accepting advertisements at this time.

On motion of Mr. Kahn, it was voted that a recommendation be made to the Executive Board to consider the project of increasing the circulation of LIBERAL JUDAISM by sending it to each congregational member paying \$3.00 per capita and that the Joint Campaign Committee be asked to make an allocation toward the additional expense.

It was further moved and carried that a committee be appointed to look into the matter of uniting the magazines of the Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods with LIBERAL JUDAISM.

Mrs. Hartmann stated that she was in favor of distributing the magazine as widely as possible; that congregational boards should be made to feel the necessity for building a live structure for the Liberal Jewish movement in America, and that propaganda to that effect be launched by the Union through its magazine.

The Administrative Committee recessed for luncheon. During the luncheon period Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin of Los Angeles, who was visiting in Cincinnati, was a guest. He addressed the administrative Committee on the general program of the Union and its efforts to obtain the necessary financial support. He thought that with a well organized campaign, with proper emphasis on certain aspects of our work, it should not be difficult to secure the funds required.

Time, Place and Program of the 39th Council

Mr. Robert P. Goldman, Chairman of the Committee on Time, Place and Program of the 39th Biennial Council, reported that the holding of the Union Convention in Toronto, Chicago, Cleveland and St. Louis had been explored and that because of difficulties of housing our convention, the Committee recommends that we hold our meeting in Cincinnati, March 3-6, 1946, with the Netherland Plaza Hotel as the headquarters.

It was moved and carried that the time and place selected by the Committee be approved.

It was suggested that we write to the Council of Jewish Welfare Funds and to the American Jewish Conference informing them of the selection of the date for our convention, so that there be no conflict of dates.

Mr. Goldman spoke in general terms about the program for the Council. The program was to be centered about the theme, "The Policy and Program of Reform Judaism." He stated that the Committee hoped to have President Truman as the banquet speaker.

Judge Elsner remarked that at the last meeting of the North East Region, Rabbi Freehof of Pittsburgh had delivered a splendid address on Reform Judaism and that the delegates to the convention had unanimously agreed that it had given them an understanding of and loyalty to Reform Judaism that they hadn't had before. He therefore recommended that Rabbi Freehof be invited to give that address at a luncheon on the Monday of the Convention.

Rabbi Magnin called attention to the fact that the subject of Zionism is a very explosive one at the present time and that it would be wise to keep it out of the discussion at the convention.

Mr. Rosenberg called attention to the fact that the question of our remaining in the American Jewish Conference had to be submitted to the Biennial; that we must meet this question straightforwardly, since we had promised our congregations that our remaining in the American Jewish Conference would be submitted to the Biennial.

Mr. Goldman stated that he felt that the upshot of the discussion would be a resolution confirming the action taken by the Executive Board of the Union regarding our neutrality on the matter of Zionism. He added that the Union has been criticized because it has not faced live issues.

Rabbi Eisendrath confirmed that thought by stating that he had heard the charge made, from various directions, that the Union was timid and cautious and that matters of importance are decided by star chamber proceedings.

It was moved and carried that the preliminary report of the Committee on Time, Place and Program be accepted and that the Committee proceed to arrange the program along the lines outlined.

Committee on Subsidies

Judge Elsner reported that he had had a preliminary conference with Rabbi Eisendrath on the matter of subsidies to various organizations. As a result, he will communicate by mail with his committee and hopes to have a report ready for the next meeting of the Executive Board.

Camp for Youth

Rabbi Eisendrath reported that an investigation that had been made by representatives of the Youth Federation as to the availability of Camp Osceola at Hendersonville, North Carolina, had concluded that the location of this camp was not convenient enough for consideration at this time.

He added that another site is under consideration, namely, the B'nai B'rith Home for Children, at Erie, Pa. Rabbi Currick, who is

one of the officers of this institution, described the place and its availability.

It was moved and carried that the matter be referred to Mr. Bernard G. Sang, President of the NFTY, and that he be asked to bring in a report for the consideration of the Executive Board.

Concurrence in Recommendation of Board of Governors

Rabbi Egelson read a letter from Mr. Benjamin Mielziner, the Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, requesting the concurrence of the Executive Board in a recommendation of the Board of Governors for a 3 per cent rate of depletion of the Endowment Fund, namely, \$90,000 for the year 1945-46.

It was moved and carried that we accede to the request of the Board of Governors.

Jonesboro, Arkansas Properties

Mr. Robert P. Goldman reported that the Union had made many concessions to Mrs. R. H. Meyer in connection with the settlement of the properties at Jonesboro, Arkansas, and that now another request had come from her for further concessions. He recommended that we make no more concessions to Mrs. Meyer.

It was moved and carried that the report be accepted and that we adhere to the contract with Mrs. Meyer.

Gifts from Mr. C. Ralph Weihl

Mr. Rosenberg reported that Mr. C. Ralph Weihl had made two gifts to the Union of \$2,500 and \$350. It was moved and carried that the \$2,500 be assigned to the Rabbinical Pension Fund and that the \$350 be assigned to the Union Staff Pension Reserve Fund.

Increased Pension Coverage for Union Staff

A memorandum was presented from Rabbi George Zepin, the Secretary of the Rabbinical Pension Board, asking whether the Pension Board was authorized to issue additional annuity insurance for the employees of the Union whenever their salaries were increased.

It was moved and carried that the matter be studied further before taking any action.

New Business

(1) Change of Name for Union. On this subject the question was asked whether it would cause great difficulty and would involve legal procedure if the name of the Union were changed. Mr. Goldman replied that it would involve no change in the corporate structure, that we would simply have to file a certificate with the Secretary of the State of Ohio.

(2) Youth Director, Rabbi Selwyn D. Ruslander. Rabbi Eisendrath reported that he had had a conference with Rabbi Ruslander and informed him that we were awaiting his return from the chaplaincy to assume his post as Youth Director. Rabbi Ruslander wrote to Rabbi Eisendrath that he would return under certain conditions, which involved an increase in the budget of the NFTY department to \$30,000. Rabbi Ruslander also desired a change in the structure of the youth organization with more centralized responsibility.

It was moved and carried that the matter be left to the President and to the Director with power to act.

(3) Pension of Mr. Arthur Meyerowitz. Rabbi Eisendrath reported that Mr. Meyerowitz was about to retire from the Union and had been placed on a pension on a year to year basis. Mr. Meyerowitz, who had been a faithful servant of the Union, feels the uncertainty and insecurity involved in such a decision. He fears that a new regime for the Union might eliminate his pension completely. Rabbi Eisendrath stated further that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Jacob Aronson, who was greatly disturbed about it, and he had suggested that Mr. Meyerowitz be put on a definite life pension basis.

Upon motion by Dr. Hollender, it was decided to recommend to the Executive Board that we concur in Mr. Aronson's recommendation in connection with the life pension for Mr. Meyerowitz. Mr. David Kahn requested that his negative vote be recorded.

ADJOURNED.

LOUIS I. EGELSON
Administrative Secretary

ADOLPH ROSENBERG
President



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THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO

October 31, 1945

Dear Colleague:

In accordance with our frequently announced promise to hold the Biennial Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations just as soon as travel restrictions were lifted by the Government, I am happy to announce that the Administrative Committee at its last meeting, upon recommendation of its Committee on Time and Place, has decided that the 39th Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations be held March 3-6, 1946, in Cincinnati. We have selected Cincinnati as our Convention city because of its excellent central location, so convenient for delegates from every part of the continent, and likewise so that here in the heart and center of Reform, our delegates may share in the Seventieth Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Hebrew Union College and in the Hundredth Anniversary also of the advent of Isaac M. Wise to America.

"Reform Judaism - The Next One Hundred Years" will be the general theme of this most historic council that the Union has held in many a year - perhaps the most significant since its founding. All the problems that have been besetting us will be fully and frankly discussed. As a matter of fact, foremost upon the agenda of the forthcoming Biennial will be a Town Hall Meeting and open discussion on THE POLICY AND PROGRAM OF REFORM JUDAISM. At this Biennial, the direction that Reform Judaism shall take in the present and future will be determined. It is imperative, therefore, that we have the most responsible representation possible as delegates to this Biennial.

Frequently in the past, individuals have been selected as delegates to the Council merely because they chance to be in the convention city. However, the issues involved at this particular Biennial are of such great moment that each of our congregations should see to it that its delegates shall be particularly well qualified to deliberate on the matters that will be before us.

The official call for the Council will very shortly be issued by the President of the Union and you will soon thereafter be apprised of the precise method of representation and of the number of delegates to which your congregation is entitled. I am writing to you, thus far in advance, so that you may acquaint your Board with the prospective dates and so that you may plan to have as large and as representative a delegation as possible at our Biennial in Cincinnati on March 3-6.

I pray that, as a result of this most significant Biennial Council, we will find in our Union greater strength and move forward more unitedly toward the fulfillment of our positive and pressing tasks.

With warm personal greetings, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

Maurice N. Eisenfrath



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THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO

November 9, 1945

Personal and Confidential

Dear Colleague:

Quite recently there came into my hands a letter written by Rabbi Robert Gordis, as President of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, to the members of that organization. Attached to his letter is a significant memorandum from himself and from Rabbi Max Arzt relating to the proposed campaign of the Jewish Theological Seminary for \$15,235,000. I am enclosing excerpts of his letter and memoranda for your confidential and private information.

I believe that there are several aspects of this matter that deserve our most careful consideration. One is the very definite intention on the part of the Conservative movement to win our Reform leadership to their cause and to the support of their institutions. I suppose this is their privilege, but I believe we must be more vigilant in seeing to it that we retain the interest of our present leaders in our own national enterprises. In the second place, there is no doubt that the Jewish Theological Seminary is going to approach the Welfare Funds for large increases in their present appropriations. While we do not actively solicit grants from Welfare Funds for the Union, believing as we do that we can raise larger sums by means of our own local appeals, nonetheless where we are receiving allocations from Welfare Funds, there would be every reason for us to seek larger appropriations, especially if these are accorded to the Jewish Theological Seminary. We would appreciate it greatly if you would likewise watch this situation closely in your own community.

Finally, we wish to point out the very substantial increase in contributions which the Jewish Theological Seminary received last year and the much larger amounts that they anticipate in the year ahead. I believe that it is important that our own leadership recognize that the Union and the College require similarly large sums, not alone to carry on their present program, but to initiate the many plans that they both have for much needed expansion. If the Conservative movement can secure such increased support, surely there is no conceivable reason why we should not an-

ticipate even more generous support from our own constituency which, by and large, includes the wealthier groups in most communities.

May I underscore the fact that our concern in this matter is not by any manner of means limited to the question of finances -- important and indispensable as larger funds for the intensification and extension of our Liberal Jewish cause undoubtedly are. But more basic is the obvious bid on the part of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Theological Seminary for hegemony in American Jewish life and their direct challenge for supremacy on the American Jewish scene.

If we believe that Liberal Judaism offers the most suitable way of life for American Jewry, if we feel that ours is the pattern for the future of American Israel, then we must be prepared more vigorously than ever to fight for our particular conviction and cause, both locally and nationally. We must elicit a deeper interest on the part of our own congregational leaders in our national movement and undertakings.

I trust that the enclosed will give greater impetus to you and your fellow-workers in our Liberal Jewish movement, so that through the Union and the College we may continue to command that national leadership which we have enjoyed in the past.

I repeat that this is written to you in the strictest confidence and that the enclosed memoranda are to be so treated.

I would very much appreciate your personal comments on the above.

With warm personal greetings, I am

Yours most sincerely,

Maurice Eisenkraft

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M E M O R A N D U M

From - Max Arzt

To - Members of the Rabbinical Assembly

Please read with care

During the past fiscal year we raised a total of \$517,000 as compared with \$306,000 of the previous year. During the coming fiscal year, we aim to raise \$3,000,000 or nearly six times the amount raised last year.

This is by no means an astronomical, unattainable figure, as the situation stands today. The Federal income tax laws enable men and corporations to give large contributions with little net cost to themselves. We do not know how long the present flow of generosity will continue, but we will be guilty of unpardonable neglect if we do not lay now a permanent foundation for the three branches of our movement.

The Seminary appeals to all types of Jews, irrespective of their affiliation. Our own synagogue members should be inspired to manifest particular interest in the Rabbinical School, the Teachers Institute, and the United Synagogue. They and others not affiliated with our congregations laud "The Eternal Light" broadcasts and can be made to see the importance of the Library and Museum and the Institute for Religious Studies.

It is therefore imperative to organize our Seminary campaign on a community wide basis using the best leadership of our own congregations and bringing into the Campaign Committee other men of the larger community.

Wherever the Seminary receives allocations through federations, we shall ask for larger allocations in view of the fact that the current budget of the Seminary will be a little over a million dollars. Inasmuch as this year's quota also includes a sum of \$2,000,000 to be used for a permanent and reserve fund, we shall accept federation allocations only on condition that we shall not be deterred from conducting a supplementary campaign for this permanent and reserve fund. Where such special permission is not granted, we shall be constrained to withdraw our application for an allocation or refuse such allocations when they are granted to us, so that we shall be free to conduct our own campaign.

If your federation has been contributing to the Seminary you must help us develop a tactful approach which will enable us to hold on to federation support and to augment that support by a supplementary effort.

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URGENT MEMORANDUM

Please Read with Care

It is imperative to organize our Seminary campaign on a community-wide basis, using the best leadership of our own congregations and also bringing into the Campaign Committee other men of the larger community.

It is your inescapable duty to give all of the members of your congregation a heightened appreciation of what the Seminary means to American Judaism.

Send the name of the key people of your congregation and the general community to the Seminary.

If the Seminary receives an allocation through the Federation of your community, the Seminary will ask for a larger allocation in view of the fact that the current budget of the Seminary will be a little over a million dollars. Inasmuch as this year's quota also includes a sum of \$2,000,000 for a Permanent and Reserve Fund, Federation allocations will be accepted only on condition that the Seminary shall not be deterred from conducting a supplementary campaign for this Permanent and Reserve Fund. You must help to develop a tactful approach to enable the Seminary to hold on to Federation support and to augment that support by a supplementary effort.

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THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA
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September 10, 1945

Dear Colleague:

About a week ago you received a memorandum from Doctor Max Arzt which is of such paramount importance to our whole Conservative movement that I am impelled to write to you concerning it.

All of us realize that the future of world Judaism rests in our hands. We, in the Conservative movement, want to shape that future. It is our responsibility and our opportunity. I do not believe it necessary for me to dwell at length on this conviction which we all share.

Since you may have still been away on vacation and possibly overlooked the memorandum from Doctor Arzt, and since all of us are so busy these days, I am sending you a digest of the memorandum which I trust you will carefully read and carry out.

With best wishes to you and yours for a Shono Tovo,
I am

Sincerely yours,

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November 16, 1945

Dr. Abba H. Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed pamphlet which contains an excerpt from an address which you delivered before the Jewish Education Committee of New York.

We are very grateful to you for the use of this material, and I hope you will like the finished product.

With kindest personal regards, I am

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Men forgot, in our day, what the spiritual guides of mankind have always stressed, that faith in God is the strongest bulwark of a free society. The democratic dogma in the modern world has an exclusively religious origin. Political freedom came to the Western world as a result of a long struggle for religious freedom, and not vice versa. Modern democracy was born in the struggle for religious freedom in the 16th and 17th centuries. The demand for religious freedom of those days soon expressed itself in demands for other forms of freedom. Political and economic rights were demanded by humble people. By what authority? They had no authority. In whose name did the rebellious peasants speak? In the same name and by the same authority that the ancient prophets of Israel challenged the kings, the noblemen and the powerful of their day. They spoke in the name of God. They appealed to His word revealed in the Bible. All men were equal because God made all men equal. The things which they asked for were the things which the Bible conceded them. The social revolutions of the 16th century, which were drenched in the blood of

*From an address delivered by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver before the Jewish Education Committee of New York.

100,000 peasants, were religiously inspired. . . .

Struggles for human freedom, uninspired by a living faith in God, often lead mankind to disaster. . . .

A society achieves real renewal only through inner spiritual renewal. If freedom is ever to speak again everywhere, its speech, to quote Heine, will have to be biblical.

Democracy shrivels when its religious source dries up.

Thoughtful men are coming to understand that mankind's way back to freedom is the way which leads forward to God.

In the same way, and even more earnestly, are thoughtful Jews reaching out today for the religious vision of Jewish life. For ours is a double measure of disillusionment and a double measure of misfortune. More than any other people do we require today the everlasting arms of a great religious conviction to sustain us.

To thoughtful Jews it is becoming increasingly clear that there are no substitutes in Jewish life for religion. Neither philanthropy nor culture nor nationalism is adequate for the stress and challenge of our lives. All these interests can and must find their rightful place within the generous pattern of Judaism. But the pattern must be Judaism, the Judaism of the Torah, the synagogue and the prayer book; the Judaism of the priest, the prophet, the saint, the mystic and the rabbi; the Judaism which speaks of God, and the worship of God, and the commandments of God and the quest of God.

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MEMORANDUMDate December 3, 1945From Rabbi Egelson, Administrative SecretaryTo Members of the Executive Board

Attached are a number of Annual Reports of the Departments of the Union for the period July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945. One or two reports are missing. They will be presented at the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS



ANNUAL REPORT
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS

New York
November 9, 1945

To the Executive Board of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

With genuine satisfaction I am able to report a year of exceptional growth and achievement during the final period of World War II. With the development of our movement during such adverse conditions as war and stress, it is possible for those of us keenly interested in Brotherhood, to anticipate even greater records of progress in the years of peace that lie ahead. The Brotherhood arm of the Union will continue to prove a pride to its parent body.

Our National project, The Jewish Chautauqua Society, has earned an enviable reputation in its field of endeavor. During the past year 327 colleges were visited. Twenty-nine summer camps made up of selected Christian youth profited from the teachings of our representatives for periods of an entire week. Ground work was laid for the development of several new phases of our program - wide distribution of shelves of Judaica and the establishment of full-time lectureships. The responses from college leaders continue enthusiastic.

The membership strength supporting Chautauqua at the close of five years of Brotherhood sponsorship grew from the original 300 to over 3,500 individuals. The financial support grew from \$5,000 to \$37,000.

The Brotherhood roster likewise has shown creditable strides forward. As of June 30th, the number of affiliates totalled 137 and the individual memberships some 25,000. This number continues to grow at a steady pace. New clubs and organizations, long inactive, are again seeking admission to the National roster. Only a handful of existent active groups continue to remain outside our membership: both clubs in Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, Rochester, Syracuse and Baltimore Hebrew in Baltimore. In most of these congregations the Union is represented with Executive Board members. We would respectfully request active cooperation from such Board members to the end that the clubs affiliated with their Temples become part of the larger movement.

Our creation of prayer and psalm cards has become a recognized service of unique value. Over a million such cards have already been distributed to personnel in uniform as well as to civilians everywhere. Plans are in progress for the issuing of a third set of six cards dealing with extracts from the prophets. Distribution has been through contributions and sales at cost. The publication of these cards is not a fund-raising project.

A new project, namely the publication of a pocket diary containing basic information about Reform Judaism and the institutions

which promulgate its teachings, has met with immediate success. When the calendar was announced in June, almost the entire edition was sold without a sample of the book being available for inspection. (Since then the 5706 edition of 10,500 was completely sold out.) This will become a regular feature of N.F.T.B. service.

THE JEWISH LAYMAN has grown in circulation and in stature. Improvement in format at regular intervals has consistently received the acclaim of the readers. Circulation has topped 30,000. Emphasis in content continues on the religious and organizational phases, making the magazine unique in its field.

Jewish education has always been of paramount importance within the ranks of N.F.T.B. During the past year a Jewish reading plan modelled after Dr. Elliot's five foot book shelf was introduced serially in the LAYMAN. It recorded specific books and page assignments requiring only fifteen minutes a day for the acquiring of valuable Jewish knowledge. (This material has since been issued in a handy pamphlet form for more permanent use.) In this way a simple and practical answer has been supplied for the average busy man who would like to know more about his people and his faith.

During this past year the N.F.T.B. produced a new attractive Kiddush card for general distribution, after tens of thousands of the old form were given away during the past decade. It is felt that this is another concrete stimulus to religious interest through ceremonial practice.

The N.F.T.B. is gratified that this past year the Union instituted the new pension plans for its employees. We are glad to cooperate to the extent that this arrangement affects the N.F.T.B. professional staff.

Like the Union, the N.F.T.B. passed up the regular scheduled period for the Biennial Convention in 1945 because of the war. All attention is now being directed to making the forthcoming session which can now be held with the advent of peace as the most outstanding in Brotherhood history.

The N.F.T.B. appreciates the assistance given to the Brotherhood by the Union in the field work of the several Regional Rabbis. Numerous instances of helpful organizational stimulation have materially aided in the growth and vitalization of our work.

Conscientiously and vigorously the Brotherhoods have continued their efforts to strengthen the layman's interest in the synagogal program. Only to the extent of the success achieved in this direction can we feel that the N.F.T.B. is making its fullest contribution to its parent body, the Union. In this same direction we shall continue our service to the cause of Reform Judaism.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE COHEN

President

REPORT OF
THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF
THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH

Although the fiscal year of the National Federation of Temple Youth runs parallel to that of the Union, the following brief report is not a complete annual record in view of the fact that my affiliation as Interim Director began on October 1, 1944.

At that time the National Federation of Temple Youth had thirty-seven affiliated members. At the close of the season we had increased the roster to eighty-two paid members, representing twenty-two States and Canada. The total individual membership is more than 3,500 paid members - the top record in the history of the organization. In view of the expansion during war-time, the peacetime possibilities are even greater and the N.F.T.Y. may expect a widely increased scope in the future.

Regional Work

A beginning has been made in the expansion program with the employment of three part-time Youth Consultants; two of them are working in the metropolitan areas, Mr. David Weinstein in Chicago and Mr. Louis Samet in New York. The services of the latter are made possible by the Jewish Education Committee of New York.

The chief purpose of the Consultant is to strengthen the individual local groups and to act as a liaison in coordinating city-wide projects of N.F.T.Y. Affiliates.

The third part-time worker in a lay-professional capacity is Miss Pauline Schutzbank of Los Angeles, a member of the N.F.T.Y. Executive Board. Miss Schutzbank is acting as a Regional worker for the West Coast.

Close contact was established with the Regional Rabbis of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations - Rabbi Alfred Wolf of the Southeast Region, and Rabbi David Polish of the New England Region.

In some instances the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Cohen, National Chairman on Youth has cooperated with the Youth organization in establishing new groups.

Public Relations

In order to acquaint individual members of N.F.T.Y. and others with the aims and purposes of the organization, a public relations program was evolved which resulted in the preparation and distribution of the following material:

- A. Individualized posters for every member group of N.F.T.Y.
- B. Brochure, descriptive of the aims and purposes of N.F.T.Y.
- C. A series of mimeographed cards on colored stock, describing the work of the six National standing committees of N.F.T.Y.

- D. THE MESSENGER, the official monthly house organ of N.F.T.Y. was prepared in new form and sent to every individual member. Heretofore the magazine reached only the officers.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Project

The N.F.T.Y. undertook a national project, in the form of a memorial to the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Scrolls were prepared and distributed to each youth group which were to be signed by the members with a minimum contribution of \$1.00 per name. The scrolls will then be bound appropriately and presented to Mrs. Roosevelt in the name of N.F.T.Y. The money will be used for some worth while purpose chosen by the membership at large. The scrolls were distributed late in the season, following the untimely death of the late President Roosevelt, and a number of youth groups had already disbanded for the summer. At this writing it is too early to estimate the results.

Cooperation with Other Organizations

The N.F.T.Y. cooperated with a number of national organizations, secular and Jewish - adult and youth. Program material and literature was distributed, including Brotherhood Week and Inter-faith programs from the National Conference of Christians and Jews; material on Jewish Book Month and Jewish Book Week from the Jewish Welfare Board; reports on the United Nations Charter and the Status of the Jews at the San Francisco Conference from the American Jewish Conference.

A World Youth Conference will be held in London the first week in November. Three delegates from the national Jewish Youth Organizations in America were elected. The N.F.T.Y. had a representative chosen as an alternate.

Activities of the Interim Director

It was understood that the headquarters of the N.F.T.Y. should be in New York City and that the Interim Director should devote a major part of her time to the metropolitan area. This was done with the result that twenty-six youth groups were organized, and affiliated with the N.F.T.Y. These groups were serviced and participated in a number of city-wide projects, including a Rally, Chanuko Candle Light Service, an all-day Institute and social, and anticipate the revival of a three-day Camp Conclave over Labor Day Week-End.

A number of trips were made to Chicago to confer with the National president of the organization who was a Civilian Instructor in the Air Corps, and visits were made to the Cincinnati office. Additional visits were made to Philadelphia, New Jersey and Connecticut. With New York as the hub, many visitors to that city, rabbis, members of the N.F.T.Y., and key people throughout the country made it possible to establish considerable contacts while remaining in the New York office.

One meeting of the Executive Board was held in Chicago in February, 1945. This was the first Board meeting in two years as the organization by virtue of its character was a "war casualty." Many of its members served in the armed forces and it also felt the repercussions of the number of rabbis who left to serve as Chaplains. Several cities had no spiritual leaders and consequently no youth groups. Travel restrictions was another factor in the interrupted Board meetings. A second meeting has been scheduled for October, 1945, to be held in Cleveland.

At this writing the European war has ended, and the Pacific war nearing a victorious close. As I agreed to serve only for the duration, in all probability Rabbi Selwyn D. Ruslander, who has served as a Chaplain in the USNR, will return to his post as Director of N.F.T.Y. In view of the constantly changing personnel in youth work and the intricacies of organizational life, a year's service is all too short a period to have made permanent inroads. However, I trust that in this brief span I have added, in some small way, to the stature of the organization. And now that it is anticipated that I shall sever my connection with N.F.T.Y., I hope that it will continue to grow from strength to strength and soon take its rightful place in the annals of American Jewry.

A constant educational process must take place in view of the inherent character of youth work where membership is in constant flux. It is important to avoid a possible tendency to over emphasize detail and techniques - and to keep foremost the goal of the N.F.T.Y. i.e.-the cause of Liberal Judaism and the synagogue. To this end my efforts on behalf of the N.F.T.Y. have been directed in the hope of developing future responsible Jewish congregational and communal leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN L. STRAUSS

Interim Director

Camp Conclave and Institutes

No report of the N.F.T.Y. would be complete without a reference to the Camp Conclave, even though this project follows the close of the fiscal year.

Camp Conclaves held over the Labor Day Week-End, have become tradition in the history of the N.F.T.Y. At one time six such Camp Institutes were held in different sections of the country, but due to the war, the Chicago Council of N.F.T.Y. is the only area to hold six consecutive Labor Day Week-End Conclaves. This year the youth groups in the Northeastern Atlantic Region again held a Camp Conclave for the first time since 1941. Arrangements were made with Camp High Point at Broadhead, N. Y. (seventeen miles north of Kingston), which was accessible by Hudson Day Lines, which was a factor in view of O.D.T. travel restrictions. Seventy-five young people, twelve guest speakers and counsellors participated. The opportunity to attend the camp was extended to youth group members in nearby cities, as well as to those in New York. Five states, nine cities and twenty-two temples were represented at Camp High Point.

The Chicago Conclave was again successful and was held this year at Camp Henry Horner, Round Lake, Illinois.

The Camp Conclaves are practically self-supporting. A small subsidy has been granted in the budgets of the New York Federation and Chicago Federation of Reform Synagogues, respectively. However, the educational value of these projects cannot be measured in monetary terms.

These projects have been described in detail in independent reports and therefore not discussed at length at this time.

The chief value of these Camp Institutes is three-fold:

1. The spiritual development of the individual camper.
2. The increased perspective gained through team work as experienced at a camp.
3. A better understanding of the local youth group and its members, resulting in increased loyalty to an enthusiasm for the N.F.T.Y.

It is hoped that within the near future a number of Regional Camps will again be revived or that a permanent camp site will be purchased. Such a camp would house leadership training courses and various meetings in the off season. During the vacation period campers from all parts of the country would be invited to participate.

There is some intangible factor in camp life which translates itself more indelibly on the young people than group work in city surroundings. The four-fold program of the N.F.T.Y., i.e.: Religious; Educational-Cultural; Social and Philanthropic is immeasurably increased through Camp Conclaves and great consideration should be given to the further development of this phase of the N.F.T.Y.'s future.

ANNUAL REPORT
COMMISSION ON SYNAGOGUE ACTIVITIES

Cincinnati, Ohio
November 20, 1945

To the Executive Board of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Commission on Synagogue Activities is almost twelve years old. It was organized in January, 1934. Its precursor was the Bureau of Synagogue Activities, established as an experiment two years prior to that date. The Bureau laid the foundations for this work through a comprehensive survey of congregational activities conducted in 1932-33. The survey was highly successful and the information obtained became the basis of the extensive information service which has been made available since that time not only to congregations belonging to the Union, but to more than a hundred other congregations which have inquired.

While in subsequent years the Commission has stimulated many special activities and has initiated along progressive lines many new projects which have been widely utilized by our congregations, the information service still constitutes one of our best contacts with them and our contribution to the solution of the particular problems which they have referred to us is still one of our most popular accomplishments. The information service has been the open door through which we have entered into the confidence of the congregations and found the opportunity for wide-reaching service.

Evaluation

One of the functions of the Commission, as originally announced, was to study current activities and tendencies and to evaluate them. When evaluation was included as one of the aims, the Commission's first Chairman, Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, now U.A.H.C. President, expressed a doubt as to how the evaluatory function could be carried out since obviously the Commission could not presume to pass judgment on the work of our congregations. We may now say that this problem has largely solved itself. As a result of the exchange of information as well as new projects originated by individual congregations and by our special committees along the lines of healthy growth in accordance with the progressive principles of Reform Judaism, a pattern of American Jewish congregational life is gradually being evolved; this new pattern, from year to year, is taking the place of discarded, outworn and ineffectual programs and methods and is developing in their place activities in harmony with the needs and spirit of the times.

Expansion

For a number of years, because of a very limited appropriation, our activities, although numerous, were conducted on a moderate scale and many of our special projects, such as the ceremonial ob-

jects produced by the Committee on Ceremonies, had to finance themselves largely through anticipated sales. In line with the general expanded program of the Union under the directorship of Rabbi Eisen-drath, the scope of the Commission's labors has broadened considerably. As was shown by last year's report, six new projects were undertaken during that period which were either initiated by the Commission or organized or executed in cooperation with another organization or department either with or outside of the Union. Five additional new projects were initiated this year. Both sets of new projects will be mentioned at greater length below. In other words, while our budget for the present year is still only \$10,400, we now seem to be well on the way to the forecast of a few years ago based on the report of the Survey Committee, "a complete department with staff, literature projects and promotional projects, \$30,000."

Recently Inaugurated Projects

The six new projects described in the last report were Synagogue Poster Stamps; Where to Go — for Religious Services, for Social Activities, for Hospitality — booklet for service men; B'nai B'rith Synagogue Night; observance of V-E Day; organization of Institutes on Judaism for the Christian Clergy, before the appointment of the Commission on Institutes jointly by the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Synagogue Singing project.

Synagogue Poster Stamps. Our Synagogue Poster Stamps were extensively used by our own and other congregations and attracted wide-spread attention. District Grand Lodge No. 2 of the B'nai B'rith, with our permission, undertook to distribute these stamps through its lodges for the same purpose which we had in mind originally, namely, to stimulate attendance at synagogue services. These stamps, which bore the imprint of District Grand Lodge No. 2, B'nai B'rith, were furnished by us at cost. Eight thousand sets of four stamps each were distributed through ten lodges. Incidentally, this District Grand Lodge, with our cooperation, distributed the Prayer Cards issued by the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods through ten of its lodges.

Owing to the sustained demand, a second edition of the Poster Stamps was issued this year. To date, 199 congregations and sixty-three Sisterhoods have distributed a total of 340,000 poster stamps which were affixed locally to all kinds of congregational correspondence and publications.

Where to Go. Our booklet for service men, Where to Go, which contained a directory of congregational services and hospitality, received a most gratifying welcome and many congregations reordered copies for repeated distribution to the ever-changing procession of service men. A total of 17,652 copies were distributed through 138 congregations in the United States and in Canada.

B'nai B'rith Synagogue Night. For the second time, District Grand Lodge No. 2, B'nai B'rith, under the leadership of Mr. David Rubin, a member of the General Committee of the District and Chairman

of its Committee on Synagogue Cooperation, called upon its lodges to celebrate the annual B'nai B'rith Synagogue Night instituted a year ago. In 1945 this took place on Friday, April 20. We addressed our rabbis in the district urging them to cooperate in this observance. We were informed by Mr. Rubin that practically all the lodges throughout the district observed B'nai B'rith Synagogue Night.

Observance of V-E and V-J Days. We stimulated the observance of V-E Day by cooperating with the Central Conference of American Rabbis in suggesting a program for the day, including ritual and other features. We furnished three hundred officiating U.A.H.C. and C.C.A.R. rabbis with a mimeographed service for the day, based on the above material, with the suggestion that individual copies be placed in the hands of the worshippers at the service. We received many expressions of appreciation of our help.

For V-J Day we prepared a special service consisting of ritual from the Union Prayerbook; Scriptural readings; prayer by the rabbi; kindling of lights to symbolize the deliverance from the darkness of war and oppression, the lights being dedicated to Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, World Peace, Universal Justice, and to the Heroes Living and Dead. This was issued in haste because of the sudden ending of the war with Japan. Many congregations which did not receive it in time utilized it in connection with their Victory Service held on the following Sunday or on a later date.

Institutes on Judaism. The Commission used its personnel and facilities to initiate the Institutes on Judaism for the Christian Clergy in the fall of 1944. It took care of the preliminary work of organization and the preparation of literature and other aids. Since that time, a joint Commission on Institutes representing the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis has been organized, with Rabbi Louis L. Mann as Chairman. The Director of Synagogue Activities, Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz, is the Secretary of the new Commission, which will present a separate report to the U.A.H.C. Executive Board.

Synagogue Singing. Our Synagogue Singing project got off to a fine start the first year. Our primary aim in undertaking this project was to encourage more active participation in worship through the singing of the Hebrew responses and hymns by the congregation, in much the same way as we have attempted to infuse greater warmth into the service by the adoption of appropriate and appealing ceremonies. A preliminary response was received from 110 congregations, a growing number of which have been gradually introducing this "synagogue singing," as we have been calling it, if only a few responses at a time. Owing to insufficient and inadequate personnel in this department, this activity has been permitted to lag and we have not made the progress which should have been made and which we are confident could be made if we were not so short-handed. We consider this one of our most important and promising recent enterprises for the enrichment of congregational life and with adequate personnel, we are confident that the hoped for results could be achieved in a relatively short time.

New Projects

Five new projects have been undertaken since last year, namely, the making of phonograph records of selections from the Birnbaum collection of Jewish liturgical music at the Hebrew Union College; the distribution of transcriptions of synagogue music for the use of broadcasting stations, one consisting of Holyday music and the other, of Friday evening ritual music; two new services for congregations which are erecting synagogue, center or Religious School buildings; preliminary exploration and surveys in connection with a planned effort to organize new congregations for the large number of Jewish unaffiliated who are interested in Reform Judaism; a book-keeping system for congregations, to correspond to our previously suggested model budget.

Program of Liturgical Records. In cooperation with the Hebrew Union College in honor of its 70th anniversary and carrying out a suggestion made by Dr. Eric Werner, Instructor in Jewish Music and Director of the Choir at the Hebrew Union College, we produced, under the title, ISRAEL SINGS, a special album of selections from the Birnbaum collection of Jewish liturgical music at the Hebrew Union College. This priceless collection, which has been considered the largest and finest of its kind in the world, had been reposing on the shelves of the Hebrew Union College Library since 1920, accessible only to scholars. The records, which were chosen for their expected appeal to the average congregational audience, are intended to carry this music beyond library precincts for the edification and enjoyment of the Jewish public.

Our Commission organized the project, engaged Dr. Werner as its Musical Director, for which he was exceptionally well fitted and in which capacity he functioned with excellent results; financed it through appropriations obtained in equal amount from the U.A.H.C. and the Hebrew Union College, the money advanced by these bodies to be reimbursed from receipts from sales; and made the arrangements for the distribution and use of the records in the communities where we are represented. The actual sale of the records is being handled through our congregations and their auxiliary groups. The records were put on the market only a few weeks ago. To date we have already distributed 117 albums in eighty-six communities; we have also received many requests for information from prospective purchasers.

Radio Transcriptions. Our Commission took over from the United Jewish Laymen's Committee, located in New York City, the distribution of two sets of radio transcription records, one containing ritual music for Holyday services and the other, for Sabbath services. We offered these to our rabbinical list free of charge, provided that the rabbi had made arrangements with the radio station in advance to use this material for radio broadcasts. Seventy-eight communities have accepted the Holyday material on behalf of eighty-three radio stations and forty-six communities have accepted the Sabbath material on behalf of forty-eight radio stations; the last mentioned was supplementary to a large number of congregations which had accepted the Sabbath material in previous years directly from the United Jewish Laymen's Committee.

Help for Building Program. A considerable number of our congregations are planning to erect new buildings or to build additions to or remodel their present building. We have been furnishing to all who have inquired, general information regarding the arrangement and facilities of a synagogue, center or Religious School building, also special recent features in synagogue architecture, suggestions for equipping and ornamenting the interior, and similar information. More recently we have offered two new kinds of service along these lines.

We now have a Visiting Consultant in Synagogue Architecture for the congregations belonging to the U.A.H.C., Professor Franz Landsberger, who is Professor of History of Jewish Art at the Hebrew Union College. He is prepared to visit any congregation desiring his services and to advise with the Building Committee, architect, etc. We are offering this service to our congregations without charge, except the payment of Professor Landsberger's traveling expenses. Mr. Harry M. Prince, practicing architect in New York City who was formerly Deputy Commissioner of Housing and Buildings for the City of New York and Consultant and Supervising Architect to the New York City Housing Authority and certain banking and lending institutions in that city, has volunteered to render an important service as consultant and technical adviser; our congregations have been invited to forward their plans and specifications with a breakdown of the proposed cost for analysis by Mr. Prince from the point of view of fair and justifiable costs. A considerable number of congregations have already signified their intention of availing themselves of one or both of these services.

Plan for the Unaffiliated. At the initiative of the Director of the U.A.H.C., Rabbi Eisendrath, a Committee to Study the Problem of the Unaffiliated, representing the cooperation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion, was organized to discuss the problem and to gather preliminary information on its various aspects. Rabbi Eisendrath is General Chairman. The Committee subdivided itself into four subcommittees, as follows: on Larger Metropolitan Centers, on Small Towns, on Rural Areas, and among the Yiddish speaking labor group, particularly in New York City. The subcommittee on Larger Metropolitan Centers, of which Mr. Max R. Schroyer of Chicago is Chairman, has undertaken some preliminary studies in a number of the larger cities to determine the need for new congregations in certain districts where the numbers of the unaffiliated far outnumber the affiliated. To do the actual work of organization will require the services of a number of rabbis who will be able and willing to devote themselves to this task. The Director of the Commission, Rabbi Schwarz, is acting as Secretary of the new Committee.

Bookkeeping System. From time to time we have been receiving requests for suggestions to meet the unique bookkeeping problems which arise in a congregational office because of the nature of synagogue work. During the present year, in connection with a field trip to San Antonio, Texas, the Director helped to install a new system of bookkeeping based on a Model Budget for congregations which

was prepared a number of years ago and received wide distribution. The bookkeeping system, based on the normal requirements of congregational activity and adapted to the average needs of our congregations, was prepared by the Chief Accountant of the Union, Mr. Hyman Kanter. It was well received in San Antonio and recently was set up in convenient form and offered to our congregations. Many requests for this system are being received from congregations all over the country.

Continued Projects

In addition to the information service on which we still expend a great amount of time and effort both in gathering and in distributing the information, six other activities successfully conducted in previous years, were continued, namely, the extensive activities of the Committee on Ceremonies; THE SYNAGOGUE Section of LIBERAL JUDAISM; Isaac M. Wise Memorial Sabbath; Town Hall Discussion series; cooperation with the National Association of Temple Secretaries, an agency of our Commission; and the Director's field trips.

Committee on Ceremonies. As the result of many representations which had been made to us by rabbis and interested laymen, indicating that in many communities certain misunderstandings and doubts had arisen in the minds of some congregational trustees as to the justification of the revival of ceremonies in the modern American synagogue, a joint Statement on Ceremonies in the Reform Synagogue was issued on behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The Statement included the mandate to the U.A.H.C. to engage in this work which was contained in a resolution unanimously adopted at the XXXV Council of the Union in 1937. It also described the labors of the Committee on Ceremonies and enumerated various ceremonies previously introduced or reintroduced by individual rabbis. This was followed by a complete list of fifteen ceremonials or ceremonial aids issued by the Committee on Ceremonies with a brief description of each, and a similar description of five ceremonial objects made from designs originating with the Committee and produced and distributed by the Commission on Synagogue Activities. A copy of the Statement was sent to rabbis, presidents, secretaries and trustees of our congregational mailing list. We also offered to send as many copies for individual members as would be required. So far, 13,243 copies of the Statement have been distributed in 406 communities, with requests still coming in.

One new ceremonial was issued during the year, namely, Kiddush for Sabbath Eve. This ceremonial was provided for in the Newly Revised Union Prayerbook, Part I, published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The Committee on Ceremonies issued experimentally, as a suggestion to congregations, a melody for Kiddush for Sabbath Eve services in the synagogue after a tune suggested by one of the members of the Committee and arranged by Dr. Eric Werner, Musical Consultant of the Committee on Ceremonies. So far, twenty-eight congregations have adopted this.

In the eight years during which it has been at work, the Committee on Ceremonies has made available to congregations the following ceremonies, distributed in the quantities indicated.

1. Megillah Ritual, to accompany the reading of the Megillah at the Purim service, emphasizing the idea of Jewish survival. Released in 1939. One hundred and eighty-four congregations have purchased 30,729 copies.

2. Installation of Congregational Officers, ceremonial on the spiritual significance of lay leadership. Released in 1939. Used by sixty-six congregations.

3. Chanuko Service Pageant, to revive the celebration of Chanuko at synagogue services. Released in 1940. Ninety congregations have purchased 9,976 copies.

4. Ceremony for Sabbath Sh'kolim, to revive the traditional free will offering in the synagogue for the benefit of Jewish institutions of learning. Released in 1940. Twenty congregations have purchased 2,261 copies.

5. Installation of Rabbi. Released in 1941. Used by thirty-seven congregations.

6. Ceremony for Sabbath Sholom, a patriotic or peace ceremonial on the Sabbath nearest to Armistice Day. Released in 1941. Eighty-eight congregations have purchased 7,613 copies.

7. Abridged Megillah Text in English, individual copies for use of congregation. Released in 1942. One hundred and thirty-five congregations have purchased 17,851 copies.

8. Ceremony in the synagogue Suko. Released in 1942. Twenty-four congregations have purchased 2,315 copies.

9. Ceremony for Sabbath Todo, a thanksgiving ceremonial on the Sabbath nearest to Thanksgiving Day. Released in 1942. Eighty congregations have purchased 7,445 copies.

10. Ceremonial for Opening the Door for Elijah at the Seder, a dramatization of the traditional hope of the coming of the Messianic age. Released in 1942. Ninety-two congregations have purchased 10,481 copies.

11. Ceremony for Sabbath Ovos, a parents' day ceremonial on the Sabbath before Mother's Day. Released in 1943. Forty congregations have purchased 3,415 copies.

12. Family Ceremony for Consecration of a New Home, to reintroduce the spirit of Jewish sanctity on important occasions in life. Released in 1943. Thirty-three congregations have purchased 1,420 copies.

13. Dedication of Service Honor Roll, ceremonial with patriotic appeal and appropriate symbolism. Released in 1943. Used by twenty-three congregations.

14. Family Yahrzeit Light Ceremonial, intended for use at the kindling of the Yahrzeit Light annually in the home. Released in 1944. Sixty-two congregations have purchased 11,170 copies.

The Committee on Ceremonies has created five ceremonial objects as follows and distributed as indicated.

1. Abridged Megillah in English, on genuine parchment with hand-colored illustrations, two editions, consisting of 209, sold to 175 congregations, four army camps and thirty individuals.

2. Chanuko Lamp, made of statuary bronze, now in its second production lot. Forty-two have been sold as gifts to the respective congregations.

3. Atoro for Rabbinical Robe, adopted by one hundred congregations.

4. Shofor-with-Mouthpiece, to revive the shofor ceremony, adopted by 152 congregations.

5. Marriage Certificate, intended as a wedding gift from the congregation. One hundred and forty congregations have introduced the use of this certificate.

THE SYNAGOGUE Section of LIBERAL JUDAISM continues to be our medium for furnishing to congregations en masse through their rabbi, president, secretary and trustees, to quote its masthead, "information and suggestions on synagogue policy, program and projects." From all indications, this continues to be widely read and utilized. Fifty-three hundred copies are distributed to the above mentioned list.

Isaac M. Wise Memorial Sabbath. For five years we have encouraged the observance of Isaac M. Wise Memorial Sabbath in our congregations by furnishing a suggested program for a special service and appropriate literature in pamphlet form. Last year's pamphlet contained a program outline; a brief ritual by Rabbi Joseph R. Narot; significant utterances of Isaac Mayer Wise, selected from his writings; a brief biographical note on the life of Rabbi Wise; Isaac Mayer Wise, a poem, by Rabbi Alex Alan Steinbach; the text of a hymn by Rabbi Wise entitled, "Let There Be Light"; various references to source material on the life and work of Rabbi Wise. Two hundred and sixteen congregations now observe Isaac M. Wise Memorial Sabbath.

Town Hall Discussions. Our Town Hall discussion series has been extremely popular and has been widely utilized in connection with the Friday evening services, as well as by Sisterhoods, Brotherhoods, Hillel groups, adult study groups, youth groups, religious high schools and other similar groups. It is unique in its approach and from that point of view, the only material of its kind available.

Last year's topic, "Religion Prepares for Peace" prepared by Rabbi Samuel Glasner, was divided into eight subtopics to afford the congregational members an opportunity to discuss timely questions

which they had been mentioning frequently in conversation and concerning which there seemed to be considerable confusion in the minds of many people. The subtopics are as follows: I. Is Religion "the Opiate of the Masses"? — Is Religion a Reactionary Force? II. Can Religion Mix with Politics? — What is Religion's Responsibility to Society? III. Can Religion Mix with Business? — What Part Can Religion Play in Economics? IV. Is Religion a Business? — How Can Interest in Religion Be Increased? V. What Has Religion to Offer Young People? VI. Is Religion "for Women Only"? VII. Shall Religion Be Taught in the Public Schools? — What Is Religion's Stake in Education? VIII. Can Religion Accept the Germans and Japanese? — What Is Religion's Stake in the New World Order? Two hundred and thirty-three copies of this material were distributed in 193 congregations.

The new series for the current season is entitled, "The Jew Today and Tomorrow."

N.A.T.S. The National Association of Temple Secretaries was organized at the XXXVII Council of the U.A.H.C. in Detroit in 1941. It consists of a group of professional and voluntary secretaries of congregations affiliated with the U.A.H.C., banded together for greater efficiency in the work of the individual secretaries and for more fruitful service to the congregations. It has held two general meetings, the organizational meeting in Detroit and the Second Biennial Convention in New York City in April, 1943, in conjunction with the XXXVIII Council of the U.A.H.C., and in addition, a First Eastern Regional Conference in New York City on May 22 and 23, 1944. The activities and deliberations of this new and growing body has been on a high plane and gives promise of increasingly timely and valuable contributions to Jewish congregational life. A separate report prepared by its President, Mr. Irving I. Katz, will be presented at this meeting and as heretofore, will constitute an appendix to the report of the Commission on Synagogue Activities.

Director's Field Trips. Owing to the many activities and projects requiring his attention at the home office, the Director's work in the field unfortunately has been limited. At the beginning of November he visited Chicago and made a study, on invitation, of the set-up and activities of K.A.M. Temple in Chicago which indicated an exceptionally progressive and forward-looking program. He conferred with the chairmen of the principal congregational committees, officers of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood and other officers, and made various suggestions based on the experiences of other congregations. Later in the same month he conducted for the trustees, officers and committee chairmen of the congregations belonging to the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, three seminars on Synagogue Singing, Ritual and Worship and Membership, respectively. In April he spent a week in San Antonio on invitation received from Congregation Beth El to survey the administrative and financial set-up of the congregation in relation to its extensive activity program. As a result of this visit, a number of changes were made by the congregation, including the adoption of a new system of budgeting and accounting, and preliminary steps were taken to revise the constitution and by-laws to embody various tendencies in modern congregational life along recent and more progressive lines.

The Future

The eleven new projects initiated during the last two years, together with the more seasoned activities, in our opinion, indicate some of the future possibilities of the department of Synagogue Activities. We feel that this department has now made a definite place for itself in the congregational picture and has demonstrated its ability to participate in and help to promote synagogue progress. As yet we have just scratched the surface. There are many areas in Jewish congregational and community life which we have barely touched and which offer a rich field for extensive and intensive work. May we find the opportunities and the resources to play our part well!

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX FRIEDER
Chairman

JACOB D. SCHWARZ
Director



APPENDIX

ANNUAL REPORT

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEMPLE SECRETARIES

Detroit, Michigan
November 28, 1945

To the Commission on Synagogue Activities of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the following report of the National Association of Temple Secretaries for the period beginning with November 15, 1944.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MARCH, 1946

Because of O.D.T. regulations we were unable to hold any meetings during the period covered by this report. However, we are now planning the program for our Third National Convention which will be held in Cincinnati, March 3-6, 1946, concurrently with the 39th Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It will be in the form of a series of round table discussions under the general theme, "The Place of the Secretary in the Temple Structure."

PUBLICATIONS

The Proceedings of the First Eastern Regional Conference in New York were printed in a pamphlet form and distributed to all Secretaries and Presidents of Union Congregations.

CODE OF STANDARDS

A Code of Standards for the Temple Executive Secretary was prepared for the guidance of Secretaries and the Congregational Board of Trustees. This was published in THE SYNAGOGUE Section of LIBERAL JUDAISM for May, 1945, and individual copies sent to all C.C.A.R. and U.A.H.C. Rabbis and to all Presidents and Secretaries of U.A.H.C. Congregations.

KIT ON PUBLICITY AND RECORDS

A special Committee assembled an extensive collection of material on synagogue publicity and synagogue records and forms used by U.A.H.C. Congregations. The best material in the collection will be selected and classified. It is now in the hands of Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz and will be ready for distribution as soon as possible.

PENSION PLAN

A special Committee is completing a Pension Plan for full-time Secretaries. The report of the Committee will be presented in the very near future to the Executive Board of the Union for its approval.

PLACEMENT

We have assisted five Congregations in engaging full-time Executive Secretaries. One Congregation engaged the candidate proposed by us and in another Congregation we were responsible for the promotion of an Assistant Secretary to the status of Executive Secretary.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

At the suggestion of Mr. Jerome Levy, Finance Director of the Union, a series of biographical sketches of Executive Secretaries appeared in ALERT, a publication of the Union. These articles revealed not only the rich experience and fine background of full-time Secretaries but helped to publicize the N.A.T.S.

THANKS TO U.A.H.C.

The Director of the Commission on Synagogue Activities, the Director of the U.A.H.C. and other members of the Union staff have been most helpful and cooperative at all times and we are grateful to them for their encouragement and assistance.



Respectfully submitted,



IRVING I. KATZ

President

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON INFORMATION ABOUT JUDAISM

Cincinnati, Ohio
November, 1945

To the Executive Board of
The Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

During the past year we have begun planning for enlargement of the work of our Commission whose purpose it is to disseminate information about Judaism.

POPULAR STUDIES

Before we entered into the war, our efforts were directed mainly in the channel of producing Popular Studies in Judaism - authoritative statements on various aspects of Jewish life and thought. This activity has definitely established our Commission as an authentic agency for the publication of such material.

During the past year, with the limited budget at our disposal, we were not enabled to publish new pamphlets in this series. But the demand from the men in the Armed Forces has been so great that we were obliged to reprint seventeen of our pamphlets. For the coming year, with the increased appropriation that has been allotted to us, we plan to resume the printing of new pamphlets.

VOICE OF RELIGION SERIES

The pamphlets in this series are continuing their popularity. We have printed and distributed two new pamphlets this past year. "Tomorrow's World" by Rabbi Emil W. Leipziger and "What's It All About, Rabbi?" by Chaplain Harry Essrig.

In addition, two new pamphlets are now in the hands of the printer. One is "The Torah Joins the Navy" by Chaplain M. M. Witherspoon and the other is "Shoulder to Shoulder Under God" by Chaplain Ely Pilchik.

It has been suggested to us that the very excellent address delivered by Chaplain Roland B. Gittelsohn at the Dedication of the cemetery on Iwo Jima be printed as a Voice of Religion pamphlet. This is now in the hands of our Commission.

NEW PROJECTS

A sub-committee of our Commission has given favorable consideration to the introduction of two new projects in our pamphlet series. These were to be considered at the meeting of our Commission which was called during the sessions of the Conference.

The one project consists of taking over the Sinai leaflets projected most successfully by Rabbi Joseph I. Gorfinkle. If the Commission approves the recommendation of the sub-committee, we would reprint those already prepared and then print new pamphlets in that series.

The other project was brought to our attention by Rabbi Louis Witt. It consists of the publication of pamphlets in simple language intended altogether for the masses. Rabbi Witt has proposed a novel plan for the distribution of these pamphlets so that they will reach those for whom they are intended.

REQUEST FROM FRANCE

We have received a communication from Rabbi R. Sommer of Paris, who saw our brochures among the Jewish soldiers abroad. He thought that these pamphlets could be translated into French and adapted for the use of the French Jewish public. He has already proceeded to translate Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman's pamphlet, "Contributions of Judaism to Modern Society." Rabbi Sommer stated that the brochures would be distributed free of charge and asked permission to proceed with further translation and distribution, which we readily granted.

OUR PAMPHLET MATERIAL IS RECOMMENDED

The Jewish Welfare Board has issued a selected bibliography of pamphlet material for the use of Jewish chaplains and Jewish Welfare Board representatives. Twenty organizations are listed. Of our Popular Studies and Voice of Religion Series, twenty-eight titles are recommended. This constitutes the largest list of any of the organizations whose pamphlets are recommended.

COMMITTEES OF COMMISSION

Our Commission continues to function under three sub-committees as follows: Voice of Religion Series, Rabbi Benjamin Friedman, Chairman; Holiday Press Notices, Rabbi Sidney S. Tedesche, Chairman; and Holiday Sermon Pamphlets, Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, Chairman.

APPRECIATION

We are greatly enheartened by the fine support that we have received for our work from the rabbis of the Conference, especially those who are serving as chaplains. We are thankful to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for its recognition of our work through an increased allotment for the coming year.

We are grateful to the Freudenthal Foundation of Trinidad, Colorado for its continued support of our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY W. ETTELSON

Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT
of
COMMISSION ON JEWISH EDUCATION

June 30, 1945

To the Executive Board.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

During the year 1944-45 we have continued our work in the field of Jewish education. We have published new books for children, for young people, for teachers, and for adults. We have carried further during this year the organization of the American Institute for Jewish Studies. A detailed report of our work follows:

Manuscripts Published

"The Jewish Kindergarten" by Deborah Pessin and Temima Gezari.

This is a highly original book for teachers covering all the Jewish holidays, as well as Thanksgiving Day and Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays. The authors have skillfully woven together activities and projects that will delight little children. Art craft and music suggestions are included. Excellent for kindergarten and primary grades.

Jewish Kindergarten Pictures

This is a set of pictures for the children, accompanying "The Jewish Kindergarten."

Teacher's Book for "Hillel's Happy Holidays" by Rose W. Golub.

This Teacher's Book represents a careful development of a series of units on the Jewish holidays, to accompany "Hillel's Happy Holidays." Each unit contains a number of worthwhile projects which have been tried out experimentally by the author.

"A Short History of the Jews" by Dr. Jacob S. Golub and Dr. Alan S. Green.

This work is intended to fill a great need in our High School Department for a one-volume review of Jewish history. Using either the problem or topic arrangement that will appeal to young people, Drs. Golub and Green have presented an interesting review of Jewish history to acquaint our young people with the thrilling story of the rise and development of the Jewish people and of Judaism.

"Purim's Children" by Beatrice Simon.

A charming and original Purim play, appropriate for children ages 9 - 12.

"Mr. History Explains" by Ralph J. Helperin.

An amusing Purim play for children 8 - 12.

"Shoes for Hilda" by Faye Evelyn Klein.

A Purim play, simply written, excellent for children 7 - 9.

"A Guide to Audio-Visual Aids in the Jewish School" by Dr. Azriel Eisenberg.

Lists, recordings, pictures, films, and slides for the Jewish religious school.

Manuscripts in Press

"A History of Jewish Art" by Dr. Franz Landsberger.

This unique book presents, for the first time in the English language, an account of the history of Jewish art from its earliest beginnings to our own time. It is written by an outstanding authority on the subject, and reveals to what extent the arts were developed amongst Jews throughout the ages. The book, intended for adults and young people, includes 200 illustrations, giving the reader a vivid picture of Jewish art.

"250 Selected Plays of Jewish Interest - an Index" by Bernard Starkoff.

"Michael Turns the Globe" by Deborah Pessin.

"A Course on the Synagogue" by Toby K. Kurzband.

"They Shall Live On," a play about the heroic four chaplains who gave up their life belts, by Lydia Caplan.

"The Little Lost Tree," a Chamisho Osor playlet, by Faye Evelyn Klein.

Bible Commentaries

Our committee on Bible Commentaries has made several assignments to some of our men for the preparation of commentaries on the Bible in our series of popular commentaries. The manuscript by Dr. Leo L. Honor on Kings I has been completed, copied, and is now in the hands of our Reading Committee.

Youth Work

During the past year we have again had to reorganize our youth work owing to the fact that our interim director, Miss Helen Louise Goldstrom, was compelled to give up her work. We secured the services of Miss Helen L. Strauss who, with an office in New York, has continued to stimulate the N.F.T.Y. groups and to hold them together during these days when so many of the young men who were affiliated with our young people's groups are in the service.

We continued to publish THE MESSENGER, edited by Miss Strauss, which serves as a medium for keeping in touch with our young people's groups.

Your Educational Director attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the N.F.T.Y., the first held in two years, and some more plans were laid for stimulating activities amongst the youth groups of our temples. At his suggestion the committee is now studying the possibility of a project for the young people, namely, of rebuilding one of the ruined synagogues in Europe out of the funds contributed by the N.F.T.Y.

We now have seventy-nine affiliated youth groups, with a membership totaling over 3,250.

A new effort will be made by the youth groups to introduce study and discussion courses during the coming year.

Teacher Training

We are continuing our activities in the field of teacher training, though handicapped by the fact that very few teachers' conventions could be held under present war conditions. Smaller institutes were arranged in various communities, with the exception of the Ohio-Michigan-Indiana Jewish Religious School Teachers' Association, which held its convention in Indianapolis. Lectures to teachers and adults were arranged in the following communities: Chicago, Ill., Worcester, Mass., Brooklyn, N.Y., New Rochelle, N.Y., Youngstown, Ohio, Fort Wayne, Ind., Shreveport, La., Newark, N.J., Columbus, Ohio, Memphis, Tenn., Houston, Texas, Milwaukee, Wis.

THE JEWISH TEACHER is being issued as a quarterly, edited by Dr. Emanuel Gamoran.

We are grateful to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for continuing their support of our work with the teachers.

In the office itself our work has increased continuously. Requests have come and continue to come from all parts of the country for educational guidance and advice for children, for young people, and for adults.

Experimentation

Through the cooperation of the Jewish Education Committee in New York we have continued our experimental work in some of the religious schools in that city. We have selected two or three teachers from each of the following schools: Temple Israel, Central Synagogue, and Temple Israel of New Rochelle. These were organized into what is known as the Curriculum Workshop. It was the object of each of the teachers to work out in his class and in connection with the particular course he is teaching, some units of activity around which Jewish information and attitudes may be organized. Some of these units were written up and published in THE JEWISH TEACHER.

One of the teachers in Temple Israel was engaged on a five-day-a-week basis, with the understanding that she would meet with her class one afternoon a week in addition to Sunday, and give three

other afternoons to meeting with the children in homes or elsewhere in groups. Through these contacts with both children and parents she would attempt to help introduce Jewish influences into the homes. The congregation pays one half of the cost of the experiment, the Jewish Education Committee, the other. We hope to continue this experiment during the next year.

The teacher keeps a careful educational diary, describing not only her lessons, but all home visits, her experiences with the parents, the children's parties, etc. We think that this experiment has many possibilities for good. When completed it will be written up and published in THE JEWISH TEACHER.

We are grateful to the Jewish Education Committee of New York City for their generous support of our work.

American Institute for Jewish Studies

Since the last meeting of the Executive Board, we have issued our first Register of Courses for the American Institute for Jewish Studies. These were sent to all officiating rabbis of the Union and the Conference. Eighty-three congregations have established branches of the American Institute for Jewish Studies. Some of our congregations are still having difficulty organizing new activities in the absence of their regularly appointed rabbi who is in the chaplaincy and whose position is only temporarily filled by a new man.

Under the auspices of the American Institute we have likewise prepared three essays for the following anniversary celebrations which occur in 1945:

"We Remember Seixas" by Rabbi Abram V. Goodman.

This is to commemorate the 200th birthday anniversary of Gershom Mendez Seixas, our first American born rabbi.

"Jacob Schiff in Retrospect" by Abram V. Goodman.

This is to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of Jacob Schiff, financier and philanthropist.

"The Birthday of a Book" by Dr. Victor E. Reichert.

This is to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the First Hebrew Bible Concordance.

These are now in press and will be available shortly.

An improvement may be noted in our work with the American Institute for Jewish Studies. Last year there were only fifty-seven congregations; this year there are eighty-three. The number of groups increased from seventy to 123. Seventy-three of these groups have had ten sessions or more; eighteen had less than ten sessions. The total number of students is over 2,500.

Considering all the difficulties that congregations have in organizing study activities these days, I feel that American Institute for Jewish Studies is to be congratulated on its improved showing this year.

Miscellaneous

As in the past, we cooperated with the Jewish Book Week Council and prepared and issued a list of suggested books for Jewish Book Week. We have sent exhibits of our books to the Jewish Book Fair in New York City and to other gatherings of rabbis and teachers.

We cooperated with the Federation of Reform Synagogues in New York City through Rabbi Falk and the education consultants who work with him, and with the Jewish Education Committee, in improving the status of our schools in New York City. We are extending cooperation to the Federation of Reform Synagogues in Chicago, of which Rabbi Phineas Smoller is the director.

These and other similar tasks are part of the regular work that are difficult to describe in our reports. We are happy to report that the sales of our books have again increased this year and have already exceeded those of the previous year.

Conclusion

Our Commission fully appreciates its responsibility for Jewish education in these days of trial. We have the advantage of the rich technical knowledge and the enthusiasm of our Director, Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, whose deep devotion to the cause of Jewish education is largely responsible for the magnificent progress we have made hitherto. We rely, all of us, upon the courage which God gives us to face our task. Our faith in Him is our assurance that we shall not fail and that Israel will live to serve God and mankind.

Therefore, we prepare for a new generation, teaching our children loyalty to Israel, to Torah, and to God. May He bless the work of our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

June 30, 1945

ANNUAL REPORT

NEW YORK FEDERATION OF REFORM SYNAGOGUES
an agency of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This report which summarizes the general activities of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues from July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945, brings to a close the third season of our organization. Formed in June, 1942, the Federation has conducted a program along four major objectives which has united the Reform Synagogues of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in this large Jewish center into a fellowship of mutual interest and purpose. While the program in the main was a continuation and enlargement of the previous years, many new projects were undertaken which indicated the growing influence and value of cooperative thinking and planning.

A. MOTIVATION AND GOALS

The motivation and goals of the program were outlined at the organizational meeting and incorporated in the constitution as follows:

1. To act as representative of Reform Judaism in matters affecting religious, moral and communal life in metropolitan New York.
2. To promote the aims of the member Congregations in their devotional, educational and communal activities.
3. To promote the aims, purposes and welfare of the Union in metropolitan New York.
4. To act as the fund raising agency of the Union in metropolitan New York.

B. THE DEMOCRATIC FRAMEWORK

The Federation is organized on democratic principles. Each Congregation, regardless of size or influence, is equally represented by three delegates - the Rabbi, the President and a Lay Delegate - all of whom serve on an Assembly of Delegates, the governing and legislative body, which elects officers, formulates policies and directs the program. An Executive Committee, composed of officers, Union-officials, and eleven elected delegates, conducts the administrative affairs. This group convenes quarterly, while the Assembly of Delegates holds three sessions during the season.

The activities and projects approved by the governing bodies are activated by Functional Committees consisting of delegates and

other qualified persons appointed by the President for the year of his incumbency. This procedure gives a broad base for general participation and an opportunity for every delegate to share in the phase of the program of his particular interest. During this season, eight Functional Committees operated. Their work will be described under appropriate sections of this report.

C. THE PROGRAM IN GENERAL

The activities of the Federation for this season were a continuation and amplification of the program previously initiated. This is understandable when one considers the scope and character of the Federation. As an organization of religious institutions, the Federation parallels every aspect of synagogal life and endeavors to direct its attention to those problems calling for immediate as well as long range planning. This is a continual and accumulative process.

D. THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES

The following is a brief description of the activities conducted and some of the major problems encountered by the eight Functional Committees during the season:

1. Committee on Membership

The Federation is composed of thirty-three congregations in the metropolitan area which includes Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Long Island and Westchester, with a reported membership of approximately twelve thousand families, numbering about 60,000 persons. This estimate should be considered advisedly for it does not offer an accurate picture of the enrollment of our Reform movement. No provision is made for the large number of unaffiliated who worship at regular weekly and holiday services or who use the facilities of the Synagogue for various occasions. An attempt shall be made to count the actual roster of our Reform Synagogues by conducting a census of membership, including not only those actually affiliated as members in good standing, but also the thousands who pass through the religious doors for various reasons. It will give a more accurate statement of the vitality of the Reform movement in the metropolitan area.

a. Winning the Unaffiliated

The Committee on Membership with Mr. Herbert Schwarz of Central Synagogue as chairman directed its attention to the problem of the unaffiliated. At the Annual Assembly of Delegates, a plan to stimulate synagogal affiliation was initiated. A list of approximately eight thousand names was obtained and distributed. A checking against the congregational rosters disclosed that eighteen percent were affiliated with Reform Synagogues. Several meetings were held with the chairmen of local synagogal Membership Committees according to their respective boroughs, and a procedure was adopted by each borough group to contact those persons who were unaffiliated. The result of this effort was both encouraging and promising.

The Committee on Membership envisages a general plan to increase the ranks of Reform Judaism in the metropolitan area by organizing new congregations in localities where such institutions do not exist.

b. Membership Committees

On November 22nd, a general conference of local Synagogal Membership Committees took place and it was decided to hold periodic sessions of these groups to exchange experiences and ideas of mutual interest. Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz, Director of Synagogue Activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, addressed this gathering.

2. Committee on Greater Lay Participation

Closely allied with the question of the unaffiliated is the problem of absenteeism of regular members from weekly Sabbath services and other congregational functions. Working on the hypothesis that an informed and participating laity will make active members, the Federation two years ago appointed a Committee on Greater Synagogue Lay Participation to devise specific and practical recommendations to personalize the program of the Synagogue. Since the problem was so extensive, the Committee decided to limit its task by concentrating on two specific aspects of the subject and appointed two Commissions to investigate the topics of Congregational Singing and Personalizing the Ritual. Rabbi Max Meyer of Free Synagogue of Flushing headed the latter Commission while Rabbi Max Reichler of Beth Sholom Peoples Temple led the former group. Mr. Lawrence B. Cohen of Temple Israel of New York served as chairman of the general Committee.

Several meetings took place during the season on Congregational Singing and on Lay Participation in the Ritual, attended by rabbis, cantors, chairmen of Choir, Music, Ritual and Worship Synagogal committees. Rabbi Schwarz also addressed the meetings in November and related the national with the local effort.

As a result of these conferences and discussions, several congregations have already initiated steps along these lines with promising results.

3. Committee on Religious Education

The Committee on Religious Education under the leadership of Mr. Mortimer Brenner of Congregation Beth Elohim as chairman continued its successful administration in improving the educational standards in our Religious Schools. There are eight thousand children enrolled with a staff of three hundred and twenty-five teachers.

a. The Over-All Plan

The immediate as well as the long range objectives in its program of improvement of religious education may be summarized as follows:

- a. Improvement in organizational and administrative practices.
- b. Improvement of the professional standards of teacher personnel.
- c. Development and expansion of high school departments in the religious schools.
- d. Continuing program of research in specific problems in religious education.
- e. Stimulation of community interest and support for the educational program.

b. Personal Supervision and Consultation

Through the conscientious attention of the two Educational Consultants, Dr. Philip Jaffe and Mr. Jacob H. Raphael, furnished by the Jewish Education Committee, the Religious Schools received personal supervisory service and direction in their educational problems. During the season, these Consultants visited the Religious Schools, observed classroom teaching, stimulated the faculties to self-evaluation and criticism, managed the Teacher Placement Service which assisted principals in securing qualified teachers to fill the unusually large number of vacancies caused by the war, and organized eight group faculty meetings in the form of workshops which afforded discussion and exchange of experiences in terms of local situations and a clarification of the aims and achievements of the Reform Religious Schools. Through the Teacher Placement Service, forty-four teachers were placed this season. The Committee is now engaged in the important task of developing a plan of Teacher Certification which will assure the establishment of standards of instructional classroom procedure.

c. Study and Research

Another important aspect of the program was the study and research of specific problems of the Reform Religious School. As a result of the High School study conducted in 1943 on the problems of the high school classes, conferences with rabbis, principals and teachers resulted in the formulation of specific recommendations concerning standards of admission, graduation, curriculum and extra-curricular activities of this department. The study on Confirmation and Bar Mitzvo was completed this season. This investigation was an outgrowth of the findings of the High School survey which revealed that a decline of attendance after Confirmation was only thirteen percent of the students who were confirmed at the close of the elementary grades. A special committee was appointed to implement the findings and recommendations of this study which will eventuate into a definite policy to enhance the significance and increase the effectiveness of the Confirmation experience.

d. A School for Jewish Studies

In accordance with the recommendation at the October Assembly of Delegates, a Committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility

of establishing a School for Jewish Studies to give the necessary background and training to our Religious School teachers which will enable them to present an intelligent, enthusiastic and appreciative understanding of Reform Judaism and to offer facilities for an integrated Jewish adult program in our Synagogues.

4. Committee on Youth

Significant changes occurred this year in the Youth program which had a direct bearing upon the conduct of the Committee on Youth and which resulted in a more definitive description of the scope of the Committee on Youth.

a. An Enlarged Program

In October, the National Organization appointed Miss Helen L. Strauss as Interim-Director of the National Federation of Temple Youth. Miss Strauss established headquarters in the New York office and assumed personal supervision of the metropolitan youth program. This relationship brought the metropolitan youth into the framework of the National Youth organization, an essential and wholesome step in the development of an integrated youth program in the synagogue. Under her leadership, the youth groups were stimulated to greater activity. A New York League of the National Federation of Temple Youth Affiliates was formed and conducted conferences, rallies and other functions of an educational and religious nature.

b. The Youth Consultant

With the grant from the Jewish Education Committee, the Federation engaged Mr. William N. Sternberg as Youth Consultant to visit our Youth Leagues for supervisory purposes and to guide the adult leaders as well as our young people themselves in the development of a program of Jewish interest and inspiration. The first undertaking of Mr. Sternberg was the factual study of the organization, aims and activities of our Youth Leagues. These findings were discussed at the Assembly and served as a basis for the development of a sound and practical youth procedure in our congregations.

c. Adult Interest

With Rabbi Solomon Landman of Temple Isaiah of Kew Gardens as chairman, the Committee on Youth endeavored to encourage adult leadership in the promotion of youth activities in their local synagogues. To achieve this objective, each congregation was requested to appoint an Adult Youth Adviser to act as a liaison officer between the Federation and the respective Synagogues. Several meetings of these appointees were held during the season to discuss their functions and to map out a more meaningful program for our young people. The response was far from encouraging and indicated the confusion and lack of understanding associated with the youth problem in general. Before any progress can be realized, it will be necessary to clarify our thinking on the aims and objectives of Synagogue youth work and the formulation of a directive policy toward the place and responsibility of Youth in our Synagogue pattern. The Committee on Youth

has been serving a useful purpose in this connection by concentrating upon the development of an informed and sympathetic adult leadership which will work with Youth.

5. Committee on Public Relations

The scope of this Committee under the leadership of Mr. Emil N. Baar of Union Temple as chairman included the supervision of activities related to the interpretation of the program of the Federation to the general public, such as the preparation of newspaper releases, conducting functions, and cooperation with local and communal secular agencies.

a. An Information Center

The Federation office served as an information center and rendered many types of assistance too numerous to enumerate yet, nevertheless, important in their performance. By these means, authentic and friendly counsel was offered which is the essential ingredient of an effective public relations program.

This advisory service was not only limited to the general community but also included assistance to our member congregations. The Director was consulted continually and frequently on all matters of synagogal activities and guided groups and individuals through controversial difficulties which if not handled skillfully and diplomatically would have proved disastrous and fatal to the groups concerned. The Director also interpreted the program of the Union in addresses at conferences and congregations. This is a public relations service, the value of which cannot be estimated.

To translate the above statement into statistical facts, the Director addressed at least fifty (50) groups, answered about one thousand (1,000) queries for information on all phases of synagogal activities, attended about seventy-five (75) committee meetings and counselled individually a steady stream of persons who have come to learn that the New York office has become the information center for Reform Judaism in this city.

b. Community Functions

Two community functions were conducted under the direction of this Committee. These Convocations not only attracted large attendances from our affiliated Synagogues and the community, but also served to interpret and focus attention upon the message of Reform Judaism in this locality.

In cooperation with the Hebrew Union College and the Alumni residing in New York City, the Federation conducted the Annual Isaac Mayer Wise Founder's Day Services and the Spring Convocation of the Hebrew Union College at Central Synagogue on Sunday afternoon, April 29th. As part of the religious ceremony honorary degrees of Doctor of Hebrew Letters were conferred on four distinguished leaders of this city in recognition of their consecrated services to Jewish life. The recipients were: Mr. Joseph C. Hyman, Justice Meier

Steinbrink, Mrs. Frieda Schiff Warburg and Mr. Frank L. Weil. Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, the National Director, delivered the principal address. In the evening of the same day, a reception and dinner were tendered to the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The second gathering was the Annual Maccabean Rally which featured the massing of congregational service flags and a memorial service for those fallen in battle. This Religious Convocation, with its pageantry of color and symbolism, was observed at Congregation Rodeph Sholom on Sunday afternoon, December 17th.

6. Committee on Synagogue War Activities

The Reform synagogal groups throughout the country performed noteworthy services to the successful prosecution of the war. The complete story of their participation will never be publicly known as no adequate method has been developed to obtain factual data of their contribution. The congregational bulletins showed an increasing list of members and their sons and daughters on active duty in every combat zone, and a large army of volunteer members on the home front in every local and national civilian defense agency.

In order to coordinate and give guidance to these civilian war defense activities, the Committee on Synagogue War Activities was inaugurated. During the season, with Mrs. Leon L. Watters of Congregation Emanu-El and Mr. Henry L. Lambert of Central Synagogue as co-chairman, this Committee operated along the same lines of last year. Each Synagogue was urged to appoint an over-all War Activity Committee consisting of representatives of each auxiliary group and to designate the chairman as a member of the Federation Committee on Synagogue War Activities.

a. A Program of Guidance

Several meetings of these chairmen took place for the purpose of exchanging experiences, promoting projects and stimulating in general the local synagogue civilian war effort. The discussion groups were addressed by leaders from various local and national war agencies, such as the American Red Cross, the Jewish Welfare Board, the War Finance Committee, the Veterans Administration, and the War Service Board of the Federal Council of Churches. Each session was related to the role of the Synagogue in these areas of activity.

The Committee also conducted specific projects with gratifying success. A Blood Donor Campaign was conducted in cooperation with the American Red Cross. The Committee cooperated in the Fifth War Loan Drive, the Annual Red Cross Campaign, the National Clothing Collection Drive, and the National War Fund by arranging conferences of synagogal leaders with representatives of the respective agencies and by suggesting methods of successful participation of local synagogues. The Committee also assisted the War Records Bureau of the Jewish Welfare Board to compile authentic records of American Jewish participation in the war from the Reform metropolitan congregations.

b. Rehabilitating the Veteran

During the latter part of the season, with the approaching end of hostilities, the Committee directed its attention to the formulation of a program for the role of the Synagogue in the rehabilitation of the returning veterans. The Director prepared a comprehensive pamphlet on this subject entitled "The Synagogue and the Returning Veterans" which presented a constructive and definite plan of activity for synagogal and community guidance. The Committee was also instrumental in stimulating a city-wide conference of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform synagogal rabbinical and lay leaders in June, resulting in the appointment of representatives on the Committee for Coordinating Jewish Community Services for Veterans.

7. Committee on Finance

Since the Federation is an integral part of the National, the responsibility of fund-raising was incorporated as one of its major objectives. Under the leadership of Mr. Oscar M. Lazrus of Temple Beth El of Great Neck, the Committee on Finance approached this task with determination and enthusiasm. The main problem of the Committee was to devise ways and means on how to raise the New York quota of the National Combined Campaign of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the Hebrew Union College.

During the season, the financial contributions showed an increase of 35% over last year, approximating \$57,000.00. Members of the Finance Committee addressed a number of Boards of Trustees on behalf of the general campaign and arranged several luncheon meetings for the purpose of fund-raising which were addressed by the National Director. The Committee cooperated at all times with Mr. Jerome L. Levy, National Financial Director, who devoted several months in New York City to assist Mr. Arthur Meyerowitz, Director of Finance of the Federation, and Mr. Benjamin Hanft, recently appointed to the staff of the Union as Director of Public Relations, who gave part of his time to this financial effort.

8. Committee on Scouting

The Committee on Scouting with Dr. Harold Korn of Temple Israel of New York as chairman continued to cooperate with the National Scouting Movement by influencing our constituent Synagogues to sponsor Boy Scout Troops. Twenty Synagogues have Scout Troops.

E. COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL

As an agency of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Federation aims to localize the national program in the metropolitan area. The structure of the Federation, therefore, parallels the national pattern with corresponding functional activities. This cooperation is reflected in the fact that the head of each national department serves on one of the Federation's Functional Committees and shares in the development of their programs. The President and Director of the National Organization are ex-officio members of the Assembly of Delegates and of the Executive Committee and have addressed these sessions several times during the year. To these officials and to the heads of the various departments, our appreciation is expressed for their assistance and cooperation in our work.

This partnership of interest was further demonstrated in three additional examples of cooperation:

1. When the Union-Conference Rabbinical Pension project was initiated, the Federation urged the adoption of the plan by the affiliated synagogues and arranged conferences of congregational leaders to meet with Mr. Ralph W. Mack of Cincinnati, a member of the National Committee, who, at subsequent date, addressed the Assembly of Delegates on the subject. While every Congregation has not joined as yet, the response has been satisfactory, and it is hoped that eventually a complete coverage will be realized. Mr. Jacob Aronson of the Jewish Community Center of White Plains, our first vice-president, was National Chairman of the Rabbinical Pension Board.
2. The Federation acted as host to the National Executive Board at its meeting in New York City on November 26th. Under the leadership of Mr. Oscar M. Lazrus, chairman of the Committee on Finance, a reception and dinner was arranged at Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. This function brought together leaders of our Reform Synagogues in a demonstration of interest and confidence in the national program.
3. When the Chicago Federation was formed, modeled after our own, Mr. Aronson spoke at the inaugural meeting. The Director subsequently went to Chicago to meet with the Executive Committee and submitted to the Chicago Director a complete file of activities and projects initiated by the New York Federation.

F. CONCLUSION

An annual report regardless of its style or content has definite limitation for it tells only part of the season's story. The description of activities and projects does not convey the personal contribution and enthusiasm of those who made possible this year of gratifying achievement. The Federation has the good fortune of counting upon a group of consecrated and energetic men and women - lay and rabbinical - who serve as officials and chairmen and members of our Functional Committees and who give their time and talents unstintingly to the cause of Liberal Judaism. To these and all others who have participated in our program, we are deeply grateful. To the office personnel who performed their duties without personal consideration, to Miss Dora Blumenstein, secretary to the Director who has served the New York Office for over a decade and a half, we are indebted to them for their loyalty and devoted service.

The season just completed was gratifying both from the point of view of accomplishments and anticipated plans. With the continued cooperation of our co-workers, the Federation will be able to carry forward its program to greater achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

JUDGE MEIER STEINBRINK
President

RABBI GUSTAVE FALK
Director

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The program of the New England Region went into effect in November, 1944.

The first steps taken by the Director were to acquaint himself with the various congregations in the area and their leaders. Letters were sent to Rabbis and congregational officials apprising them of the creation of the Region and calling upon them for their cooperation. Many energetic replies, particularly from the Rabbis pledging their cooperation, were forthcoming.

It soon became apparent that there were within the Region two specific areas, each with its own particular problems. There was the Connecticut Valley Area, consisting of Waterbury, Bridgeport, New Haven, and Hartford; and the Boston Area, consisting of the congregations in Boston, Brockton, Lynn, Worcester, and Providence. In the latter instance, a number of attempts were made to initiate unified activities along educational lines. It was hoped that the congregations in the area would carry out a program of teacher training, with the assistance of the Union. Toward this end, Dr. Gamoran came to Boston and met with the Rabbis or their representatives, of all the congregations in the area. They undertook to lay plans for such a Teachers' Training Institute and also to arrange for a special, concentrated week-end course late in the Spring. Unfortunately, there was no follow-up by the committee responsible for these plans.

Your Director also undertook to ascertain the possibility for new congregations in that area. Two groups came to his attention, one in Concord, New Hampshire, and one in Belmont, Massachusetts. The latter consists of about 100 families, who have not yet had a Rabbi but are very desirous of securing one. They are very eager to have a Reform Rabbi but have been unable to secure one because of the present shortage. The Concord congregation has had the services of an Orthodox Rabbi but they are now very desirous of having a Reform Rabbi.

The results in the Connecticut Valley have been much more productive. To begin with, one congregation, Temple Sinai in Springfield, Massachusetts, entered the Union shortly after the Region was organized. Another congregation, in Danbury, has recently applied for membership in the Union, and Congregation Anshe Amonim in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, has joined our Federation.

In March, 1945, a meeting of representatives of our Reform congregations in the Connecticut Valley took place. It was decided at that meeting to issue a call for a conference which would be held in New Haven. The purpose of this conference was to set forth the program of a projected Connecticut Valley Federation and to present Reform Judaism to our constituent groups in a positive and convincing manner. The conference took place in New Haven on May 5. A morning session devoted to adult education was led by Rabbi Beryl Cohon of Boston. A luncheon session followed,

at which Mr. SolomonElsner discussed the Union and its purposes. Rabbi Solomon Freehof delivered a masterful address on the historical bases of Reform Judaism and its practice. This address was so impressive that it was a spontaneous desire on the part of delegates from all the communities to transmit his message to their respective congregations. Officers of the Federation were elected at the meeting. They are:

President	Max Livingston, New Haven
First Vice-President	Judge Joseph Shapiro, Bridgeport
Second Vice-President	Meyer Epstein, Springfield
Third Vice-President	Benjamin Golding, Hartford
Secretary	Maurice Cornell, New Haven
Treasurer	William Shore, Waterbury

Members of the Board

Louis Ketoner, Springfield
Benjamin Steiber, Bridgeport
Mrs. Alfred Levy, Bridgeport
Judge Solomon Elsner, Hartford
Herman Davidson, Hartford
Rabbi Abraham Feldman, Hartford
Mrs. Edward A. Hart, Hartford
Joseph Levy, Hartford
Harry Liebeskind, Waterbury

The Executive Committee met during the summer and made plans for a Simchas Torah Assembly which would take place in Hartford on October 7. (A special report on this Assembly is appended.) Committee chairmen for the Federation were also designated. These chairmen are to be in charge of fund-raising for the Union, adult education, youth education, and the unaffiliated (individuals and congregations). An informal organization of Brotherhood representatives within the Federation was also organized. This group met several times during the year for the purpose of exchanging ideas on programs and methods of serving their respective congregations.

A Rabbinical group was also organized within the Federation. The rabbis likewise met several times during the year for general discussion and also for the purpose of aiding the Federation's activities and the work of the Regional Director. There were likewise numerous instances where the Director was called upon for specific assistance in the various congregations, such as helping to plan Institutes for Judaism. In this connection, it should be noted that, with one exception, every congregation in the Federation held an Institute on Judaism. One of the reasons for this is the stimulus engendered by the exchange of ideas among the Rabbis in their meetings.

The officers of the Federation are desirous of having a constitution which will guide them and the congregations in their work. It is hoped that further recommendations for such a constitution will soon be forthcoming from the Union of American Hebrew

Congregations. It is likewise suggested that the present framework of the Federation, with its standing committees, be retained as an integral part of the constitution. It is recommended that for purposes of activity, the Connecticut Valley Federation continue as an integral part of the New England Region. Because of geographic and other considerations, it should carry on its own program. However, as the Region's program develops, it should be prepared to include the Connecticut Valley Federation in some of the broad phases of its general program. This would effectively bring all of the congregations in New England into a larger body and at the same time would permit the Connecticut Valley Federation, which is confined to a much smaller area, to concentrate all those activities which it is best qualified to carry on because of the close proximity of the congregations to one another.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
1944-45

The Southeast Regional Office of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, located at 110 N. Park Avenue - the building of Temple Emanu-El - in Dothan, Alabama, began its operation on September 1, 1944. It was established to serve the states of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

In the period from September 1, 1944 through August 31, 1945, the Regional Director paid seventy-four visits to the twenty-nine congregations affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the Region and to twenty-eight unaffiliated congregations and unorganized Jewish groups. He traveled a total of 11,075 miles by car, train, bus, and plane.

Four new congregations have affiliated with the UNION during this period: Bainbridge, Georgia; West Point, Georgia; Demopolis, Alabama; and St. Petersburg, Florida. Two new Sisterhoods have affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods: Daytona Beach, Florida and Dalton, Georgia. In addition, three Sisterhoods previously organized with the National Federation have completed their affiliations with the Georgia-Florida-Alabama State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods: Rome, Georgia; Florence, Alabama, and Gadsden, Alabama. One new Brotherhood was organized and affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods: Tampa, Florida.

The Regional office has worked closely with the Georgia-Florida-Alabama Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the Regional body of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. For the month of December, 1944, through May, 1945, this Federation maintained an office in conjunction with the UNION's Regional office.

The technique used in contacting both organized congregations and unorganized groups was to have a meeting of the entire group wherever possible. Congregations and, especially, Sisterhoods, were most helpful in arranging for these meetings. Where a meeting of an entire group could not be gotten a Board meeting was usually addressed. In addition to these meetings key individuals, especially the officers of the groups were contacted personally. In every town where a rabbi resides the rabbi was the first means of contact with his congregation. In no case did the Regional office undertake a step in a congregation without the knowledge of the rabbi of that congregation. When work was done in a congregation without a rabbi an interested rabbi in a neighboring congregation was kept informed wherever possible.

While all congregations in the Region were visited at least once, the main effort of the Regional office was exerted for small congregations without rabbis. The main objectives of the work were:

Improvement of Religious services. In a number of congregations where services had been temporarily discontinued they were reinstituted. Where laymen conducted the services they were advised

about the arrangement of services, material for sermons and discussion. Wherever possible periodical visits by a neighboring rabbi were advised or arranged.

Improvement of Religious Education. In three communities where there was no Religious school, a Religious school was organized. On practically every visit a conference was held with the lay supervisor of the Religious school of the small congregation. The standard curriculum of the UNION's Commission on Jewish Education was adapted to the specific needs of these small schools. In one community where there was no possibility of organizing a Religious school, a riding pool was arranged to the next city and arrangements were made with our member congregation there to take care of the education of these children. In several cases of children living isolated in small towns, the correspondence school of our Commission on Jewish Education was recommended.

Organization of Congregations, Sisterhoods, Youth Groups, and Brotherhoods. Wherever a need was seen for a group of any of these four categories its organization was recommended. At least in one case, in La Grange, Georgia, where there had been no organized religious activity at all, a congregation was formed as direct result of a visit by the Regional Director. Since this visit, last November, the congregation has purchased a Synagogue building and is conducting regular services. Wherever a group of any of these types existed, its affiliation with the UNION, with N.F.T.S., N.F.T.B., or N.F.T.Y. was recommended. A number of congregations and Sisterhoods are now moving in the direction of affiliation.

Pulpit Placement. The Regional Office has cooperated with the Administrative Secretary of the UNION in a number of cases of pulpit placement. It has been the policy of this office to ask congregations who, during the past year, felt themselves ready to engage the services of a rabbi, to wait for the return of the chaplains now in the Armed Services. A number of these congregations will call on the UNION to aid them in finding rabbis. Some of these congregations are not now members of the UNION. If we can place members of the CCAR in these congregations it will almost insure their affiliation with the UNION.

The stimulation of closer contact between the congregations. In all meetings and conferences, the various aspects of the work of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations were presented, and a better understanding of the UNION and its policies was aspired. In addition, wherever possible, closer contact between neighboring congregations affiliated with the UNION were encouraged, either by the suggestion of joint meetings or by the visit of a leader of one congregation in a neighbor congregation. A large number of rabbis and lay leaders were most cooperative in aiding in the establishment of closer contact between various congregations. To mention but a few: Rabbis Blachschleger, Grafman, Haberman, Messing, Saperstein, Waller, Zielonka, Chaplains Klausner, Leibert and Stillpass, Rabbi Gallinger, a non-member of the CCAR, Messrs. Day Apte, Maurice Rothschild, C. Davis Turner and Simon Wampold.

Several specific projects furthering the interests of the UNION were carried out during the year or are now under advisement.

Isaac M. Wise Sabbath. The Regional office arranged for an extensive exchange of pulpits for the observance of Isaac M. Wise Sabbath in the Region. It was made clear to the various congregations that the presence of the leader of a neighbor congregation in their pulpit was dramatizing the UNION of congregations established by Isaac M. Wise.

In June, 1945, a vacation schedule of rabbis for the entire Region was published in order that our congregations might be able to have the services of a neighboring rabbi during the vacation of their own spiritual leader.

Regional meeting. The Regional Director addressed the annual convention of the Georgia-Florida-Alabama Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in Atlanta last November. He stressed the need for greater cooperation on the Regional scale even outside of the Sisterhood organization. The idea of the forming of a more closely knit Regional unit within the National organization of the UNION has spread through the Region. A Regional meeting to formulate more concise and definite plans is scheduled for January, 1946.

While the Regional office concentrates mainly on giving service to the congregations it cooperated also with the combined campaign of the UNION and the Hebrew Union College. Much of the work for the finance campaign was done by the rabbis and laymen mentioned above. According to the records of Mr. Jerome L. Levy, National Finance Director, the UNION received from this Region, with the exception of the communities of Birmingham, Montgomery, Miami, and Atlanta, the amount of \$1,471 during the fiscal year of 1942-43. During the fiscal year of 1944-45 our income was \$7,690. Some of this increase may be due to the work of this office.

The operating cost of the Southeast Regional office, exclusive of the Director's salary, for the year 1944-45 was:

MONTH	CLERICAL HELP	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TRAVEL	TOTAL
Sept., 1944	\$ 35.00	\$ 12.76	\$ 81.02	\$ 128.78
Oct., 1944	45.90	15.78	76.78	138.46
Nov., 1944	21.20	11.21	133.51	165.92
Dec., 1944	--	28.01	--	28.01
Jan., 1945	2.50	11.47	69.09	83.06
Feb., 1945	--	44.11	132.23	176.34
March, 1945	--	42.22	--	42.22
April, 1945	22.00	42.05	168.98	233.03
May, 1945	4.80	63.65	9.00	77.45
June-July, 1945	32.00	38.65	89.72	160.37
August, 1945	84.78	1.72	--	86.50
	\$ 248.18	\$ 311.63	\$ 760.33	\$1,320.14

By continuing to serve all the Jewish groups in this Region through the Regional office along the line followed during the past year the UNION will receive ever increasing support, both financial and spiritual, from all the groups contacted.

Respectfully submitted,

RABBI ALFRED WOLF
Regional Director

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RABBINICAL PENSION BOARD

Cincinnati, Ohio
December 9, 1945

To the Executive Board of
the Union of American Hebrew Congregations

This report deals with several subjects: the number and character of the policies issued, the attitude of Rabbis and Congregations toward the Pension Plan, and a summary of our financial transactions and status.

POLICIES ISSUED

To June 30, 1945, we issued 160 policies of which 104 include life insurance and annuity features, and 56 policies were for annuities only. These were issued to 152 rabbis, 8 being supplementary policies due to increases in salaries.

These policies entailed the collection of \$78,191.47 from rabbis and congregations toward the annual premiums. These premiums were supplemented by Primary and Supplementary Grants from the Pension Funds of the Conference and the Union in the amount of \$9,602.12, representing a total payment to the Insurance Company of \$87,793.59.

The 104 policies including life insurance totalled \$1,021,735.00 in immediate, face value life insurance. These, if continued to maturity, will have an estimated insurance or estate value of \$2,017,715.00. The 56 policies for annuities without insurance will have an estimated value at maturity of \$844,859.00.

The 160 policies issued to 152 men will thus have an estimated estate value of \$2,862,574.00.

The annuities payable on these policies, at maturity will total \$239,355.96 per annum, which includes the estimated additions resulting from Dividends.

ATTITUDE OF RABBIS AND CONGREGATIONS

We are embarking upon this enterprise at a time when it is difficult to determine the number of potentially eligible participants.

121 members of the Central Conference are chaplains in the Armed Forces. A large proportion of these had been employed by Union Congregations. Their former congregations are now served by Rabbis who are, in some cases, beyond pension age, but who have been temporarily recalled during the absence of the acknowledged occupant of the pulpit. Others are served by undergraduates of the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion, who

have been temporarily licensed. These latter are not eligible for our Pension Plan until they return to their respective seminaries and are graduated. Other pulpits are filled by men who ordinarily would be eligible but for the fact that their status is uncertain until the return of the chaplains. The licensed Rabbis and those serving congregations at the moment not affiliated with the Union comprise about 75.

Without counting the chaplains, there are 231 rabbis serving Union congregations who are presently eligible to enter the plan. Of these, we enrolled 121 from July 10, 1944 to June 10, 1945. This represents 52 per cent of those presently eligible.

Of the 121 chaplains, members of the CCAR, we have enrolled 31. It would be misleading to make a percentage study of this class as many of the chaplains, although members of the CCAR, did not at any time serve Union congregations.

An additional class of rabbis was declared eligible by the Pension Board during the past year, namely members of the CCAR serving organizations, other than congregations, engaged in some type of Jewish educational or social work. There are only 49 in this group, of whom 5 are enrolled, with appropriate adjustment of primary and supplementary grants equal to what normally would have been the Union's share of such grants.

Judging the results thus far achieved and basing our opinion on wide-spread comment and voluminous correspondence, we believe that rabbis and congregations look upon this plan with favor. We anticipate a considerable additional enrollment as soon as conditions in the rabbinate, due to the termination of the War and the return of chaplains, become stabilized.

It may interest the Boards to learn that many competent men in the field of insurance have spoken highly of our Pension Plan, and have recommended it to their respective congregations. In this connection we might mention the fact that the Conservative Group is now engaged in working out a somewhat similar plan for its constituency and that one-third of the Jacob H. Schiff Pension Fund is available for this purpose. The B'nai B'rith has inaugurated a pension plan for the Rabbis serving as Hillel Directors. We have also, on request, furnished details concerning our Pension Plan to Welfare Work organizations in South Africa, to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds with headquarters in New York City.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND STATUS

As part of this report, we submit financial statement prepared by the auditing department of the Union. The total figures in our report differ slightly as our records are on an accrual basis while the financial report of the auditor is on a cash basis.

The Pension Funds at the end of the year aggregated \$229,742.76 including \$5,000.00 from the Conference and \$5,000.00 from the Union.

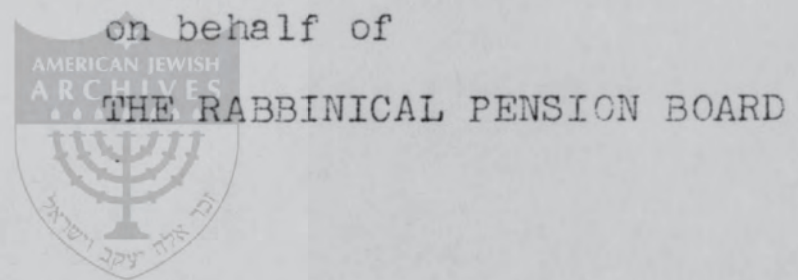
Payments by the Pension Board of Primary and Supplementary Grants if continued to maturity, will amount to \$191,543.00. For the payment of these liabilities, we look to our present and prospective reserves.

MISCELLANEOUS

During the year, the Trust Agreement was modified by the execution of a Supplementary Agreement of the Union and Conference, so as to provide that additional policies may be issued at any time rather than only on anniversary dates of initial policy. This enables congregations and rabbis to increase the amount of the insurance and annuity protection, if they so desire, contemporaneously with the effective date of salary increases.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB ARONSON
Chairman



REPORT OF THE COMBINED CAMPAIGN OF UAHG-HUC
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY, 1944 - JUNE, 1945

To the Executive Board of
the Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
Chicago, June 3, 1945

1. Background

For the fiscal year 1938-39 the income of the Union had sunk to \$121,800 derived from the following sources:

Individuals	\$ 78,000
Congregations	34,800
Welfare Funds	9,000

For the fiscal year 1942-43, our income had increased to \$168,700, as follows:

Individuals	\$ 117,000
Congregations	38,000
Welfare Funds	13,000

There was no special campaign for increased support during 1940-41-42.

It was during the summer of 1943 when, after serious discussion, it was agreed to hold a Combined Campaign on behalf of both the Union and the College.

2. Progress First Year

These discussions were culminated by direct action taken by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath in securing the services of Jerome L. Levy, who at that time was with the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Levy agreed to become our National Campaign Director and started his duties at Cincinnati, September 1, 1943. He spent his first four months in Cincinnati studying the situation and planning for a national organization with important lay and rabbinical leadership to assist him in his efforts.

Campaign activities actually started early in January, 1944. During the first year, considerable progress was made with the cooperation of a number of lay leaders and volunteer rabbis who visited constituent congregations in various parts of the country. Special Campaign literature was prepared and a Campaign Bulletin was started to give adequate publicity to those who were assisting in the financial program. This Bulletin, ALERT, has reached a circulation of over 10,000 and is published on the average of once every eight or ten weeks.

The gross returns of the Campaign for the year 1943-44 reached a total of \$240,000. This permitted the Union to make a grant to the College of \$29,500. This was the first such support that the Union has been able to give to the College since 1927, when the Adolph Ochs Endowment Fund was established.

3. Current Year

The outstanding event of the fiscal year 1944-45 was the West Coast trip made by Rabbi Eisendrath and Mr. Levy. They visited over thirty congregations in twenty-two cities and made very definite progress securing increased financial support. Two new congregations were brought into the Union and several others are good prospects. Our position on the West Coast has improved materially but there is still need for further development. Considerable progress has been made with the major communities. This list includes St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, and Cleveland. I am pleased to report that Cincinnati, the home city of our two institutions, leads the nation. Substantial progress has been made in New York and Chicago through the instrumentality of our Federations of Reform Synagogues in these two metropolitan centers.

As of June 30th, the Combined Campaign has produced \$332,224.35 from the following sources:

Congregations	\$ 191,996.72
Individuals	104,265.38
Welfare Funds	19,472.75

In addition to this, we have received \$16,489.50 from Welfare Funds remitted directly to the College.

After meeting campaign expenses, giving a special grant to the College for European scholars and deducting \$150,000. guaranteed to the Union, the Hebrew Union College received \$69,000.

4. Current Situation

Raising money for any religious institution is not easy in comparison with the larger and pressing war-time campaigns which have demanded our attention in recent years. In our own case, there are many involved situations where the personal attitude of the rabbi, the president, or some member of the Board of Trustees prevents our receiving the support to which we think we are entitled. In addition to this, there is no real uniformity in the payment of dues to the Union and as it is a matter of volunteer cooperation, there is no way to enforce the payment of these dues. In other words, every congregation presents a special case for special handling. It is good to note that the majority of our rabbis and the vast majority of our lay leadership is interested in these two central institutions of Liberal Judaism and are willing to give time, money and effort to support them. There are, however, a few malcontents in both groups, and when the occasion arises for actual fund raising, they will have to be by-passed. It is interesting to note that in spite of the many problems facing the Union, it enjoys today the largest membership it has ever had. There are now more than 320 congregations affiliated with the Union.

5. Recommendations

- A. I think it would help considerably if we had a strong program which we could present to the country and which should be something tangible and easily understood.

B. I believe firmly that the Union should repeat over and over the same kind of helpful financing that it has done in the case of the new small congregation in Wynnefield, a suburb of Philadelphia. Both rabbis and laymen will be impressed with this tangible sign of progress.

6. Conclusion

The benefits of the cooperation of the Union and the College in the Combined Campaign has proven itself in dollars and cents. It has likewise been a means of stimulating the interest and the cooperation of many important laymen and rabbis from coast to coast.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to Mr. Irving S. Florsheim of Chicago, National Treasurer of our Combined Campaign, for the outstanding services he has rendered to our cause. Other leaders who have been a tower of strength to us in the initial stages of our national program and whose services I wish to acknowledge publicly are: Judge Meier Steinbrink, President of Federation of Reform Synagogues of New York City; Dr. S. S. Hollender, President of the Chicago Federation of Reform Synagogues; Oscar M. Lazrus, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the New York Campaign; Day Apte of Tampa, Fla., Vice-Chairman in charge of the Southeast Region; Mortimer May of Nashville, Vice-Chairman of the Kentucky-Tennessee Region; Judge Solomon Elsner of Hartford, Connecticut; Lee M. Friedman, Joseph H. Cohen, Louis Salvage, Rabbi Joshua L. Liebman, Max Feldberg and Abraham Berkowitz of Boston; Abe M. Luntz, James H. Miller, Rabbi Abba H. Silver of Cleveland; Mrs. Hugo Dalsheimer of Baltimore; Alex Frieder of Cincinnati; I. E. Goldstein, St. Louis; Robert Rosenbaum, Philadelphia; Irving S. Metzler, Haskell Kramer, Dr. Geo. Pinness, I. E. Chadwick, Ralph P. Levey, Rabbi Edgar Magnin, and Rabbi Ernest Trattner, all of Los Angeles; C. Davis Turner of Mariana, Florida; Dr. Jacob Marcus, Hebrew Union College; Rabbi Milton I. Grafman, Birmingham; Rabbi Eugene E. Blachschleger, Montgomery; and Rabbi Daniel L. Davis, Lancaster. In addition to these, I can only speak in the highest terms of the invaluable service rendered the Campaign by many of the rabbis in their own communities, but particularly by those men who volunteer to travel far and wide on behalf of these two vital institutions of Liberal Judaism.

I feel certain that if we move forward with determination and sincerity of purpose, we can achieve the goal which we have set for ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER W. STRAUS

Chairman

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Cincinnati, Ohio
December 9, 1945

To the Executive Board of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a summary of the financial operations for the year ended June 30, 1945. Complete details are reflected in the report of the auditors.

The Union

For the year ended June 30, 1945, the Union's expenditures exceeded its income by \$9,958.11. Our Publication Department ended the year with a surplus of \$492.47.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1945, the Joint Finance Committee of the Union and the College realized \$332,224.35 from congregations, individual subscriptions and Welfare Fund allocations. This represented an increase of \$92,033.44 over last year's collections. According to the agreement between the Union and the College, the following was the distribution:

Collections - - - - -	\$332,224.35
First Charge - Campaign	\$ 49,591.18
Second Charge - To HUC for Refugee Scholars	4,700.00
Third Charge - Union Allocation	<u>150,000.00</u>
	<u>204,291.18</u>
Balance to be distributed	\$127,933.17
50 per cent to H.U.C.	\$ 63,966.59
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Total Received by H.U.C. for 1944-45	\$ 68,666.59

The Union's income consisted of the \$150,000.00 allocation plus the distribution of the balance, \$63,966.59, and \$77,155.48 from other sources, or a total of \$291,122.07. Our expenditures, exclusive of fund-raising costs and Refugee Scholar expenses totalled \$301,080.18 for activities and reduction of indebtedness.

As of July 1, 1944, our indebtedness to the First National Bank amounted to \$65,000.00. During the year we reduced this amount by \$52,000.00, leaving a balance of \$13,000.00, which is being repaid at the rate of \$1,083.33 a month. This indebtedness will be paid in full by June 30, 1946. Our indebtedness to N.F.T.S. was reduced by \$1,500.00 during the fiscal year, leaving a balance due of \$8,250.00 as of July 1, 1945.

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The income of the College, including the \$90,000.00 annual depletion of the special Endowment Fund, was \$271,456.47. The expenditures totalled \$221,451.82. The surplus of \$50,004.65 was transferred to the Reserve for maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. OETTINGER
Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS

December 9, 1945

To the Executive Board of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report of the status of the Endowment and Trust Funds of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

At the close of business, November 1, 1945, your committee on Endowment and Trust Funds had in its custody securities that belonged to the Union which involved an adjusted cost of \$220,147.02, cash in Savings Banks amounting to \$2,549.07, and uninvested cash held in bank, \$27,270.00. We indicate below the diversification of our investment holdings together with their adjusted cost and market value as of November 1, 1945.

<u>Par Value or Face Value</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Cost or Adjusted Value</u>	<u>Market Value Nov. 1, 1945</u>
\$ 136,000.00	Government Bonds	\$ 122,563.75	\$ 124,232.50
340 shares	Preferred Stock	\$ 23,696.02	\$ 25,305.00
1,985 shares	Common Stock	\$ 73,887.25	\$ 92,212.00
Total Investment Holdings		\$ 220,147.02	\$ 241,749.50
Cash in Banks		\$ 29,819.07	
Total		\$ 249,966.09	

From the above, it will be seen that the market value of our investment holdings when compared with the adjusted book value, indicates a paper profit of over \$21,600.00.

STATUS OF PRESENT INVESTMENT FUND

At present, approximately 70% of our fund represents investments in high grade bonds, cash, and preferred stock, and 30% in equities.

INCOME ON FUNDS

Our Funds for the fiscal year July 1, 1944 through June 30, 1945 earned \$6,801.52. This is approximately a return of 3% on investments. The Committee, at its recent meeting, acting upon the advice of the Investment Counsel, has purchased additional securities with the uninvested cash.

RABBINICAL PENSION BOARD

At the meeting of the Committee on Endowment and Trust Funds held February 9, 1945, your committee segregated \$93,000.00 (face value) U.S. Series "F" Bonds, having a cash value as of June 21, 1944 of \$69,312.09 together with \$132.04 in cash. At its meeting on November 14, 1945, your committee transferred the above mentioned securities and cash to the Joint Committee on Investments of Pension Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. OETTINGER

ANNUAL REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON RABBINICAL RELIEF

Cincinnati, Ohio
December 9, 1945

To the Executive Board of
The Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1945, the Committee on Rabbinical Relief expended \$3,000.00 for relief payments for Orthodox and Conservative Rabbis during the year. The interest earned amounted to \$3,714.47. The surplus of \$714.47 has been credited against the Unused Interest Reserve Fund, which amounts to \$4,545.95, at present.

For the fiscal year, July 1, 1945 through June 30, 1946, your committee will spend \$3,000. for relief purposes. Our estimate of income for the same period will be \$3,000.00.

The Budget Committee of the U.A.H.C. appropriated \$1,500.00 for the fiscal year 1945-46, for relief payments to Reform Rabbis. Since we had a balance of \$415.74 in the Reserve for Relief for Reform Rabbis Account, we will only spend \$1,084.26 of the appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. OETTINGER
Chairman

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

MINUTES
OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

December 9, 1945



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

Cincinnati, Ohio
December 9, 1945

Pursuant to the call of the President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, the Executive Board of the Union met at the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Sunday, December 9, 1945, at 10:00 A.M.

In the absence of Mr. Rosenberg at the opening of the meeting, Mr. Eugene B. Strassburger, a Vice President of the Union, presided, and Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, Administrative Secretary, recorded the minutes.

The following members of the Board were present: Lester D. Alexander, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, Jesse Cohen, Irvin Fane, Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, Lee M. Friedman, Robert P. Goldman, Rabbi Samuel M. Gup, Mrs. Hugo Hartmann, Lester A. Jaffe, David F. Kahn, Louis L. Kaufman, Eldon S. Lazarus, Jacob W. Mack, Rabbi Louis L. Mann, Herbert C. Oettinger, Adolph Rosenberg, Eugene B. Strassburger, Dr. Hiram B. Weiss, Melville S. Welt, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, Director, and Rabbi George Zepin, Honorary Secretary.

There were also present Hyman Kanter, Accountant; Henry W. Levy, Publicity Director, and Jerome L. Levy, Finance Director. At the invitation of the President, the following attended the afternoon session of the Board: Rabbi Max C. Currick of Erie, Pennsylvania, Louis Rittenberg of New York, and Robert Rosenbaum of Philadelphia.

Mr. Strassburger called upon Rabbi Jonah Wise who gave the Invocation.

The minutes of the preceding meeting of the Executive Board were approved.

Annual Reports of the Union

The annual reports of the departments of the Union had been sent to the members of the Executive Board in advance of the meeting, in order to eliminate the necessity of reading the reports at the meeting. The reports are as follows:

1. National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods
2. National Federation of Temple Youth
3. Commission on Synagogue Activities
4. Commission on Information about Judaism
5. Commission on Jewish Education
6. New York Federation of Reform Synagogues
7. New England Region
8. South East Region
9. Rabbinical Pension Fund

10. Combined Campaign of UAHC and HUC
11. Treasurer's Annual Report
12. Committee on Endowment and Trust Funds
13. Committee on Rabbinical Relief

It was moved and duly carried that the reports be received and printed in the Year Book.

Auditor's Report

The report of the auditor was presented by Mr. Hyman Kanter, accountant of the Union. It was moved and duly carried that the report be received and printed in the Year Book.

Change of Name for the Union

Rabbi Eisendrath read a letter from Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, Chairman of the Committee on Change of Name, to the effect that a majority of the committee did not feel it necessary to meet and consider the matter of change of name at this time. Mr. Goldman called attention to the fact that since there hasn't been a meeting of the committee, the Chairman be requested to call a meeting of his subcommittee and bring in a report to the next meeting of the Board. The consensus of the members of the Executive Board present was in favor of a change of name. It was moved and duly carried that the committee be asked to have a meeting and bring in a report to the next meeting of the Executive Board.

The Next Biennial of the Union

Mr. Robert P. Goldman, Chairman of the Committee on Time, Place and Program of the Next Biennial Council, presented a report of his committee. (Appendix A)

Mr. Goldman added that sufficient time is being set apart for business sessions and for discussion of important matters that will come before the Convention.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the committee be adopted.

Representation at the Biennial Council by Delinquent Congregations

Mr. Strassburger announced that heretofore we had been sending notices to congregations asking them to appoint delegates to the Council of the Union even though congregations have been delinquent in sending in their dues.

Rabbi Mann expressed the thought that no congregation should be dropped from the roster of the Union until a communication has been sent to the congregation and that a member of the Board visit the congregation, and then only after further action of the Board.

Mr. Goldman suggested that we adopt the principle that the By-Laws be enforced but that we leave it to the officers of the Union to decide the method of approach. It was so ordered.

Director's Report

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, Director of the Union, presented his annual report. (Appendix B)

The recommendations contained in the Director's Report were taken up seriatim.

Rabbi Wise spoke of the recommendation with reference to the expansion of the congregational program in the larger communities. He called attention to the Educational Alliance in New York, that there had been a tremendous change in the area where this institution is located, and that there is a movement now to organize a synagogue in that section. He suggested that Rabbi Eisendrath be empowered to confer with the Religious Committee of the Educational Alliance and if found feasible, Rabbi David I. Cedarbaum, the Director of the Religious Work of the Educational Alliance, be engaged to do organization work in that vicinity, on the same plan as employed in Philadelphia.

Upon motion by Rabbi Wise, it was voted to approve the general recommendation of Rabbi Eisendrath with reference to the unaffiliated and to authorize him to enter into communication with the Religious Committee of the Educational Alliance.

Approval was given to the recommendation of Rabbi Eisendrath with reference to the organization of the youth work for the Union, namely, that the present Youth Committee of the Commission on Jewish Education be expanded to include representatives of the Youth, Sisterhood and Brotherhood Federations, and that the Director of Youth shall be responsible to this reorganized Youth Committee.

The Executive Board concurred in the recommendation of Rabbi Eisendrath to bestow a merit citation to all Reform Jewish chaplains at the next Biennial Council. Rabbi Wise suggested that the Chief of Chaplains of the army or navy or General Eisenhower be invited to participate in that ceremony. Mr. Kaufman suggested a form of plaque to be given to each chaplain and expressed a willingness to cooperate with Rabbi Eisendrath in this matter.

It was moved and duly carried that Rabbi Eugene J. Sack be engaged as the part-time Executive Secretary of the present Philadelphia Committee of the Union, at a salary equal to one-fourth of that which is paid to him by his congregation.

It was moved and duly carried that a Special Committee be appointed to explore the possibilities of establishing a School for Teachers in New York City under the joint auspices of the Union, the Hebrew Union College, and the Jewish Institute of Religion, and that this committee report its findings to the pre-Convention meeting of the Executive Board.

The recommendation of Rabbi Eisendrath for the postponement of Union Week until next season was concurred in.

Approval was given to Rabbi Eisendrath's recommendation that a Special Committee on Broadcasting be appointed to study the matter further and to report either to the Biennial Council or to the pre-Convention meeting of the Executive Board.

Rabbi Albert G. Minda's suggestion which was contained in Rabbi Eisendrath's report, calling for a detailed study of our relationships with the Welfare Funds, as well as a larger program for the Union, was discussed at length. Mr. Goldman suggested that we ought to have factual data as a basis for our policy. Mr. Alexander thought that if our remaining in the Welfare Funds debar us from having separate campaigns, we ought not remain in the Welfare Funds. Rabbi Mann expressed agreement with Mr. Goldman that we need to study the problem very carefully. Mr. Henry W. Levy, our publicity director, having been called upon for his opinion, stated that it is essential that we have a master plan, a long range program, carefully coordinated by the Union and the College. Mr. David F. Kahn suggested that there be a joint meeting of the Union Board and the College Board to consider this matter.

It was moved and duly carried that a Special Committee be appointed to meet as a PLANNING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE to consider an over-all program for the College and the Union and then to report to a joint meeting of the Boards of the Union and the College.

The Administrative Committee at its meeting on October 14, 1945, had recommended that the Executive Board consider the project of increasing the circulation of LIBERAL JUDAISM by sending it to each congregational member paying \$3.00 per capita or for whom a \$3.00 per capita is paid.

In his report, Rabbi Eisendrath recommended that this action be taken by the Executive Board and that the additional cost involved be made up in part through the use of carefully selected advertising.

Mr. Kahn, the Chairman of the Budget Committee, pointed out that if we adopt the plan as presented we may have a deficit.

The consensus was that we have carefully selected advertising in the magazine and it was so voted.

Upon motion by Mr. Friedman, it was voted that LIBERAL JUDAISM be sent to all individual members of congregations for whom a minimum of \$3.00 per capita dues is paid and that this plan be inaugurated with the March issue of LIBERAL JUDAISM.

The Board recessed for lunch and reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

With reference to Rabbi Eisendrath's recommendation that a thorough analysis be made of the over-all publication and publicity program of the Union and its affiliates, it was moved by Rabbi Mann

and duly carried that a Fact Finding Committee be appointed to make this over-all analysis and to report back to the Executive Board.

It was moved and duly carried that the President be authorized to send properly accredited delegates to the first post-war conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and that these representatives go at their own expense.

Rabbi Brickner thought that such a meeting should be held in the United States. It was moved and duly carried that a communication be sent to the World Union requesting them to consider holding the next conference in America rather than abroad.

Rabbi Brickner spoke of the possibility of doing religious missionary work in North Africa, Persia, Iran, India, where he thought that a great need for such religious work existed. Rabbi Wise pointed out that the Joint Distribution Committee spent about \$300,000 on cultural programs and suggested that Rabbi Brickner ascertain informally whether some of that money could not be allocated for this religious missionary work. Rabbi Mann suggested that such missionary work might be carried on by young rabbis as a sort of an internship before they accepted pulpits in the rabbinate.

It was voted that Rabbi Brickner be authorized to explore the possibilities of securing aid from the Joint Distribution Committee for missionary religious work overseas.

Upon motion by Mr. Jacob W. Mack, it was voted that we accept Rabbi Eisendrath's report with appreciation.

Philadelphia

Mr. Strassburger called upon Mr. Robert Rosenbaum of Philadelphia who spoke on the problem of the unaffiliated and the plan for a regional office in Philadelphia.

Rabbi Eisendrath stated that the Executive Board owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Rosenbaum for his assistance and cooperation with the Union in Philadelphia.

Mr. Strassburger assured Mr. Rosenbaum that he can inform the group in Philadelphia that the Union has already undertaken the very project that they had recommended. The details are to be handled by the executive officers of the Union.

Synagogue Loan Fund

Mr. Louis L. Kaufman, Chairman of the Committee to draw up a set of loans for newly formed congregations, presented a report. (Appendix C)

Mr. Rosenberg suggested that we approach this problem on a pragmatic basis and deal with each case as it comes to us.

Mr. Friedman pointed out that these rules, as presented by Mr. Kaufman, are intended to advise congregations and to prevent them from making mistakes with regard to building perhaps earlier than they are ready. It is advisable that in our enlarged program of activities we indicate that we are trying to build up Liberal Judaism in the country.

Rabbi Mann stated that he secures a response to a plea for the needs of the Union when he indicates that the Union is planning to help small congregations to organize themselves.

Mr. Lazarus thought that these rules should act as a directive to the officers of the Union and that if a loan is requested the congregation must fulfill these requirements and that we are not to publicize these rules.

It was moved and duly carried that the set of rules as presented by Mr. Kaufman be adopted.

Revised UAHC Constitution

A draft of the newly revised Constitution having been mailed to all the members of the Executive Board in advance of the meeting, Mr. Irvin Fane, the Chairman of the Committee, took up only those sections of the Constitution that had been modified since the last revision.

Mrs. Hugo Hartmann and Mr. Eldon S. Lazarus asked to be recorded as voting "no" on the adoption of Section 2, Article XV, which states "The President and Director of the Union shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Board of each affiliate."

With reference to Article XVIII, Sections 3 and 4 pertaining to resolutions presented at the Councils of the Union, it was voted that when the Constitution is sent to the congregations, note shall be made of the fact that, at the meeting of the Council, the minority of the Executive Board will report its objection to the inclusion of these two sections.

The following resolution was adopted: The Constitution as amended was presented to the Executive Board by Congregation B'nai Jehudah of Kansas City, Missouri, and was approved by the Executive Board, and the Secretary was instructed to send the Constitution to our congregations at least sixty days in advance of the next Biennial. (Appendix D)

The thanks of the Board was voted to Mr. Irvin Fane and his committee.

Amendment to Trust Agreement for Pension Plan

Rabbi Zepin explained that in the original agreement it was specified that a supplementary policy could be issued only on the anniversary date of the original policy. The Rabbis and congregations objected to this limitation, preferring to have such supple-

mentary policies issued whenever the rabbis or congregations were ready to do so. This could be accomplished by omitting the words "as of any subsequent anniversary date of the initial policy" from the eighth paragraph of Section III, Article 3.

He also stated that in order to facilitate the issuance of supplementary policies, the officers of the Union and the officers of the Conference had agreed to omit the above phrase from the Trust Agreement and had notified the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company to this effect.

It was resolved that the action of the President and the Administrative Secretary of the Union in reaching an agreement with the officers of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in reference to omitting the time limitation for issuing supplementary policies be approved.

Nominations for Boards and Commissions

Mr. Robert P. Goldman, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented a report as follows:

To the Executive Board of the Union
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present herewith the report of the Committee on Nominations.

A. Elections of Boards and Commissions

1. There are three vacancies on the Executive Board at the present time.

2. Rabbinical Pension Board - a three year term. We renominate Messrs. Lee M. Friedman of Boston and Melville S. Welt of Detroit whose terms expire December 31, 1945.

3. World Union for Progressive Judaism - a one year term. We now have seven representatives on the Governing Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Our attention has been called to the Constitution of the World Union which calls for only four representatives on the Governing Board. We therefore renominate Mr. Jesse Cohen of Brooklyn, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath of Cincinnati, Mr. Adolph Rosenberg of Cincinnati and Mrs. Hugo Hartmann of Chicago.

4. Synagogue Council of America - a three year term. Our Committee renominates Rabbi Isaac Landman of Brooklyn; Harry M. Prince of New York; Adolph Rosenberg of Cincinnati; Louis A. Rosett of New Rochelle; Rabbi Abraham Shusterman of Baltimore, and we nominate Oscar M. Lazrus of New York.

5. Commission on Synagogue Activities - a three year term. We renominate Messrs. Stanley L. Cahn of Baltimore; Robert P. Goldman of Cincinnati; Stuart G. Levy of Louisville, and Adolph Rosenberg of Cincinnati.

B. Confirmation of Nominations

When the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis met in Cincinnati in October, a joint committee of the Conference and of the Union nominated a number of rabbis for service on joint commissions of the Conference and the Union. The Executive Board of the Conference, at its session in October, elected the nominees mentioned below. At this meeting our committee asks for confirmation by our Executive Board of these nominations which were made jointly with the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

1. Commission on Jewish Education - a three year term.

Rabbi William G. Braude, Providence
Rabbi Leon Feuer, Toledo
Rabbi Leon Fram, Detroit
Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, Pittsburgh
Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, Rockville Center
Rabbi Louis I. Newman, New York
Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg, Easton
Rabbi Louis Wolsey, Philadelphia

2. Commission on Information about Judaism - a three year term.

Rabbi Benjamin Friedman, Syracuse
Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, Los Angeles

3. Commission on Synagogue Activities - a three year term.

Rabbi Solomon N. Bazell, Louisville
Rabbi Louis Binstock, Chicago
Rabbi Abram V. Goodman, Davenport

4. Committee on Ceremonies - a three year term.

Rabbi Israel Bettan, Cincinnati
Rabbi Louis Witt, Dayton

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT P. GOLDMAN, Chairman

It was moved and duly carried that the report be adopted.

Request by Conservative Group for One-Third of
Rabbinical Pension Fund

Mr. Lester A. Jaffe reported that Rabbi Zepin had received a letter from the Conservative group requesting one-third of the original pension fund in order that they might establish a pension fund for the Conservative rabbis.

Upon motion by Rabbi Mann, it was voted that the Legal Committee be given power to act.

Report of the Union Staff Pension Fund Committee

Rabbi Egelson presented the following report of the Union Staff Pension Fund Committee, as follows:

December 1, 1945

To the Executive Board of the Union of
American Hebrew Congregations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the Executive Board meeting held on November 26, 1944 in New York City, the Board established a Pension Plan for the employees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

There are twenty-two employees in the Union Staff Pension Plan. The total cost to the Union to date for this fiscal year will be \$6,166.02. The Budgetary Appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 is \$6,500.00.

In the agreement establishing the Pension Plan, Paragraph four of Article III, Section three, deals with the increased retirement pensions:

"At the option of a participant, increased retirement pensions may be procured (including life insurance protection, if the participant is insurable) in respect of any increases in salary, provided the additional guaranteed monthly pension so purchased shall not be less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00); and the Union and the participant will contribute toward the premium cost of such additional coverage in the same proportions as are applicable in the case of the initial policy."

This agreement went into effect on January 1, 1945. Since that time there have been several salary increases. In order to increase the insurance coverages for the employees affected, your committee requests an additional appropriation of \$364.00, which represents the seven per cent of the increases to be paid by the Union. Your committee also requests approval to increase the insurance and annuity coverage of any employee who will receive a salary increase and who will pay his share of the premium of the increased coverage.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE N. EISENDRATH

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
Chairman

It was moved and duly carried that the recommendations contained in the above report be approved.

Life Pension for Mr. Arthur Meyerowitz

Attention was called to the fact that Mr. Arthur Meyerowitz would retire from active service from the Union as of July 1, 1946.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that there be granted to Mr. Arthur Meyerowitz a pension for life at the annual rate of \$2,400.00, effective July 1, 1946, payable monthly at the rate of \$200.00 per month."

Inclusion of Mr. Jerome L. Levy in Union
Staff Pension Plan

Attention was called to the fact that under the terms of the Pension Plan for lay members of the Union, five years of service with the Union is a minimum requirement for eligibility of pension in the plan. This requirement was introduced in order to eliminate temporary and transient employees, particularly in the clerical staff.

Mr. Jerome L. Levy, though he has been in the service of the Union for less than five years, might continue in the employ of the Union indefinitely. It would therefore appear to be in the best interests of the Union and of Mr. Levy if he were permitted now to join the pension plan. Mr. Levy has asked that he be permitted to do so.

It was moved by Mr. Friedman and carried that Mr. Levy be admitted into the Union Staff Pension Plan under such conditions as shall be made by the Legal Committee.

Subsidy for World Union of Progressive Judaism

Rabbi Eisendrath pointed out that whereas in former years we had been contributing \$1,500.00 annually to the World Union for Progressive Judaism this sum had been reduced in recent years and now was \$750.00. He recommended that our contribution be increased to \$1,500.00 as of the current fiscal year.

It was moved and duly carried to approve the recommendation.

National Budgeting

A communication was presented from the Committee to Oppose National Budgeting asking the Union to join the Committee.

It was moved and duly carried that the communication be tabled.

Resignation of Mr. Aaron Straus

A letter was presented from Mr. Aaron Straus of Baltimore submitting his resignation as a member of the Executive Board.

It was moved and duly carried that the resignation be accepted with regret and that the thanks of the Union be expressed to Mr. Straus for his many years of splendid cooperation.

New Business

Rabbi Brickner suggested that we dramatize at the Council of the Union the outstanding work that has been done by the Jewish chaplains of the Reform group and that the banquet at the Biennial Council be dedicated to the returning chaplains. The suggestion was turned over to the Program Committee with favorable recommendation.

Adjourned.

Eugene B. Strassburger
Vice-President

Rabbi Louis I. Egelson
Secretary



APPENDIX A

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PROGRAM

To the Executive Board of the Union.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the meeting of the Executive Board held on June 3, 1945, our Committee on Time, Place and Program for the 39th Biennial Council of the Union authorized the Administrative Committee to adjust time and place for the convention according to circumstances as they may develop.

At the meeting of the Administrative Committee held on October 14, it was voted to have our Council in Cincinnati, March 3 to 6th, 1946, with the Netherland Plaza as the headquarters.

The Program Committee has selected as the theme for the Council, "The Program and Policy of Reform Judaism."

We are to have a Town Meeting on Sunday evening, March 3, with the following participants:

Rabbi Joshua L. Liebman, Boston
Rabbi Irving F. Reichert, San Francisco
Mr. Isaac Heller, New Orleans
Mr. M. N. Dannenbaum, Houston

While there will be only questions from the floor on Sunday evening, during the following morning two hours will be devoted to a general discussion of the subject.

On Monday noon we are to have a luncheon at which the speaker is to be Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh. That evening we are planning a symposium on "The Synagogue and the Returning Service Men and Women."

On Tuesday evening we are arranging to have a banquet at which Rabbi Leo Baeck of Germany and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland are to be the speakers.

These are the highlights of the program which will be interspersed with reports and addresses, and the adoption of the new constitution for the Union.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. GOLDMAN

Chairman

Appendix B

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Cincinnati, Ohio
December 9, 1945

To the Executive Board of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Among the wise sayings of our rabbis you will probably recall the contemporary rabbinic admonition against the multiplication of "mimeographing, multigraphing and mailing." Ever since assuming the post of Director of the Union I have endeavored to heed this stern warning. Notwithstanding this fact, the members of our Board who have recently been deluged by a veritable avalanche of reports must have come to the conclusion that the Union is still engaged primarily in "mimeographing, multigraphing and mailing." However, if our Board members have actually perused these comprehensive reports, they may have discerned that contained therein are the evidences of a veritable dynamo of many-faceted activities. Even though I am somewhat pessimistic concerning the amount of printed matter which is actually read in these days, when of the issuing of pamphlets, periodicals and publications of all kinds there is no end, nonetheless I do take it for granted that at least the members of our Board have manifested sufficient interest in our Union activities to have read the reports which were recently mailed to them. Nevertheless, I do want to underscore some of the outstanding accomplishments of our various departments as reflected in the above mentioned reports.

Our Affiliates

Contrary to well established procedure, I am going to begin with that department of our Union work which has very frequently been regarded as "a step-child." This attitude may of course be but a reaction to the viewing of the Union by some of its legitimately born children as a foster parent. Whatever may be the cause, I wish to emphasize the fact that insofar as I may be able to achieve this purpose, all our Union enterprises must be regarded as on an equal plane of relationship between themselves and the parent body, our Union. To this end, as will be made clearer to you in the report of our Committee on Revision of Constitution, we have spent many of the past weeks in negotiations between the representatives of the Union and those of our national affiliates and regional agencies. Although in the past there has been no Constitutional provision concerning these mutual relationships, I am happy to report that as a result of many conferences between representatives of the Union and lay leaders and executive secretaries of our various auxiliaries, a formula has been devised which has been accepted as being most satisfactory to all concerned. I believe that this clearly stated definition of our relationships presages an even finer spirit of cooperation in the future.

National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

In consequence of this conviction that our national affiliates must be ever regarded as an integral part of our Union activity and because of my own feeling of pride in the achievements of these affiliates in the past year, I wish to make certain that they are not treated in this report - as has sometimes been the case - as a mere afterthought or footnote to what has generally been regarded as more essentially the Union program itself. Therefore, I wish to emphasize first and foremost the remarkable progress that has been made in recent months by our National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. Notwithstanding the fact that a great part of its potential manpower has been in the armed service, nevertheless as of June 30, 1945, the number of its affiliated mens' clubs totalled 137 while its individual membership has grown to over 25,000 - the largest in its history. Because this record has been achieved during the war years when, I repeat, so many of those who might actually be drawn to its activities were in the armed forces, there is every reason to believe that now its growth will be even more substantial.

But quantity alone is not the sole criterion of evaluation. Therefore, it is most satisfying to note the far-reaching quality of Brotherhood achievement. In addition to the expansion of its former activities, particularly with a view to serving our men who are in uniform, such as in the distribution of more than a million prayer and psalm cards, the improvement in the format and content of the JEWISH LAYMAN, the circulation of which now exceeds 30,000, the Brotherhood introduced during the past year, first through the JEWISH LAYMAN and now in pamphlet form, a notable educational project modeled after Dr. Elliot's five-foot book shelf, seeking to induce our Jewish laymen to devote at least fifteen minutes a day to the acquisition of valuable Jewish knowledge. In addition to this, the Brotherhood issued during the past year a handy pocket diary which has been widely distributed and enthusiastically acclaimed. I single out these various but by no means exclusive activities of the Brotherhood itself in order to drive home the fact that even though the Jewish Chautauqua is one of the primary projects of the NFTB, it is by no means its sole interest or accomplishment. As for the Chautauqua work, here too we have every reason to have a sense of gratification that through our own national affiliate, the NFTB, our constructive program of bringing the positive values of Judaism to the attention of Jewish and non-Jewish professors and students at our colleges and universities has expanded to such a degree that during the past year well over 300 campuses were visited and, in addition, the Chautauqua Society initiated a more comprehensive and sustaining program of Jewish education in twenty-nine summer camps made up of selected Christian youth who profited greatly from the instruction of the representatives of the Chautauqua Society.

Indicative of the possibilities that may grow out of the closest kind of cooperation between our various departments, we have seized upon a suggestion made by Mr. Reinhart to utilize the services of such rabbis who, under Chautauqua auspices, visit the

campuses of colleges in smaller communities, in order that they might spend an additional day or so in such communities so frequently without rabbinic service, to the end that by thus ascertaining what might be the religious or educational needs of such communities, they may report their findings to us. Thus we will be able, through these Chautauqua visitors, to render service to a large number of small rural communities by assigning to them rabbinic visits from nearby communities, provide them with educational counsel, and enlist their children as well as adults in our correspondence courses. Rabbi Egelson is now engaged in coordinating this effort and has already heard from a number of communities that will be greatly benefitted by our Union services.

In view of the above record of accomplishment which must very definitely be attributed to the vigorous leadership of its President, an Executive Board of unusually high calibre and more particularly to its Executive Secretary, Mr. Arthur L. Reinhart, it becomes all the more lamentable that I must repeat that which both Mr. Jesse Cohen, President of the NFTB, and I expressed in our respective reports of last year to the effect that only a handful of existent active Temple Mens' Clubs continue to remain outside the ranks of the NFTB. More lamentable still is the fact that these clubs in Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, Syracuse and Baltimore are situated in communities and congregations that have personal representatives on this Union Executive Board. In Cleveland, for example, although we have on our Union Executive Board four representatives from that community, neither Temple Men's Club belongs to the NFTB - a fact which seriously affected our desire to have our Biennial in that city. I feel that in the light of the accomplishments of the NFTB, only part of which I have rehearsed, surely a new appreciation of Brotherhood work, especially as being an integral part of Union activity, should be engendered in the minds and hearts of our own Board members.

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

Our National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has also grown in individual membership and constituent units during the past year. It now boasts of 403 Sisterhoods with a membership of approximately 60,000 individuals. They too have their largest membership in their history, notwithstanding the fact that the NFTS during this critical period was bereft of at least a portion of the time of its most competent Executive Secretary, Miss Jane Evans. While Miss Evans' absence from NFTS work was sorely felt, nonetheless, at great personal sacrifice to herself, she has in large measure been responsible for the continued high level of Sisterhood endeavor, ably assisted of course during her absence by her own Executive Board, and more notably still by Mrs. Hugo Hartmann, who has carried a great burden of Sisterhood responsibility during these difficult years. We must all share in the sense of pride which is that of the Sisterhoods in having been able to be of distinguished service in the vital field of humanity's slow plodding toward a peaceful world, and I believe that I should bring to the attention of this Board the tribute paid to our Sisterhood Executive Secretary by Mr. John Paul Jones, President of the

National Peace Conference; in a letter which he addressed to Mrs. Hugo Hartmann:

"The National Peace Conference has brought to a close its official relationship with Miss Jane Evans as our part-time Director. We did it with mingled emotions of regret and gratitude. You and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods were included in the latter feelings. We cannot tell you how deeply indebted we feel to you, but I do want you to know we greatly appreciate the spirit of cooperation that you have shown during these last two years.

"Naturally we have been pleased that we could offer to Miss Evans at this crucial time an opportunity suitable to her talents and the splendid training she has secured through your own organization as well as in other ways. We hope there will be by-products which will be of benefit to your Federation, and that these in some measure will compensate for the relinquishment of Miss Evans' services when you very much needed them.

"I have been authorized by the Conference to express these sentiments to you in their behalf, and I take great pleasure in doing so. We have made Miss Evans a Vice-President so as to include her in our officers, and will still consider her and you as a vital part of our fellowship and work."

We are overjoyed that Miss Evans has now been relieved of her responsibilities with the National Peace Conference and that she is once more devoting all her time and inexhaustible energy to NFTS activity. At the present time the NFTS is formulating its plans for an appeal for those funds requisite to erect a home for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on the campus of the Hebrew Union College here in Cincinnati and to provide headquarters for our activities in New York City.

National Federation of Temple Youth

A similar record of remarkable accomplishment is to be found in the report of the National Federation of Temple Youth. Here too, and even to a greater degree than is the case in relation to the NFTB, we might have anticipated a decrease rather than an increase in membership and activity, due to the fact that virtually the entire age group in which the NFTY might expect to find its constituency has been in the armed forces. Nonetheless, once again, I have the pleasure of reporting that the NFTY today enjoys the largest roster of paid up membership and of affiliated clubs since its inauguration. More than 3,500 individual members and eighty-two clubs comprise the present constituency of the NFTY.

Under the enterprising interim directorship of Miss Helen L. Strauss we have begun a system of regional youth activity by en-

gaging part-time youth consultants in New York, Chicago and on the Pacific Coast. A most successful youth conclave was again held over the Labor Day week-end in the Chicago area, as has been the case for the past several years. This year, however, we likewise initiated a similarly successful youth conclave in the New York region.

We cannot but express our deep appreciation to Miss Helen Strauss for the fine spirit and for the tangible accomplishments which have been hers during her brief interim directorship, and we welcome back most heartily to our Union family Rabbi Selwyn D. Ruslander who has now returned to his former tasks after three and a half years of distinguished service in the chaplaincy.

Preliminary to Rabbi Ruslander's return, I felt that it was imperative to rectify the exceedingly complicated, confused, and cumbersome organizational set-up relative to our Union Youth activity. To this end, a meeting was held in Chicago on November 29, 1945, attended by representatives of the Union, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Commission on Jewish Education, and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods - all of whom have been directly, officially, and institutionally concerned with our Youth program. After considerable and most fruitful discussion, it was agreed that our Youth activity must be conceived essentially in terms of Youth education with the NFTY serving as one of the instruments and means rather than the end of our Youth program. Consequently, it was the unanimous conclusion of this meeting that the pattern and program of our present Youth Committee of the Commission on Jewish Education should be expanded, that its present and future personnel shall include representatives of the NFTY, the NFTS and the NFTB, and that the Director of Youth shall be responsible to this reorganized Youth Committee. It is my hope that the Executive Board will concur in this conclusion and it is my firm belief that, as a result of this more clearly defined arm and organizational set-up, the opportunities for more tangible achievement on the part of our newly returned Youth Director will be greatly enhanced.

Our Returning Chaplains

Not alone do we joyously welcome Chaplain Ruslander to our own midst, but we are delighted to learn of the gradual return to their respective pulpits of not a few of the more than one hundred Reform rabbis who served so magnificently in the chaplaincy. We bid them a hearty welcome home and wish them God's choicest blessings in the midst of their congregations which have sorely missed them.

I heartily recommend that this brief and altogether inadequate word of our appreciation be supplemented by some appropriate form of testimonial to be tendered our Chaplains at the forthcoming Biennial Council. For some time past, I have contemplated proposing to this Executive Board the consideration of establishing a form of Citation to be awarded to laymen and rabbis who have performed distinguished service in behalf of our Liberal Jewish cause.

I know of no better way of initiating such an undertaking than to bestow at our next Council upon all our Reform Jewish chaplains just such a citation. They have indeed served not merely our nation, but our particular Reform movement as well by winning a new and sympathetic appreciation of our cause among myriads of service men and women previously unexposed to Reform. They have rendered incomparably valuable service to Liberal Judaism and nothing would be more deserving than that our appreciation be permanently recorded by such citations as I urge this Board favorably to consider.

We express our deepest gratitude to the Chaplains Committee which, under the able Chairmanship of Dr. Barnett R. Brickner, and the persevering direction of Rabbi Louis I. Egelson as Secretary, performed such an outstanding piece of service in the procurement of these chaplains.

Our work of procurement is far from over. With the same zeal as we sought out these chaplains, we must now labor with might and main either to procure or, wherever possible, to create pulpits for those who may have no permanent posts to which to return. For this pressing task, the Union has again joined forces with the CCAR and, once more through the painstaking efforts of Rabbi Egelson as Secretary and with Dr. Solomon B. Freehof as Chairman of the recently formed Emergency Placement Committee, we hope to discharge our full responsibility toward these chaplains who have served us and our cause so well. Surely we can do no less.

Commission on Synagogue Activities

I turn now to the work of our various commissions, and once more I must state at the very outset that our Commission on Synagogue Activities, so ably and indefatigably directed by Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz, has not alone most assiduously carried on its long established projects but has likewise initiated a number of very promising enterprises. Foremost among the latter is, of course, our Institutes on Judaism for Christian Ministers, under the guidance of a Commission of which Dr. Louis L. Mann is Chairman, and which were undertaken for the first time as a national project last year. In all the years that such institutes had been individually and locally sponsored, not more than sixteen were ever held in any single year. In the first season that we undertook this as a national project we have held forty-eight institutes in forty-seven communities, and we now have far-reaching plans for the extension of these institutes not alone to many more metropolitan communities but even more particularly into the rural areas. To rise to the full potentialities of this splendid project, it may well be imperative soon to engage a full-time director of this enterprise.

In cooperation with the Hebrew Union College, and at the suggestion of Dr. Eric Werner, our Commission on Synagogue Activities has been responsible for the recording of six double-faced phonograph records of liturgical music. This music has been derived from the world famous Birnbaum collection in the Hebrew Union College Library. Although this project was launched a few months ago, the present supply of these record albums is already exhausted and

we look forward to the possibility of placing this very beautiful liturgical music in virtually all of our congregations. I hope that many of our Board members heard the broadcast of some of these recordings which were very enthusiastically received by a large listening audience over the NBC network on Saturday, November 24, 1945, from 7:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Through the distribution of radio transcriptions containing ritual music for the Holy Day and Sabbath services we have made it possible for rabbis in nearly 100 communities to have local radio programs. This is proving to be a distinct service to our individual rabbis and to the communities which they serve.

Another instance of the added service that we are offering to our congregations - and all of this of course is but a partial answer to the too frequently iterated query "what does the Union do for us?" - we are offering a thoroughgoing architectural assistance to those many congregations now contemplating new temple buildings. We have completed arrangements - of which I spoke merely in anticipation in my previous report - with Professor Franz Landsberger, Professor of History of Jewish Art at the Hebrew Union College, who is now prepared to visit any congregation desirous of his services, in order personally to consult with the building committees, architects, etc. This service we are offering to our congregations, free of charge, except for payment of Professor Landsberger's traveling expenses. We are offering them likewise the services of Mr. Harry M. Prince, practicing architect in New York City, formerly Deputy Commissioner of Housing and Buildings for the City of New York, who has graciously agreed to serve as consultant and technical adviser to any congregations wishing to submit their plans and specifications for his analysis.

Program for the Unaffiliated

Most important of the undertakings of the Union and the Commission on Synagogue Activities at this particular juncture is our determination to put our profession concerning the winning of the unaffiliated into actual practice. After many months and innumerable meetings and conferences concerning this foremost problem that confronts the Household of Israel in America today, we are now in the midst of a comprehensive survey of our larger metropolitan communities, in order to ascertain precisely which areas might be most propitious for the immediate organization of new congregations. At the request of your Director, the congregation of Dothan, Alabama, which not so long ago most generously agreed to relinquish one-fourth of its rabbi's time in order that he might become our Regional Director in the South East, has once again, with most commendable generosity, responded to my appeal to release Rabbi Alfred Wolf for a period of from two to three months, in order that he might visit the cities of Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and perhaps several others, for the express purpose of providing us with what we are confident will be such incontrovertible data as will convince all of us of the necessity of founding new Liberal Jewish congregations in those communities. To date, Rabbi Wolf has visited Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, and judging from his interim reports the prospects are most en-

couraging. Rabbi Gustave Falk and Rabbi Phineas Smoller, our Directors respectively in New York and Chicago, have likewise been engaged in surveying the prospects in their communities, and they too have reported that there are immediate possibilities for the establishment of new Liberal Jewish congregations. I am now endeavoring to interest several of our returning chaplains to engage exclusively in this work of implementing the plans which we now have in mind.

Among the first of these chaplains with whom I have had such conversations was Rabbi Eugene J. Sack of Philadelphia who manifested a genuine zeal to undertake just this kind of organizational effort on behalf of the Union. However, his former charge, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, has persuaded him to return to Philadelphia to be associated with Rabbi Louis Wolsey. Although this was at first disappointing, in view of the fact that Rabbi Sack seemed to be preeminently qualified for just this kind of activity, I am happy to report that Rabbi Sack's present incumbency need not necessarily preclude his carrying out at least to a degree that which was our original intention. Both Rabbi Sack and Rabbi Wolsey, as well as Mr. Philip Sterling, President of Temple Rodeph Shalom of Philadelphia, have informally, at least, indicated their willingness to make it possible for Rabbi Sack to serve the Union in the Philadelphia area on the same basis as we now enjoy the services of our South East and North East Regional Directors. We are largely indebted for this development to Mr. Robert Rosenbaum, a member of the Board of Governors of the College from Philadelphia. In addition to Mr. Rosenbaum's invaluable assistance to our Union cause in Philadelphia, where he has assumed leadership in our campaign organization, he was largely instrumental in the formation recently of the Philadelphia Committee for the Union. This Committee, we hope, will very swiftly develop into a Philadelphia Council of the Union, similar to our present metropolitan agencies. I am therefore proposing that Rabbi Sack be engaged as the part-time Executive Secretary of the present Philadelphia Committee for the Union, the primary purpose of which, at least at the present time, will be to undertake the organization of additional Reform congregations in the Philadelphia area and to supervise generally our Union congregations within the adjacent territory. This plan has the whole-hearted support of all the rabbis and lay leaders in Philadelphia where, I am most gratified to state, I have found a notable exception to the rule of at best a disinclination toward and at worst actual opposition to the formation of new congregations.

I therefore recommend the engagement of Rabbi Eugene J. Sack at a salary equal to one-fourth of that which is paid to him by Rodeph Shalom Congregation, and the assumption on the part of the Union of the cost of such additional secretarial service as may be necessary for the implementation of this program. For this purpose, I ask an appropriation of \$2,500 per annum, beginning December 15, 1945.

Despite the encouraging possibilities contained in the reports of Rabbis Wolf, Falk and Smoller, I must nevertheless repeat

the substance of my warning contained in my report of June 3, 1945, to the effect that all these plans and possibilities will come to naught unless we do have the whole-hearted cooperation of our constituent congregations. Already from the several places visited by Rabbi Wolf have come certain undercurrents of opposition to the Union's efforts in this direction. Congregations with memberships of well over 1,000 insist that we should wait until they have 1,500 members; congregations with from 500 members to 1,000 maintain that not until they complete their present building projects which will enable them to boast of 1,000 members should we "invade" their well guarded bailiwicks. From ~~the~~ suburb~~x~~ of one of our larger cities comes a petition signed by twenty-five unaffiliated Jews eager to form a Liberal Synagogue and soliciting our assistance. From our member congregation situated in a totally different subdivision some two miles distant - located farther apart, by the way, than our two flourishing congregations here in Cincinnati - comes a strongly worded resolution urging us to refrain from rendering such assistance. With such congregational isolationism, particularly in the light of the very aggressive program of expansion even now being undertaken by other Jewish religious bodies, our movement cannot hope to maintain its leadership on the American scene. I trust that the Executive Board will give its hearty endorsement to this enterprise and that when this entire matter will be laid before the forthcoming Biennial Council, we will have a clear-cut and unequivocal mandate from our sovereign body to proceed resolutely with this task.

Commission on Public Information

Your Commission on Public Information, under the able Chairmanship of Rabbi Harry W. Ettelson, is likewise launching new projects in addition to the expansion of its former program. So popular has the Voice of Religion series proved that the Commission is contemplating a continuation of this endeavor with the idea of aiming these publications particularly at the youth on our university campuses. We are confident that as our youth in uniform, as well as their chaplains, received these pamphlets with such universal acclaim, so likewise will they find responsive readers on our college campuses.

Still another publication project has been brought to our attention by Rabbi Louis Witt which has received the favorable consideration of the Commission on Public Information, which is now in the process of preparing even more popular pamphlets written in the simplest of language and intended for general mass distribution.

Another series of pamphlets, known as the Sinai leaflets, successfully distributed for many years by Rabbi Joseph I. Gorfinkle is also to be taken over by the Commission on Public Information.

Although I do not wish to repeat too extensively that which I trust you have read in the report of the Commission itself, I do think it is worthy of note to bring once again to your attention

the fact that, for the first time, requests have come from abroad for the translation of our pamphlets into French. Already we have received a copy of the French translation of Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman's pamphlet on "Contribution of Judaism to Modern Society."

I believe it will also be of interest to our Board to take cognizance of the fact that the Jewish Welfare Board has recently issued a selected bibliography of pamphlet material for the use of Jewish chaplains and Jewish Welfare Board representatives. Twenty organizations are listed. Of our Popular Studies and Voice of Religion Series, twenty-eight titles are recommended. This constitutes the largest list of any of the organizations whose pamphlets are recommended. It is with much satisfaction that we thus observe the progress and widening influence, under the capable direction of Rabbi Egelson, of this long-standing Union enterprise.

Commission on Jewish Education

Of necessity I cannot elaborate on the work of each of our commissions and consequently I shall merely note in passing that the long-established excellence of the publications of our Commission on Jewish Education continues to be demonstrated by a most remarkable growth in sales and income from this department. During the past year our Publications Department's gross sales amounted to \$158,290.29. This represents an increase of over \$46,000 as compared to the gross sales for the year 1943-44. The total number of books, plays, mimeographed publications, and other materials amounted to over 250,000 items. Our books have been sold to over 700 Religious Schools, and for the first four months of this fiscal year our gross sales are \$16,000 more than for the same period last year.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Solomon B. Freehof and the Directorship of Dr. Emanuel Gamoran the Commission on Jewish Education has undertaken a most promising new enterprise. Some of us already have had the privilege of listening to the most dramatic recordings of biblical tales, for the distribution of which our Commission has secured exclusive rights. We have every reason to believe that these recordings will soon be a part of the regular curriculum of all our own religious schools, as well as those of our sister congregations in other wings of Judaism, and probably of Christian Sunday Schools as well.

Dr. Gamoran and I have also been having preliminary conversations regarding the possibility of utilizing the cinema for pedagogical purposes. Although this is a very expensive undertaking, I am hopeful that as a result of Dr. Gamoran's present research into this realm, we may be able to pioneer in this field of Jewish education even as we have blazed the trail in many other directions.

Because there are so many even within our own fold who are sometimes seized with a tragic inferiority complex regarding our accomplishments as an institution of Reform Judaism, I think that our Executive Board might profit well from a perusal of the following letter recently received by Dr. Gamoran from Dr. Abraham E.

Millgram, recently appointed as the Educational Director of the United Synagogue of America:

"I am overwhelmed by the gift that you are sending me. I shall everlastingly be obligated to you. Particularly since I shall never be in a position to reciprocate. To this day the United Synagogue of America and its affiliated organizations have published very little. That very little of course I shall send you. Were it not for the fact that I have been and still am an exceptionally effective agent in the sale of your publications, I would find myself morally incapable of accepting so costly and so valuable a gift. I need rationalization and I can find it only in the fact that we have been consistently recommending the Union publications for our various schools."

Metropolitan Federations and Regions

The reports which you have received from the New York and Chicago Federations, as well as from the New England and South East Regions, only vaguely and most inadequately picture the very real and vital activities of these arms of our Union. I urge the members of the Board to read these reports carefully, in order that they might observe the catalytic influence which our Federations, under the respective and most zealous leadership of Judge Meier Steinbrink and Rabbi Gustave Falk, and of Dr. Sam Hollender and Rabbi Phineas Smoller, have provided for the thirty-three congregations in the New York area and the thirteen congregations in Chicago, and for the many congregations in the South East and New England regions under the competent directorship of Rabbis Alfred Wolf and David Polish respectively.

I have already alluded to the invaluable data which Rabbi Falk has been gathering for us which seems to indicate that as many as twenty new congregations might well be organized in the not too distant future in the vicinity of New York. And among the many enterprises launched by the Chicago Federation that I am sorely tempted to mention, I shall single out only its very comprehensive campaign for membership in our already existing congregations which has commanded considerable response and appreciation from our congregational leaders in Chicago. I must allude likewise to the second annual mid-week Holy Day service held in downtown Chicago which proved to be even more preeminently successful than the year before. I repeat that this pattern might well be emulated in other metropolitan communities.

I wish that I might likewise take you over the thousands of miles traversed by motor car throughout the South East Region as is so fascinatingly rehearsed in the illuminating reports of Rabbi Wolf and which has yielded us contributions several times that which was previously obtained. I wish also that we might all have attended the Simchas Torah Regional Conference in New England arranged by our Regional Director, Rabbi Polish - all of which are but sparks from the constantly ringing anvil of our far-reaching Union endeavors.

New York School for Teachers

During a recent visit to New York I attended the Assembly of Delegates of our New York Federation. At this meeting it was most forcefully brought home to me that there is a dire and pressing need for a School for Teachers in that city. Most cogently it was argued that among all the applicants for positions on the teaching staffs of our Reform Jewish Schools there is virtually not a single applicant who has had any contact whatsoever with our Reform synagogues. This is a lamentable state of affairs, and all those interested in our Liberal Jewish cause in New York City - whether they be laymen or rabbis - feel that a School for Teachers under Liberal Jewish auspices is indispensable. I share their viewpoint.

Attached hereto is a brief report from Mr. Mortimer Brenner, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education of the New York Federation, which might be supplemented by the extended utterances made at the Assembly of Delegates by a number of rabbis and laymen reiterating Mr. Brenner's analysis and suggested antidote for the admitted ills of our educational situation in New York.

Although it was my original intention to urge immediate assent to this request at the present meeting of the Board, I have, since attending this meeting of the Assembly of Delegates, had a number of conferences, both in New York and Cincinnati, which have persuaded me to suggest that a Special Committee be appointed to study this matter further. This suggestion on my part is due in no wise to any desire to procrastinate, as I share the feeling of our New York leaders that time is of the essence. However, I wish to indicate that as a result of the letter addressed to the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, as authorized by our last meeting of the Executive Board, requesting the immediate exploration of the possibility of cooperation between the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion, it was indicated by Dr. Morgenstern that he has every intention of initiating such conversations with Dr. Stephen Wise in the immediate future. The Board of Governors of the College acquiesced in this idea and empowered Dr. Morgenstern to proceed with such negotiations. In view of the possibilities that are inherent in these conversations, I believe that it would be premature to establish a School for Teachers in New York until we ascertain whether such cooperation between the HUC and the JIR might be forthcoming in the near future. As a matter of fact, if actual merger is beyond immediate fulfillment, such a School for Teachers might provide the first concrete step in that direction and might well be an admirable basis upon which these two Liberal Jewish seminaries might first test the validity of such strongly recommended cooperation.

I therefore urge that a Special Committee be appointed to explore the possibilities of establishing a School for Teachers in New York, under the joint auspices of the Union, the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion and to report its findings to the pre-Convention meeting of the Executive Board.

In further reference to the long postponed cooperation between the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion, I wish once more to stress the urgency of this problem. From many parts of the country, and more especially from New York City where thirteen out of thirty-three (more than one-third) of the congregations affiliated with the New York Federation are ministered to by graduates of the Jewish Institute of Religion, I have received the most pressing demands that some action be forthcoming soon, particularly in view of the complications which our joint Union-College appeal evokes in such congregations as are manned by JIR graduates.

Financial Program

For such expanded undertakings as I have just described and for others already contemplated as part of the program of a continuously growing and ever more vital Reform Jewish movement in America, far more substantial sums are required than are as yet forthcoming even from those communities represented on this Board by individuals largely responsible in their own cities for the raising of astronomic sums for other purposes: all worthy and pressing, but none more meritorious or indispensable than the fortifying of our religious life in America. I trust that our own Board members will scrupulously examine the results thus far obtained in their own communities and resolve not merely to reach but to surpass their modest quotas, for the work is indeed great, the time short, and the funds direly needed to implement the potentially unlimited program that might be ours.

With this reservation having been voiced, I do, nonetheless, join with our splendid National Campaign Chairman, Mr. Roger W. Straus, in viewing, with at least a measure of satisfaction, the steady though unspectacular increase in revenue secured through our Joint Union-College Appeal and in expressing our gratitude to our innumerable lay and rabbinic volunteer helpers and to Mr. Jerome L. Levy, our National Director, for the healthy progress we are making.

As of June 30, 1945, the Combined Campaign produced \$332,224.35 from the following sources:

Congregations	\$191,996.72
Individuals	104,265.38
Welfare Funds	19,472.75

In addition to this, we have received \$16,489.50 from Welfare Funds remitted directly to the College.

After meeting campaign expenses, giving a special grant to the College for European scholars and deducting \$150,000 guaranteed to the Union, the Hebrew Union College received \$69,000.

We welcome to our Union staff Mr. Leo Rutstein as our New York Campaign Director, and we are confident that he, who has come to us so highly recommended, together with his enthusiastic and excellent Chairman, Mr. Oscar M. Lazrus, will attain new heights in our New York appeal.

Rabbinical Pensions

Although our Conference-Union Pension Plan was initiated barely a year ago, I think that our Board will be interested to learn that as of June 30, 1945, we issued 160 policies of which 104 include life insurance and annuity features, & 56 policies were for annuities only. These were issued to 152 rabbis, eight being supplementary policies due to increases in salaries.

These policies entailed the collection of \$78,191.47 from rabbis and congregations toward the annual premiums. These premiums were supplemented by Primary and Supplementary Grants from the Pension Funds of the Conference and the Union in the amount of \$9,602.12, representing a total payment to the Insurance Company of \$87,793.59.

The 104 policies, including life insurance, totalled \$1,021,735.00 in immediate, face value life insurance. These, if continued to maturity, will have an estimated insurance or estate value of \$2,017,715.00. The fifty-six policies for annuities without insurance will have an estimated value at maturity of \$844,859. The 160 policies issued to 152 men will thus have an estimated estate value of \$2,862,574.00. The annuities payable on these policies, at maturity, will total \$239,355.96 per annum, which includes the estimated additions resulting from dividends.

Judging from the results thus far achieved and basing our opinion on wide-spread comment and voluminous correspondence, we believe that rabbis and congregations look with favor upon this program so wisely guided by Mr. Jacob Aronson and Rabbi Samuel M. Gup and so zealously administered by Dr. George Zepin. We anticipate a considerable additional enrollment as soon as conditions in the rabbinate, due to the termination of the war and the return of the chaplains, become stabilized.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion Picture Project

The Executive Board at its meeting of June 3, 1945, appropriated \$2,500 for the writing of a scenario for the purpose of carrying out a motion picture project which I placed before the Board at that meeting. Immediately following that authorization, I communicated with Mr. Jack H. Skirball and somewhat later in the summer I was delighted to receive the following telegram:

August 9, 1945
Hollywood, Calif.

Happy to tell you that Joe Swerling one of the very top notch writers out here will work on the script for the picture. He has promised me that as soon as he is through with his present assignment which will be at the latest three or four months he will come to Cincinnati. There is a possibility he may find time sooner. He will take no salary, but I have told him that he has

2500 dollars for travelling expenses. He is my first choice and I am very happy over his acceptance. Suggest you drop him a line at 516 Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills. Regards. (Signed) JACK SKIRBALL

I immediately replied to both Mr. Skirball and Mr. Swerling with the hope that not many months would pass before Mr. Swerling would be able to embark upon this project. Unfortunately on November 8, 1945, I received a letter from Mr. Swerling to the effect that he has contracted to do two pictures, which will not be concluded until late Spring, making it impossible for him to make a trip East before May or June, 1946.

Although I am impatient to implement this long felt need for such a graphic visualization of our far-reaching contribution to American Israel and America itself, I have so much confidence in Mr. Skirball's choice that I believe we would be well advised to wait until such time as Mr. Swerling can undertake this task.

Union Week

The Executive Board at the above mentioned meeting likewise approved the project that I outlined regarding Union Week. In view of the fact, however, that the 70th anniversary celebration of the Hebrew Union College, which has not been limited to a single affair, but has been extended to include at least three events of national importance, is calling upon most of the rabbis to participate in one way or another; it is felt by both our Executive staff and the Administrative Committee that we would be well advised to postpone the initiation of this project until next season, at which time we hope to launch it on as ambitious a plan as possible.

HUC Seventieth Anniversary

In reference to the seventieth anniversary of the Hebrew Union College, I know that the Union Executive Board joins in the expression of heartiest felicitations to the College Board, its Chairman and President, as well as its Faculty, upon the attainment of this auspicious milestone. Although the Union has not been officially a part of the many outstanding events of this seventieth anniversary year, I wish to make note of the fact that the Union has served indefatigably to make this seventieth anniversary an outstanding event in American Jewish history. The many splendid pieces of literature and extensive public relations program marking the College's seventieth anniversary have flowed incessantly through our Union office and have received the whole-hearted cooperation of our Union staff and more particularly of Mr. M. Myer Singer, our Production Manager, who has been largely responsible for the appealing format of so many of the special 70th anniversary publications.

Radio Broadcasting

The matter of a national radio broadcast still remains uppermost in my mind, and I have continued to have innumerable confer-

ences on this matter, the latest of which was held here in Cincinnati on December 8. I trust that I may yet have some encouraging news to report on this long delayed project. During the past winter, however, we did conduct a weekly program in New York City under the most competent direction of Rabbi William F. Rosenblum who gave unstintingly of his time and outstanding talent to make these broadcasts most appealing. For the moment, we have discontinued this program pending the consideration of some plan for national broadcasting. Due thanks, however, are extended to Rabbi Rosenblum.

To this end, our newly appointed Director of Publicity, Mr. Henry W. Levy, whom we welcome officially to our Union Staff, has been working on an alternative project should we fail to procure time over a national network. He has prepared a detailed memorandum recommending a series of weekly transcriptions for use on local broadcasting stations which would provide an opportunity for the individual rabbi in his local community to participate in such a broadcasting program and which would bring to those local communities throughout the country a message from a guest preacher each week. I believe that such a program has great promise and might in the long run prove even more helpful to our individual rabbis and our constituent congregations than a network program. The cost would not be prohibitive and a splendid opportunity of public service would be provided.

I recommend that a Special Committee on Broadcasting be appointed to study this matter and to report either to the Biennial Council or to the pre-Convention meeting of the Executive Board, with the hope that some such program may be launched early next fall.

Baton Rouge, La.

Due to the fact that some months ago we received a letter from Rabbi Walter G. Peiser of Congregation B'nai Israel of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, indicating that there was a strong likelihood that his congregation would secede from the Union because of their disagreement with much of our general program and more specifically with our continued membership in the American Jewish Conference, I requested the opportunity of meeting with the Board of Trustees of that congregation. I visited Baton Rouge on October 24, 1945, and while I must confess that I did not convince all the members of that Board of the rectitude of all our policies, I was assured by them that no action would be taken - at least prior to the Biennial Council - and I am confident that as a result of my visit I persuaded at least a number of the members of the Board of the correctness of our Union position. While in Baton Rouge I also visited informally with a number of the leaders of the newly formed Liberal Jewish Synagogue, which has been organized by former members of Congregation B'nai Israel who were unable to accept the statement of principles adopted by that congregation.

In my report of June 3, 1945, I referred to such situations as Baton Rouge as "straws in the wind." They continue to be pre-

cisely that. While in Baton Rouge, I was shocked to discover the extent to which some of those ostensibly interested in our movement are prepared to go in what I designated in my report of June 3 and what I repeat even more emphatically now as their subversive attacks upon our Reform Jewish institutions. There I heard once again the same false and libelous charges against our Union and College, as I reported having heard upon my extensive Western tour last year. But far more reprehensible was the typewritten canard that was there brought triumphantly to my attention as evidence of the Union's betrayal of its religious program. Under the caption: "Example of Nationalistic Literature Distributed by the UAHC," this screed contained excerpts maliciously torn from their context, excerpts from the objective and scholarly pamphlet, "Post-Biblical Jewish Literature, Its Conception of Israel's Place in the World," prepared by the non-Zionist, Dr. Israel Bettan, for our Popular Studies in Judaism series. These scattered examples of national aspirations of our forbears of the distant past are being presented by these so-called apostles of Reform as present-day nationalistic propaganda of the Union: a new low, it seems to me, of fifth columnism in our own ranks. It is by means of such poison that confidence in the Union is being undermined and preparations are being made to repudiate the Union's present program.

We must not flinch from meeting this challenge boldly. I am hopeful that the program of the Biennial Council, as it will be presented to you by the Chairman of the Program Committee, Mr. Robert P. Goldman, will very thoroughly clear the atmosphere, define the policy and program of Reform, and make it possible for us to pursue our constructive religious tasks free of internecine strife. In speaking of our Biennial Council, I am delighted to announce that I have just received from Dr. Leo Baeck, the heroic spiritual leader of European Jewry, the following letter accepting our invitation to participate in the deliberations of our Biennial:

"Cordial thanks for the invitation which you transmitted to me on behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Gladly accepting it, I consider it an honour to be allowed to assist in this historic conference which is to be held in this historic place. I am aware that this will be to me a source of inspiration and of encouragement."

Closing Our Ranks

The need for consolidating our forces is vividly indicated by the materials which I recently included in a communication addressed to the members of this Board and to the rabbinic and lay leaders of our constituent congregations. We have been too long at ease in Reform and too smugly confident that without any particularly vigorous effort on our part we could retain the leadership which we have long enjoyed in American Israel. This is no longer the case, and unless we be exceedingly vigilant for our own cause, others will seize the banner of leadership from us. I have received quite a number of interesting reactions to this particular communication; some have misunderstood the purport of my letter and

have misinterpreted it as a protest against the right of other agencies to pursue such courses as they are taking. This was far from my intention. This is a free country and I do believe not alone in the four freedoms of the late President Roosevelt, but in the freedom of action as well, especially in such beneficent fields as religious ministrations. All that I intended to convey was the fact that our leadership is being challenged and that we must be ever more vigilant for our own national institutions. Most of those from whom I have received replies have grasped this essential purpose of my communication and have pledged their whole-hearted support to our cause.

In relation to the more specific aspect of the above letter, I have received a most constructive suggestion from Rabbi Albert G. Minda of Minneapolis, Minnesota, which I quote:

"I am in receipt of your personal and confidential note of November ninth. Due to my many conversations with you on this subject, you know that this whole matter is nothing new to me. I have had to fight this battle out on the local front - on one occasion to a point where I threatened to take the Hebrew Union College out of the list of the beneficiaries of the Federation if the JTS were given the higher allocation for one of its special projects.

"It is, however, a losing fight if we cannot match the strategy of our sister institution, which is, that the JTS sponsors special projects that appeal to the community-at-large and therefore has a right to ask for Federation support regardless of party lines. In fact, on this basis, I was able to secure an allocation (small as it may be) to the Jewish Chautauqua Society, and also to the Relief Fund of the C.C.A.R.

"What is happening now is - that after making a special plea for the Chaplaincy Training Course, the JTS is developing its other projects - radio, minister institutes, etc. On this basis, when Arzt visited our community last summer, he did not hesitate to invite members of the general community to listen to his story - the idea undoubtedly being the one contained in his letter which you enclosed.

"I agree with you perfectly that it is not a matter merely of finances. The boards of our Federation receive various communications from the JTS. They hear nothing from the Hebrew Union College and the U.A.H.C. After a number of these communications are received, they are conditioned to the belief that the JTS is the only institution that is doing things.

"One other fact is important in this whole matter - that whether we like it or not - the Federations are becoming the central financial collecting and distributing agencies. More and more power is being vested in them,

and during these times of liberal giving, precedents are being established. Institutions that get in on the ground floor now, will stay there - particularly when the members of our Reform community are becoming the minority and the less influential sections of the Federation.

"What is to be done? - We must match their strategy and, that is, to make appeals to the Federation for special projects which show budgets that must be supported by the community-at-large, and because they serve needs beyond the Reform group. I, for one, cannot understand, for instance, why through special subventions, the U.A.H.C. puts out textbooks and then they are used by other congregations which purchase them at the same price as do we. I rejoice in the fact that we are performing this service to American Israel but if so, why shouldn't we let the world know and also, why shouldn't we ask them to help us defray the cost.

"Similarly, with the Institutes on Judaism, let us be bold and plan such a vast program and then ask the Federations to help support them. There are many things that can be done in this regard. The Hebrew Union College could send a museum caravan. The ceremonial objects can be displayed at these Ministers Institutes. The whole thing can be amplified. Most of our tracts are written from a non-partisan point of view. Why should we not ask support for these? In other words, we will be compelled to go to the Federations with the same strategy, asking for support of special projects and at the same time, not being tied down to any pledge that prohibits us from getting congregational support.

"There may come a time when the Federations may be fed up with this whole procedure. If so, we shall at least have made them conscious that the College and the U.A.H.C. are not playing secondary roles on the American Jewish scene. I, for one, am glad that this thing is coming to a head. I have been disturbed for some time as to this trend which I sensed but which now has become ~~made~~ most articulate in the memorandum which you enclosed."

I have brought this matter to the attention of several of our functioning committees and commissions on previous occasions but each time the reaction has been negative and there has been a disinclination to follow such a course. However, in the light of realities, I believe that Rabbi Minda's letter is worthy of careful consideration and I feel that a recommendation to our Joint Campaign Committee to consider favorably his suggestions would be well in order.

LIBERAL JUDAISM Magazine

A recommendation will come before this meeting of the Executive Board from the Administrative Committee urging the Executive Board to take favorable action toward an expanded program for the

distribution of LIBERAL JUDAISM as envisaged by its Editorial Board and Editor. It has long been my own feeling that we can best justify the publication of LIBERAL JUDAISM at the cost involved by making certain that LIBERAL JUDAISM reaches every member of a constituent congregation. Aside from the extensive educational results that would undoubtedly ensue, I know of nothing that would provide a more tangible link between the Union and the individual members of our congregations than the appearance in their homes, from month to month, of our splendid publication LIBERAL JUDAISM. We have too long been content to have contact almost exclusively with our congregations as units through the rabbis, presidents, or at most the members of the Boards. It is imperative that we reach down into the grass roots of our congregational membership, and LIBERAL JUDAISM is undoubtedly the instrument for achieving this purpose.

I trust that this Board will look favorably upon the recommendation to send LIBERAL JUDAISM to each member of a constituent Union congregation for whom a minimum \$3.00 per capita dues is paid and that it will likewise consider sympathetically the possibility of defraying the very large cost therein involved through the use of carefully selected advertising.

While I am most eager that the initiation of this expanded distribution of LIBERAL JUDAISM should coincide with the Biennial Council, I also urge that preliminary thereto, our Director of Publicity, together with the heads of our affiliates and our Executive Staff, should reappraise our total publishing program. Mr. Jesse Cohen, at our Administrative Committee, urged this in relation to the JEWISH LAYMAN. Others in many communities have complained of much duplication and are again protesting against a plethora of pamphlets, periodicals, and letters. Though I urge the empowering of the Editorial Board of LIBERAL JUDAISM to proceed with their plans, I strongly recommend that it be preceded by a thorough analysis of the over-all publication and publicity program of the Union and its affiliates.

World Union for Progressive Judaism

I have been in continuous touch with the Hon. Lily H. Montagu and Rabbi Israel Mattuck regarding the affairs of the World Union. Recently, at the invitation of Miss Montagu, I prepared for the World Union Bulletin a comprehensive article on the growth and progress of the Liberal movement in America. I believe that because of our own intensive program we may be able to bring to our world movement considerable impetus for the post-war period in which we are told there are similar possibilities for Liberal Judaism abroad as we anticipate here on the American continent.

Within the past few weeks we have received a preliminary announcement regarding the first post-war World Union Conference to be held sometime this summer and urging us to appoint official delegates. I trust that the Executive Board will act favorably concerning this invitation.

Our Returning Service Men and Women

Since our last Executive Board meeting the long prayed for V-J Day has come. We pour forth our thanks to God for this great blessing and we likewise voice our thankfulness to the myriads of service men and women who made our victory possible. No report to this Executive Board would be complete without a word concerning the synagogue's responsibility to these service men and women. Considerable thought and attention have been given by members of our staff and our lay leaders to this subject. An elaborate pamphlet has been prepared on "The Synagogue and the Returning Veteran" by the Director of our New York Federation, Rabbi Gustave Falk, and a suggested program of action was recently presented to the meeting of the Commission on Synagogue Activities by Rabbi Schwarz. The Program Committee of the Biennial has likewise set aside a session for a consideration of this theme. It is recommended that prior to the Biennial, a conference be called by the Union which shall include representatives of all its affiliate organizations carefully to plan a concrete program of activity for presentation to the Biennial Council and that, in the meantime, the Commission on Synagogue Activities, as well as our respective affiliates, shall draw to the attention of their respective constituents such tangible suggestions as are contained in the above mentioned memoranda. It is especially important that the suggestion shall be made to all our congregations that every conceivable effort should be made to make welcome the returning service men and women, to offer free memberships for specific periods to these men and women, and to provide facilities to meet their specific needs.

Conclusion

Although there is much cause for rejoicing that these service men and women are now gradually returning to our midst after so many agonizing months and years of separation, there is nonetheless much disappointment and bitter disillusionment prevalent both here and abroad. The appearance of the atomic bomb has shattered much of our complacency. The seeming reversion on the part of the great nations, including our own, to power politics has brought consternation to our hearts. The continued plight of our brethren overseas, the apparent repudiation of their pledged word on the part of the leaders even of our democracies, the general moral and spiritual bankruptcy that is extant - all this has caused the joyous hour of victory to seem bitter to our tongues. In such a day, there is but one refuge and one dynamic that can save us - the refuge of the synagogue, the dynamic of our Jewish faith. As never before, it is incumbent upon us to strengthen our synagogues and to bring the ideals of our Jewish heritage to bear upon the complex and confusing problems of our day. Never before have we been so directly challenged. Never before has there been so dire a need for the good works of our Union of American Hebrew Congregations. May those of us charged with the responsibility of leadership in such a time as this rise to this hour of crisis and opportunity. With the continued consecrated leadership of our truly uniquely devoted and judicious President, Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, our loyal lay and professional co-workers, I am confident we shall not fail.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE N. EISENDRATH
Director

APPENDIX C

RULES FOR LOANS FOR NEWLY FORMED
CONGREGATIONS

(Synagogue Loan Fund)

1. Loans may be made to such congregations as are in process of organization under Union auspices, provided they have a minimum of 25 members.
2. The prime purpose of the loan shall be for the purchase of a home for the Synagogue. No money shall be advanced for current expenses such as rent, heat, light, repairs, etc.
3. The Union will supplement the amount raised in the community for the new Synagogue structure, but in no event shall the Union's loan exceed the amount raised locally, or \$10,000.00, whichever is the lesser.
4. Interest on the loan shall be charged at the current rate, and maximum duration of the loan shall not exceed five (5) years.
5. The Union is to have such lien on the property against its loan, as the Committee shall approve.

PROPOSED

Constitution and By-Laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations

PREAMBLE

The congregations represented in this Union of American Hebrew Congregations affirm their faithful attachment to Judaism and their adherence to its liberal interpretation, and unite to discharge their responsibilities under the protection of benign Providence.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

NAME

This organization shall be known as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (hereinafter referred to as the "Union").

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Union are:

- a) To encourage and aid the organization and development of Jewish congregations.
- b) To promote Jewish education and to enrich and intensify Jewish life.
- c) To maintain the Hebrew Union College.
- d) To foster other activities for the perpetuation and advancement of Judaism.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP

Any American Jewish congregation, upon approval by the Executive Board, may become a member of this Union by subscribing to its Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECTION 1. The legislative body of the Union and its highest authority shall be the General

Assembly, which shall be composed of representatives of congregations comprising the Union.

SECTION 2. Each congregation shall be entitled to two delegates and to such additional representation in the General Assembly as the By-Laws may provide.

SECTION 3. At the meetings of the General Assembly, each delegate or his alternate shall be entitled to one vote.

SECTION 4. The General Assembly shall elect its own officers.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECTION 1. Regular meetings of the General Assembly shall be held biennially at such time and place as the General Assembly or the Executive Board may determine. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the President of the Union and shall be called by him upon written request of the majority of all the members of the Executive Board or upon written request of fifty member congregations.

SECTION 2. A quorum of the General Assembly shall exist if the registered delegates or their alternates represent at least one-third of all member congregations, and at least one hundred of the registered delegates or their alternates shall be present at the meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1. There shall be an Executive Board of one hundred members, which shall have complete charge of the affairs of the Union, and which shall be its highest authority when the General Assembly is not in session; provided, however, that the Executive Board

shall be without power to act contrary to a decision made by the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. The term of office of the members of the Executive Board and the method of their election shall be determined by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION

The officers of the Union shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Director, and at the option of the Executive Board a chairman of the Executive Board, an Administrative Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, all of whom, except the Director, the Administrative Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, must be members of the Executive Board. The Director, Administrative Secretary and any Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The remaining officers shall be elected by the Executive Board immediately after the close of each biennial session of the General Assembly for a term of two years, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. Vacancies to fill the unexpired terms of officers shall be filled by the Executive Board as they occur. The officers of the Union shall be the officers of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII.

CONGREGATIONAL AUTONOMY

Nothing contained in this Constitution or the By-Laws shall be construed so as to interfere in any manner whatsoever with the mode of worship, the school, the freedom of expression and opinion, or any of the other congregational activities of the constituent congregations of the Union.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the General Assembly by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, provided the delegates registered represent at least one-third of all the member congregations. Such amend-

ment may be initiated by the Executive Board or may be submitted in writing by a member congregation to the Executive Board. In either event, the Executive Board shall transmit the same to the member congregations at least sixty days in advance of the next regular or special meeting of the General Assembly. The Executive Board shall present such amendment to the General Assembly, with its views thereon. Modification of amendments regularly submitted may be made on the floor of the General Assembly.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1. The Executive Board, consisting of one hundred members, shall be constituted as follows:

a) Six members thereof shall be elected by the Central Conference of American Rabbis from its own membership for regular terms of four years. At the first meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis following the adoption of these By-Laws, the Conference shall elect six members of the Executive Board, three for four years and three for two years, and thereafter, biennially shall elect three members for four years. In addition, the President and Vice-President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, during their respective terms of office, shall be *ex-officio* members of the Executive Board with power to vote.

b) The Director of the Union, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College, the President of Hebrew Union College, the President and First Vice-President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the President and First Vice-President of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, and the President and First Vice-President of the National Federation of Temple Youth shall be *ex-officio* members of the Executive Board with power to vote.

c) Fifty-three members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly upon a basis of equitable geographical distribution, as follows:

Each of the organized regions of the Union shall be entitled to representation upon the Executive Board. Each Council of the Union, as hereinafter defined, now or hereafter established by the Union shall constitute a region for the purposes of this subsection. The number of Executive Board members from each region shall be governed by the total number of individual members of the congregations within the region for whom the prescribed minimum dues are paid, and shall be distributed equitably among the congregations within the region.

Each of the organized regions of the Union shall present its quota of nominees for the Executive Board to the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly.

Wherever there is no organized region of the Union, or in the event an organized region shall fail to present such nominees, the delegates from that geographic area in attendance at the General Assembly shall meet and select such nominees for submission to the Nominating Committee. If nominees are not presented for any region in the manner herein provided, the power shall be vested in the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly to submit nominees for such region.

d) The remaining thirty members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly as representatives-at-large.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board, which shall be about six months prior to the regular General Assembly meeting, the President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Board, a committee whose duty it shall be to present to the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly a list of nominees, in the number to be elected as representatives-at-large, for election to the Executive Board by the General Assembly.

A list of these nominees shall be sent to each constituent congregation at least ten days in advance of the meeting of the General Assembly. Any thirty delegates present at the General Assembly may make additional nominations for representatives-at-large to the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly at any time during the first meeting

day. The Nominating Committee shall report to the General Assembly the names of all nominees for balloting, with its recommendations.

e) At the next biennial meeting of the General Assembly following the meeting at which these By-Laws shall be adopted, one-half of the members of the Executive Board shall be elected for two years, and one-half for four years. Subsequently, at each meeting of the General Assembly, one-half of the Executive Board members, to succeed those whose terms have expired, shall be elected for a term of four years.

f) Vacancies caused by death or resignation shall be filled by the Executive Board for a period lasting until the next meeting of the General Assembly, at which time the General Assembly shall elect members to fill the unexpired terms. Such vacancies shall be filled from the constituencies, if any, to which the retired members were accredited, on nomination from those constituencies.

g) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Executive Board, either *ex-officio* or otherwise, unless he or she shall be a member of a constituent congregation of the Union, the wife of such a member, or the rabbi of such a congregation.

h) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Executive Board, other than *ex-officio*, for more than eight consecutive years; provided, however, that time served as an officer of the Union shall not be calculated in said period of eight years. No elected officer of the Union may succeed himself in the same office more than once.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board shall meet at least twice a year at such time and place as the President of the Union shall designate. Special meetings of the Executive Board shall be held on the written request of twenty of the members thereof, or when the President shall so order. Twenty-five members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Board shall be *ex-officio* the trustees of all property belonging to the Union.

SECTION 3. The Executive Board shall have the power to elect as honorary members,

without the right to vote, such persons whose long and distinguished services have merited such consideration. However, at no time shall there be more than fifteen honorary members on the Executive Board.

SECTION 4. If any of the chairmen of the various Commissions of the Union (including Joint Commissions) shall not be selected from among the members of the Executive Board, he shall have the right to attend meetings of the Executive Board and shall be elected to fill the first vacancy occurring among the members of the Executive Board elected at large.

ARTICLE II.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The Administrative Committee of the Executive Board of the Union shall consist of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Union, the Chairman of the Executive Board, if there is one, the Director of the Union, the Presidents of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, and National Federation of Temple Youth, the President of the Hebrew Union College, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, and fifteen other members of the Executive Board appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board. The Administrative Committee shall have and may exercise all the powers and functions of the Executive Board in the interim between meetings of the Executive Board, provided, however, that no matters of general policy shall be determined by the Administrative Committee, and provided, further, that the Administrative Committee shall be without power to expend funds in excess of the total budget of the Union adopted by the Executive Board. The President of the Union shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Administrative Committee and the Administrative Secretary of the Union shall be *ex-officio* Secretary of the Administrative Committee.

SECTION 2. Meetings of the Administrative Committee may be called at such time and

place as may be determined by the President of the Union, by a Vice-President in the absence of the President, or by the Chairman of the Board.

SECTION 3. The expense of the members of the Administrative Committee in attendance at meetings thereof shall be borne by the Union.

ARTICLE III.

CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS

The presidents of the congregations affiliated with the Union shall meet in conference, either nationally or regionally, at the call of the President of the Union, at such time and place as he may designate. The Conference shall serve as an advisory body to the Union and may present recommendations to the Executive Board. Report on the recommendations of the Conference shall be made by the Executive Board either to a succeeding Conference or to the General Assembly of the Union, or both.

ARTICLE IV.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNION

The Director of the Union shall administer all the affairs of the Union. New projects recommended by him must receive the approval of the Administrative Committee or the Executive Board before being put into effect. The Director shall be *ex-officio* a member of all Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the Union. He shall present reports at periodic intervals to the Administrative Committee and to the Executive Board of the Union, and a report to the General Assembly at its regular meetings.

ARTICLE V.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

The Administrative Secretary, in addition to his duties as department head, shall act as Secretary of the Executive Board, and of the Administrative Committee, and of committees appointed by these bodies, as designated by the Director. In his absence, an Assistant Secretary may be designated to act in his place.

ARTICLE VI.

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of July of each year and end on the thirtieth day of June of the following year.

ARTICLE VII.

FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS

The books of the Union shall be audited at least once a year by an auditor or auditors chosen by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

At the regular semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board next preceding the close of the fiscal year, a budget shall be submitted. This budget shall be prepared in ample time and shall have been passed upon by a Budget Committee of not less than five members of the Executive Board appointed by the President. The budget and any additional monetary appropriations shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Board present and voting at the meeting. The various Commissions and the Affiliates and Councils of the Union shall submit to the Union on or before January 31 their estimates for the coming fiscal year, approved by their respective Boards by majority vote.

ARTICLE IX.

ENDOWMENTS AND TRUST FUNDS

The Executive Board shall biennially appoint five members thereof as a Committee on Endowment and Trust Funds. Said Committee shall be vested with the custody and control of all trust funds, trust securities, and trust property of the Union. Said Committee shall have full power and authority to sell and dispose of all funds and securities and trust property which may come into its hands as above provided, and to invest and reinvest the proceeds thereof, and its chairman or vice-chairman shall have full authority to sign any and all transfers, instruments, and papers which may be necessary or required whenever he is so empowered by resolution

of the Committee. Such power and authority shall be exercised by said Committee by a vote of not less than a majority of the whole Committee.

ARTICLE X.

DUES

Each member congregation of the Union shall pay yearly into the treasury of the Union, either directly or through its individual members, an amount equal to \$3.00 per member. This shall be considered minimum dues and shall not preclude the raising of additional funds through individual subscriptions or other methods to meet the budgetary needs of the Union.

ARTICLE XI.

BANK DEPOSITS

All banks of deposit for Union funds and all banks of deposit for revolving funds for the various departments of the Union shall be named by the Executive Board or by the Administrative Committee. Checks, drafts, and other instruments for the withdrawal of funds shall bear such signature or signatures as may be determined from time to time by the Executive Board or the Administrative Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS, ETC.

The President, the Chairman of the Executive Board, any Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Director, or the Administrative Secretary of the Union shall be authorized to sign in the name and on behalf of the Union a receipt and/or release for any gift, legacy, bequest, or devise received from any donors, or from any executors, administrators, trustees, or other fiduciaries.

ARTICLE XIII.

REPRESENTATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECTION 1. The representation of the member congregations in the General Assembly shall be based on the number of persons for whom the prescribed minimum dues are paid. Each member congregation in good standing shall be entitled to two delegates and to one addi-

tional delegate for each one hundred persons or major fraction thereof for whom the prescribed minimum dues are paid over and above the first one hundred.

SECTION 2. Each congregation shall be entitled to an alternate for each delegate, who may exercise all the powers of the delegate during the latter's absence.

SECTION 3. Members of the Executive Board and of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, by virtue of, and during the term of, their office, shall also be members of the General Assembly with all the privileges of delegates, including the right to vote and the right to office. Honorary members of the above-named Boards shall be considered honorary members of the General Assembly, but without the privilege of voting or election to office, other than honorary.

ARTICLE XIV.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

SECTION 1. The Union, being the patron body of the Hebrew Union College, is entitled by law to elect a majority of the membership of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College. Such members shall be elected bi-annually for a period of four years and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 2. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Governors among those elected by the Union shall be filled by the Union.

SECTION 3. The President of the Union, the Director of the Union, and the Chairman of the Executive Board shall be elected on the Board of Governors as part of the members which the Executive Board elects. The quota of the Union shall be elected at the regular semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board, for terms of office to begin on January 1 following.

ARTICLE XV.

NATIONAL AFFILIATES

SECTION 1. At the date of the adoption of these By-Laws, there exist the following National Affiliates sponsored by the Union of

American Hebrew Congregations; National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods; National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods; National Federation of Temple Youth.

The primary purpose of these National Affiliates and those which may be hereafter created and sponsored by the Union shall be to strengthen the Union and to serve the cause of Judaism. Each National Affiliate may enact for the administration of its affairs rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution of the Union or with any decision of the General Assembly of the Union.

SECTION 2. The President and the Director of the Union shall be *ex-officio* members of the Executive Board of each affiliate.

SECTION 3. The Executive Secretary of each National Affiliate shall be a member of the staff of the Union of which the Director of the Union shall be the chairman. Such Executive Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Board of the National Affiliate after consultation with the Executive Board or the President of the Union.

SECTION 4. Each National Affiliate shall submit its budget to the Budget Committee of the Union for the approval of those amounts to be appropriated by the Union for that Affiliate.

SECTION 5. No National Affiliate shall adopt any resolution on a matter of general public interest or institute any new policy or initiate any project without consultation with the President or Director of the Union, or their designated representatives.

SECTION 6. In the event that mutually satisfactory conclusions cannot be reached as a result of the above consultations, such matters shall be referred for decision to a committee of five, two of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Union, two by the President of the respective Affiliate, and the four so appointed shall select the fifth member from the Executive Board of the Union, who shall act as an impartial arbitrator.

SECTION 7. The foregoing principles, appropriately paraphrased, shall be incorporated into the Constitution of each National Affiliate created.

ARTICLE XVI.

COUNCILS OF THE UNION

The Union shall continue to have the power to establish Councils of the Union, upon a regional or a local basis, or upon such other basis as the Union may from time to time determine. At the time of the adoption of these By-Laws, two such Councils exist, the New York Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the Chicago Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The ultimate goal of these Councils and those which may be hereafter established is the further strengthening of the Union, and in order to bring about complete integration between the Union and its Councils, the following principles governing their relationship are established:

a) The President and Director of the Union shall be *ex-officio* members of the Executive Committee of each Council.

b) The Executive Committee of each Council shall, with the approval of the Executive Board or the President of the Union, appoint an Executive Director and such other officers or agents as it shall determine. All such professional personnel shall be under the control of the Union, and their salaries shall be fixed and paid by the Union.

c) No Council shall adopt any resolution on a matter of general public interest, or initiate any new policy or project without the authority of the Executive Board, the President, or the Director of the Union.

d) The expenditures of Councils shall be in accordance with the budget adopted by the Executive Board of the Union in the manner provided in these By-Laws. All funds collected by such Councils shall be remitted to the Union.

e) The foregoing principles, appropriately paraphrased, shall be incorporated into the Constitution or other basic law of each Council now or hereafter created.

ARTICLE XVII.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE MAGAZINE OF THE UNION

Out of the minimum dues paid by each congregation into the treasury of the Union

there shall be set aside a minimum of one dollar for each member to apply as a subscription price for *LIBERAL JUDAISM*, a magazine published by the Union.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECTION 1. The President of the Union shall call the delegates to the General Assembly to order and ask for the election of a temporary Chairman and a temporary Secretary. When these are elected, the temporary Chairman shall appoint a Committee on Credentials and a Committee on Permanent Organization. After a report of the Committee on Credentials shall have been adopted, the General Assembly shall consider the report of the Committee on Permanent Organization and shall elect such officers of the General Assembly as it deems proper. Unless otherwise ordered by the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly shall then appoint such committees as he shall deem necessary, and shall without debate refer to them the reports of the several officers and boards and of the committees previously appointed, in such manner as he may deem advisable. He shall also appoint such other committees as the General Assembly during its session may order.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly, at its first meeting, shall specify the latest time at which resolutions may be proposed by the delegates. All such resolutions must be in writing, and shall be read to the General Assembly and referred to the Committee on Resolutions. When the Committee on Resolutions shall report to the General Assembly, a motion to adopt the report shall be in order. If the resolution as originally proposed was changed, modified or rejected by the Committee on Resolutions, and if the motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Resolutions be rejected, any delegate may move to recall the resolution as originally proposed from consideration of the Committee on Resolutions, and if said motion be carried, the said original resolution may then be considered by the General Assembly.

SECTION 3.* A motion to adopt a resolution relating to the internal affairs and business of the Union shall require for its adoption the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates present and voting.

SECTION 4.* A motion to adopt a resolution to express the views or sentiments of the Union or its constituents upon a question not directly affecting the conduct of the affairs of the Union or its constituents shall require for its adoption the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided herein, meetings of the General Assembly shall be conducted in accordance with the

methods and practices set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XIX.

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any meeting of the Executive Board, provided written notice of proposed changes has been given to each member of the Executive Board not less than thirty days in advance, or by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the General Assembly, provided that the proposed amendment shall be laid over at least twenty-four hours after it is presented to the General Assembly.



*At the meeting of the Council, the minority of the Executive Board will report its objection to the inclusion of these two Sections.

Winnetka, Illinois
November 30, 1945

To the Executive Board of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Gentlemen:

The last annual report submitted on behalf of the Sisterhood Federation to the Union Board was written by me in September, 1944. At that time we were still in the midst of a global war. The women of our Federation, like all other men and women of the United Nations, were devoting their energies with sacrifice and concentration to a common cause. But be it said to the glory of Sisterhood women and especially to the honor of Israel, that despite the tremendous service given to every phase of civilian defense activities, to Red Cross and USO projects, and to other war related services, the essential work of our Federation was strongly carried forward. In other words we attempted, and I believe largely succeeded, in rendering assistance not only to national causes but also to the continuation of our own long-range program.

Although this report is being submitted in the victory period following the cessation of World War II - a period for which we are deeply, prayerfully thankful - it will deal largely with NFTS affairs undertaken earlier. Since the NFTS fiscal period is from November 1st to October 31st, all financial figures mentioned herein, except if noted otherwise, will cover the Sisterhood Federation's fiscal period of 1943-44.

PROJECTS OF THE FEDERATION

Continuing an outstanding contribution to religious and educational causes through the sale of Uniongrams (special NFTS message blanks) and cash contributions to our Hebrew Union College Scholarship and Religious Education Fund, there was collected from Sisterhood affiliates and members the total sum of \$38,197.55 of which \$21,314.86 was from Uniongram Apportionment Profit. As the Union Board must know by now, from the Scholarship and Religious Education Fund, partial dormitory maintenance assistance is granted to students of Hebrew Union College in need of such aid, and an annual contribution of \$15,000.00 is made to the work of the Union for certain of its projects including its Department of Youth Activities.

NFTS continued its annual \$1,000.00 contribution to the Union for Lecture Institutes for Laymen and Teachers which made possible in a two year period (November 1, 1943 - October 31, 1945) a total of one hundred lectures in twenty-eight towns or cities of the United States. Of these, seventy-seven were for teachers, and twenty-three for adults. The Institutes, a joint project of the Union and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, constitute an effort in which we are convinced we are serving an important religious educational cause. However, the day surely must swiftly come when the Union itself, rather than an affiliate, will

include in its budget whatever sum is necessary in order for these greatly needed lectures to be given in many hundreds of communities and not only in twenty-eight.

No new contributions have been added to the \$7,500.00 previously given by NFTS to the Union for the establishment of Correspondence Courses. Nevertheless these Courses, which likewise constitute a joint project of the Union and NFTS, are continuing on a limited scale to fulfill a need and to offer valuable experimental material.

The NFTS Publication Fund for the printing of new religious school literature remains at the same figure as previously reported - \$39,951.17.

Among these listings of contributions made by NFTS to the Union must be included also the annual \$2,000.00 granted toward salary adjustments for NFTS employees. May I add, however, that I hope the Director of the Union will discuss this matter with me in the not distant future as it represents an unsound principle. Since the Union assumes the obligation of paying for the salaries of all its employees, which include the employees of its affiliates, it should not be necessary for NFTS to pay sums under the title "Salary Adjustments" in order to have the pay of its Executive Director or her assistants raised to proper levels.

To the Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc., the Federation transmitted \$2,432.39 raised by Sisterhood contributions to assist in underwriting the monthly magazine "The Jewish Braille Review." The JBI is an agency which in 1933 was brought into being largely through the interest of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. One of its main activities is the housing of a library of brailled books whose contents are of Jewish interest. More than ninety per cent of the volumes in this library have been transcribed by volunteer Sisterhood braillists.

To the World Union for Progressive Judaism, for the benefit of children served through after-school activities by three Liberal congregations in Tel-Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem, affiliated units of NFTS are once yearly invited to undertake a Silver Coin Collection. In 1944, from this collection we cabled abroad the sum of \$1,800.00; for 1945 we collected the sum of \$2,124.76.

I wish there were time and space to offer the Union Board a detailed account of all the Committees of the National Federation which serve not only in the field of Jewish life, but also aid in furthering humanitarian efforts. The Committees on Programs, on Religious Schools, on Religious Extension, on Child Study and Parent Education, on Youth Activities, on Jewish Ceremonials and Art, on Jewish Literature for the Blind, on Peace and World Relations, on State Federations in addition to those whose work has already been mentioned (the Committees on War Service, on Hebrew Union College Scholarships and Religious Education and on Uniongrams) cover a great variety of significant projects and activities.

THE EXTENT OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION

Beginning with a membership on January 21, 1913, of forty-nine affiliated units representing barely 5,000 members, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has grown to a world-wide fellowship of Jewish women which today includes more than 65,000 spread throughout the 403 units located at this date throughout all of the United States and in cities of Canada, Panama, Cuba, the United Kingdom and South Africa. The Federation's latest affiliate is that of "The Sisterhood" of Capetown, Union of South Africa. Because of its steady increase not only within the United States but also through overseas affiliations, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods may consider a change in its name. Thus our very large women's division of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations may carry a title that gives due recognition to a membership which stretches beyond the borders of our own country and literally represents Liberal Jewish women identified with Synagogue life throughout the world.

THE BOOK OF LIVING JUDAISM

At the NFTS Biennial Convention in 1941, in the report of the then President of the Federation, Mrs. Leon L. Watters, a project was proposed under the title of The Book of Living Judaism whereby contributions in tribute or in memory could be made for inscriptions of names. During the war years all monies contributed were to be converted monthly into United States war bonds. But in the post-war period these sums were to be used for erecting a permanent home for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its national affiliates including our own Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. For various reasons this project was not strenuously advanced during the war years. Meanwhile, the expanding Union, which as you know is now housed in Cincinnati in most inadequate offices and in a building which has recently been sold, has had its need for new quarters greatly intensified. Therefore, with the coming of the peace, a number of the officers of the National Federation, under impetus from Miss Jane Evans, the Federation's Executive Director, carefully considered undertaking this building campaign. However, the needs of the Union today are so much beyond those which were envisioned in 1941, that adequate facilities will involve a larger expenditure than was originally contemplated. We are convinced that this enlarged campaign, when fully launched, will meet with the whole-hearted response from our members that many years ago was given to an earlier project when we erected and equipped the Dormitory on the campus of Hebrew Union College. Nevertheless, we shall need within the next few months to prepare adequately this campaign for presentation again to the forthcoming Biennial for its approval of the new form that the project will take and which, we hope, will include funds not only for a Cincinnati building, but also for an adequate New York one. Meanwhile, I can assure the Executive Board of the Union of the unfailing interest in this project of the officers of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and its Executive Director upon whom in large measure will fall responsibility for it.

DECEMBER 1945, MEETING OF THE NFTS BOARD

The 1945 annual meeting of the Executive Board is being convened in Cincinnati, Sunday and Monday, December 9 and 10. The dates were chosen in order to allow our members to participate in the 70th anniversary of the Hebrew Union College with which, through our joint parent body, the Union, we have long been closely affiliated.

In addition to receiving annual reports, the NFTS Board will carefully weigh the recommendations of its Post War Planning Committee. This Committee is recommending a number of new projects for the intensification of our religious cultural work and an expansion of our humanitarian efforts through which it is hoped to capture for peace-time activities some of the interest devoted in these last years by members to war service. A particularly important part of our agenda will be a scrutiny of the present administrative arrangement of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. There is no question but that the Federation has long since grown beyond the point in which its work can be carried out by one executive and her secretaries. Miss Evans needs additional professional assistants. This need is an absolute essential not only for the good of our Federation but also for the Union itself whose program and influence are reflected in part through us.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

To the extent of my time and energy, as well as of our effort to cooperate with ODT, I have addressed, whenever and wherever necessary, important meetings of our affiliates. In addition I have continued to serve on the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference, on the Jewish Advisory Council of the Girl Scouts of America, and have attended with regularity meetings of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College, the Executive Board and Administrative Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

IN APPRECIATION

Annually it is my privilege to take cognizance of the debt we of the National Federation owe and recognize to the consistently brilliant leadership given to American Liberal Jewry by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath. To all his colleagues, and especially to Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, I offer appreciation for cooperation.

I consider it a special yearly privilege to remind the members of the Union Board of a tribute rightfully owed to Miss Jane Evans, our Executive Director, for the always outstanding contribution that she makes in our name to the cause of Liberal Jewry, the Jewish people, and the general welfare. As you know, from the spring of 1943 until this past summer, Miss Evans was loaned by the Union and the National Federation to be the Director also of the National Peace Conference. In this latter capacity Miss Evans served in San Francisco as one of the Consultants to the United States Delegation at the United Nations Conference on

International Organization, which met from April through June of this year. Miss Evans has now returned on a full-time basis to her post with us, enriched I am sure by the stimulating and unusual experiences which have been hers.

As both Mr. Rosenberg and Rabbi Eisendrath know, within the last few days a most important agency of American Jewry telegraphed us a request to release Miss Evans to them for six months. Because of her unusual qualities and competence, they urgently desired her to direct the organizational period for a large scale overseas relief in kind program whereby American Jewry, especially through women's groups, may supplement present aid for the surviving devastated Jews of Europe. After assuring this agency of our deep concern for European Jewry, we stated that our own need of Miss Evans at this time made it almost impossible to accede to their request. Further negotiations followed and the matter now has been resolved by the Union and NFTS temporarily loaning to this agency another executive, Miss Helen L. Strauss, who upon completing her work as Interim Director of the National Federation of Temple Youth, was undertaking the directorship of our Book of Living Judaism project.

CONCLUSION

In closing I once again, on behalf of our Sisterhood Federation, assure the Union of the continuing support in our mutual cause of the Sisterhood Federation.

Respectuully submitted,

(Mrs. Hugo) REINA K. G. HARTMANN

President

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS

July 1, 1945

To the Executive Board,
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is the fourth report since our Committee on Chaplains was constituted in January, 1942. During the past year the Committee has met twice. It was quite natural that as our work developed and progressed there was a change of emphasis in our activities.

I.

At the very outset we concentrated almost exclusively on procurement. As of June 7, 1945, there are 276 Rabbis serving as chaplains in the Army, Navy, and Maritime Service. Of these, 235 are in the Army, 40 in the Navy and 1 in the Maritime Service. Of this total number, 132 are members of the Reform group. Seven of our members have recently been separated from the service. We mourn the loss of Rabbis Alexander Goode and Samuel D. Hurwitz, who gave their last full measure of devotion in the service of God and country.

Thirteen others of our Reform group have received ecclesiastical endorsement and most of them are likely soon to be in uniform. But this is not the complete picture. Forty-four members of our Conference came forward to serve their country, and offered themselves for the chaplaincy, but were physically disqualified by the Army or Navy. Nineteen others of our Conference submitted to our Committee evidence of physical disability and are listed on our records as unofficially disqualified. 141 of our men were actually commissioned as chaplains. The overall picture indicates over 200 of the CCAR men offered themselves for the chaplaincy. When we compare this number to the total number of men in the Conference who were eligible for the chaplaincy, it is a record for which the C.C.A.R., Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Institute of Religion and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, have good reason to feel very proud.

At this point I wish also to add that the War and Navy Departments have on a number of occasions commended us on our procurement job, and the calibre of men we have furnished.

Although last summer it seemed as if no additional chaplains were needed, and a number of men who had qualified and who had already received ecclesiastical endorsement had to be released, a few months ago the Chief of Chaplains of the Army requested the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities, of the National Jewish Welfare Board, to secure 36 additional Jewish Chaplains. Our procurement efforts had to be resumed. On the basis of the total number of chaplains, our ratio of the 36 required was about 18. In order to provide these 18, past experience has taught us that we must present at least 25 candidates. Since that call was issued, we have recommended 12 men, who have received endorsement. One of them however, has already been physically disqualified. In order to

maintain our record of full cooperation, we must still secure 13 candidates for the chaplaincy.

It was apparent that even with the commissioning of the 36 Jewish chaplains requested by the Office of the Chief of Chaplains (who at best would not be available until mid-August) there would be an inevitable hiatus of approximately three months during which the majority of the military installations denuded of chaplaincy service, by reason of sending most of the eligible chaplains overseas would remain without chaplaincy coverage. For this reason it was necessary to look for civilian rabbis to meet this emergency need. Some twenty to thirty rabbis were required to give full time service for no less than ten weeks, beginning June 1st, at installations where the need was of extreme urgency. These included hospitals, IRTC camps, staging areas, Redistribution Centers, which serve as rest stations for returnees, the Second and Fourth Air Forces and some Naval installations. Some of these centers had from 2,000 to 4,000 Jewish men unserved. To cope with these emergent needs, it was agreed that each of the three Rabbinical groups would submit to CANRA a list of rabbis who would qualify for summer service. Selection would be left to CANRA. I am happy to report that quite a number of our men, who had been physically disqualified for the chaplaincy and whom we contacted, responded and are now serving in this interim capacity as civilian chaplains.

II.

It was natural that the major portion of our work should deal with the problem of procurement, but as the program developed, we found ourselves faced by another task that grew out of our chaplaincy procurement--the problem of replacement. As rabbis went into the chaplaincy, it was necessary for us to assist in maintaining the home front by providing replacement rabbis for them. We combed our list of retired rabbis and brought a number of them back into the active ministry, as replacements. The Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion cooperated splendidly in accelerating their courses thus making men available a year earlier as replacements. As the program grew in intensity, both these institutions licensed some of their under-graduate students and permitted their assignment as replacements. The problem will continue with us as long as we are obliged to procure additional chaplains.

III.

Still another aspect of our work concerns the protecting of the interests of the rabbis who are now serving as chaplains. We have a definite obligation to the men who have gone into the chaplaincy at our request. The influence of our Committee and that of the entire Conference will be utilized to prevent any replacement rabbis from taking the positions of those for whom they are substituting--in other words, we will not allow any "Masig G'vul." Furthermore, this Committee has looked with strong disfavor upon any attempt of a civilian rabbi to advance himself in the ministry, unless he has been physically disqualified for the chaplaincy. It is a practice of our Committee, as soon as a pulpit vacancy occurs, to write to the congregation and call their attention to our Set of

Principles, and any rabbi who desires to make a pulpit change must first secure clearance from our chaplaincy Committee. The names of the rabbis who have been physically disqualified have been sent to Dr. Morgenstern, Dr. Wise and to the members of the Executive Board of the Conference.

IV.

At the meeting of the Conference in June, 1944, in Cincinnati a Resolution pertaining to the Chaplaincy and signed by a number of chaplains was referred to our Committee on Chaplains with instructions to report to the Executive Board before their October meeting.

At the meeting of our Committee on October 12, 1944, the Resolution was considered most carefully and a statement was adopted by our Committee and presented to the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The Executive Board of the Conference amended the Resolution of our Committee, as was reported by the Administrative Secretary of the Conference.

Our Committee has had other delicate situations to contend with, notably the difficulty that has arisen in the congregation at Hollywood, California. A letter was forwarded to that congregation stating our position unequivocally, copy of that letter was forwarded to the replacement rabbi of that congregation, as well as to Chaplain Bauman, who is the rabbi on leave.

I would recommend to the Conference that it pass a Resolution supporting the action of our Committee and stating firmly and positively that the moral strength of the Conference will be exercised fully in behalf of the returning chaplains.

I wish to report at this time that since we last met, two members of the C.C.A.R., Chaplain Aryeh Lev and Rabbi Philip Bernstein, visited the Pacific Theater of War, met with our chaplains, and studied the further needs of our men in the Armed Forces in that area. I am also pleased to report that Chaplain Lev is at present visiting the various installations in Europe and North Africa, on an inspection tour with Brigadier General Arnold, the former Chief of Chaplains.

I am informed that Brigadier General Arnold, on his return from this tour of inspection, will retire from the Army and will take the place that Bishop O'Hara occupied in the Military Vicariate of the Catholic Church of America. Chief of Naval Chaplains R.D. Workman has also been retired. I would recommend that the Conference authorize your Committee on Chaplaincy to write official letters to both of these gentlemen commending them for their splendid cooperation in providing for the religious needs of our men in the Armed Forces. I would also like to recommend that the Conference authorize the Committee to send letters of greetings also to their successors. Chaplain Arnold is succeeded by Chaplain Luther D. Miller and Chaplain Workman by Wm. N. Thomas.

I want to take this opportunity to express on behalf of our Committee and myself our whole-hearted thanks to our faithful and devoted secretary of this Committee, Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, and to his secretary, Miss Ruth Mandelkern, who have done a tremendous job in connection with our work. I am sure that without their devoted service the record we have made would not have been possible. I also wish to express our thanks to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which is a constituent of our Committee, for their loyal cooperation and for lending us the services of Rabbi Egelson and Miss Mandelkern.

Respectfully submitted,

RABBI BARNETT R. BRICKNER

Chairman



UNION OF AMERICAN

HEBREW CONGREGATIONS ✓ RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, DIRECTOR

THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO

December 14, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Tifereth Israel Congregation
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

I am writing this letter to inform you that Rabbi Alfred Wolf is about to visit Cleveland as the representative of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the interest of the expansion of Reform Judaism. For a long time we have all been convinced that this is the most vital problem that faces Reform Judaism today and also that this is supremely the job of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

I have asked Rabbi Wolf to hold some preliminary discussions with you and your congregational leaders to determine the feasibility of what we have in mind.

He will reach Cleveland in a few days and will call on you to talk over this matter with you and get your good counsel and advice. I trust that you can spare the time to discuss the matter with him.

As the representative of the Union, Rabbi Wolf during his stay in Cleveland, will be glad to render any service that he can to you and your congregation.

Assuring you that the Union and I personally will appreciate anything you can do to promote this cause and with kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially,

Maurice N. Eisen drath

Director

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En route - Dayton, Ohio

December 21, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The meeting of the Joint Committee of the two Reform Congregations and of the Union on the problem of the unaffiliated in Cleveland has been scheduled for Thursday, December 27, at lunch time. Mr. Sidney N. Weitz will arrange for the place and the exact hour of the meeting, together with Mr. James H. Miller and Judge Maurice Bernon.

I would appreciate your getting together with Mr. Weitz to have him appoint an additional member of your Congregation who is well informed on the local scene and who is interested in our problem. Mr. Weitz told me that he may be unable to attend the meeting. I hope that, in that case, he will be represented by one of the other officers of your Congregation.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to our meeting. Meanwhile I am, with kindest personal regards and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alfred Wolf", written over the typed name.

Joint Committee on the Unaffiliated in Cleveland

representing the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Anshe Chesed Congregation, and Tifereth Israel Congregation.

Meeting: Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio, December 27, 1945, 12:15 p.m.

Present: Judge Maurice Bernon
Rabbi Barnett Brickner
Bernard Eisenberg
Eugene L. Geismer
Jos. Hartzmark
Allen Klivans
James H. Miller
Rabbi Alfred Wolff

Unable to attend:

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Sidney N. Weitz

After discussing the basic problem of the Unaffiliated in the metropolitan centers in general and in Cleveland in particular and after analyzing the advantages of the two solutions offered - branches and independent congregations - the committee agreed to submit the following suggestions to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and to the two Congregations:

1. The two Congregations shall co-operate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in organizing, in Cleveland, an additional Reform Congregation.

2. These three organizations shall also co-operate in a publicity campaign preparing the ground for this organization by publicity favorable to Reform Judaism.

3. The dues to be collected by the new Congregation in the first few years of its existence shall be in a lower range than the present minimum dues of the existing Congregations.

4. The two Reform Congregations shall close their membership rolls to all except those related in the first degree to present members of these Congregations. Likewise the new Congregation shall not accept members from among those now affiliated with the two Reform Congregations. A small group of members who may form a nucleus of the new Congregation with the consent of the Boards of both Congregations may be exempted from the latter rule.

A committee shall be appointed by both Congregations to continue discussions of this subject together with representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations after due consideration of this matter by the Boards of both Congregations.

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Third Tentative Draft
of
Constitution and By-Laws
of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

PREAMBLE

The congregations represented in this Union of American Hebrew Congregations affirm their faithful attachment to Judaism, and conscious of Israel's sacred duties, undertake to discharge these duties effectively pursuant to the laws of the country and under the protection of benign Providence.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (hereinafter referred to as the "Union").

Article 2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Union are:

- a) To encourage and aid the organization and development of congregations and synagogues.
- b) To promote religious instruction and encourage the study of Jewish history and literature.
- c) To maintain the Hebrew Union College.
- d) To foster other activities for the perpetuation of Judaism.

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP

Any American Jewish congregation, upon approval by the Executive Board, may become a member of this Union by subscribing to its Constitution and By-Laws.

Article 4. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 1. The legislative body of the Union and its highest authority shall be the "General Assembly," which shall be composed of representatives of congregations comprising the Union.

Section 2. Each congregation shall be entitled to two delegates and to such additional representation in the General Assembly as the By-Laws may provide.

Section 3. At the meetings of the General Assembly, each delegate or his alternate shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 4. The General Assembly shall elect its own officers.

Article 5. MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Regular meetings of the General Assembly shall be held biennially at such time and place as the General Assembly or the Executive Board may determine. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the President of the Union and shall be called by him upon written request of the majority of all the members of the Executive Board or upon written request of fifty member congregations.

Article 6. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board of one hundred members, which shall have complete charge of the affairs of the Union, and which shall be its highest authority when the General Assembly is not in session.

Section 2. The term of office of the members of the Executive Board and the method of their election shall be determined by the By-Laws.

Article 7. OFFICERS OF THE UNION

The officers of the Union shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Director, an Administrative Secretary, and at the option of the Executive Board a chairman of the Executive Board, and Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, all of whom, except the Director, the Administrative Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, must be members of the Executive Board. The Director and Administrative Secretary shall be selected by the Executive Board. The remaining officers shall be elected by the Executive Board immediately after the close of each biennial session of the General Assembly for a term of two years, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. Vacancies to fill the unexpired terms of officers shall be filled by the Executive Board as they occur. The officers of the Union shall be the officers of the Executive Board.

Article 8. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the General Assembly by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, provided the delegates registered represent at least one-third of all the member congregations. Such amendment may be initiated by the Executive Board or may be submitted in writing by a member congregation to the Executive Board. In either event, the Executive Board shall transmit the same to the member congregations at least sixty days in advance of the next regular or special meeting of the General Assembly. The Executive Board shall present such amendment to the General Assembly, with its views thereon. Modification of amendments regularly submitted may be made on the floor of the General Assembly.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board, consisting of one hundred members, shall be constituted as follows:

(a) Six members thereof shall be elected by the Central Conference of American Rabbis from its own membership for regular terms of four years. At the first meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis following the adoption of these By-Laws, the Conference shall elect six members of the Executive Board, three for four years and three for two years, and thereafter, biennially shall elect three members for four years. In addition, the President and Vice-President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, during their respective terms of office, shall be ex officio members of the Executive Board with power to vote.

(b) The Director of the Union, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College, the President of Hebrew Union College, the President and First Vice-President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the President and First Vice-President of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, and the President and First Vice-President of the National Federation of Temple Youth shall be ex officio members of the Executive Board with power to vote.

(c) Fifty-three members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly upon a basis of equitable geographical distribution, as follows:

Each of the organized regions of the Union shall be entitled to representation upon the Executive Board. Each Council of the Union now or hereafter established by the Union shall constitute a region for the purposes of this subsection. The number of Executive Board members from each region shall be governed by the total number of individual members of the congregations within the region for whom the prescribed minimum dues are paid, and shall be distributed equitably among the congregations within the region.

Each of the organized regions of the Union shall present its quota of nominees for the Executive Board to the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly.

Wherever there is no organized region of the Union, or in the event an organized region shall fail to present such nominees, the delegates from that geographic area in attendance at the General Assembly shall submit such nominees to the Nominating Committee.

(d) The remaining thirty members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly as representatives at large without special reference to the regions.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board, which shall be about six months prior to the regular General Assembly meeting, the President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Board, a committee whose duty it shall be to present to the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly a list of carefully selected nominees, in the number to be elected as representatives at large, for election to the Executive Board by the General Assembly.

A list of these nominees shall be sent to each constituent congregation at least ten days in advance of the meeting of the General Assembly. Any twenty delegates present at the General Assembly may make additional nominations for representatives at large to the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly at any time during the first meeting day. The Nominating Committee shall report to the General Assembly the names of all nominees for balloting, with its recommendations.

(e) At the meeting of the General Assembly at which these By-Laws shall be adopted, one-half of the members of the Executive Board shall be elected for two years, and one-half for four years. Subsequently, at each meeting of the General Assembly, one-half of the Executive Board members, to succeed those whose terms have expired, shall be elected for a term of four years.

(f) Vacancies caused by death or resignation shall be filled by the Executive Board for a period lasting until the next meeting of the General Assembly, at which time, the General Assembly shall elect members to fill the unexpired terms. Such vacancies shall be filled from the constituencies, if any, to which the retired members were accredited, on nomination from those constituencies.

(g) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Executive Board, either ex officio or otherwise, unless he or she shall be a member of a constituent congregation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the wife of such a member, or the rabbi of such a congregation.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet at least twice a year at such time and place as the President of the Union shall designate. Special meetings of the Executive Board shall be held on the written request of twenty of the members thereof or when the President shall so order. Twenty-five members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Board shall be ex officio the trustees of all property belonging to the Union. *

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have the power to elect to honorary membership on the Executive Board without the right to vote, such persons whose long and distinguished services have merited such consideration. However, at no time shall there be more than fifteen honorary members on the Executive Board.

Section 4. If the chairman of the various Commissions of the Union shall not be selected from the membership of the Executive Board, they shall become ex officio members thereof by virtue of their selection.

Article 2. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Administrative Committee of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shall consist of the President of the Union, the Chairman of the Executive Board, if there is one so elected, the Director of the Union, the presidents of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, and National Federation of Temple Youth, the President of the Hebrew Union College, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, and fifteen other members of the Executive Board appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board. The Administrative Committee shall have and may exercise all the powers and functions of the Executive Board in the interim between meetings of the Executive Board, provided, however, that all matters of general policy shall be determined by the Executive Board or the General Assembly. The President of the Union shall be ex officio Chairman of the Administrative Committee and the Administrative Secretary of the Union shall be ex officio Secretary of the Administrative Committee.

Section 2. Meetings of the Administrative Committee may be called at such time and place as may be determined by the President of the Union, or by a Vice-President in the absence of the President.

Section 3. The expense of the members of the Administrative Committee in attendance at meetings thereof shall be borne by the Union.

Article 3. COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

The presidents of the congregations affiliated with the Union shall meet as a council, either nationally or regionally, at the call of the President of the Union, at such time and place as he may designate, but at least once every two years. The Council shall serve as an advisory body to the Union and may present recommendations to the Executive Board of the Union. Report on the recommendations of the Council shall be made by the Executive Board either to a succeeding Council or to the General Assembly of the Union, or both.

Article 4. THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNION

The Director of the Union shall administer all the affairs of the Union. New projects recommended by him must receive the approval of the Administrative Committee or the Executive Board before being put into effect. The Director shall be ex officio a member of all Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the Union. He shall present reports at periodic intervals to the Administrative Committee and to the Executive Board of the Union, and a report to the General Assembly at its regular meetings.

Article 5. THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

The Administrative Secretary, in addition to his duties as department head, shall act as Secretary of the General Assembly, of the Executive Board and of the Administrative Committee, and of committees appointed by these bodies, as designated by the Director. In his absence, an Assistant Secretary may be designated to act in his place.

Article 6. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of July of each year and end on the thirtieth day of June of the following year.

Article 7. FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS

The books of the Union shall be audited at least once a year by an auditor or auditors chosen by the Executive Board.

Article 8. BUDGET COMMITTEE

At the regular semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board next preceding the close of the fiscal year, a budget shall be submitted. This budget shall be prepared in ample time and shall have been passed upon by a Budget Committee of not less than five members of the Executive Board appointed by the President. The budget and any additional monetary appropriations shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Board present and voting at the meeting. The various Commissions and the Affiliates and Councils of the Union shall submit to the Union on or before March 30 their estimates for the coming fiscal year, approved by their respective Boards by majority vote. None of the Boards or institutions subsidiary to the Executive Board shall have authority to spend money except as provided in the Budget and as specifically approved by the Executive Board.

Article 9. ENDOWMENTS AND TRUST FUNDS

The Executive Board shall biennially appoint five members thereof as a Committee on Endowment and Trust Funds. Said Committee shall be vested with the custody and control (a) of all trust funds, money, securities, and trust property of the Union, and (b) of all other funds and securities of the Union including those held for or requiring temporary investment. Said Committee shall have full power and authority to sell and dispose of all funds and securities and trust property which may come into its hands as above provided, and to invest and reinvest the proceeds thereof, and its chairman or vice-chairman shall have full authority to sign any and all transfers, instruments, and papers which may be necessary or required, and to do so whenever he may be so empowered by resolution of the Committee. Such power and authority shall be exercised by said Committee by a vote of not less than a majority of the whole Committee. All securities coming into the custody and control of the Committee shall be kept in a safe deposit box.

Article 10. DUES

Each member congregation of the Union shall pay yearly into the treasury of the Union, either directly or through its individual members, an amount equal to \$3.00 per member. This shall be considered minimum dues and shall not preclude the raising of additional funds through individual subscriptions or otherwise to meet the budgetary needs of the Union.

Article 11. BANK DEPOSITS

All banks of deposit for Union funds and all banks of deposit for revolving funds for the various departments of the Union shall be named by the Executive Board or by the Administrative Committee. Checks, drafts, and other instruments for the withdrawal of funds on the major accounts shall bear such signature or signatures as may be determined from time to time by the Executive Board or the Administrative Committee.

Article 12. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS, ETC.

The President, the Chairman of the Executive Board, any Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Director, or the Administrative Secretary of the Union shall be authorized to sign in the name and on behalf of the Union a receipt and/or release for any gift, legacy, bequest, or devise received from any donors, or from any executors, administrators, trustees, or other fiduciaries.

Article 13. REPRESENTATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 1. The representation of the member congregations in the General Assembly shall be based on the number of persons for whom the prescribed minimum dues are paid. Each member congregation in good standing shall be entitled to two delegates and to one additional delegate for each one hundred persons or major fraction thereof for whom the prescribed minimum dues are paid over and above the first one hundred.

Section 2. Each congregation shall be entitled to an alternate for each delegate, who may exercise all the powers of the delegate during the latter's absence.

Section 3. Members of the Executive Board and of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, by virtue of, and during the term of their office, shall also be members of the General Assembly with all the privileges of delegates, including the right to vote and the right to office. These additional members of the General Assembly shall not prejudice the right of the congregations of which they are members to appoint as many delegates as the membership of such congregations would entitle them to, provided that each delegate shall have only one vote. Honorary members of the above named Board shall be considered honorary members of the General Assembly but without the privilege of voting or election to office, other than honorary, unless duly elected as delegates by a congregation belonging to the Union.

Article 14. BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

Section 1. Thirty members, in addition to the President of the Hebrew Union College, shall constitute the Board of Trustees (known as the Board of Governors) of the Hebrew Union College. Nineteen members shall be elected by the Executive Board of the Union, and six shall be elected by the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College, and five shall be elected as Trustees at Large by the

Central Conference of American Rabbis from among its membership. Members of the Board of Governors shall be elected biennially for a period of four years and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Governors shall be filled by the Body by which the retiring member was elected. Honorary Trustees may be named by the Board of Governors.

Section 3. The President of the Union, the Director of the Union, and the Chairman of the Executive Board shall be elected on the Board of the Governors as part of the nineteen members which the Executive Board elects. The quota of the Union shall be elected at the regular semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board, for terms of office to begin on January 1 following.

Article 15. NATIONAL AFFILIATES

Section 1. At the date of the adoption of these By-Laws, there exist the following National Affiliates sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods
National Federation of Temple Youth.

The primary purpose of these National Affiliates and those which may be hereafter created and sponsored by the Union shall be to strengthen the Union and to serve the cause of Reform Judaism. Each National Affiliate may enact rules and regulations for the administration of its affairs not inconsistent with this Constitution of the Union nor with any decision of the Biennial Council of the Union.

Section 2. The President and the Director of the Union shall be ex officio members of the Executive Board of each affiliate.

Section 3. The Executive Secretary or the Director of each National Affiliate shall be a member of the staff of the Union of which the Director of the Union shall be the chairman. Such Executive Secretary or Director shall be elected by the Executive Board of the National Affiliate after consultation with the Executive Board or the President of the Union.

Section 4. Each National Affiliate shall submit its budget to the Budget Committee of the Union for the approval of those amounts to be appropriated by the Union for that Affiliate.

Section 5. No National Affiliate shall adopt any resolution on a matter of general public interest or institute any new policy or initiate any project without consultation with the President or Director of the Union, or their designated representatives.

Section 6. In the event that mutually satisfactory conclusions cannot be reached as a result of the above consultations, such matters shall be referred for decision to a committee of five, two of whom

shall be appointed by the President of the Union, two by the President of the respective Affiliate, and the four so appointed shall select the fifth member from the Executive Board of the Union, who shall act as an impartial arbitrator.

Section 7. The foregoing principles, appropriately paraphrased, shall be incorporated into the Constitution of each National Affiliate created.

Article 16. COUNCILS OF THE UNION

The Union shall continue to have the power to establish Councils of the Union, upon a regional or a local basis, or upon such other basis as the Union may from time to time determine. At the time of the adoption of these By-Laws, two such Councils exist, the New York Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the Chicago Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The ultimate goal of these Councils and those which may be hereafter established is the further strengthening of the Union, and in order to bring about complete integration between the Union and its Councils, the following principles governing their relationship are established:

(a) The President and Director of the Union shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee of each Council.

(b) The Executive Committee of each Council shall, with the approval of the Executive Board or the President of the Union, appoint an Executive Director and such other officers or agents as it shall determine. All such professional personnel shall be under the control of the Union, and their salaries shall be fixed and paid by the Union.

(c) No Council shall adopt any resolution on a matter of general public interest, or initiate any new policy or project without the authority of the Executive Board, the President, or the Director of the Union.

(d) The expenditures of Councils shall be in accordance with the budget adopted by the Executive Board of the Union in the manner provided in these By-Laws. All funds collected by such Councils shall be remitted to the Union.

(e) The foregoing principles, appropriately paraphrased, shall be incorporated into the Constitution or other basic law of each Council now or hereafter created.

Article 17. DISTRIBUTION OF THE MAGAZINE OF THE COMMISSION ON SYNAGOGUE ACTIVITIES

Out of the dues paid by each congregation into the treasury of the Union, the same consisting of \$3.00 per member and applying especially to the dues paid by the congregation for the members of the Board of Trustees of the congregation, there shall be set aside twenty-five cents for each member of a Board of Trustees and other members

designated, the same to apply as a subscription price for the Magazine of the Commission on Synagogue Activities, published by the Union.

Article 18. PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 1. The President of the Union shall call the delegates to the General Assembly to order and ask for the election of a temporary Chairman and a temporary Secretary. When these are elected, the temporary Chairman shall appoint a Committee on Credentials and a Committee on Permanent Organization. After a report of the Committee on Credentials shall have been adopted, the General Assembly shall consider the report of the Committee on Permanent Organization and shall elect such officers of the General Assembly as it deems proper. Unless otherwise ordered by the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly shall then appoint such committees as he shall deem necessary, and shall without debate refer to them the reports of the several officers and boards and of the committees previously appointed, in such manner as he may deem advisable. He shall also appoint such other committees as the General Assembly during its session may order.

Section 2. The General Assembly, at its first meeting, shall specify the latest time at which resolutions may be proposed by the delegates. All such resolutions must be in writing, and shall be read to the General Assembly and referred to the Committee on Resolutions. When the Committee on Resolutions shall report to the General Assembly, a motion to adopt the report shall be in order. If the resolution as originally proposed was changed or modified by the Committee on Resolutions, and if the motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Resolutions be rejected, any delegate may move to recall the resolution as originally proposed from consideration of the Committee on Resolutions, and if said motion be carried, the said original resolution may then be considered by the General Assembly.

Section 3. A motion to adopt a resolution relating to ordinary matters, or concerning the internal affairs and business of the Union, shall require for its adoption the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates present and voting.

Section 4. A motion to adopt a resolution upon an extraordinary matter, or purporting to express the views or sentiments of the Union or its constituents upon a question not directly affecting the conduct of the affairs of the Union or its constituents, shall require for its adoption the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting.

Section 5. Except as otherwise provided herein, meetings of the General Assembly shall be conducted in accordance with the methods and practices set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 19. CONGREGATIONAL AUTONOMY

Nothing contained in this Constitution and these By-Laws shall operate to interfere in any manner whatsoever with the mode of wor-

ship, the school, or any of the other congregational activities of the constituent congregations of the Union.

Article 20. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any meeting of the Executive Board, provided written notice of proposed changes has been given to each member of the Executive Board not less than thirty days in advance, or by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the General Assembly, provided that the proposed amendment shall lay over at least twenty-four hours after it is presented to the General Assembly.



[1945?]

MEMORANDUM for: Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, Chairman
Foundation Fund Campaign

Dr. H. B. Weiss, Chairman
H.U.C. Board of Governors

Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President
Hebrew Union College

SUBJECT: The Hebrew Union College Foundation Fund Campaign
by Samuel Wohl, Chairman
H.U.C. Planning Committee

AIM: TO RAISE THE AMOUNT OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS.

PURPOSE:

- 1) to establish required reserves for the College.
- 2) for the Graduate School that will train men for professorships in Jewish history and literature, to be maintained in various Universities.
- 3) for Fellowships in Judaic studies for leaders in community service.
- 4) for Fellowships to ordained Christian ministers to pursue a course in Judaism at the Hebrew Union College.
- 5) for the establishment of a College in Jewish Education and Psychology for specialized training in the Pastoral Ministry, social agency counselors, group direction and religious education in New York City.

PLAN: The Plan must be flexible to be readily adapted to the opportunities of each community.

I. WHAT CAN EACH ALUMNUS DO?

- a. Prepare list of possible givers.
- b. Name the one, two or several men who need special handling in order that they may become interested in the giving of large sums.
- c. Find out who, among his congregants owns private corporations, and if a corporate gift or trust gift may be obtained.
- d. Proceed to select from among members of H.U.C. National Council a "rating" committee that will suggest total amount obtainable in community and approximate giving by individual contributors.
- e. Survey of small neighboring communities; list the one or two or several prospects, and advise how they should be approached.

II. HOW TO GO ABOUT IN EACH COMMUNITY.

- a. The alumnus, together with all or some members of H.U.C. National Council, shall arrange a small dinner meeting, limited to fifteen or twenty key people (among them, possible largest givers) in honor of the President of the College, the Chairman of the H.U.C. Foundation Fund, a distinguished Alumnus or prominent national lay leader who would address them, counsel with them and persuade them to constitute themselves into the campaign board.
- b. This should be followed in larger communities by an initial-gifts dinner that will bring together all who may be expected to give \$1000 or more.
- c. The above shall be a public event and, wherever possible, be linked with the 70th Anniversary of the College, called by sponsoring committee and rabbis to be honored on that occasion with presentation of Anniversary medal (appropriate ritual). Academic leader in community and outstanding public figure may be invited, if that will add to prestige of the event.
- d. In some communities, it may be possible for rabbis to obtain attendance if he should invite congregants to be his personal guests at a dinner in honor of the Anniversary of his Alma Mater (expenses may be met by a few friends whom he takes into his confidence). The presentation of the medal by a designated person authorized by the Hebrew Union College.

III. WHO WILL COME TO THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES?

- a. A group of distinguished alumni who will be asked to make a definite allotment of time for the purpose of visiting a number of communities.
- b. The President of the College.
- c. The Chairman of the Board of Governors.
- d. The Chairman of the Foundation Fund Campaign.
- e. The members of the Faculty.
- f. Distinguished lay leaders and officers of the Campaign.

IV. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE H.U.C. FOUNDATION FUND

- a. Will select the first ten communities and address small dinners of key people in accordance with immediate possibility for funds.

- b. An H.U.C. Foundation Day will take place in Pittsburgh to which a group of national leaders will be invited.
 - 1) Area lay leaders, national council members and alumni of region.
- c. The day's program will consist of
 - 1) A great service on Sunday morning
 - 2) Inspirational addresses at luncheon
 - 3) Committee sessions on planning national, regional and local campaigns later in the afternoon
 - 4) Inaugural of chairman at public dinner in the evening.

It is hoped that Pittsburgh community will be ready to make important announcement and regional representatives may pledge concrete results.

- V. Area conferences that will include alumni, H.U.C. National Council members and delegates chosen by rabbis may be held in other centers of the country and Pittsburgh plan may be followed with modifications.

VI. SPECIAL EVENTS FOR NEW YORK CITY

- a. Planning Board to be formed by New York associate chairmen of the Campaign.
- b. Several dinner groups sponsored by honorary alumni of the College.
- c. Waldorf-Astoria dinner sponsored by all New York Alumni in honor of Gov. Lehman, Dr. Morgenstern, Judge Rosenman, etc.
Goal - a thousand in attendance, contributing a thousand and up per plate including those who will have given large sums at the small dinners, and guests whom they, in turn, will invite who may contribute the above sum.

January 10, 1946

Union of American Hebrew Congregations
34 West 6th Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Friends:

I read in the "Liberal Judaism" that the Hebrew Union College and the Union have issued an album of recordings of Jewish music. I wish that you would send a set, and a bill, which I will pay upon receipt of the records.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 15, 1946

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

Dear Abba:

The Biannual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will be held in Cincinnati, March 3-6. Several hundred people are expected to be present as delegates. As you know, we are now making arrangements in various communities for our Foundation Fund. I should like personally to invite some key people in the country to remain over for another evening in Cincinnati (Wednesday evening, March 6th), so that I might discuss with them the needs of the College and the program for the expansion of our services.

Will you be good enough to arrange with the President of your congregation to have one or two people of your congregation who are most influential be appointed among the delegates? Let me have their names and addresses as promptly as possible so that I may invite them to have dinner with me on that evening. You understand that this matter must be treated confidentially. This invitation is designed for only a limited group of people whom we want to do some significant things for our cause.

With all good wishes, I am

Ever faithfully yours,

Julian Morgenstern
PRESIDENT

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January 18, 1946

Mr. Robert P. Goldman
Chairman, Program Committee 39th Council
The Union of American Hebrew Congregations
34 West 6th Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldman:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of January 16,
and for the invitation which you extend to me to
speak at the Banquet of the Council of the Union of
American Hebrew Congregations on Tuesday evening,
March 5. I am very pleased to accept your invitation.

Hoping that the Council of the Union will be very
successful, and with all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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34 WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO · PHONE Parkway 7345

January 16, 1946

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am pleased to extend to you on behalf of our Program Committee, our invitation to speak at the Banquet at the next Council of the Union on March 5. We hope that Rabbi Leo Beck will also speak on that occasion.

A copy of the Program is attached hereto. Since we plan to give a citation to the Reform Jewish Chaplains at the Banquet, it is our hope that we may have General Eisenhower make a brief address. At the present writing, however, we do not know whether he will come.

We shall be very pleased to receive your acceptance.

With kind greetings and looking forward to seeing you in Cincinnati soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Robert P. Goldman

Chairman, Program Committee
39th Council, UAHC.

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39th Council OF THE UNION
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January 28. 1946

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, President
Rabbi Ahron Opher, Assistant to the President
Synagogue Council of America
607 W. 161st Street
New York 32, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

Although I had hoped that after our many discussions and conferences we had reached some very definite agreement regarding the scope of the Synagogue Council, it appears from your letter of January 18, 1946, that those responsible for the present policies of the Synagogue Council are proceeding in complete indifference to the policies in which I thought we had concurred. I am referring to the suggestion that "the Synagogue Council has been asked to constitute a clearing house for congregational bulletins and to serve as an information center on the religious scene of American Jewry." I should like to ask, in the first place, by whom has the Synagogue Council been asked to perform this particular function; secondly, I should like to inquire as to just when such a project was officially sanctioned by the representatives of the Synagogue Council's constituents; and thirdly, I wish to record my objection to this particular program as being beyond the scope of the Synagogue Council and being another instance of a seeming intention on the part of the Synagogue Council to assume functions that have been for decades past the responsibility of at least some of its constituents, responsibilities that to my knowledge have been very satisfactorily discharged.

In view of this continuous initiation of new projects without proper authorization and with an apparent indifference to the already existing functions of the members of the Synagogue Council, I do not see how we can proceed to give our assent to the projected budget of the Synagogue Council, for it seems quite obvious to me that what the Union and the other constituents are being asked to finance is an increasingly functional organization that is in many respects seeking to tackle work for which the Union itself is raising funds. However, at all events, your proposed budget will have to be submitted to our next meeting of the Executive Board, which will take place immediately prior to our Biennial Council.

Although I suppose that this letter will be interpreted as another instance of our alleged "obstructionism," in my judgment the project suggested in your letter of January 18 fully justifies the above reaction.

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) Maurice N. Eisendrath
Director

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February 21, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

After speaking with you in Cleveland last week regarding the wisdom of approaching Robert Gries to assume an active part in our national campaign program, I had an opportunity to discuss the same subject with your president, Sidney Weitz. Mr. Weitz felt very definitely that it would be a mistake to talk to Bob due to the latter's rather rough and unpolished manner and the fact that he had never been a real congregational worker or leader.

I want you to know, and this is confidential, that Roger W. Straus has already advised me that he will not continue as National Campaign Chairman after June 30th which is the end of the present fiscal year. He has held this office for over two years and Irving S. Florsheim of Chicago has been our National Treasurer during the same period. These two positions will therefore be open and we have the possibility of getting Harris Perlstein of Detroit as National Chairman, but have no outstanding candidate for the position of National Treasurer. Would you care to make a suggestion, someone in your congregation who you feel might very well fill this position advantageously.

Mr. Weitz ventured the idea that since we are weak on the West Coast, we ought to try to get a man like Harry Warner who is an active member of Edgar Magnin's congregation as our National Chairman. His feeling was that such a name would create considerable interest and might attract support from many quarters which had been either dormant in recent years or closed altogether to our appeal.

Inasmuch as I am leaving Monday for Cincinnati, I would be very happy to hear from you at the Union office any time during the next ten days.

Sincerely yours,

Jerome L. Levy

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February 21, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was so very happy to have been able to be with you at Cleveland and to have had the privilege of fighting on one or two issues by your side. I feel gratified with the general result of the meeting, and I look forward hopefully that the Biennial will share our viewpoint.

First of all, let me thank you and Virginia so very much for your most gracious hospitality. Both Rosa and I enjoyed immensely being with you in your lovely home. I do hope that there may be a possibility of both of you getting here by Friday, the 1st, so that we might in some small measure try to reciprocate, as this is the one free evening that we will have prior to the exciting days of the Biennial and it would be so very nice to have both of you for dinner.

I talked with Mr. Rosenberg over long distance and succeeded in persuading him to send out a letter somewhat along the lines of our discussion. He demurred, however, concerning the mentioning of the CCAR, as he felt that this would complicate the issue. I feel that there still might be time for you to send a copy of the attached letter, in your own name, to the rabbis, and indicate specifically that such resolution as is being circularized is contrary to the position taken by the CCAR and thus challenges the spiritual leadership of Reform Judaism.

Mr. Rosenberg also did not like the idea of stating specifically that the resolution that is being circulated ran counter to the position of the Executive Board, as he felt that this was not fully justified. However, I think that I have adequately covered that difficulty in the opening sentence of the attached letter which indicates that the position of the Executive Board is being submitted to the Biennial for ratification. It is obvious, therefore, that the resolution that is being distributed is a challenge to this position. *I think the letter will achieve*

With warm personal greetings, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

MNE:SG
Encl.

Maurice *This plus other means will help.*

I. EDWARD TONKON
SANGER BROTHERS
DALLAS 2, TEXAS

February 22, 1946

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS:

Dear friends:

In order to PRESERVE THE UNION as the laymens organization concerned with classic American Reform Judaism and charged with the responsibility of being its constant implementing force, I have urged you on several occasions during the past year to withdraw the Union's membership from the American Jewish Conference, because the Conference concerned itself with politics and not religious matters. For reasons best known to yourselves, you saw fit to postpone the matter until the forthcoming 39th Council of the Union.

I feared that if vacillation ensued that the tenor of the "Bi-ennial" meeting might become acrimonious and now our Director, Rabbi Eisendrath, in his "comment" in the February issue of LIBERAL JUDAISM voices considerable concern about the temper of the convention meetings. He has been around the country and knows the pulse of the feelings of the various congregations and the membership and is justified in his deep concern about the tempo of the deliberations

There are too many things about the Union which its constituents can wholeheartedly agree upon to permit this issue to mar. The union is purely a religious organization, whose purpose is to aid and implement and further the cause of classic American Reform Judaism, and as such should not concern itself with politics and those phases of politics which indicates a departure from its traditional stand compatible with classic American Reform Judaism of which it is the undisputed guardian and citadel.

In order therefore to temper and minimize the possibility of rancor and rampant ill feeling at this 39th Council, I most respectfully suggest to your body that at your meeting on Saturday March 2nd, you unanimously vote the Union's withdrawal from the American Jewish Conference, so advise the Conference by wire and make this announcement at the opening of the convention on Sunday morning. This action will be hailed by all factions as "oil on the muddy" waters and you will have keynoted the convention's good feeling and orderly procedure that will auger well for a successful convention and further intrench the Union in its rightful place as the laymen's organization of American Reform Judaism.

In the interests of PRESERVING THE UNION and of peace, harmony and a convention that should be marked by real forward looking accomplishments, I earnestly solicit this affirmative statesmanlike action on your part. With cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

I. Edward Tonkon

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COPY of reply to Mr. Rosenberg's air mail letter dated February 22, 1946

AIR MAIL

February 23, 1946

Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, President
The Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
34 West Sixth Street,
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

My dear Otto:

With all our back and forth correspondence during the year, you know my great hope is the PRESERVATION OF THE UNION and a decorum at the 39th Biennial that would result in some forward looking accomplishments. For that reason I am terribly sorry that you saw fit to send out the letter dated February 22nd, copy of which I received today by air mail.

In the first instance those "basic principles" agreed upon by a group of people interested in preserving classic American Reform Judaism, were not representing any Congregations per se. I was at the meeting and I know that the men and women in attendance came there because they are concerned about what is happening to American Reform Judaism and the meeting was used as a clearing house of thought on the subject. It was not possible for many others invited to attend and so they were sent the results of the meeting and asked to sign the "basic principles" if they so desired. Surely in this democratic country that just finished a war in which among the four freedoms it was fighting to preserve was "Freedom of Worship", people have a right to sit down and talk over what they understand their religion to be. They are even entitled to draw up "principles" if they so chose. Other religions have them. Even the orthodox and the Conservatives now have them. As a matter of fact I am reliably advised that some 200 Conservative Synagogues in this country now require as a prerequisite for membership and adherence to the tenets of Political Zionism. So surely you cannot find fault with a group of people getting together and drawing up "principles of faith" regardless of whether you agree or disagree with them.

The group which met and drew up these "basic principles" did not have in contemplation introducing them at the Union's meeting. They felt this was something for individuals and individual congregations. Now however that you sent your letter I am wondering what reactions we may now have. To me it seems to issue a challenge where no challenge existed.

As I wrote to you and all the officers and members of the Union board on yesterday, there is much on which all of us can and do agree than to inject extraneous techniques that may thwart an otherwise possible peaceful and successful Biennial.

Page Two - Mr. Tonkon's letter to Mr. Adolph Rosenberg - February 23, 1946.

After all, my dear Otto, the issue is not too intricate. You and I know that the Union in several respects in the past few years, has acted for its constituents in a manner that definitely (so declared by Rabbi Eisendrath) indicates that it has veered from its traditional moorings of classic American Reform Judaism. There are those within the Union who deprecate this course, who have no quarrel with those who wish to dilute so-called "Classic American Reform Judaism" but who with commendable tenacity wish to retain their concept of "Reform", including worship, ritual, etcetra without being overwhelmed by the desires of groups who while entitled to their point of view on these matters, should not unwillingly impose them on those who do not care to dilute and vacuate classic American Reform Judaism. That in a nut shell is the cause of the hue and cry.

The group that seek to retain the elements of classic Reform are virtually those who founded and built the Union to be the laymen's organization for implementing such Reform. They do not want to liquidate it nor have it taken over by the group who regardless of their sincerity, which I do not question, seek to make of Reform something other than what it was intended. If those who seek to dilute and change Reform from what it was originally intended, then they have the free and undisputed American right to do so by withdrawing from the accepted organization of classic American Reform Judaism, namely The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, but they should not "take-over" that which never was theirs in the first instance. It is with the many facets of this approach over these past few years, that the group you refer to, objects, deprecates and seeks to avoid, in order to PRESERVE THE UNION.

I am not unmindful that the pressure on you and the other administrative officers has been terrific and your position has not necessarily been an enviable one. On the other hand the charge and the duty is clear as crystal and it is because of that, that I wrote all of you on yesterday again asking you at your board meeting next Saturday night to take summary action in voting to withdraw from the American Jewish Conference, as an expression of good faith and to keynote an orderly peaceful, harmonious and successful convention. I pray that the wisdom of such action will manifest itself to you, the officers and the members of the board.

With warmest greetings and looking forward to seeing you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) I. EDWARD TONKON

cc- Dr. Maurice Eisendrath.

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PROGRAM - 39th COUNCIL, U.A.H.C.
Cincinnati, March 3-6, 1946

THEME OF CONVENTION: THE FUTURE OF REFORM JUDAISM IN AMERICA

Sunday Morning - March 3, 1946

FORMAL OPENING OF COUNCIL

1. Invocation
2. Appointment of Committees
 - a) On Credentials
 - b) On Permanent Organization
3. Greetings
4. Reports of Committees
 - a) On Credentials
 - b) On Permanent Organization
5. PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT 39th COUNCIL
6. Appointment of Council Committees
 - a) On Resolutions
 - b) On Nominations for Executive Board
 - c) On Time and Place of Next Council
 - d) On Thanks

Sunday Noon - Brief Religious Service (Chaplains officiating)

Sunday Afternoon - Joint Meeting

1. Brief Reports by
 - a) President of the Union
 - b) President of N.F.T.S.
 - c) President of N.F.T.B.
 - d) President of N.F.T.Y.
2. Report by Director of the Union
3. Report by Chairman of Board of Governors, H.U.C.

Sunday Evening - Town Meeting - Emery Auditorium

Policy and Program of Reform Judaism

Moderator:

Participants: Rabbi Joshua L. Liebman, Boston
Rabbi Irving F. Reichert, San Francisco
Mr. Isaac Heller, New Orleans
Mr. M. M. Dannenbaum, Houston

Questions

Monday Morning - March 4, 1946 - Joint Meeting

Opening Prayer:

9:30 - 11:30 A.M. - Discussion of Union's Policy and Program

11:30 A.M. - Resolution

Monday Noon - Luncheon - Hotel Gibson

Presiding: Judge Solomon Elsner, Hartford

Religious Service: (Chaplain officiating)

Grace Before the Meal:

Address: Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, Pittsburgh

Monday Afternoon - Business Session

1. Revision of Constitution
2. New Name for Union
3. Resolutions (Partial Report)

Monday Evening - Symposium

THE SYNAGOGUE AND THE RETURNING SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Presiding:

Participants: Chaplains and Laymen

Discussion

Monday Evening - 10:30 P.M. - Reception and Collation

Tuesday Morning - March 5, 1946 - Business Session (Continued)

Opening Prayer:

Discussion: Future Program of the Union

Resolution (Partial Report)

Tuesday Noon - Brief Religious Service (Chaplains officiating)

Tuesday Afternoon - Group Conferences - Hebrew Union College

1. Afternoon with President and the Director of the Union
2. Afternoon with Congregational Secretaries
3. Afternoon with Finance Representatives

Tuesday Evening - Banquet

Toastmaster:
Grace Before Meal:
Speakers:
Citation to Reform Jewish Chaplains
Benediction:

Wednesday Morning - March 6, 1946 - Business Session

Opening Prayer:

Reports of Council Committees

- a) Resolutions
- b) Nominations
- c) Time and Place of Next Council
- d) Thanks

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34 WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO · PHONE Parkway 7345

March 8, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd. at 105th,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

As I told you the other day, I was very sorry to see that the Enquirer did not make any mention of your banquet address in its Wednesday morning paper. This is one of those newspaper inadvertencies that happen from time to time. Just how or why the reporter should have left you out of the story is inexplicable to me, especially in view of the fact that I mentioned you in the opening sentence of my story, copy of which I am sending you.

The afternoon papers, the Times-Star and the Post, copies of which I enclose, did a much more accurate story and you will note that the New York Times, which I also enclose, devoted a good part of its space to you.

I am also enclosing a copy of the interview as it appeared in the late editions of the Cincinnati Post on Wednesday.

Cordially yours,

Henry W. Levy
Henry W. Levy
Publicity Director

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CINCINNATI, OHIO, March 3-6, 1946

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March 21, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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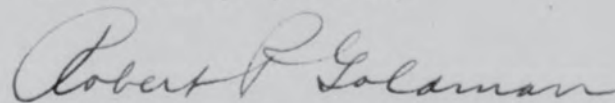
Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Program Committee for the 39th Council of the Union, I want to express to you our sincere thanks and appreciation for the magnificent address that you delivered at the Banquet.

It was an eloquent appeal for reconsecration to the religious ideals of our fathers, and was a fitting climax to a historic Council.

With cordial regards and repeated thanks to you for making our Convention the success it achieved, I am

Cordially yours,



Robert P. Goldman
Chairman, Committee on Program

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*We Extend
This Earnest Invitation
to you to attend a*



REGIONAL CONFERENCE
of the
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

HOTEL HOLLENDEN, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Henry A. Rucker
President of the Jewish Welfare Federation
and the
Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland
Conference Chairman

A HISTORIC CONFERENCE ON THE FATE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

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MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN, America's most highly decorated combat hero of World War I and head of the Army's daring and undercover "OSS" (Office of Strategic Services) in World War II, is known as "Wild Bill" for his hard-hitting leadership as soldier, diplomat and political figure. General Donovan has seen the desperate problems of Europe's Jewish survivors through the eyes of a fact-finding envoy for President Roosevelt and a prosecutor of Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg.

WRHS



HAROLD J. GOLDENBERG, who has just been named National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal for Trades and Industries, is one of the outstanding younger leaders of mid-Western Jewry.



DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, one of the outstanding figures of American Jewry, is President of the Zionist Organization of America and of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Dr. Silver's brilliant leadership in the battle for Jewish survival extends from his Cleveland pulpit to the entire American Jewish community.



DR. JOSEPH C. HYMAN, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, has been for 25 years one of the foremost administrators and on-the-spot observers of relief and rehabilitation programs for European Jewry.

DR. IMRICH ROSENBERG of Prague, officer of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Trade and leader in the Council of Jewish Communities in Czechoslovakia, has just arrived in this country. As an active Czech leader, he has a first-hand knowledge of the problems facing the impoverished Jewish survivors in Czechoslovakia.

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL**



THE HON. CLAUDE PEPPER, United States Senator from Florida, returned to this country recently after a four month survey of conditions in Europe and the Near East during which he studied the vast problems of the Jewish survivors of Hitlerism and war. Senator Pepper's deep understanding of the survival problem of the homeless, destitute remnant of European Jewry is consistent with his brilliant record of public service in his own State and in Washington. Throughout his ten years in the United States Senate, where he is now a member of the important Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Pepper has been a fearless spokesman for justice to oppressed peoples.

**Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1946**

April 23, 1946

Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Merchants Building
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Gentlemen:

WRHS



Evidently you must have sent out a letter over my signature to people in New York, asking for contributions to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I am enclosing herewith two checks which I have received here in Cleveland. Please acknowledge them to the donors.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.

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April 29, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with Article II of the By-Laws of our new Constitution adopted at our recent Biennial, referring to the Administrative Committee, in addition to those serving ex officio, there are to be "fifteen other members of the Executive Board appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board."

Since we will probably have no meeting of the Executive Board before the Fall, and inasmuch as we would like to have a meeting of the Administrative Committee in the near future, I should like to have your approval, by mail, of the appointment of the following members of the Executive Board as members of the Administrative Committee:

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A card for your vote is enclosed herewith.

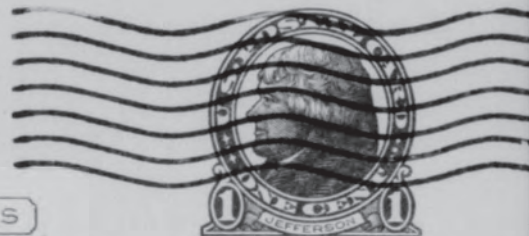
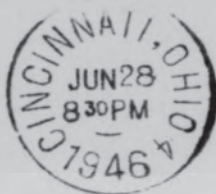
With kind personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Adolph Rosenberg
Adolph Rosenberg
President

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P.S. The ex officio members of the Administrative Committee are the President and Vice-Presidents of the Union, the Director of the Union, the Presidents of the N.F.T.S., N.F.T.B. and N.F.T.Y., the President of the Hebrew Union College and the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

WRHS



Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio
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Dues Payment

Beginning July 1, 1946, the Cincinnati office of the Combined Campaign will handle dues payments from the congregations affiliated with the UAHC. Statements will be issued quarterly, and any correspondence pertaining to this matter should be addressed to Jerome L. Levy, National Finance Director of the Campaign, 34 W. 6th St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

All members of those congregations which have paid their full three dollars per capita dues are entitled to receive the monthly magazine, LIBERAL JUDAISM, published by the U.A.H.C. It is the responsibility of each congregation to see that the list of its membership is sent to Cincinnati.

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July 22, 1946

Aug. 5

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I had a long distance call today from Alan Green of Houston, Texas, who was the replacement for Rabbi Robert Kahn while the latter was in the chaplaincy.

Now that Kahn has returned, Alan feels that he ought to yield the congregation to him.

Rabbi Eisendrath had spoken to Alan Green with reference to the new congregation in Cleveland. He had a long distance talk with him today and Rabbi Eisendrath just phoned me that Alan Green was interested.

Please let me know if he would be acceptable to you. I would appreciate your wiring me in reply.

I am writing similarly to Rabbi Brickner.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Louis I. Egelson

Administrative Secretary

LE:MR

Please pardon delay in reply Alan Green would be entirely satisfactory. Ryan

Summary of Receipts From Congregations Having 300 Members or More.

	Present Membership	1944-45	1945-46 7/1/45-4/30/46	Reported "Li- beral Judaism" Mailing List.
300 to 400 Members: 22 Congregations	7101	\$ 23,291.62	\$ 25,843.28	4698
400 to 500 Members: 17 Congregations	7519	30,113.28	29,308.92	6473
500 to 600 Members: 12 Congregations	6477	28,524.55	21,027.93	3931
600 to 700 Members: 7 Congregations	4472	11,167.50	14,188.25	1157
700 to 800 Members: 13 Congregations	9594	33,506.40	29,778.55	4759
800 to 900 Members: 6 Congregations	4968	31,833.69	22,281.78	3082
900 to 1000 Members: 5 Congregations	4582	10,651.56	13,781.89	3443
1000 and over Members: 11 Congregations	<u>14755</u>	<u>84,575.35</u>	<u>67,765.86</u>	<u>11264</u>
93 Congregations	59,468	\$ 253,663.95	\$ 223,976.49	38,807
Total Receipts from all Congregations	80,000	\$ 332,224.35	\$ 292,366.69	

The 93 Congregations of 300 or
more members representing

74.3% of the total membership and about 30% of the Total Union
Congregations.

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Analysis of Receipts From Congregations Having 300 or More Membership

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Congregations	Present Membership	1944-45	1945-46 7/1/45-4/30/46	Reported "Li- beral Judaism" Mailing List
300 to 400				
Atlantic City, N. J.	300	\$ 687.00	\$ 1,059.00	360
Birmingham, Ala.	346	3,536.50	2,444.00	487
Boston, Mass. (Sinai)	300	165.00	393.00	
Brooklyn, N. Y. (Beth Elohim)	301	1,184.50	1,614.50	340
Brooklyn, N. Y. (Beth Emeth)	302	1,179.00	1,058.00	314
Chicago, Ill. (Beth Israel)	360	15.00	709.00	
Chicago, Ill. (Wash. Blvd.)	325	205.00	700.00	
Hartford, Conn.	337	4,510.00	3,130.00	405
Jersey City, N. J.	316	457.00	690.00	
Little Rock, Ark.	357	1,175.00	1,125.00	317
Minneapolis, Minn.	352	1,900.00	2,300.00	475
New Orleans, La. (Gates of Prayer)	344	550.00	618.75	
New York, N. Y. (Hebrew Tabernacle)	300	100.00	10.00	
Oakland, Calif.	390	1,038.00	1,092.50	381
Omaha, Nebr.	314	1,044.00	1,108.75	279
Philadelphia, Pa. (Temple Judea)	343	329.50	363.00	
Portland, Ore.	378	1,128.85	2,920.28	294
St. Louis, Mo. (B'nai El)	300	150.00	150.00	
Shreveport, La.	308	1,500.00	1,200.00	332
Syracuse, N. Y.	350	1,098.47	2,132.50	387
Worcester, Mass.	350	325.00	225.00	
Mobile, Ala. (Special - Reports "L.J." List over 300)	128	813.80	800.00	327
22 Congregations	7,101	\$ 23,291.62	\$ 25,843.28	4,698

Analysis of Receipts From Congregations Having 300 or More Membership

3.

Congregations	Present Membership	1944-45	1945-46 7/1/45-4/30/46	Reported "Li- beral Judaism" Mailing List
400 to 500				
Akron, Ohio	457	\$ 693.00	\$ --	
Albany, N.Y.	456	2,934.50	2,600.50	448
Atlanta, Ga.	446	1,500.00	550.00	549
Chicago, Ill. (South Shore)	450	659.00	875.00	
Columbus, Ohio	460	1,600.00	3,425.00	505
Dayton, Ohio	448	3,426.20	2,053.00	304
Great Neck, N.Y.	443	1,685.45	2,055.40	466
Houston, Texas (Emanuel)	426	500.00	1,000.00	562
Indianapolis, Ind.	414	1,757.00	1,415.00	400
Miami, Fla.	450	3,742.80	3,029.40	536
New Haven, Conn.	452	3,818.83	1,752.62	404
New Orleans, La. (Touro)	400	1,470.50	1,905.00	406
Providence, R.I.	400	1,174.70	1,060.10	258
St. Paul, Minn.	400	1,162.50	812.50	502
San Antonio, Texas	476	3,056.80	2,625.40	495
Seattle, Wash.	491	--	3,050.00	403
Toledo, Ohio	450	932.00	1,100.00	235
17 Congregations	7,519	\$ 30,113.28	\$ 29,308.92	6,473
500 to 600				
Baltimore, Md. (Har Sinai)	515	\$ 1,501.00	\$ 200.00	
Brooklyn, N.Y. (Union Temple)	528	2,538.00	1,269.00	609
Chicago, Ill. (Mizpah)	501	572.00	769.00	
Denver, Colo.	530	1,675.00	--	
Lawrence, N.Y.	550	3,820.00	2,780.00	617
Louisville, Ky. (Adath Israel)	505	2,764.25	2,250.00	506
Nashville, Tenn.	564	3,849.67	2,468.33	498
New Orleans, La. (Sinai)	567	3,260.00	2,526.25	570
New Rochelle, N.Y.	515	3,500.00	4,665.00	599
Rochester, N.Y.	591	875.00	1,500.00	
St. Louis, Mo. (Temple Israel)	578	1,742.75	1,246.45	
Toronto, Canada	533	2,426.88	1,353.90	532
12 Congregations	6,471	\$ 28,524.55	\$ 21,027.93	3,931

Analysis of Receipts From Congregations Having 300 or More Membership

4.

Congregations	Present Membership	1944-45	1945-46 7/1/45-4/30/46	Reported "Li- beral Judaism" Mailing List
600 to 700				
Beverly Hills, Calif.	623	\$ 1,239.00	\$ 1,251.00	650
Brooklyn, N.Y. (Ahavath Sholem)	611	1,010.00	1,015.00	
Milwaukee, Wisc.	615	1,600.00	1,342.00	
New York, N.Y. (Central)	642	3,622.00	5,005.75	
New York, N.Y. (Free Synagogue)	696	521.50	960.00	
Richmond, Va.	602	1,175.00	1,720.00	507
Washington, D.C.	683	2,000.00	2,894.50	
7 Congregations	4,472	\$ 11,167.50	\$ 14,183.25	1,157
700 to 800				
Boston, Mass. (Oheb Shalom)	750	\$ 3,545.00	\$ 2,415.00	
Chicago, Ill. (K.A.M.)	701	1,097.00	2,444.00	721
Chicago, Ill. (Emanuel)	744	3,125.00	3,118.25	443
Chicago, Ill. (Isaiah-Israel)	723	1,360.00	1,180.00	
Detroit, Mich. (Temple Israel)	785	1,000.00	2,400.00	832
Glencoe, Ill.	728	5,507.00	9,037.00	768
Houston, Texas (Beth Israel)	700	5,000.00	1,575.00	
Kansas City, Mo.	750	3,150.00	1,129.50	134
Newark, N.J.	720	2,500.00	500.00	689
New York, N.Y. (Shaarey Tefila)	725	2,498.00	1,357.00	472
New York, N.Y. (Habonim)	783	100.00	--	
St. Louis, Mo. (United Hebrew)	705	2,357.90	2,033.55	
San Francisco, Calif. (Emanuel)	780	2,266.50	2,589.25	700
13 Congregations	9,594	\$ 33,506.40	\$ 29,778.55	4,759
800 to 900				
Baltimore, Md. (Baltimore Hebrew)	821	\$ 2,429.71	\$ 374.99	
Baltimore, Md. (Oheb Shalom)	800	2,663.00	--	
Buffalo, N.Y.	815	3,783.00	3,942.00	702
Cincinnati, Ohio (Bene Israel)	899	10,074.48	7,793.79	724
Cincinnati, Ohio (I.M.Wise)	810	7,633.50	6,421.00	857
Dallas, Texas	823	5,250.00	3,750.00	799
6 Congregations	4,968	\$ 31,833.69	\$ 22,281.78	3,082

Analysis of Receipts From Congregations Having 300 or More Membership

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Congregations	Present Membership	1944-45	1945-46 7/1/45-4/30/46	Reported "Li- beral Judaism" Mailing List
900 to 1000				
Memphis, Tenn.	912	\$ 3,030.00	\$ 2,600.00	899
New York, N.Y. (Rodeph Shalom)	917	3,200.00	3,875.00	
Philadelphia, Pa. (Keneseth Israel)	933	2,445.00	2,571.68	1,160
St. Louis, Mo. (Shaare Emeth)	900	976.56	2,522.21	666
San Francisco, Calif. (Sherith Israel)	920	1,000.00	2,213.00	718
5 Congregations	4,582	\$ 10,651.56	\$ 13,781.89	3,443
1000 and over				
Boston Mass. (Adath Israel)	1,200	\$ 7,893.00	\$ 5,720.00	1,218
Chicago, Ill. (Sinai)	1,181	7,323.89	8,648.45	1,353
Chicago, Ill. (Temple Sholem)	1,472	5,003.75	4,931.42	965
Cleveland, Ohio (Tifereth Israel)	1,681	9,290.75	6,667.27	1,765
Cleveland, Ohio (Anshe Chesed)	1,634	7,775.36	5,836.41	1,533
Detroit, Mich. (Beth El)	1,200	9,064.73	5,201.00	1,194
Los Angeles, Calif. (Wilshire Blvd.)	1,270	9,080.00	5,925.00	
New York, N.Y. (Emanu-El)	1,106	16,147.50	13,848.92	1,120
New York, N.Y. (Temple Israel)	1,000	1,936.97	1,888.39	
Philadelphia, Pa. (Rodeph Shalom)	1,752	1,895.00	879.00	676
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1,259	9,164.40	8,220.00	1,433
11 Congregations	14,755	\$ 84,575.35	\$ 67,765.86	11,264

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146 REFORM JEWISH CHAPLAINS HONORED AT UAHC CONVENTION;
RABBI SILVER CALLS FOR "ACCENT ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION"

As Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, declared that religion is the hope of the world, 146 Reform Jewish chaplains were honored with a presentation of citations at the banquet last night commemorating their war record which highlighted the 39th biennial Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In the presence of Major General Luther D. Miller, Chief of chaplains of the United States Army, and Rear Admiral William N. Thomas, chief of chaplains of the United States Navy, both of whom paid tribute to the wartime record of the Jewish chaplains, the chaplains who served in the Army and Navy received their citations from Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

More than 75 of the chaplains, all who were in this country and could possibly attend the banquet, were present at the ceremony in which the citations were symbolically presented to the group through Colonel Julius A. Leibert and Commander Joshua L. Goldberg of New York, ranking Jewish Army and Navy chaplains.

The citations were awarded to each chaplain "for his valiant and sacrificial service in the armed forces of our beloved country

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during World War II; for his exemplification in action of the ideals of Judaism; for his ministry of love extended to all, regardless of creed, color or condition of life; for sustaining the morale and strengthening the spirit of our fighting men and women in the titanic struggle to dethrone tyranny and hate and to enshrine truth, justice and peace in the world."

In his presentation address, Dr. Eisendrath paid tribute to the 146 Reform Jewish chaplains, almost 100 of whom were graduates of the Hebrew Union College of this city. He paid special tribute to Rabbi Alexander Goode, a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, who lost his life, along with one Catholic and two Protestant chaplains, when they gave up their life-belts to four G.I's when S.S. Dorchester was sunk in the early stages of the war.

Almost 1500 persons, including over 1200 delegates of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its affiliates, the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the National Federation of Temple Youth and the National Association of Temple Secretaries, attended the banquet which was held in the two largest rooms of the Netherland Plaza Hotel.

Another speaker at the dinner, at which Eugene B. Strassburger of Pittsburgh was toastmaster, was Dr. Zalman Grinberg, chairman of the Central Committee for Liberated Jews in Germany, who flew to this country from Munich only two weeks ago at the invitation of the American Jewish Conference.

In his address, Dr. Silver declared that "civilization will perish unless organized religion has the power to inspire its worshipers to go forth to battle for the simple moralities of human life." He told his fellow Jews that from now on "the accent must be placed not on

philanthropy but on Jewish education, youth and adult; upon scholarship, academies, and the proper training of spiritual leaders, teachers, community leaders, and social workers; and upon writers, books, and all the creative efforts of the mind." Pointing out that we have "entered the backwash period of the greatest war in history," Dr. Silver warned against "the undisciplined relaxations of a psychological rebound. If we are to conserve in peacetime what we have envisioned in war, if apathy and disillusionment are not to destroy what hope and faith have designed and created," Dr. Silver continued, "then we must put the institution of religion to work with every ounce of its spiritual dynamics."

He said that "our temples and churches have a two-fold function to perform for modern man and society:

"1. They must offer man a place of quiet retreat and respite from the rising fever and tumult of the world, and from the clamorous demands of his own material interests.

"2. They must offer a place where man's spirit is recharged and energized. From the altars of the House of God, whereon burn the eternal fires of human aspiration, men must carry away kindled torches to illumine the world. Where the state commands millions of men to go forth to war, the church must inspire, for it cannot command the millions of men to go forth to war upon war, and the things which lead to war, greed and hate, poverty and want, intolerance and tyranny and social disunion."

The synagogue, said Dr. Silver, has still "a third function to perform. It must bind the broken spirit of a martyred people, a people who witnessed six millions of its children sent to gas-chambers and to human abattoirs, a people who witnessed a thousand Jewish communities

wiped out, never to be rebuilt." Declaring that "the great reservoirs of a physical and spiritual life of the Jewish people in Europe were destroyed," Dr. Silver said that it becomes the especial charge of us, the more fortunate Jews of America, who now represent the largest and the most free and prosperous Jewish community in the world, to compensate here on these gracious shores for the losses which our people sustained over there.

"Our schools of Jewish learning," he continued, "must be increased and enlarged. A generation of American Jewish scholars, steeped in Jewish lore and trained in the best techniques of modern scholarship, must be raised, to bring forth the wealth of our millennial intellectual and spiritual achievements to satisfy the soul of our own people and to enlighten the world."

Dr. Grinberg, who is chief surgeon at the hospital for displaced persons at St. Ottilien in the American Zone of Germany, was a prisoner in Nazi concentration camps for four years; first in Kaunas, Lithuania and the last nine months at the infamous Dachau. He described what he called the horrible past and the bitter present" of the displaced Jews in Europe. With 6,000,000 of their brothers already the victims of Nazism, Dr. Grinberg made a plea that the 100,000 who still survive in Germany be allowed to emigrate to Palestine.

Declaring that "the seeds of anti-Semitism sown by Hitler are bearing fruit as never^{before}," and that Hitler's teachings have survived him, he said, "Nazism in Europe is an inheritance for the devil for many years, thus making for intolerable living conditions for the Jews. We consider our stay in Germany as a waiting period for emigration. We are striving with all our strength to prepare ourselves for a new life. But we need more assistance from the authorities. We must have more understanding and cooperation from those who are able to grant it."

Dr. Grinberg reported "signs of demoralization" among the displaced Jews of Europe which he said was primarily the fault of the Nazi regime. "This responsibility, however," he pointed out, "must also^{be} shared by the allied authorities that did nothing in the first nine months to eliminate the heritage of Nazism.

"During our long period of slavery we felt free, but our grave disappointment upon the liberation to which we looked forward for immediate rehabilitation and restitution, has made us sink into an abyss of depression. As things stand, it appears better to be a conquered German than a liberated Jew."

Dr. Grinberg made a plea not "for philanthropy or charity" but for "political help." He said "More than 98% of our people wish to go to Palestine. We want to leave the soil of Europe forever. We wish to live with our own people, the Jewish people, in a free Jewish state. We are convinced, as a result of our experience in Europe, that only if the Jewish people are treated with dignity by the other peoples of the world and, like the other peoples of the world can we secure our children from experiencing that which we went through.

"If we do not have a maximum contribution by American Jewry in our political struggle, we feel that there will be a new great tragedy in Europe. Unless the Jews in Germany and Eastern Europe are permitted to go to Palestine without delay, there will be acts of desperation in the camps this summer. This is the appeal which I bring to you as Jews. It is the appeal that I bring to the American people.

"Give us at least a small place under God's sun. This place can only be in the land from which we began our long -suffering exile. Enroll us in the family of nations as the most tortured children in the story of mankind. Then the United Nations Organization will from the

start, be a true union of the world's peoples. And through this act, which the conscience of mankind owes us, the peoples of the earth will begin their march toward a better future. Honor the obligation to rectify an historic injustice, which has just cost the blood of six million humans - give us back Palestine."

Testimony as to the "significant work" of the Jewish Chautauqua Society in interpreting Judaism to non-Jews on more than 400 college campuses last year was paid by Dr. S. Orestes Bond, president of Salem College, Salem, West Va., in an address before the eleventh biennial convention of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. He declared that such work in developing better understanding between the youth of all faiths is the greatest hope "for solving the social, political and religious problems that are keeping men apart, and that are, in many places, bringing about tensions that shall eventually be broken with injury to all."

