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Temagami, Ontario
August 4, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

Though I am supposed to be here for a period of rest and relaxation, I find that there are many important matters requiring attention.

One of the pleasant duties assigned to me by the Program Committee for the next General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is to write to you and ask your participation in our program. As you know, the Biennial Assembly will be held in Boston, at the Statler Hotel, November 14-17, 1948.

On Monday evening, November 15, it is our plan to have a symposium dealing with the subject "Liberal Judaism in Relation to the State of Israel." We plan to have two laymen and two rabbis, each to speak for about twenty or twenty-five minutes.

World Jewry recognizes the important role that you played in connection with the establishment of the Jewish State. It would be a source of great gratification to the Union, and to me personally, if you would be good enough to accept our invitation to be one of the participants in this symposium.

With warmest personal greetings, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

P. S. We all remember your stirring words at the last Biennial and are anticipating hearing from you again. Please be sure to accept. Hope you are getting some rest. Our best to you all - Maurice

August 9, 1948

Dr. Maurice Eisendrath
Temagami, Ontario
Canada

Dear Dr. Eisendrath:

Rabbi Silver is at present en route to Israel and is, therefore, unable to reply to your letter of August 4th regarding the Biennial Assembly to be held in Boston November 14-17. However, he will return the beginning of September at which time your letter will be brought to his attention, and I am sure that he will advise you promptly as to his availability on Monday, November 15th.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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September 13, 1948

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
34 West Sixth Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

My dear Maurice:

Upon my return from Israel I found your letter of August 4th and your gracious invitation to participate in the program of the Biennial Assembly of the Union in Boston. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me. I have had an aversion, however, for a long time to participating in symposiums. It is difficult to explain, but there it is. I have consistently declined invitations to participate in debates and symposiums. Put it down as an idiosyncrasy of mine. I am sure that you will have no difficulty in getting a prominent individual, lay or rabbinic, who represents approximately my point of view to take part in the program.

I hope that you have had a very pleasant and restful summer. With all good wishes for a very happy New Year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 28, 1948

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

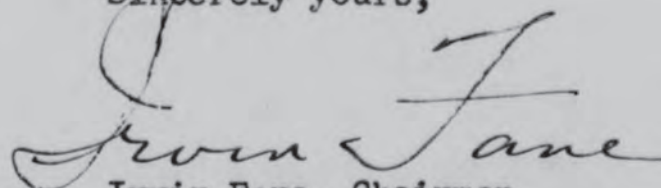
Following the very pleasant conference that Rabbi Eisendrath and I had with you in New York last week, it is my very great pleasure, as Chairman of the Program Committee of the 40th General Assembly, to extend to you a most cordial invitation to address a joint meeting of the Union, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and the National Association of Temple Secretaries on Monday evening, November 15, in Boston.

We would like you to speak on the relation of Liberal Judaism to the State of Israel. Provision will be made on the program for discussion from the floor after your address.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would let me have the exact phraseology for the subject on which you are to speak that evening.

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

Sincerely yours,



Irvin Fane, Chairman
PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF THE
40TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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October 5, 1948

Rabbi A.H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have been informed that you have been appointed to represent your congregation at the 40th General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Boston, November 14-17, 1948. Your credential Card will be forwarded to you shortly.

I am enclosing herewith two forms for your hotel reservations. Please fill out both of them and send the green one in the enclosed envelope to Boston and the white one in the enclosed envelope to our Cincinnati office. You will then hear from the Boston Committee in charge of hotel reservations.

I am also enclosing herewith a preliminary program of the Biennial Assembly.

The Boston Committee has asked us to suggest that wherever possible delegates arrange for double occupancy of the hotel rooms rather than single occupancy. The number of rooms assigned to us at the Statler Hotel is limited and we have been obliged to utilize a number of other hotels in Boston.

If you plan to have a member of your family accompany you to the convention as an official visitor, please send us that information at once so that we may forward a Visitor's Credential Card.

With kind greetings and looking forward to seeing you in Boston, I am,

Sincerely yours,

P.S. To save an extra mailing, we are enclosing the credential card herewith.

Louis I. Egelson

Administrative Secretary

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Encls. The Registration fee is to be paid in Boston.

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

FORTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Boston, Mass. -- Hotel Statler -- November 14-17, 1948

PROGRAM

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 14

10:30 A.M.

Sermonette

Reading of the Service

Formal Opening

Invocation

Election of Temporary Chairman

Appointment of Committees

On Credentials

On Permanent Organization

Words of Welcome...Mr. Joseph H. Cohen, Boston

Chairman, Committee on Arrangements

Reports of Committees

On Credentials

On Permanent Organization

Presentation of President of 40th General Assembly

Appointment of General Assembly Committees

On President's Message

On Resolutions

On Nominations for Executive Board

On Time and Place of Next General Assembly

On Thanks

2:30 P.M.

Joint Meeting

The State of Our Union.....Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
President, U.A.H.C.

New Name of the Union of American

Hebrew Congregations

Rabbi James G. Heller, Cincinnati

Chairman of Committee

Finances of the Union...Dr. S.S. Hollender, Chicago

Chairman, Combined Campaign Committee

DISCUSSION

SUNDAY
(Cont.)
7:00 P.M.

75th Anniversary Banquet

Toastmaster

Invocation

Greetings from Central Conference
of American Rabbis.....Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, Hartford
President

Greetings from National Federation
of Temple Sisterhoods..Mrs. Louis A. Rosett, New Rochelle
President

A Message.....From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Message.....Mr. Jacob Aronson, New York
Chairman, Executive Board, U.A.H.C.

Address - "Evaluation and Program of
Liberal Judaism in America"
Rabbi James G. Heller, Cincinnati

Benediction



MONDAY
NOVEMBER 15
9:30 A.M.

Religious Service

Sermonette

Reading of the Service

10:00 A.M.

Business Session

Invocation

Revision of Constitution and By-Laws

Mr. Irvin Fane, Kansas City
Chairman of Committee

DISCUSSION

12:30 P.M.

U.A.H.C. Luncheon

Presiding

Invocation

Greetings from National Federation
of Temple Brotherhoods

Mr. S. Herbert Kaufman, Harrisburg
President

Greetings from National Federation
of Temple Youth

Mr. Leonard H. Spring, New York
President

Address Hon. Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati
President, Federal Council of Churches
of Christ in America

Benediction

2:30 P.M.

Round Tables

1. HOW SHOULD THE SYNAGOGUE DECLARE ITSELF ON PROBLEMS
OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Presiding

Leader of Discussion

Reporter

2. SIZE AS A PROBLEM IN CONGREGATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Presiding

Leaders of Discussion

Reporter

MONDAY

(Cont.)

3. VISUAL EDUCATION FOR THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Presiding

Leaders of Discussion ...

Reporter

4. INTEGRATING YOUTH INTO THE SYNAGOGUE

Presiding.....

Leader of Discussion

Reporter

5. RELATIONSHIP OF CONGREGATION AND RABBI

Presiding

Leader of Discussion

Reporter

6. CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Presiding

Leaders of Discussion ...

Reporter

Joint MeetingLIBERAL JUDAISM IN RELATION TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL

A Symposium

Presiding

DISCUSSION



TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 16
9:30 A.M.

Religious Service

Sermonette

Reading of the Service ...

10:00 A.M.

Business Session

Invocation

Removal of Headquarters of U.A.H.C.

Mr. Philip Meyers, Cincinnati
Chairman of Committee

12:30 P.M.

Luncheon

Presiding

Invocation

Greetings.....Mr. Lester A. Jaffe, Cincinnati
Chairman, Board of Governors, Hebrew Union College

Address.....Rabbi Nelson Glueck, Cincinnati
President, Hebrew Union College

Benediction

2:30 P.M.

Business Session

Report on Round Tables and Discussion

New Business

Discussion

8:00 P.M.

Joint Meetings

LIBERAL JUDAISM AROUND THE WORLD

Presiding

Addresses By representatives of
Liberal Judaism in
various countries.

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 17
9:30 A.M.

Religious Service

Sermonette

Reading of the Service

10:00 A.M.

Business Session

Invocation

Reports of General Assembly Committees

On President's Message

On Resolutions

On Nominations

On Time and Place of Next General Assembly

On Thanks

Benediction

12:30 P.M.

Concluding Luncheon

Presiding

Invocation

Address

Benediction



... something Old
... something New
that's
Boston



Come to Boston for an Eyeful of History

You've read the tales many times, of course. But in Boston your history books will come to life. In the Navy Yard, berthed beside battleships and carriers, the proud *Constitution* still floats — the same "Old Ironsides" which fought in forty engagements, without suffering a single defeat.

You can see the site of the Boston Massacre — and the Boston Tea Party, too. You can climb Bunker Hill which the redcoats stormed, while the patriots

held their fire. You can visit old taverns where minutemen gathered — see bullet holes the British left behind. In fact, there are scores of old houses, halls and meeting places round-about Boston, each one with a story all its own.

You can walk through the Common where cattle once grazed and felons were confined in stocks. And if you're a "headstone hunter," with a keen eye for epitaphs, you can search out the graves of the great.



Booklovers Welcome . . . Boston's Public Library in Copley Square, architecturally a masterpiece, has more than a million volumes as well as priceless paintings.

Like Steeple-Chasing?

Be sure to visit the Old North Church — from whose belfry on April 18, 1775, hung the lanterns that told Paul Revere "The British are coming."



Visit the Public Library by all means. See the world-famous murals by Abbey and John Singer Sargent. Take in the Museum of Fine Arts and the Gardner Museum, too. They're filled with priceless paintings and other rare treasures gathered from over the world. And just across the Charles River in Cambridge is Harvard's Peabody Museum, best known for its glorious glass flowers.

If you're a music lover, the Boston Symphony is a "must." And although strictly formal during the winter season, every Spring and Summer this world-renowned orchestra goes on a holiday — with "Pops"

The Mother Church
of Christ Scientist, built
by Mary Baker Eddy.



When the Patriots "Hired a Hall"... Usually it was Faneuil Hall, known familiarly as the "Cradle of Liberty." This is where they planned the Boston Tea Party.



Historic Hilltop

Bunker Hill — where patriots with *Minutemen* waited to "see the whites of their eyes."



Fightin' Lady . . . That's the *Frigate Constitution* — now "back home" in Boston.

. . . or, do you get a Kick out of Culture?

in Symphony Hall and outdoor concerts on the Esplanade.

Boston's definitely a literary town, abounding in new and second-hand bookshops. And as you stroll through the streets you can pause to browse through the "treasures" in outdoor stalls. If you like to feel literature come to life, make a literary pilgrimage to the homes of Emerson or Longfellow or Hawthorne — to Lake Walden where Henry Thoreau got next to nature — to the Wayside Inn — and even to the little old red school house where Mary took her lamb — remember?





Food? Lots of it!

If you crave sea food, Boston's noted for its truly fine restaurants which specialize in fresh-from-the-ocean lobsters, clams, and fish. You can go down to the Fish Pier and watch them cart it in, then enjoy eating it in one of the picturesque tea rooms by the wharves, or go uptown to one of the more luxurious restaurants. In Boston's Chinese quarter, they'll teach you to use chopsticks to eat delicacies prepared by old masters. You'll find cafes noted for their delicious Near Eastern dishes . . . or you can smack your lips over a fine smörgasbord. French and Italian restaurants dot the town, and English tea shops can be found on any Back Bay Street. You can try something new every day — in Boston!



. . . Like Sports and Outdoor Life?

Whether you like to follow the fairways — take to the saddle — or simply lie on a beach getting brown — Boston can offer the best. In and near Boston, and all along the North and South Shores, are some of the finest beaches on the Atlantic Coast. Golf courses? The finest — many of championship calibre. Bridle paths in abundance. Sailing and speedboating and fishing, too. Hike through the Blue Hills reservation, and if you're feeling ambitious, climb to "Great Blue's" summit — where you can see all of Boston and vicinity spread out below. Visit Franklin Park with its fine zoo — and the Arnold Arboretum with its acres and acres of flowering trees and shrubs.

If you'd rather be an armchair athlete, take a ride on the swanboats or an all-day sail to Provincetown at the tip of Cape Cod, summer retreat for artists and writers. Like baseball? Boston has two major league teams — horse and dog racing, too. And professional hockey and football "in season."

Stars in your eyes?

They'll be there when you see the bright lights of Boston's theatrical district — rivalled only by New York's Milky Way. Except for New York, Boston has more legitimate theatres than any other city in the United States. Plus plenty of movie theatres, vaudeville houses and night clubs, too. And every summer, Broadway stars return to the "straw-hat" circuit — to the town halls and made-over barns around Boston where they got their start on the stage.



Painter's Paradise

That's Rockport, still unspoiled seaport town on the North Shore.



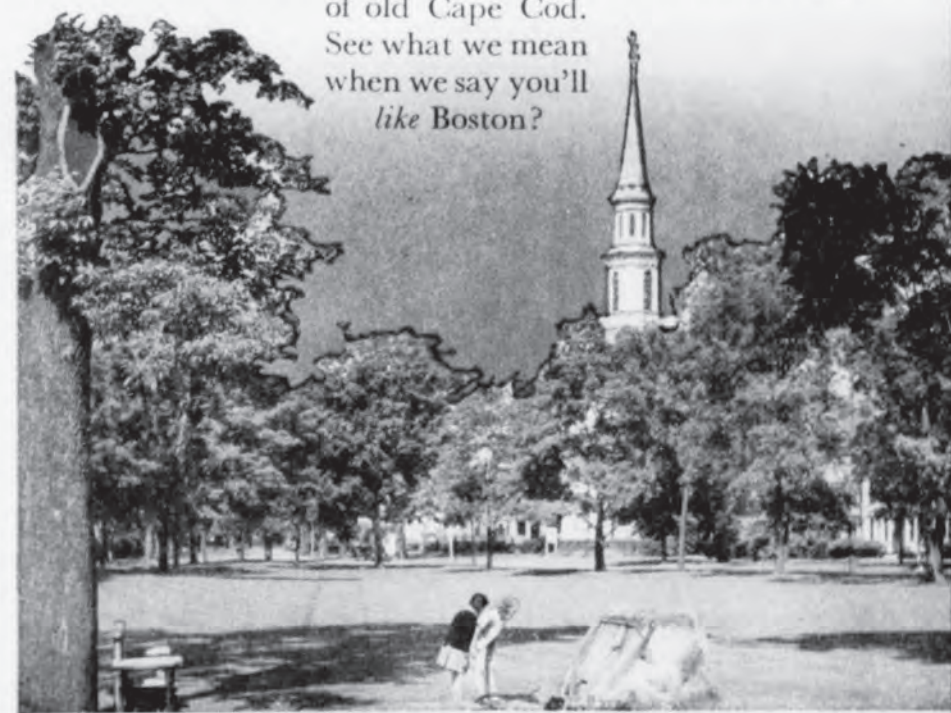
All this - and Side Trips too!

There's enough to see and to do in Boston to keep you busy for *days*. But if you have the time — and we warn you, you'll want to *take* time, Boston itself is just the *beginning*. For you'll be right in the heart of the country where history was *made*.

Following the route that Paul Revere rode, you can be in Concord and Lexington in less than an hour. There, you'll see the "rude bridge" and the village green where the Minutemen stood their ground. Just a few miles north is old Salem, the Witch City, where you can visit the House of Seven Gables. And don't pass up picturesque Gloucester, where men still go down to the sea in ships. Or Rockport, where artists' easels line the wharves. Still farther north — but not *too* far — you'll find all the wonderland of New Hampshire's White Mountains.

South of Boston, and only an hour away, is Plymouth and the Rock where the Pilgrims landed. Plus scores of old houses where the first settlers lived. And Plymouth is the gateway to all the vast vacationland of old Cape Cod.

See what we mean when we say you'll like Boston?



They Battled the British Here . . . The Village Green at Lexington, where the Minutemen stood their ground.

Look Who's Here . . .

Buried in the old Granary Burying Ground, Tremont Street, are John Hancock and Robert Treat Paine, signers of the Declaration of Independence. Also Samuel Adams, James Otis, Peter Faneuil and Mary Goose (Mother Goose to you).

and Boston's such a Photogenic Town!

Well, I Swan . . . And you will, too.
Most visitors to Boston take at least one ride
on the swan boats, which sail serenely among
real swans in the Public Garden.

Boston's the Place for House-Hunting

And you'll surely want to visit the Revere House —
oldest one in Boston, and furnished just as it was when
it was "Paul's place."

Strauss and Stravinsky—with Stars

On summer evenings the great Boston Symphony
Orchestra lets down its collective hair, playing Bach
and Sibelius and sometimes even "swing" for appreci-
ative music lovers on the banks of the Charles.

Brownstone Fronts by Bullfinch . . .

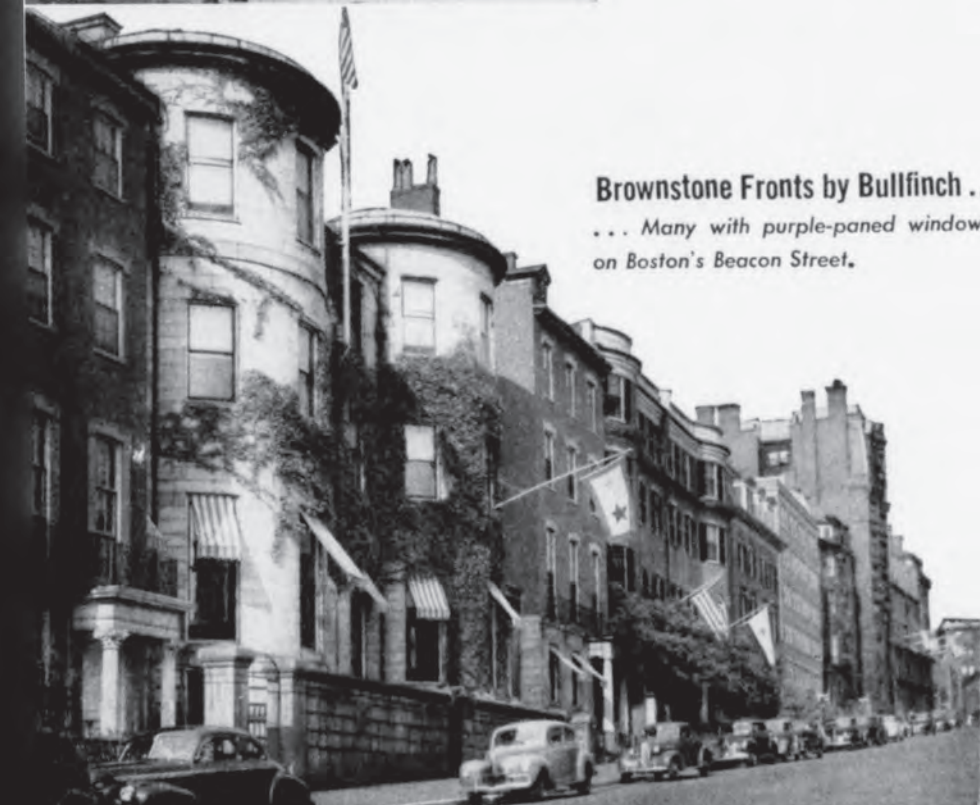
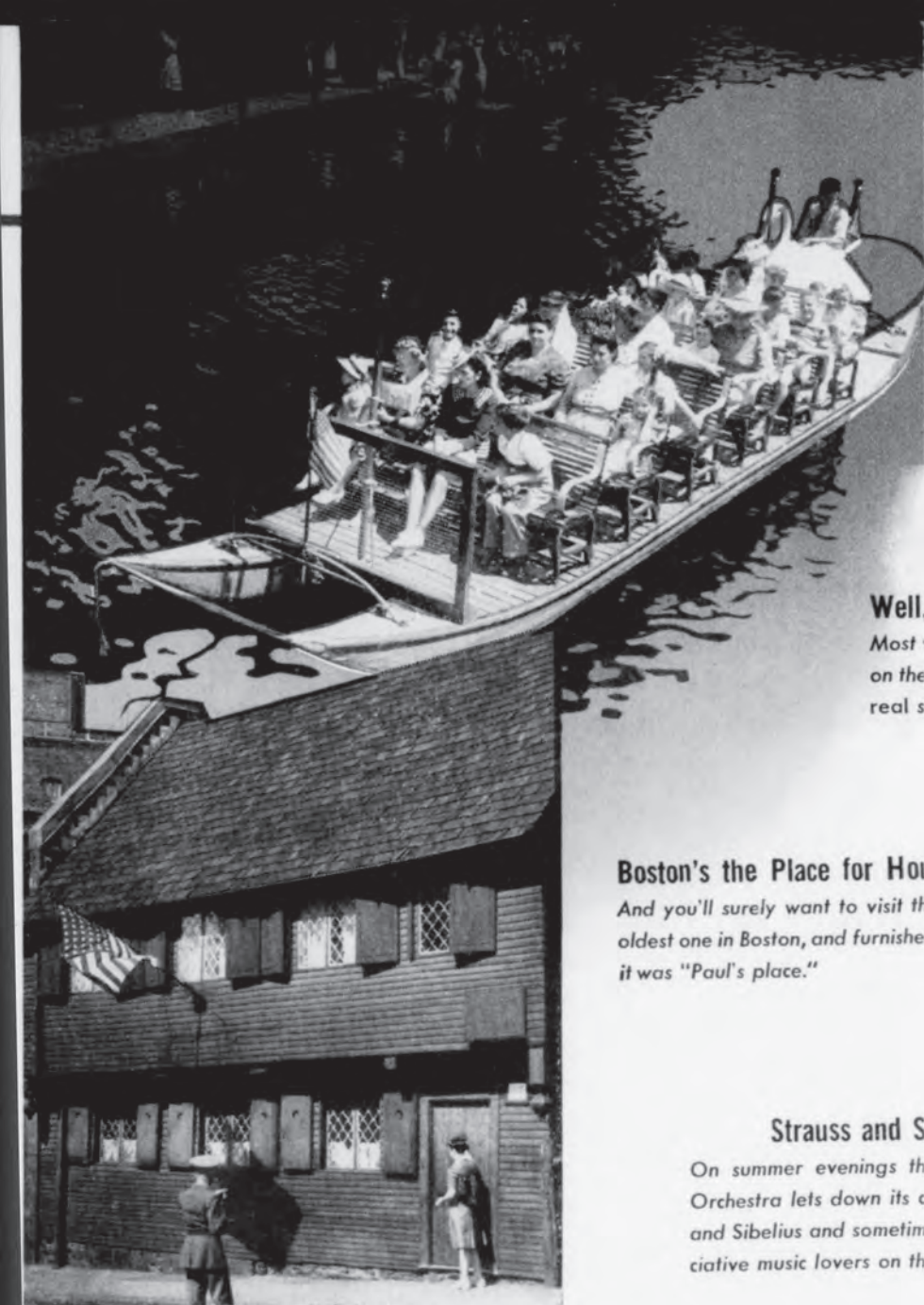
. . . Many with purple-paned windows,
on Boston's Beacon Street.



View of Boston's Public Gardens, oldest public park in America —
with the Common and business district just beyond.

Fish for Friday

You'll want to wander along the wharves . . . to
watch the fishing fleet come in.



You owe it to yourself to come to Boston

Whether you're looking for old-time atmosphere or bright-light sophistication, you'll find it in Boston — the ideal spot for a visit or vacation you'll want to remember.

Some say Boston is more than a city — that it's almost a state of mind. Whether you agree or not, you *will* agree "there's something about" Boston — which blends a bit of something old with something ever new.

You'll find Boston is mellow without being musty — and never self-consciously quaint. Yes, the crooked and narrow streets are still here — but broad avenues as well. Old churches with white-spired steeples nestle next to chromium-fronted stores. And skyscrapers have been built *around* but not *over* Boston's Revolutionary shrines.

On Beacon Hill the "new" State House sits proudly — the one that Bullfinch built. But the old one still stands at the head of State Street — just as it did when the Boston Massacre made history in front of its door.

Luxury liners and freighters now find haven in the harbor where 'round-the-Horn Clippers once sailed. And silver ships with wings take to the air today from Boston's International Airport.

In short, all over town you'll find memories of the historic past to flavor the fast-moving present. That's Boston — a city with a present *and* a past.



How to Get to Boston

Train — plane — bus — or your own car? Take your pick — it's easy to get to Boston! If you choose train travel, you'll find that Boston can be reached from the North on the Boston and Maine, from the West on the Boston and Albany (connecting with the New York Central), or from the South on the New York, New Haven, and Hartford.

If you'd rather fly, remember that Boston is served by no less than five major airlines. And Boston's Logan International Airport is nearer the hotel and business district than that of any other major city. Four main bus lines converge in the heart of Boston — Boston and Maine, Greyhound, Quaker City, and Boston and Worcester.

But no matter what means of transportation you choose, by all means come to Boston — this year!

Where to Stay

Hotels are crowded — yes. But wire ahead — even in a busy city reservations can be had! And in Boston there are hotels for every taste — uptown and downtown — slick places that rank with the nation's best where you'll find every convenience — AND you'll be close to all the places you've read about. Then there are residential hotels with less fanfare, but lots of comfort and QUIET!



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BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
80 Federal Street, Boston**

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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*Office of the Chairman
of the Executive Board*

TO RABBIS, CONSTITUENT CONGREGATIONS AND AFFILIATES:

In re: Removal of Union Headquarters to New York

It had been our intention to distribute, a few weeks before the Biennial Convention scheduled for Boston, November 14 to 17, a pamphlet dealing with this question. The thought was that the pamphlet would contain not only a brief recital of the reasons underlying the Executive Board's recommendation that it be authorized to remove the headquarters to New York but, as well, that the group in Cincinnati which opposes this recommendation would be accorded an opportunity to include a statement of their position in the same pamphlet.

Although the Cincinnati group was long since and repeatedly informed of this intention, they apparently preferred independently to distribute to our member congregations brochures in which delegates are urged to defeat the proposal of the Executive Board. (We had some time ago told this group that they would be provided with space in "LIBERAL JUDAISM" for the presentation of their views, and, pursuant to that promise, the August-September issue reproduces the brochure in its entirety.)

These developments dispose of our original plan for a single pamphlet containing the pros and cons of the question and impel us to reply at this time to what we think are the misapprehensions upon which this opposition is constructed.

All who are cognizant of our history know that the Union is under a deep debt of gratitude to the Cincinnati community. I am confident that every member of the Executive Board wholeheartedly and sincerely shares that view. Against this background, the Executive Board of the Union did not lightly nor casually reach the conclusion in favor of the removal to New York. Indeed, the proposal for removal of the headquarters to the East is by no means a new one nor has it been lacking in support by distinguished Cincinnatians familiar with the work and problems of the Union. The late Adolph Rosenberg, who as head of the Union had abundant opportunity to learn its needs, favored removal of our headquarters to the East. Similarly, the late Jacob W. Mack, also an outstanding Cincinnati and for many years active in the work and leadership of the Union, favored removal and headed the committee which proposed the change. Other Cincinnatians now prominent and active on our Executive Board have joined in the recommendation which the Executive Board will submit to the Biennial Assembly for ratification.

Among the reasons favoring New York as our headquarters, as found in the enclosed pamphlet, may I particularly underscore the obvious fact that today New York is the center of the stream of world life, certainly the center of the stream of Jewish life. It is an undeniable fact that our constituency from one end of the land to the other as well as from other countries has more occasion to visit New York than any other

city of America. It is not too much to expect that with the establishment of headquarters in Metropolitan New York, Reform Judaism will undergo a transcendent awakening.

While all of us appreciate the importance of the question of the location of Union headquarters, we must also see the subject in proper relationship to other and even larger issues of both Jewish and general life. It would indeed be unfortunate if the forthcoming Biennial Convention of the Union—which is to be devoted to the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of our organization and to major issues for Liberal Judaism both here and overseas—were to be needlessly agitated over a problem which, in the last analysis, might well be considered an administrative one.

It is urged that your delegates come informed but not instructed on this subject, so that after careful perusal of the material which is reaching you on both sides of the question, and after hearing further debate and discussion in Boston, they may arrive at an objective decision.

Meanwhile I will appreciate hearing from you on the Executive Board's recommendation to move Union headquarters to New York.

Looking forward with pleasure to greeting you at the Biennial, and with warmest Holy Day greetings,
I am

Sincerely yours,

WRHS
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
JACOB ARONSON
Chairman of the Executive Board

***Your Executive Board
of the Union of
American Hebrew Congregations
Recommends***

**— THAT THE
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
BE IN
NEW YORK**

Why?

At its April, 1947, meeting, your Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with 39 members in attendance, of whom 14 were Cincinnatians, recommended that the National Headquarters of the Union be removed to New York City.

WHY? BECAUSE:

- (1) **NEW YORK IS THE ORGANIZATIONAL CENTER OF AMERICAN AND WORLD JEWRY**—therefore, the Union must have its Headquarters in New York in order to take its place in the councils of Jewish organizational life. For this reason, too, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the United Synagogue of America (Conservative Judaism), the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Welfare Board, the National Council of Jewish Women and many other leading Jewish organizations have their central offices in New York.
- (2) **NEW YORK IS THE CENTER OF RELIGIOUS LIFE**—many Christian denominations, the Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, to mention only some, have their headquarters in New York City. There, too, is the Synagogue Council of America, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and countless other organizations devoted to the strengthening of the voice of religion.
- (3) **NEW YORK INCLUDES THE LARGEST JEWISH COMMUNITY BOTH IN AMERICA AND THE WORLD**—therefore, national headquarters of the Union in New York will enable Reform or Liberal Judaism to fulfill its mission in winning the masses of the unaffiliated, a task too monumental for a regional office however effective.
- (4) **NEW YORK IS THE SUPREME FOCAL POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE UNION**—most congregants visit New York at some time during the year, thus providing the Union with direct contact with its constituency. Because of its excellent transportation, New York offers immediate plane and rail access to at least half of the Union congregants. National meetings in New York, too, are far better attended than elsewhere.

The decision to remove the National Headquarters of the Union did not come about overnight. As long ago as the days of Jacob H. Schiff (1905-20) this proposal had been made, as well as during the Chairmanship of the Union Board by Ludwig Vogelstein (1925-1934). On February 21, 1932, the Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods recommended that the N F T B headquarters be moved to New York City. In 1941, the late Dr. Edward Israel in accepting the Directorship of the Union, strongly urged that its Executive Offices be moved to the East.

While the Union Executive Board has always appreciated the sympathetic support and loyalty of the Cincinnati Jewish community, it feels that in the best interests of Reform Judaism and the Union the National Headquarters should be established in New York. The Board carefully considered and rejected proposals now being advocated by certain Cincinnatians because it found that:

- (1) **WHILE CINCINNATI, DUE SOLELY TO THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF DR. ISAAC MAYER WISE HAVING BEEN A RABBI THERE, WAS THE BIRTHPLACE OF LIBERAL JUDAISM, TODAY, NEW YORK IS THE ACKNOWLEDGED CENTER OF JEWISH LIFE.** Moreover, the Hebrew Union College and a regional office of the Union in Cincinnati will assure

that community of continuing Reform influence. The origin of a movement cannot forever determine the site of its National Headquarters when new developments make change necessary.

- (2) **Cincinnati's so-called "ideal" building, the Hanselman Lodge, adjoining the campus of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, is totally inadequate. Some years ago, this building was offered to us—incidentally, at almost half the \$140,000 now quoted by the Cincinnati Committee. With the assistance of a well-known Cincinnati architect, its possibilities were thoroughly surveyed and it was found that the total usable space—including 5,000 square feet in the basement—comprised far less than the then minimum requirements. Today with our presently expanding Union, it would provide less than 40% of the needed space. The purchase of this building, together with the necessary remodeling and an indispensable addition, were then estimated by a reliable Cincinnati architect and construction engineer at a cost of \$350,000. At today's inflated prices the cost would be considerably higher—certainly not less than a half million dollars.**

When we consider the availability of some imposing mansion in New York City at a fraction of its original or reproduction cost, it becomes clear that there is no foundation for the comparative mathematics contained in the Cincinnati pamphlet. It is obvious that there is no basis whatsoever for the Cincinnati contention that \$200,000 can be saved by the acquisition of this wholly inadequate structure.

- (3) **ONLY A SMALL PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL BUDGET OF THE UNION WILL BE AFFECTED BY HAVING HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK. At least two-thirds of the annual budgetary expense of the Union, covering the cost of the publication of LIBERAL JUDAISM, the maintenance of regional offices throughout the country, the publication of textbooks, the production of ceremonial objects, the program of Institutes on Judaism, the American Jewish Cavalcade, the distribution of Tracts—to mention only some major projects—will remain unaffected by the move. Furthermore, the Executive Board voted to retain in Cincinnati those departments of the Union which could be more economically and efficiently operated there. Whatever additional expense is involved in maintaining adequate quarters in New York will be more than offset by the additional income accruing from the Union's presence in America's most populous city.**
- (4) **IN MOVING TO NEW YORK, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNION AND THE COLLEGE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED—as a result of the recent merger with the Jewish Institute of Religion, the enlarged Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, has quarters in New York. Thus, the Union will continue to remain in proximity to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion both in New York and Cincinnati.**

THEREFORE

***Your Executive Board
of the Union of
American Hebrew Congregations
urges you to uphold
its recommendations that***

THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

**OF THE
UNION OF AMERICAN
HEBREW CONGREGATIONS**

**BE IN
NEW YORK**

Copies of this pamphlet and the more extended presentation
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Miss Elizabeth Rice
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Dear Miss Rice:

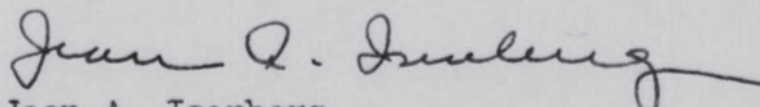
I have your letter of November 9 and am holding the railroad tickets for Mrs. Silver's arrival here.

Your note is the first knowledge I have had of a Clergy Certificate and because of this I had made no arrangement for half-fare for Dr. Silver. However, I have called the railroad and have been informed that on presentation of his ticket with the certificate, Dr. Silver will be allowed, in one way or another, half-fare from Albany on. In the meantime I am enclosing duplicate invoice from our travel agent and would appreciate your forwarding a check in the sum of \$85.18 to me so that I may send this on to them.

I was very glad to do this small favor for you and assure you that it entailed very little effort on my part.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,


Jean A. Isenberg

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[November 14-17, 1993]

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

40th

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

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BOSTON

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Notice to Delegates and Visitors

Your promptness and cooperation are requested.

Meetings will begin at the time scheduled.

Board Meetings

HOTEL STATLER — BOSTON



UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

The Pre-Convention Meeting of the Executive Board of the Union will take place Saturday evening, November 13th, at 8 P. M., in Parlor B (Mezzanine Floor).

The Post-Convention Meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, November 17th, at 3 P. M. in Parlor B.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

The Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods will meet on Saturday, November 13th, at 8 P. M. in Parlor C (Mezzanine Floor).

The Post-Convention meeting will be held Wednesday, November 17th, at 3 P. M. in Parlor C.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS

The Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods will meet on Sunday, November 14th, at 10 A. M. in the Hancock Room (Mezzanine Floor), and on Monday, November 15th, at 2 P. M. in Parlor B.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH

The Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Youth will meet on Thursday, November 11th, at 1 P. M. in Parlor A, and on Sunday, November 14th, at 8 A. M. in Parlor C.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEMPLE SECRETARIES

The Executive Board of the National Association of Temple Secretaries will have a Post-Convention meeting. Time and place will be announced at their convention.

40th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Sunday
November 14

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10:00 A. M.

HOTEL STATLER — BOSTON

BALLROOM ASSEMBLY

Message of Israel Broadcast (Over the National Network
of the American Broadcasting Co.)

Reading of the Service

RABBI BURTON E. LEVINSON, *Pittsburgh*

Address MR. WILLIAM ROSENWALD, *New York*

Sermon RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH
President, UAHC

Music by Choir of Temple Israel, *Boston*

Formal Opening

BALLROOM ASSEMBLY

Invocation RABBI DAVID PHILIPSON, *Cincinnati*

Election of Temporary Chairman

Appointment of Committees

On Credentials

On Permanent Organization

Words of Welcome . . . MR. JOSEPH H. COHEN, *Boston*
Chairman, Committee on Arrangements

Reports of Committees

On Credentials

On Permanent Organization

Presentation of President of 40th General Assembly

Appointment of General Assembly Committees

On President's Message

On Resolutions

On Nominations for Executive Board

On Time and Place of Next General Assembly

On Thanks

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2:00 P. M.

Joint Meeting

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

The State of Our Union . RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH
President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations

LEADER OF DISCUSSION: DR. S. S. HOLLENDER, *Chicago*
National Chairman, Combined Campaign Committee

Awards for Unusual Achievement in Combined Campaign
Discussion

7:00 P. M.

Diamond Jubilee Banquet

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

TOASTMASTER: MR. JACOB ARONSON, *New York*
Chairman of the Executive Board, U.A.H.C.

Invocation . . . RABBI ARIEL L. GOLDBURG, *Richmond*

GREETINGS FROM THE FAMILY OF THE UNION

Hebrew Union College

MR. LESTER A. JAFFE, *Cincinnati*
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Jewish Institute of Religion

HON. JOSEPH M. LEVINE, *New York*
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

MRS. LOUIS A. ROSETT, *New Rochelle*, PRESIDENT

National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

MR. S. HERBERT KAUFMAN, *Harrisburg*, PRESIDENT

National Federation of Temple Youth

MR. LEONARD H. SPRING, *New York*, PRESIDENT

Sunday
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National Association of Temple Secretaries
MR. IRVING I. KATZ, *Detroit*, PRESIDENT

A Message . . . RABBI ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, *Hartford*
President, Central Conference of American Rabbis

Citation

Response RABBI JONAH B. WISE, *New York*

Address: EVALUATION AND PROGRAM OF LIBERAL JUDAISM
IN AMERICA . RABBI JAMES G. HELLER, *Cincinnati*

Benediction . . . RABBI MORTON M. BERMAN, *Chicago*

Monday
November 15

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9:30 A. M.

Religious Service

BALLROOM ASSEMBLY

Sermonette . . . RABBI JUDAH CAHN, *Lawrence, N. Y.*

Reading of the Service
RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS, *Springfield, O.*

10:00 A. M.

Business Session

BALLROOM ASSEMBLY

Invocation . . . RABBI HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN, *Denver*

Revision of Constitution
and By-Laws MR. IRVIN FANE, *Kansas City*
Chairman of Committee

12:30 P. M.

Joint Luncheon

(Tendered by the three Reform Congregations of Boston)

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

PRESIDING: MR. GILBERT SANDERS, *Trinidad, Colo.*

Invocation . . RABBI SAMUEL S. MAYERBERG, *Kansas City*

Address: HON. CHARLES P. TAFT, *Cincinnati*
President, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America

Benediction . . . RABBI LOU H. SILBERMAN, *Omaha*

Monday

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2:30 P. M.

Round Tables

1. HOW SHOULD THE SYNAGOGUE DECLARE ITSELF
ON PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE?

PRESIDING: RABBI JULIUS MARK, *New York*
Chairman, Joint Commission for Social Action

LEADER OF DISCUSSION: MRS. PAUL UNGER, *Chicago*

REPORTER: MR. EUGENE M. SOLOW, *Dallas*

2. SIZE AS A PROBLEM IN CONGREGATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

PRESIDING: MR. D. ARTHUR MAGAZINER, *Philadelphia*
President, Rodeph Shalom Congregation

LEADERS OF DISCUSSION:

MR. SIDNEY N. WEITZ, *Cleveland*

MR. CHARLES BAKER, *Los Angeles*

MR. LOUIS K. FRIEDMAN, *Pittsburgh*

REPORTER: MR. LAURIE T. SIMONSKY, *Toronto*

3. FACING THE PROBLEM OF JEWISH EDUCATION

PRESIDING: RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, *Pittsburgh*
Chairman, Commission on Jewish Education

LEADERS OF DISCUSSION:

Evaluating the Past . MR. NATHAN BRILLIANT, *Cleveland*

Creating a Program of Visual Education for the Jewish
Religious School . . MR. JACK SKIRBALL, *Hollywood*

REPORTER: RABBI MAXWELL H. DUBIN, *Los Angeles*

4. INTEGRATING YOUTH INTO THE SYNAGOGUE

PRESIDING: MR. STUART G. LEVY, JR., *Louisville*
Vice-President, National Federation of Temple Youth

LEADER OF DISCUSSION: MISS KATHRYN KOHN, *Harrisburg*

REPORTER: MR. HENRY F. SKIRBALL, *Brookline*

Monday

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5. RELATIONSHIP OF CONGREGATION AND RABBI

PRESIDING: RABBI EMIL W. LEIPZIGER, *New Orleans*

LEADER OF DISCUSSION: MR. ISRAEL N. THURMAN, *New York*

REPORTER: MR. J. S. ACKERMAN, *Chicago*

6. CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDING: MR. JAMES H. MILLER, *Cleveland*

LEADERS OF DISCUSSION:

The Role of the

Executive Secretary . . . MR. IRVING I. KATZ, *Detroit*

Office Management . . . MR. S. D. SCHWARTZ, *Chicago*

Financial Planning . . . MR. MAX FEDER, *New York*

REPORTERS: MR. LOUIS J. FREEHOF, *San Francisco*

MR. JACOB A. WEISS, *Brooklyn*

8:00 P. M.

Joint Meeting

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

LIBERAL JUDAISM IN RELATION TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL

PRESIDING: HON. MEIER STEINBRINK, *Brooklyn*

Address . . . RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *Cleveland*

Discussion

Tuesday November 16

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9:30 A. M.

Religious Service

BALLROOM ASSEMBLY

Sermonette . . . RABBI JACOB K. SHANKMAN, *New Rochelle*

Reading of the Service . . .

RABBI ABRAM V. GOODMAN, *Davenport*

Tuesday

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10:00 A.M.

Joint Session

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

Invocation RABBI JOSEPH NAROT, *Atlantic City*
Headquarters of U.A.H.C. . MR. PHILIP MEYERS, *Cincinnati*
Chairman of Committee
Discussion

12:30 P.M.

Joint Luncheon

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

PRESIDING: JUDGE SOLOMON ELSNER, *Hartford*

Invocation . . RABBI MORTON A. BAUMAN, *Hollywood*
A Message MR. LESTER A. JAFFE, *Cincinnati*
Chairman, Board of Governors, HUC
Address RABBI NELSON GLUECK, *Cincinnati*
President, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion
Benediction RABBI MAX MACCOBY, *Mt. Vernon*

2:30 P.M.

Business Session

BALLROOM ASSEMBLY

Report on Round Tables and Discussion
New Name of Union of American Hebrew
Congregations . RABBI JAMES G. HELLER, *Cincinnati*
Chairman of Committee
The Central Conference of American Rabbis —
A Statement . RABBI ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, *Hartford*
President, CCAR
New Business
Discussion

Tuesday

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8:00 P. M.

Joint Meeting

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

LIBERAL JUDAISM AROUND THE WORLD

PRESIDING: RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE, *New York*
President Emeritus, H.U.C. - J.I.R.

Address . . HON. LILY H. MONTAGU, *London, England*
Honorary Secretary, World Union for Progressive Judaism

GLIMPSES OF WORLD JEWRY

India RABBI DAVID J. SELIGSON, *New York*

North Africa . . RABBI SELWYN D. RUSLANDER, *Dayton*

Summation . . . RABBI DAVID H. WICE, *Philadelphia*
American Director, World Union for Progressive Judaism

Wednesday

November 17

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9:30 A. M.

Religious Service

BALLROOM ASSEMBLY

Sermonette . . RABBI MORRIS GOLDSTEIN, *San Francisco*

Reading of the Service . . .
RABBI ROBERT E. GOLDBURG, *New Haven, Conn.*

10:00 A. M.

Business Session

BALLROOM ASSEMBLY

Invocation . . RABBI FREDERIC A. DOPPELT, *Ft. Wayne*

Reports of General Assembly Committees

On President's Message

On Resolutions

On Nominations

On Time and Place of Next General Assembly

On Thanks

Benediction . . RABBI JULIAN MORGENSTERN, *Cincinnati*
President Emeritus, HUC - JIR

Wednesday

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12:30 P. M.

Joint Luncheon

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

Celebrating the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

RADIO BROADCAST

FROM 1:45 P. M. - 2 P. M.

A NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM
over Station WBZ, *Boston*,
and the National Broadcasting Company
will originate from the luncheon.

DR. MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, President, UAHC
and HONORABLE LILY H. MONTAGU, O.B.E., J.P., *London*
Honorary Member, NFTS Executive Board

will be interviewed by an NBC reporter
on the Highlights of the Convention

PRESIDING: MRS. LOUIS A. ROSETT, *New Rochelle*
President, N.F.T.S.

Invocation MRS. ALBERT J. MAY, *New York*
Honorary Member, Executive Board, NFTS

Recollections MRS. ABRAM SIMON, *Washington*
Founder and Honorary President, NFTS

Sisterhood Awards . . . MR. JACOB ARONSON, *New York*
Chairman, Executive Board, UAHC

Benediction RABBI THEODORE S. ROSS, *Brooklyn*

XVII BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

Sunday
November 14

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10:00 A. M.

Formal Opening

HOTEL STATLER

GEORGIAN ROOM

PRESIDING: MRS. LOUIS A. ROSETT, *New Rochelle*
President, NFTS

PRAYER

(Recite in Unison)

We ask Your blessing upon us, O Lord our God, You who are our Leader and our Source of inspiration. Help us to attain the goal which You have set for us, and give us the will to aid others to accomplish their high purposes. May this assemblage, representative of active Jewish womanhood, humble only in service to You, be filled with the flame of ambition, the harmony of love, the light of compassion and the dynamic force of creative energy. Instill within us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the love of You. Amen.

From the NFTS Book of Prayers

Greetings

Non-U. S. Units

HON. LILY H. MONTAGU, O.B.E., J.P., *London*

Honorary Member, NFTS Executive Board;
Secretary, World Union for Progressive Judaism;
Chairman, British Progressive Jewish Women's Societies

Conference Committee of National Jewish Women's

Organizations . . . MRS. ALBERT J. MAY, *New York*

Honorary Member, NFTS Executive Board;
Chairman, C.C.N.J.W.O.

Sunday

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Appointment of Committees

Minutes of Recording Secretary

MRS. HENRY MONSKY, *Omaha*

Presentation Blanche R. Stolz Trophies

and Special Plaque . MRS. HUGO DALSHIMER, *Baltimore*

First Vice-President, NFTS

President's Message

MRS. LOUIS A. ROSETT, *New Rochelle, N. Y.*

Report of Executive Director

MISS JANE EVANS, *Cincinnati and New York*

12:30 P. M.

Convention Committee Meetings at Lunch*

SALLE MODERNE

Open luncheon period for other delegates

2:00 P. M.

Joint Meeting with Union Council

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

(See UAHC Program)



Assembly Session

PRESIDING: MRS. LOUIS A. ROSETT, *New Rochelle*

President, NFTS

Report of Committee on Rules

Report of Committee on Credentials

THE HOUSE OF LIVING JUDAISM

Progress Report . MRS. EDWARD B. SCHULKIND, *New York*

Chairman, House of Living Judaism

HOUSE OF LIVING JUDAISM TECHNIQUES

Participation of Large Sisterhoods

MRS. EDGAR L. HIRSCH, *Pittsburgh*

*Committees on Credentials, Nominations, Resolutions, and Rules

Sunday
(Continued)

Participation of Small Sisterhoods
MRS. WILLIAM ACKERMAN, *Meridian, Miss.*

Participation through Special Gifts
MRS. SOLOMON ELSNER, *Hartford*

Participation of State Federations
MRS. JEROME L. SALM, *Evansville, Ind.*

Recommendation from the NFTS Executive
Board MRS. LEON WATTERS, *New York*
Past President, NFTS

7:00 P. M.

Banquet

HOTEL STATLER
IMPERIAL BALLROOM
(See UAHC Program)

Monday
November 15

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8:00 A. M.

Breakfast Session for Local Presidents

WRHS IMPERIAL BALLROOM

PRESIDING: MRS. LOUIS A. ROSETT, *New Rochelle*
President, NFTS

PRAYER

(Recite in Unison)

Father in heaven, as once again we assemble, we ask Thy blessing on our undertakings. For the privilege of working together in Thy name, for health and strength, for the earnestness and zeal of our leaders, for the kindness and affection we have for one another, do we thank Thee. Be Thou praised in the words of our fathers: *Boruch Ato Adonoi Elohenu Melech ho-olom, hamotsi lechem min ho-orets.* Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth. Amen.

Adapted from the *NFTS Book of Prayers*

Monday
(Continued)

Breakfast Session for State Presidents

PARLOR B

PRESIDING: MRS. C. C. STRASBURGER, *Knoxville*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on State Federations

PRAYER

(Recite in Unison)

We thank Thee, O God, for the blessing of friendship, and the gift of fellowship. Watch Thou over us as we meet within these walls, and grant that as we enjoy the food that Thou dost provide, we may be moved the more willingly to share that which we have with those who suffer want. *Boruch Ato Adonoi Elohenu Melech ho-olom, hamotsi lechem min ho-orets.* Blessed be Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth. Amen.

From the *NFTS Book of Prayers*

10:00 A. M.

Round Tables

GEORGIAN ROOM

SISTERHOOD RAISES FUNDS

Includes discussion on House of Living Judaism, Ways and Means, Hebrew Union College Scholarship and Religious Education Fund, and Uniongrams

LEADERS OF DISCUSSION:

MRS. HAROLD M. BAUM, *Milwaukee*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on Uniongrams

MRS. EDWARD B. SCHULKIND, *New York*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on House of Living Judaism

RAPPORTEUR: MRS. C. C. STRASBURGER, *Knoxville*

Chairman, NFTS Committee on State Federations

RESOURCE ADVISER: MISS HELEN L. STRAUSS, *New York*

Campaign Director, House of Living Judaism

PARLOR C

SISTERHOOD MAKES ITS PROGRAMS VITAL

Includes discussion on Programs, Interfaith Activities, Jewish Ceremonials and Art, Religious Extension

LEADER OF DISCUSSION: MRS. JULIAN HENNIG, *Columbia, S. C.*

Chairman, NFTS Committee on Programs

Monday
(Continued)

RAPPORTEUR: MRS. LOUIS I. EGELSON, *Cincinnati*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on Interfaith Activities

RESOURCE ADVISERS:

MISS ESTHER LOTH CIENER, *Cincinnati*
Assistant to the Director

MISS JOSEPHINE SCHOENBORN, *Cincinnati*
Secretarial Assistant

PARLOR A

SISTERHOOD GOES TO SCHOOL

Includes discussion on Adult Education, Child Study and Parent Education, Peace and World Relations, Post-War Service, Jewish Literature for the Blind

LEADERS OF DISCUSSION:

MRS. SIDNEY WALLENS, *Buffalo*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on Peace and World Relations

MRS. JULIUS MARK, *New York*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on Child Study and Parent Education

RAPPORTEUR: MRS. STERLING BERG, *Paducah, Ky.*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on Jewish Literature for the Blind

RESOURCE ADVISER: MISS JANE EVANS, *Cincinnati - New York*
Executive Director

PARLOR B

SISTERHOOD LOOKS TOWARD YOUTH

Includes discussion on Religious Schools and Youth Activities

LEADER OF DISCUSSION: MRS. A. A. LITIN, *Minneapolis*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on Religious Schools

RAPPORTEUR: MRS. CHARLES COHEN, *Charleston, W. Va.*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on Youth Activities

RESOURCE ADVISERS:

DR. EMANUEL GAMORAN, *Cincinnati*
Educational Director, UAHC

RABBI SAMUEL COOK, *Cincinnati*
Executive Director, NFTY

Monday
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12:30 P. M.

*Joint Luncheon with
Union of American Hebrew Congregations*

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

(See UAHC Program)

{ 2:30 P. M.-
3:30 P. M.

Assembly Session

GEORGIAN ROOM

PRESIDING: MRS. EDWARD A. HART, *Hartford*
Second Vice-President, NFTS

PRAYER

(Recite in Unison)

O Lord our God, Giver of all good, before whom all the children of men are precious, we turn to Thee this day. Though we be a large band of women, we know well that in Thy sight numbers are as naught, for Thou desirest only a loving heart pledged to devoted and selfless service. Help us to think aright and do right. As we seek inspiration for ourselves, may it be given us to make Thy glory known to others, that the truth and the beauty of Thy light may illumine the path of all mankind. Bless us in all our undertakings, even as we praise Thy name, saying, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." Amen.

Adapted from the *NFTS Book of Prayers*

Reports on Round Tables and Discussion

{ 3:30 P. M.-
5:30 P. M.

PRESIDING: MRS. LOUIS A. ROSETT, *New Rochelle*
President, NFTS

Report of Treasurer . MRS. AARON L. LAMBIE, *Pittsburgh*

Report of Committee on Revision of By-Laws

MRS. NORMAN J. KAUFFMANN, *New Orleans*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on Revision of By-Laws

Monday
(Continued)

Report of Committee on Nominations

MRS. JULIAN HENNIG, Chairman, *Columbia, S. C.*
Chairman, NFTS Committee on Programs

Election of National Executive Board Members

8:00 P. M.

Joint Meeting with Union Council

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

(See UAHC Program)

Tuesday
November 16

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9:00 A. M.

Assembly Session

GEORGIAN ROOM

PRESIDING: MRS. LOUIS A. ROSETT, *New Rochelle*
President, NFTS

PRAYER

(Recite in Unison)

Heavenly Father, in this moment of prayer, accept our thanks rising out of full hearts for the countless blessings which Thou in Thy mercy hast bestowed upon us. We are grateful for our Sisterhood Federation and its opportunities for service. We are grateful that Thou hast placed us in this wide, beautiful world — with eyes to see the multitude of things that need doing — and hands with which to do them. We are grateful for our dreams that envision a world in which some day all will walk in true fellowship, praising Thy name. May that great day soon come. Amen.

Adapted from the *NFTS Book of Prayers*

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Report of Committee on Thanks

Unfinished and/or New Business

Tuesday

(Continued)

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{ 10:00 A. M.-
NOON

12:30 P. M.

Joint Meeting with Union Council

BALLROOM ASSEMBLY

(See UAHC Program)

Joint Luncheon with UAHC

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

(See UAHC Program)

Assembly Session

GEORGIAN ROOM

{ 3:00 P. M.-
5:00 P. M.

DEMONSTRATION, DISPLAYS AND DISCUSSION
OF SOME NFTS PROJECTS

PRESIDING: MRS. IRA M. DANIELS, *Boston*

Chairman, NFTS XVII Biennial Program Committee

Serving the Jewish Blind . MRS. CHARLES KORACH, *Cleveland*
Member, NFTS Committee on Jewish Literature for the Blind

Serving in the Post-War Period:

Through SOS . . . Mrs. Isaac Gilman, *New York*
National Co-Chairman, Supplies for Overseas Survivors

Through Aiding New-Comers
MRS. LOUIS BROIDO, *New York*
First Vice-President, United Service for New Americans

Through a Sisterhood Discussion Group on
Peace and World Relations

MRS. ABRAM V. GOODMAN, *Davenport, Iowa*
Vice-Chairman, NFTS Committee on Peace and World Relations

Serving Jewish Education:

Through Increasing Uniongram Distribution
MRS. SAMUEL B. DANTO, *Detroit*
Vice-Chairman, NFTS Committee on Uniongrams

Through Novel Presentation of the Uniongram
MRS. RAYMOND FRANKEL, *Cincinnati*
Uniongram Chairman, Rockdale Avenue Temple Sisterhood

Tuesday

(Continued)

Through a Shovuos Uniongram Project

MRS. HARRY HACHEN, *Great Neck, N. Y.*

Past Uniongram Chmn., Sist. of Temple Beth El, Great Neck

Through a Sisterhood Holiday Workshop

MRS. ALAN GREEN, *Cleveland*

Past President, Sisterhood of Temple Emanu El

Through a Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop

MRS. ABRAHAM W. STEIGERWALD, *New York*

President, Rodeph Sholom Sisterhood

Through the Work of Israeli Artists and Craftsmen

MRS. MIRIAM JACKSON, *New York*

Director, Palestine Galleries for Arts and Crafts, Inc.

8:00 P. M.

Joint Meeting with Union Council

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

(See UAHG Program)

Assembly Session

GEORGIAN ROOM

PRAYER

(Recite in Unison)

Wednesday November 17

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{ 9:00 A. M.-
11:00 A. M.

O our God, we rejoice in this Federation of Sisterhoods, with its blessed opportunities for wider service to our people and to the larger family of men. May we women of Sisterhood become increasingly conscious of our glorious privileges and solemn responsibilities.

Imbue our hearts with compassion for all men who suffer oppression and persecution. We who dwell in lands of liberty would help them to the very fullest measure of our means and our abilities.

Purge from our hearts all gross pride and self-seeking, that we may be the more fit for Thy service. Make us tolerant of other faiths and other peoples, and tolerant of each other, that we may live together in peace and in harmony, and labor together for the greater glory of Thy name and the greater good of mankind. Amen.

Adapted from the *NFTS Book of Prayers*

Wednesday
(Continued)

{ 11:00 A. M.-
NOON

12:30 P. M.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE

(Conducted by Miss JANE EVANS, *NFTS Executive Director*)

Report on Visit to DP Camps . . DR. EMANUEL GAMORAN
Educational Director, UAHC

Conference with Chairmen of NFTS Committees
and Staff of NFTS (rooms to be announced)

*Joint Luncheon with
Union of American Hebrew Congregations*

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

PRESIDING: MRS. LOUIS A. ROSETT, *New Rochelle*
President, NFTS

Celebrating the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

RADIO BROADCAST

FROM 1:45 P. M. - 2 P. M.

A NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM
over Station WBZ, *Boston*,
and the National Broadcasting Company
will originate from the luncheon.

DR. MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, President, UAHC
and HONORABLE LILY H. MONTAGU, O.B.E., J.P., *London*
Honorary Member, NFTS Executive Board

will be interviewed by an NBC reporter
on the Highlights of the Convention

Invocation MRS. ALBERT J. MAY, *New York*
Honorary Member, NFTS Executive Board

Recollections . MRS. ABRAM SIMON, *Washington, D. C.*
Founder and Honorary President, NFTS

Wednesday

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Address

Sisterhood Awards JACOB ARONSON, *New York*
Chairman, Executive Board, UAHC

Benediction RABBI THEODORE S. ROSS, *Brooklyn*

NOTE: The NFTS Executive Board will convene in pre- and post-Convention executive sessions in Boston at the Hotel Statler, Saturday, November 13, at 8:00 p. m. in Parlor B, and Wednesday, November 17, at 3:00 p. m. in Parlor B, respectively. During the Convention, the time of the November 17 meeting will be announced and posted.

PRAYER FOR THE PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

(Recite in Unison)

Our Father, we are gathered here this evening as women of Sisterhood, dedicated to the strengthening of this our beloved Federation. Give us a more perfect faith, an ever clearer understanding of Thy law, and of the ways wherein Thou wouldst have us walk. Thou hast charged us to learn, and, having learned, to teach mankind of Thee and Thy servant Israel. Reward with success our labors in behalf of our Federation, and bless those who give themselves freely to help us grow in wisdom and in the love of Thee.

Manifold are the tasks that lie before us. We ask for all of us courage and inspiration. Amen.

Adapted from the *NFTS Book of Prayers*

PRAYER FOR THE POST-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

(Recite in Unison)

Dear Father, touch our impure lips with the burning coal of Thy inspiration. Let it purge us of all self-seeking, all vain yearning after personal glory; let it suffuse us with strength and devotion to Thee, that we never falter in our loving service to Thee, to Thy people Israel and to all mankind. Amen.

From the *NFTS Book of Prayers*

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Thursday
November 11
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IV BIENNIAL CONVENTION

National Federation of Temple Youth

Formal Opening

HOTEL STATLER

PARLOR A

8:15 P. M.

PRESIDING: LEONARD H. SPRING, *New York*
President, NFTY

Invocation . . . RABBI LOUIS I. EGELSON, *Cincinnati*

Welcoming Remarks for Convention Committee:

HENRY F. SKIRBALL, *Chairman*

DR. NORMAN I. TANANBAUM, *NFTY Board Member*

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GREETINGS:

DR. MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, *President, UAHC*

RABBI SAMUEL COOK, *Director, NFTY*

ROBERT E. HERZOG, *Assistant Director*

Presentation of Colors for Armistice Day

NFTY Movies

Songs SARA FOGEL, *New York*

Refreshments and Social Hour

Friday
November 12

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8:45 A. M.

Brief Religious Service

10:00 A. M.

Sightseeing Trips Terminating at Temple Israel
(Assemble in Statler Lobby)

12:30 P. M.

Luncheon at Temple Israel

PRESIDING: EUGENE B. BONDY, *Cleveland*
Treasurer, NFTY

Invocation . . . RABBI IRVING MANDEL, *Temple Israel*

Greetings . MRS. LOUIS A. ROSETT, *New Rochelle, N. Y.*
President, NFTS

Address: BLISS WAS IT THEN TO BE ALIVE

DR. ABRAM L. SACHAR
President, Brandeis University

2:30 P. M.



Business Session

Religious Service

TEMPLE OHABEI SHALOM

7:30 P. M.

Assemble in Lobby of Hotel Statler for transportation to
Services

8:00 P. M.

Reading of the Service

Remarks LEONARD H. SPRING, *President, NFTY*

Sermon . . RABBI LOU H. SILBERMAN, *Omaha, Nebraska*

Oneg Shabbat

Saturday
November 13

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9:30 A. M.

Convention Sabbath Services

TEMPLE SINAI

Assemble in Lobby of Hotel Statler for transportation to
Services

10:15 A. M.

Greetings from Temple Youth of Great Britain

THE HON. LILY H. MONTAGU, *London, England*
Secretary, The World Union for Progressive Judaism

National Oratorical Contest, Finals

LEONARD CREMER, *Parkersburg, W. Va.*

DAN ISAAC, *Chicago*

ALLEN MORGENROTH, *Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.*

12:45 P. M.

Luncheon at Temple Sinai

PRESIDING: ALVIN MALINOW, *Los Angeles*

Executive Board Member, NFTY

Invocation

GREETINGS:

S. HERBERT KAUFMAN, *Harrisburg, Pa.*

President, NFTB

MRS. CHARLES COHEN

Chairman, National Committee on Youth Activities, NFTS

Address RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD
Director, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations

2:30 P. M.

Special Session

DISCUSSION GROUPS

(Rooms to be assigned at Luncheon)

1. Jewish Customs and Traditions

RABBI IRVING A. MANDEL, *Boston*

Temple Israel

DOROTHY LURIE, *Chicago*

2. Life in Israel Today

RABBI H. BRUCE EHRLMANN, *Brockton*

Temple Israel

ARNOLD LEVINE, *Altoona*

Saturday

(Continued)

3. What Can I Do to Obtain Civil Liberties and
Better Community Relations? . . . ROBERT SEGAL
Boston Jewish Community Council
KATHRYN KOHN, *Harrisburg*
4. What Is Liberalism Today? . . . CLARENCE BERGER
Brandeis University
JANE LEVINE, *Pittsburgh*
5. Workshop for Officers and Presidents . ROBERT E. HERZOG
Assistant Director, NFTY
STUART G. LEVY, JR., *Louisville*
6. A Complete Youth Group Program throughout the
Year RABBI EDWARD E. KLEIN
Free Synagogue, New York
WALTER H. BAUER, *Brooklyn*

4:00-5:00 P. M.

Regional Caucus Meetings

TEMPLE SINAI

7:30 P. M.

The Banquet

HOTEL STATLER IMPERIAL BALLROOM

TOASTMASTER: RABBI SELWYN D. RUSLANDER, *Dayton, Ohio*

Invocation

GREETINGS:

RABBI ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, *Hartford*

President, Central Conference of American Rabbis

DR. LOUIS L. MANN, *Chicago*

Chairman, Youth Committee, UAHF Commission
on Jewish Education

Presentation of Awards to Former NFTY Presidents —

RICHARD BLUESTEIN and BERNARD SANG

Announcement of Contest Winners

Election of NFTY Executive Board, 1948-1950

9:30 TO
1:00 A. M.

Convention Dance

Sunday
November 14

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8:00 A. M.

National Executive Board Breakfast (closed meeting)

Election of National Officers

9:00 A. M.

Brief Religious Service, Statler Hotel

9:30 A. M.-

1:00 P. M.

Concluding Business Session of the Convention, Parlor A

2:00 P. M.

Joint Meeting, All Delegates and Visitors
UAHC 40th General Assembly

State of the Union DR. MAURICE N. EISENDRATH
President, UAHC

IMPERIAL BALLROOM — STATLER HOTEL



7:00 P. M.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Banquet, UAHC

IMPERIAL BALLROOM — STATLER HOTEL

Saturday
November 13

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8:00 P. M.

Sunday
November 14

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10:00 A. M.

IV BIENNIAL CONVENTION National Association of Temple Secretaries

Registration and Social Evening

Opening Session

HOTEL STATLER—PARLOR B

Invocation DR. ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, *Hartford*
President, Central Conference of American Rabbis
Greetings IRVING I. KATZ, *Detroit*
President, National Association of Temple Secretaries
Welcome LEWIS MARTINSON, *Temple Israel, Boston*

Business Session

President's Report IRVING I. KATZ

Treasurer's Report JACOB A. WEISS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Pension Plan MAX FEDER, *New York*

Administrative Surveys of Congregations

RABBI JACOB D. SCHWARZ, *Cincinnati*

Institutes and Conferences . . S. D. SCHWARTZ, *Chicago*

Membership JACOB A. WEISS, *Brooklyn*

Placements MAX FEDER, *New York*

New Business

Appoint Resolutions Committee

Appoint Nominating Committee

Announcement of Time of Post-Convention Meeting
of Executive Board

Good and Welfare

Sunday

(Continued)

2:00 P. M.

Joint Meeting with UAHC

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

(See UAHC Program)

7:00 P. M.

75th Anniversary Banquet of Union

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

(See UAHC Program)

**Monday
November 15**

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10:00 A. M.

CONSULTATION CLINIC ON

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND THE TEMPLE PROGRAM

LEADER OF DISCUSSION: LOUIS J. FREEHOF

Temple Emanu-El, *San Francisco*

PARTICIPANTS:

NAT EMANUEL, Temple Israel, *New Rochelle*

ANNE SHAPIRO, Temple Mishkan Israel, *New Haven*

HENRY JACOBS, Temple Sinai, *New Orleans*

MILDRED ROTH, Temple Israel, *Dayton*

12:30 P. M.

Joint Luncheon

(See UAHC Program)

2:30 P. M.

6 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS OF UAHC

(Including "Congregational Administration"
in cooperation with NATS)

7:30 P. M.

CONSULTATION CLINIC ON

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TEMPLE ADMINISTRATION

LEADER OF DISCUSSION: ABRAHAM EPSTEIN

Temple Oheb Shalom, *Baltimore*

PARTICIPANTS:

IRVING I. KATZ, Temple Beth El, *Detroit*

S. D. SCHWARTZ, Temple Sinai, *Chicago*

BERNARD PINCUS, Euclid Avenue Temple, *Cleveland*

HAROLD WEISBROD, Central Synagogue, *New York City*

8:00 P. M.

Joint Meeting with UAHC

(See UAHC Program)

N.A.T.S.

Tuesday
November 16

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10:00 A. M.

CONSULTATION CLINIC ON
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
LEADER OF DISCUSSION: SYDNEY KELLNER
Washington Hebrew Cong., *Washington, D. C.*

PARTICIPANTS:

MAX FEDER, Rodeph Sholom, *New York City*

JACOB A. WEISS, Temple Beth Emeth, *Brooklyn*

JEANETTE S. DECKER, Temple Emanuel, *Chicago*

CHESTER G. BANDMAN, Temple Rodef Shalom,

Pittsburgh

12:30 P. M.

Joint Luncheon with UAHC

(See UAHC Program)

2:00 P. M.

Inspection Tour of Boston and Environs

6:30 P. M.

Testimonial Supper to Irving I. Katz

Invocation: RABBI DUDLEY WEINBERG

Temple Ohabei Shalom, *Boston*

Introduction: DR. NELSON GLUECK, *President, HUC-JIR*

Greetings . DR. MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, *President, UAHC*

8:30 P. M.

CONSULTATION CLINIC ON
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TEMPLE FINANCES
LEADER OF DISCUSSION: SAMUEL ROSE

PARTICIPANTS:

Temple Emanuel, *Denver*

MARIE RUBENSTEIN, Isaac M. Wise Temple, *Cincinnati*

FRANK ADLER, Temple Isaiah Israel, *Chicago*

RABBI JACOB D. SCHWARZ, *Director*

Synagogue Activities, UAHC

IRVING M. COBURN, Temple Sholom, *Chicago*

Wednesday
November 17

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10:00 A. M.

Final Business Session
Report of Convention Committees
Election of Officers and Executive Board
Discussion of Pension Plan
Old and New Business

12:30 P. M.

Concluding Joint Luncheon

(See UAHC Program)

N.A.T.S.

TO ALL MEMBER CONGREGATIONS:

The proposal to move UAHC Headquarters to New York is to be decided at the Biennial meeting Nov. 16th 1948 by the delegates from the member Congregations.

➔ **What is the *ACTUAL* Procedure used at Union American Hebrew Congregations heretofore and planned to be used at Boston?**

"A Joint Session (with affiliates) is to be held on Tuesday Morning November 16th to decide the issue of finally moving the UAHC headquarters to New York."

WE URGE EVERY CONGREGATION TO WRITE OR WIRE THE UAHC AND INSIST THAT: THE VOTE BE TAKEN BY SECRET WRITTEN BALLOT

Do not allow this issue to be decided by an unrepresentative voice vote without any provision that the delegates will *Alone* decide the issue.

➔ **SEND YOUR LETTER OR WIRE TO THE UAHC IMMEDIATELY**
➔ **AND SEND US A COPY PLEASE**

Please see that "Proxies" are given to your delegates: Your Congregation is Assessed Dues According to the Number of Your Members and Assigned Delegates Accordingly! Make Sure that Your Full Strength is Registered at the Biennial at Boston Nov. 15th and 16th.

➔ **VOTE FOR THE "PROXY" VOTE AMENDMENT**

➔ **MONDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 15, 1948**

IT TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY IF PASSED, IN TIME FOR THE VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL TO MOVE THE UAHC TO NEW YORK WHICH WILL COME ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, TUESDAY, NOV. 16th, 1948.

Are Your Sisterhood Delegates Prepared to Vote to Retain the UAHC in Cincinnati?

THIS IS MORE THAN A FIGHT OVER A CITY OR A BUILDING.

➔ **IT IS A DETERMINATION *NOT* TO ALLOW OUR AMERICAN REFORM**
➔ **JEWISH MOVEMENT TO CHANGE ITS CHARACTER AND PURPOSE**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Elizabeth Rice

FROM: Jean A. Isenberg

November 16, 1948

As you will probably know by the time you receive this, Dr. Silver did not use the railroad tickets we were able to secure for his return trip to Cleveland.

In that regard I enclose herewith copy of letter which I have sent to our travel agency and which I think is self-explanatory. If we could, I would forward them this small fee directly, but money is not issued, as I am sure you know, very easily in an organization such as this. I would therefore appreciate your attention to this matter.

Kind regards.

jai

November 16, 1948

University Travel Co.
18 Brattle Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Attention Mr. Whitehead

Gentlemen:

I return herewith the tickets which you secured for us on behalf of Rabbi Silver with reference to his return trip to Cleveland tomorrow. As per our conversation this morning, you have cancelled these and will return to the railroad company.

Dr. Silver's secretary will forward me your agency fee of \$4.06 within a few days and I will send this on to you immediately.

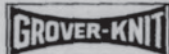
Thank you very much for your trouble in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Jean A. Isenberg
Secretary

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cc Elizabeth Rice
Cleveland, Ohio



OFFICE OF
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CANADA

November 17th, 1948.

My dear Rabbi:

Ever will I remember your most inspiring message which penetrated every fiber of my body.

World Zionists are proud and happy to have as their leader Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. May God spare you for many years to come to enable you to carry forward the noble work which is so near and dear to our hearts.

It may interest you to know that I have just returned from an Executive Luncheon where I made a brief report to your Zionist friends of your outstanding talk on the Jewish State.

Prior to leaving Boston, I checked and double checked with the office and was informed that a copy of your message will not be available for some time. Due to the importance of the material, and since I have been drafted in for the seventh time to head the Chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal in Canada, I would very much appreciate receiving, if at all possible, a copy of your esteemed address.

Affectionately,

HYMAN GROVER,
Treasurer and National U.P.A.
Chairman.

HG/W.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o Jewish Agency,
16 East 66th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

November 18, 1946

Miss Jean A. Isenberg
Combined Jewish Appeal
72 Franklin Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Isenberg:

I am herewith enclosing a check for \$4.06 for the agent's fee, in accordance with your memorandum of November 16th. I hope that this did not involve too much additional trouble for you.

May I reiterate my appreciation for your helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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November 23, 1948

Editor, Liberal Judaism
Merchants Building
34 West 6th Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am writing to inquire whether you are planning to print the full text of my address on "Liberal Judaism and the New State of Israel" given in Boston last week at the Biennial of the Union. I have received many requests for copies of it. If it will appear in the forthcoming edition of Liberal Judaism, I shall do nothing further about it; otherwise, I shall try to have it published elsewhere or separately.

Looking forward to your early reply, I am

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

UNION OF AMERICAN

HEBREW CONGREGATIONS , RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, PRESIDENT

THIRTY-FOUR WEST SIXTH STREET · CINCINNATI 2, OHIO

November 24, 1948

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

Dear Friend:

I want to express to you my deep thanks for the very stirring address which you delivered last Monday evening at a joint session of the General Assembly of the Union. Your address was one of the outstanding highlights of the convention.

I also want to take this opportunity to tell you how grateful I am for your wholehearted cooperation relative to the issue that was before us. I know that you are as gratified as I am that the administration was sustained, not alone on the matter of the office locale, but because both of us were aware of the deeper implications involved. I hope that I shall always continue to have your splendid counsel and assistance.

Now that the decision to move the headquarters of the Union to New York has been made, I hope it will not be too long before we will be able to implement the action taken and begin our concentrated attack upon the Metropolitan area of New York where such tremendous potentialities confront us. Of course, to do so we must, first of all, complete our campaign for the House of Living Judaism, and I do hope that you will do everything in your power to spur your own Sisterhood into prompt action, so that as little time as possible will elapse in taking advantage of the decision which the Biennial reached.

Once again, with many thanks for your helpfulness, and with warm personal greetings, I am,

Yours most cordially,

Maurice

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November 26, 1948

Mr. Hyman Grover
2025 Parthenais Street
Montreal, Canada

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of November 17th. I deeply appreciate the sentiments expressed.

I wish that I could send you a copy of my address, but unfortunately, I have no extra copy. However, I have learned that the full text of it will be published in the forthcoming issue of "Liberal Judaism".

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

December 13th
1948

Mr. Sidney M. Weitz
940 Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sidney:

I was surprised to learn, through a telephone conversation with Saul Elgart, that you had indicated that the suggestion made at the pre-convention Executive Board Meeting of the UAHC, to the effect that the President of the Union should talk to the rabbi or lay leader of the Suburban Temple in Cleveland, had not been implemented.

You evidently do not recall the fact that I indicated to you, in personal conversation, as I did likewise to Dr. Brickner and James Miller (Dr. Silver having already left Boston and, therefore, I did not have the opportunity of speaking to him), that I had had a long conference with Rabbi Norman Goldberg at Boston.

I reported that I had told Rabbi Goldberg frankly of the dissatisfaction that had been voiced in our Executive Board Meeting regarding certain methods that were alleged to have been practiced by his congregation. I indicated to him that such procedures were not in accordance with the accepted relationships between congregations as urged by the Union upon its constituents. Rabbi Goldberg promised me that whatever might have been objectionable in the past would be discontinued, and I had his promise that he would do everything in his power to see that there would be no cause for criticism.

Immediately following this conversation I reported its result to each of the Cleveland Union Board members as were still in Boston. It is true that I might have reduced this conversation to a more formal written report, but I had the assurance of each one to whom I spoke -- and I am almost certain that this included yourself -- that the situation as I reported it was satisfactory.

I hope that this clears up the matter. However, in the event that there is still ground for criticism and need for further action on my part, please do not hesitate to write to me, as I assure you of my

Mr. Sidney M. Weitz

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December 13th, 1948

eager desire to be of utmost service in this and any other situation where my assistance may be required.

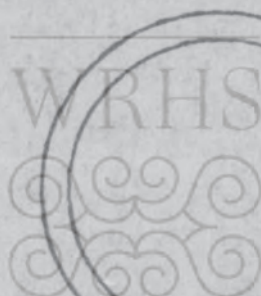
With warmest personal greetings, I am

Yours most cordially,

Maurice N. Eisendrath

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cc - Dr. Abba H. Silver
Dr. Barnett R. Brickner
Mr. James H. Miller
Mr. Saul S. Elgart



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SAUL S. ELGART
National Campaign Director
34 W. SIXTH ST., CINCINNATI 2, OHIO



UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE * JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

December 16, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Tifereth Israel Congregation
E. 105th at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with our very recent conversation, may I take this means of informing you that a joint dinner meeting of the rabbis, the presidents, and two key persons selected in each congregation is to be held on Monday evening, January 10, 1949, at 6:00 P.M. at the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, to which you are cordially invited.

It will be the function of this meeting to plan for the ensuing educational program and to jointly plan for the coming effort on behalf of the Combined Campaign of the Union, the College, and the J.I.R.

Mr. Bernard Pincus, the executive secretary of Euclid Avenue Temple, has kindly consented to act as secretary for this group. Will you please call him, or drop him a note at the Euclid Avenue Temple immediately, telling him that you will be present.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 10th, I am

Sincerely yours,

Saul S. Elgart
Saul S. Elgart
National Campaign Director

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January 3rd
1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th at Ansel Road
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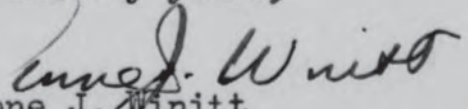
Dear Dr. Silver:

About two weeks ago the attached message was unfortunately sent to the wrong people through a clerical error.

I have discussed the matter with Rabbi Goodman and he has asked me to send the message now to the correct list of the members of the Executive Board, with the request that you reply promptly if any material is unsatisfactory.

As we must have this printed and in the hands of the members of the Conference and the congregations within the next week, we should very much appreciate your prompt cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


Anne J. Winitz
Secretary to Dr. Eisendrath

THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN TRADITION OF HUMAN EQUALITY

A message for Race Relations Day - Issued by the Joint Commission on Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

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In the Talmud, a familiar story is interpreted as follows:

Why did God begin the creation of man with only one couple? Why not with several couples? The answer is: To teach us that all human beings are descended from one common ancestor, so that no man may ever be able to say "My family is better than thine", or "My tribe is better than thine". The remarkable insight of the Talmudic interpretation has since been vindicated by the findings of science and of human experience.

The science of anthropology has been unable to discover any relationship between color of skin, texture of hair, shape of head or stature of body, on the one hand, and intellectual capacity or moral character, on the other. Mental and moral differences between human beings are purely individual differences.

Human experience has demonstrated that individuals of all colors and ethnic origins are capable of making the most important contributions to every facet of civilization, to science, literature, art and religion. It has also been demonstrated in factories, offices and barracks that human beings of various ancestries can work together harmoniously. The founding fathers of America wrote the Biblical doctrine of the essential brotherhood of man into the Declaration of Independence, and the principle of human equality has only recently been embodied in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

Indeed, the principle of the equality of all human beings, and their right to equal treatment and equal opportunity, can definitely be said to have been the paramount issue of the Second World War. Our enemy in that war, still so horribly fresh in our memories, was our enemy because he insisted on the racial superiority of a specific group of human beings, and denounced other human beings as racial inferiors subject to enslavement or extermination. The American people was compelled to the conclusion that Nazis, Fascists and Japanese militarists had to be defeated to insure the survival of democracy and civilization. At a prodigious sacrifice of wealth and blood, we won a victory for the cause of human equality.

Throughout the war, enemy agents sought to demoralize our ranks by stirring up hatred among the various groups who make up our citizenry. Their propaganda sought to prove that in housing, in education and in employment, American men and women were governed by the doctrines which Nazism proclaimed. This ruse, intended to divide the nation, failed and America remained united for victory.

Yet we now know that the foe was probing a definite weakness in our moral armour. It is true that our democracy is not complete. It is true that there are large groups in America treated by law or by common practice as though inferior. It is true that there is racial and religious exclusion, discrimination and segregation in many areas of the nation's life.

To assure the survival of democracy, we must now proceed to conquer the enemy of democracy in our midst. We must implement to the fullest extent the democratic doctrines of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution, not only for the sake of our country, but for the sake of world peace. One of the greatest powers on earth today, we could lead the nations of the world toward the goal of peace, provided we gave them heightened confidence in our protestations of good will.

Most of the peoples of the world are "colored" peoples. We can exercise no moral leadership in the cause of international amity if they suspect our sincerity. We cannot advance the reign of law among the nations as long as our own laws are enforced with injustice based on racial grounds. Discrimination in America is more than a domestic issue. It has implication for peace or war on a world scale. Particularly fatal to our pretensions as champions of freedom is the pattern of thoroughgoing racial segregation which prevails in the capital city of our country, Washington, D. C.

The Federal Government should proceed at once to realize our democracy in its complete form by enacting into law the proposals of the President's Committee on Civil Rights. It should eliminate all forms of segregation in our armed forces and should give no aid or subsidy to any state using such funds in a program of discrimination or segregation. It should forbid race discrimination or segregation in the production of goods and services which go into Interstate Commerce. It should use its constitutional powers to prohibit the poll tax and to make lynching a Federal offence.

Democracy is not the sole responsibility of the Federal Government. We appeal to the states of the Union to recognize that they are equally responsible for the defence of our free institutions. Each state should enact laws providing for fair employment practices, fair educational practices, fair housing practices, as well as for equality in public transportation and all other areas of public accommodations. Each state should also reinforce its legislation by a program of education in the principles of democracy and their application.

It was the agricultural and industrial and human resources of the entire nation which assured us military victory in the global war between freedom and slavery. Now guided by the Judeo-Christian doctrine of the dignity of the individual man, let us proceed toward an equally decisive moral victory in the battle to achieve American democracy and to assure that World order which can survive only in the atmosphere of human equality.

January 5, 1949

Miss Anne J. Winitt
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
3 East 65th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Miss Winitt:

The message which you sent, "The Judeo-Christian Tradition of Human Equality", is satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
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January 18, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Sulgrave Hotel
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just received a telephone report on the progress made in planning for the campaign effort in Cleveland of the Combined Campaign of the Union and the College-Institute; plans for which were begun at the dinner meeting held in Cleveland on January 10th and which, unfortunately, you were not able to attend.

At that meeting, a tentative date for a big gifts dinner on February 10, 1949 was set. It was also decided that the campaign structure was to be I.F. Freiburger as Chairman with Abe Luntz as his Co-Chairman, plus five Associate Chairmen, one representing each congregation. Messrs. Weitz and Miller and Rabbi Brickner have an appointment with Mr. Freiburger for Thursday, January 20th, to discuss with him his acceptance of the chairmanship. I have also been informed that Mr. Luntz has also been approached as to accepting the position of Co-Chairman. He said he could not accept the co-chairmanship with Mr. Freiburger, but he would be glad to be Vice-Chairman of the campaign.

The feeling of the Cleveland leadership is that if, on your return to Cleveland, you would be so good as to speak with Mr. Luntz, that you could influence him to accept the co-chairmanship and that on his acceptance, we could go ahead with our very definite plans for the campaign, completing them in accordance with the wishes of the group that was gathered in Cleveland on January 10th.

I hope you will find it possible to speak with Mr. Luntz immediately upon your return and that he will agree to become Co-Chairman of our Combined Campaign effort in Cleveland.

May I express my regrets and offer my condolences upon the recent death of your beloved father.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Saul S. Elgart
Saul S. Elgart
National Campaign Director

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UNION OF AMERICAN

HEBREW CONGREGATIONS / RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, PRESIDENT

New York Office: 3 EAST 65TH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

January 19th
1949

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

Dear Friend:

It was good to have seen you last night however briefly. I was especially gratified that I was able to be present as an official representative of the Union and with the distinct authorization of the Administrative Committee, which had met on Sunday. This was the first time that the Union was officially represented at any such gathering and found itself able, in view of the resolution adopted at our Biennial in Boston, to associate itself with the kind of resolution that was adopted last evening. I am sure that you will consider this some progress and will share my own feeling of satisfaction that we have come a long way within the Union.

I do hope that the progress that was reported last night will continue and that the news from Israel will be such as to bring about a speedy solution of the tremendous problems with which you particularly have been burdened these past years.

I was so very sorry to learn recently of the passing of your beloved father. May I hasten to extend to you and yours both Rosa's and my own heartfelt sympathy. I am confident that yours must be the satisfaction and solace that your father's old age was made happy through you because of his residence in the Holy Land.

I trust that you have had at least a few moments leisure since you returned to Cleveland and that you have been able to follow through on the request made by Mr. Saul Elgart in his letter to you of January 18th, and that you have been able to persuade Mr. Abe Luntz to act as co-Chairman of our forthcoming appeal in Cleveland. This will be the first time in many years that we have had any such campaign in Cleveland, and particularly in view of the critical financial situation of both the College and the Union it is imperative that this drive have the most influential lay sponsorship that is possible. I will appreciate it greatly if you will intercede in this matter.

You will recall that some time ago you indicated to me that you would be willing to undertake at least one speaking engagement on behalf of the College's and the Union's combined appeal. We really do desperately

January 19th, 1949

require your personal assistance, and inasmuch as Chicago is most eager to have you as their guest speaker at their large community wide dinner on April 21st, I hope that you will be able to accept just this one request on my part for this year. Chicago, more than any other community, deserves the honor and privilege of having you present. Last year about 1,500 people were present at our fund raising affair, and Chicago increased its contribution to the Union from about \$45,000 the previous year to over \$90,000 last year. They are hoping this year to raise \$175,000, thus providing a magnificent example to the rest of the country. Your acceptance of their invitation will further stimulate and encourage one of our most deserving communities.

I trust that I will receive your affirmative reply in the near future so that they may proceed enthusiastically with their plans for another most successful community wide dinner.

Once more with heartfelt sympathy from Rosa and myself, and with warmest personal greetings, I am

Yours most cordially,

Maurice
Maurice N. Eisendrath

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January 20, 1949

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
3 East 65th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Maurice:

It will be easier for me to persuade Mr. Abe Luntz to accept co-chairmanship after Mr. Freiburger has indicated his acceptance.

With reference to your invitation for me to address a campaign dinner in Chicago on Thursday, April 21st, I shall be very pleased to do so with the proviso that if I have to leave for overseas, you will understand a last moment cancellation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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UNION OF AMERICAN

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New York Office: 3 EAST 65TH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

January 26th
1949

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

Dear Friend:

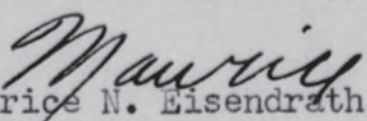
Thank you so very much for your prompt and most gratifying reply to my recent letter. It is encouraging to know that in the midst of your many faceted activities and tremendous responsibilities you are prepared to accept the invitation to address the large dinner that we are planning in Chicago for Thursday, April 21st.

Of course we will have to understand that should an emergency require your going overseas we will have to be reconciled to such a disappointment. However, I pray that for the sake of Israel itself conditions will be so ameliorated by then that you will not have to undertake this added burden, and that we will have the privilege of hearing what I know will be another of your always challenging and stimulating messages.

I had learned that Mr. Freiburger has accepted the Chairmanship of our appeal in Cleveland, and I presume that under these circumstances it will not be difficult for you to persuade Mr. Luntz to accept the co-Chairmanship.

Thanks again for your hearty cooperation. With warmest personal greetings and looking forward to seeing you early next month at what I hope will be a most successful undertaking for our common cause, I am

Yours most cordially,


Maurice N. Eisendrath

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P.S. - I had the great pleasure last week end when I was in Cincinnati for the 125th anniversary of the Rockdale Temple, of seeing and talking with Danny. He looks fine and seems to be enjoying his work.

FRIENDS OF REFORM JUDAISM
IN CLEVELAND

January 31st, 1949

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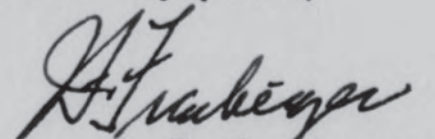
You are cordially invited to be our guest at a dinner to be given in honor of the heads of the institutions of Liberal Judaism in America, Dr. Nelson Glueck, President of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, and Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, on Thursday, February tenth, 6:45 P.M., at the Oakwood Country Club, Mayfield and Wilmar Roads.

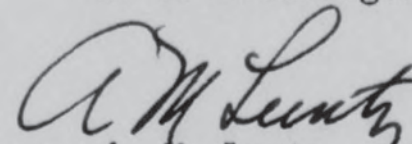
Dr. Glueck has recently been called to head the oldest Rabbinical Seminary in our country. His work in Palestine has brought him world fame as a scholar and archaeologist. Dr. Eisendrath has given his dynamic personality to the service of American Reform, and has achieved notability as one of our most prominent younger leaders.

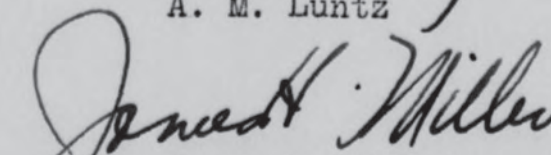
We are fortunate in having the opportunity of meeting and hearing these two outstanding leaders of American Judaism. Their message vitally concerns our future as Jews and as Americans.

We are enclosing a reply card for your convenience, and are looking forward to seeing and greeting you at this important meeting.

Sincerely yours,


I. F. Freiburger


A. M. Luntz


James H. Miller

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THE establishment of the State of Israel is bound to have an effect upon the future course of the Jewish people throughout the world, and upon Judaism resembling analogous events in the history of our people in the past.

The destruction and the restoration of the state in the sixth century before the Common Era, and again the destruction in the year 70 of the Common Era are milestones in Jewish history as well as turning points. They forced political, social, and spiritual adjustments on the people, and framed a new way of life for them. The reestablishment of the Jewish State is destined to become just such a milestone and turning point.

The year 1948 will take its place among the three or four most important dates in Jewish history. We are too close to the event to evaluate it properly, but we can begin to discern some of its vast implications.

The first is a psychological one. After nineteen centuries the Jewish people has regained national status. It has rebuilt its national center in its ancestral home. The reconstruction of the State of Israel has received the sanction of the United Nations. Its government has been recognized by many countries including the two most powerful—the United States and the Soviet Union. While its exact boundaries are still under dispute, the fact of its independent and sovereign existence is generally acknowledged, and its own military prowess has fortified it. The Third Commonwealth of the Jewish nation is thus an accomplished fact. The State of Israel exists.

JEWS NO LONGER IN EXILE

As a result, the concept of the Wandering Jew is bound eventually to disappear along with the term *galut*—exile. When people can of their own free will return to their ancestral home, they are not in exile. Only compulsory banishment spells exile. All nations send forth immigrants to all parts of the world. People are continually moving from one country to another, and change their citizenship, but they are not regarded as exiles.

This fact alone—the end of national exile for the Jewish people, as such—is destined to affect favorably the psyche of the Jew throughout the world. It will endow the Jew, wherever he lives, with a self-respect and a sense of security, a normal tone, long wanting in Jewish experience. For the curse of Cain, the curse of being an outcast and a wanderer over the face of the earth, has been removed. Whatever the Jew is destined to create anywhere in art or in literature will, I believe, come to reflect this new attitude of dignity and confidence.

There will be much less of the strain and the tension in his creative work, less of the spirit of dejection or of rebellion. There will be less obsession with anti-Semitism and with apologetics. This is not to suggest that, as a member of a minority group, the Jew will no longer be subject to those discriminations which, to varying degrees, are visited upon most minority groups in most parts of the world. But in this regard he will share an identical but not a unique or aggravated lot. It was always the *double* liability of his predicament—that of being a minority group everywhere and possessed of a national center nowhere, which doubly exacerbated his position in the world.

He will fight for his full and equal rights everywhere, more confidently and more resolutely, enheartened by the fact of the new status and dignity which have come to his people through the re-creation of the State of Israel.

FORESEES MILLIONS IN ISRAEL

Another important consequence of the epochal event which has taken place so recently is the emergence of a major Jewish population center in the East and the regrouping of the world Jewish population. It is quite possible that if the present rate of immigration continues, the Jewish population of Israel by 1960 will be 2,000,000 or more. It might substantially increase in subsequent years. Three to four million is not an excessive figure. So that, outside of the United States and the Soviet Union, the population of Israel will be the largest Jewish population in the world.

Thus, a great concentration of our people will again take place in the East, the cradle of our people and of our faith, and the East rather than the West will again become the decisive cultural milieu of the creative Jewish life of tomorrow. An interesting blending of the East and the West will take



place in that corner of the world which time and again has served both as an entrepot and crucible of cultures and religions. An imposing new synthesis might conceivably result when Jews bring into that land which in the past was the natural home of seers, prophets and mystics the science, technology and the political and economic conceptions of the West.

Jews will come to Israel from all parts of the world just as peoples have come to the United States from all parts of the world, and just as this country became a melting-pot of peoples, so Israel is destined to become a melting-pot of world Jewry. In a sense, it is that already. American life richly profited from the manifold gifts and talents which many peoples brought to it, so Israel is likewise destined to profit from the skills, cultures, and enthusiasms which Jews the world over will bring to it.

The dynamism, the amazing outpouring of creative energy which is already in evidence in Israel, will increase in the years to come. Life in Israel will be characterized, I believe, by that same energy, initiative, and inventiveness which have characterized American life. So that a very exciting and promising new chapter in Jewish history is beginning.

NO DUAL ALLEGIANCE

Two questions present themselves, among others, as we study the possible implications of what has taken place. What effect will the establishment of the State of Israel have on the Jews throughout the world, and what effect will it have on Judaism?

One important fact must be borne in mind. The majority of the Jewish people will live outside of Israel. The idea of the ultimate disappearance of the Diaspora may be theoretically held or even justified. It is not practically valid. Assuming that Israel will in the course of time come to contain three or four million Jews, the majority of the Jewish people will nevertheless still reside outside its borders.

This was the case also during the Second Commonwealth, especially in the centuries immediately preceding the destruction in 70. It has been estimated that in the closing centuries of the Second Commonwealth about two and one-half million Jews lived in Palestine and about five and one-half million lived outside. There was a considerable dispersion of our people in the six centuries before the Common Era which extended from the borders of Persia in the East to Spain in the West, and from Ethiopia clear to the Black Sea.

Important centers of Jewish life existed, simultaneously, with the Jewish State, in Babylon, Egypt, Syria and Asia Minor, in the islands of the Mediterranean, in Greece and in Italy. It has been estimated that every tenth person living in the Roman Empire in the first century of the Common Era was a Jew, and every fifth person living in the Eastern Mediterranean world was a Jew. The great dispersion was not always the result of expulsions. It was not always involuntary. Jews emigrated from Palestine for reasons also of trade and commerce, of economic opportunities elsewhere, perhaps also because of crowded conditions in the homeland.

What was the relationship of the Jews who lived outside of Palestine to the Jewish State? They owed no political allegiance to the Jewish State, and the Jewish State exercised no political control over them. We have the testimony of the Jewish philosopher, Philo, who lived in Egypt in the first century, who writes:

No one country can contain the whole Jewish nation, by reason of its populousness; on which account they frequent all the most prosperous and fertile countries of Europe and Asia, whether islands or continents, looking indeed upon the holy city as their *metropolis* in which is erected the sacred temple of the most high God, but accounting those regions which have been occupied by their fathers and grandfathers and great grandfathers and still more remote ancestors, in which they have been born and brought up, as *their country*.

The country in which they lived was *their country*. The existence of a Jewish State did not diminish by an iota their loyalty to the countries in which they lived and in which they and their children were born. There was no dual allegiance. Dual allegiance was never a fact in Jewish experience. It is the frightened and the insecure Jew, the one who is generally unhappy about his Jewish lineage who tries to curry favor with the non-Jewish world on the basis of self-effacement and spreads the charge of dual allegiance against those fellow Jews who are not so frightened and servile.

PALESTINE WAS UNIFYING CENTER

The Jews who lived outside of Palestine in those days nevertheless recognized Palestine as the non-political center of world Jewry, especially because it was the center of their religion. It was the Holy Land. In Jeru-



salem was the Temple dedicated to the God of Israel. They were mindful of the prophecy: "Out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Palestine was their ancestral home and the center of Jewish religious worship. They made frequent pilgrimages to Palestine. On the festivals of the pilgrimage, thousands of Jews from all parts of the world poured into Jerusalem.

It was a revered custom of Jews everywhere to contribute annually a half-shekel which at stated periods was collected and carried to Jerusalem as their voluntary contribution towards the maintenance of their central religious institutions. They helped the nation to defend itself when Rome attacked it, and they supported the rebellion of Bar Kochba against Rome in the second century when the Jews of Palestine attempted to regain their independence. They wanted the Jewish State to survive.

Even after the destruction of the Temple, they continued to recognize the authority of the religious and spiritual leaders of Palestine, of the Sanhedrin and of the great religious academies, and to send their self-imposed tax for the support of the office of the Nasi and of scholars. The Jewish communities in other parts of the world, which later on established their own academies and produced their own illustrious religious leaders, nevertheless accepted the superior authority of the religious leaders and centers in Palestine.

The authority of the patriarchate which existed to the fifth century and of the Palestinian academies and their prerogatives in such matters as the fixing of the calendar for world Jewry and the ordination of rabbis was, with but occasional exceptions, accepted by all. The Jews fully understood the importance of maintaining a center, a unifying and organizing center of Jewish life, especially after the destruction both of the State and the Temple. They felt the need of some visible authority to hold them together against the forces which threatened to disintegrate them. They knew themselves to be and they wished to remain one people, one historic community, united by common sympathies, inspired by common memories, sharing many likenesses, and cooperating with each other for common purposes and against common enemies.

Rome destroyed Carthage. It destroyed also the Carthaginian nation. Rome destroyed Judea. It could not destroy the Jewish nation. It only disrupted its political center and added to the dispersion of the people.

To sum up: there persisted throughout the centuries the liveliest interaction between Palestine and the Jews of the Diaspora which was a boon to both and which safeguarded the integrity of the people and the character of its faith. When the center in Palestine had become totally disrupted, and the Jews of the Diaspora were forced to turn to other centers for spiritual guidance—to Babylonia, Northern Africa, Spain and elsewhere—they nevertheless kept alive in their strong Messianic faith the hope of the return of the nation to Palestine and the restoration of its religious center there.

AMERICAN JEWS REMAIN CITIZENS OF U.S.

If history is any guide, the Jews of today who will continue to live in other lands will, by and large, maintain the same attitude towards the State of Israel as their forefathers did. Theirs will be a most sympathetic relationship towards that land. They will materially help it to absorb as many Jews as will wish to go there or may have to go there. They will help to build up its cultural, scientific, and spiritual institutions, as well as its economic life so that it may become a land of which Jews everywhere can be proud. For the eyes of the world will be on the land of Israel to see what Jews, as a people, can accomplish on their own.

Israel will come to be again the non-political center of world Jewry. Pilgrims will go there as of old—and not merely the pious. There will be a free flow of manifold communications, of mutual stimulation, of give and take. Israel will again come to exercise a unifying and sustaining influence in Jewish life everywhere.

We shall remain one people, one historic community, as of old. But the Jews of Israel will be Israeli citizens and the Jews of the United States will be citizens of the United States, and similarly with Jews in other lands.

They will owe undivided allegiance to their respective countries and they will discharge loyally their full duties as citizens, as Jews have always done. But they will retain a special attachment to the land of Israel which will in no way interfere with their duties and obligations as citizens of their respective countries.

It was Voltaire who said that every cultured man should have two fatherlands—his own and France. In an even more profound sense, but equally non-political, it may be applied to the Jew and Israel. Israel will be the Sabbath in the life of our people when, according to a beautiful tradition, an additional soul is vouchsafed unto man.



The more Orthodox may seek to establish again a central religious authority in Israel as in the days of old, with the Chief Rabbinate of Israel at its head, in the same manner as the international Catholic community has its religious center in Rome. If such a center is ever reestablished, it will, of course, have authority only over those who will voluntarily recognize its authority, either in Israel or outside.

Israel will not be a theocratic state, but for all Jews—that is, for all those who wish to remain Jews—Israel will continue to be the land of treasured memories as well as of unfolding social and cultural realities which, if nobly conceived and achieved, will be eagerly welcomed as stimulating influences in their lives. Is not this expressed in the ancient prayer of our people: "Oh, cause Thou a new light to shine over Zion, and may we all be worthy to enjoy its light speedily."

FOR SHEATHING OF SWORDS

One of the welcome by-products of the establishment of the State of Israel will be the end of that long debate which has for generations now filled the household of Israel with clamor and confusion—the debate between Zionists and anti-Zionists. The long contention may now cease. The swords may be sheathed. The argument is over. Life has finally composed our quarrel. The State of Israel is here.

The anti-Zionist, if he persists in his agitation, will no longer be fighting an idea or a movement, but an established state. He will be endangering the security of a legally constituted state which is recognized by his own country. His obsession with hyphenated loyalties is a confession of insecurity and, if publicly charged against fellow Jews, is a libel against loyal and patriotic citizens, one which plays directly into the hands of anti-Semites to whom all Jews, including the super-patriots, are anathema.

The right of Jews everywhere to have a share in the upbuilding of Palestine was clearly acknowledged in the Balfour Declaration and in the Palestine mandate and is implied in the recognition which the United Nations gave to the reconstitution of the Jewish State. No free and democratic state wishes to monopolize all the loyalties of its citizens.

Liberal Judaism has slowly disentangled itself from the meshes of an anti-nationalist dogma in which it was caught in the early years of its development and which was never really an essential part of its teaching any more than the materialist conception of history is an essential part of socialism, though it looms large in its Marxian formulation. Both borrowed doctrines from the philosophic climate of their day, in the case of Reform Judaism also from the political climate, and wedded them to their basic ideas. Subsequent generations and new conceptions in philosophy and government have revealed their accidental connection.

It became clear that Liberal Judaism has a mission to perform in Jewish religious life whether a Jewish State exists or not. Accordingly, some years before the establishment of the Jewish State and while the Zionist-anti-Zionist debate was still raging, the central bodies of American Reform Judaism declared that they discern no essential incompatibility between Reform Judaism and Zionism, no reason why those of their members who give allegiance to Zionism should not have the right to regard themselves as fully within the spirit and purpose of Reform Judaism.

The great debate having been ended by a fiat of history, all erstwhile antagonists may now join in amity in the common and interfused task to make Israel secure to defend Jewish rights everywhere and to make Judaism strong and vital in the world.

FEAR OF "NEW LOOK"

What effect will the establishment of the State of Israel have on Judaism—on Liberal Judaism? I have heard voices prophesying doom. The establishment of the State, it is argued, will be seized upon by many Jews as an excuse to assimilate now that they can no longer be accused or need no longer to accuse themselves of cowardice in running away from a homeless and persecuted people. Since the Jewish nation is now secure in Israel, they no longer need to remain Jews in the Diaspora. Some fear that this is likely to be the "new look" in assimilationist apologetics.

I choose to go back to history again to gain some insight into the probable reaction of our people. What was the status of the religious life of our people in the Diaspora in olden times, at the time when the Jewish State existed? The Jews who lived outside of Palestine were loyal to their faith and quite active religiously—not everywhere, of course, to the same degree nor equally among all sections of the population.

There were Jews in those days, too, who were religiously indifferent, who practiced a minimal Judaic ritual or none at all. There were those who abandoned their faith altogether.



Wealth in the Alexandrian Jewish community [writes Professor Wolfson] was derived from the non-Jewish environment through contacts with heathens. Such contacts with heathens thus became financial assets, and financial assets naturally became marks of a delusive social distinction, and the delusion of social distinction, in turn, led to snobbishness, obsequiousness, self-effacement, aping, simulation, pretense, and ultimately to a begging for permission to join whatever one had to join in order to become a heathen. This, we imagine, was the progressive pilgrimage of certain Alexandrian Jews from a seat in the front row of the synagogue to a place at the tail end of the mystery processions of the heathen.

PROSELYTIZING OF YORE

All this has a very contemporary ring. But these apostates and assimilationists were the exception. Overwhelmingly the Jews remained warmly loyal to the religious traditions of their people. Sometimes, and especially in the centuries following the Maccabean victory, they carried on a vigorous proselytizing activity to convert the heathen world to Judaism, and with considerable success. They were not always the anvil for other cultural influences. In matters of religion and ethics they were often the strong hammer.

There is abundant evidence in pagan writings and a considerable Jewish propaganda literature to testify to the zeal and effectiveness of the proselytizing efforts of the Jews. They were not aware of any irreconcilable conflict between their ethnic allegiance, their love and reverence for Palestine, their Pharisaic religious discipline and the universal, missionary aspirations of Judaism which they sought to realize. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees," we read in the unfriendly source of Matthew, "ye scour land and sea to make one convert."

The intellectual development of the ancient world had far outdistanced its polytheism, mythology and idolatry. It was ripe for a new religion, and the Jews of the Diaspora, the covenanted people of a pure monotheistic faith and an exalted code of morality which had challenged and defied the polytheism and immorality of the heathen world for a thousand years, were eager to bring their faith to the Gentile world and to convert it to the Kingdom of God. This missionary activity reached large proportions, provoked strong opposition and, at times, violent persecution. But it testifies to the religious vitality of the Jewish communities outside of Palestine.

The degree of their vitality reflected their cultural environment. In the Hellenistic cultural complex they were less creative and less original than, say, in Babylonia. The Jews of Babylon produced the Babylonian Talmud and established great rabbinic academies such as Sura, Nehardiah and Pumbeditha, just as centuries before they had created the synagogue. We find no corresponding achievements among the Jews in the Graeco-Roman world.

RELIGION CITADEL OF STRENGTH

But the Jewish people amply demonstrated that they and their faith could survive almost everywhere in the Diaspora. They were undoubtedly strengthened by the influences which came to them from Palestine, but the greatest source of their strength was their own religion, the divine Torah which was the common possession of Jews the world over, and which was a Tree of Life to them, the precious and beloved institution of the synagogue, which was their spiritual home and which existed in every town and village, and all the dear traditions of a proud and spiritually contented people.

They wanted to remain Jews and to live the Jewish way of life. They were not unacquainted with periodic persecutions and virulent anti-Jewish propaganda. They were also subjected to the disruptive influences and blandishments of pagan society and attractive alien cultures and philosophies. They were not isolated or ghettoized. They could assimilate if they wished to, much easier than in our day, and the rewards were inviting.

But overwhelmingly they chose to remain Jews. Presumably many fell away. Many fell away throughout the centuries of our dispersion both in times of persecution and in times of freedom and enlightenment. But many more did not. Those who *did* not are responsible for our survival and those who *do* not make up the strength of the Jewish people today. Their kind will constitute the strength of the Jewish people tomorrow. The existence of a Jewish State can only add strength to their strength, and confidence and dignity to their lives. It cannot conceivably undermine their Jewish faith and allegiance.

Whenever I am confronted with the question: Will Judaism survive in the Diaspora? I am tempted to counter with another question: Will democracy survive? Who can say? When we believe in and defend democracy it is not because we are sure that it will survive, but because it pres-



ently satisfies our deepest needs and, therefore, notwithstanding its patent shortcomings and the many serious setbacks which it has received and is receiving in many parts of the world, it still remains for us the desirable way of life. The American people has lived with it for 150 years and it is satisfied to carry on the same way into the indefinite and uncertain future.

It is so with Judaism. We believe in it and wish to transmit it not because we are sure that it will survive, but because it presently satisfies our deepest spiritual needs as it did those of our ancestors in the long past. We are satisfied to carry on the same way into an indefinite and uncertain future, despite apparent difficulties and evidences here and there of falling away and collapse. The quality of our devotion to Judaism today and the means which we will employ to strengthen it may make that future less indefinite and less uncertain.

RIPE FOR NATIVE SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT

There will be need for a vital Liberal Judaism within the State of Israel itself. One should bear in mind that most of the great prophets of Israel preached religion—God and the law of God—in Palestine and to the Jews of Palestine at a time when they were not lacking a land, a language, and a government of their own. Clearly these by themselves were not enough.

In the days of the Maccabees a violent religious reformation had to be launched in Palestine to save the Jews of Palestine from the corruptive spiritual influences of a brilliant but decadent pseudo-Hellenic culture to which they had succumbed. At the time of the first restoration in the sixth century, it was fully grasped by the great rebuilders of the state that political and physical restoration was not enough.

Nehemiah, therefore, set himself the task of rebuilding the state physically. Ezra set himself the task of rebuilding the faith of Israel. All the prophets of the restoration linked up the national regeneration of the people with moral and spiritual regeneration, and with the regeneration of the whole of mankind. At the beginning of the second restoration Theodor Herzl declared that "a return to Judaism must precede a return to the Jewish land." Three months before he died he wrote: "In Zionism, as I understand it, there is not only the striving for a legally secured soil for our poor people; there is the striving for moral and spiritual perfection."

The Jews of Israel will require religion just as the Jews outside of Israel. The youth in Israel, which at the moment finds spiritual discipline and challenge in the struggle to build the new state and defend it, will be in need, after this period has passed, of a sustaining spiritual morale which can only come from religion.

Liberal Judaism, in an Israeli not a Germanic setting, will appeal to them, I believe. Palestine Jewry generally is seeking new forms for its religious life. I believe that it is ripe for a great new spiritual movement which will be native to the soil, responsive to the demands of modern life, one which will lay emphasis not so much upon ritual and tradition as upon the prophetic, social and spiritual ideals of Judaism.

JUDAISM WILL FLOURISH IN ISRAEL

I am inclined to believe that even Orthodox Judaism in Israel will undergo a considerable change. Jewish religious law in its creative periods was always evolutionary. The law was always adapted to the needs of the times through a carefully elaborated system of interpretation which preserved the spirit of the law while the law itself was adjusted to new circumstances and times. The destruction of the state, to quote Chief Rabbi Herzog, "checked the process of natural growth and development inherent in Israel's legal system." In a renascent Jewish state, Jewish religious law will again have the opportunity to develop organically.

Judaism will survive and flourish in Israel. It will survive and flourish also in the Diaspora, if the faithful and devoted among us will nurture and replenish it. The time will soon come when we shall be free to divert our energies largely to our synagogues, our schools, and our academies, whereas for a very long time now our energies and resources have been dedicated largely to the compelling emergencies of life-saving and state building. We shall soon be able to put the emphasis in Jewish community life upon religion—if we wish it. We should most earnestly wish it if we desire to give significance, content and dignity to our own lives and the lives of our children.

The United States, with the largest Jewish population in the world, and one which is basically loyal and generously responsive to Jewish needs and aspirations, can become a great creative center of Jewish spiritual life. Can, I say, not will, or must! We are



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constrained to acknowledge that the thin wafer, the melba toast type of Jewish education which our children receive in our Sunday schools is not the kind of a spiritual and cultural diet which can nourish and sustain a vigorous Jewish life, and one which does not promise well for the future.

LIBERAL MISSION IDEAL VALID

Some ten years ago I had occasion to write:

To the 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 general 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.

There have been many false prophets of *ersatz* Judaism in our midst who have frequently misled our people. There were professional social workers, for example, who announced that a full complement of scientifically administered hospitals and orphanages and other social agencies was a sufficient "vade mecum" for the Jewish people, and that the synagogue and religious schools were quite unnecessary. At best, they were to be tolerated only as a concession to those who still take such things seriously, and in order not to create unpleasant friction in the community.

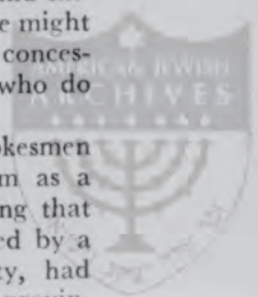
There were certain educators who resented the intrusion of religion in their ultra-scientific curricula. Judaism, they said, was not a religion, but a way of life—that is to say, *their* way of life, which, of course, was non-religious or anti-religious. Jewish education should, according to them, not be religious at all, only nationalistic and linguistic. At best, the religious note might be smuggled in, but only as a concession to old-timers and cranks who do not know any better.

There were those Jewish spokesmen who offered Jewish nationalism as a substitute for Judaism, forgetting that nationalism as such, unredeemed by a moral vision and responsibility, had sadly fragmented our world, provincialized its peoples and is driving nations madly from one disaster to another; forgetting, further, that there is a widely felt and widely answered need for religion and religious institutions even among peoples whose national life is already fully established, who are in their own lands, and who are possessed of a rich national culture.

The upbuilding of a Jewish national home in Palestine is one great, urgent and historically inescapable task of Jewry. The upbuilding of Jewish religious life in America and elsewhere throughout the world, inclusive of Palestine, is another. One is no substitute for the other. One is not opposed to the other.

Whether Jews will live as citizens of Israel or as citizens of the United States or of other lands, they should not evade the great mandate of their prophetic religion and their history which is to serve God and man, to strive for the establishment of His Kingdom, and by the practice and the propaganda of their faith, to be a light unto the nations. The mission ideal which Liberal Judaism has stressed is historically valid. It is of the very warp and woof of prophetic Judaism. It is valid today. It is the burden of our destiny. God has permitted us to renew our days as of old. Let us, in gratitude, renew our faith as of old.

(The foregoing article constituted an address delivered by the author, chief American Zionist spokesman, before the delegates to the Fortieth Biennial Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations held in Boston, November 14-17.)



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Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with my telephone conversation to you, this will serve as just a reminder that we are counting on your participation in the program at the dinner to be tended Doctors Nelson Glueck and Maurice Eisendrath, tomorrow evening, Thursday, February 10, at 6:45 P.M., at the Oakwood Country Club.

The suggested program that the committee has worked out is as follows.

If Mr. Freiburger is able to return to the city so that he can be with us, he will open the meeting, welcoming the persons there. Following the dinner, he will present you, and you in turn are to introduce Dr. Glueck and Dr. Eisendrath to the group. Following their talks, Dr. Brickner has consented to make the appeal and to ask for pledges.

If, for some reason, Mr. Freiburger is not able to return in time to be with us at the dinner, may we ask that you act as toastmaster for the entire evening, adding to your introduction of the two guests, ~~and~~ ^{the} calling for the invocation and the introduction of the head table, and calling for the benediction following Dr. Brickner's plea. Needless to say, I shall have a complete agenda ready for you

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at your place on Thursday evening.

Doctors Glueck and Eisendrath are arriving in the City at approximately 3:30 P.M., on Thursday, and both, I expect, will be leaving after the dinner that evening. Our present plans are to take them out to the Club at approximately 5:30 P.M., so that they may have the opportunity of meeting with those of their rabbinical colleagues who will want to come earlier, and those of the lay leaders who will want to meet them before dinner begins.

If there is any further information that I can give you, please do not hesitate to call on me. Thanking you very much for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Friend:

Although I have just reached my desk after a rather exhaustive and eventful trip from Cleveland, I hasten to drop you this note to thank you, however inadequately, for the tremendous lift you gave our cause at the dinner last night.

Knowing just how preoccupied you are these days and what terrific demands have been made upon you, I am especially appreciative of the leadership that you gave to the gathering last evening. Your introductory message set the entire tone of the gathering and did much to bring to the attention of those assembled the dire necessity of turning the attention of American Jewry more directly to our spiritual tasks.

I do hope that the emergencies that have so longed "detoured" you from that which is your own essential purpose will soon be so attenuated that you will be able to bring the kind of stirring message that you gave last night to increasing numbers of our constituents throughout the country. There is no one who will be able to do this more effectively than yourself, and I do covet the hour when you will be available to be more continuously on the firing line for the Union and the College. I am confident that this is your desire also, and I pray that the opportunity for fulfilling it will come soon.

Once more thanking you for your fine spirited assistance, and with warmest greetings, I am

Yours most cordially,

Maurice
Maurice N. Eisendrath

P.S. - The "eventful trip" above refers to a sort of "man bites dog" experience that I had last night. You and I have both frequently been grounded or de-planed. This was the first time that I was "de-

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trained". I was aroused from a deep sleep at 3:00 A.M. to be told to get dressed and change trains, as our car had broken down. Upon inquiry I ascertained that a plane was leaving Buffalo within the hour, so I arrived in New York a little after 5:00 A.M. This is a good story and I am itching to tell it to Jacob Aronson of the New York Central.

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P.S.S. It's good to see Danny from
time to time when I get to Cincy.
He looks and seems fine.

My best to Eugenia in which
Rosa joins fondly.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to express my very sincere thanks to you for your interest and cooperation during the recent campaign effort in Cleveland.

It is my hope that you will work with Mr. Weitz, Mr. Krohngold and Mr. Luntz, in seeing that a successful committee is organized and that personal solicitation will take place immediately. I am sure that if it does, we shall not lose the effect of the splendid meeting which took place on February 10th.

Again, thanking you and with kind regards, I am,

Cordially,

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February 21, 1949

22 Sh'vot 5709

Dr. Abba Millel Silver
E. 105th St. -Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

We were thrilled to learn from Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath that you have consented to address those present at our Campaign dinner in Chicago on Thursday evening, April 21st. at the Stevens Hotel.

At a similar dinner last year we had 1500 people in attendance and raised the largest amount for the combined campaign in the history of the Reformed movement in Chicago. It is our purpose to surpass this amount this year, and we feel more confident now that we know you will be with us. We shall look to you for the inspiration that will spur us to achieve our goal.

I do want to refer to the "proviso" that you stipulated, but we want you to know that we will understand a last moment cancellation should it become necessary for you to leave for overseas. We hope and pray that American and world Jewish affairs will be tranquil enough at that time, so that you will be able to spend the Passover with your family and congregation and the very last day of the festival with us in Chicago.

Looking forward to meeting you and to greeting you in our midst, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Louis Frankel
General Chairman

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Dr. Abba Millel Silver
E. 105th St. -Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

All of us were pleased to learn from Maurice Eisendrath that you have agreed to be the speaker on the evening of April 21st at the Stevens hotel, when we will meet to try to raise about \$150,000 for the UAHC, HUC-JIR Combined Campaign.

As plans for this gathering will develop, we will send you further details.

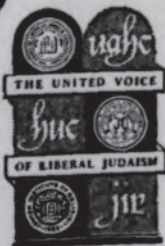
Please be assured of my personal appreciation for your consent to be with us and to assist us in our task.

With best regards from house to house, I am,

Cordially yours,

Phineas Smoller
Rabbi Phineas Smoller
Director

RS:c
cc: Louis Frankel



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Your interest and support of the UAHC and the HUC-JIR will enable them to maintain their rightful place on the American scene. They will continue to speak for you and all our co-religionists who are interested in the preservation and expansion of Liberal Judaism in this country.

We who are Jews in America know that our religion is our strength.

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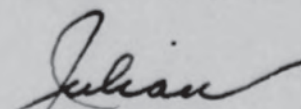
Dear ^{Abba}~~Dr. Silver~~:

On December 29, 1948, we extended to you a cordial invitation to contribute an article of scientific character, not to exceed twenty pages in length, to the three volumes of scientific studies with which we propose to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Hebrew Union College in 1950. To date we have not been privileged to receive your reply to that invitation. We venture to believe that this is due to circumstances over which you have no control. Therefore we take the liberty of bringing this matter to your attention once again, which we hope will be favorable, in the course of the next few weeks. You will understand, we are sure, that it is necessary, that we receive the replies of those scholars whom we have invited within a reasonable time, in order that we, in turn, may properly mature our plans for this contemplated Festschrift.

May we express the very sincere hope, therefore, that we may be favored, in the very near future, with your reply and, furthermore, that your reply may be one of acceptance of our invitation.

With every assurance of high regard, I am

Cordially yours,



Julian Morgenstern, Chairman

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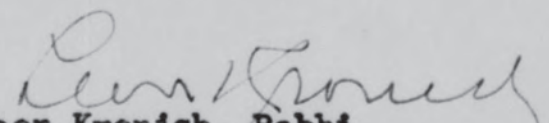
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Are there available one hundred copies of your address on Liberal Judaism in Israel? If so, I would greatly appreciate your sending them to me as I wish to distribute copies to persons attending an Adult Study Group which I am conducting at our Temple.

Many thanks for your kind cooperation.

Cordially yours,


Leon Kronish, Rabbi

34 W. 6th St
Coney 2

March 31, 1949

Rabbi Leon Kronish
Temple Beth Sholom
Miami Beach 40, Fla.

Dear Rabbi Kronish:

I am taking the liberty of replying to your letter of March 30th to Rabbi Silver concerning copies of his address, "Liberal Judaism and the State of Israel". At the moment we have no extra copies available, but I have just requested the publication, Liberal Judaism, to send us reprints. As soon as we receive them, we shall be glad to forward 100 copies to you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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March 31, 1949

"Liberal Judaism"
34 West Sixth Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We have had numerous requests for copies of Dr. Silver's address "Liberal Judaism and Israel" delivered at the Biennial in Boston last fall. Is it possible for you to supply us with approximately 200 reprints of this at an early date.

Looking forward to your reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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April 1, 1949

Dr. Julian Morgenstern
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter which conveyed the invitation to contribute an article to the volumes which you propose to publish in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Hebrew Union College. My hesitancy is due to the fact that I do not know whether I shall have the time during the coming year to devote myself to a serious, scholarly project. You know what my life has been in recent years and while I have recently resigned from one or two positions in the Zionist world, which consumed a great deal of my time and energy, I am not entirely free from many time-consuming commitments in connection with Israel which I still must discharge. If you are prepared, therefore, to consider a tentative acceptance, I shall do my best during the year to get up a paper which will be in keeping with the standards and purposes of the Festschrift.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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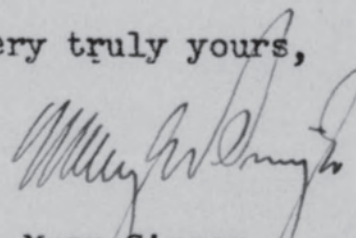
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East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

We do not have reprints of Dr. Silver's address, "Liberal Judaism and Israel." I could, however, make available to you about one hundred copies of the January issue of LIBERAL JUDAISM in which that address appears. If that will not serve your purpose, we are prepared to mimeograph the address for you and will send you two hundred copies if you say so.

I await word from you.

Very truly yours,



M. Myer Singer
Production Manager

MMS/r

April 10, 1949

Mr. M. Myer Singer
Liberal Judaism
34 West Sixth Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Mr. Singer:

Thank you for your letter of April 8th. We should be very pleased to have you mimeograph Dr. Silver's address on "Liberal Judaism and Israel" and send us 200 copies as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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New York Office: 3 EAST 65TH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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East 105th Street at Ansel Road
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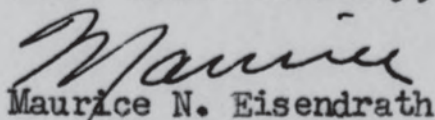
Once again I have been on the go and this is the first opportunity I have had both to acknowledge your letter and likewise to tell you how elated I am to know that you have accepted the invitation to speak at our Annual Dinner in New York. I am confident that your presence here, and your always challenging and inspiring message, will prove of far-reaching assistance to our common cause.

There are many points raised in your letter which I wish to discuss with you fully and frankly. However, I do not feel that this can be satisfactorily done by correspondence. I trust that when you come here on the 19th we will have an opportunity to go into the matter at greater length.

In the meantime I wish once more to express my deep sense of satisfaction that you are going to be with us at the forthcoming important gathering.

With warmest personal greetings, I am

Yours most cordially,


Maurice N. Eisendrath

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HEBREW CONGREGATIONS ✓ RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, PRESIDENT

New York Office: 3 EAST 65TH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

May 20th
1949

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

Dear Friend:

Although I look forward eagerly to seeing you on the weekend, I cannot let the moment slip by without expressing to you most heartily my own and the New York Federation's deepest gratitude for your excellent and stimulating address last evening. The comments that we have been receiving as a result of it are indeed most gratifying.

Knowing how busy you have been and how exhausted you must be from the tremendous responsibilities which have been yours, I appreciate all the more profoundly your generosity in coming here, particularly in view of the fact that you have been indisposed of late. Many, many thanks for coming and for giving us such a big lift.

I did surely welcome the opportunity of talking frankly with you, and I do hope that as a result of my candor the friendship that we have known in the past will definitely be renewed.

Again expressing my genuine appreciation and looking forward to seeing you on the weekend, I am, as ever

Yours most cordially,

Maurice
Maurice N. Eisendrath

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AMERICAN ORT OPENS TWO-DAY CONVENTION; DISCUSSES EXPANSION OF WORK IN ISRAEL, NO. AMERICAN

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Plans for the extension of its vocational re-training programs to Israel and North Africa will be reviewed at the two-day national convention of the American ORT Federation opening here tomorrow. Dr. William Haber, former advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. command in Germany, will receive the organization's first annual award for his aid to the ORT's rehabilitation efforts.

Last year the ORT retrained 43,000 persons in over 1,100 courses in more than 200 schools, George Backer, president of the American ORT, said today. He also revealed that more than 75,000 graduates of ORT schools in various parts of the world are now living in Israel.

Principal speakers at the convention, which will be attended by 500 delegates from all sections of the country, include: Arthur Lourie, Israeli Consul-General in New York; Rep. Jacob K. Javits, member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

OVERSEAS PHILANTHROPY MUST NOT WEAKEN U.S. JEWISH RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, RABBIS SAY

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- American Jewish religious and cultural institutions must not be allowed to suffer from improper support through an overemphasis on overseas philanthropy, three leading American rabbis declared at the annual dinner last night at the Hotel Statler of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues. The speakers were Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Julius Mark, senior rabbi of Temple Emanuel, and Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The dinner was attended by 400 leaders of the 49 Reform Jewish congregations in the Greater New York area.

"The establishment of Israel," Dr. Silver said, "has in no way diminished the primary and continuing obligation and opportunity of Jewish life, the development of a more affirmative religious cultural life in the United States. The establishment of the state of Israel was an act of historic necessity for our people, but it does not represent the consummation of Jewish destiny. It has contributed a larger measure of security and confidence to Jewish life, and therefore, has brightened the prospects for a spiritual renaissance among our people. But the profound meaning of Jewish history lies in Judaism. The destiny of our people is linked with the progressive establishment of the good society on earth, in accordance with the ethical and spiritual principles of our prophetic religion."

Declaring that we must continue our philanthropic endeavors for the displaced Jews of Europe and the upbuilding of Israel, Dr. Silver said: "Increasingly our energies and our resources should be poured into the permanent and positive spiritual and cultural institutions and enterprises of Judaism. Millions of Jews will live in Israel in the days to come; millions more will live outside of Israel. It is the religion of Judaism which will unite them, not any political bonds."

Dr. Eisendrath pointed out that only 4/10 of one percent of the monies raised by American Jewish welfare funds is allocated for religious, cultural and educational purposes. "We may be destroying the very soul and heart - and, in time, the body, too - of American Jewry in the process of saving Jews elsewhere," he said. While declaring that overseas philanthropy and rehabilitation, and the development of Israel, must be continued, he emphasized that "American religious and cultural institutions can no longer be ruthlessly shoved aside, at first ostensibly for a single year's special emergency, only to discover that over-zealous philanthropic leaders would make this emergency self-perpetuating and eternal." Dr. Mark called for "a militant crusading spirit" in Reform Judaism and among Reform Jews.

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Dear Colleague:

It occurred to us that it might be a good idea to include in our annual exhibit of books displayed at the Central Conference of American Rabbis one copy of each of the new books written by our colleagues affiliated with the Union and the C.C.A.R.

I take pleasure in inviting you to send us a copy of any new book which you have prepared within the last three years. Please send same to me, care of Mt. Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, N. H., marking the package "Please hold for Dr. Gamoran's arrival." The books should reach Bretton Woods not later than Tuesday, June 21. All such books will be displayed at the C.C.A.R. sessions.

With kind greetings and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Emanuel Gamoran

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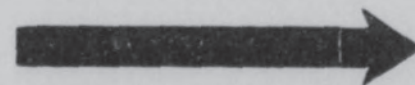
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A frank statement on the
CRITICAL FINANCIAL NEEDS

of the

Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion



A. Needs for 1948-1949

Hebrew Union College	\$ 715,860.00
Jewish Institute of Religion	150,000.00
Union of American Hebrew Congregations .	963,863.31
	\$1,829,723.31

B. The Union, the College and the Institute have received, as of March 1st, through the Combined Campaign, a total of \$ 338,548.52

C. In order to meet payroll and other needs:

The Hebrew Union College has borrowed from the First National Bank of Cincinnati \$ 200,000.00

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has borrowed from the First National Bank of Cincinnati 175,000.00

\$ 375,000.00

The limit of the borrowing capacity of the Union and the College-Institute has been reached.

- D. If funds are not immediately forthcoming, the Union and the College-Institute will *not be in a position to meet their payrolls, as the bank loans have already been spent.*
- E. The needs of the Union and the College-Institute could satisfactorily be met if each community would contribute \$20.00 per Temple membership. The \$20.00 includes monies sent to the Union and the College-Institute in the form of Temple dues, Welfare Fund grants, and individual contributions.
- F. There are over ninety thousand Liberal Jewish synagogue members. Is \$20.00 a member too large a request for the maintenance of the essential institutions of Liberal Judaism—the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Institute of Religion?

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