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3 EAST SIXTY-FIFTH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

June 26 1951

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

Dear Friend:

I had hoped to see you at the sessions of the C.C.A.R., and when I found that you were not present I then tried to reach you in Cleveland, only to find that you had already left for South Africa. I had not realized you would be gone by this time, otherwise I would have contacted you immediately following our Union Board meeting on June 17th. when the program for our dedication exercises was confirmed.

We are all most eager to have you deliver the dedicatory address at the Banquet, which is to be held on Saturday evening, October 27th., at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. We anticipate that we will have at least one thousand of our constituency from all parts of the country present, and I know that you will bring to this great and historic gathering another one of those inspired and inspiring messages which have so frequently thrilled and challenged all of us.

I do hope that nothing whatsoever will interfere with your acceptance of this invitation, which expresses the unanimous wish of our Program Committee and Executive Board to have you as our Dedication Banquet Speaker Saturday evening, October 27th.

I trust that your itinerary will not be too crowded to prevent you from sending me a collect cable of acceptance. I, likewise, hope that you will not be so preoccupied with too many engagements on this trip as to preclude your having a bit of well-earned respite from your far-too-exacting schedule.

With fondest greetings from Rosa and myself to Virginia and yourself, and wishing you a most fruitful and enjoyable trip, I am

Most faithfully yours,

Maurice N. Eisendrath

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3 EAST SIXTY-FIFTH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

August 3 1951

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

Dear Friend:

I cannot tell you how thrilled I was to receive your cable from South Africa assuring us you would be the speaker at our Dedication Banquet on Saturday evening, October 27th.

We can now look forward to having from you one of those challenging and inspiring messages such as you alone can bring to us. I know that this will make a fitting and stirring climax to what we hope will be a most historic and memorable occasion.

Trusting you are having a rich and fruitful trip and looking forward to seeing you upon your return, I am, with warmest greetings from Rosa and myself to both of you, as ever

Most faithfully yours,

Maurice N. Eisendrath

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Poctober 16, 1951

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

Dear Abba:

I am looking forward most eagerly to seeing you at the dedication, and I know we will also be blessed with another of your always most-inspiring addresses.

We have just procured a half-hour broadcast time over the NBC network for Saturday evening and, of course, we wish to feature your address. Can you let me know just about what the length of your address will be, and whether you can adapt a portion of it to take up most of this half-hour on the network? I don't think you need to be alimited to a half-hour at the banquet itself, but I would appreciate it if your speech could be so arranged that at least 25 minutes of it would be adapted for the national network.

I hope that you will, likewise, be with us at the opening service on Friday evening, October 26th. We will have a processional of rabbis to be headed by the past presidents of the Conference, and I think it would be very fine if you would be with this group. If you will be attending the Friday evening services, will you, please, arrange to be at the Assembly Hall of Temple Emanuel (65th St. entrance) at 7:30 Friday evening?

With warm greetings, I am, as ever,

Most cordially yours,

Maurice N. Eisendrath

P.S. Would you be able to bring your own robe with you, or would you or would you like us to provide one for you?

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October 19, 1951 Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, New York My dear Maurice: Thank you for your letter of October 16th. I note what you say about the breadcast and I shall try to keep it in mind. I shall try to have the first 25 minutes of my address so arranged that it will be suited for a national network. I shall be very pleased to be in the processional of Rabbis at the Friday Evening Service. With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHSter



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September 11, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We shall publish in October the first issue of a new magazine, sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

As editor of the magazine I plan to have a symposium in the first issue on the topic: "IS IT POSSIBLE TO LIVE A FULL JEWISH LIFE IN THE DIASPORA, OR IS THIS POSSIBLE ONLY IN ISRAEL?"

I should be grateful if you would be good enough to send me your views on this subject in about 250 words, and would appreciate it very much if you could send this to me early next week. Unfortunately, we are working on a close deadline for the first issue, and would need this material well in advance.

It would be helpful if we could have word from you by return mail, indicating that we may count on your participation in this symposium.

Sincerely yours,

David Resnick

Editor

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 105th & Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are cordially invited to be our guest at the Big Gifts Dinner of the Cleveland Combined Campaign for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on Tuesday, December 4th, 1951, 6 p.m. at the Beechmont Country Club.

We were fortunate in procuring Mr. Herbert R. Bloch as guest speaker of the occasion. Mr. Herbert R. Bloch, one of the nation's outstanding leaders is a national chairman of the Combined Campaign and a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Mr. Henry Peine, Resident Director of the Combined Campaign will be in touch with you for an appointment at your convenience to seek your advice and aid in making this affair a success.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard L. Broida General Chairman

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November 5, 1951 Dr. Solomon B. Freehof 1915 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh 13, Penna. My dear Sol: Thank you so much for your gracious note. I am sorry that we did not have more time in New York to spend together. Lillian I did not see at all although Virginia did have the pleasure of being at lunch with her. I came late to the Saturday morning services, but fortunately in time to hear your fine address. Listening to you I always experience what a Chassid must have experienced when he listened to the Rebbi at a Sholos Sehudos. He always got something from it to chew over. . . With warmest regards, I remain As ever yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

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November 8, 1951

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

Dear Abba:

Please let me express to you, on behalf of the Dedication Program Committee and myself, the great joy and pride that was ours for the extremely fine and stimulating address that you gave upon the occasion, so significant to American Jewry, of the dedication of the Union House of Living Judaism.

It was a source of profound gratification to all of us to have you share with us this most impressive and deeply-stirring event.

Again my thanks, and warmest personal greetings.

Most cordially yours,

Maurice N. Eisendrath

November 13, 1951

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, New York

Dear Dr. Eisendrath:

Dr. Silver's expenses in connection with his trip to New York for the dedication ceremonies of the House of Living Judaism amounted to \$100.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice Secretary to Dr. Silver

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[19517 My dear Friend: I hope that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you at the dinner meeting which will be held on Tuesday evening, December 4th, at the Beechmont Country Club under the auspices of the Reform temples of Cleveland. This will be a very important meeting at which Mr. Herbert R. Bloch of Cincinnati will be the guest of our community and will bring to us, I am sure, a vital message from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its great school, the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. I feel that we want to hear what is being done today for the strengthening of American Judaism, the spiritual training of our youth, and the contribution which we can make to the strengthening of the moral life of our beloved country. I trust that you will make every effort to attend what promises to be a most worth-while and stimulating evening. With warmest regards, I remain Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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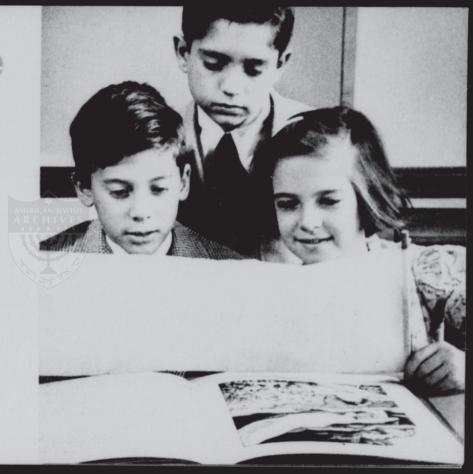
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The Union is the parent body of the National Federations of Temple Sisterhoods, Brotherhoods and Youth. Under the dynamic leadership of its president, Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, it is soon to have its own national headquarters — the Union House of Living Judaism now under construction in New York.

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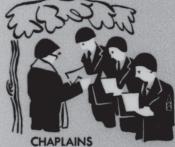
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During World War II, College-Institute alumni comprised almost one-half of the total number of Jewish chaplains in the nation's armed forces. It is expected that the Liberal Jewish movement will again have its full complement in the present program.

Services for our servicemen

A GREAT HOMECOMING

To bring unaffiliated young people to the synagogue or the synagogue to them — this is the purpose of the Union's program for the unaffiliated. A new generation has grown up and become heads of young families. Many are veterans living in new residential areas without synagogues or religious schools.

Lacking means available to older congregations, but filled with enthusiasm, these newcomers set up improvised synagogues in a local firehouse, an abandoned post-office, a veterans hall or a Christian church. Frequently, with their own hands they convert unpromising lofts into simple but attractive houses of worship. Rabbis and student rabbis are provided by the College-Institute.

Fifty new congregations were organized by the Union in the last two years and tens of thousands of new members enrolled. Today, some of these new congregations have their own temple buildings and are contributing their share toward the maintenance of our national institutions.

Congregations for the unaffiliated



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For the youth, too, special programs to bridge the impressionable teen age years . . . study and fun and a sense of identity with one's people.

For young men and women, year round activities centered in the synagogue . . . camp conclaves for camaraderie and leadership training sponsored by the National Federation of Temple Youth, an affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations . . . books . . . publications . . . study groups . . . holiday get-togethers . . . courses for university students

at the College-Institute . . . a wide variety of activities to help young people take their place in the community . . . to make them useful citizens and good neighbors.



A constructive program for youth





BUILDING UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION

Bigotry has its roots in misinformation and ignorance. Our interfaith program, the only one of its kind, is designed to bring the facts about Judaism and Jewish life to Christian ministers and public opinion molders and through them reach millions of our Christian neighbors.

Union Institutes on Judaism attended by more than 10,000 Christian ministers . . . 250,000 "Popular Studies of Judaism", distributed annually to Christian clergymen, editors and educators. . . Fellowships granted to Christian ministers and divinity students to live and study at the College-Institute. . . . Exchange lectureships with Christian seminaries. . . . Sisterhood Institutes on Judaism for Churchwomen . . . rabbis and teachers bringing information on Judaism to college campuses through the Jewish Chatauqua Society of the Brotherhoods . . . a unique and effective grass roots program to combat misunderstanding.

Fellowship in action at HUC-JIR

ENRICHING OUR CULTURE

The destruction of Europe's great centers of Jewish learning has placed upon us the responsibility for enriching Jewish scholarship and conserving our cultural resources.

The College-Institute with its world famous libraries in Cincinnati and New York containing approximately 200,000 volumes . . . its museum of treasured ceremonial objects . . . its collection of rare books and ancient manuscripts constitute a great reservoir of Jewish culture. The School of Sacred Music, the first and only one of its kind in the world. trains cantors and choir leaders and preserves our liturgical music. The American Jewish Archives is devoted to the study of the Jewish contribution to American life from colonial days onward and to the publication of American Jewish historical material. An enlarged Department of Graduate Studies is dedicated to training an American generation of scholars. The Joshua Loth Leibman Department of Human Relations, named in memory of a distinguished alumnus, trains students in the social sciences, schooling them in modern methods of personal guidance and counselling.

Facilities for scholarship and study



THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY OF

Institutions Once Endowed — Some 25 years ago, the late Julius Rosenwald, Adolph Ochs, Henry Morgenthau, Sr., and other leaders set up an endowment fund to assure the maintenance and support of the Hebrew Union College. They stipulated that the entire amount had to be expended within 25 years, reasoning that each generation had to meet its own responsibilities out of its own resources.

No Reserves Available Now — In accordance with the terms of the endowment, these funds are now expended. The other institutions are likewise without reserves. They must depend on funds raised through the Combined Campaign for their maintenance and support.

Compelled to Make Bank Loans — In the past few years, funds raised were insufficient to meet minimum budgetary requirements. Both the Union and the College-Institute were compelled to make bank loans aggregating \$400,000. These loans have not been repaid to-date due to the fact that campaign income is inadequate to meet current budgets, let alone liquidate indebtedness.

Budget Carefully Scrutinized — Current budgets have been carefully scrutinized by the officers of the campaign among whom are some of the nation's foremost business leaders. The national goal of \$1,875,000 represents the irreducible minimum needed to enable our institutions to meet their re-

THE COMBINED CAMPAIGN

sponsibilities in the face of the rapid growth of our movement and the critical world situation.

Growth Increases Demands — The influx of nearly 100 new congregations in the last five years has greatly increased the demands upon our institutions, necessitating expansion of services and facilities. More than 600 students are now enrolled in our seminaries and schools of education. Additional funds are also needed for religious education, youth activities, graduate study and other vital activities. Funds are likewise needed to amortize our bank indebtedness.

Time for Spiritual Preparedness — Our religious institutions must be prepared to cope with new responsibilities arising out of the international crisis,

They must be in a position to give effective leadership and inspiration on the home front and lend the weight of their influence to the preservation of our way of life. In strengthening Judaism we are strengthening America.

Synagogue, each of us is duty-bound to support the parent institutions of our movement. These institutions are our roots, the bond that links us to one another, the source of our communal endeavors. We cannot neglect these institutions without injury to our position in the community. We cannot afford to abandon the younger generation to cynicism and defeatism nor cut them off from a rich heritage which is rightfully theirs.

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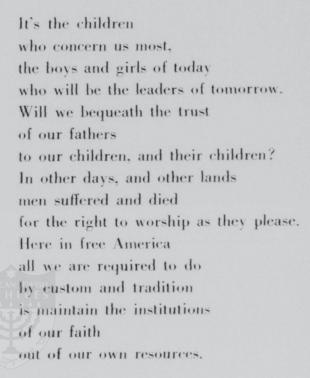
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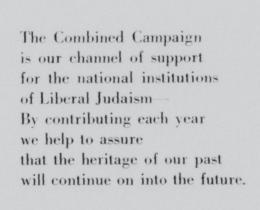
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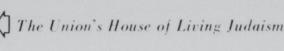
The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, with schools in Cincinnati and New York, is the oldest and largest rabbinical college in America. Here rabbis—leaders and teachers of American Judaism are trained for service in our congregations and communities. Many have gained international recognition in the fields of scholarship and service to humanity. Cantors are also trained at its School of Sacred Music.

CHAPLAINCY

From the ranks of its alumni, men have gone into the chaplaincy, bringing comfort and aid to our boys in service. Among them was Alexander Goode, one of the four heroic Four Chaplains who went down on the S. S. Dorchester. During World War II, approximately half the chaplains in service were HUC-JIR graduates. During the present crisis many are again serving their country.

SCHOLARSHIP

With Europe's centers of Jewish culture gone, the College-Institute is one of the major citadels of Jewish learning in the world today. In its graduate department; its famous library, museum and American Jewish Archives, scholars and teachers find unexcelled facilities for study and research. Here too, a new generation of American Jewish scholars is trained to carry forward our religious and cultural heritage. Under its graduate program Christian ministers and scholars are granted fellowships to live and study on the Cincinnati campus—a unique example of Interfaith in Action.





The Union is the central body serving 440 member congregations. With all its departments and affiliates now under one roof in the House of Living Judaism, the Union is in a better position to serve the religious and educational needs of affiliated congregations. For the un-affiliated, it has organized 60 new congregations in 3 years and brought tens of thousands of young people back to the synagogue.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious education of our children is in the hands of College-Institute rabbis and teachers trained at our Schools of Jewish education in New York and Los Angeles. The Union helps maintain these schools jointly with the College-Institute; provides curriculum guidance for our 440 religious schools and publishes text books used not only in Reform religious schools but in Orthodox and Conservative schools as well. Its program also includes leadership training for Temple youth.

INTERFAITH WORK

According to a recent survey, the Union and its affiliates do the most effective job in the Interfaith field. Working through churches and synagogues, they bring the true facts about Judaism to non-Jews. This is done through: Institutes for Christian ministers, churchwomen and Sunday School teachers; educational work on university campuses and in Christian camps, and "Popular Studies on Judaism" distributed to Americans of all faiths.



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

One of my duties at present is the preparation of our annual Isaac M. Wise Memorial Sabbath program. It has been our custom in past years to present to our congregations various aids for their use in observing properly what has become a significant event in the activities of many temples.

We have, from time to time, excerpted and distributed Founder's Day addresses when those addresses contained information or ideas which we felt might have meaning for all our congregations.

When I re-read your 1950 address, there was no question in my mind but what it would make a powerful and important contribution to this year's booklet. Accordingly, I attempted to excerpt the address. It is always hard to excerpt a good piece of work, simple to excerpt a bad one. To cut down your Founder's Day address has been one of my toughest assignments in a long time. It was too cogent and logical to be able to dissect easily. The results of my surgery are enclosed.

I am writing to ask, first of all, for your permission to use the address. Once this is granted, I hope you will be kind enough to read through the manuscript as cut and make any changes you wish to make.

Please note that I have made no attempt yet to re-paragraph the manuscript. There are extra spaces at every point a cut was made in your original address. We shall, of course, in preparing the final manuscript, set up logical paragraphs. There are also a few minor typing errors, which will be corrected.

I do hope that you will consent to let us use the address. I shall look forward to hearing from you at your early convenience. We want to send out the first notices and sample copies by the middle of February, and processing here will take some time.

With all good wishes,

Rabbi Eugene J. Lipman Associate Director

Cordially,

January 22, 1952 Rabbi Eugene J. Lipman Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, New York My dear Rabbi Lipman: In reply to your letter of January 9th, you have my permission to use my Founder's Day address which I delivered at the Hebrew Union College in 1950. As a rule, I do not like to see my addresses abstracted, although I fully realize that in this case it is necessary. I have read through it and I find no objections. I would suggest that when you come to print it, you be careful as to printing, punctuation, etc. I have made a few hasty corrections on the manuscript which I am returning herewith. With all good wishes, I remain Most Cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er Enc.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations

838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

January 30, 1952

Mr. A. M. Luntz 2821 Drummond Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

Now that we are housed together in the Union House of Living Judaism in New York, I am happy to state that a much closer relationship exists between the UARC and its affiliate, the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. I am most eager to see every Union Board Member's brotherhood affiliated with the NFTB, because it is self evident that a stronger NFTB means a stronger UAHC, helping our Liberal Judaism move forward.

The NFTB is providing many valuable services for its affiliates, and is carrying on a significant national program in behalf of all Jewish laymen.

Unfortunately, your own men's clab is not affiliated with our national brotherhoods. Won't you please try to procure its affiliation or write me concerning any reasons for your club's continued non-affiliation.

Any effort you can extend at this time to bring your brotherhood into the fold will be appreciated. An application form for this purpose is enclosed.

Sincerely,

MNE

Maurice N. Eisendrath President

Encl: Application for NFTB affiliation cc: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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March 13, 1952

Rabbi Abba H. Silver Tifereth Israel Congregation Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

I suppose I ought not bother you about this but I did not know to whom it would be preferable to write and if I am wrong I am sure you will have the letter transmitted to the right person.

As you know, the Union has a Certificate of Membership which it has been distributing to all of its congregations as a visible symbol of their affiliation. Usually the congregations have a formal presentation at which the Certificate is presented by a member of the Union Executive Board or other Union representative.

Some congregations didn't even want to be bothered with this and I don't blame them. In a number of such cases, notably Euclid Avenue Temple of Cleveland, Temple Emanu-El of New York and Rodef Shalom of Pittsburgh, they felt that to have any form of presentation in view of the fact that their congregation has been a long-time member would be incongruous and that if we would just send them the Certificate they would accept it.

I thought you might want to do the same to help me complete the record, with every congregation in the Union being in possession of a Membership Certificate. It will certainly suffice if you have the Certificate in the Temple, and if, as we usually suggest, it is prominently displayed in the vestibule or some other suitable place.

It so happens that your congregation among the large ones is now only one of a very few that have not received the Membership Certificate. As you may have heard, I am expecting to retire at the end of this coming August and this happens to be one of the things that I should like to finish completely to give my successor a clean slate, at least in this respect.

Please let me hear from you. Your kindness will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Director of Synagogue Activities

JDS:mr



March 24, 1952 Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, New York My dear Rabbi Schwarz: In reply to your letter of March 13th, The Temple will be pleased to receive a certificate of membership in the Union which we shall hang in some appropriate place. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er