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Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Genocide Convention,  
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Resolution Adopted by  
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The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, assembled at its 42nd biennial convention in New York City on April, 1953

Hereby urges the President of the United States and the Senate to hasten ratification of the Genocide Convention so that the United States of America may uphold the American tradition of moral leadership in the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, to the presiding officer of the Senate, and to the Chairmen of those Senate Committees charged with the consideration of this subject.

*Morton M. Berman*



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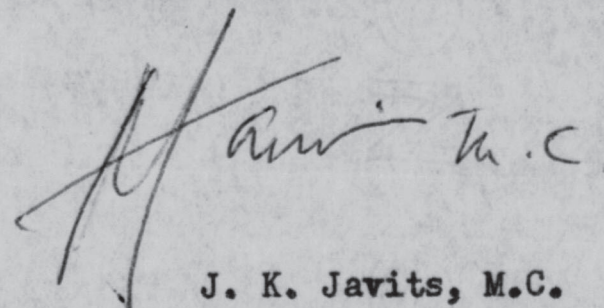
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J. K. Javits, M.C.



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# Union of American Hebrew Congregations



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May 19, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Following your letter of May 5, I have conferred further with Dr. Hollender, the Chairman of our Executive Board, who has been out-of-town.

He asked me to tell you that in carrying out the instructions of the Executive Board, it will be agreeable if you would send a copy of our resolution on the Genocide Convention over your signature, and that of the members of your Committee to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate, and to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

I shall be glad to be of every assistance to you in this connection. Would you want me to write in your behalf to the members of your Committee, and secure their authorization for you to append their names to the letters of transmittal that you would write.

If you would prefer to do that yourself, I am sending you herewith the names and addresses of the members of your Committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Administrative Secretary

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May 21, 1953

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I just heard from Roger W. Straus asking to  
be excused from serving on the Committee with regard to the re-  
solution on Genocide at the Convention.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Louis I. Egelson*  
Administrative Secretary

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May 22, 1953

Dr. Louis I. Egelson  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

My dear Dr. Egelson;

Thank you for your letter of May 19th. I should very much appreciate your writing in my behalf to the members of the Committee to append their signatures to the Genocide resolutions adopted by the Union.

With warmest regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 22, 1953

Rabbi Louis I. Egelson  
Administrative Secretary  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Ave.,  
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Egelson:

I am very glad to accept the invitation of yours of May 19th to serve as a member of the Committee in connection with your resolution on the United Nations Genocide Convention. It will be an honor to serve under the distinguished chairmanship of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Sincerely

s/ J.K. Javits,

M.C.

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May 25, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with your letter of May 22, which just reached me, I have written to the members of your committee as per copy of attached letter.

I am also enclosing herewith a few typed copies of the resolution since you may wish to send these copies to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate, to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and perhaps also a copy to Senator Taft.

After these resolutions have been forwarded I would appreciate a word from you to that effect, for our records.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Administrative Secretary

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May 25, 1953

Rabbi Joseph L. Fink  
Temple Beth Zion  
599 Delaware Ave.,  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Joe:

I am assuming that you have accepted to serve as a member of the committee under the chairmanship of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver to make presentations to the President of the United States and the Senate with regard to the Genocide Convention.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the resolution adopted by the Union at its last Convention. Will you please be good enough to append your signature and forward it to Rabbi Silver, The Temple East 105th St. at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Administrative Secretary

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*Isaiah Israel*

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June 1, 1953

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

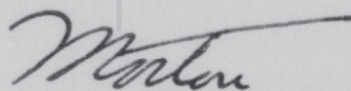
Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find a signed copy of the  
Union's resolution on Genocide.

I am sure that, with your leadership, the Union's  
effort in this matter should be significant.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Morton M. Berman

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Enclosure