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September 28, 1955

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
E. 105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our experience of the past few years has demonstrated conclusively the definite relationship between the high caliber of national leadership and a successful campaign. To assure front line leadership for the 1955-56 Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism, I should like you to continue to serve as a member of the National Campaign Committee.

As the new General Chairman of the Combined Campaign, I am particularly anxious to avail myself of the guidance and counsel of men like yourself who have already established a high mark of leadership on the American-Jewish scene. The task facing us -- that of meeting the maintenance needs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion -- is a difficult and challenging one, but I know that working together we can do the job.

Since we want to get off to a flying start and to include your name on our new stationery, literature and other campaign materials, I will be most grateful for your quick acceptance of this important post.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Benj. H. Swig
Benjamin H. Swig
General Chairman

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October 3, 1955

Mr. Benjamin H. Swig, General Chairman
Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Swig:

Because of Rabbi Silver's extremely heavy schedule, he has asked that I reply to your letter of September twenty-eighth, in which you invite him to continue to serve as a member of the National Campaign Committee.

Rabbi Silver will be very happy to accept and extends his good wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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October 10, 1955

(COMMITTEE IN FORMATION)

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105 St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted that you have agreed to serve as an officer of the 1955-56 Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism. Frankly, I was counting on you and would have been very disappointed if you had decided otherwise.

I shall be in Atlantic City on Saturday, October 29, in connection with the Board Meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I would very much like to have you and some of the others in the Combined Campaign family join me for lunch on that day. I hope 12:00 noon in the Mirror Room of the Shelburne Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, will be convenient. No other activity has been scheduled for this time.

Please indicate on the enclosed card whether you can make it. I sincerely hope you can.

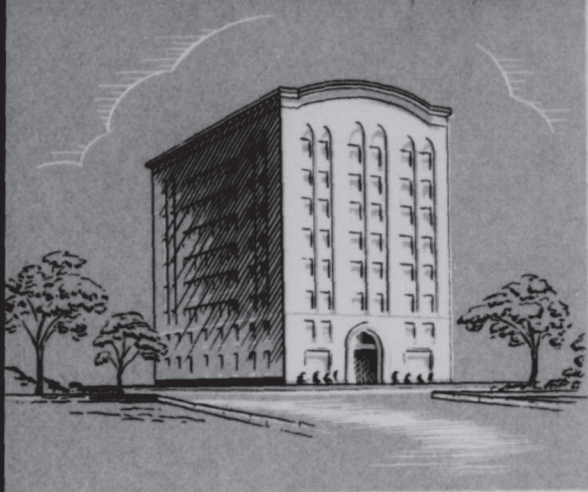
Cordially,

Benj. H. Swig

Benjamin H. Swig
General Chairman

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November 2, 1955

Dear Colleague:

In order to give our rabbis the best possible Union service, we are checking our records to bring them up to date. Would you be good enough, therefore, to complete the enclosed form and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

With kind greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Louis I. Egelson
Administrative Secretary

*mailed
11/11/55*

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
E. 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted that a member of your congregation will be one of the first to receive a plaque from our Combined Campaign for his dedicated services to Reform Judaism. It is my understanding that you will be presenting this plaque to Mr. Max Feldman on Tuesday, December 13th.

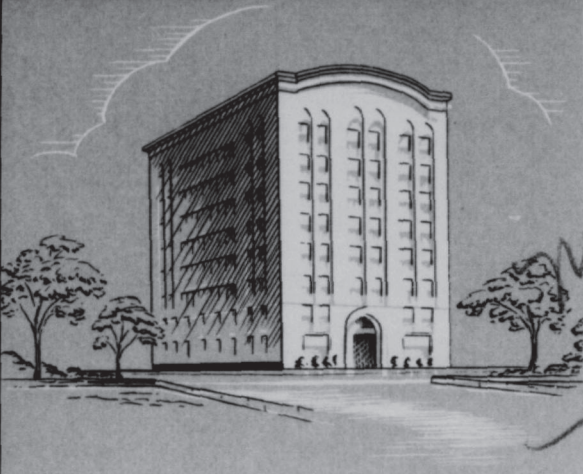
Please express to Mr. Feldman my sincere thanks for his efforts on our behalf. May he continue to labor in the vineyard of the Lord for many years to come.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin H. Swig
Benjamin H. Swig
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December 16, 1955

Dear Friend:

During the last year, some of the Union's congregations participated in the planting of trees in the UAHC forest on the slopes of Mt. Atzmon in Israel. This historic mountain which looks down over the fabled Sea of Galilee, has been barren and rocky for centuries, and our efforts have already succeeded in cloaking part of it with green seedlings.

This letter is to remind you that those congregations which customarily purchase trees through the Jewish National Fund may assign their purchases to our Union forest. Usually the special tree-planting effort coincides with the traditional New Year's for Trees, or Tu-B'Shevat, which falls this year on January 28th.

Those congregations which seek a unique and lasting method of honoring persons in their congregations may do so through the purchase of a Garden of 100 trees or, as was done in our congregation when our Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner was honored, by purchasing a Grove of 1,000 trees. Though certificates are sent to everyone purchasing one or more trees, the embossed and individualized certificates etched for those honored or memorialized with a garden or grove are objects of real beauty.

The Union was recently given a collection of Israeli stamps by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taub of New York City. The collection, which is kept up-to-date, is beautifully mounted with explanations of the festival or historic event depicted by the stamps. Union congregations may borrow this collection, which is boxed for easy shipping.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

James Miller
Chairman, UAHC Committee
on Israeli Projects

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your colleagues on the Board join me in thanking you for your valued gift of \$350 to the Combined Campaign. Official receipt is attached, and I need not tell you how helpful this assistance is.

I know that you are continuing to keep a watchful eye on The Temple's Combined Campaign and that you are doing your utmost toward the largest possible result in this year's effort to provide the Union and the College-Institute with the funds they need so urgently.

The Society of Friends of American Judaism has been advised of the receipt of your gift.

With warm personal regards and all good wishes for the coming year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benj H Swig
Benjamin H. Swig
General Chairman

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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Mr. Benjamin H. Swig, General Chairman
Combined Campaign
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York



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838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

The new Union Year Book will be off the press in a few weeks. Cost of printing has limited the edition.

If you desire a copy of the Year Book, please fill out the attached card and mail it.

Sincerely yours,

Louis I. Egelson
Administrative Secretary

*mailed
5/9/58*

Dear Mr. Swig:

I shall be at the luncheon in Atlantic City on
October 29, to meet with you and other Combined Campaign
leaders.

(signed) _____

