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### Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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FROM: David J. Wise, Radio Dept.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOUR HEART-TO-HEART TALKS TO HIGHLIGHT "MESSAGE OF ISRAEL" OCTOBER SERIES

Rabbi Dudley Weinberg of Temple Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will deliver a series of four addresses on the theme, "Living With Our Limitations--Intellectual, Emotional, Moral, and Spiritual," on consecutive Sundays throughout October over ABC's coast-to-coast MESSAGE OF ISRAEL radio program.

An outstanding patriot, Rabbi Weinberg served as a Chaplain in the United States Army for four years during World War II and was twice cited for front-line service during the campaign in New Guinea and the Philippines. He was also honored by election to the post of National Chaplain of AMVETS.

Now celebrating its 22nd anniversary as the only national weekly Jewish religious radio service, the MESSAGE OF ISRAEL is heard over 200 stations coast-to-coast. Among the thousands of letters received each week are such recent ones as:--

"I personally congratulate you on your many years of bringing good-will to this area through the MESSAGE OF ISRAEL."

(Program Director, WMFJ, Daytona Beach, Fla.)
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all listen. Now that I'm married, with four of my own children, your
MESSAGE OF ISRAEL is still one of the strongest things that I cling to."
(Amityville, N. Y.)

The program is under the joint auspices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and is broadcast "live" from Central Synagogue, 55th and Lexington Ave.,
New York City, each Sunday morning at 10:05. Visitors are always welcome.

MERICAN HEBREW.

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President

838 Fifth Avenue-New York 21, N.Y. Regent 7-8200

Wed. 5/1-1957

November 1, 1956

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

Dear Abba:

First of all I do want to tell you how much I am enjoying and profiting by your excellent new book. I must confess that I did not have a single moment to yield to the temptation to read it until this past weekend as, ever since I procured the volume, I have been in the thick of preparations for and meetings with innumerable national committees and our Executive Board which had a very full and successful session the week before last.

However, now I have had the opportunity of getting to the book I do want to express my deepest gratitude to you for what will prove to be for all of us an invaluable contribution. I am confident that it will be accepted with universal favor and enthusiasm. But where you get the time amid your far too crowded life to produce so scholarly and, at the same time, so absorbing a volume is something I cannot fathom.

Among the meetings we had just prior to our Board meeting, was one with the Program Committee for the Biennial Assembly, and I was delighted to have both that Committee and the Executive Board receive with hearty unanimity my suggestion that you should, once again, be our banquet speaker at the Toronto convention.

This should be a most exciting evening as we are going to have the dinner in one of the largest halls in Toronto, the Royal York being unable to take care of our attendance. I imagine there will be over two thousand persons present, counting a goodly number of Torontonians whom we expect to be attracted by this first conference of ours outside of the United States.

Our convention theme is, "Reform Judaism - Principles in Action." This being the twentieth anniversary of the Columbus Platform and there being so many new adherents to our cause, we want to try to elucidate for our day, the fundamental principles of Reform Judaism and their application in practice both with respect to the individual, the home and society.

On Monday evening, we are asking Sol Freehof to give a paper on the great principles of Reform Judaism, and on Tuesday we are requesting Roland Gittelsohn to speak on these "principles in action." Wednesday night, we would like to draw, what we fully anticipate will be a great gathering, to the closing session with the kind of inspirational and challenging message which you, alone, can bring to us.

I trust, therefore, that you will be able to accept this invitation and will give me your favorable reply at your earliest convenience. I can then provide you with whatever further details you desire.

Hoping to hear from you soon and with warmest greetings from house to house, I am

Most faithfully yours,

Maurice N. Eisendrath

MNE:mn

November 6,1956 Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21. New York My dear Maurice: Thank you for your kind letter of November 1st. I appreciate what you say about my new book. It has been very gratifying to receive your comments and the comments of many of my friends from all parts of the country. The book is taking hold in a splendid way. As regards your gracious invitation to address the banquet of the forthcoming Biennial Assembly in Toronto, I am deeply appreciative of the honor and I shall be very pleased to be with you on Wednesday, May 1 - I assume that is the date of the banquet. Before finalizing my acceptance I should, however, like to know what the rest of the program will be that evening. I recall that the program of the last banquet of the Union, which I addressed. was an exceedingly crowded one, with many testimonials, speakers, etc. It was close on to midnight when I was called upon. In self-defense I have made it a practice to request those organizations who would like me to address their gatherings to place me on the program not later than 9:30 P.M. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:sl



### Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President 838 Fifth Avenue-New York 21, N.Y. Regent 7-8200

November 20, 1956

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

Dear Abba:

Thank you for your letter of November 6th bearing the very welcome work of your acceptance to address the banquet at our forthcoming Biennial.

You are quite right about the interminable length of the previous banquet program. Although it had been carefully planned to be quite otherwise, last-minute pressures were brought to bear which prolonged it and you were the unfortunate victim of these circumstances. Still, "gam zu l'tovah" because so atrocious was the length of that program that, notwithstanding the fact that your inspiring address, as always, roused that audience to great heights it was determined that never again would such a lengthy program be perpetrated at a Biennial. Consequently, I think I can give you every reassurance that there will be no repetition of that experience and no doubt you will begin speaking not later than 9:30 p.m.

The only other speaker contemplated by our Program Committee was an outstanding leader in the Dominion of Canada. The thought was to try to procure Mr. Lester Pearson but, in view of developments in the Near East, this may not seem feasible now and consequently we are marking time on that particular aspect of the program.

Another suggestion made at the time the Program Committee last met - which was prior to our American election - was to have Mr. Javits in the event that he would be elected, as our Canadian friends were very eager to have a Jewish leader in the political life of the United States such as Herbert Lehman or Jacob Javits address the convention.

This too, is being held in abeyance until our Program Committee meets again on December 4th and reviews the entire situation in the light of present developments.

However, I can assure you that there will be only one additional speaker - if that - and he will be limited to approximately fifteen or twenty minutes. There may be a discussion session after your speech but the above contemplated inspirational and challenging message from you is the major event of that evening.

Thank you so much for accepting and with warm personal regards, I am

Most faithfully yours,

Maurice N. Eisendrath

MNE:mn



FROM: David J. Wise, Radio Dept., 838 5th Ave., New York 21, N.Y.

TO: All UAHC Rabbis and Executive Secretaries RE: Your Congregational Bulletins for 1956-1957

Here is what one loyal and publicity-conscious temple is doing to spread the word to its constituents about the radio right arm of our Reform movement, the MESSAGE OF ISRAEL.

May we take this opportunity to urge that "go thou and do likewise". If and when you do, I will appreciate being placed on your mailing list. Thank you for your cooperation in thus making possible our continued broadcasts in your community and, accordingly, throughout the land. Let us continue to serve you in the future as we have tried faithfully to do in the past. Without your help we might as well abandon our only national communication medium as an effective way of reaching not only our own people but also the public in general.

AGAIN, THANK YOU.....AND KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

# Temple Emanuel Bulletin

MINISTER: Rabbi Samuel R. Shillman Ronnoke, Wirginin

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The congregation extends it arty good wishes for happiness in the new home to Mr. and Mrs. Robert oebl 2762 Wiltshire Ave.

#### MESSAGE OF ISRAEL

WROV-Dial 1240-A. B. C.

Sunday Morning at 10:05

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, the President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will deliver a series of four addresses on successive Sundays during the month of November.

Nov. 4-"Democracy's Shrine"

Nov. 11-"This Day"

Nov. 18—"Whatever Will Be, Will Be

— or Will It?"

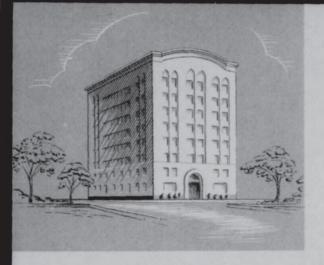
Nov. 25—"Religious Revival — Boom or Bust"

COPY FOR YOUR TEMPLE BULLETIN ATTENTION, ALL RADIO "FANS"! Highlighting an interesting series of MESSAGE OF ISRAEL programs over Station XXXX each Sunday at 00:00 during December will be four challenging talks by Rabbi David Wice of historic Rodef Shalom Congregation, Philadelphia: -12/2-- "Has religion been worth the effort? 12/9--"Can a scientist believe?" 12/16--"Is 'organized' religion necessary?" 12/23 -- "Can I face tomorrow without my loved one?"

an address on "Prospects for the New Year" by Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Rabbi of New York's Central Synagogue and for 22 years moderator of the MESSAGE, which he now conducts under the joint auspices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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LEE RICHMAN

March 11, 1957

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In my capacity as Director of Public Relations at the Union, I am handling the press for the forthcoming Biennial. In connection with this, I have solicited several networks to carry your Banquet Address on Wednesday evening, May 1.

So far, the Mutual Network has accepted. However, they can carry only 15 minutes which they would like pre-broadcast in advance to be aired on Thursday, May 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 P.M., E.S.T. What they really want is a program based on your speech for the Biennial. The actual time of your comments would be 13 minutes and 30 seconds.

If possible, I would like to record this sometime in the middle of April, either in Cleveland, or in New York if you are going to be here.

I would personally supervise the recording and make all arrangements.

Awaiting your kind reply, I am

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Most cordially yours,

Gunther Lawrence.

Director of Public Relations

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### Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, N. Y. Regent 7-8200

March 12, 1957 and file at

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am writing to you on a most urgent and confidential matter. I know that I can rely upon you to respect this confidence and in no wise to share this letter with anyone. First of all, I do anticipate seeing you at the Biennial in Toronto and I am certain that, even under the most normal circumstances, you would bring as large a delegation from your congregation as is possible. A matter has just arisen, however, which makes it imperative for me to urge you now to go even beyond what would be your normal encouragement of a large delegation of your members to attend the Biennial and to ask you to leave no stone unturned to have present at Toronto the maximum number of voting delegates and alternates to which your congregation is entitled because I know that such delegates will reflect your inspiration and guidance and will, therefore, prevent any possible retreat from the positions which the Union has taken during the past decade or so on those issues which are of such deep concern to you and to our movement.

There has just come to my attention a communication addressed by the president of Ohef Sholom Temple in Norfolk, copy of which is attached, to congregations in the Union urging the support of a number of resolutions which are likewise attached.

Of course, I have no doubt whatsoever that this group represents a minority in the Union and that their resolutions will be defeated.



### Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President 838 Fifth Avenue-New York 21, N. Y. Regent 7-8200

March 12, 1957

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Our Department of Public Relations in conjunction with the New York Board of Rabbis has been in negotiation with the producers of a morning religious television program for the purpose of having them invite you to appear on this program.

Entitled THE WAY TO CO, the program is heard over the Columbia Broadcasting System New York station and is later seen on other television stations throughout the country at other times. It is telecast on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:00. The interviewer is Dr. Ormand Drake, a professor at New York University and a member of the Executive Board at Town Hall. The producers have indicated that they would like to have you appear on Sunday morning April 28th. This, of course, is the same morning on which our Biennial Convention in Toronto occurs and if the date is acceptable, you might possibly want to leave for Toronto from New York.

We can provide you with further details if you will let us know whether this date is accepted. If it is not, we will try to arrange for another.

May I take this opportunity for thanking you once more for your kindness in accepting our invitition to address the Convention banquet and may I simultaneously extend best wishes to you on the celebration of your 40th anniversary in Cleveland.

With best wishes, I am

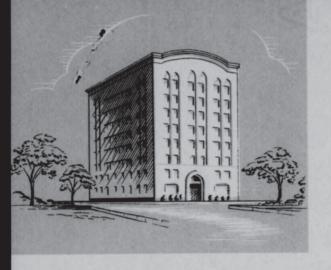
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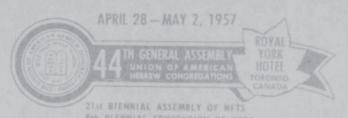
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Maurice N. Eisendrath

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file: Un zam. H. Cong. March 19, 1957 Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, New York My dear Maurice: Thank you for your kind letter of March 12th. I greatly appreciate the invitation of the producers of "The Way To Co" to have me appear on their program on Sunday morning, April 28th. I regret that it will not be possible for me to accept the invitation for that day or for any Sunday morning during this season. I am already too heavily burdened with lectures and with out of town engagements. With warmest regards and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in Toronto, I remain Most cordially yours. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:sl P.S. I will bear in mind what you wrote in your other communication to me, dated March 12th. A.H.S.





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LEE RICHMAN

March 22, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our records do not indicate that you have reserved a room at Toronto for your stay there. Perhaps you are staying with friends. However, we do want to make sure that you are provided for.

We shall be very pleased to hold a room for you at the Royal York Hotel if you should want one. Since we are very short of available space at Toronto, I would appreciate your letting me know at your earliest convenience whether you would like us to set aside this room for you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Administration

ATJ: mod

March 26, 1957 Mr. Arthur T. Jacobs Director of Administration Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, New York Dear Mr. Jacobs: Dr. Silver has asked that I reply to your letter of March 22nd with reference to reservations at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto in connection with his visit there for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Biennial Assembly. It would be appreciated if you would arrange for accommodations for Dr. and Mrs. Silver and advise me accordingly. Sincerely, Miss Sophia Levine Secretary to Dr. Silver /81



# Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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March 28, 1957

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Dear Friend:

At the Biennial, which promises to be the best attended in our history, various Constitutional amendments are coming up. I have written about these and reiterate my plea that your board scrutinize them carefully and be prepared to act.

One amendment of more than passing significance is the so-called Broido plan for altering the basis of temple dues to the Union. As you know, each temple now remits \$6.00 per member. The new proposal, sponsored by our vice chairman Louis Broido, calls for the revision of that basis so that hereafter each temple will remit ten percent (10%) of what a member pays in dues. These monies will go, of course, to the maintenance of the Union and the College-Institute. Hailed as a much more democratic procedure, the Proportional Dues Plan will give greater stability to our national programming inasmuch as it will bring in a larger ratio of our funds in an automatic flow. Now, we must rely on annual re-solicitation for a substantial portion of our revenue. The Combined Campaign will, of course, continue but the Broido proposal ups the fraction of our revenue which would be received regularly. Now in vogue among many temples, the usual procedure is for each temple to bill its members for dues, say \$100.00, and on the bill indicate that an additional 10% is asked for the Union and the College-Institute and thus collecting \$110.00. I hope you will endorse the Broido plan and support it at the Biennial.

The concurrence of Passover (April 15-22) and Easter (April 21) provides another opportunity to highlight the common objectives which Judaism and Christianity share.

Christian-Jewish camaraderie reached a new high in the coinciding of Purim and St. Patrick's Day, especially as it was vivified by the visit of the Jewish Lord Mayor of Dublin, Robert Briscoe, to this country. His visit did incalculable good in focussing attention on the calm religious fidelity of a successful Jewish individual. His attending of Sabbath services was duly reported as was his observance of Purim. Interestingly, too, the Mayor, although a traditionalist, preached from the pulpit of our Reform temple

in New Rochelle and his voice will be heard on the April 7th broadcast of our national radio program, "The Message of Israel."

A significant new book has been published by the Union. It is the "Story of Judaism," by scholarly Rabbi Bernard Bamberger. The result of two decades of research, the new 477-page volume departs from most histories in that it traces not so much the record of Jewry but of Judaism, its principles and values. I hope you will get a look at this book and recommend it to others.

Other recent creations of the Union will bear your examination and description to your membership. One of them is Volume II of the New Jewish History by Mamie Gamoran. Designed for intermediate grades, the series stresses Jewish history in terms of triumphs rather than tragedies, graphically portraying the fascinating episodes of Jewish history.

Also be sure to see the new filmstrip produced by our Audio-Visual Department. It features Shavuos, depicting the history of the Holiday of the First Fruits and then featuring the revitalization which this holiday received from the Reform movement which devised the Confirmation ceremony as another way of celebrating it.

In this connection, let me indicate something about our textbooks which is not too widely known. In order that our texts reflect the best thinking in our movement, they are usually produced in experimental, mimeographed form before they are published. After they are tried out for a while, critiques are secured from those who have used them and the final, printed form reflects the recommendations we have garnered. At the present time, a most significant work appears in mimeographed form and we invite your attention and that of other temple leaders to it. To stress the moral side of religion, we invited Mrs. Lillian Freehof to write a text entitled, "The Right Way," a book of ethics for young people. I would very much appreciate your reactions to this book which is now available in mimeo form, and the reactions of your colleagues on the board.

I was pleased with the warm response to my announcement of our Educational Materials Subscription Plan. This, as I have indicated before, calls for a one-third discount on texts and a 10% discount on other materials for subscribing temples who agree to take a copy of each item we produce. Those of you who have not yet acted on this announcement ought to give it more consideration and seize the opportunity of effecting this savings for your temple.

Looking forward to seeing you in Toronto and with warmest personal and Passover greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

Maurice N. Eisendrath

Maurice N. Eisendrach

ing Jeren / April 8, 1957 Mr. Simon Krakow, Executive Director Jewish Federation of Delaware 900 Washington Street Wilmington 99, Delaware My dear Mr. Krakow: Dr. Silver plans to arrive in mashing men some time in the afternoon of the 30th, in time for the 5:30 P.M. reception. Please make a reservation for him at a hotel, preferably in the hotel where the Annual Dinner is to be held. Dr. Silver is to address the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Toronto the following evening, Wednesday, May 1st. I would appreciate it if you would make the best available airplane arrangements which would get him into Toronto in time for the evening meeting. He would prefer a morning plan, perhaps by way of Baltimore. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, Miss Sophia Levine Secretary to Dr. Silver /sl

### DCA FOOD INDUSTRIES INC.

45 West 36th Street



New York 18, N.Y.

Office of the Executive Vice President

April 11, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I just finished reading "Where Judaism Differed," and the great pleasure and profit which I derived from that experience prompt me to write you in appreciation. The scholarship and the insights which you so effectively distilled in this publication mark it as an highly significant contribution to contemporary Jewish thought.

Frankly, I felt a sense of urgency in reading the book, particularly since I am looking forward to the pleasure and honor of presenting you to the assemblage at the Union Biennial banquet in Toronto in my role of banquet chairman. \ In that connection and with your permission, I should like to slant my brief remarks of introduction of you to include your authorship of this most important publication.

As I read the book with the information on the dust jacket, I could not help but feel that as the fifth generation in a line of rabbis, going back to the scholarly tradition of Lithuania, the psychological insights and the breadth of scholarship in the fields of comparative religion and history represent a development in your career probably not within the horizon of your rabbinic forebears. I would suspect, also, that the opportunities for American rabbinic education and the stimulating freedoms which you found within Reform Judaism have greatly contributed to the enrichment of your background and experience.

DCA FOOD INDUSTRIES INC. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver - 2 - April 11, 1957 It would, I think, be interesting to our audience were I to know something more of your rabbinic forebears and able to comment with more authenticity on the influences of your family tradition and its character as well as on the influences of American Reform Judaism in the development of a rabbinic leader whose lifetime of learning and action so clearly arises from your book. As you too well know, every book tells as much about the author as it does about the subject. It is what this book tells about you and your outstanding career in the history of American Reform Judaism that I would like to use as the central theme of my introductory remarks. Our audience knows you so well and holds you in such esteem for your magnificent contributions to Jewry not only at home but in Israel and all over the world. I would, therefore, greatly appreciate your comments, and if this approach appeals to you, any additional information that would make my point more valid and more interesting to the assemblage.

Earl Morse

EM:rb

APRIL 12, 1957

TO: RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, PRESIDENT UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK 21, NEW YORK

> THE SUBJECT OF MY ADDRESS " WITH OUR EYES TOWARD THE FUTURE" WARMEST REGARDS

> > SILVER





April 19,1957 Rabbi Maurice N. Fisendrath, President Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, New York My dear Maurice: In connection with the UAHC Convention in Toronto, I assume you will have a display of books of Jewish interest. I wonder whether you would include among those books WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED? I would like to bring it to the attention of the delegates. Some of them may wish to have me autograph a book. Mr. Morse, who I understand is to introduce me, wrote me the other day in very high praise of the book and stated "in that connection and with your permission, I should like to slant my brief remarks of introduction of you to include your authorship of this most important publication". I am sure that the Macmillan Company will send you any number of books on consignment so that the Union need not assume any financial responsibility. With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in Toronto, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:sl

April 19, 1957 Mr. Earl Morse DCA Food Industries, Inc. 45 West 36th Street New York 18, New York My dear friend: Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of April 11th. I have been out of the city a good deal of the time. I deeply appreciate what you say about my book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED. It has been very gratifying to me that the book has been so well received in all parts of the country. There has been a tradition of reverence for Jewish learning in our family for generations and I am indebted to my father for having trained me into it. He himself composed an important commentary on the Bible, in Hebrew.

While, of course, orthodox in his religious convictions, it was with his full consent that I, as a young man, went to Cincinnati to attend the Hebrew Union College and to study for the Reform rabbinate. I believe that we shared together, always, a basic agreement on the values which are fundamental to our historic faith — the eternal elements of Judaism. I know that my son who is now associated with me at The Temple is continuing the same traditions.

Thanking you again for writing to me and looking forward to seeing you in Toronto, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:al

(letter from Simon Krakow, Jew. Fed. of Del. dated 4/19 - in Wilmington file) - arts to

they will pick up Rabbi at the Bellevue-Stratford at 2:00 P.M. and drive him to Wilmington Hotel Reservation-Wilmington: Hotel DuPont 4/30 (black tie)

they have arranged transportation to Canada Flight #590 Eastern Airlines

lv. Philadelphia 9:28 A.M. May 1

ar. New York 10:05 A.M.

lv. New York 11:10 A.M. on Trans-Canada Flight #205

ar. Toromto 12:55 P.M.

they are holding ticket they will drive Rabbi to Phil. on Wed morning 5/1 CLASS OF SERVICE

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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MAURICE EISENDRATH=

Temple Emanu El on Sunset Boulevard is one of first Houses of Worship to feature modern ar tecture.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I was sorry that my hurry to catch a train prevented my coming up to tell you what a magnificent talk you gave at the WAHC banquet. Y'asher

Yours,

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The Temple

May 8, 1957

E. 105th Street & Ansel Road

Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are planning to print and distribute to the delegates to the 44th General Assembly as quickly as possible the speeches delivered at the evening sessions of the Assembly.

We would appreciate your sending us a corrected copy of your address exactly as you wish it printed. Since time is important, we hope you can send it to us by return mail.

Singerely yours,

Arthur T. Jacobs

Administrative Secretary

ATJ:b

May 10, 1957 Mr. Arthur T. Jacobs Administrative Secretary Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, New York Dear Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Canther Lawrence, Director of Public Relations, has a corrected copy of the address which I delivered at the Convention of the Union and you may obtain it from him for printing and distribution. With kindest regards, I remain Very cordinlly yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:sl



### Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President 838 Fifth Avenue-New York 21, N.Y. Regent 7-8200

May 16, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Congregation Tifereth Israel 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I have been travelling constantly since the Biennial ended and am now back at the office for three days before starting on my next trip. Thus, this is my first opportunity, to which I have been looking forward, to write you about the magnificent address you gave at our Banquet.

Everywhere I have been I have heard only the most glowing comments about both the scholarly content of your presentation and the truly vibrant delivery which is so characteristic of you. It was, indeed, a high spot of an Assembly which was marked by high spots and all of us are deeply appreciative of the significant contribution you made.

I do hope that you had a good trip home and that you and Virginia are both well and rested. With warm regards to you both, and repeated thanks, I am

Cordially yours,

Maurice N. Eisendrath

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find two mimeographed copies of your address which was delivered at the Biennial Convention in Toronto.

Unfortunately, several packages were lost in transport at customs, and the corrected speech which you gave me was in one of them.

I would appreciate it very much --- if you still have your corrected original --- if you could return one of these mimeographed copies with the corrections.

Under separate cover I am sending you some photographs taken at the convention.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again in the near future.

Most cordially yours,

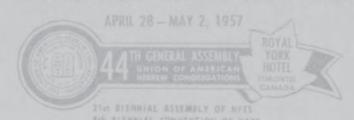
Gunther Lawrence.

Director of Public Relations

GL:sk

May 27,1957 Mr. Gunther Lawrence Director of Public Relations Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, New York My dear Mr. Lawrence: I am returning herewith a corrected copy of the Address which I delivered at the General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Toronto on May 1st. Cordially, AHS:sl ABBA HILLEL SILVER encl.





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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As the one who recently has been put in charge of Institutes on Judaism for the Christian Clergy, I have received a number of inquiries as to your availability for such events.

July 24, 1957

As you know, the Institutes involve addressing groups of Christian clergymen assembled by our rabbis in their temples. I have received an inquiry from our Los Angeles office about the possibility of your making a tour of the West Coast. There are about ten congregations that are interested in Institutes and we have been asked to arrange for a tour in the early part of 1958. In the course of such tours, the lecturers often accept invitations to address the congregations themselves or other local groups.

I would be very glad to go into further detail about this enterprise if I had some indication from you that you would be amenable to this type of undertaking. Please be kind enough to give me some reaction.

I have never fully expressed my appreciation to you for your kindness in bringing me regards, in Toronto, from my father in Wilmington. Both he and I appreciate your courtesy.

With the hope that you are having a restful summer and with every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours.

Secretary

Commission on Institutes on Judaism

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Fabbi Samuel M. Silver, Secretary

Rabbi Samuel M. Silver, Secretary Commission on Institutes on Judaism Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York 21, New York

Rear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of July 24th which I am taking the liberty of acknowledging in Pr. Silver's absence from the country.

When Dr. Silver returns (the beginning of September) I shall be pleased to see that your letter receives his immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

Miss Sophia Levine Secretary to Dr. Silver

# What Happens /



TO YOUR CONTRIBUTION DOLLARS

Your Gift to The Combined Campaign Is Tax Deductible

### WHAT DOES THE UNION DO?

The Union helps establish new congregations, provides temple prayer books and ceremonial materials, supplies religious and Sunday School textbooks, visual aids and other educational necessities. When a congregation needs help in formulating its synagogue program or building program or for any other of the hundreds of important details involved in the efficient operation of a modern day temple, it turns to the Union for assistance.



In every section of the United States local campaigns have been inaugurated for a total of \$2,548,789 to meet the 1956-57 needs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and

the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Why are these fund-raising efforts necessary? What is accomplished with your dollars?

Twenty-nine new Reform congregations have been organized in the last twelve months. At least that number, and

probably many more, will be established in the year ahead if sufficient funds are available.

Twenty rabbis were ordained by the College-Institute in June, 1956,



eight of them leaving immediately for service as Chaplains with our armed services. Obviously, the number of capable, well-trained young rabbis is far below the need.



To end the acute shortage of rabbis, the College-Institute is this year accepting 50 students – the largest entering class in the 81-year history of the school, but your support is needed to bring this project to a successful completion.

At the last convention of the Central Conference of



American Rabbis, the point was forcefully made that at the present rate of population growth, the United States will witness a 40 per cent increase in juvenile delinquency by

1960. This alarming statistic underscores the need for expansion of the Union's exciting and popular youth programs. Last summer more than 7,000 teenagers gathered in an at-



mosphere of fun and sports at 48 regional conclaves. Several thousand others attended 13 camp conclaves and another 320 participated in Institutes for the training of youth leadership. But 28,000 other teen-agers had to be turned away because of lack of facilities. Your funds will enable the Union to expand



its camp facilities so that no youngster need be deprived of a happy, constructive summer.

A congregation without a Sunday or religious school is a tree without sunlight. With



your funds, Sunday and religious school text-books are prepared, religious school personnel are trained, holiday games and special films for children are distributed. With your funds,

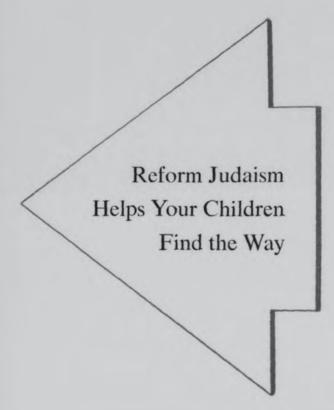
Christian ministers are granted scholarships to study the basic meaning of Judaism and to share their knowledge with Christian congregations. Tracts on Judaism are distributed to members of the armed forces. These are but a few of the projects made possible by your contribution to the Combined Campaign

for American Reform Judaism. For a spiritually rich and meaningful Jewish life, give generously today to strengthen Reform Judaism for the present as well as the future.



# WHAT DOES THE COLLEGE-INSTITUTE DO?

The College-Institute develops and trains rabbis for liberal congregations, trains cantors and religious school personnel, provides special training for young rabbis entering the nation's armed services as Jewish chaplains, maintains libraries and research centers for scholarship and research.



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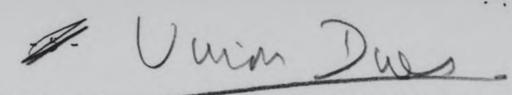
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new mandate from a great Jew who had spoken to them as though, indeed, he were a veritable messenger from on high. And so, this is how they responded both to him and to the Combined Campaign: leader after leader arose to double, to triple and in some cases to quadruple the individual gift that he or she had made earlier in the year. In some 45 minutes, every single person in that room was heard -- and every single one announced a sizeable increase. At least six leaders arose to announce that they were going from an original contribution of \$5,000 to a total of \$10,000, while one leader came forward with an increase of \$7,000 -- going from an initial gift of \$3,000 to \$10,000. Other leaders arose to increase their gifts from an original \$3,000 to \$7,500. Increases flowed in by the score from an initial \$2,000 to \$4,000. There were increases that went from an original \$2,000 to \$5,000 and over. There were increases that ranged from an original pledge of several hundred dollars into the thousands of dollars. Senator Lehman himself, moved by this inspired generosity, came forward with a superb gift of \$7,000. Each of the women in the room arose to double her gift. When it was all over, more than \$100,000 in increases had been pledged in behalf of our sacred national institutions. The most remarkable thing about this outpouring was that it came in response to neither a contrivance nor some special plan. What brought it forth was a fuller, deeper, richer realization that great institutions cannot do great things on the basis of paltry funds. Here, at last, the Reform movement -- so rich in ideas, and blessed with so many adherents of great means -- upset a trend toward minimal giving that had been in force for so long a time. That meeting in Toronto marked the first time that giving on an unprecedented scale came into its own. Combined Campaign has before it today not only the task of widening the number of contributions but of sustaining the



example that was set on that Wednesday afternoon in May -- the example of increased giving to this sacred cause.

MESSRS. POLINSKY, SILBERMAN, SWIG, SCHNEIDER RE-ELECTED TO HEAD COMBINED CAMPAIGN

Great credit for the superb accomplishments at Toronto must go to A. B. Polinsky, General Chairman of the Campaign, whose activity was so great that he barely slept a full night during the whole course of the convention; to Marvin J. Silberman of New York, Associate General Chairman of the Campaign, who was untiring in his energies in mobilizing the best possible attendance and the largest sums of money; to Benjamin H. Swig, Honorary Chairman of the Campaign, whose inspired chairmanship of the fund-raising part of the Wednesday meeting was something to behold; to Frank L. Weil, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, whose presentation of the Man of the Century award to Senator Lehman was made with rare beauty of statement; to Earl Morse of New York, Robert Adler of Chicago, and Philip N. Coleman of Jacksonville, who presided respectively at each of the early morning Campaign breakfasts for regional leaders; to Louis P. Meyers of Tulsa, who spoke before the General Assembly on behalf of the Combined Campaign and put forth herculean efforts to secure increased funds; and, finally, to the professional Campaign staff itself, which literally worked around the clock on a myriad of details to assure the towering success that all sought and prayed for -and that was achieved.

The Campaign Cabinet, which met on Sunday, April 28, returned to office for the 1957-58 Combined Campaign all of its top officers -- A. B. Polinsky as General Chairman, Marvin J. Silberman as Associate Chairman, Benjamin H. Swig as Honorary Chairman, and Irving S. Schneider as Executive Vice-Chairman.

UNION BIENNIAL GIVES OVERWHELMING ENDORSEMENT TO 10% PLAN

One of the most significant moves at the Union Biennial was the adoption by an overwhelming vote of the 10% Plan. The plan as passed by the delegates provides

that "each member congregation of the Union shall pay yearly into the treasury of the Union -- exclusive of contributions made to or on behalf of the Union by its individual members, by welfare funds, or from other sources -- an amount equal to not less than ten percent of the amount collected annually by said congregation for dues, pew rents, and/or other like charges. The amount so to be paid to the Union shall be added as a separate item to congregational billings for dues, rents, assessments and/or other like charges, unless the congregation elects to pay the same out of its treasury. This shall be considered minimum dues and shall not preclude the raising of additional funds through individual voluntary subscriptions or gifts.

Individual contributions may be counted as part of the congregation's Union dues in such amounts as the donor at his or her option may designate." Although there had been much talk on this plan pro and con preceding the convention, no opposition to it developed on the floor, and the overwhelming vote in favor of it came as a surprise to even its most enthusiastic supporters.

The Reform community must understand that the 10% assessment for support of the national institutions cannot be viewed or interpreted as doing away with the need for continued individual giving. Even under the best of circumstances -- namely, total support of the 10% Plan -- the funds accruing therefrom will meet only a part of what the national institutions require. If these requirements are to be met in full, Combined Campaign must be given an even greater priority and support than it has received heretofor.

So that all may understand what is meant by this, we spell it out as follows: payment of the 10% assessment PIUS a substantial individual gift to Combined Campaign.

This concept, it must be stressed, received an almost instantaneous and full-bodied endorsement in the extra giving that took place at the luncheon in honor of Senator Lehman. The leaders in attendance at this luncheon, who had acted as delegates in voting for the 10% Plan only the day before, showed in action what they meant by giving on a plus basis. This is the pattern that must now be instituted in

all congregations, everywhere. It is this pattern that Combined Campaign will advance and press with the greatest vigor in the Campaign for 1957-58.

### COMBINED CAMPAIGN CAN SURPASS LAST YEAR'S RESULT

Before we pass on to plans for next year's drive, there is still much unfinished business remaining in this year's effort. At this writing, the Campaign overall has amassed just over \$1,500,000. Some six weeks remain before the end of this year's effort -- and with a final burst of activity in all congregations there is every reason to believe that last year's total of \$1,770,000 can be materially surpassed. The Campaign staff and the top leadership is bending every energy toward this goal. Let the spirit that prevailed at the Biennial prevail in these last weeks of the Campaign -- to assure the kind of victory that our institutions require and need so sorely.

### HONOR ROLL AWARDS GO TO "OVER-THE-TOP" CONGREGATIONS

In recognition of the splendid record of congregations that went "over the top" in their drives for the Combined Campaign, Honor Roll Awards were presented to them before the entire Biennial General Assembly on Tuesday morning, April 30. Mr. Polinsky cited the following congregations:

New York, N. Y.
Duluth, Minn.
New York, N. Y.
Wheeling, W. Va.
Pine Bluff, Ark.
New York, N. Y.
Hartford, Conn.
Tulsa, Okla.

City

### Congregation

Rodeph Sholom

Temple Emanuel

Emanuel

Cong. L'Shem Shomayim

Anshe Emeth

Great Neck - Beth El

Temple Beth Israel

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