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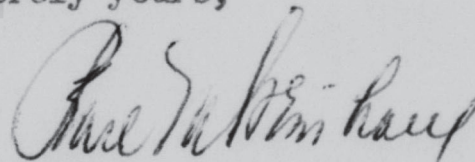
Miss Sophia Levine  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Levine:

Would it be possible, I wonder, for us to have a glossy print of the photograph which appears on the first page of your temple bulletin for January 29, 1956.

We are planning a feature on temple activities, and collecting photographs at this time.

Sincerely yours,



Pearl M. Steinhaus  
Assistant Editor



February 28, 1956

American Judaism  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

Attention of Earl M. Steinhaus, Assistant Editor

Gentlemen:

Please pardon the delay in answering your request for a glossy print of the cover page of our Bulletin of January 29th. We placed our order for it upon receipt of your request and have only just now received it.

If it is possible for you to reproduce it for your needs and then return it to us it would be appreciated. If you desire to keep it however, it will be quite alright to do so.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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encl.



# American Judaism

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4 April 1956

Dear Dr. Silver,

Chawtawsi!

I just took it for granted that you would remain in Israel for the Congress and said so in the little sheet I do for religious schools. I'm sorry.

I followed your trip through Israel through the accounts in the Times and in the Yiddish press. I was pleased at the fine reception you got everywhere. I hope you, too, were pleased at what you saw.

Personally, I tremble over Israel's fate. Every chilly utterance by Ike or Dulles seems to me like an invitation to the Arabs to strike. I am comforted by your statements and I visualize you as a Horatius at the bridge. I do hope that your immense influence is exerted to save Israel and to urge the Administration to bestir itself a bit more to save democracy in the Middle East.

With the hope that you will forgive me and with every good wish, I am

Yours,

*Sam*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio



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May 6, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o Temple  
E. 105th and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will acknowledge with sincere appreciation your valued gift of \$350 to the 1958-59 Campaign. For your records, I am enclosing our official receipt.

You, of all people, know full well how helpful this assistance is to our national institutions and how grateful all of us here are for it.

With warm good wishes, I am

Cordially,

A. B. Polinsky  
General Chairman

ABP:rk  
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September 10, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to ask you to serve with me again in the national leadership of our Combined Campaign. The leadership team that we have had over the past several years has proved itself as one of the best in the entire Jewish community. With your good help and wise counsel, we have succeeded from year to year in raising substantially more money for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. It would give me a great deal of pleasure to have you in a position of leading responsibility for our 1959-1960 Campaign.

Therefore, I ask sincerely that you accept this invitation to serve as one of our National Committeemen. Since we are now in the process of preparing our administrative and publicity materials and will need your name for inclusion, won't you please let me have your answer as swiftly as possible.

With all best wishes to you for the New Year 5720, and looking forward to your earliest reply, I am

Most sincerely,

*A. B. Polinsky*  
A. B. Polinsky  
General Chairman

ABP:al



September 30, 1959

Mr. A.B. Polinsky  
General Chairman  
Combined Campaign  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Polinsky:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of September 10th. I have been out of the office due to illness. I shall be very happy to serve as one of your National Committeemen for the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm



RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE 45th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

Nov, 1959

A. Submitted by the Resolutions Committee

1. BIRTH CONTROL

Judaism is dedicated to the sanctity of human life. Jewish tradition emphasizes the importance of spiritual and material well-being in secure family groups. Therefore, we are concerned with restrictions placed upon the availability of information and medical assistance in the planning of families. We fully recognize the right of all persons, for religious reasons or otherwise, to abstain from or to practice birth control as they see fit. However, the failure of large sections of our population to plan their families effectively is due neither to conscience nor to free choice, but rather to legal and official obstacles imposed upon many Americans with the result depriving them of knowledge and medical assistance in this field. This dearth of information and assistance most directly affects those families which, for lack of financial and educational resources, have the greatest need. Many social problems, including desertion, non-support of families, illegitimacy, high divorce rates, mental and emotional instability, may be the result in part of ineffectual birth control practices in our society.

When government reponds to the theological beliefs of any religious group by interfering with the dissemination of birth control information to all who desire it, such interference represents an improper imposition of such religious beliefs upon the community at large.

Therefore, be it resolved thatL

a. We favor the elimination of all restrictions and prohibitions against the dissemination of birth control information and the rendering of birth control assistance by qualified physicians, clinics, and hospitals.

b. We favor the wider dissemination of birth control information and medical assistance, both by private groups such as the Planned Parenthood Association, and health agencies of local, state, and the federal government as a vital service to be rendered in the field of public health.



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The Temple  
105th St. and Silver Pk.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I know this letter is unnecessary so far as you are concerned but I write it to keep the records straight.

It is my pleasant chore as General Chairman of the Combined Campaign to ask you to again serve as one of the members of the National Campaign Committee. The Committee, as you know, is the top policy making group for the Campaign and its membership are the people I must rely upon for planning, advice and counsel. Knowing of your interest in Reform Judaism and in our national institutions, I am certain you will accept and join our immediate Campaign family.

In order to prepare our stationery and to include your name in its proper place, please send me your confirmation of acceptance.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Davis  
General Chairman  
(1960-61)

JD/hy



July 8, 1960

Mr. Jack Davis  
General Chairman  
Combined Campaign for  
American Reform Judaism  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Davis:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 30th. I shall be very pleased to serve as a member of the National Campaign Committee.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm