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Why do the Heathen Rage? correspondence and responses,
1926-1927.

Menorah

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HOTEL BELMONT
FORTY-SECOND STREET AND PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

July 13, 1926.

JOHN MCE. BOWMAN, PRESIDENT
JAMES WOODS, VICE PRESIDENT

The Intercollegiate Menorah Association,
167 West 13th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept my resignation from the Board of the Intercollegiate Menorah Association.

Respectfully,

Re Menorah article 71
"Why do the Heathen Rage?"

July 13, 1926.

Mr. Henry Bernstein,
570 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Bernstein:-

For the sake of accuracy in writing your editorial note, I wish to put down in writing what actually transpired in re my article.

Some four months ago the Editor, Mr. M. Hurwitz requested me to write an article in response to the articles of Kallen, Cohen and others which had appeared in The Menorah Journal. I accepted with hesitation. I wrote the article and sent it to Mr. Hurwitz. He wrote that he was glad to get it and that he would publish it. In the February-March issue the article was announced. A little over two months ago I received the galley proofs which I corrected and sent back. A few weeks ago, at a public meeting of the National Convention of the Jewish Social Workers in Cleveland, Mr. Hurwitz made public announcement of the forthcoming publication of this article as an indication of the comprehensive scope of the Journal. This morning on learning that my article did not appear in the July issue, I called

July 13, 1926.

Mr. Henry Bernstein:

upon Mr. Hurwitz in person. After much hemming and hawing being apparently in great confusion, he told me that the article could not be published. Evidently this courageous magazine which is so brave and beligerant when it comes to attacking people is too thin skinned and cowardly to stand a rebuttal. *have*

I think that more is involved and the mere refusal to publish my article. The Menorah Journal claims to be a public institution and solicits funds from the Jewish Community at large, but in policy it is extremely partisan and inimical to the best interests of American Israel.

With kindest regards, and wishing you a happy summer, permit me to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

REV. DR. NORMAN SALIT
1152 NEW STREET
FAR ROCKAWAY, N.Y.

July 27th, 1946

Dear Rabbi Selig:

I have just read your
article in the Jewish Tribune.



דברי תורה



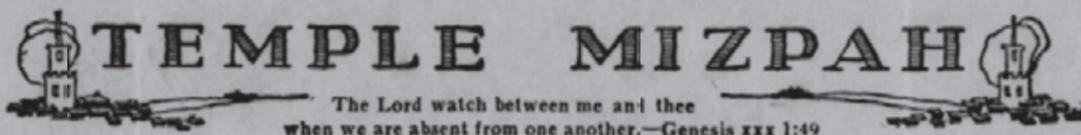
Cordially,

Norman Salit

Rabbi Abba Hillel Selig
Cleveland, O.

Founded on Faith and Reason, on Loyalty and Progress, Temple Mizpah shall be a Watchpost of the Spirit, a Home of the Torah, a Center of Jewish Worship, Culture and Fellowship

JACOB SINGER
RABBI



ARTHUR L. REINHART
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1615 MORSE AVENUE — ROGERS PARK 3243
CHICAGO

Aug. 16th, 1926.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Colleague:

I was especially interested in your communication appearing in the issue of the 15th inst. of the Jewish Bulletin in which you expose the queer antics of the Menorah Journal. When the scurrilous article of Kallen appeared, I wrote Mr. Hurwitz to the effect that the matter had been discussed at the meeting of the Chicago Rabbinical Association and that he had hastily promised to answer that article. The Editor assured me that his own exposition would leave no room for objections even from Rabbis.

When his article appeared, I took the pains to point out to him how he was misled in several of his statements and that Kallen's abuse cannot be justified on the ground of objective criticism. To champion "Jewish Ideals" and at the same time to pervert justice is a curious league with corruption. It is heresy against the spirit to which the Menorah is pledged. Hurwitz answered that the Rabbis will have their spokesman in a forthcoming issue in the person of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. I replied that in such a case, my own reply was superfluous. I have ample confidence in Rabbi Silver's ability to present our viewpoint.

Imagine my surprise when I read the excerpt of the Tribune with the note that the Menorah would not publish your ~~article~~ article? A pity that such small souls are permitted to edit periodicals that are read seriously in academic circles. Isn't it high time for the Rabbinate to assert itself in a ^{publication} ~~periodical~~ worthy of Judaism? I have no Journalistic talent nor ambition. As a servant in the Synagogue I ^{simply} feel that Judaism is not properly represented in the printed word.

Faternally,

Jacob Singer.

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August 22, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
 Cleveland, O.

My dear Dr. Silver:-

I read with a great deal of interest and pleasure your polemic
 "Why do the Heathen Rage" as published in the Jewish Tribune.
 It is, to my mind, a practical elucidation of the sage's injunction

על פי דברי רבינו ז"ל

I was glad to hear that your father and mother - the latter my
 childhood friend - are settled in Palestine. This adds one more
 shrine in our land that is dear and holy to you and for which you
 are no doubt prepared to sacrifice even more than you have in the past.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for a new year of
 happiness and service, I remain, sir,

Yours very sincerely,

Sam Rittenberg

RABBI ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN
19 AUBURN ROAD
WEST HARTFORD
CONNECTICUT

7/24/76

Dear Akha-

Just a line to offer you
a hearty *7 to 8* on your article
"Why do the Heathen Rage?". It was
capital, and it is about time that
views in the Menorah office were given
just what you gave them - and
more.

The damnable review of the *the*
jubilee number where Pool took
Bettan's words *out* of context, where he
was shaking others' views and credited
(or debited) them to Bettan and then
roasted him is characteristic.
So too, was the giving to Shailer
Matthews the task of reviewing Hirsch's
"My Religion". *11/10/76* *10/5/76* *10/10/76*
More power to you. I am with you.

Cordial greetings to you and your
wife from Helen and

Yours as ever
Abe



Menorah

ROSE KOHLER
2 WEST 88 STREET
NEW YORK CITY

"Why Do the Heathen Rage"
Aug. 23, 1926

Dear Dr. Silver;

I cannot resist telling you how much I enjoyed your "Why do the Heathen Rage" articles. You have made the heathen rage, really, and deserve much gratitude for openly condemning their practices! I am inclined to believe that many of the Menorah "lights" have lost their ethical sense as well as their capacity for religious feeling. Unfortunately I know many instances wherein the leaders of the Menorah

movement showed that tough was ^{speaking} non-existent
for themselves. Another word in their vocabulary
not worthy of use! Years ago "the amateur
gentile" stated that "the Menorah movement"
stood for everything Jewish but religion -
because that separated the Jews who
would fight for Reform or Orthodoxy, and
so religion was taboo for the Menorah
Society.

I did not mean to write at this length,
merely wanting to let you know how heartily
I approve of your article and letters on
that subject.

Sending greetings to your wife also,
I am

Yours cordially,
Rose Keller

August 26th, 1926.

Mr. Herman Bernstein, Editor,
The Jewish Tribune,
570 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Bernstein,

In writing my last letter which you were kind enough to publish I did not have available the letter which Mr. Hurwitz sent me accepting my article for the Menorah Journal. I am herewith enclosing an exact copy of his letter of April 8th. It might perhaps be well to publish it for the letter of Mr. Hurwitz leaves the readers with the impression that my article had been rejected. I am also enclosing a copy of the letter of May 18th which accompanied the proofs of my article.

I have received quite a few communications from Rabbis and laymen commenting on my article and the service which you have done in publishing it, and by the end of next week I shall send them to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Memorandum

August 31st, 1926.

Rabbi Jacob Singer,
1615 Morse Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Rabbi Singer,

Permit me to thank you for
your kindness in sending your letter
of August 18th. I hope that by this time
you have read my full article which appeared
in the last four issues of the Jewish Tribune.

I am entirely in agreement with you
about the need of a publication to represent
the thought of Progressive Judaism in America.
I have already discussed the matter with some
of my friends. I should like to discuss it with
you and others, further.

I am sure that the Jewish Tribune would
be pleased to hear from you about my article.

With kindest regards, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

August 31st, 1926.

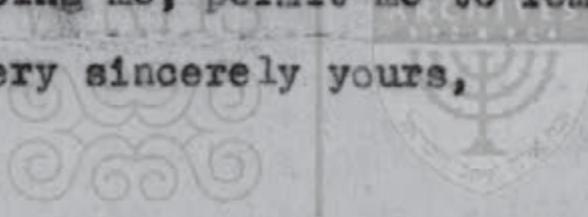
Miss Rose Kohler,
2 West 88th Street,
New York City.

My dear Miss Kohler,

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in writing me your note of August 25th. I have long been waiting for an opportunity to say the things I did say in my article. I do not think that we shall have articles of the type of Cohen and ~~Kolton~~ in the Jewish press now for some time to come.

With kindest regards in which Mrs. Silver joining me, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



P.S. Please remember me to your dear mother and sister. I think that the Jewish Tribune would be glad to hear from you and your friends.

*"Memorial"
"Why Do the Heathen Rage"*

August 31st, 1926.

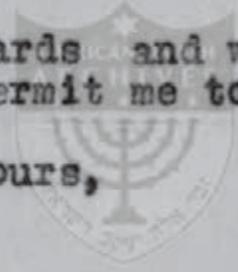
Mr. Herman Bernstein,
Jewish Tribune,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Bernstein,

At the request of some of my friends I am reprinting in pamphlet form the article "Why Do the Heathen Rage?" which appeared in the Jewish Tribune. I shall of course make mention of the fact that through your kindness the article appeared in your magazine.

With kindest regards and wishing you a very Happy New Year, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



August 31st, 1926.

Dr. Norman Salit,
1152 New Street,
Far Rockaway, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Salit,

I have just returned
to Cleveland and found your note of
July 27th extending your congratulations
on my article which appeared in the
Jewish Tribune. I hope that you have by
now read the article in full.

I am sure that the Jewish
Tribune would be pleased to receive some
comment from you.

With kindest regards and
wishing you a Happy New Year, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

August 31st, 1926.

Mr. Sam Rittenberg,
38 Broad Street,
Charleston, S.C.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg,

Permit me to thank you for
your thoughtfulness in sending me your note
of August 22nd. I am pleased to note that
my article which appeared in the Jewish
Tribune has pleased you. I do hope I shall
have the pleasure of seeing you before long.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain
Very sincerely yours,



"Menorah"

Why Do the Heathen Rage?

August 31st, 1926.

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman,
19 Auburn Road,
West Hartford, Conn.

My dear Abe,

Thanks for your kind note of the 24th. I am very pleased with the response which my article has received, especially from the thoughtful and representative Jews of America. What you say about the H.U.C. Annual Review in the Menorah is true. It is but another indication of the inveterate hatred of everything that has to do with Reform Judaism except the money which they can get from Reform Jews.

I am sure that the Jewish Tribune would be very happy to receive an expression of opinion from you.

With kindest regards, and wishing you and yours a Happy New Year, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

[August 1926?]

E. M. BAKER
CLEVELAND

Tuesday -
Dear Rabbi Silver, - Many
thanks for your com-
munication of the 2nd
with clippings enclosed.
Humvitz, it seems to me,
fails utterly to justify the
non-publication of your
article. I shall be glad to

receive the booklet-

With all good wishes
for the New Year,

I am

Cordially yours

Em Zuber

The Jewish Tribune
and HEBREW STANDARD
The American Jewish Weekly

EDITORIAL ROOMS

~~DEBORAH GOLDEN~~ 570 Seventh Avenue
New York

September 2
1926

Dr Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
CLEVELAND OHIO

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am glad to know that you are going to reprint your article "WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?" in pamphlet form. Your splendid article should be made accessible to as many of our people as possible. I wish that in giving credit to THE JEWISH TRIBUNE you have a line read as follows:

Reprinted from The Jewish Tribune, New York

I enclose herewith this week's copy of THE JEWISH TRIBUNE which contains Hurwitz' letter to you, and another letter, which will doubtless interest you.

I also wish to draw your attention to the two editorials in this week's issue "Loose and irresponsible Talk" and "Mr. Billikopf's Dispatch". I am anxious to have your comment on this.

Reciprocating heartily your best wishes for a happy New Year, I am,
with kind regards

Very sincerely yours,

Herman Bernstein
Herman Bernstein

September 2nd, 1926.

Mr. Edward Baker,
2875 Drummond Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Baker,

I went through my files last night and reread Mr. Hurwitz's letter to the J.D.B. I can now understand how you got the impression that I requested that with the publication of my article all discussion of the subject should cease, for he says that I required the manuscript to be published without comment. Mr. Hurwitz however, in his haste forgot to add the very important words "in the same issue of the Journal". His memory served him better when he wrote to the Jewish Tribune on the same subject, a copy of which letter I am enclosing herewith as well as my reply to it. Of course I could never have made such a preposterous request.

I am reprinting the article in booklet form with a forward containing our entire correspondence and I shall be happy to send you a copy when the booklet is published.

With kindest regards and wishing you a Very Happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.

HOTEL ARAGON

54th ST. AND CORNELL AVE.

CHICAGO

Sept. 21, 1926

Dear Abba:

The Menorah Society has a number of friends in this city and I know that they will come to me to help them raise funds. However, the feeling is growing stronger in my mind that the Menorah Society is going out of its way to be nasty to the Reform Movement. I judge that by the tone of its articles.

Some of the boys (especially of last year's graduates of H.U.C.) have told me as much as they knew of the action of the Menorah Journal towards your article. As I understand the situation, they asked you to write an article in answer to Kallen. When your article reached them they rejected it on the ground of its being "Not up to the Menorah standard."

The only interpretation that I can make of that comment is that they rejected your article because it was not in accordance with the Menorah point of view which attitude (if my interpretation is correct) makes it sheer hypocrisy for the Journal to claim to be liberal. Please try to find time to tell me something about the situation.

If I knew when you were coming to Chicago I would wait until then, but since I don't know when you are coming I would like to hear from you. I only saw one of the three installments of your article and aside from my natural prejudice in favor of what you do, I like it very much. Have you the complete article in a form that you can conveniently send?

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.

HOTEL ARAGON

54TH ST. AND CORNELL AVE.

CHICAGO

I have one more little request.
If in connection with your Dedication
Exercises you publish a photograph of the
Temple, I should like to have a copy of it.
I mean to use it for the purpose of adding
a Jewish touch to my study.

With best wishes for a Happy
New Year and hoping to see you soon, I am

As ever,



Sol.

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Menorah
Article

September 24th, 1926.

The Bloch Publishing Co.,
26 E. 22nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bloch:

I am sending you in a day
or two, fifty reprints of my article,
"Why Do the Heathen Rage?"

I have received quite a
number of requests to put the article
in booklet form. The booklet also
contains a forward, which gives my
correspondence with the Editor of the
Menorah Journal. Do to the cost of *due?*
the printing, we shall have to charge
fifty cents a copy. Should you need
any additional copies, I shall be glad
to send them to you.

With kindest regards, and
wishing you a happy New Year, permit
me to remain,

Very sincerely yours,



Bloch Publishing Co.

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IN THE UNITED STATES
CABLE - RADIO ADDRESS
"BLOCHBOOKS", NEW YORK

*"Menorah"
"Why Do The
Heathen Rage"?*

NEW YORK October 1, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. At. Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have just received the fifty copies "Why Do the Heathen Rage". I am very glad you published it and especially in such attractive form. We were ~~unable~~ able to put an announcement of it in our new list just as it went to press. We are putting the price at 50¢ but please let us know what the cost is to us.

I hope it will prove to be a good seller. Trusting you are in splendid health, I am, with very good wishes

Sincerely yours,

BLOCH PUBLISHING CO., INC.

CEB:AS

Louis J. Newman

125 JORDAN AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO

October 5, 1926

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Let me thank you for your kindness in having sent to me a copy of your booklet "Why Do the Heathen Rage?" I look forward with great interest to re-reading it.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Newman

LIN:C

"Menorah"
"Why Do the
Heathen
Rage?"

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA
531-535 WEST ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD STREET
NEW YORK CITY

LIBRARY
ALEXANDER MARX, PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

October 5, 1926

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I beg
to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of a
copy of *your*

"Why Do the Heathen Rage"

which you have been so good as to present to
the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,

Alexander Marx
per J. S.

Librarian.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th Ansel Road,
Cleveland, O.

October 5th, 1926.

Rabbi A.J. Feldman,
19 Auburn Road,
West Hartford, Conn.

My dear Abe,

I enjoyed receiving your letter and the correspondence which you had with Mr. Henry Hurwitz. Your letter to him was perfect. Both Virginia and I enjoyed reading it and re-reading it. I am sorry that you did not have it published. Judging from the numerous letters which I have received from our colleagues I am convinced that the American Rabbinate is now aroused about the situation and that the likelihood is that the Menorah Journal will make a complete right about face as far as its policies are concerned.

With kindest regards to you and Helen in which Virginia joins me, I am

As ever,

P.S. Under separate cover, I am sending you a few extra copies of the article.

Memorandum

THE DROPSIE COLLEGE
FOR HEBREW AND COGNATE LEARNING
PHILADELPHIA

October 6, 1926.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Governors I beg to
acknowledge with thanks the following publication:

"Why Do the Heathens Rage?"

which you have been so good as to present to this
College.



Very Respectfully yours,

Ignace Miller
President.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland
Ohio

October 11th, 1926.

Dr. Jacobus Mann,
Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Mann,

Permit me to thank you
for your kindness in sending me the
reprints of your two articles. I am
glad to learn how closely your conception
of the curriculum of the Rabbinical Seminary
agrees with mine as defined in "Why Do The
Heathen Rage".

It may interest you to know
that I have added quite a good deal to my
thesis since I submitted it to you and I trust
that I shall be in a position to publish it
within a few months. When the time comes I
shall be very grateful to you for a final
scrutiny of the book.

With best regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

M

N. J. MILLER
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

October Thirteenth,
Nineteen hundred Twenty-six.

Dear Abba:-

Pardon my remissness in not acknowledging sooner the pamphlet, which you were good enough to send me.

The only way I can account for its having escaped me is that somebody picked it up and threw it on a desk in the rear of the library, and that particular desk is one that I probably do not use once a year. But Sunday, in looking for an old volume, I just happened to pass by and see the pamphlet. Look forward to reading it with great interest. Many thanks.

We are all very happy about our new grandson. Peggy had rather of a difficult time of it but is getting along nicely.

Lots of love to yourself and Virginia.

As ever,

Uncle Nathan

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Mailed
Saturday
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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE DORMITORY

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CLIFTON AVENUE
CINCINNATI

Sunday
October 24, 1926

REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER

Dear Dr. Silver,

Will you kindly send me a reprint of "Why Do the Heathen Rage?" I should like to adorn my study with it.

Accept my heartiest regards, both for yourself and for Mrs. Silver.

Thanks for your trouble.

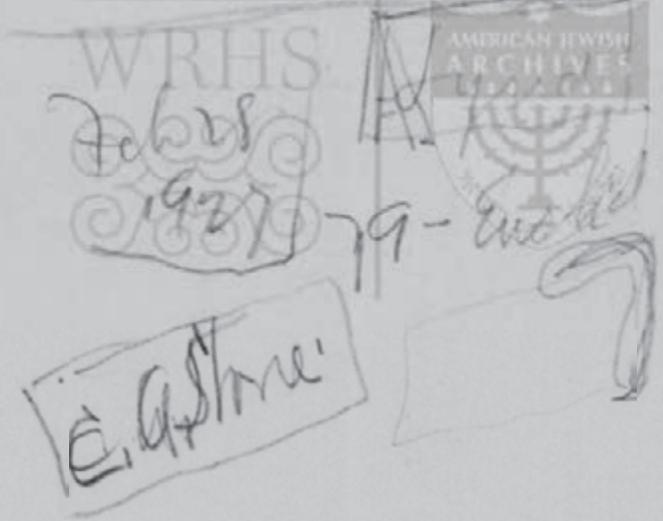
Cordially,

Finesinger

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& Fed. Churches
~~and~~

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14. Write Report



1. Text books used in Heb. ~~Sec~~ classes?

2. What about week day Heb. classes?

3. Write letters to ~~book~~ writers

4. " " to ~~buyers~~ Friday groups & get list

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7. ~~Transcripts published~~

8. Clubs 2?

9. Call Bevil de Fener

10. Call Baker de Meeting of Prog. Com.

11. ~~See book list at her~~ Bible Study

"Heather"

RABBI C.E.HILLEL KAUVAR

Denver, Colorado

October 25, 1926

Rabbi Abbi Hillel Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

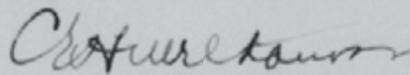
Dear Dr. Silver:

I thank you for the reprint of "Why Do the Heathen Rage", that you have so thoughtfully sent to me.

Not only does it clear the cloudy atmosphere of the cultural magazine, but it presents a study of the American Rabbi, enlightening and illuminating so that even the dark minds of the detached Jew may see a new light. May I venture to hope that someday we may find a common denominator even for the "various" religious groups in Jewry.

Thanking you again,

Faithfully yours,



C. H. Kauvar

CHK/J

The OHIO JEWISH CHRONICLE

GENERAL OFFICES
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CENTRAL OHIO'S ONLY WEEKLY
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Columbus, Ohio

October 25, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Tifereth Israel Temple,
105th St., & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I am very much interested in the controversy now going on between you and Henry Hurwitz, and learning that you have just issued a pamphlet giving your side of the case I am writing you for the privilege of receiving the same.

If there is any charge for this pamphlet, I shall be delighted to remunerate you for it.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

Aaron M. Faustadt
Editor

THE OHIO JEWISH CHRONICLE.

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*Mailed
Oct. 25/26*

*Memorandum
"Why Do I hate you?"*

"Menachem" Why Do the Heathen Rage?

"Holy Blossom"

Toronto Hebrew Congregation

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
115 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, ONT.

October
Twenty-sixth
1926

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just read some references
to your pamphlet on "Why Do the Heathen Rage?".
Inasmuch as I do not know where to procure
it, I shall appreciate it very much if you
will kindly send me a copy.

With many thanks and kindest
greetings, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Ferdinand M. Isserman

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*Mailed copy
10/29/26*

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Menorah

*File this
with "Menorah"
letters -*

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 10, 1926.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

Just a hurried line to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of your pamphlet, "Why do the Heathen Rage?" I can assure you that I have read it with much interest and pleasure. You certainly did a neat job and, reading between the lines, I have the feeling that the reason why the paper was not published in the Menorah Journal is because you stepped on Hurwitz' toes too hard and apparently, Hurwitz has sensitive toes. I believe that, at the time you were invited to write the paper, Hurwitz had not yet emitted "Watchman, What of the Day?" and, in consequence, he never anticipated that you might pay your respects to him also. For this reason probably, he contemplated nothing else than publishing your paper, until suddenly, and to his dismay, he found that he, too, was one of the "raging heathen". This is, of course, only a surmise on my part, but it would not surprise me if it were correct. At any rate, let me tell you again that I enjoyed the pamphlet thoroughly and I am delighted that you did it and in just that particular way.

I am to be in Cleveland next Wednesday to address Brickner's Temple Club. Possibly I will get to see you. I hope so any way.

With warmest regards for yourself and Virginia,
I am ever

Faithfully yours,

Julian Morgenstern

JM/s

The Milwaukee Leader

VICTOR L. BERGER, EDITOR

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"Why Do Heathen
Rage"

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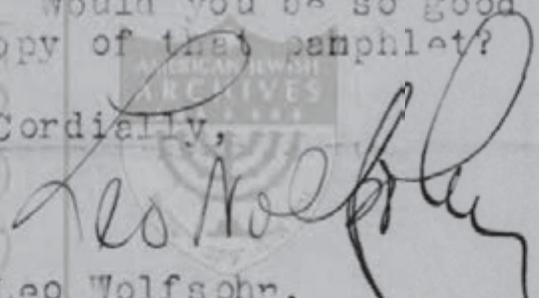
MILWAUKEE, Dec. 11, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I just heard today that you published a pamphlet in which you replied to Dr. ~~Horace~~ M. Kallen's article as carried in the Menorah magazine. I should very much like to read your answer. Would you be so good as to send me a copy of that pamphlet?

Cordially,


Leo Wolfsohn,
News Editor,
The Milwaukee Leader.

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*mailed
12/14/26*

"Heather"

Copy for Rabbi Silver

SAMUEL ZIRN
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215 MONTAGUE STREET
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December 30th, 1926.

Intercollegiate Menorah Assn.
63 Fifth Avenue,
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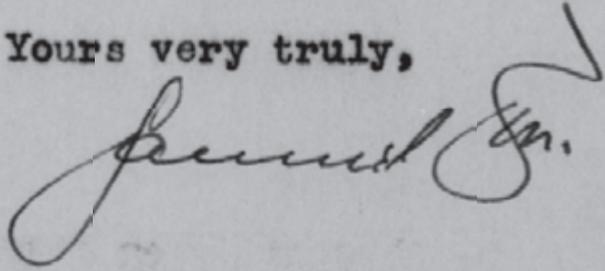
Gentlemen:

I will not renew my membership which expired Nov. 1st, for the reason that a number of articles appeared in your "Menorah Journal" at the beginning of the year which contained improper attacks upon the Jewish people, as more fully pointed out in the proposed article by Rabbi Abba H. Silver in reply to these attacks, which you refused to publish, but which I did read at length last summer in the "Jewish Tribune".

In that periodical, I also read the correspondence between Rabbi Silver and Mr. Hurwitz, editor of the "Menorah Journal", preceding the publication of his article in the "Jewish Tribune". I am in entire sympathy with his views expressed concerning the nature and character of these articles which appeared in your Journal, and I think they would have been more appropriately placed in the columns of some avowedly anti-semitic publication. I think a wrong policy was pursued by the editorial staff of your Journal, which should have been retracted and disavowed.

I had intended writing you about this last summer, when I first read of this controversy, but somehow I forgot to do so.

Yours very truly,



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Hurwitz

January Sixth
1927

Mr. Samuel Zirn,
215 Montague Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Mr. Zirn,

I want to thank you for your
thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of
the letter which you addressed to Mr.
Hurwitz. I read it with much interest.

With kindest regards and best
wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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*File
with Menorah
letters*

ELISHA M. FRIEDMAN
11 WALL STREET
NEW YORK CITY

January 20, 1927.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I read the paper "Why the Heathen Rage" with much interest and sympathy. I think Herwitz has published few articles showing greater scholarship or done in better style.

The Menorah movement started with wonderful possibilities. The demand for such work is growing, but Herwitz has succeeded in alienating a long list of friends, including Dr. Gaster in England, Louis Marshall, Stephen Wise, and others too numerous to mention. As Dr. Enelow once said, he used to excuse some of these things on the plea of youth; grown-ups cannot afford to be "smart alecks." *may think.*

Yours sincerely,

Elisha M. Friedman

Dr. A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105 & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.



PROGRAM

of the

Menorah Conference

on

The Spiritual Situation of the Jew in America

under the auspices of the

Intercollegiate Menorah Association
in New York City

January 29, 30, and 31, 1927

THE PURPOSE of the Conference is to concentrate reflection and study upon the basic questions involved in the continuance and elevation of Judaism in America.

THE SPIRIT of the Conference will be open-minded, tentative, searching. All honest points of view will be welcome.

All Sessions Are Open to the Public

First Session, Saturday, January 29, at 8:15 P. M.
At Steinway Hall, 113 West 57th Street

INTRODUCTORY: *The Spirit and Scope of the Conference*

PAPER: *The American Scene*, by LEWIS MUMFORD

The author of *The Golden Day* points out that the cultural life of America has been based on a false alternative. The choice offered to the various peoples who have come here has been a hundred per cent Americanism or retrospective and isolated ghettos. Both are "forms of fixation and death." Mr. Mumford proposes a third course, making for the "renewal of spirit" and cross-fertilization of group cultures in America and the enrichment thereby of the pattern and substance of American culture as a whole.

PAPER: *The Thoughtful Jew's Problem*, by IRWIN EDMAN, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University

The sympathetic biographer of our Richard Kanes and Reuben Cohens expresses the attitude of the liberated, imaginative modern Jew who rejects both theology and chauvinism, but sincerely seeks a vital and creative spiritual life as Jew and as American.

PAPER: *Toward a Reconstruction of Judaism*, by MORDECAI M. KAPLAN, Rabbi and Professor of Homiletics in the Jewish Theological Seminary

Recognizing the obsolescence of the Judaism of the pre-Emancipation era, and regarding as inadequate both the Orthodox attempt to revive it and the Reformist attempt to transform it, Professor Kaplan boldly and imaginatively designs a new way of Jewish life.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

NOTE: Owing to the limited seating capacity of the hall, admission will be by ticket only. Apply to the Intercollegiate Menorah Association, 63 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Second Session, Sunday, January 30, at 10 A. M.

At the Hotel Commodore, 42nd Street &
Lexington Avenue

GENERAL SUBJECT: *The Present State of Jewish
Self-Knowledge*

It is taken as axiomatic that a fair knowledge of the Jew's experience and forms of expression in the past, an unbiased understanding of his problems today, and the fostering of critical and creative talents within Jewish life, are essential to an intelligent Judaism, however variously it be conceived. What, then, is the state of Jewish self-knowledge today? Have we been given a true picture of the past? Are we bringing forth the right sort of scholarship and popularization? What particular lines of research are especially called for now?—by what agencies, existing or needing to be created? Has "Jewish education" a clearly defined goal? How nurture our critical and creative forces, philosophers, poets and artists, *within* Judaism?

Various aspects of these questions will be presented and discussed by Professor HARRY A. WOLFSON of Harvard University, Professor EDWARD SAPIR of the University of Chicago, Professor MAX L. MARGOLIS of The Dropsie College, Philadelphia, Dr. PAUL RADIN of the Institute of Psychology and Anthropology of Yale University, Professor I. L. KANDEL of Teachers College, Columbia University, Professor JULIAN OBERMANN of the Jewish Institute of Religion, Professor NATHAN ISAACS of Harvard University, Professor SELIG PERLMAN of the University of Wisconsin, ADOLPH S. OKO of the Hebrew Union College Library, Professor J. SALWYN SCHAPIRO of the College of the City of New York, MORTIMER J. ADLER of Columbia University, Dr. I. M. RUBINOW of Philadelphia, SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH of the Bureau of Jewish Research of New York, Rabbi LOUIS FINKELSTEIN, Dr. BENJAMIN GINZBURG, LOUIS LOZOWICK, Dr. ABRAM L. SACHAR of the University of Illinois, and others.

THIRD SESSIONS SUNDAY JANUARY 30

Third Session, Sunday, January 30, at 2:30 P. M.
At the Hotel Commodore

GENERAL SUBJECT: *The Rabbis and the Intellectuals*

What is wrong with the relations between them, or lack of relations? Can they be brought to cooperate more fruitfully for the good Jewish life in America? Candid analysis and criticism and constructive proposals from both sides.

PAPERS by RABBI SAMUEL SCHULMAN of Temple Beth-El, New York, and Professor ISRAEL S. WECHSLER of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

DISCUSSION led by Rabbi JAMES G. HELLER of Cincinnati, Professor LOUIS L. SILVERMAN of Dartmouth College, Rabbi LOUIS A. MISCHKIND of Wilmington, Professor ISADOR LUBIN of the Brookings Institute of Economics, Washington, D. C., Rabbi JOSEPH L. FINK of Buffalo, IRVING FINEMAN of the University of Illinois, Rabbi MOSES HYAMSON, JACOB DE HAAS, Rabbi MAURICE H. HARRIS, Dr. BENJAMIN HARROW of Columbia, Rabbi MOSES JUNG, MAURICE SAMUEL, Rabbi ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, JOHAN J. SMERTENKO, HENRY M. ROSENTHAL, and others.

Fourth Session, Monday, January 31, at 10 A. M.
At the Menorah Rooms, 63 Fifth Avenue

General Summary and Consideration of Plans for the Future

Conference Dinner, Monday, January 31,
At 7 P. M., at the Hotel Commodore

TOASTS: "The Living Spirit of Spinoza: After a Quarter-Millennium," by S. BARUCH, American Officer of the Societas Spinozana; "The Significance of the Hebrew University for the Spiritual Life of the Jew in America," by Dr. CHAIM WEIZMANN, President of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; "The Jew in American Civilization," by CARL VAN DOREN, writer and lecturer; "The Man of Letters in Judaism," by PHILIP GUEDALLA, Esq., of London, author of "The Second Empire," "Fathers of the Revolution," etc.; "Jewish Culture: A Common Ground for All Israel," by Rabbi JONAH B. WISE.

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H. "Why Do Heathen Rage?"

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NEW YORK CITY

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
PROFESSOR ISRAEL DAVIDSON

February 25, 1927.

Dear Doctor Silver:-

On my return from Europe, I found your article "Why Do the Heathen Rage" and I did not immediately acknowledge it because I wanted to read it through first. Having done so, I wish to thank you for the courtesy of sending it to me and to tell you that you have done a "mizwah".

I do not know if you have already done it, but this pamphlet ought to be placed in the hands of all Seminary students and I would be very glad to distribute it among our students.

By the way, it may interest you to know that I met your father in Jerusalem, and we spent a very nice evening together at the home of a mutual friend.

With kind regards.

Very faithfully yours,

Israel Davidson
ISRAEL DAVIDSON

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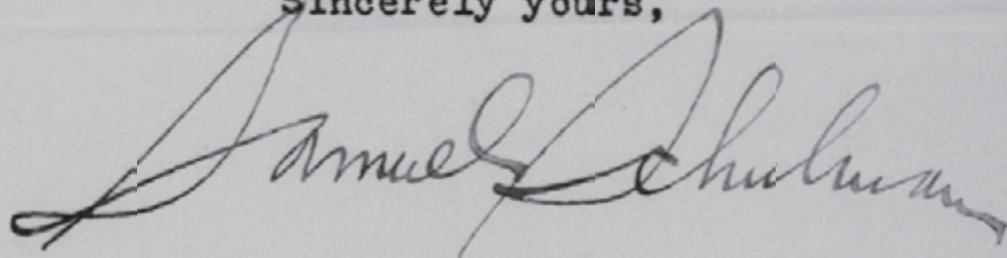
Dear Rabbi Silver,--

Thank you for your pamphlet on "Why Do the Heathen Rage?" I read it with pleasure. You did the right thing in handling these people without gloves.

In my paper, on "The Rabbi and the Intellectuals," I gave them a few raps, but I was a little more suave. As I grow older, I feel like treating them a little more tenderly.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel Schulman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

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With kindest regards and hoping to see you in
the near future, I am

Very sincerely yours,

