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Why do the Heathen Rage? part II, 1931-1932.

Dear Abba :-

You need not return the letter.

Happy New Year.

Billie



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Cable Address "MENORAH"

August 10, 1931

Mr. Jacob Billikopf,  
330 S. 9th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Billie:

*ccs staff*

We declined to publish Rabbi Silver's article "as is" (as he insisted) chiefly because he misrepresented, actually misquoted, the previous writers in the Journal whom he criticized. We did not object to his criticism; we did object to his refusal to make the necessary corrections in his MS.

Felix Morrow is a graduate student of religion and philosophy whom we have been developing as a writer. He writes also in The Nation, The New Republic and technical publications. (His former name was Meyrowitz.)

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry", written below the word "Cordially,".

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# THE JEWISH SENTINEL

A Monthly Magazine for American Jewry

HAROLD DEBREST  
Editor

August 21  
1931

Dr Abba Hillel Silver  
Chocorua N H

My dear Dr Silver:

A number of well-known writers have agreed to supply me with excellent articles for the first issue of The Jewish Sentinel, which will make its appearance as the Rosh Hashanah Number. As I have always had a very high regard for your writings, I am most anxious to include you among this group of contributors, and should like to have you prepare a manuscript of approximately 2500 words on the outlook of Jewish affairs for the forthcoming Jewish year.

The Jewish Sentinel will be a popular type of magazine, appearing monthly, and will be edited to interest a nationwide group of intelligent readers. The initial issue, as already planned, is certain to win very favorable notice for its attractiveness and the high calibre of its contents.

Your article for the Rosh Hashanah Number, if it is to appear, must be on my desk no later than September 3, accompanied by your photograph for illustration.

Please inform me at your earliest occasion whether I may expect to have this cooperation.

Sincerely yours

HD:K

*Rec'd Telgram Aug. 27.  
Sent Article  
Aug. 27.*

*Harold Debrest*

Sept. 14th, 1931

Mr. Harold Debreast,  
The Jewish Sentinel,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Debreast:-

In my last letter to you I forgot to state that if there is any extra expense involved in making the reprints of my article that I shall be very happy to bear the cost.

Please have the reprints put up in a pamphlet form with the front page bearing the inscription as follows:

WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE? PART TWO.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Reprinted from the Jewish Sentinel, Sept., 1931.

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With best wishes for a happy New Year,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

## THE JEWISH SENTINEL

A Monthly Magazine for American Jewry

HAROLD DEBREST  
Editor

Sept 15  
1931

Dr Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105 St at Ansel Road  
Cleveland Ohio

My dear Dr Silver:


By the time this reaches you, you will, I hope, have had the occasion to examine the first issue of the magazine. I am anxious to see your comments and hope to have the opportunity of publishing them in my next issue.

I have ordered one hundred reprints, as you requested, of your article. I shall also be glad to send copies to your friends, complimentary, if you will supply me with a list of their names and addressees.

You may feel certain about one thing, that as long as The Jewish Sentinel is published it will always consider itself complimented to be able to publish anything bearing your signature.

Thank you for your kind wishes which I reciprocate for the New Year.

Sincerely yours

  
HAROLD DEBREST  
Editor

HD:EM



## THE JEWISH SENTINEL

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HAROLD DEBREST  
Editor

Sept 17  
1931

Dr Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th St at Ansel Road  
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:

My printer will make 200 reprints on four pages for ten dollars, or 100 copies of a booklet of twenty-four pages, 3½ x 6½, to fit into an envelope for forty dollars. Let me know which you prefer. Also, whether you wish the photograph cut and the Editor's Note on Page 14 to be included.

I shall appreciate receiving the names of your friends as I need all the subscribers I can get in order to obtain second class mailing privileges. After you have examined the issue and feel that I am entitled to your encouragement I will appreciate any suggestions or help you may be in a position to throw my way.

I am depending upon the sale of stock to my friends for the means of obtaining the necessary funds to carry on until the publication becomes self-supporting. I have \$25,000 worth of stock at \$100 per share, 6% preferred with a share of the common free to every holder of a share of preferred. If you are interested I shall be glad to give you any details you may desire.

Cordially yours

  
HAROLD DEBREST  
Editor

HD:EM

Sept. 17th, 1931

Mr. Harold Debreast,  
The Jewish Sentinel,  
55 West 42d St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Debreast:-

Thank you for your kind letter. I am  
having a list prepared for you of Cleveland people to  
whom you can send the Jewish Sentinel.

I have not yet received a copy of it.  
Please send me one and put my name on the mailing list.

With kindest regards and best wishes,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Sept. 23d, 1931

Mr. Jacob Billikopf,  
330 S. 9th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Bill:-

Thank you for your kindness in sending  
me a copy of Hurwitz' latest fabrication.

You may be interested to know that  
"Why Do The Heathen Rage - Part Two" appeared in the  
"Jewish Sentinel" of New York last week. I am having some  
reprints made and I shall be very happy to send you a  
copy of it.

The Menorah boys will not like Part Two  
any more than they liked Part One.

With best wishes to you and your dear ones,

I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

Sept. 23d, 1931

Mr. Harold Debreast,  
The Jewish Sentinel,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Debreast:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of  
Sept. 17th.

I shall be very happy to receive 200 reprints of  
"Why Do The Heathen Rage - Part Two" and will be pleased to pay  
the amount required to cover the cost.

I would request that the article be reprinted on  
four pages but with a folder. (I shall be glad to pay the extra.)  
On the outside of the folder please have printed:

WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE? PART TWO

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

(at bottom of page) Reprinted from The Jewish Sentinel, Sept., 1931.

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Please omit from the body of the article:

1. The editors note
2. My photograph
3. The third sub-title, "A Vigorous Discussion of a Pertinent Subject."
4. The "D.D." in the first line. This is not necessary.
5. On page 40 of the article, column 2, 13th line from the bottom,  
"Employers' compensation" should read "workmen's compensation."
6. Page 49, column 1, line 19 from bottom change Kulture to Kultur
7. Line 7, from bottom, the word "seam" should be "seas."

I am getting up a list of possible subscribers for you  
to whom you may send copies of the magazine.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



Sept. 27th, 1931

Mr. Harold Debreest,  
The Jewish Sentinel,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Debreest:-

Rabbi Silver has asked me to write to  
you with the request that you kindly send us four or  
five copies of the Jewish Sentinel as soon as possible.

With kindest regards, permit me to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

JACOB BILLIKOFF  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE FEDERATION OF  
JEWISH CHARITIES OF PHILADELPHIA  
330 SOUTH NINTH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

September 28, 1931.

Dear Abba:

I read your article on WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE? and I felt that you were casting pearls..... You attach entirely too much importance to the author of the Menorah article.

I do hope, dear Abba, that the Gifford Committee, having succeeded in mobilizing the supermen in this country, will not feed the unemployed during the coming year with big names and a lot of propaganda. Incidentally, when Mr. Gifford was appointed, I suggested that he drop the word 'coordinating', which has fallen into disrepute, and substitute the word 'mobilizing,' but after a while folks will get wise and realize that you can't feed people with the word 'mobilization.'

As ever,

Yours,

*Billikoff*

Rabbi A. H. Silver.

Wire Oct. 1st, 1931

Mr. Harold Debreast,  
The Jewish Sentinel  
55 West 42d St.,  
New York, N. Y.

WHEN MAY I EXPECT REPRINTS OF MY ARTICLE

A. H. SILVER



**THE JEWISH SENTINEL**  
**A Monthly Magazine for American Jewry**

HAROLD DEBREST  
Editor

October 2  
1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105 St at Ansel Road  
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Pursuant to your wire I got in touch  
with my printers who assure me that they are pre-  
paring the proof of your article with the correc-  
tions. They will communicate with you direct today.

Cordially yours

  
HAROLD DEBREST

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October 2, 1931

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

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of September 23rd addressed to Mr. Harold  
Debrest has been forwarded to me. We have made up a  
dummy and are sending it herewith.

200 copies of this article reprinted as a four page  
form with part new composition on front cover is \$17.00

If you wish us to go ahead please send us a check and  
greatly oblige,

THE TECHNICAL PRESS,

*Emil Sporny*  
Ass't. Treasurer



October 5th, 1931

Mr. Emanuel Spony,  
The Technical Press,  
226 William St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Spony:-

I am returning herewith the corrected proofs of my article "Why Do The Heathen Rage, Part Two" as well as a check for \$17. to cover the cost of printing two hundred copies, in a four page form, plus a front cover.

The front cover is to have the title and name of the author and at the bottom, "Reprinted from the Jewish Sentinel, September, 1931."

Please rush this job. I should like to receive it before the end of the week.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Wire Oct. 12th, 1931

Have not yet received reprints Please forward them at once.

A. E. Silver

Oct 14 th - Called - Spony said Being sent That Day  
Oct 17 th - AHS Called up

Oct. 29th, 1931

Dr. Henry Englander,  
904 Lexington Ave.,  
Avondale, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Englander:-

Under separate cover I have today sent  
you six copies of "Why Do The Heathen Rage", Part II  
which Rabbi Silver requested me to send to you for  
distribution among the members of the Faculty who have  
not received it.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



# TEMPLE ISRAEL

*Emerson Avenue South and  
Twenty-fourth Street*

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

November fifth,  
1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Our Temple Library would appreciate  
your sending a copy of your pamphlet "WHY  
THE HEATHEN RAGE SERIES II".

Thanking you for the consideration  
you may give this, I am

Sincerely,

R. Cohen

RC

*[Large handwritten checkmark]*

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March 18, 1931

My dear Rabbi Silver,

What a "Pinchak"  
Sholem and I had last night, reading  
Part II of "Why do the Gentiles Rage?"  
Oh! Boy! How we chuckled at your  
rapier-like thrusts!

Apparently, you have as high (?) a  
regard for the eminent (?) Chancellor  
of Harvard as I have always had.  
I'm ashamed to say that he is  
a Harvard man, but eminent that  
he came after my time and, therefore,  
did not come under my influence!

But seriously, you've done a real  
service to our real "intelligent" ones  
by exposing the contemptible motives  
of a publication that poses as  
something superior.

Sincerely yours  
Gordon

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November 25, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to thank you  
for sending me part II of "Why Do the  
Heathens Rage"? which I read with great  
interest, as I did its predecessor some  
years ago.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

*Alexander Mark*  
A. K.

ABRAHAM KOLLIN ✓  
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January 14, 1932

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Ansel Rd. and E. 106th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Someone has been kind enough to permit me to read your pamphlet entitled "Why Do The Heathen Rage" Part II. I enjoyed reading it very much as I read the review of your book in the Menorah at the time it appeared and I was very indignant at the treatment that was accorded you.

It occurs to me that the purpose of the review was to make a personal attack on you and that the review itself was merely an excuse for it, as it was anything but a review except in name.

If you have an extra copy of this pamphlet and also the first pamphlet entitled Part I, I should appreciate it greatly if you would mail same to me.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*A. Kollin*

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*Send also to Had*

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## RABBIS

ALEXANDER LYONS, *Pd. D.*  
ISAAC LANDMAN

Dear Abba:

What in the world did you  
ever do to Maurice Samuel? His new book  
to be called "Jews on Approval," which  
is soon to appear, contains a terrific  
onslaught on you, full of personal venom  
and malice.

I'd like to hear about it.

Cordially,

Isaac Landman

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Jan. 25th, 1932

Rabbi Isaac Landman,  
Temple House,  
Eighth Ave. and Garfield Place,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Landman:-

Thanks very much for your note advising me of Samuel's new book and the attack which it contains upon me. I should very much like to see exactly what he says.

My impression is that his hostility began when I opposed the fat salaries which the Zionist Organization of America was paying to its official propagandists and lecturers of which Samuel was one.

That was many years ago. His animus seems to have grown with the years.

With kindest regards, I am

As ever yours,

MHS/IR  
P.S.

I recall too, having taken him severely to task for the preposterous thesis and the racial chauvenism of his book "You Gentiles."

THE  
**Defcon**  
70 West 55<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York

January 27, 1932.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Rabbi Landman is mistaken. My analysis of the American Jewish leadership in my forthcoming book is made entirely without "personal venom and malice."

Yours very truly,

*Maurice Samuel*



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## RABBIS

ALEXANDER LYONS, *P.A. D.*  
ISAAC LANDMAN

My dear Abba:

The new Samuel Book, I heard yesterday, is to be published about the 20th of February. Liverights are guarding it very carefully, preceding publication, because they think it will be a sensational knockout. From what I know of it--being information relayed to me by one who has read the whole manuscript, it is a vicious, spleen-spilling performance in which Samuel gets even not only with you, but with Justice Brandeis, Henry Morgenthau, Felix M. Warburg, David A. Brown and some others. Louis Lipsky, Stephen S. Wise, Bernard Richards, and even Meyer Weisgall are pointed to as the real and leading Jews in the American scene.

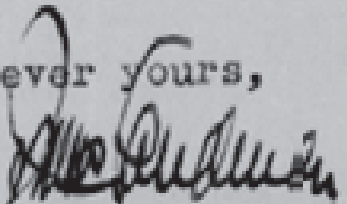
I understand that the manuscript is being pruned a little. I know one crack at you definitely that has been cut out. You will have to wait, however, until we see each other personally before I tell it to you. I can write you one that he pulled about Justice Brandeis, but which I understand will also be blue-pencilled. He said: What Justice Brandeis needs is a good kick in De Haas. Why does Samuel hate De Haas? I am trying to gather up some of these things against the time when we will have to give the book a swift kick in the columns of The American Hebrew.

I am of the opinion that the book will not sell. What the publishers are counting on is that the rabbis will preach about it. If we could stop that, the book would be an immediate flop. But, gal darn it, the rabbis seem to be so hungry for any kind of a topic that will bring in the congregation, that they will create a sale. Subconsciously that condition makes me feel worse than Samuel's writing of the volume and Liveright's publishing it.

With cordial greetings,

As ever yours,

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

  
Isaac Landman

DAVID A. BROWN    :- 71 West 47th Street    :- New York City

President and Publisher  
THE AMERICAN HEBREW

January 28th, 1932

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear friend Silver:

Some time ago, it was called to my attention by a very good friend, that Maurice Samuels had written a book which was to be published by Liveright, in which I and a number of others were a subject of attack.

By special manoeuvring, I was able to get hold of a printer's copy which had to be returned within the hour, so that I had but little time to read the entire book, but of course read the article on myself. My friend also called attention to an article which he had written on you. What he says of me is offensive, and the chances are that I will deal with it at the proper time.

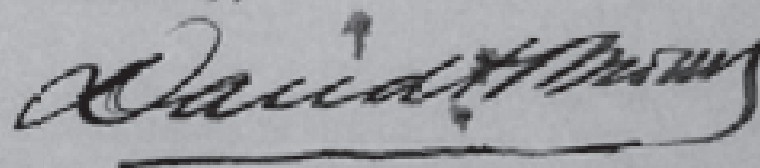
What he writes of you is not only offensive, but libelous. All through the hurried reading of this article on you, I was incensed at the manner in which you were being treated, which of course would be the same reaction of every person who knows you. Yet one does not relish the necessity of defense, even by one's friends or oneself.

The Liveright Company have been told that the book is libelous in parts, and that there is a possibility that they will be subjected to suits. My informant tells me that they have determined to publish the book, which they say has the possibilities of becoming a best seller and a big money-maker.

I am writing Liveright today (enclosed is copy of my letter), not so much for the purpose of stopping the publication of the book but to put myself on record. You, of course, will have to use your own judgment as to how to proceed in this matter. I understand the book is to be called "Jews on Approval."

It is unfortunate that some of us have to go through an experience of this kind, and that we have to suffer at the hands of Jews, but I suppose it is part of the compensation for being in the public eye. With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,





Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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January 28th, 1932

P.S. It is possible that others may have written you in this matter, for I am told that the book is being passed around to certain people for their comments and criticisms.

COPY

January 28th, 1932

Hyrace Liveright, Inc.,  
31 West 47th Street,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

From several sources it has been brought to my attention lately that you are about to publish a book by Maurice Samuels captioned, "Jews on Approval."

My informants state that the article on me, in addition to being offensive, is libelous, and that this holds true of the attacks made on other Jews who have been public characters during the past years.

In this formal manner I wish to notify you, as the publisher of this book, that should there be anything libelous in the article which I am told deals with me, I shall take such steps as my legal counsel shall advise in the matter.

Sincerely,

DAB:FA

special delivery to 315 West 90th St. - home

Jan. 29th, 1932

Mr. Louis Lipsky,  
114 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lipsky:-

A few days ago I received word from one of my friends in New York that Maurice Samuel is about to publish a book called "Jews on Approval" which among other things contains an attack on me "full of personal malice and venom."

I was amazed when I received the information and I wrote to Samuel. This morning I received word from him in which he says that his analysis of the American Jewish leadership in his forthcoming book is made entirely without personal venom and malice.

This afternoon I received a letter from another one of my friends in New York who saw the printer's copy of the book, in which he writes: "What he writes of you is not only offensive, but libelous. All through the reading of this article on you, I was incensed at the manner in which you were being treated, which of course would be the same reaction of every person who knows you. The Liveright Company has been told that the book is libelous in parts and that there is a possibility that they will be subjected to suits. My informant tells me that they have determined to publish the book, which they say has the possibilities of becoming a best seller and a big money-maker."

I do not know what is "eating" Samuel or what grudge he is hoping to pay off through this public attack. I am worried about the inevitable impression upon the American Jewish public which an attack by one who has been prominently identified with the Zionist movement on another who has been equally as prominently identified and is now an officer of the Z. O. A. may have. Such attacks will have to be answered and a good deal of dirty Zionist linen of previous years will again have to be aired at a time when we had all hoped that a new chapter had begun in

Continued....page 2  
Mr. Louis Lipaky.

our Movement.

I do not know what your present relationships with Samuel are, but I thought that perhaps you would want to know what is in the air.

I remain  
With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR





Jan. 29th, 1932

Judge Julian W. Mack,  
Woolworth Bldg.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Judge Mack:-

Upon my return from the East I found  
this letter addressed to me by David A. Brown.

What do you think about it and what  
do you suggest?

With kindest regards, I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

(copy)

January 28th, 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend Silver:-

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By special manoeuvring, I was able to get hold of a printer's copy which had to be returned within the hour, so that I had but little time to read the entire book, but of course read the article on myself. My friend also called attention to an article which he had written on you. What he says of me is offensive, and the chances are that I will deal with it at the proper time.

What he writes of you is not only offensive, but libelous. All through the hurried reading of this article on you, I was incensed at the manner in which you were being treated, which of course would be the same reaction of every person who knows you. Yet one does not relish the necessity of defense, even by one's friends or oneself.

The liveright Company have been told that the book is libelous in parts, and that there is a possibility that they will be subjected to suits. My informant tells me that they have determined to publish the book, which they say has the possibilities of becoming a best seller and a big money-maker.

I am writing Liveright today (enclosed is copy of my letter,) not so much for the purpose of stopping the publication of the book but to put myself on record. You, of course, will have to use your own judgment as to how to proceed in this matter. I understand the book is to be called "Jews on Approval."

It is unfortunate that some of us have to go through an experience of this kind, and that we have to suffer at the hands of Jews, but I suppose it is part of the compensation for being in the public eye.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

(signed) David A. Brown

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71 West 47th St.

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Jan. 29th, 1932

Rabbi Isaac Landman,  
Temple House, Eighth Ave.  
and Garfield Place,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Landman:-

I was in New York Wednesday and tried to reach you but without success.

I was glad to receive your letter of the 27th. One or two men in the Zionist office told me about Samuel's forthcoming volume which he has been planning for some time in order to pay off old scores.

Samuel's friendship for Meyer Weisgal is of course, self-explanatory. When Weisgal was editor of the New Palestine, he paid out to Samuel large sums of money for articles which Samuel contributed. Samuel has also been a regular contributor of the Jewish Standard of Toronto which Weisgal founded and edits.

If you will recall the hearing which took place in 1928 before the Judges Commission which investigated the financial affairs of the Zionist Organization and which recommended that Lipsky should resign, you will understand why Samuel and Lipsky are so close. Lipsky unlawfully advanced money to Samuel out of Zionist funds.

For a full account of that miserable mess you may refer to the newspaper files of that period or may perhaps procure a stenographic copy of the hearing before the Committee of Judges.

The crack about me to which you refer I was told of. It was circulated in Chicago three years



ago about another Rabbi. Samuel attempted to plagiarize  
it as he does so consistently.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR



Jan. 29th, 1932

Mr. Maurice Samuel,  
The Devon, 70 W. 55th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Samuel:-

Permit me to thank you for your note  
of January 27th.

Simultaneously with the receipt of your  
note there came a letter from another friend of mine  
who saw the printer's copy of your book. He writes:

"What he writes of you is not only  
offensive, but libelous. All through the reading of  
this article on you, I was incensed at the manner in which  
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to suits. My informant tells me that they have determined  
to publish the book, which they say has the possibilities  
of becoming a best seller and a big money-maker."

I am writing you this note for the sake  
of record and to suggest that you check carefully and  
verify any facts which you may mention concerning me in  
your article.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Jan. 29th, 1932

Mr. A. S. Magida,  
Zionist Organisation,  
New York, N. Y.

My Dear Magida:-

I should like to see the stenographer's report of the Judges' Committee which looked into the financial affairs of the Zionist Organization of America in 1928.

I want to get certain facts out of it in preparation for the "skinning of a certain skunk".

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IE

JULIAN W. MACK  
WOOLWORTH BUILDING  
NEW YORK CITY

February 1, 1932.

Dear Silver:-

As I think I said to you the other day when you told us about Samuels' book, I should not follow Dave Brown's example and give any warning in advance, but should wait the appearance of the new book. Then if it is plainly libelous, I would sue both of them. But only if your lawyer feels confident of your success. If it is nasty without being plainly libelous, then I think whatever steps you take would depend upon the nature of his statements.

I think Landman is right that the most important thing is not <sup>to</sup> advertise the book through the pulpits, but I am afraid that some of your envious colleagues will be only too glad to do this. And if they do, you may then have to talk about it more vigorously.

It was good to see you here again.

Kind regards,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland Ohio

P.S. I am taking the liberty of sending all of this material on to P.F., both for his information and his judgment.



LOUIS LIPSKY  
44 EAST 23rd STREET  
New York

February 1st, 1932.

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

*Personal*

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Although I am on terms of friendship with Maurice Samuel, my relations with him are not such as to give me the right to interfere with his plans. He is a writer ruled by temperament, which is both his virtue and his vice.

I have not read the proofs of his new book, nor have I seen the manuscript. I have been told - not by him - of some of the things he says there. I gather that it is to be a slashing exposure of persons and conditions in American Jewish life. The general thesis is unknown to me.

Denouncing and flaying are the stock ~~and~~<sup>in</sup> trade of many preachers as well as many writers. (As witness the performance in New York of my friend Stephen)

In conversation with friends, I expressed the opinion that these journalistic forays against personalities are not properly to be included in a book purporting to be an objective review of general conditions. Personally, I am not in sympathy with these sensational methods - satirical side - cuts and squintings, that result in caricature; but the new generation seems to think such methods are admired by the public, and if you want to write a "best seller", you have to be impudent and unusual.

In Samuel's book, I am told, he writes about Stephen Wise, about Brandeis, about yourself and about reform Rabbis, in general. Some things he tells gently - and others with unusual savageness. As you know, Samuel is an eater of strong meat. I do not think there is anything libelous, nor is there anything pertaining to internal Zionist differences. This book is to reveal Maurice Samuel in the mood of "~~The New~~ Gentile", reversing the attack and directing it against Jews.

Youth must have its fling. To interfere with it, is to raise the inference that one is an old fogey. The best thing to do, in his case, is to let him have his say and then let the critics, in turn, flay him. Any attempt to curb his freedom would be a mistake. I have indirectly tried to create an impression upon Samuel of the bad reception that will be given to a book, which at this time, attempts to reveal inner differences or to undermine public confidence in leading Jewish personalities. But, as you have been informed, the book is already in press.

I am to have an opportunity to speak to Samuel within the next few days. I do not think that my talk with him will influence him in any way.

With best regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

*Louis Lipsky*



Feb. 2d, 1932

Mr. David A. Brown,  
The American Hebrew,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

I am very grateful to you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I had been previously informed of Samuel's book and in a general way of its malicious character.

Not knowing specifically what he says about me I hesitate about writing to his publishers. If you could recall any statements of purported facts or charges made in his article, I would be in better position to decide what to do. Otherwise I must wait upon the appearance of the book. If there is anything in it that is plainly libelous, I shall of course, sue both the writer and the publisher. If it is only nasty then what other steps I take will depend upon the nature of his statements.

Were I in New York I could perhaps have a talk with the publishers or have some of my friends speak with them. But not being on the scene it seems to me that the more logical thing for me to do is to wait.

I should be very much interested to hear what the publishers replied to your communication.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

P.S.

While it is true that even a "cootie" can give one considerable discomfort, still you ought to remember that your position in American Jewish life is too securely established to be affected by the attacks of such a scabrous dilettante as Samuel.

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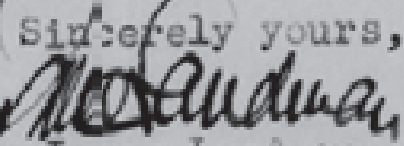
Dear Abba:

I naturally regretted that you could not get in touch with me when you were in New York.

I recall the incident of 1928. I am writing a pre-review of the book, which may help to kill it. The one thing I am afraid of is that our sermon-hungry rabbis will pounce upon the book and begin to preach about it, and in that way popularize it. As a matter of fact, that is exactly what Samuel and the Liverights are counting on.

The next time you come to New York let me know in advance.

With cordial greetings and regards,

Sincerely yours,  
  
Isaac Landman

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

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NEW YORK

BUSINESS ANALYSIS  
CONSOLIDATIONS - MERGERS  
1790 BROADWAY  
AT 58TH ST.

February 6, 1932

Dear Rabbi Silver,

After considerable difficulty, I was able to get the enclosed, which is supposed to be part of what appears in Samuels' book with reference to yourself.

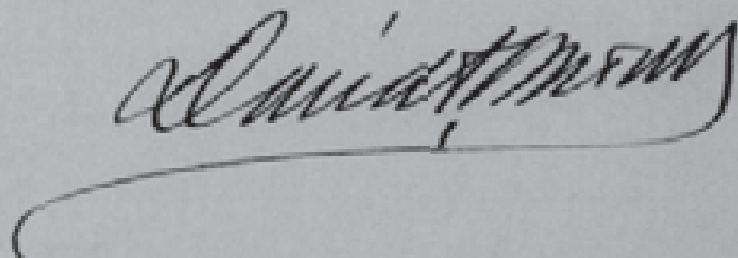
I can not give you the details of how I secured this. But I would appreciate your keeping it confidential, not letting it out of your possession.

It is my understanding that the book is on the press and is to be issued as of the twentieth day of this month.

I am not attempting to answer your communication, as I am writing this in my other office and haven't it before me at the moment.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

(Enclosure)

Feb. 8th, 1932

Mr. Robert Esold,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Bob:-

You probably know of the malicious attack which Maurice Samuel is making in his forthcoming book on me and on others in American Jewish life.

I am preparing a reply which will give a full-size portrait of this charlatan. I should like to get certain information.

1. How long was Samuel employed by the Z. O. A.
2. What salary did he get.
3. Has he been paid by the Z. O. A. for Zionist propaganda lectures after he left the Organization.
4. At the Lipsky investigation by the Committee of Judges in 1928 a certain matter was brought to light touching Samuel's informal borrowing of funds from the Z. O. A. Just exactly what was that?

I shall of course treat this matter in strictest confidence and will not in any way bring your name into the discussion.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS/IR



Feb. 8th, 1932

Mr. David A. Brown,  
1790 Broadway,  
At 58th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear David:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter  
of February 6th and for the enclosure.

It is malicious stuff but not anything to get  
excited about. They are the ravings of a mind corrupted  
by jealousy and vindictiveness.

After the book appears I shall probably write  
a comment on it in which I shall skin this skunk and nail  
it to the door. Would you care to publish it?

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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1790 BROADWAY  
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February 11, 1932

My dear Abba,

Thanks for your letter of the 8.

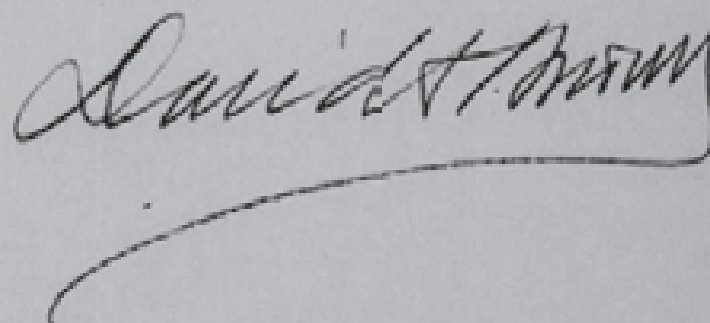
I am told that the book will be out either on the 19 or the 27. We have been trying to get hold of an advance copy but they are fighting shy of us.

You may rest assured that when you are ready to write your comments, we shall publish it and give it full play. My suggestion is that you turn this over to us exclusively and we will release it to the Jewish press of the country.

You know, we are now carrying the complete circulation of The American Hebrew and the Jewish Tribune combined, which makes for a very fine Jewish coverage.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

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February 12, 1932

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The office will get you information as to how long Samuel was employed by the ZOA, his salary, whether or not he was paid by the ZOA after he left the Organization.

Mr. Magida tells me that the transcript of the testimony taken before the committee of judges is nowhere to be located. I am asking Mr. Tulin to give you his recollection on item 4 of your letter of February 8th. Meantime we shall continue the search for the stenographic transcript.

With kind regards, I am as ever

Yours,

*Robt. Tulin*

*Samuel*

DAVID A. BROWN    :-    71 West 47th Street    :-    New York City

President and Publisher  
THE AMERICAN HEBREW

February 15th, 1932

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

Dear friend Silver:

On Sunday I read the Samuel book, and he has deleted your name in one or two spots, but has made that part of the article read as though it applied to the rabbinate in general.

As I see the book, the whole thing has been written with the idea of attracting a great deal of fire from the groups and the individuals attacked. The main attacks are on the rabbinate, Reform Jewry, the Anglo-Jewish press, and a number of individuals, including Marshall, Brandeis, Morgenthau, Warburg, yourself, and myself.

He takes it for granted that the rabbinate will reply, and that you in particular will give him a good trimming; that the Anglo-Jewish press will slap at him, and that some of the individuals, especially yours truly, will go after him. This, of course, would make the book a good seller.

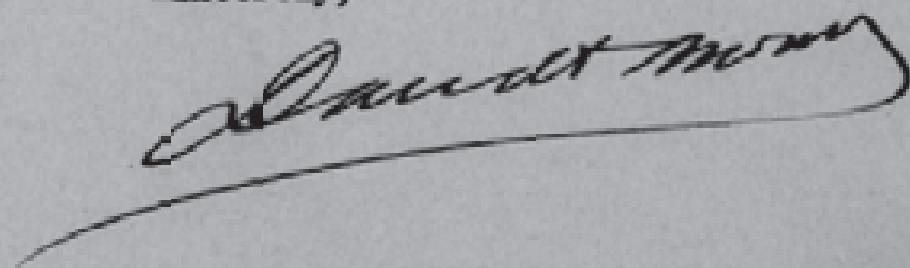
I have come to the conclusion that the very best way to treat this thing is by a conspiracy of silence, and if he wants advertising, he should be compelled to pay for it. I am now giving some thought to see if I can't arrange for this silent treatment of the book. Just how it should be done is not altogether clear in my mind, but will be, I am sure, within the next twenty-four to forty-eight hours.

I would like your reaction on the suggestion which I submit.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

DAB:Fa

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David A. Brown", written in a cursive style. The signature is underlined with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Feb. 17th, 1932

Mr. David A. Brown,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Brown:-

Thank you very much for your letter of  
Feb. 15th.

I hope that Samuel has not revised the  
section of his book which he devotes to me too much.  
On the basis of the abstract which you sent me, I have  
already written an article which Samuel will "treasure"  
until the day of his death. If his comments are too  
innocuous I may have to forego the keen pleasure of  
dressing him down in public.

If it could be arranged that his book  
be greeted with loud silence, it would of course be  
highly desirable. The agencies in New York which are  
likely to give it the most publicity are the Seven  
Arts Feature Syndicate and the Jewish Telegraphic  
Agency and columnists like Charles H. Joseph, Phineas  
J. Biron, Rabbi Louis I. Neuman, Brainin, Schwartz  
and others. Whether they can see the wisdom of with-  
holding comments on the book or not, I can not say.

I shall personally be guided by the  
course of events in my decision of whether I should  
answer the book or not.

With kindest regards and best wishes,  
permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AMS/IR



Samuels

Feb. 29th, 1932

Mr. Robert Szold,  
Zionist Organization,  
New York, N. Y.

43 Exchange Place

My dear Mr. Szold:-

Some time ago I requested some information from you with regards to the term of employment of Maurice Samuel with the Zionist Organization of America and the salary paid to him. I have not yet received a reply from you. Possibly you have overlooked it.

With kindest regards and best wishes  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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March 1, 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In response to your recent inquiry addressed to Mr. Szold, I can give you the following information concerning Maurice Samuel. He was in the employ of the Zionist Organization of America during the calendar year 1926, at which time he received \$150 per week. During that year he travelled extensively for the Zionist Organization, and contributed quite regularly to The New Palestine. When he travelled, he received his salary and railroad expenses and \$8 per diem for meals and other expenses. He received \$25 to \$50 for each one of his contributions to The New Palestine. In 1927 - 28 Mr. Samuel also travelled for the Organization and was paid regularly for whatever services he rendered, just as he was paid for contributions to The New Palestine. Since the close of 1928 Mr. Samuel's contributions to The New Palestine have been infrequent, but he was always paid for whatever he contributed. In 1930, following the issuance of the Passfield White Paper, Mr. Samuel wrote a pamphlet which was never published, but for which he received \$300. The lectures which Mr. Samuel delivered in 1929, in behalf of the Organization, were arranged through a lecture agency and the cost was \$75 per lecture and up. During 1930 - 31, Mr. Samuel has spoken at various times before Zionist Districts, but has not received any remuneration from the Organization (Z. O. A.)

Sincerely yours,

*A. S. Magida*  
Abram S. Magida.

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Sincerely yours,

(signed) A. S. Magida

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

Dear friend Silver:

I have not answered your communication of the 17th, for I was waiting to see just what would develop. Evidently, there is to be a general campaign of publicity. Most of the New York papers have carried reviews of Samuel's book. The New York American, under Charles Hanson Towne, carries about a half-column of the most flattering nature; the Herald Tribune in its Sunday edition carries almost a two-column article by Johan J. Smertenko in which he spills himself in praise of Samuel and this book in particular.

We already have one article in the Jewish Exponent, captioned, "Maurice Samuel Vents His Spleen", which is an attack on the book. This is an article almost a column in length, and I have on my desk this morning the Free Synagogue Weekly Bulletin, announcing that John Watersman Wise, Editor of Opinion, will speak on "Jews on Approval — Maurice Samuel Disapproves". This is to take place on Sunday, March 6th. We will have a stenographer there to get a complete report of his address.

I take it for granted that Liveright, the publisher, and Samuel, the author, are moving heaven and earth to get as much favorable publicity as is possible. I further take it for granted that rabbis, and the other English and Anglo-Jewish press will preach and carry articles either favoring or against the book.

I have just had a talk with Mr. Rittenberg and Isaac Landman in connection with your suggestion that you have written an article that he will "treasure until the day of his death." I am of the opinion that if you have already read the book, and your article covers the book as a whole, that now is the time for us to give it full play in our publication.

I am wondering how much information you have with reference to the amounts of money paid him by the Zionist Organization during the years in which he was traveling up and down the land and writing for New Palestine. If all that I hear is true, not only was he paid princely sums for his lectures and writings, but his traveling expenses would indicate that he was traveling like a prince.

There was a rumor that Dr. Louis I. Newman was to preach on this book last Sunday. Evidently, he changed his mind. Possibly there is an arrangement

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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March 2, 1932

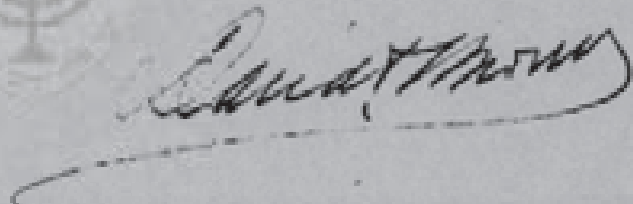
between Wise and Newman to take it up at different times so as not to get the publicity for this too close together.

I would appreciate your letting me know just what your attitude is in the matter now, so that I can make satisfactory arrangements for space, either in our issue of March 11th or March 18th.

By the way, if you haven't yet seen this book and you can't get it in Cleveland, I could arrange to send it to you from here.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely "Louis Brandeis", written over a faint background stamp that includes a menorah and the words "NEW YORK".

DAB:FA



March 2nd, 1932

Rabbi Joseph L. Fink,  
Delaware Ave.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Joe:-

I was delighted to receive your note.

I had a perfectly gorgeous time writing that reply to Samuels' attack. I think that the boy will "treasure" that answer until the day of his death.

I remain

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



Wire March 3d, 1932

Mr. David A. Brown,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

WILL SEND COPY OF ARTICLE TO YOU EARLY NEXT WEEK  
FOR PUBLICATION IN YOUR ISSUE OF MARCH EIGHTEENTH  
KINDEST REGARDS

A. H. SILVER



March 30, 1932

Mr. David A. Brown,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear David:-

I wired you this afternoon that I will send you my article early next week so that you can use it in your issue of March 18th. I think that you will like it.

I have devoted myself almost entirely to Samuel's attack on the Rabbinate and upon me and his vile onslaught upon you. The whole purpose of the book seems to have been to vent his wrath upon the two of us.

I will call the article, "Rabbi Silver answers a Zionist Carpet-bagger," with a sub-title, "Why Mr. Maurice Samuel disapproves."

If it can be arranged I should like to receive some reprints of the article - say one hundred copies.

With best wishes, I am

Yours for a good time,

AHS/IR

P.S.

I am also sending you herewith a copy of a letter which I received today from the Secretary of the Zionist Organization. This is confidential, but it will give you the story of Mr. Samuel's championing of Zionism in dollars and cents.

[March 7, 1932]

MORRIS S. LAZARON  
1914 MADISON AVENUE  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Abba,

I'm indignant at  
Samuel's remarks book.

But I ain't notice it ...

It will fail just because  
of its obvious interference  
in spite. the only

verals himself for the  
caddish end he is ..

Love  
Morris

# Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

## SYNAGOGUE BULLETIN

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 4th

AT 5.30 O'CLOCK

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 5th,

AT 10.30 O'CLOCK

RABBI LAZARON

will preach on

### COMPULSION IN RELIGION

"And they came, every one whose heart stirred  
him up, and every one whom his spirit made will-  
ing . . . "

(Ex., 35-21)

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### BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Exodus, Chapter 35, Verse 1; through Chapter 38,  
Verse 20

I Kings, Chapter 7, Verses 40 to 50



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### Of General Interest

#### A JEW ON APPROVAL

A Review of Maurice Samuel's Latest Book

As I closed Maurice Samuel's new book, "Jews On Approval," I asked myself the question: Why did he do it? Even granting him sincerity of purpose,

what good could he hope to accomplish by it?

It is perfectly true that his literary scalpel directs attention to many glaring abuses in American Jewish life. But the very Reform Rabbinate which he so intemperately excoriates has been saying the same things with equal force and with less personal vilification for years. Certainly the dismal failures of rabbinical leadership, the repulsive smugness and self-sufficiency of wealthy lay leadership are not characteristic of Jews alone. They run straight across the American scene. Which, of course, does not condone them.

I could not but think of that other Jew, Ben Hecht, who titled his book "A Jew In Love," and thus inferentially held his people to public scorn. Samuel's title and treatment label him as a "professional" Jew who, behind the front of his protestations of Jewish loyalty, has his eyes on royalties. Indeed he discloses this himself on page 52! One could accept his challenge to Jews to heed the spirit and injunctions of Jewish tradition if he himself were more observant of the admonition "Do not make the Torah a spade with which to dig." And one wonders even if there be any real Torah, any real knowledge or love of the Jewish tradition in him when one remembers the saying of Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah, "Where there is no Torah there are no manners, and without manners there is no Torah."

The personal abuse of certain rabbis and laymen, the spleen and venom which characterize Mr. Samuel's volume would be an interesting subject for the psychoanalyst. In his Semitic woodpile I look for some hidden Falasha. He rises to a shrill feminine petulance in "Jews On Approval" as he did in his "I The Jew." His words have none of that emotional circumcision to which all good writing should submit itself. One wonders if the author has not suffered intellectual castration.



"Jews On Approval" will not add to the author's reputation for scholarship or sincerity, originality or humanity. The question raised by the volume, at least to this reviewer, is not whether Jews are on approval, but whether a certain Jew—Mr. Samuel himself—is not on approval!

Morris S. Lazaron.

### SISTERHOOD

The annual Purim entertainment of the Sisterhood will take place on Monday, March 21st, at 2.30 o'clock, in the Meyer Auditorium at the Synagogue House. A three-fold program will be presented, embracing an original monologue by Miss Sally Kinsolving, a piano selection by Mrs. Joseph Schlessinger, and a presentation of Arthur Kaufman's play, "Skin Deep," which was received with such approval by the Brotherhood last year that it is being repeated at the request of the Sisterhood.

Be sure and mark this date on your calendar.

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A program of unusual interest is being presented on Monday next, March 7th, at 2.30 o'clock, by the Har Sinai Sisterhood in the Vestry Hall of their Temple at Bolton and Wilson Streets. Rev. Reuben Rinder, Cantor of Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco, will give a musical lecture. Reports having reached us of Mr. Rinder's great ability, it is with extreme pleasure that we call to your attention the kind invitation of our sister organization, with the hope that many of you will avail yourselves of the privilege offered.

### MUSIC OF THE SYNAGOGUE

On Friday evening, the famous aria "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death," by Mendelssohn, will be sung by Mr.

Howard MacCubbin, who has lately joined the tenor section of our choir.

"Ho! Everyone that Thirsteth," (Isaiah 55) for full chorus, soprano and baritone solos and organ by Abram Moses, will be the anthem on Saturday morning. Mrs. Baklor and Mr. Sildman will have the solo parts.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCUSSION GROUP

At the meeting last Sunday morning, Mr. Abram Moses, choirmaster of the Temple, presented an interesting talk on "The Jew in Music."

Next Sunday morning, Dr. E. A. Schaal, secretary of the Johns Hopkins University Y. M. C. A., will address the Group.

Dr. Schaal will present the interesting results of a questionnaire mailed to the students in practically all of the colleges in the East and designed to bring out the point of view of the students with reference to contemporary problems—industrial, political and religious. He has received extraordinarily interesting responses and, in addition to a presentation of the replies, he has grouped them on the basis of the three large religious groups, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish.

Members of the congregation will be cordially welcomed at this meeting at 11 o'clock in the Meyer Auditorium.

### OFFERINGS

At the service last Sabbath, prayers were offered in memory of:

Bernhard Edelman, by M. R. Eisenman  
Betty Frank, by Mrs. Rosa Newhoff  
Joel Gutman, by Carrie Moses  
Mollie Haas, by her children  
Carrie Hech, by Helen Hynemaa and Laura Seisner  
Simon Kann, by Mr. and Mrs. B. Bernel Burgunder  
Isaac Kaufman, by his daughter  
Jacob Kaufman, by his brothers  
William Robinson, by his children and the congregation  
Sigmund Rosenblatt, by his widow and children  
Nathan Schlöss, by the congregation

IN MEMORIAM  
JACOB GICHNER  
SIMON KANN  
MOSES J. SUMMERFIELD

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### Banner Awards

The following classes will be awarded banners for highest records in School Attendance, Temple Attendance and Punctuality during the month of February.

**School Attendance**—Grade 4B, Mr. Grossman, teacher.

**Temple Attendance**—Grade 7A, Mr. Stern, teacher.

**Punctuality**—Grade 2, Miss Fisher, teacher.

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### HaKol

The HaKol Staff has been organized and is already intent on producing a fine year book which will reflect the school activities. HaKol needs the co-operation of each child and parent to make it a success.

The Editorial Staff: Editor-in-Chief—Billy Erlanger—Literary Editors—Ann Burgunder, Bertha Levinson, Leonard Siegel—Business Manager—Paul Castelle—Assistant Business Managers—Sanford Goodman, Morris S. Lazaron Jr., Ralph Tyser.

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### High School Assembly

One of the finest programs of the year was presented to the student body of the High School Department last Sunday morning by members of the second year class. Mr. Silverman, instructor of the class, wrote four episodes based on the curriculum—History of the Jews in the United States. Each sketch was introduced by Estelle Goldberg.

The program, particularly appropriate at this season, was as follows:

#### The Savior of the Army

Haym Solomon—Morris S. Lazaron Jr.  
Mrs. Solomon—Carol Frank  
Col. Isaac Frank—Davis Halle

#### The Loyalty of the Jew

George Washington—Frank Hirschman  
Major David S. Franks—Irving Baum  
Mrs. Franks—Nancy Brager

#### Before the Farewell

Col. Solomon Bush—Robert Moses  
Major Benjamin Nones—Lester Klein  
Capt. Mordecai Sheftall—Bernard Col-  
lector

#### The Unknown Benefactor

Charles Francis Adams—Billy Erlan-  
ger  
The Unknown Jew—Paul Castelle  
Adam's Secretary—Bernard Abrams

## SYNAGOGUE HOUSE

### Happy Day Fun Dance

A dance sponsored by the Kismet and Dexter Clubs will be held in the Meyer Auditorium of the Synagogue House on Tuesday evening, March 8th for the benefit of the Happy Day Fund.

The Happy Day Fund is the charity collection of the Synagogue House.

Every club of the Synagogue House contributes to this fund, some by weekly collection and some by contributing a small percentage of weekly dues.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Club Council was held on Sunday afternoon, February 25th.

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The March number of The Scroll has gone to press and will be distributed during the coming week.

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The Sonasto Club will hold a dance at the Synagogue House on Sunday evening, March 6th.

March 4th, 1932

Mr. David A. Brown,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear David:-

Here it is. Print it as it is  
and let the fur fly.

Yours as ever,

AHS/IR

DAVID A. BROWN    :-    71 West 47th Street    :-    New York City

President and Publisher  
THE AMERICAN HEBREW

March eighth  
19    32

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

Dear Abba:

Received your little manuscript this morning, read it with interest, turned it over to Mr. Rittenberg, our Managing Editor, and it is already "in the works" and will appear in our issue of the 18th.

I take it for granted that you have read the review of this book in Opinion, which probably appeared in the issue of February 29th. James Waterman Wise, by the way, preached as I told you on this book, and I am enclosing copy of the stenographic notes of this part of his sermon.

I am still giving some thought as to how I will handle this situation. While you in spots have ridiculed him, yet on the whole you have handed him many serious body blows. If I deal with it at all, it will be altogether through ridicule. You might be interested in knowing that I have discussed this book with Arthur Hays Sulzberger of the Times. Up to the present, the Times has not reviewed the book, and I am of the opinion that if they do, it will not be at all complimentary. Should I decide to handle this situation, I will send you an advance copy of my article.

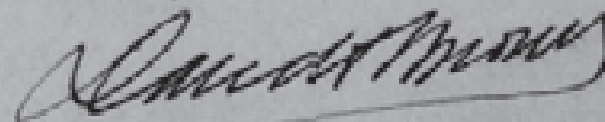
With reference to the reprints, we are ready to do one of two things: first, to send you sufficient reprints to cover your entire congregation, or, if you will let us have the names of the members of your congregation and their addresses, we will mail them from here each a marked copy of this issue of our publication, and will return the membership list to you without further use.

Just let me know which of the two will be more satisfactory to you, and we will comply with your request in the matter. The chances are that Samuel, through some of his stool-pigeons, will want to answer this article. It will be O.K. with me, and you can rest assured that you will get all the space you want.

I thought lately of following the action of Chicago's finest citizens who numbered the public enemies of that city, by beginning to number the enemies of the Jew, and I think we will call Samuel #1, or 2, or 3 -- whatever category he falls in.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,



Address by JAMES WATERMAN WISE, at the Free Synagogue, March 6, 1932

"Jews on Approval" by Maurice Samuel

I consider Jews on Approval to be the most significant book on the Jewish question in America that has yet appeared. It is the most serious study, the most careful analysis, and offers the clearest program that American Jewry can follow. It is an analysis of American Jewish life which for fearless, critical, unafraid program of Jewish activity -- by implication in part and by direct and clear statement -- is instructive and creative.

I think that not a little of the ~~great~~ significance of Jews on Approval comes from the fact that it is written by a man whose approach to Jewish life is conditioned and directed by three qualities -- knowledge of that of which he speaks, the ability to think concerning the subject, and finally love for the Jewish scene, and Jewish life, and for the people with whom he is associated.

We have many Jews who write on Jewish themes. Most of them write in the fields of pure scholarship. Most of them speak from the sanctum of the philosopher and from the study of the scholar. We have other men who think on Jewish problems, but have not the background or knowledge, nor the leadership. There are those who speak freely on Jewish news, and who know something, but think that they know more.

Samuel has all of the three necessary qualities -- he knows, thinks, loves. I say this, and I speak of the significance of Jews on Approval despite what I consider to be the vulgar publicity which has attended its publication. I believe that a



great wrong has been done to the book by the attempt to make it appear like a Winchellization of American life. Maurice Samuel, it is true, has indulged in personal criticisms, in individual strictures, which I think have neither added to the book's value nor increased its importance.

It is necessary to point out that these are not of the essence of the book, nor are those attacking passages which will delight the scandal-singers in the Jewish world. They are there for their own sake. Maurice Samuel has chosen to hold up certain figures and to pour out upon them the very full vials of his contempt in order drive home his point. He has used, for the most part, figures whom he has named to illustrate points which he makes. He has utilized them in order to clarify situations.

...

I disagree personally with a great number of the ~~written~~ critical judgments on ~~strict~~ individuals which he makes. Some of them I deeply regret. There is, for example, in the pages of JEWIS CH APPROVAL an estimate of Justice Brandeis, woefully inadequate, wholly unappreciative of certain considerations of spiritual leadership, certain facts, certain records concerning what Brandeis has brought into Jewish life by the very magic and the mystery -- almost the sublimity of his personality. There are strictures made against Mr. David A. Brown which I, for example, might consider rank flattery concerning him. There are other things with which I do not agree. I object to the fact that I, myself, have not

even been mentioned in the book. Although, reading what has happened to the Jewish figures who were mentioned, I sometimes, as I think of it, feel that perhaps I was more fortunate than neglected. These are details, and trifles, and asides in a serious, earnest attempt to pierce behind the seeming, to the reality, to the essence of the problem.

I feel that it would be an unfortunate loss, I feel that Anglo-Jewish life would be poorer, if this book of Maurice Samuel's were to be dealt with merely as a collection of unpleasant epigrams. Much of the reaction which there will be found against the book will be either an unconscious or a conscious gesture of defense and self-defense on the part of those whom Maurice Samuel rightly indicts — men who have largely betrayed and falsified and lowered the standards of Jewish life.

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This book must be regarded as what it is — namely, an earnest, incisive analysis of our Jewish problems. I have said that the book is in danger of being regarded as a personal diatribe. It is in danger of something else, and something even more important and more serious — namely, the criticism that whether ~~it~~ right or wrong, whether true or false, Maurice Samuel had no right to publish such a book. This book shows Judaism in a bad light, it holds Jews up to ridicule. These strictures take honored names and honored institutions and ruthlessly expose what is bad in them. I do not refer here to any outer censorship. No one has said this book cannot be sold. No one has said this book must not be read. It is a deeper and profounder

question, not of outer but of inner censorship which is here the question. "Granted it is true," I have heard and read in a number of periodicals and a number of sources of Jewish information, "granted it is true, he has no right to say it publicly. He has no right to wash the dirty linen of the Jews in public."

This book of Maurice Samuel's raises the question as to freedom, not of speech, but of thought. Has any man the right to speak critically, in unafraid and untrammelled style, concerning the faults and the errors of his people, when that people is — as is the Jewish people — forever before public consideration, always, so to speak, in the public eye? Is it not the part of a self-imposed duty to remain silent, or at least so to hide and so to camouflage one's criticisms that there will be no impression on the outsider?

This issue is raised by JERSE ON APPROVAL. It must be raised, and will continue to be raised, though unfortunately it is not raised often enough, until we Jews determine, once and for all, whether or not the world is to consider us as some sort of a race of goldfishes in an aquarium, to be viewed and studied. We are to live our own lives, without reference to, unafraid of, and determined by, the fear of what will be said ~~do~~ us, but rather in relation to what may be said by us concerning ourselves.

A people which dare not face its own faults, an individual who will not and ~~may~~ cannot look upon his own shortcomings, is intellectually and ~~spiritually~~ spiritually dead. Nothing could be more morbid. Nothing could be more psychopathic — I should say, psychopathic — as the state of mind of one who has permitted what the world has done to him to make his

whole sense of values, so that he will hear nothing but adulation, and whoever dares to speak to him in fashion unafraid and with voice outspoken, is looked upon as traitor to his people and to their cause. This is spiritual death. Jews, who are accused — and rightly so — of sensitivity, when it is urged that there is no right to write this book, and that there is no excuse to publish it, then sensitivity is not only a hyper-sensitivity, but hyper-~~sensitivity~~ sensitivity has degenerated into a lack of true sensitiveness. When it is impossible to listen to truths regarding oneself, then hyper-sensitivity has degenerated into an attitude of self-contempt.

The answer to whether or not it should have been written, is not only "Permit such criticisms, such analyses as is here contained, but from those who are capable of it, we demand it as the first sign of respect; we insist upon it in order that we may know what those who think, think concerning us." Jewish life still has enough strength and dignity to be able to bear the truth.

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If I were to sum up the essence of the protest which Samuel makes against the condition of Jewish life in America today, I should say that it is a protest against those qualities which since in the course of the last century has changed Jewish life from one of the most vital, most highly developed, most definitely and clearly wrought intellectual and spiritual and social entities into a colorless, vapid, meaningless imitation of the social and cultural world around it. Jews, who were once differentiated by something within, who for centuries were considered different



from the rest of the world, by virtue of the fact that their lives and minds were unique and different, this people of all people is today just as set apart, just as marked off from the rest of the world as it ever was. Jews must accept the fact of their Jewishness, whether they like it or not. There is no corresponding inner value in Jewish life. In other words, we Jews are today different, but we have lost distinction. We have become ~~xx~~ a name without a thing. The name of the Jew remains, but the life of the Jew has perished.

Samuel takes this thesis — the thesis that Jewish life has become poorer and cheaper because of the absence of ~~xxxxxxxx~~ inner contents. He touches, for example, upon the institution of charity, upon the converted values of Jewish life... Samuel takes, for example, Jewish leadership, and finds that the leadership of Jewish life in America, both within and without the ministry, may be very well intentioned. He insults them by using the phrase that they are "well-meaning." They have a general love of our people and its problems, and they are attempting to approach whatever questions arise, but he points out that there is nothing in them that can connect our problems with the problems of the history of our people. They care about the Jews, but they will not take the trouble to know about the Jews. He advises them to take teachers into their homes, to learn, to study, to know, rather than to see how they can imitate leadership of other groups in American life. They cannot solve the problem by being successful in their particular field, and then devoting one or two hours daily, or weekly, to the problems of their people. He counsels that they make it a part of the burden of their lives to study and learn. And what he ~~xx~~ says of the leadership of Jewish life is at least



as true of the masses.

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I wish I had time to read to you this morning what Samuel says about the rabbinate — how the function of the rabbi has been vulgarized and cheapened until today he is supposed to be everything from a social secretary to a radio announcer. He is supposed to follow every latest craze in all the various departments of insanity in which America/ indulges. He must participate in every activity which takes him away ~~farther~~ from the business of his calling. I believe that Maurice Samuel, who will be accused of overstatement in his strictures on some of the rabbis and on the rabbinate, as a whole may be defended by saying that he has understated this problem.

...

I know that this book will be attacked by those who will say that he does not understand the problems; he has not faced the practical difficulties of the situation.

Samuel has rendered a great service. It will be understood that it is not a wild gesture of rage on his part, but the man has seen something evil and he has spoken out against it with prophetic passion which might bring to it such men of intellectual integrity as that which Samuel displays.

I cannot this morning deal, as I would like to deal, with the other side of the picture. I cannot today cite for you at least the basis, & the elements within the creative program which Maurice Samuel lays down in this book. It is not a book primarily of criticism, or even of analysis; it attempts to erect the structure of Jewish life which will have beauty and dignity and strength. He says that there

must be no muffled Judaism in the United States.

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Samuel adds another thought — no cheap, or easy Judaism.  
No Judaism which will be merely a repetition of the words, "How proud  
I am to be a Jew", but Jewish life which will have content.



March 10th, 1932

Mr. David A. Brown,  
71 West 47th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear David:-

Thank you for your kind letter of March 8th. I am glad to know that you received the manuscript of the article and that it will appear in the issue of March 18th.

I am fully in agreement with you that the best way to handle Samuel's book is by way of ridicule. I included in my article some statements about him which needed to be told in order to give people the background for his writing.

With reference to the reprints. I do not think it would be advisable to circulate my entire congregation. The book is practically unknown in the community and I do not wish to give it publicity and sales.

I should like about one hundred copies for my personal use, to be sent to some of my friends who may not be on the mailing list of the American Hebrew.

With kindest regards and best wishes,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/TR

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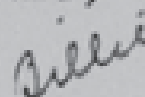
March 17, 1932.

Dear Abba:

I want you to know that I was terribly exercised to read Samuel's comments about you in his book just published. I do hope, however, that you will ignore the criticisms and not deem it necessary to come out with another statement about "the Heathens Do Rage."

I hope everyone in your family is well. With fond regards to you all,

Yours,



Rabbi A. H. Silver.



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אם אין אני לא עשוי אפס?

(If I should not plead my own cause, who should?)

And if not at the present psychological moment,

when? Rabbi Hillel in Pirke Aboth I, 14.

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Jewish Institute of Religion, New York  
City.

My dear Dr. Silver,

March 18th 32

I read for a full hour while reading your  
Anti-Samuelian Quay ego - When he published

his "You Gentiles", I gave him a piece of my mind.  
This time, you took the executioner's role  
upon you!

But now that political Zionism is dead and buried, let  
us, the 100,000, i.e. the few real scholars  
and independent thinkers and gamins, disinterested  
lovers of our people, do sth. to prevent our 4,300,000  
brethren and sisters from the fate that overcame the  
Ten Tribes of Russia.

Goldberg's diagnosis is ok; no idea persuaded the  
nihilists, and nihilists of our cause; once the soulless  
nihilists were by, the whole structure fell under the hammer.  
But - entre nous - is Am. Jew. better?  
Die Blätter fallen ab - and no Nach-  
wuchs. You, Dr. Silver, represent one of the last foot-  
hills of real is: within 15-20 years there will  
not be 50 pages in the whole U.S. and Canada.

There are plants which only grow and prosper in their native soil:  
Jewish scholarship and Jewish life belong to them: 1881, 13. Ego  
Abarnus - to quote the refrain of the famous student song.

Let us take stock! 1898-1905, I created the Encyclopaedia  
Outline of Jewish history and lit. and religion. It is now my ambition  
to compile a Biblical encyclopedia. It was a hard thing for me to  
persuade my friends of the Am. Jewish Com. here to part the hat  
around in my behalf - but what sacrifice does a scholar have to  
bring forth his eyes?!

I want to make the Bible lebensfähig for the generation  
to come, a work perennis, by summing up the whole of Biblical  
scholarship of the last 100 years. I will cut up, f. i., Genesis into  
40-50 pieces (Hebrew + Heb. Paradise Gen. I-II; Abraham - Joseph, in  
their order), so as to make the story palatable to the layman  
who can no longer stomach the whole as such.

In 1898ff, neither H.H.C. nor C.C.A.R. nor U.A.H.C.; neither  
Jew. Publ. Soc. nor Chaut. '18 gave reply. But now, at 72<sup>1/2</sup>, I believe  
I have a right to ask you and your wife for help. Once  
my eyes closed, nobody will dare tackle such a big scrap pro-  
position. My poor funds between the cemetery and the economical  
infantile paralysis which holds us all in its fatal grip (which to prece-

I will make a last attempt: ultra posse nemo finctur.  
There are even now 100 copies? in food, which, without faith, could  
in the average, 13, 1, 100 C. 10, put \$75 for 3 years, in its brutish to  
persuade to prepare the copy, now that P. A. the Millers are ready to see the  
work through the press and take charge of the sale. T. S. of N. Y. has  
\$250; P. A. Rodolph Shalom \$150 1/2? genuine don, or St. Abba Hillel  
has the floor.

Very truly Yours  
Isidor Singer

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RABBI ALEXANDER ALAN STEINBACH  
BETH EL TEMPLE

March 21st, 1932.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to thank you personally for  
the article you wrote in reply to Maurice  
Samuel's "Jews On Approval."

For a number of years it has been  
quite evident to me that Mr. Samuel was  
carrying a burden of spleen that must  
sooner or later come crashing down on his  
own head. He was always too destructive;-  
and I wondered if this form of conduct were  
not a sort of compensatory mechanism for  
his own frustrations. His "Jews On Approval"  
removes all doubt from my mind. This man, who  
seemed so promising, has become a tragic fig-  
ure in Jewish-American life. One wonders what  
he will tear down; not what he will build up.

You needed no defense against Samuel's  
tirade - in that fact the whole country will  
concur. But now that you have administered the  
spanking he so richly deserved - well, thanks!

My best wishes to you.

Very faithfully yours,

Alex. Alan Steinbach  
Norfolk, Va

AAS-M

will you please put my name on your Temple Bulletin mailing list.

[1932?]

Temple Israel

Webster Avenue at Glenmore Drive

New Rochelle, N. Y.

Mar. 22.

My dear Abba - I have just  
finished for the second time  
your delicious remarks in the  
current "American Hebrew". You

Abba S. Kuchy, Rabbi are awfully justified

in your caustic rejoinder to  
your sweet-talking critic, & you  
have rendered a real service to  
your colleagues, most of whom  
I am certain will heartily endorse  
your views.

Sincerely

(H. C.)



JACOB BILLIKOFF  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE FEDERATION OF  
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330 SOUTH NINTH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

March 22, 1942

Dear Abba:-

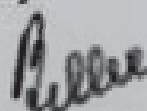
A week or ten days ago I suggested that you should ignore your critic, but now that I have read your statement in the American Hebrew, I want to congratulate you on your reply.

Horace Stern called me up last night to inquire whether I had read it. Stern despises the person in question, but he was a bit fearful that your article contained one or two references which might be considered libellous. Whereupon I told Judge Stern that I assumed you were in a position to fortify every statement you have made.

I am curious to know what comments your article has brought you.

With kindest regards, as ever,

Yours,



Rabbi Abba H. Silver

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Dear Abba:

Well, I got a great kick out of your article in the last issue of The American Hebrew. Harry Clucksman met me on Saturday and told me that the whole town is talking about it. Harry also said that one thing will stick to our friend Samuel, and that is the title of our first editorial--"The Reptilian Hiss."

Our Encyclopedia Conference here is meeting almost daily, pushing hard with the letter "A". I wish you would take up my letter of March 7th and proceed with a little action.

Last summer when you were in New Hampshire, we sent you the article ANTI-MESSIAH. You wisely returned it because you did not have access to your own library. I am sending you this article again for your scrutiny.

Do let me hear from you regarding the disposition you will make of the matters mentioned in my previous letter.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Isaac Landman

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 23d, 1932

Rabbi Alexander A. Steinbach,  
Beth El Temple,  
Norfolk, Va.

My dear Rabbi Steinbach:-

I enjoyed very much receiving your note.

It was a real pleasure for me to write my reply to Maurice Samuels' attack. I hope that it will be a signal for our colleagues to shake off the mood of defeatism under which they have been working in recent years and rise to the defense of their great calling. I have had a distinct impression in recent years that our men have been cowed by a few Jewish journalistic racketeers.

I shall be very pleased to put your name on our Temple Bulletin mailing list.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

# Hebrew Union College

Sturtevant March 24

Dear Silver:

I thank you for having sent me  
copy of the American Hebrew containing  
your masterly reply to Samuels  
vituperations. I relished the knowledge  
you administered to him. In your answer  
you were also a  $\frac{2}{3}$  of  $\frac{1}{4}$  for in his  
book he did not spare me  $\frac{1}{2}$  either  
calling him an "invention of the mind"  
and other names of unreality. His  
hugger knows no limits, verifying the  
Talmudic saying  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  of  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

With kindest regards

Cordially yours

Joe Blanton



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Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Dr. Silver:

You have by now received a letter from Mrs. Leeds, writing to you in behalf of the programme committee of the Friends General Conference. Mrs. Leeds has appealed to me to add to her word by my own humble request, bespeaking your acceptance. I am enclosing her letter, which will convey to you the strong and sincere desire to have you.

I am not foolish enough to believe that my word will add to your own decision one wit. Nevertheless, as each year goes by, we find the relationship in Philadelphia with the Friends more perfect and close, and if there is any religious body for which I have a sincere admiration, it is these Quakers, who are thoroughly consistent, and exemplary people. We work together beautifully, and I am more gratified in saying that the Good Will expression is even more on their part than it is on ours. The date alone perplexes me, as it happens to be in mid summer, and I, naturally, do not know your plans. But, if you will not mind the chutzpa of my writing, I am going to be bold enough to ask you to consider it seriously, and, if at all possible, to accept. It is a large Conference, and composed of very fine people, far above the ordinary of church gatherings, I assure you. This, too, is presumption, because I know that you understand what they mean.

You will no doubt pardon me, writing to you along these lines, but, after I tell you that I have read Maurice Samuel's book, you will forgive all inflections which appear to be presumptuous. Apparently, Mrs. Leeds has not read this book, or you would not be selected. Dr. Fineshriber and I were talking it over the other day, and he said it is purely a pathological case of a man whose eruption broke out in print, rather than in boils. I happen to have read, last night, your article in the American Hebrew, answering this book. After I tell you I am sorry you stopped at all to notice it, I want hastily to add that your reply was very much like a sickle, that cut down everything in your path, and showed the bare field to be nothing but a murky swamp, such as you pointed out. It was a convincing and strong reply. And, while you did not have to resort to any defence, at the same time you did it so perfectly that it was just as positive and constructive as it was anything else, in that you showed this gentleman up in his true colors. We have very often occasion to believe that the freedom of the press and the freedom of speech are just as much a detriment as they are advantages. If fellows like that could be suppressed, I am almost led to believe it would be a sign of wisdom. But, I personally want to thank you for what you said in behalf of the Rabbinate, particularly your younger Colleagues, who have had the temerity to look up to you as a leading light. You know full well the position you hold in our estimation, and I am happy to say it is maintained thoroughly by your own determined course of action and expression. Probably, if Samuel's book would ever reach an edition in England, he might never have written as he did. It is too bad, but I am glad that you revealed his pose as a scholar. It was most interesting to know the basis of his envious venom.

May I send you all good wishes for strength and health, together with assurances of my



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constant esteem and respect?

Please let me know what you decide about this request from the Friends. I do hope you can accept it, and will not mind me writing to you in this vein.

Very cordially yours,

*Julian B. Feibelman*

March twenty-four,

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## Temple Beth Zion

DELAWARE AVENUE  
BUFFALO

March  
Twenty Fourth  
1932

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

My dear Rabbi Silver :

I know that you will neither remember my name or face, but by way of introduction I wish to tell you that I did have the pleasure of meeting you on several occasions in Buffalo.

The object of this note, however, is to congratulate you on your superb reply to "Friend Samuel". He certainly will have something to weep about for the rest of his days, and it should serve as a lesson to others of his ilk.

With kind personal greetings  
and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Lenny Schnitman*

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MONTREAL, QUEBEC

March 24th, 1932.

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

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your answer to Samuel in the current American Hebrew, which has just come to hand, is a pip. I am taking it home to Mrs. Cohen, who runs Every Friday - and me.

Some day if you meet and have half an hour with Eisendrath have him tell you about our battle royal up here with Weisgal abetted by Samuel with "Brick" horning in occasionally and some fifty or sixty thousand dollars tossed into the pot called the Jewish Standard by a vain and domineering Toronto woman; all this for Zion.

Again, your answer was a pip.

Sincerely,

*Lea Uleh*

*May we use your  
answer to Samuel?*

*Remember Wheeling  
Gene Baer and his  
paper.*

March 24th, 1932

Rabbi Alvin S. Luchs,  
Temple Israel,  
New Rochelle, N. Y.

My dear Alvin:-

I was delighted to receive your note and to get your reaction to my article. The article seems to have created quite a furor.

I hope that it will be a signal to my colleagues throughout the country to rise in defense of their great calling. They seem to have been brow-beaten in recent years by a few Jewish journalist racketeers.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

March 24th, 1932

Mr. Jacob Billikopf,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Billie:-

Thanks very much for your letter of March 22d. It would have been a 'Hillul ha-shem' to have permitted Samuels' attack to go unanswered. I wanted to give the American Jewish public a full life-sized portrait of this fellow and I have succeeded beyond my fondest expectations. Letters are pouring in from all parts.

Landman writes me that Harry Gluckman told him that the whole town was talking about it.

One prominent New York Jew dropped me a line to tell me that he roared for a full hour when he read the article. My young Rabbinic colleagues particularly have been quick to respond to the article. Many of them have felt brow-beaten in recent years by these Jewish journalist racketeers.

Please tell Judge Stern that the statements which I made in my article I can verify. I took the trouble to check up on them before I made them.

With kindest regards and best wishes,  
I remain

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

P.S.

One letter from a colleague contained the following: "Samuels' criticism of your scholarship reminds me of a sign in front of a Yiddish theater in New York. 'Shakespeare's Hamlet - revised and improved by Chaim Cohen.'"



RABBI JULIUS RAPPAPORT  
BETH HILLEL TEMPLE  
516 60TH STREET  
KENOSHA, WISCONSIN  
March 25, 1932

Dr Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Rabbi Silver, dear friend:-

I read with a great deal of interest your article in the American Hebrew about 'Jews On Approval'. I thought you might be interested to read my review of part of the book by Rabbi Solomon Seld Goldman, and I am, therefore enclosing clipping from the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle of March 18th.

Hoing that you enjoy good health, I am

Sincerely yours

Julius Rappaport

March 25th, 1932

Miss Lenny Schnitman,  
Temple Beth Zion,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Miss Schnitman:-

I was very happy to receive your note.

It gave me real pleasure to write the  
article and I am pleased that you enjoyed it.

With kindest regards and best wishes  
and thanking you for your thoughtfulness in writing  
to me, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

March 25, 1932

THE JEWISH CRITERION  
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EDITORIAL

CHARLES H. JOSEPH

IS IT CONSISTENT?

SOME one asks us whether those who are non-Zionists in Pittsburgh should, in order to be consistent (?) refuse to honor visiting Zionist dignitaries, who may have achieved great distinction in many phases of Jewish life. It may be interesting to our correspondent to know that we put exactly that question to none other than Dr. Weizmann. He answered that one who did not approve of Zionism was assuming a proper attitude in not desiring to serve, even on a reception committee, to a Jew who came obviously on a Zionist mission. However, we, though not professing Zionism, have never felt that we compromised our conscience by taking advantage of an opportunity of meeting and eating with outstanding figures in Jewry who paid us visits in the interest of the Zionist cause. It is quite true that Pittsburgh is one of the very few Jewish communities where Reform Jews remain almost completely aloof from Zionist gatherings, formal or informal, and from Zionist leaders, local, national or international. In other words, there seems to prevail in such centers as New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Boston, Detroit and many others, a much more sympathetic attitude on the part of the so-called "Temple" Jews toward Palestine restoration than in Pittsburgh. Here, about the only phase of Palestinian enterprise that meets with some support from non-Zionists is the Hadassah movement. This is obviously such a humanitarian work that even the hardest boiled "antis" subordinate their prejudices or their convictions in the interest of health-welfare for the Jews and Arabs of Palestine.

It is quite natural that the pew should take its cue from the pulpit. Of course, this is not always the case, but in the main one finds that the pulpit does most of the THINKING for the pew. We find in some cities that the rabbis of Reform congregations are sympathetic to the Zionist cause, and as a result a great many members of their congregations, while perhaps not Zionists in the full meaning of the term, show a willingness to cooperate in some phases of Palestinian work. We have believed that there were some points of contact between Zionist and non-Zionist and that the latter could view quite sympathetically the effort to make Palestine habitable for those Jews who desired to live there. It seems to us there can be no valid objection to any Jews cooperating to the extent of trying to make Palestine a decent and a safe place for his brethren to live in. Perhaps some of us are too stiff-necked in our relations with our Zionist brethren.

HYMAN ROGAL

WE received a communication the other day asking us to do honor to Hyman Rogal. Who is Hyman Rogal? The man who has so completely consecrated himself to the task of trying to help the "Y" balance its budget through an intensive campaign of "reclaiming" memberships, that he won the unstinted praise and esteem of his fellows. And how do they want to honor him? By giving him a dinner? Presenting him with a medal? Handing him an engrossed resolution? No, none of these empty gestures, but by GETTING ENOUGH OF THE FORMER MEMBERS TO REINSTATE THEIR MEMBERSHIPS in the "Y" to enable that organization to function without financial headaches. In other words, the slogan seems to be "Do it for Hyman Rogal!"

RABBI SILVER REPLIES

WE are in receipt of a marked copy of the "American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune" of New York, referring to a reply by Rabbi Abba Silver of Cleveland to an attack made upon him by Maurice Samuel in his book, "Jews on Approval." We are sorry that Dr. Silver dignified Samuel's statements by answering them. Rabbi Abba H. Silver is too well known to world Jewry, and he enjoys a reputation that no amount of mud slinging, even from such a distinguished source as Maurice Samuel, can have the slightest possible effect. Dr. Silver is a scholar of the first order, and a pulpiteer second to none in the whole world of Jewry. It is really an insult to the intelligence of any thinking Jew for us to elaborate upon the splendid qualities of Dr. Silver. We know from experience how difficult it is to remain silent under a public attack, yet we have found it to be an advantage to pursue that course. For example, it serves no good purpose and merely advertises Samuel's book when Dr. Silver makes a statement such as this:

"Mr. Samuel does not like my oratory. He does not like my scholarship. He does not like my book. He does not like my Zionism. He does not even like my salary. Had he expressed an additional dislike for my pompadour and my neck-ties the catalogue would have been complete. In fact from reading this book I received a distinct impression that Mr. Samuel does not like me . . ."

"Why doesn't Mr. Samuel like me? That is an interesting question. There are other rabbis in the country whose oratory is quite as bad as mine, whose scholarship is quite as 'thin,' whose books are quite as 'unintelligible' (though not quite as extensively read), whose salaries are quite as large and whose prosperity is quite as 'thick.' Why did Mr. Samuel single me out for this Tatar 'mi sheberach' of his?"

The sad tale must now be told, gentle reader. When Mr. Samuel was an employee of the Zionist Organization of America, drawing a salary of \$7,500 a year (plus railroad and traveling expenses, plus extra compensation for every article contributed to 'The New Palestine'), for making speeches and otherwise sacrificing himself for the cause, I suggested that his salary should be reduced, inasmuch as the Organization was operating at a tremendous deficit. This Mr. Samuel has never forgiven me. It has been 'burning him up.' For some years now he has been going the rounds of towns and kibbitzaries like a poor mongrel sniffing for scraps of scandal, malicious wise-cracks and derisive words, waiting for a day of reckoning. His baffled wrath has now found vent in a pasquinade, written with the deft skill of a longshoreman and with the breeding of a—Samuel.

"Any man who, like myself, has been in active public life for more than a decade and a half will accumulate enough enemies to last him a life-time. I have my share of them. But Mr. Samuel has been among my most persistent and virulent enemies, goaded on by a hate—and a jealousy—quite pathological. Whenever I have a controversy with a man in public life, Mr. Samuel promptly injects himself into the scene, an uninvited combatant. Wherever there is a circle where his particular brand of anti-Silveriana would be welcome, he is on hand with his little bucket . . ."

Now we have no quarrel with Dr. Silver with writing the foregoing, except that we think it was quite unnecessary. But we regret that in his desire to hit Samuel as hard as he could he brought Dr. Wise's name in in this fashion:

"One cannot really quarrel with Mr. Samuel's tastes in oratory. 'Chasen a son gout.' He does not like my style of speaking? Niche! He thinks that I am the nearest rival to Dr. Stephen Wise, 'who at his best, leaves Silver,—nowhere.' Well, that should be very comforting to Dr. Wise and should make Mr. Samuel's job as contributing editor to the magazine edited by Dr. Wise's son more secure and more remunerative. But for the sake of 'historical accuracy'—as my old, beloved professor, Dr. Gotthard Deutsch, used to say—and for the enlightenment of generations yet unborn, I must record the sad fact that I have never studied elocution. I regret that I didn't. Perhaps it is not too late. Perhaps Mr. Samuel would undertake to teach me . . ."

We are not so much interested in what Mr. Samuel has to say about Dr. Silver's oratory, but we do know that Dr. Stephen Wise believes that as an orator Dr. Silver has no peer, and he has so expressed himself to us. That's why we felt a bit uncomfortable when we read that "dig" about the magazine edited by Dr. Wise's son. All this sort of thing makes a holiday for the "kibitzer," who delights to see ill-feeling expressed in print. In the meantime, Dr. Silver need not concern himself about such criticism as Samuel's. He can easily afford to brush it aside.



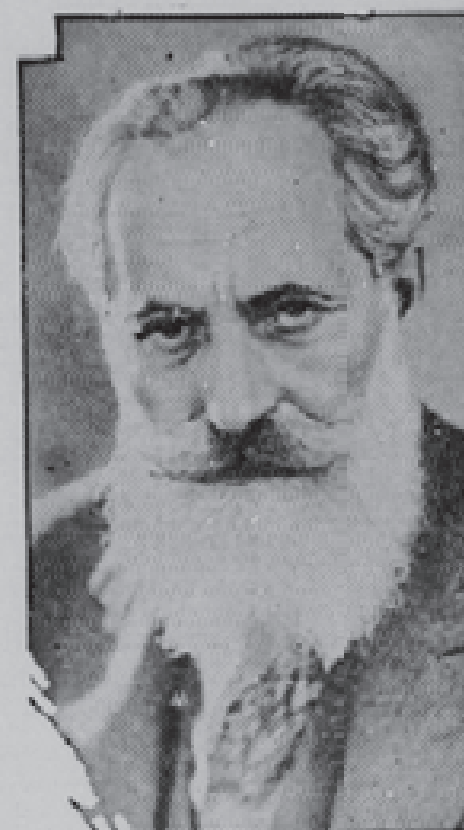
# More Than A Humanist-- A Pioneer

Reuben Brainin Seen Through Gentile Eyes

By PIERRE VAN PAASSEN

REUBEN BRAININ'S SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY will be celebrated on April second at a public testimonial reception in New York. The writer of this tribute is the noted foreign correspondent who just concluded a five weeks' visit to this country. Van Paassen's views and analyses are interesting. They express the opinion of an unprejudiced and objective observer of contemporary Jewish life.

—THE ELITOR.



Reuben Brainin

SMOULDERING black eyes lit up by a mystic flame; jet-colored hair falling on his shoulders in broad curls; delicately chiseled features as if cut out of fine old ivory; a majestic bearing accompanied by calm, aristocratic gestures; a deep basso voice that vibrates softly in echo to a ceaseless spiritual activity—there you have the Reuben Brainin of forty years ago as he emerged from the Russian ghetto and startled the Jewish world by breaking with the old traditions in writing Hebrew literature in the modern European manner. Up to that time Hebrew literature was written, to be sure, but it was not intended to say anything. Brainin as one of the leaders of a new school blew the breath of life into it. For the first time the Jews of Eastern Europe were hearing metaphysical problems discussed in Hebrew. Brainin launched into dissertations on the judicial and social questions of the day in a language that was considered here too sacred as a vehicle for profane matters, there philologically unsuitable for adaptation to modern life. Hebrew was, as Renan had said, never to be a language for every-day use, but the sole instrument of expression for the fantastic visions of the ancient Prophets. Up to the time of Brainin's advent, the Hebrew language as well as spiritual life in the Jewish world moved wholly in the ether. It is his achievement and the achievement of the men of the new school of Hebrew literature, of which Nahum Sokolow is the only other survivor to-day, that he brought Hebrew out of the ether back down to earth.

The revival of the Hebrew language was an act of revolutionary import. When Reuben Brainin and a handful of friends boldly swung the still feeble bark of the sacred tongue upon the stream of modern life, the Jews were at first bewildered by the spectacle. They blinked at the amazing innovation. Fierce opposition developed. The religionists screamed sacrilege in hysterical alarm. The assimilationists sneered in cynical aloofness, dubbing

Brainin's venture the brainstorm of a fool. Yet he has lived to see the day when modern Hebrew became the official language of Palestine. He has lived to see Nietzsche and Goethe, Einstein and Freud, Barbusse and Trotsky, Unamuno and Brandes translated into Hebrew and scores of periodicals and publications, some of them of the most intricate technical nature, appear in the Hebrew language. He could say in truth that when he was young the Hebrew language appeared like an old man whose days were spent, who was resting by the wayside, and now that he himself has come to the eventide of life, the Hebrew language has renewed its youth like an eagle which is testing the strength of its wings on a sun-drenched morning in May and filling its lungs with the pure air of a new life.

Some may think that Reuben Brainin is to-day a lonely figure. For the last couple of years he has remained almost silent. Yet his silence has spoken loudly and clearly to thousands, nay, hundreds of thousands of young Jews who are groping towards a solution of the Jewish problem. These followers of Brainin are quietly mobilizing, struggling to free themselves of the narrow concepts of a petty nationalism—or, rather, chauvinism—into which some leaders, young and old, are trying to force them. Just as Romain Rolland, the great solitary conscience of Europe, is to the ethical intellectual the light-house whose mere

existence now shows the path, so Reuben Brainin has emerged stronger and a sublime personality from the intolerant barking under which small politicians have tried to bury him. To me, contemplating the Jewish scene from a distance, Reuben Brainin is a lonely figure. Mountain peaks are solitary landmarks in any landscapes. Few people can stand the pure, rarified air on a high altitude.

In the eventide of life Reuben Brainin remembers the struggles he has witnessed. He has seen ideas succeed ideas most directly opposed to them—reaction follow action: democracy autocracy; socialism individualism. To Reuben Brainin belongs the honor of having understood each generation and of having retained a bitter admiration for the undying faith of humanity even when each generation consumed in its own heat, believing it alone had reached the zenith, hurled its predecessors down, took unto itself all the glory, only to be smitten again by those who came pressing on behind.

It is an outrageous calumny to say of Reuben Brainin that he has deserted the cause of the Jewish people as expressed in Zionism by recognizing

the value of the Russian experiment. He remains a nationalist Jew. But to him nationalism means: first the people, and then the land, and not reversely. This view permits, at least, of tranquil discussion, and only those who are blinded by Europe's hereditary malady of chauvinism, men who do not respond to the ideals of tomorrow but whose entire orientation is directed toward the past, will persist in condemning Reuben Brainin's stand. At a moment in life when most men petrify and become dead-set in their notions, Brainin retained that



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March 28th, 1932

Rabbi Julian B. Feibelman,  
1717 N. Broad St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Feibelman:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter  
of March 24th.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter  
which I sent this morning to Mrs. Leeds. I regret exceedingly  
that I can not accept the invitation of the "Friends" to  
address their meeting.

I was gratified to receive your reaction to  
my article on Samuels. I have been delighted with the  
response to the article which I have been receiving from  
many of my colleagues, particularly the younger men through-  
out the country.

While I was, of course, urged on to write the  
article by a sense of personal irritation, I had in mind also  
the larger issue. In the last few years a group of un-  
informed journalistic free lancers have been disporting  
themselves in the Jewish press attacking the Reform Jewish  
Rabbinate viciously and unfairly and our men seem to have  
been brow-beaten by this attack. I hope that they will now  
find courage to rise in defense of their great calling and  
drive these little "foxes out of the vineyard."

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit  
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



March 28th, 1932

Rabbi Julius Rappaport,  
516 -60th St.,  
Kenosha, Wis.

My dear Rabbi Rappaport:-

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness  
in sending me a copy of your review. I read it with a  
great deal of interest.

The gentleman in question is laboring under  
the delusion that he is a scholar.

I trust that I will have the pleasure of  
seeing you at the Rabbinical Conference in June.

With kindest regards and best wishes,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

# Washington Avenue Temple

Sixth Street and Washington Ave.

Evansville, Ind.

J. H. SKIRBALL, Rabbi

March 28, 1932

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
105 Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:-

I had not intended reading "Jews on Approval" until I got the marked copy of the American Hebrew. I have just finished reading the book and as soon as I get thru writing this letter I am going into the bathroom and take the bottle of Lysol, dump it into the water and take a good hot bath because I feel contaminated by having come in contact with so filthy a thing.

As I read the chapter about you, it struck me as highly amusing after all. You have enough faults that anybody that knows you could pick out some things that were really true. The absurdity of the chapter is that for anyone ~~that~~ knows you, every single statement is false. I wish in your reply that you had made the statement that possibly the reason Mr. Samuels hates you so much, outside of the ones ~~you~~ gave, is that you get what he would like to receive for a lecture. I have never yet been offered ~~nothing~~ Samuels for nothing because of his love of the cause.

I have always felt, as you know that you are too big a man to reply to such mud-slingers as were employed by the Menorah. In this case, however, I feel that you were absolutely justified in your reply and I want to tell you that it was very, very well done. I am too upset over the chapter to comment any more on it and I am sure that because of its absurdity you are not taking it seriously.

I want to get home within the next three or four weeks and want to have a good long talk with you. There is something on my mind that requires talking over and I would like to get your reaction. I have had a very nice year considering the fact that our town has been tremendously hard hit. The spirit has been very good, however, but the outlook for the future is rather sombre.

Give my best to Virginia, a kiss to the children from their Uncle Jack and kindest regards to you. As ever

Faithfully,  
*Jack*

P.S. You knew you are a deceitful sort of a guy. I always felt that if there was one man to whom you showed your true self it was I. I have seen you dunking schnecken, gamble at dominoes, play the slot machine but your embracing of blondes you have kept from me. Oh woe is me! I am undone.

March 28th, 1932

Mr. George U. Cohen,  
Canadian Jewish Review,  
614 St. James St.,  
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Mr. Cohen:-

Thank you for your very nice letter  
of March 24th.

You may, of course, reprint the article  
"Rabbi Silver Answers a Zionist Carpet-Bagger" in part  
or in whole provided, of course, you give credit to the  
American Hebrew where it first appeared.

I know something of the Jewish Standard  
and of the people back of it. I have followed its rise  
and fall with considerable interest.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Rabbi Samuel S. Cohon  
Professor of Jewish Theology  
Hebrew Union College

201 Hearne Avenue, Avondale  
Cincinnati - Ohio

March 28, 1932

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend: -

Thank you for the copy of the American Hebrew,  
containing your reply to Samuel & Co. Having used  
for your motto, on two previous occasions, the  
Hebrew phrase *אין אדם יודע*, you will now permit me to  
use one: *אין אדם יודע*. Though generally opposed to  
public polemics, I feel that now, at when you  
denounced the Miners' gang, you have rendered  
a service to the rabbinate at a whole by your  
felicitous and forceful answer. More power to you!  
With cordial greetings from house to house,  
I am

Faithfully Yours,

Samuel S. Cohon

RABBI HENRY J. BERKOWITZ  
CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL  
Thirteenth and Main Streets  
PORTLAND, OREGON

March 28, 1932.

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

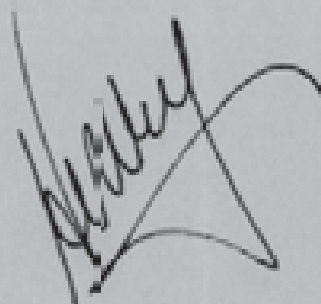
My gratitude to you for your reply to Maurice Samuel knows no bounds. You gave him the most de luxe makkos I ever read, and the shouts of delight which I set up away out here must have been audible all the way back to Cleveland. It was time somebody came out and told that whole bunch just what they are, and it took old Abba to do it.

I have not yet read the book "Jews on Approval". Such things get out here slowly, but your article told the story and gave the only possible answer.

I wish at the same time you had taken a good sock at the Gath Column of Newman's. That needs also to receive a touch of high life such as you gave Samuel. I hope Maurice answers you, so you get a chance to sock back even harder. His criticisms of you remind me of the story of the flea that tried to bite the elephant. The pachyderm turned a pitying eye on the flea and said, "Say, who you shovin'?"

Seriously, you have rendered the Rabbis a real service, and again my grateful thanks.

Cordially yours,



HJB:GL



*The Congregation Emanu-El*  
*Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street*  
*San Francisco*

IRVING FREDERICK REICHERT  
RABBI

March 28, 1932.

Dear Abe:

I could hug you for your reply to Maurice Samuel. Voltaire and Swift must be sitting up in their graves and chuckling.

Once we had an untrained puppy dog who insisted on intruding himself into the living room and making a mess. He could only be broken of the habit by rubbing his nose in his own filth and throwing him out. Many thanks for administering that treatment to Maurice Samuel.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Irving.*

IFR:HS

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th. Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

*Perhaps I should apologize for the unesthetic analogy, but the parallel is so apposite I couldn't resist it.*

[ March? 1932 ]

## Temple Beth Zion

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Dear friend:-

Congratulations! I waited for your answer to Samuel and was not disappointed. I disagree in a few points. The book is justified in that it motivated you to write that wonderful exposure of the man who writes with the art of a cook and the delicacy of a mouse. The book is a little harsh.

More power to you!

Sam  
Joe

Samuel's criticism of your scholarship reminds me of a sign in front of a yiddish theatre in New York. "Shakespeare's Hamlet - revised and improved by Chaim Cohen."

# Hitlerism Stalks Germany

The Nazi Menace, With Its Anti-Jewish Propaganda, Jeopardizes Peace of the World—Nefarious Jew-Baiting Posters Revealed in Illustrations

By ABE ALLEN



TALMUD:

RABBI MAIMONIDES, genannt der Älter der Synagoge, sagt: Gott hat uns befohlen von den Götzen zu leben und sie zu vernichten. (Maimonides)

Gott gab den Juden alle Macht und das Leben aller Völker in ihre Gewalt.

RABBI MAIMONIDES SAYS:

"GOD COMMANDED US TO EXACT INTEREST FROM THE CHRISTIAN AND TO DESTROY HIM."

THE Hitler bogey continues to stalk Germany. The Teutonic madman with the Chaplinesque moustache, has thrived on the empty stomachs of his left-ridden compatriots. He has outgrown his role as the buffoon of the European political stage and is momentarily expected to make a triumphal march to power at the head of his swelling hosts. Hackenkreuzler Don Quixote has attracted millions of zealous followers in his crusade against the alleged enemies of German race purity, the source of all earthly trouble, "the plastic demon of the decline of mankind"—the Jew. The account of Germany's liberation must be written in the blood of its Jews. This, Adolph has decreed as the *sine qua non* of Hitlerism.

With his emergence from political inconsequence to a position of affluence as the leader of the second most powerful party in the Fatherland, Hitler's importance as a factor in Germany's future must not be underestimated. The probability of a Nazi coup within the near future, with Herr Hitler riding imperiously in the saddle, is admitted by "Nordicus" in "Hitlerism, the Iron Fist of Germany" (Mohawk Press), a careful study of the National Socialist party's program. Pointing out that the 1931 Reichstag elections show an increase of 45 per cent over the elections of only one year previous, the author concludes: "Indications point to the fact that the blatant little Austrian is due soon for a chance at power. The Hitler movement is growing into a landslide, rising more quickly perhaps than

German Minister of Interior Informed by Jewish Leaders of Hitlerite Menace

OFFICIAL representatives of the Jewish community of Berlin called, this week, on Herr Groener, Minister of Interior, to protest against Hitlerite agitation against the Jews of Germany. After describing a number of cases of these Nazi practices, they said that tolerance by the government of unrestrained agitation against a religious minority might seriously jeopardize order within the country and impair German prestige abroad.

General Groener outlined his policy and, when leaving the conference, the members of the Jewish committee expressed their conviction that the government condemned Nazi attacks on Jews and was determined to protect the constitutional rights of all German citizens, regardless of religion, by all constitutional means.

any other political party in the history of Germany. This mixture of magnetic personality, promises of a glorious future, unstinted glorification of the German race, and convincing political gains have quickened the German pulse. Nazi visions of a pure race have stiffened the backbone of a people whose pride suffered a dizzy fall after 1918. The attitude seems to be: "What's the use?"

The imminence of Hitler's rise to power, hangs like the sword of Damocles over the heads of Germany's Jews. Faced with a threat more serious than any either they or their forebears had experienced, the Jews of the Reich have naturally become panicky. Whatever the uncertainty in its political program,



Wieso müssen die Leute so arbeiten?

Damit wir zu leben haben! — — —

SON: Father! Why are the people working so hard?

FATHER: So that we may live!



„Bauer! Der Jude treibt Dich von Haus und Hof“

FARMER! The Jew is driving you from home and land!

Hitlerism leaves no room for doubt as far as its attitude toward the Jews is concerned. The Jews must cease to be a factor in German life. Whether by death or expulsion, they must be eliminated. Thousands of Jewish families, many of whom had become thoroughly acclimatized to the land of their residence, have already begun to emigrate to neighboring countries. Others are preparing to take up the staff and follow their brothers God knows where. The large mass of Jews, impelled by the serious menace to their existence, have for the first time organized into a single united front.

Divergent groups have forgotten their differences in the gravity of the situation confronting them. A protectorate of all the Prussian Jewish communities was formed with the participation of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith, the Zionist Organization, the B'nai Brith, the Women's Union and the various Jewish Relief organizations. A committee representing these organizations will be entrusted with the planning of ways and means of combating the economic boycott initiated by the Hitlerites and of securing the continued existence of the German Jewish community. A Reich's committee of 13 has also been formed to collaborate with the Central Union, for the protection of Jews. The formation of these committees is regarded as an indication of the fact that Jews no longer doubt the probability of a Hitler regime.

They are aware that the advent of Hitlerism will be the signal for the release of the pent-up hatred that surges in every loyal Nazi breast. The return of Germany to imperial eminence is conditioned upon the rapidity with which the Jews are dispatched. This is the key to the solution of Germany's problems, the red herring by means of which millions of desperate, unreasoning Prussians were rallied round the swastika. Imbued with the fanaticism of people fighting for dear life, for God, and for country they will fall upon the Jew as the first taste of power.

Already, in anticipation of their ascension, they have precipitated numerous attacks upon Jews and have launched an economic boycott that has made itself felt in all parts of the country. Department stores and other commercial establishments conducted by Jews have been exposed to the vandalism of frenzied Berlin mobs. Jewish university students have been assaulted, driven from classes and in some cases critically injured. The inability of university officials and the police to check periodic anti-Semitic outbursts have resulted in the closing of Berlin University, twice in less than two weeks. The University was closed last week for an indefinite period following a renewed attack (Continued on page 356)



# Jewish Novels—Jewish Press—Jewish Things—Jews!

A Sick Room Causerie From the Pen of a Keen-Eyed and Outspoken Observer

By A. H. FROMENSON

SIX months on my back have given me ample opportunity to read—if nothing else. And what I have read—thanks to my own library and thanks to my many friends who have sought by bringing me books to cheer the bleak monotony of my compulsory idleness. Scores of books, including novels by Jews about Jews.

Almost I wish that my friends had forgotten my interest in Jewish things and refrained from supplying me with most of the recent novels by Jews about Jews. On my shelves are an abundance of books about Jews written by Jews, many made available by the Jewish Publication Society (inventor of the "book-of-the-month" idea) during the period when Henrietta Szold was its secretary. But not one—not a single one—of the new novels about Jews by Jews that I have read during my illness has been given place on my book shelves. They have gone into the incinerator.

What strange creatures those Jews are who leer out of these mental abortions. Such Jews do not exist except in the purient minds of those sailors' lights-of-love who procreated them. And that is why they are all abortions—why none of them come to life like Zangwill's "Reb Shmuel" for example, or even his Melchizedek Pinchus, and each remains a flat, black silhouette. They are bogeymen who might have been invented by Hitler's press-bureau. That such books are written at all by Jews about Jews is the Jews' own fault. The Jews have only themselves to blame if their own sons and daughters hold them up to the world's scorn as lewd, lascivious vulgarities. They have only themselves to blame if in their wrath and despair so many of their children have discarded the Fifth Commandment and now malign and slander their very parents to an extent that few anti-Semites would dare.

THEY—the Jews themselves—are to blame if what is written by Jewish so-called novelists is of a character to justify the Hitlerite project of sterilization. It is their shame that books about Jews of the kind that crowd my bookshelves, those generous founts of inspiration and pride that more than a quarter-century ago taught me Jewish self-reverence, should today go unread by Jews. It is their shame that there has not been a Jewish "best seller" since "Children of the Ghetto," though any number of splendid novels and plays about Jews have been written by gifted Jews during the intervening years. And by non-Jews, also. (Palliere's "Unknown Sanctuary," Londres' "The Jew Goes Home," and Lewis Wallis' "By the Water of Babylon" are financial failures.) Practically every worthwhile literary effort by Jews about Jews during the past decade—has been a financial failure. And that applies as well to the stage and the screen.

Jews won't read about themselves. Jews won't go to see a worthwhile play about Jews. I think it is truer about Jews than about most other people that they do not encourage their own writers and artists. That has become axiomatic in publishing circles. Pretty soon the fact that a proffered manuscript is by a Jew about Jews will close the doors of all the publishing houses to it. Unless it is anti-Semitic, or reeking with sex. Then it may have a chance—that is, the literary prostitute who authors it may make some money—have his cakes and ale, successfully barter his heritage.

NO, the Jews will not read anything worth while about themselves any more—so far have they sunk in the morass of materialism (that same materialism which in this hour of greatest Jewish need has caused them to abandon their synagogues and their community centers and even the ideal of the Land of Israel Rebuilt). And that explains why first-class Jewish writing talent has—with one or two notable exceptions—entirely abandoned the Jewish milieu, and left it to the prostitutes who substitute smut for the spiritual beauty of the Sabbath candles. Even the struggles of the Palestine Chalmers have been reduced to a study in disenchantment, and the men who have given of themselves endlessly to efforts to saving their people from disease, from economic decadence and death have been lampooned as egregious, vulgar braggarts and unrestrained lechers. Smut, chutzpah and lampoonery—the tearing down of Jewish character, Jewish ideals and Jewish aspirations, the derision of Jewish service, the attribution of ulterior motives by those who would serve Jewish causes—these are their stock-in-trade.

But, even these extremes have not helped. The comfort is that all of these books have

utterly failed financially, and if there are any more being written (there are rumors abroad of a new "astigatory" book by an allegedly "nationalist" Jew whose lecture tour has been a "flop"), they too, will fail. That thought would be a comfort if only the worthwhile things that are being written by Jews about Jews would be read by Jews.

But they won't be. One gets the decided impression that Israel is abandoning its tents. In this country, at any rate. Otherwise, would it be possible for the American Jewish press to have to struggle so bitterly for its ever precarious existence? This is true of the Yiddish dailies as well as the Anglo-Jewish weeklies and the Hebrew language publications.

THE old *Tageblatt* and the *Yiddish Gazetten* are hardly memories any longer. *The Jewish Tribune*, just absorbed by THE AMERICAN HEBREW, that symbolized a fine type of filial devotion, has been allowed to suspend publication. Yet there are enough Jews in this country who, if they really cared about developing a Jewish culture, not merely talked about it, who if they really wanted to encourage Jewish talent, could give such patronage to Jewish periodicals, whether English or Yiddish or Hebrew, as to have caused the flowering in this country of a Jewish press and Jewish literature which would have been a source of high pride and inspiration—would have been a source of strength to us in this hour of direst Jewish need when the whole world seems bent on our destruction. But writers must live, and that they shall be enabled to live, publishers must be prosperous. But if the publishers of Jewish periodicals or books by Jews about Jews are to prosper, Jews must read worthwhile things about themselves, subscribe for Jewish periodicals and advertise in them, and buy the books in large quantities.

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Many other thoughts press for utterance—thoughts on Jewish subjects I have pondered during the long period of my compulsory inactivity. But the little treasure of energy that, during these dreary months, I have again accumulated must still be sedulously guarded against dissipation.

And so—hopeful, at last, of renewed health, and hopeful, too, that the opportunity and strength will be granted me soon to discuss these subjects, I obey the mandate of my wife-nurse that I put aside pencil and paper at this point.



Louis Lipsky

## Lipsky Administrative Chairman of Palestine Drive

LOUIS LIPSKY, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, has been elected chairman of the Administrative Committee of the American Palestine Campaign, the fund-raising instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

In a statement issued in connection with the news of the election, Mr. Lipsky emphasized that he shared authority and responsibility with his five associates, Judge William M. Lewis, of Philadelphia, James Marshall and Morris Rothenberg, of New York, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, and Nathan Straus, Jr., of New York.

The work of organizing campaigns will be entrusted to an Executive Committee of nine which, with Mr. Lipsky at the head, consists of: Judge William M. Lewis, Morris Roth-

enberg, Robert Szold, Abraham Liebovitz, Mrs. Judith Epstein, Nelson Rittenberg, Harry Glucksman and Dr. Solomon Lowenstein.

Mr. Lipsky issued the following statement: "It is gratifying to the friends of Palestine to know that associated in the leadership of the campaign are distinguished figures, each of whom has demonstrated his devotion to the upbuilding of the Jewish national home and has facilitated the progress of our work through the moral and material support which he has enlisted among American Jews."

"The depression is bound to test the quality of the Jews of America. They will go through the test with flying colors, I am sure. They will rally to the support of the Jewish homeland which represents the foundation upon which a future for the Jewish people may be built. In spite of financial difficulties, they will not allow that great enterprise to falter or break."

Copy

April 3d, 1932

From letter of Dr. Jacob Mann,  
671 Cholson Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Please accept my sincere thanks for kindly sending me a copy of the American Hebrew containing your spirited answer to a "Zionist Carpet-Bagger". Needless to say that I have enjoyed it immensely. (Hebrew) for exposing the charlatanism of the so-called 'intelligentsia.' They fully deserved the castigation administered to them. Is it too much to hope that they will learn how to behave after this spanking?





DAVID A. BROWN    :-    71 West 47th Street    :-    New York City

President and Publisher  
THE AMERICAN HEBREW

April 6th, 1932

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

Dear friend Silver:

I, too, regret that I was not in the office when you were here. I have an unusually busy day of it, trying to cover my several offices and keep in touch with those many activities with which I am associated. I try to give the publication the very early part of the morning and the last part of the afternoon. In between, I try to make a living.

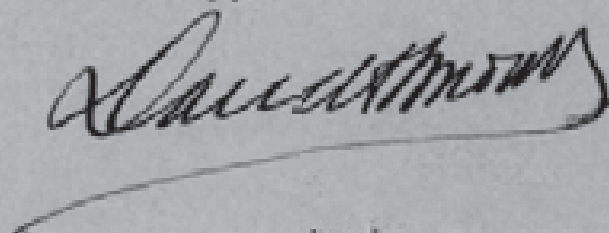
Touching on the post-script of your letter, this is what happened: At a press meeting to honor Sokolow, a few of the Jewish writers tried to get me to commit myself on the Samuel book and on Samuel himself. Not for publication, I told them a few things, and one of them asked me, if an answer were made to your article, would we publish it? I told them we would be glad to publish any article by a responsible person, even though that person might be a friend of Samuel.

Up to the present, all we have had is a threat that an article was to be sent in by Brainin, of the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate, which has not made its appearance up to the present moment. The chances are, we will not publish it when it does come in. Brainin, as I understand it, has been carrying on publicity through the Jewish press for Samuel, and I wouldn't trust that fellow any further than I can throw the Empire State Building.

I read the interesting letters which you have received, and it is very evident that your friends were very happy at the manner in which you dressed this gentleman down. I haven't run across him yet, but there is a fair chance of my doing so at a dinner next Sunday night given by the Jewish Writers' Club, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Jewish literary effort in this country. I am looking forward to this meeting. Just how I will handle the situation will depend on the circumstances.

All is well with me and mine. With best wishes to yourself and your good wife,

Sincerely,



April 8th, 1932

Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz,  
Portland, Ore.

My dear Henry:-

I was very happy to receive your note  
of March 28th.

I have had many gratifying responses  
to my article in the American Hebrew. Many of our  
younger friends in the ministry who have previously  
been ~~high~~-beaten by these journalistic quacks seem  
to have received new courage from my counter attack.

What you say about the gentleman who  
writes the 'Gas Column' is quite true. Some day he  
will get his dressing down.

I plan to be on the Pacific Coast the  
latter part of July. I have been invited to address  
the International Recreation Congress at Los Angeles  
in connection with the Olympic Games on July 24th.  
I do hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing  
you then.

With best wishes to your dear wife  
in which Virginia joins me, I remain

As ever yours,

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Jewish pupils in the secondary schools.

### SILVER DEMANDS FEDERAL RELIEF

Cleveland, O.—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, taking issue with local leaders, has declared that private and State unemployment relief efforts have failed and asserts that Federal Government must step in at once with aid. Rabbi Silver was ~~recently~~ charged by Maurice Samuel in his "Jews on Approval" as ~~never~~ raising his voice in public issues.

*Yankee Times*  
[Apr: 19: 1942]  
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of Religious Schools crowded to overflowing, and of growing children being instructed week after week in the fundamentals of their faith, in the beauty of their language and literature, in all the glories of their history, and in the thrilling events of their destiny past and present; in the face of swarming Talmud Torahs and a host of fervid Jewish societies, philanthropic and fraternal; Councils of Women, Bnai Brith, Y.M.H.A.'s; in the face of all this we read in one of our Canadian contemporaries the following commentary on our domestic scene: "... the Zionist Movement is the only really vital and dynamic force in Canadian Jewish life." Rather an extravagant and seemingly exaggerated deprecation of the earnest efforts of hundreds of loyal and fine spirited Jews who are laboring indefatigably in other Jewish causes: Synagogal, Communal, Charitable, Educational.

What a tragedy, if true. Especially in the light of a more realistic editorial which appeared in the following issue of the selfsame publication wherein we read these somewhat contradictory statements which come from one most closely and intimately conversant with the activities of the Zionist Movement in Canada: "The silence of Zionist activities in Toronto is almost deafening." And Toronto, we must remember, is perhaps the most Zionist center upon this entire continent. The editorial continues: "Winter is over, Spring is on our door step; summer is not far off, and Toronto's 1932 Zionist record so far as we know is still blank." (italics, ours.)

If this be the "only really vital and dynamic force in Canadian Jewish life" — oh, Apathy, where is thy sting? Evidently there is something wrong somewhere with this picture.

### WHO IS THE GOOD JEW?

For centuries now, our thinkers, among the great and the humble, have striven for a comprehensive and satisfactory definition of a good Jew. Who really is "ein guter Jud"? Is he one whose piety is most rigid; who is most punctilious about every jot and tittle of the Torah? Or is he one who even though abandoning all the ritualistic and ceremonial requirements of the Law, none the less "loves his neighbor as himself" and "does not unto others as he would not have them do unto him"? Must he belong to a Synagogue? Is it imperative that he be a Zionist? Shall he be zealously Orthodox or mildly Conservative? Dare he be Reform? Is a thorough knowledge of his native Hebrew tongue, the "Loshon Kodesh" essential or would a deep appreciation of, and a profound sensitivity to, the achievements of his people and the ideals of his faith suffice? Must he be a "Talmud Hocham" or is it enough that he is a loyal even though an unto to red, son of Israel? Is he the prophet or the priest? Must he share in his people's mission or believe that sheer existence is sufficient *raison d'être*? Shall he follow Jabotinsky or Sokolow; Rabbi Cooke or Rabbi Wise? Who is the good Jew?

Among the multitudinous opinions upon this frequently and feverishly debated question, the recent contribution of that saintly, scholarly, and truly liberal (in the very finest and deepest connotation of that term) professor of Jewish Social Studies at the Hebrew Union College, Dr. Abraham Cronbach is worthy indeed of serious consideration. In his Founder's Day address delivered in Cincinnati a week or so ago he said: "We speak of 'a good Jew'. Customarily we mean by a good Jew, a Jew not only of moral probity but also of loyalty to the old traditions. But in the swirl of modern life, reposes the embryo of another conception of the good Jew.

"The good Jew would be the Jew with a breadth of understanding and sympathy for fellow Jews; the Jew who can comprehend and on occasion serve the Orthodox Jew with his ceremonial attachments and at the same time, the Humanist Jew with his iconoclasm; the Zionist Jew with his nationalistic slogans and at the same time the assimilationist Jew with his different set of slogans.

"In brief, a Jew would be a good Jew not in proportion to the number of doctrines he believes or the number of rituals he performs, but in proportion to the number of Jews he understands, on occasion serves, and, if possible, loves."

What a splendid definition of a "good Jew." We know not whether all will be satisfied with this as a description of the good Jew; but surely none can be a good Jew who possesses not such a desire to understand, to serve, yes, and to love his fellow Jew even though he may radically differ from himself. Oh, that the breath of such an essentially Jewish sympathy and appreciation and understanding might blow over us all and make "Kol Yisroel Haverim," all Israel comrades at last.

not come first.

A certain contingent of college-bred that it "is taking up the life and work of Theodore Herzl." What is wrong with this picture is that, as usual, it comes from people who have never learned how to spell the name of the great Zionist leader, Theodor Herzl. Once a so-called chief of Zionism in Canada modestly admitted to this column that he was one of three persons in the entire country who could grasp the ideology of Zionism. Is the spelling also in the exclusive custody of a few?

Charles Joseph, editor of the *Pittsburgh Criterion*, says in part: "We are in receipt of a marked copy of the American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune of New York, referring to a reply by Rabbi Abba Silver of Cleveland to an attack made upon him by Maurice Samuel in his book, 'Jews on Approval'. We are sorry that Dr. Silver dignified Samuel's statements by answering them. Rabbi Abba H. Silver is too well known to world Jewry, and he enjoys a reputation that no amount of mud slinging, even from such a distinguished source as Maurice Samuel, can have the slightest possible effect. Dr. Silver is a scholar of the first order, and a pulpiteer second to none in the whole world of Jewry. It is really an insult to the intelligence of any thinking Jew for us to elaborate upon the splendid qualities of Dr. Silver. All this sort of thing makes a holiday for holiday for the 'kibitzer', who delights to see ill-feeling expressed in print. In the meantime, Dr. Silver need not concern himself about such criticism as Samuel's. He can easily afford to brush it aside."

To all others who agree with this column that Rabbi Silver should have ignored Maurice Samuel's self-condemning attack upon him, the following story sent to the *Nation* once by Charles Edward Stowe, will be of interest.

"Lyman Beecher, the father of Henry Ward Beecher, as a young man could not see a fish but he must catch it, a partridge or a rabbit but he must shoot it. One moonlight night, as he was going to visit his sweetheart Roxanna Foote with a copy of 'Edwards on the Religious Affections' under his arm, a little rabbit ran across the path in front of him. Having no other weapon, he knocked it over with Jonathan Edwards's ponderous logic. But in fact it was not a rabbit but a skunk, and it dealt with Lyman as a skunk will. Many years afterwards in Boston when he was assailed with lies and slanders Lyman Beecher refused to make any reply in the newspapers, saying 'I threw a whole volume at a skunk once! I'll never do it again! It's no use!' It was a wise conclusion! No skunk every did anyone serious harm in person or reputation."

*Canadian J. Beecher - Apr. 8-52*

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Dear Abba:

I do not know whether you are especially interested in the following, but I thought I would send it to you anyhow. Lou Wolsey, in the course of a letter on another subject, writes these two sentences:

"I read Silver's article in The American Hebrew with a great deal of interest. It has caused a sensation everywhere. I wish I could get the courage to say a word about his reference to Samuel's salary."

Cordially,



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



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embarrassment, and as sensitivity because he is not allowed to be like the other boys.

If the Jewish student had a greater knowledge of the history and traditions and high principles of his religion, he would have a background which would make him impervious to petty slights and insults, and not being apologetic but rightfully proud, he would therefore not fall into the expression of the aforementioned "defense mechanism" which often makes his objectionable. I find it hard to believe and refuse to concede that such an unfortunate and unremediable situation as is pictured, exists in our schools. How much wiser would the Jew be if he followed a few simple principles of conduct and thought, which, mingled with natural unassuming pride born of a knowledge of his group, would bring him a step nearer to the obliteration of present conflicts! Let him see to it that it is not he who is socially antipathetic; let him go forth among his classmates without being hypersensitive,—without flinging his religious differences at others as well as without attempting to hide them. I am confident that on the whole he will be accepted in the same manner that he comes, if he comes as an individual willing to be judged on his personal merits.

Each group must see in the steps taken by the other group, encouragement for its own co-operation. Neither will be self-starting but if the minority group will live up to its obligations to itself and the undergraduate group of which it is a part, and if the majority in turn retains an open mind, no graduate will have occasion to condemn our colleges as "sources of liberal erudition" rather than of "liberal education."

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#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE JEWISH FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

The year 1931, with the number of unemployed at its peak, was naturally a difficult period for the workers of the Jewish Free Employment Bureau.

This report will make no attempt to go into details of the varied types of people applying. In greater numbers than ever, we had the pathetic tales of the man, head of a family, who had been idle for months after working in one position for many years, the many middle-aged women, who had never worked before, pleading for any work to help feed their family, the boy or girl, begging for something to do to bring some return into the home, and many, many others.

The Bureau registered 8,697 men, women, boys and girls; and 4,110 placements were made, an increase of 42.5 per cent over 1930.

Fifty-six per cent were American born and 44 per cent from 47 foreign countries.

Of the total registration 52 per cent were skilled in 193 different trades, and 48 per cent had no regular occupation.

Seven hundred and four were handicapped and in this group 276 placements were made.

Two thousand one hundred and seventy-one were referred by the affiliated organizations of the Jewish Charities and 1,281 placements were made.

The earnings and time employed of 3,272 placements were ascertained directly from the employer or from the client, where he had returned to the Bureau after being placed. In the other placements the information was either not available or not accurate enough to be included in the report.

The following figures are conserv-

ative. In cases where the applicant was placed on a temporary position and did not return to the Bureau, the time employed, unless the requisition stated otherwise, was regarded as one day's work. In temporary positions where we learned that the applicant worked one or two days a week for a long period, or where the position became a steady one, the information was included in the report.

Some of the applicants were placed more than once, making in all 3,272 placements. This number put in 9,895 weeks of work, and their total earnings were \$148,775.06. Of these wage earners 691 were assisted by the Jewish Social Service Bureau during 1931 or at some previous time.

Their earnings were \$50,877.43

Of the applicants referred to us by the Jewish Home Finding Society, 52 earned \$3,789.67.

The average weekly earning was \$15.04. This average is based upon juveniles, some at \$6.00 per week, up to older men, some of whom earned as much as \$66.00 per week.

For results accomplished we are indebted to the Executive Director of the Jewish Charities, Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith.

I want to express my appreciation to my associates in the Bureau who made the placements possible.

I should like to thank the 856 firms for their splendid cooperation.

The Board of Directors has at all times been a valuable help to the Bureau. Their support and advice during this most difficult year was encouraging and inspiring. To them my heartfelt thanks.

This report will make no predictions for the future. The Bureau will continue to do its best to procure employment for the applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

Berenice G. Wertheimer,  
Superintendent.

## A Disapproval of "Jews On Approval"

Maurice Samuel (Liveright, Publisher)

By EDWARD H. LEVI

Socrates once made a remark which might be applied to Maurice Samuel and his "Jews on Approval." Socrates said, "Wind puffs up empty bladders; opinions, fools." The best that can be said for this book is that its author is proud of his opinions. The fact that his views are mostly unfounded, undigested, and poorly stated, does not phase him. It is questionable whether a good workman or an artist would have conceived such windy opinions, but if he had, he would have relegated them to the waste paper basket, and not to the publisher. One wonders that the publisher allowed himself to be a substitute for a waste paper basket.

Indeed, "Jews on Approval" would not be worthy of any reviewer's attention, for a book so inadequate becomes its own commentary, were it not for two reasons. The first reason is that due to conditions of social unrest, people who have never learned how to think, may be overwhelmed, for a time, by mere bombast. To some, there is a certain attractiveness in bad manners and impudence. There is a tendency to award the mantle of bravery to persons who engage in specious expose. Actually, Maurice Samuel would have been more brave if he had forced himself to reconsider his views. The least we can ask of a man who attempts to criticize is that he have the intellectual honesty to rid his book of false arguments and all sorts of contradictions.

The second reason for reviewing this book is that, unfortunately for the truth, some of Maurice Samuel's contentions are true. It is said a man is known by the company he keeps, and it would be too bad, if applying this saying to ideas, people would disregard certain of the evils mentioned by Samuel merely because they are part of an undigested regurgitation. Moreover, an attack which has most of its validity in indicating conditions of intellectual dishonesty is naturally brought into disrepute when it is stated and argued in an intellectually dishonest fashion, and seems to have as its basis a personal animus, which only a strange conceit on the part of the author made him think would be interesting to others.

The first requisite for an attack on American Jewry is an understanding of American Jewry. The most constant principle by which Mr. Samuel judges men in this illogical book, is their position in Zionism. Like other ignorant people, Mr. Samuel seems to believe, almost invariably, that persons who disagree with him are dishonest. At any rate, Zionism is not American Jewry. Mr. Samuel's attack is entirely superficial, since it is not based on an understanding of American conditions or even of a knowledge of the leaders of Jewry, although it would have been better if he had neglected leaders altogether and concerned himself with situations.

His attack on the Rabbinate is mostly fatuous. At one time he states that a rabbi should be a scholar or an intellectual leader; at another time he praises Wise for his leadership, and says that the thing which "has harmed him most, is the fact that he is a rabbi." In making what could have been a good point concerning the difference between priest and rabbi, he indulges in the irrelevant and false belief that an ancestry of an institution is its present condition. The fact that the priest is the lineal descendant of the medicine man, does not condemn him any more than it condemns the modern doctor who has the same ancestry. Moreover, although one should praise rabbis who are not priests, (and Samuel should have known that there are such) one cannot condemn them for being what the community has made them. The community should have been Samuel's target. Samuel's statement that rabbis are jingoists during wartime and pacifists during peace, sounds strange when one recalls certain outstanding examples of those who were not afraid to be pacifists during the World War, and had the author been more gracious or better informed, he would have acknowledged the bravery of those who, unlike himself, spoke when it was really dangerous to do so.

There is no point in continuing the list of errors committed in this book. The discussion of American Jewish weeklies is mostly empty since it shows no appreciation of the condition under which these weeklies operate, and if these weeklies have been guilty of empty articles, it is because they have published material similar to "Jews on Approval." If American Jewry is at fault in its desire to hear vacuous speeches based on pseudo knowledge, it has been trained so by persons like Mr. Samuel, who has been on the lecture platform for some time. The chief pseudo subject discussed by the American rabbinate seems to be psychology, and although the evil is there, Mr. Samuel indulges in some pseudo-psychology himself when he speaks about his mystic psychological tie to Palestine. He is not religious, and does not believe that God appointed Palestine as the country for the Jews. There is no good psychology which states that one of the homelands of one's ancestors has a hold on the descendant, and if this were psychology, Mr. Samuel might as well substitute Egypt for Palestine.

A book could have been written indicating how Modern Judaism has failed to provide adequately for the lower classes, indicating also, the conditions which the American Rabbi must meet, and pointing out that one of the chief weaknesses of American Judaism is that it has too many men in its midst like Maurice Samuel, who indulge in glib bombast, are afraid or incapable of intellectual rigor, and as literary artists are mere publicists.

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Estelle M. Sternberger, First Vice President of the National Council of Women of the United States, an organization of more than 5,000,000 women, with fellow officers, sped Ruth Nichols, the aviatrix, on her flight to ten cities in the United States, from Floyd Bennett Airport, on Friday,

April 15th, to collect the petitions being signed by women throughout the country, petitioning foreign governments to send their most representative women to the International Congress of Women to be held at Chicago, in 1933, in connection with the "Century of Progress."

#### ST. LOUIS DEDICATES NEW TEMPLE HOUSE

The formal dedication of Temple Israel House, a \$225,000 building with accommodations for the Religious School, Brotherhood and Sisterhood and other activities of the Temple, took place on Friday evening, April 15, with appropriate services.

The new building faces Washington Blvd. along a front of 90 feet and extends north to the rear property line to a depth of 170 feet. It is entirely separate from the Temple, except for a connecting corridor and stair at the rear of the building. It is three stories in height and fireproof.

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman, Temple Israel's spiritual leader, has contributed in large measure to initiating the actual construction of the new Temple Israel House; and with the building committee, the president of the Congregation and the architect is responsible for the inclusion of every facility in the new building for the Congregation's numerous activities.

The Rabbi succeeded in Temple Israel's pulpit, the late Dr. Leon Harrison, who passed away September 1, 1928. He first occupied the pulpit of Temple Israel Friday evening September 27, being inducted by Dr. Stephen S. Wise of New York and Dr. Harry Ettelson of Memphis, Tenn.

The Berkeley, Calif., Community Chest has allotted \$1,500 to the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of California for 1932-33, and will formally include it as one of the regular agencies in the Chest next year.

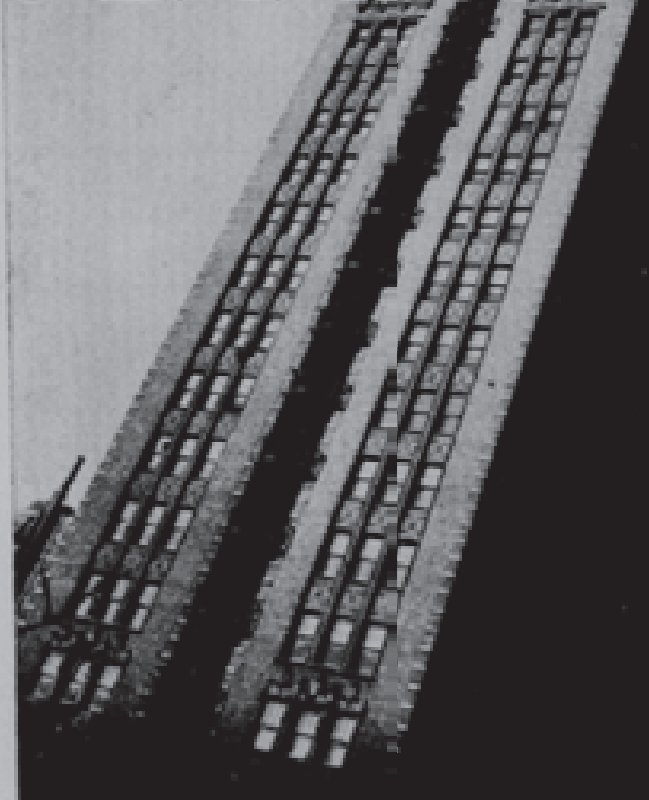
This subvention was granted by the Berkeley Community Chest because, according to the Chest's resolution, "the Hillel Foundation is performing at the University of California a character building service similar in purpose and organization to that performed by the University Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., and the Newman agencies is of such vital importance that it cannot be allowed to disintegrate even in times when relief agencies must be given preference."

The Hillel School of Jewish Studies at the University of California, was launched with the beginning of the present semester, and includes four courses this term.

Scranton, Pa.—Rabbi Max Arzt, spiritual leader of Temple Israel, has been elected president of the executive committee of the Council of Social Agencies of Scranton. He succeeds Chester Thomas, resigned.

The council is an organization comprised of two representatives from each of the fifty-five social welfare units in this city. Its chief function is social planning.

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## Cafeteria Supper Sunday Night At Ohava Torah Anshy Polin

The Ladies' Auxillary of the Ohava Torah Anshy Polin Synagogue, Linwood and Highland, will give a cafeteria supper at the synagogue, Sunday night, May 8th, at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Sam Levine is chairman and Mrs. Ida Spellman and Mrs. B. Spack, co-chairmen of the affair. A milchig supper will be served and there will be a nice variety of foods at depression prices. A good attendance is expected and as the prices will be very low, parents are asked to bring their children and make it an enjoyable family party. Some of the women assisting to make this affair a success are Mesdames Morris Max, Barney Levinson, L. Adreme, Jack Cohen, S. Dubinsky and S. H. Grinberg.

## Pre-Campaign and B.B. Initiation at K. C. Lodge Meet Mon. Nite

### Large Class To Be Inducted— White Appeals for Workers for Drive.

At its next regular meeting Monday night, May 9, Kansas City Lodge No. 184 will induct into the order those candidates who joined during the last membership campaign but have not appeared for initiation. This impressive ceremony will be conducted by an entirely new initiation corps under the supervision of Daniel L. Brenner. Twenty-five candidates are expected. They will be the guests of the lodge at a complimentary dinner at the Hotel Bellerive at six o'clock, preceeding the meeting.

What will probably be one of the most unique campaigns in the history of the Lodge will be inaugurated by Vice-President Harry White next Monday night.

Immediately following an initiation ceremony, Brother White will call for workers who will be given prospect cards divided into bundles of five and geographically arranged.

He hopes to secure at least fifty workers who will be asked to begin on Tuesday morning, May 10 and complete their task by Thursday evening, at which time a dinner will be given



HARRY WHITE.

and the results of the whirlwind campaign will be announced.

In many other local drives the effort of many workers has been dragged out indefinitely. Brother White hopes, through his idea, to save the time of the workers and to facilitate the entire campaign.

It is expected that the two generals, Walter S. Wolfson and Morris M. Webber, will also speak briefly of their aims for the success of the campaign.

All members are urged to attend this meeting, which is for members only. Refreshments and smokes will be served.

## Everything Ready for Labor Lyceum Bazaar Next Week

All is in readiness for the big bazaar to be given at the Labor Lyceum at 3309 Paseo.

The Board of Directors thank their friends for the splendid co-operation and contributions received, and also express their appreciation to the Chronicle for the publicity given.

All friends are invited to come and enjoy, free of charge, the programs consisting of the finest talent in music, reading and dancing.

The bazaar will feature a cafeteria, with plenty of fine food to satisfy everyone's hunger.

Articles of good value will be sold for a very moderate price.

The bazaar will be held May 8, 10 and 12. The proceeds will go for the maintenance of the Labor Lyceum, which is a home for the Workmen's Circle activities.

## Temple Sisterhood In Mothers' Day Service Saturday Morning

### Luncheon and "Pageant of Motherhood" Program to Fol- low at Bernheimer Hall.

The Sisterhood of the Temple will hold a Mother's Day service Saturday, May 7, beginning at 11 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Mrs. M. L. Kaiser, Mrs. Harry A. Silverman and Miss Marian Silverman, grandmother, mother and daughter. Rabbi Mayerberg will speak on the subject: "Mothers in Israel."

Immediately following the services, luncheon will be served in the I. E. Bernheimer Memorial Hall, with Mrs. Meyer Shane, hostess.

Following the luncheon, the Sisterhood, in accordance with its annual custom, will give a program appropriate to Mother's Day—this year an elaborate presentation of "The Pageant of Motherhood," under the



MRS. MEYER SHANE  
Hostess at Luncheon

chairmanship of Mrs. Alexander Wayne and Mrs. I. E. Shane, vice-chairman. Various scenes will portray the cycle of a girl's life from childhood to motherhood, and participants in the program will range in age from one to 77 years. The first scene to open the program will be "The First Day at School" by Miss Sylvia Caro's Kindergarten Class, including Rose Mary Levy, Joan Stern, Jean Betty Friedman, Patricia Kehan, Senta Finkelstein, Betty Helen Levine, Marcia Ann Rubin, Marilyn Blond and Joan Chambers. Miss Helen Green will represent their teacher.

In scene 2, Mrs. A. Rosenberger will represent the Mother. Otherwise the program remains the same as announced in last week's Jewish Chronicle.

The children of the Sunday School are welcome to attend with their mothers, both the Sabbath Services and the interesting program to follow.

## Disraelis Ready to Present "One Night In a Bar Room" Dance at the "Y" Wednesday

The Disraelis have completed all arrangements for the novel "Y" membership dance to be presented under their sponsorship as "One Night in a Bar Room" at the "Y," Wednesday, May 11th, at 9 p. m.

In addition to good music and specialties to be furnished by "The Bartenders," the Disraelis will provide a very novel program in the form of short humorous sketches which should undoubtedly amuse all attending this affair. The auditorium will be decorated in regular bar room fashion.

A very large crowd is expected. The affair is free to "Y" members; non-members, 50 cents for men and 25 cents for women.

## "Book of Memories" Committee Asks Material Be Sent at Once

Preliminaries for Kansas City's "Book of Memories," the history of the local institutions, etc., have been completed. The editor has also gathered together an interesting collection of characteristic episodes of Jewish persons from this city. The work is going on energetically and scientifically according to the general outline followed by the "Seifer Hazikorein," the "Book of Memories" for the United States and Canada.

Dr. Abrams is aware that there still are some organizations and schools that have not yet sent in their information pertaining to their presidents, officers, members, etc., in order to be included in the "Book of Memories," and therefore, takes the liberty to draw the attention of the presidents and secretaries of such bodies to the importance of losing no time in forwarding the necessary materials to him. Address him—Dr. Z. Abrams, care of Y. M. H. A., City.

Kansas City "Book of Memories" Committee.

## Three Jewish Collaborators Win Pulitzer Prize for Best Play

### "Of Thee I Sing" Wins Prize— First Time Award Given to Musical Play.

New York (J. T. A.)—George S. Kaufman, Morris Ryskind and Ira Gershwin are joint winners of the Pulitzer prize for the best play, announced on Tuesday.

The three won the prize which carries a cash award of \$1,000 for their play "Of Thee I Sing," produced by Sam H. Harris. This is the first time in the history of the Pulitzer Awards that the prize has been awarded to a musical play.

Mr. Kaufman, co-author of numerous plays, is forty-three years old and had an extensive newspaper career before devoting himself exclusively to play writing. Born in Pittsburgh on November 16, 1889, he was columnist on the "Washington Times," the "Evening Mail," and was connected with the "Tribune" and the "New York Times," becoming the dramatic editor of that paper.

The only one play written by Mr. Kaufman himself is "The Butter and Egg Man."

He won his first big successes in collaborations with Marc Connelly—"Uncle," "To the Ladies," "Merton of the Movies" and "Beggars on Horseback." Later he collaborated with Anna Ferber in "Minck" and "The Royal Family"; with Ring Lardner in "One Moon," and with Moss Hart in "Once in a Lifetime."

He collaborated with Mr. Ryskind, in addition to "Of Thee I Sing," in "The Cocoanuts," "Animal Crackers" and "Strike Up the Band."

Morris Ryskind, a native of New York, is thirty-seven years old. He is the author of two volumes of light verse, and has been silent collaborator of several musical comedies and plays.

Expelled from the Columbia School of Journalism six weeks before he was to receive his degree, for writing anti-war articles in the school paper, "The Jester," of which he was the editor, Ryskind embarked upon a journalistic career on the "New York World." Later he resigned this position to write scenarios.

Ira Gershwin is the youngest of the trio of prize winners, being thirty-six years old. Like Ryskind, he is a native of New York and elder brother of the more famous George Gershwin, the composer, who also wrote the music for "Of Thee I Sing."

Ira Gershwin, who is two years older than his brother, has written the lyrics for all the shows composed by the latter.

## Children's Home Continues Press Appeal for Members

**Public Asked to Cooperate and  
Send Memberships Direct  
to Home.**

Continuing its appeal to the Jewish community of Kansas City in its unique membership drive, the Jewish Children's Home at 3224 East 9th street again asks all who have not yet done so to kindly mail in their memberships for the coming year. Rather than have a city-wide canvass the board of directors is undertaking to secure new memberships and reinstatements through a direct appeal made through the Jewish press.

Rabbi Samuel S. Mayerberg is the president of the Home. There are forty-five boys and girls in ages varying from three years to high school age. For many years the Home has occupied a place of genuine affection in the hearts of members of this community by virtue of the character of its work and the splendid way in which it is accomplished.

To the boys and girls who live there it is the family center, the place which to them is Home. And insofar as it is possible, through the efforts of Miss Ida N. Brenner, who has been head of the home since its establishment a number of years ago, and her able staff, a home atmosphere is maintained. The individual personalities of the boys and girls is given every possible opportunity for development and they are not converted into robots as frequently occurs in institutions for children.

Some of those who have grown and gone to other cities to establish themselves after living at the home, displayed unusual qualities and abilities, which in affectionate letters to the Home they have attributed in large part to the care received there. They do not have drummed into them the idea that they are wards of charity, but there is every effort to give them the same tender care by those who are in charge that mothers give to their children.

Memberships in the home range as follows: general membership, \$5; contributing membership, \$25; subscribing membership, \$50 and patron, \$100 or more. You are asked by the committee in charge to telephone the Jewish Children's Home, 3224 East 9th street, Benton 1044 and signify your desire to become a member or address a communication there expressing your wish. In behalf of the children you are asked to become a member NOW.

## A. Z. A. Parents' Day Program Sun. Night

**Joseph Cohen, Principal Speaker  
—Musical Program Arranged  
—All Welcome.**

The Aleph Zadik Aleph Fraternity of the Bnai Brith will commemorate the annual A. Z. A. Parents' Day with an open meeting in the Lodge Room of the Y. M. H. A. on Sunday, May 8, at 8 p. m.

The principal speaker of the evening will be Mr. Joseph Cohen, second vice-president of the District Grand Lodge of the Bnai Brith.

Musical numbers by Miss Rose Shapiro, soprano, Clarence Brady, pianist, and Herman Parness, cellist, and appropriate readings by Miss Frances Shopmaker, Mayer Roshbaum and William Coppaken will complete the entertainment.

The meeting is open to all and friends and parents of the A. Z. A. members are especially invited to be present.

The A. Z. A. city-wide debate contest has advanced to the final round. The two remaining teams, composed of Ben Altmayer and Alfred Rosenstock, and David Taylor and Sol Taylor, will debate the question, "Resolved, that Jewish nationalism has been a preserving force in Jewish life," to be presented at an open cultural meeting of the Bnai Brith on May 24, in the Lodge Room of the Y.

## N. J. GOVERNOR GIVES \$30,000 TO SOKOLOV

Newark, N. J. (W. N. A.)—Leaving a sick-bed and defying doctors' orders, Governor Harry Moore of New Jersey came to a banquet in honor of Nahum Sokolow, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and presented him with a check for \$30,000 on behalf of Newark and surrounding communities. The affair was unusual in that Governor Moore was honorary chairman of the committee sponsoring the function, and he was the principal speaker, outside of Sokolow, in appealing for funds to maintain Jewish activities in Palestine.

## Mrs. Stephen S. Wise Holds Exhibition of Paintings

New York (J. T. A.)—An exhibition of the paintings of Louise Waterman Wise, wife of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, is now on exhibition at the Cronyon & Lowndes gallery.

Twenty canvases, painted within the last five or six years comprise the collection. Included are portraits of Rabbi Wise, their daughter, Justine, a number of workshop pictures and several religious subjects.

This is the first "one man" exhibition Mrs. Wise has ever held, although her paintings have been exhibited at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington and at the Pennsylvania Academy in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wise's art career began before her marriage and she has studied with Eugene Speicher, Robert H. George Bellows and C. W. Hawthorne.

## Beth Horon Lodge to Celebrate Mother's Day Sunday, May 8

**Dr. Birkhead Principal Speaker  
Good Program—Refreshments—All Are Invited.**

Mother's Day will be celebrated Sunday, May 8, 3 p. m., by Beth Horon Lodge No. 599, Bnai Brith, at Synagogue, 7th and Sandusky, Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Helm Wolber is the program chairman.

The main feature of the afternoon will be an address by Dr. L. M. Birkhead, of the Unitarian Church, which will undoubtedly draw a large attendance.

Miss Tillie Lee Kupper will sing "Queen of the Earth" by Cleo P. Sullivan and "A Drivels Der Mame" by Solomon Smolowitz. Miss Jennie Shopmaker will play the piano. Miss Rose Inn, featured dramatist with the K. C. K. Junior College theatricals, will give a reading. Morton Riehlman, who recently won first place in the Missouri State violin contest in the 14-year-old class, will play several selections, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Wolber.

An intensive membership drive having just been successfully concluded through the untiring efforts of Chairman Sol Spector, the class will



DR. L. M. BIRKHEAD.

initiated at this time. This same Lodge which prides itself with being the most active in the district, has mustered a George Washington Bicentennial class of fifteen—a real accomplishment in these times.

The infallible work will be presented by the regular team, as follows: President, Joseph Cohen.

Vice-President, Hy Vilo. Monitor, Morris Kilmnick. Assistant Monitor, Helm Wolber. Treasurer, Ruben Moskowitz. Warden, Jack Moskowitz. Pianist, Max Jennie Shopmaker. Violinist, Edward Wolfberg.

Refreshments will be served by the Ladies' Auxiliary, with Mrs. Sadie Spector in charge. The public is invited and urged to be present at 3 o'clock promptly.

## "Y" Clubs Round Table Sponsor Mothers Reception, Sunday, May 15

In accordance with its annual custom, the "Y" Clubs Round Table will again sponsor a Mothers' Reception, Sunday, May 15th, at 4 p. m. Paternal parents are also invited to attend, though the program is especially dedicated to Mothers.

All the gifts' clubs will take part in the program and they will be assisted by only one of the boys' club—the Del Rays.

Mrs. Gary Cohen will be the principal speaker and Mr. Hurney Myers will speak for the Del Rays. The program will be presented in table form. Refreshments will be served.

The committees and complete program will be given in these columns next week.



## B'Nai B'Rith Ladies Auxiliary No. 42, K.C.K.

The Auxiliary held a regular meeting Monday night, May 2nd, at the synagogue. Final arrangements for the Mothers and Daughters banquet were made, which will be held Monday evening, May 16th, 6:30 sharp, at the Community Center, 7th and Sandusky. Mrs. L. Bloomgarten, Mrs. S. Spector and Miss Edith Simon are the chairmen; Mrs. S. Schacter, Mrs. J. H. Habin and Mrs. L. Gold, co-chairmen. The affair is for members and their daughters only. Those in charge promise that this will be the finest banquet, surpassing those given in past years.

The Auxiliary is distributing several hundred tickets to be sold by members for a movie show at the Granada, 10th and Minnesota, Thursday and Friday evenings, June 2 and

3. Mrs. L. Bloomgarten, president; Mrs. J. Balkin, chairman; Mrs. S. Schacter and Mrs. J. Cohen, co-chairmen. Under such capable leadership, success is assured.

### THE OWL CLUB.

The last meeting was held at the home of Ralph Lipsitz, Sunday, May 1st. Sam Friedman and Morris Peck were guests.

Thursday night, April 28, Jack Lindman, on the occasion of his birthday, entertained his club brothers and their guests with a party.

Saturday night, May 7th, the club members will be hosts at a midnight show, followed by a weiner roast at Scope Park. Carl Levine, Leonard Zilinsky and Ralph Lipsitz are the committee in charge.

The club sweaters are white with a blue owl centered upon them.

## COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN.

The ballot presented by the nominating committee of the Council of Jewish Women at their election meeting last Sunday was unanimously accepted by the Council Membership.

Officers and Board members who will serve for the coming year are as follows:

President—Mrs. Thomas I. Levitt.  
First Vice President—Mrs. Maurice Kuka.

Second Vice President—Mrs. Al Finkelstein.  
Financial Secretary—Miss Belle Davidson.

Recording Secretary—Miss Mayne Goldberg.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. David Shover.

Treasurer—Mrs. Maurice Peiser.  
Auditor—Mrs. Joseph Mooney.

Directors—Mesdames Howard Green, J. Mandelbaum, Julius Oelmer, Milton Fell, N. Feltman, Herman Stern, Louis Meyers, Eugene Lyon, Alexander Rothenberg, Benjamin Natin, Morris Glusberg, Walter Berkowitz, Barnett Heltberg, Moe Reicher, Lawrence Glaser, Samuel Mookin, George Sittenfeld, Raymond Starr, H. H. Meyer, Harry Grubins, Gertrude Haden, E. H. Berkowitz, Louis Raveh, Henry Auerbach, Monte Gluck, Samuel Mayenberg, S. H. Koslitz, Henry Cohen, Miss Laura Negbauer.

Honorary vice presidents are: Mesdames Paul Kessel, Lee Lyon, David Benjamin, Phil Lipper, Gary Cohen, L. E. Shane, Meyer Shane, Bennett Schneider, Edmund Stern, Paul Uhlman.

## Menorah Hospital Auxiliary.

In honor of the recent birthday of Mrs. A. R. Deutsch, the Rachel Deutsch Flower and Fruit Fund is the recipient of several very lovely donations. The purpose of this fund is to bring cheer to the wards and needy patients at Menorah Hospital in the way of flowers, fruit, or some specific need. In one recent case a beautiful robe was given to a very worthy and grateful convalescent.

Donations on this fund will be constantly increasing, and any contribution to the Rachel Deutsch Flower and Fruit Fund commemorating or honoring an occasion will be welcomed by Mrs. Louis Rothschild, Chairman.

### TEMPLE SISTERHOOD BROADCAST

Rabbi Samuel S. Mayerberg will be the speaker on the Sisterhood program over WOQ at 10:30 Sunday morning on the theme of "Mother." Miss Fanny Fried, contralto, will give the musical program, accompanied on the piano by Miss Rose Weinman, in the following numbers: "By the Waters of Babylon," "Howell The Great," "Ave Maria," "Kramer's Verdict," "Queen of the North," "Phantom."

## JUNIOR COUNCIL

To Give Spring Dance May 14th at Fairfax.

Tickets have been issued for distribution by members of the Junior Council for its Spring Sport Dance, which will be held Saturday night, May 14th, at the Fairfax Airport. Harry Kaufmann's Orchestra has been engaged. Tickets at \$1.50 per couple may be secured from Miss Lillian Naman, 1114 East 28th, or any Junior Council member.

## Tiphereth Israel Ladies Auxiliary

The Auxiliary held its regular meeting May 2nd. Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Glass and Mrs. Kadman were hostesses.

The Auxiliary will give a cafeteria supper, Sunday night, May 22nd, from 6 to 10 o'clock, in their banquet hall, 43rd and Prospect. Excellently prepared foods will be offered at moderately low prices.

## JOSEPH LIEBMAN POST AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary will give next Tuesday, a luncheon and card party will be given Friday, May 27, 12:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Miler Portman. Prices will be furnished. Tickets, 50 cents. Please call Mrs. H. Miller, Logan 5254, or Mrs. C. Shymaker, Linwood 2229, for reservations.

### KAPPA DELTA PHI.

The sorority held its last meeting at the home of Miss Mildred Greenbaum, Sunday, May 1. Final plans were made for the summer breakfast to be given Sunday, May 15. A program which consisted of an essay by Miss Dorothy Krasnow, an original short story by Miss Margaret Friedland, and a reading by Miss Mildred Greenbaum, concluded the meeting.

LAMBDA SIGMA SORORITY.  
A meeting was held Sunday, May 1st, at the home of Miss Rebecca Rishard. A Shmoozer Party will be given Saturday, May 14th, at the Berkshire Hotel.

Next meeting, Sunday, May 15th.

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## BIG SISTERS.

The May open meeting of the Big Sisters Committee of the Council of Jewish Women will be an election meeting scheduled for Monday, May 9, 11:30 a. m., at the Bernheimer Memorial Hall.

Mr. Otto Dubach, principal of Central High School, will address the group, taking as his topic "Student problems to be met by the Principals." A case report will also be presented by one of the Big Sisters.

Election of officers and Board members for the coming year will be held. Big Sisters are urged to come and cast their ballot, thus giving evidence of a definite interest in Big Sister Activity.

The nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. Gus Rosenstock, Mrs. Maurice Kuka and Mrs. M. B. Ryder, have submitted the following for election:

Second Vice Chairman—Mrs. Henry Flansburg.

Financial Secretary—Mrs. Moe Reicher.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Ernest Peiser.

Treasurer—Mrs. Jack Rieger.

Directors on the board to serve for three years are Mesdames David Shofsky, A. H. Silverman, Sidney Baum, Charles Shubart and Alfred Stern.

The meeting will be a luncheon meeting and reservations may be made by calling Hiland 6773.

The Big Sisters Spring Party which had originally been planned for this date has been postponed until June 1st. Big Sisters are kindly asked to reserve that date.

## Capacity Attendance Expected at K. I. B. S. Sisterhood Bridge Tea Tuesday, May 17th

A large number of reservations have been made for the bridge tea sponsored by the K. I. B. S. Sisterhood, to be held Tuesday, May 17th, 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Isaac Katz, 1632 Lundy Lane. As it is possible in a private home to accommodate comfortably only a limited number, the chairman, Mrs. Jack Friedman (Wabash 4834) and Mrs. D. N. Sosland (Jackson 2682) caution those desiring to attend a delay no further in making the necessary reservations.

A great many lovely door prizes will be distributed and dainty and novel refreshments will be served, all for the nominal charge of 75 cents.

## Kerem Israel Ladies Auxiliary

### ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND CARD PARTY MONDAY, MAY 9.

In honor of the birthday of the Auxiliary will give an annual luncheon and card party Monday, May 9, at 1 o'clock, at the community hall, 20th and Lexington. Tickets 50 cents. This annual affair has invariably been most enjoyable, and this year's promises to be no exception. Beautiful table prizes will be given.

Please make reservations by calling the chairman, Mrs. M. O. Kanter, Elmridge 2472 or the co-chairman, Mrs. Ed Kels, Wabash 1690.

### ALPHA OMEGA PSI.

A meeting was held at the home of Miss Ethel Levitch, 5329 Garfield. Plans have been made for a weenie roast and treasure hunt which will be held June 19th. Sylvia Cohen, vice-president, is head of all committees; date committee, Ethel Levitch and Mary Makaslin; food committee, Tillie Untriff and Ann Sorokin; entertainment committee, Tillie Untriff and Ethel Levitch. The sorority thanks Mr. Green for the wonderful work that was done on the sorority pins. Next meeting, home of Sara Lesser, 2531 Olive.



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## MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday is Mothers' Day. It is intended to be an occasion for the expression of tribute to all the mothers in the nation, and well do they merit this consideration. And especially may we extend the heartfelt sentiment of love and honor to them in these turbulent times. For economic crises may come and go; wars fought and finished; plagues, disasters and all the troubles that try men's souls, but the countless cares and worries of motherhood go on in good times and bad, without end. Well may we give a thought to the problems of the mother in these days of distress—the mothers in millions of homes who must bear the added burdens of unemployment of husbands and sons. It is in days like these that the value of the mother's work becomes clearer to us, for not only must she perform all her household duties to care for the family with little or no money, but she must also keep the spark of hope alive for better days in the home. It is the mother of the home that must possess the most courage in facing the overwhelming problems of depression. It is she who makes the greatest sacrifices, and who complains the least in suffering the privations of lower standards of living. No soldier in war time was ever more heroic. Mothers' Day should be an occasion not only for sending of gifts to our own blessed loved one, but also for the strengthening of our resolution to make this sick old world a much better place for all mothers to live in and to carry on their work of love and of life.

## THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY BROADCAST

Through the miracle of radio, millions of persons throughout the world became acquainted with the purpose of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in the international broadcast last Sunday of the program of the celebration of the seventh anniversary of the founding of the institution. It was a most remarkable event, probably the first of its kind ever attempted. It typified the very spirit of the Hebrew University, to assist in the dissemination of knowledge throughout the universe. And what more appropriate medium could be devised to spread the light of knowledge throughout the world than the radio? What a marvelous power this radio is! In one hour the whole civilized world was made acquainted with the fact that such a thing as a Hebrew University exists. Never before has a Jewish message traveled so swiftly and been heard by so vast an audience. A Jewish message of peace and friendship and culture and humanity delivered by great and honored Jews in America, in England, in Germany, in France, and indirectly in Palestine. All in one hour. Dr. A. S. Rosenbach and Felix Warburg from New York; Sir Herbert Samuel and James de Rothschild from London; Dr. Oscar Wasserman, from Berlin; Chief Rabbi Israel Levi from Paris, and Dr. Judah L. Magnes by message from Jerusalem. Truly a momentous occasion! Those who listened in have their rare privilege of being witnesses to one of the most significant events in Jewish history, an event that presages profound changes in the world attitude toward the Jew.

"We are living in a time when ideas are rapidly changing," said Sir Herbert Samuel in his message from London. "We are living in an age of transition. But nowhere is the change of things so marked as in the Near East. There lived side by side, and intermingled in Palestine, two races, the Arabs and the Jews, races which together through the dark ages kept alight the port of learning. I believe these two races have worked together in friendly co-operation to their mutual advantage and to the advantage of Palestine and of the world. The Hebrew University seeks to contribute to that end."

And this idea of the inter-racial and inter-national value of a world university was given to all the peoples of the earth in one hour. That this contribution to the advance of education was made by an institution only seven years old with a faculty of only sixty members and with an enrollment of only two hundred students is no less amazing than the miracle of the international transmission of its message. Perhaps out of that little university on Mt. Scopus may issue forth other messages that may bring humanity to an uncivilized world.

## WE MUST CONTINUE TO HELP EUROPEAN JEWRY

The National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, representing practically every large community in America, met in New York several weeks ago to determine whether or not to continue sending relief to the Jews of Europe. After hearing the reports of the condition of the Jews abroad, there wasn't any doubt at all about the necessity of continuing the work of the J. D. C. The reports of Jewish life in Eastern Europe are nothing less than horrifying. They are only surpassed in degree of human misery and hopelessness by the story of famine and destruction in China. It is probably no exaggeration to say that never before in history have millions of Jews been so imminently on the brink of extermination as they are today in Eastern Europe. It is difficult for us to properly comprehend the terrible situation. We have be-

come calloused to these stories of woe and suffering. But we cannot escape the facts. We cannot refuse to listen to their telling. The Jews in Poland, Roumania, Lithuania, and even in Germany, are infinitely worse off today than they were at any time during or after the World War. Millions of them, actually millions, are existing on a scale not much higher than stray animals. The middle classes have been virtually wiped out. On top of the depression itself, the anti-Semitic economic persecution has made it impossible for the Jewish tradesman to engage in any business, and even the Jewish artisan is denied whatever opportunities there might be for labor. The governments in these countries are unable to give them relief. They are all in a state of bankruptcy. About the only thing left for the Jews is starvation. Many have sought to escape this form of slow death by self-destruction. Thousands have already died from lack of food.

Could American Jewry even consider for a moment any other decision than that taken by the national council of the Joint Distribution Committee? How could we justify a refusal to do something for these wretched people of ours? We are hard hit ourselves. We are undergoing an economic transformation ourselves. American Jewry is beginning to feel the pinch of poverty. All too true. But had off as we are and worse off as we might become, we shall never be anywhere near the plight of our unfortunate brethren in Eastern Europe. There is then no reason why American Jewry cannot do something to help their fellow Jews in the countries of utter hopelessness. We cannot send the same millions of money that we so liberally contributed in past years. Eighty-one millions of dollars we sent to help them since the war, an average of more than five millions a year. We can't do that this year, but we can do something. We can at least raise enough in America to maintain the efficient J. D. C. organization in Eastern Europe that has done miraculous work with the meager funds at its disposal. We can't abandon our brethren entirely. We cannot deny the one bowl of soup a day fed to thousands of starving children in Poland and Roumania. They may die anyhow, poor, miserable creatures, but so long as they can keep alive we must do all we possibly can to help them fight on, for there is just a little hope that perhaps in six months or a year conditions in Europe may change a trifle for the better, and perhaps within that time our own depression might be slowed up and better times come for us. We can't stop being human as long as there is a dollar left to us. We must continue to help our fellow Jews who cannot help themselves. We cannot stop being Jews.

The Joint Distribution Committee will soon appeal to every community in America to help raise sufficient funds to continue its work. When that appeal comes to our community, we must respond to the best of our ability, however modest the amount we may be able to raise. We cannot say no.

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TID-BITS FROM EVERYWHERE

By Phineas J. Birn

At this momentary convention of the Jewish Organization of America in Buffalo, there is going to be a "big" fight between the Lipshitzs and the Reubens. Each group will try its utmost to get the other to accept the responsibility for the coming administration. It will be a case of "You first, my dear Louis or Robert," as the case may be. Arthur Tracy, the "Street Singer," called on President Hoover the other day and the following night dedicated his program on the air to him. A report states "from a reliable source" that Reuben Brainin, the author, was handed \$50,000 from the Rosenwald estate for the development of Hebrew literature. The news in the sun are correct. . . . Beatrice Telkin, the soprano who appeared as the much featured and noted soloist of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, is the wife of Joseph Litau, the conductor of that very orchestra, who, incidentally, is a product of the Boys school. . . . Sidney Franklin, the only living Jewish bullfighter, last week married Edith Deitch, who, notwithstanding the name, is a "gate Yiddische Tochter." Did not give up fighting. . . . Major John S. Cohen, publisher of the Atlanta Journal, who was appointed a senator, is not Jewish. Not even a little bit. . . . Louis Golding, author of "Magnolia Street," couldn't stand the gaff. He was told so mercilessly that he collapsed and is now under doctor's orders. . . . Walter Seligman, son of the banker, is very much smitten by the exotic Chinese screen actress, Anna May Wong, and Broadway is asking: Will there be a Sino-American treaty? . . . Fanny Hurst had an appointment with President Hoover a few days ago. She kept the date and emerged from the White House announcing to the anxious world: "President Hoover looks splendid." Nobody doubted her. That's one of the things the President is doing consistently. . . .

It is now the third consecutive week that Maurice Samuel's "Jews On Approval" leads the best-seller list in Cleveland. . . . Lou Holtz, the comedian who tried to launch an independent vaudeville house, sailed for Europe to recuperate from his personally managed season at the Hollywood Theatre in New York. "The physical and mental strain of operating, booking, preparing material and rehearsing is too much," he confided. . . . David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America (his hobby is singing Hebrew Synagogal music) told college students that the "depression is only a forerunner of the greatest era in history." The question is: does the great era ever catch up with the forerunner? . . . Shalom Asch, the Yiddish novelist, and Chaim Bialik, the Hebrew poet, are candidates for this year's Nobel Prize—if one is to believe their followers, who are moving heaven and earth to make the

monks, who returned to France after a lengthy American tour as assistant artist to Beniamino Gigli, is of the same race as Misha Elman, Heifetz and so on. . . . Jacob Lieberman, 87 years old, after twenty years of blindness, was restored to sight through a successful operation by Dr. Aranson. Lieberman is an inmate at the Yonkers Home of the New York Guild for Jewish Blind, and now that he can see they want to expel him. "Was hob ich es verdient?" he was heard to sigh. . . . Eugene Meyer, Jr., chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, is very definitely against the soldiers' bonus and says so. One shrewd commentator remarked: "Hoover eats onions but Meyer smells." . . . The Great Maurice, famous magician, is really Moses Cohen. You can't blame him for changing his moniker. The Great Cohen would not look so impressive on electric signs. . . . Downtown New York, where the pushcart peddlers line their carts along the sidewalk, one of the store owners couldn't stand the cut-throat competition of the sidewalk vendors. So he closed his store. As one last bitter gesture he left his sign in the window: "HURSTED and DISGUSTED." . . .

Philip Wattenberg, who died suddenly while in Palestine, did not leave much money, although those in the know insisted that he was a millionaire. . . . Abe Goldberg, the Zionist, is very much down in the mouth these days. They took away his last house and closed his career as a business man. Goldberg claims to have lost close to two hundred thousand dollars since the crash. If he did he must have been at one time one of the richest Zionists. . . . And please do not blame us for telling you that the American Palestine Campaign is going from worse to worse and that the New York paid directors, with three exceptions, have conclusively demonstrated their inability to raise money. . . . Bernard G. Richards, the executive secretary of the American Jewish Congress, is busy organizing a Jewish Bureau of Information which will tell you all and everything about the Jews, on request. . . . So the economists were right after all. The Horace Liverights are getting renovated, matrimonial photos at the home bedside notwithstanding. . . . Which reminds us that Walter Winchell is not getting well as quickly as expected and that Paul Yawitz is making a big hit as his substitute in the Daily Mirror. . . . Did you see the news item about Frederick, the New York State Bank Superintendent, who on the day he closed the Bank of the United States, addressed the directors of that institution, telling them that he was proud to call Bernard Marcus the president, his friend? Maybe you're just a victim of politics, after all, Bernard. . . . There is one thing worse than giving a column once a week. That is to be the subject of one. . . . (Copyright 1932 by S. A. F. S. Reproduction in whole or in part forbidden.)

## Major Booth to Address K. C. Peace Council Meet

Tuesday Night, May 10th, at Community Church—Open to Public.

The Peace Council of Kansas City, an organization to coordinate and intensify the peace program of all organizations interested in the promotion of international understanding, will present Major C. Douglas Booth Tuesday, May 10, 8 p. m., in the Community Church, Linwood and Forest.

Major Booth, traveler, publicist, lecturer and author, has spent a number of years in the Near East and the Balkans collecting political and economic material for a new book. He is a member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in England, to whom he submits fortnightly reports on his findings, and secures whom he

often delivers lectures upon international questions. He also has spent some time in study at the Academy of International Law at The Hague. Major Booth is an authority on Mediterranean and Balkan problems and has resided or traveled in Morocco, Egypt, Rhodes, Patmos, Athens and Delgrade. Mr. Booth will lecture here upon the World Court and Reduction and Limitation of Armaments.

Rabbi Gershon Hadan and Mrs. Thomas Levitt are members of the executive committee of the Peace Council and urge the members of the Jewish community to attend this interesting meeting, which is free to the public.

## Large Audience at Talmud Torah Graduation Sunday Night

Students Give Excellent Program—Friedberg, Rabbi Braver, Principal Speakers.

An audience that filled the synagogue witnessed the fifth graduation exercises of the Hebrew School Sholem Israel (Yehawitz), last Sunday, done in a beautiful manner.

J. Mookin, president of the congregation, called the gathering to order, and turned the chair over to William Krug, who in his introductory remarks, briefly reviewed the accomplishments the school has attained in the fourteen years' existence. He attributed its success to the fact that, while the officers and directors have cared for the school's physical and material welfare, they have always left the educational destinies to the management of the principal, Saul Kleiman. Mr. Krug also credited the Ladies' Talmud Torah Society with the maintenance of the school.

An inspiring address was delivered by Mr. Harry Friedberg, who eloquently stressed the great part the Talmud Torah plays in the preservation of Hebrew culture. Rabbi J. Braver compared the synagogue with a poor Hebrew school to a splendid house, for it is the good school that justifies the existence of the synagogue.

The parts of the graduates—their interpretations of the subjects completed and the presentation of the timely sketches—were well presented by Ruth Aronson, Alvin Browdy, Joseph Cohen, David Levich, Lester Feldman and Bertha Sokoloff.

The representatives who greeted the class were Mr. M. Polsky of the first graduation class, Attorney Rose Horowitz of the second, Dr. Ruben of the third, Raymond Feldman of the fourth, and William Klein of the 5694 class. The post-graduate class and the circle were represented by R. Telman and Shmuel Wasserman and Archie (Morris) brought greetings from the school (Alvin Browdy, as valedictorian, expressed thanks to all due, and Lester Feldman, as president of the class, appropriately thanked the Ladies' Talmud Torah Society for the prizes—Hebrew books—given the graduates, through its president, Mrs. J. Mookin.

Two post-graduates, Harold Telgman and Morton Kleiman, played piano and violin solos, respectively. Mr. Russell Weber directed a violin ensemble. Mrs. Russell Weber and Sarah Kishner were the pianists. The program culminated in the distribution of the diplomas by Mr. Saul Kleiman.

The ushers' committee was headed by Miss Sarah Ginsberg of the third graduation class.

## Distraction

To be distracted with many opinions makes men to be of least impression and full of change.—Pascal.

## THE HEBREW CALENDAR

5691—1930-31

| 5692                  | 1931               |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Eosh Hashanah         | Saturday, Sept. 12 |
| Yom Kippur            | Monday, Sept. 21   |
| 1st Day Succoth       | Saturday, Sept. 26 |
| Shemini Atzereth      | Saturday, Oct. 3   |
| Simchath Torah        | Sunday, Oct. 4     |
| Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan | Monday, Oct. 12    |
| Rosh Chodesh Kislev   | Wednesday, Nov. 11 |
| 1st Day Chanukah      | Saturday, Dec. 5   |
| Rosh Chodesh Tebeth   | Friday, Dec. 11    |
| East of Tebeth        | Sunday, Dec. 20    |
| 5692                  | 1932               |
| Rosh Chodesh Shebat   | Saturday, Jan. 9   |
| Rosh Chodesh Adar     | Monday, Feb. 8     |
| Rosh Chodesh Ve Adar  | Wednesday, Mar. 9  |
| Eurim                 | Tuesday, Mar. 22   |
| Rosh Chodesh Nissan   | Thursday, Apr. 7   |
| 1st Day Passover      | Thursday, Apr. 21  |
| 2nd Day Passover      | Thursday, Apr. 27  |
| Rosh Chodesh Iyar     | Saturday, May 7    |
| Eag B'Omer            | Tuesday, May 24    |
| Rosh Chodesh Sivan    | Sunday, June 5     |
| Shavuoth              | Friday, June 10    |
| Rosh Chodesh Tammuz   | Tuesday, July 5    |
| Fast of Tammuz        | Thursday, July 21  |
| Eosh Chodesh Ab       | Wednesday, Aug. 3  |
| Fast of Ab            | Thursday, Aug. 11  |
| Rosh Chodesh Ellul    | Friday, Sept. 2    |
| 5693                  | 1932               |
| Eosh Hashanah         | Saturday, Oct. 1   |

All Jewish holidays begin at sunset the preceding secular day.

\*Also observed the day previous as Rosh Chodesh (New Moon).



## Colorado Peak Named for Lindbergh



This towering mountain in the hell hole region, near Boulder, Colo., has been officially named "Lindbergh Peak" as a memorial to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, America's great flyer. It is 12,000 feet high and is located in one of the most beautiful sections of Colorado.

## Battle of Flowers at Monte Carlo



Garopous floats, decorated with the flowers of the season, make their way down the Boulevard des Moulins, Monte Carlo, as the annual Battle of Flowers takes place.

## First Mackerel for the President



Miss Vesta Stevens of Cape May, N. J., exhibits the fresh mackerel, part of the first catch of the season, which New Jersey fishermen shipped to President Hoover.

## Chilean Volcano in Eruption



Dispatches from Chile tell of renewed activity of volcanoes in the Andes while the people of many towns are yet clearing away the ashes of recent eruptions. The photograph shows Mt. Los Yeguas belching forth hot ashes and smoke.

## BREAKS OLD RECORD



William Chisholm of the Los Angeles Athletic club, while training for the Olympic games tryouts, strode 20 miles in 3 hours 4 minutes, and 25 miles in 3 hours 57 minutes, bettering world's records for the distances set in 1879 by J. V. Clark of New York. Completing the full Olympic distance of 26,000 meters or 31 miles, 125 yards, Chisholm made it in 4 hours 57 minutes, a figure close to the record.

## UP FOR PRESIDENT



Col. Frank Eldridge Webb of San Francisco and Washington, D. C., is the Presidential nominee of the National Farmer-Labor party for 1932.

## NEW HEAD OF D. A. R.



Mrs. Russell William Magna of Holyoke, Mass., the new president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Vast Water Resources in Black Hills Region

One of the most productive water-bearing formations of the northern interior of the United States is what is known as the Dakota sandstone, which crops out about the flanks of the Black hills in southwestern South Dakota. The formation extends eastward and northward to the borders of Iowa and Minnesota.

As the sandstone slopes away from the Black hills, the water percolates northward and eastward through the porous rock and underneath a dense covering of thick clay shale.

Beneath the James river valley it is under considerable pressure, and where the surface altitude is not too great, strong artesian flows have been obtained. In fact, the artesian wells are among the greatest natural resources of that area.

However, so many wells have been drilled, the supply shows signs of having been taxed about to the limit, and the force of many of the wells has fallen considerably below the original pressures.

## Kansas Capitol Building Sold for Taxes



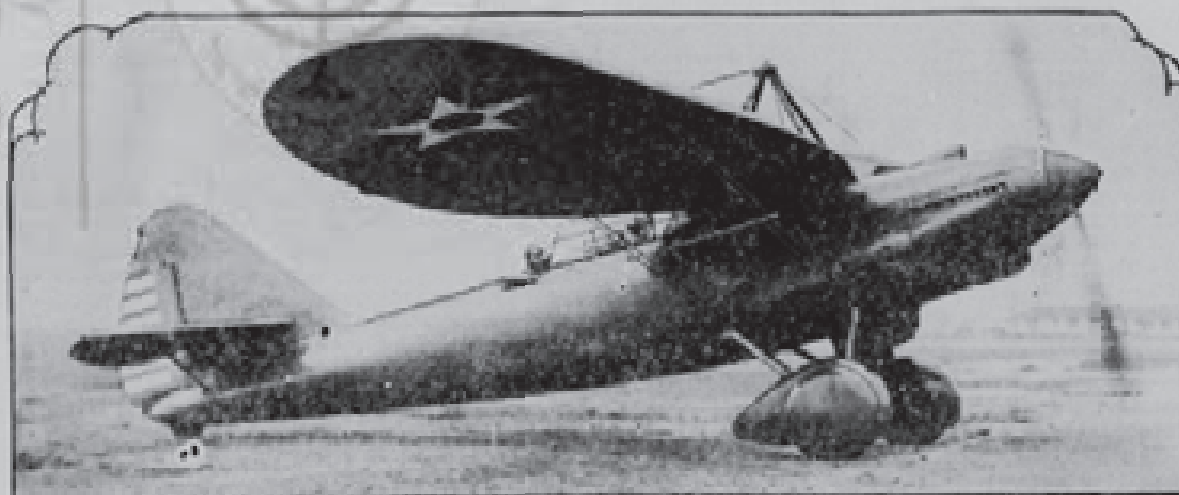
The Kansas State Capitol building in Topeka which was sold here for taxes. The building went for the proverbial song—\$1,219.80—with the city library thrown in for good measure. Unpaid special improvement taxes resulted in Shawnee county's bidding in the property.

## Children of Revolution Meet Mr. Hoover



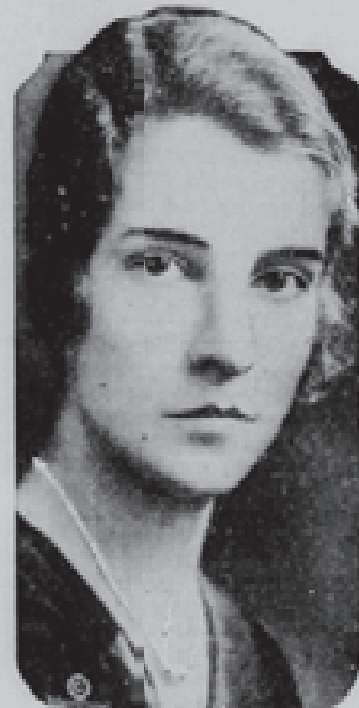
Members of the National Society Children of the American Revolution who held their annual meeting in Washington called at the White House and were received by President Hoover.

## Here Is a Fast Airplane for the Army



This new army observation plane, at Mitchel field, is a Douglass ship powered by a 600 horsepower conqueror motor, with top speed of 180 miles at 5,000 feet. 16p in center section of wing adds greatly to visibility of both pilot and observer.

## TO WED A DU PONT

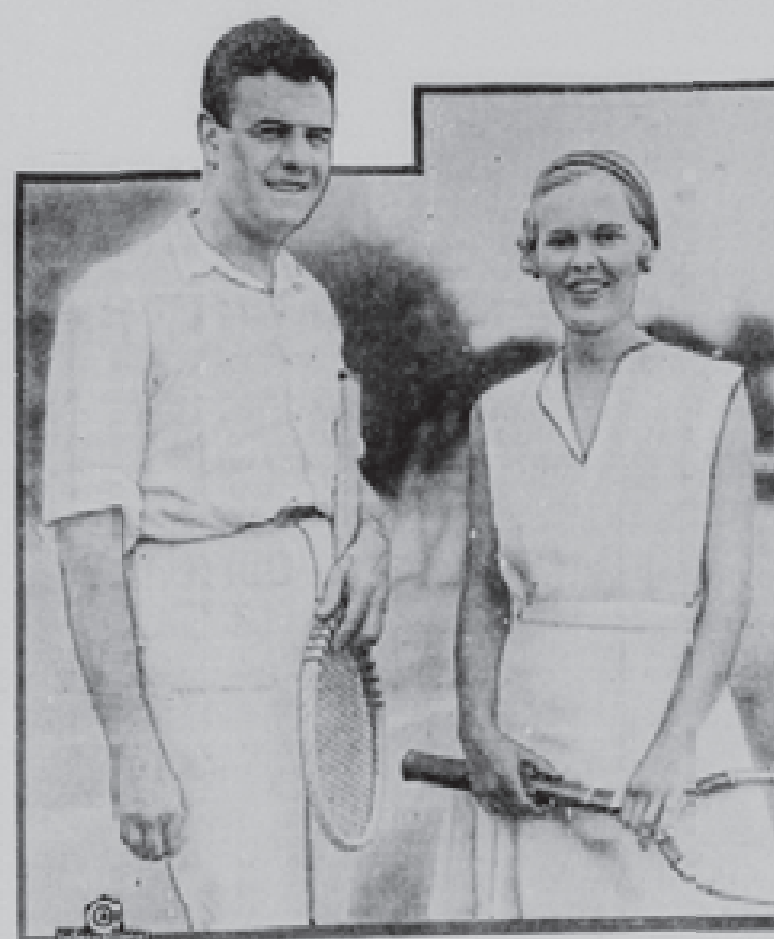


Miss Jane Holcomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Holcomb of Waterbury, Conn., is engaged to marry Pierre S. Du Pont of Wilmington, Del., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurent Du Pont.

## Ancient Bell Rings Again

Neuenburg-on-the-Rhine. — The seven-hundred-year-old "Totenglocke," or passing bell to the former Neuenburg minster, which was overwhelmed by a Rhine flood in 1525, has been restored and placed in the tower of the Catholic church.

## Bridge and Tennis Stars Wedded



Oswald Jacoby, noted bridge authority, and Mary Zita McHale, ranking No. 1 tennis player of Texas, who were married in Dallas after a whirlwind courtship of one week.



## 'Y' PHYSICAL DEPT.

"Y" Blues Undeclared in Indoor Baseball.

In a very close game the "Y" Blues defeated the Tri-Zs 7 to 6, by scoring two runs in the last inning after being behind throughout the game. O. Rosenbloom singled off the bases loaded to score the winning run.

### Ed's Lunch Wins to Tie For Second Place.

Another exciting "Y" indoor baseball league game took place when Ed's Lunch won out over the Vile-Gollers by a score of 4 to 3. The game was a pitchers' battle between Elsen and Krashin, the former gaining the edge. By this victory and the defeat of the Tri-Zs, Ed's Lunch went into a tie with the Tri-Zs and Vile-Gollers for second place.

| Standings:  | W. | L. | Pct. |
|-------------|----|----|------|
| "Y" Blues   | 3  | 4  | .429 |
| Ed's Lunch  | 1  | 2  | .333 |
| Tri-Zs      | 1  | 2  | .333 |
| Vile-Goller | 1  | 2  | .333 |

**Schedule:**  
Sunday, May 8, 11:15 a. m., Ed's Lunch vs. Tri-Zs.  
Tuesday, May 10, 9 p. m., Vile-Goller vs. "Y" Blues.  
Sunday, May 15, 11:15 a. m., "Y" Blues vs. Ed's Lunch.

### "Y. W." Takes Honors in Missouri Valley A. U. Swim Meet.

By taking two firsts, two seconds and two thirds, the Y. W. H. A. swim club team, coached by Sarah Blisky, took first honors in the Missouri Valley A. U. Swimming Meet, held at the K. C. A. C., Saturday, April 30. In the fifty-yard back stroke, M. Harrison and Manley took first and third respectively, while in the 100-yard breast stroke, Rich Eckstein and Virginia Huff took first and second, and in the 100-yard free style Katherine McLean and Virginia Huff took second and third, for a total of eighteen points to lead the women's division.

### Tennis Class Progresses.

The first meeting of the Y. W. tennis class was held Monday, May 2, 9 p. m., at the "Y" gym with an attendance of 26 interested women. Mrs. Maguire, the instructor, aided by Leroy Dudenheimer and Abe Bertman, gave the future Helen Wills some valuable pointers on the class every Monday evening.

### "Y" Outdoor Softball League Being Organized.

The S. A. C., Del Rays, Halfway Club and others are all sending in their entry lists for the softball league which is to start immediately after the indoor baseball league now in progress, indicating a very interesting schedule for this season. Games will be played every Sunday morning starting about the 20th of May. Get in shape now.

### Handball Players.

Why not come down Monday and Wednesday evening when the courts are not so crowded and get in as many games as you desire?

### BLUE HILLS BARBECUE EXPANDS

The Blue Hills Barbecue, located at 60th and Troost avenues, opened their driveway and parking space on the sides and rear of their establishment. Beautiful lattice arches welcome you to park your car either for car service or table service. Mr. Frank Ellison, proprietor, takes great pride in his slogan, "Quality and With Service."

### HARRY JACOBS OPENS FRIENDLY PARKING STATIONS.

Harry Jacobs announces the opening of the first of his Friendly Parking Stations at 788-790 Walnut street, which is the first of the chain he expects to have in operation soon.

Mr. Jacobs, who has been a builder of fine homes here for a number of years, has decided to devote his attention to the parking station field.

### ICORIANS.

A card party and supper will be given by the Icorians Sunday evening, May 8, 4:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. E. Weinschtein, 2756 Indiana. Members and friends are cordially invited. Admission, 25 cents. There will be table prizes and good things to eat. The money will go towards a very worthy cause.

### THE TRUSTS.

A regular meeting of the Tri-Zs (formerly the Clique Club) was held Sunday, April 24, at the home of Jeanette Levy, 716 Virginia.

After selecting the same, the motto, "True, Trusty, Trustful," was chosen. The group selected the sweet pea as their flower and pale green and lavender as colors.

The next meeting, May 8, will be a trip to Mercy Hospital.

### QUEEN WILHELMINA OF HOLLAND DECORATES RABBI

Amsterdam (J. T. A.)—Rabbi S. Eshberg was made a knight of the Order of Orange Nassau by Queen Wilhelmina of Holland on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday and his resignation as Rabbi of Dordrecht.

Rabbi S. Eshberg resigned his post owing to ill health. He is the father of the new Chief Rabbi of Groningen.

Drive down to the Union Station Plaza tonight. Have a look at the new electric clock.—Adv.

## DIET and HEALTH TOPICS

By DR. M. A. ELSTEIN

JEWISH DIETARY LAWS.

Jewish dietary laws are based on scientific principles and physiological laws, developed by a group of individuals who have made practical studies on the values, combinations and seasonal elements. It is worth while for every person interested in the problems of health, hygiene and sanitation to look into these laws and carry them out to the best of his ability. Some of these laws may seem apparently without value, especially in our modern system of living; nevertheless if a person were actually to look into their basic principles from a scientific angle, he would be well convinced that there is more to these laws than mere fancy and purification.

In our future articles we will bring out more clearly the values of these dietary and hygienic laws, which will be sufficiently convincing to merit these laws.

### Drastic Price Reductions In Zerone Refrigerators Now Featured by Laitner Plumb. Co.

An unusual opportunity to secure the best refrigeration obtainable today at a low price is offered by the Laitner Plumbing and Heating Co., 411 East 35th street, distributors of Zerone Refrigerators. They have on display at their showrooms 15 beautiful styles which have been designed for the small family and those families which require larger, fuller capacity.

The larger boxes offer the best opportunity for unusual savings. For instance, Zerone Model P-62 which formerly sold for \$299, is now available at the ridiculous price of \$229, a saving of \$70. This model is all white porcelain, equipped with a 4-quart water tank, electric light, chiller, and a spacious bin for the accommodation of vegetables. Its food storage capacity is 6.27 cubic feet, its shelf space over 11 square feet. The refrigerator has spacious trays for milking ice and frozen desserts with a capacity of 84 cubes. The exterior of the box is enhanced by attractive chromium plated hardware with roller type locks. Both the interior and exterior are of glistening white porcelain.

Numerous other reductions have been made on smaller boxes and it offers an unusual opportunity to secure the best product at the lowest prices ever offered. Over 3,500 Zerone units in Kansas City today attest to the popularity of this time-tested quality refrigerator.

Laitner's will be open all day Sunday and an early selection is advisable at these prices.

### NOODLEMAN AND WARTER TO FEATURE DAIRY DISHES FOR SUMMER MONTHS.

During the summer months, The Noodleman and Warter Kosher Star Restaurant, 304 Main street, will feature special dairy luncheons in addition to their regular courses. Tempting delicious courses to add zest to warm-weather dishes will be served at reasonable prices. They will also cater to wedding parties, banquets and large gatherings.

### EINSTEIN AT OXFORD.

London (W. N. S.)—Albert Einstein has come to Oxford University to spend a month in research work. The noted scientist's visit to England has started new rumors that one of the important universities is attempting to secure his professional services permanently.

### JEW HEADS GERMAN LITERARY GROUP

Berlin (W. N. S.)—The name of Adolf Hitler may be potent in the political field, but anti-Semitism still seems to be absent from the literary realm. This became evident with the election to the presidency of the German P. E. N. Club of Alfred Kerr, distinguished Jewish critic.

### MONUMENT FOR MRS. FANNIE LEVINE TO BE UNVEILED ON MOTHER'S DAY.

The family of the late Mrs. Fannie Levine, who passed away April 13, 1931, will unveil a monument in her memory Sunday afternoon May 8, 2 o'clock, at the Sheffield Cemetery, Mrs. Abe Beyer, daughter, and Messrs. Abe, Philip and Morris Levine, sons, invite their relatives and friends to attend the services at the grave.

## OBITUARY

**Max Rabin.**  
Mr. Max Rabin, aged 51, 3208 Chestnut street, passed away early Friday morning, April 29th, at the Memorial Hospital. Mr. Rabin was proprietor of the Rabin Furniture Company at 1809 East 9th street.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Rabin; three sons, Rudolph and Sidney, of the home, and Jack Rabin, 2214 East 10th street; one daughter, Esther Rabin of the home, and a sister, Mrs. Fannie Katow, Baltimore.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Shorish Israel Synagogue, 324 Olive street. Rabbi Gershon Hadas officiated. H. Tiverman and Son, Funeral Directors, Interment, Blue Ridge Cemetery.

## Portrait of Bernays as Pioneer American In "Atlantic Monthly"

Accords Public Relations Counsel His Place as Significant Force in American Life.

New York (J. T. A.)—The "Atlantic Monthly" has accorded the public relations counsel his place as a significant force in present-day American life in a portrait of Edward L. Bernays by John T. Flynn in the May issue. This article is one of a series portraying the representative Americans who are shaping our national destiny.

Deeming the problem of the control of the Mass Mind as one "well worth the attention of the thoughtful student of our complex society," Mr. Flynn appraises the present-day public relations counsel in terms of the career, modus operandi, and philosophy of Bernays. Mr. Flynn considers Bernays a representative American because he has been "something of a pioneer," because "he numbers among his clients powerful millionaires, great corporations, even royal personages and governments," and lastly because he has made a material success—"a mark of importance no American will deny—and, what is more, he has done it in the field of intellectual activity."

Mr. Flynn differentiates him clearly from the publicity man. A publicity man, according to the writer, seldom rises above the level of beating a drum outside the show in order to attract attention to his client or his product. The public relations counsel, on the other hand, in addition to occasional "dramatic high-spotting" as Bernays calls it, creates "events and circumstances" which are news in their own right and more important than this, his chief role is to examine the relations between his client and the public.

"One cannot talk long to Bernays," Mr. Flynn continues, "without learning that the most direct way to reach the mind of the herd is through its leaders—its group leaders. Bernays, of course, deals with mental groups—groups arranged according to intelligence, tastes, prejudices, ambitions and emotions."

In tracing the career of the man, Mr. Flynn takes his readers back to the pre-war days when Bernays, then editor and general factotum of a small medical journal, first organized the Mass Mind to gain public acceptance for "Damaged Goods," a Bronx play. Later Bernays became a press agent on Broadway; he served under George Creel during the war and subsequently applied the propaganda technique to the problems of big business, government, individuals and governments.

Today, after eight notable successes in the National Golden Jubilee, Mr. Flynn finds Bernays, singularly free from envy and malice, as he offers no hypocritical explanations, even the garbages behind his rampages; he considers them quite proper and important to business, and defends them on purely pragmatic grounds. He has laid stress, Mr. Flynn states, on the need for developing an ethical standard with reference to propaganda.

### Cyrus Sulzberger, Communal Leader, Dead at 74

New York (W. N. S.)—Cyrus L. Sulzberger, Jewish communal leader, died here at the age of 74 after a brief illness. He took an active interest in Jewish educational and philanthropic activities, serving for many years as president of the United Hebrew Charities. He was one of the founders of the American Hebrew, was chairman of the Bureau of Jewish Social Research and was affiliated as an officer with the American Jewish Committee, New York Jewish Federation, Joint Distribution Committee and was president of the Jewish Agricultural Aid Society. He helped to secure a large part of the funds for the publication of the Jewish Encyclopedia. In the early part of the century he was a prominent figure in Democratic politics.

### NAMED AMONG THE SIX BEST BOOKS.

New York (W. N. S.)—Six books by Jews are represented on the list of "fifty notable books of 1931" selected by the American Library Association. The volumes are: "Law and Literature," by Benjamin N. Cardozo; "Reason and Nature," by Morris Raphael Cohen; "The Contemporary and His Soul," by Irwin Edman; "Jean Jacques Rousseau," by Matthew Josephson; "Living My Life," by Emma Goldman; and "Red Bread," by Maurice Hindus.

### HEAR PHAROAH ASKED FOR AID AGAINST JEWS.

London (W. N. S.)—The Egyptian Pharaoh who drove the Jews out of the country was implored by numerous cities in Palestine to send troops to help them resist the invasion of the Hebrews, according to archaeological discoveries of Sir John Garstang near Tel el Amarna, Egypt, Sir Charles Marston, his backer, has announced. The evidence was found in clay tablets and is dated at a time said to coincide with the entrance of the Jews in Palestine. The invaders are described on the tablets as "Habiru," which Sir Charles says, undoubtedly refers to the Hebrews.

## News Review of Current Events the World Over

Roosevelt's First Rebuff in Primaries—Senate Committee Boosts Income Taxes—House Playing Havoc With Economy Bill.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

FOR the first time since he started out on his hunt for instructed delegates Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt met with a rebuff—two of them, in fact.

In the Massachusetts primaries he expected to win eight or ten of the 35 delegates chosen for the Democratic Presidential convention, but Al Smith swept the state and added the entire delegation to his little bundle of votes.

More important because more unexpected was the result in Pennsylvania. The New York governor captured the greater part of that state's delegation, perhaps 60 out of 56 votes, but Smith made a much better showing than anyone had anticipated. Incomplete returns indicated he had carried 15 of the 47 counties, and his majority in Philadelphia was impressive.

Altogether, the leaders of the "stop Roosevelt" movement were considerably heartened by the outcome of these two primaries.

President Hoover was virtually assured of the 100 Republican delegates in the two states. In the Pennsylvania the Republican primary was made interesting by the contest between Senator James J. Davis and Gen. Smedley D. Butler. The famous marine was backed by Governor Pinchot and ran as a dry, but Davis, who had been converted to anti-prohibitionism through the influence of William S. Vare, Republican boss of the state, defeated the general by a plurality that approached 400,000. It was thought this might mean that the Pennsylvania delegation in the Republican convention would fight earnestly for a plank promising reversion of the Eighteenth amendment.

Mrs. Pinchot, the governor's wife, sought the Republican congressional nomination in the Fifteenth district. But was whipped by Congressman Louis T. McFadden, who some months ago attacked the administration's international finance policies and accused President Hoover of "selling out" to Europe.

RATHER unexpectedly, the jury in the National murder case in Honolulu, after being out 48 hours, brought in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter against Elmer Thomas, IL Mace of the navy, Mrs. Granville Porteus, his mother-in-law, and Senator E. J. Lord and Albert O. Jones. The jury recommended mercy for the defendants. The verdict meant a sentence of one to ten years in Dabul prison. Notice of appeal was served by the defense.

The four defendants heard the findings of the jury bravely, but Mrs. Mace, for assaulting whom the slain man was under indictment, broke down and sobbed during the proceedings. Clarence Darrow, the veteran Chicago attorney who had made a remarkable attempt to win acquittal for the four, was grievously disappointed.

FIRST rejecting a proposal by Senator Cullen to limit surtaxes to the wartime maximum of 45 per cent, the senate finance committee voted an increase in all income tax rates above the levels written into the new revenue bill by that house.

The committee almost unanimously adopted a schedule presented by Senator Harrison of Mississippi, the ranking Democrat, calling for a maximum surtax of 45 per cent instead of the 40 per cent figure carried in the house bill.

Normal income rates were boosted to 3 per cent on the first \$4,000 income; 5 per cent on the next \$4,000 and 9 per cent on the income above \$8,000.

The present normal rates are 1½, 3 and 5 per cent. The house voted to increase these rates to 2, 4 and 7 per cent respectively.

By close votes the tariffs on imported oil and coal which the house added to the measure were struck out. The tax on automobiles was approved. The house passed and sent to the President the tariff bill restoring to congress all power to alter import duties. The house also passed the \$200,000,000 navy bill after refusing to cut the amount 10 per cent.

DETERMINED to get the \$200,000,000 economy bill before the senate as quickly as possible, Majority Floor Leader Rainey decreed that the house should hold tight sessions until the measure was disposed of.

Immediately a 15-partisan insurgent coalition took charge and overrode the Democratic and Republican leadership. First thing it did was to knock out that provision of the rule limiting the number of amendments in the economy measure to forty, and then it started in to rip the bill to pieces. Its primary achievement in policy was the adoption of an amendment by British of Illinois exempting from the proposed 11 per cent pay reduction all federal em-

ployees with salaries up to and including \$2,500. As framed by the committee the exemption ran to \$1,000. The change took more than \$50,000,000 out of the \$200,000,000 bill was supposed to effect in the annual cost of the federal government.

The administration proposal that veterans' compensation be curialed in the case of single men receiving a \$1,500 income or married men with a \$2,500 income, with \$400 exemption for dependents, also was expected to bring a storm of protest on the house floor.

RICHMOND was full of governors and other dignitaries last week and was mighty busy in other respects. The events included the annual conference of state executives the Washington bicentennial celebration, a celebration in honor of the landing of the first permanent Colonists, a state music festival, dedication of the first monument to James Monroe in the state, and the opening to the public for the full week of 100 colonial homes and gardens.

The governors, thirty in number, after being received by Governor Pollard, helped to dedicate the Monroe statue at Ash Lawn. The chief address was delivered by Claude G. Bowers, eminent Democratic journalist and orator. The executive also took part in all the other ceremonies, besides holding their own four-day meet. On Wednesday they were addressed by President Hoover, who in one of his most important speeches presented the federal government's case to the states and asked for their fuller cooperation in settling national problems. Thursday evening the governors were entertained at dinner in the White House.

REPRESENTATIVE F. H. La Guardia of New York, leader of the bloc that defeated the sales tax proposition, provided the sensation of the week in the senate banking committee hearings on stock exchange methods. It was an exposure of alleged high pressure publicity methods, including even bribery, to manipulate prices on the New York stock exchange.

The documents he offered in proof of his charges involved a number of financial writers formerly employed on New York papers. They were employed by brokerage houses, he said, to "bally-hoo" stocks and sent out misleading statements in order to promote stock purchases. In some cases he said extracts from newspaper articles inspired by high powered publicity methods were included by brokers in letters to customers.

Five pools in which stocks were manipulated, according to La Guardia, were cited by the New Yorker to back up his assertions. He said that high pressure methods had been utilized in the handling of stocks in Indian Motocycle stock, Savage Arms, Maxwell Motors, Pure Oil, Simms Petroleum, and Superior Oil. In all instances except the Indian Motocycle stock, the pools operated back in 1924 and 1925.

Mr. La Guardia named A. Newton Plummer as the high pressure publicity man who had distributed \$250,000 among newspaper men. This man, he said, operated under the title of publicity counsel and sometimes under the name of the Institute of Economic Research. Plummer is now under indictment for forging securities.

The committee in executive session decided to make a sweeping inquiry into the whole stock and bond selling as it affects the stock exchange, and this may last all summer. A steering committee of five was named by Chairman Norbeck to plan the investigation and line up witnesses.

Senator Cullen, one of the "progressives," is perhaps the leading member of this smaller body and will be a most important factor in the inquiry. Glass, Fletcher and Norbeck himself also are on the steering committee. Walcott of Connecticut, who initiated the inquiry, has been forced into a minor place by Norbeck.

SENATOR Huey P. Long of Louisiana broke out in violent revolt against the Democratic party and especially against its leader in the senate, Joe Robinson of Arkansas, because in the pending tax bill the rich were not being "squeezed" as much as he desired. He accused the Democrats of taking orders from big business, practically renounced his membership in the party and shouted his resignation from all senate committees to which he had been appointed.

Senator Robinson replied with dignity and withering sarcasm and the Republicans sat silently enjoying the affair.

JOHN N. WILLYS, ambassador to Poland, thinks he should return to the direction of his automobile manufacturing business. Therefore he came back to the country and last week called on President Hoover and arranged for his retirement from the diplomatic post in June. He said to the reporters:

"I shall make immediate arrangements to move back to the United States in order that I may be on the ground to take care of my various interests here and particularly to be more active and helpful in my duties as chairman of the board of the Willys-Overland company."

GERMANY is especially grateful to President Hoover for his promotion of the moratorium on reparations and war debts, but there was no way in which this gratitude could be shown directly to the President. So Ambassador Frederic M. Sackett was chosen to be the recipient of an unusual honor—the bestowal of the degree of doctor of political science by the ancient and famous University of Tuebingen.

This high honor was presented to the ambassador in an impressive ceremony in the presence of representatives of the German cabinet and many of south Germany's most distinguished men. In its centuries of existence the University of Tuebingen has dispensed only a few honorary titles. But, as the rector said, because of his "great effort in alleviating economic problems the university considered that the American ambassador did signal work in singling out some of the causes of the present difficulties," and decided to honor him.

REFERENCE of the prohibition question under provisions of article five of the Eighteenth amendment was voted by Michigan Republicans in convention at Grand Rapids. The convention also voted endorsement of President Hoover.

The platform was adopted practically unanimously after a riotous session on the floor, preceded by two hours of debate in the committee on resolutions. The committee refused a report on the soldiers' bonus question.

GEORGIA has a new senator, appointed by Gov. Richard B. Russell, Jr., to fill out part of the unexpired term of the late William J. Harris. The man selected is Maj. John S. Cohen, editor of the Atlanta Journal. He will serve until next November.

The Harris term does not expire until 1933, and Governor Russell himself will be a candidate for the place in the general election in the fall.

Major Cohen, who has been Democratic national committee-man from Georgia since 1924, is a member of a distinguished southern family. He joined the staff of the Journal in 1929 and was reporter, special Washington correspondent, and editorial writer. He was a correspondent and later an army officer in the Spanish-American war. His father was a Confederate officer.

NATIONAL Socialists, under the leadership of Adolf Hitler, scored a great victory in the Prussian elections, and won enough places in other parts of Germany to make them the strongest political party in four of the five states in the reich. But they still lack a clear majority to control any of them in Bavaria they fell slightly behind.

In Prussia, where the fight was most bitter because of the theory that "whoever controls Prussia controls the reich," the Hitlerite forces gathered 192 seats against the nine they held heretofore. The coalition which makes up the present government also obtained 192 seats. The Communists also gained, now having 57 seats to their former 48. The Social Democrats were the heaviest losers.

It was announced that the Prussian government would resign on May 24 when the newly elected diet convenes, but will carry on until a new assembly of the state is elected. Hitler is insisting that the Nazis should be given control, but there can be no definite decision as to the alignment of the parties until the middle of May, when the Catholic Centerists meet in Berlin for a caucus.

In the Austrian elections also the National Socialists scored heavy and widespread gains, but the control of the government remains in the hands of the Socialists and Christian Socialists. The Pan-German and Agrarian parties were practically wiped out by the Nazis.

JAPAN opened a great drive in Manchuria to suppress the fast-growing revolt against the government of the puppet state of Manchukuo, having previously warned the rest of the world to keep hands off. The rebel forces along the eastern lines of the Chinese Eastern railway and in the lower Sungari valley were estimated at 20,000, and there were more of them in other regions. Against all these large bodies of troops were started, the main force being commanded by Major General Murai.

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Cream butter, add sugar gradually  
and cream well. Sift flour once be-  
fore measuring. Sift flour, baking  
powder and salt together. Add alter-  
nately with stiffly beaten egg whites,  
beating thoroughly until cake batter  
looks like velvet. Blend in the cream  
and add the lemon. Bake in heavy  
pan lined with greased paper. When  
baked, remove from pan but leave pa-  
per on cake; cover with a heavy towel  
and steam 15 minutes. When cool,  
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4 egg whites  
2 teaspoonfuls vanilla  
Red coloring

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tar together. Roll this mixture slowly  
without stirring until it spins an 8-  
inch thread (240 to 245F.), keeping  
the pan covered for the first 3 minutes  
of cooking to prevent crystals forming  
on sides of pan. Beat hot syrup slowly  
over stiffly beaten egg whites, and  
beat with an egg beater constantly.  
Add vanilla and continue beating with  
a wire whip until mixture is fluffy and  
will hold its shape. Remove about  
one cup of the icing and color it red  
for florences. Insert piece of any white  
cake or bread in center hole to help  
hold figure of doll firm. Stick lady  
figure in center. Shoulders can be  
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Cordially yours,

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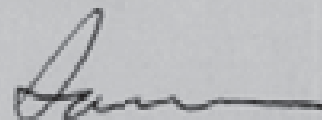
My dear Abba:

I enclose herewith a clipping taken from one of our Jewish papers under date of May 13th. The article is not well written but it contains a tiny portion of the substance that I used in my criticism of Samuels' fallacious and nefarious work.

I appreciated and enjoyed your scintillating answer to his puny attack upon you.

With cordial personal greetings,  
I am

Sincerely,



SSM:MC

May 18th, 1932

Rabbi Samuel S. Mayerberg,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Sam:-

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness  
in sending me the clipping. I enjoyed reading it  
tremendously.

The response which I received from the Rabbis  
throughout the country, particularly from the young men  
in the ministry, has made me feel happy over the answer  
which I made to Samuels.

I believe that from now on our colleagues  
will be a little more courageous and will take the defensive  
in checking the mischievous activities of these journalistic  
free lancers. Our men have been entirely too docile in  
that they permitted these self-appointed critics of American  
Judaism to monopolize the stage of public discussion.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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May 1932

## RABBI SILVER ANSWERS A ZIONIST CARPET-BAGGER

### Why Maurice Samuel Disapproves

#### I

I have finally read Mr. Maurice Samuel's new book "Jews on Approval." For weeks now there have been alluring and mysterious whisperings in the Anglo-Jewish press about this book and the awful drubbing which it was going to administer to some American Jewish celebrities and to me. Some choice bits of smart characterization were exhibited in advance by the little Winchells of the Jewish weeklies, in order to make your mouth water.... One press agent pictured me in the process of reading this book and writhing in mortal agony. One New York Jewish cleric actually beheld 'Jewish flesh bleed and Jewish nerves quiver.'

Well, I have read the book; and frankly I am a little disappointed. I had been led to expect great and scandalous and Gargantuan things. I found only old-time "kibbitzing" and nose-thumbing.

It would be unfair both to the book and to its gallant author to suggest that I was not irritated by it. I was; and in so far as that was its object, the book is a success. Even a cootie can make a man uncomfortable. But then a cootie always remains a cootie...

Mr. Samuel does not like my oratory. He does not like my scholarship. He does not like my book. He does not like my Zionism. He does not even like my salary. Had he expressed an additional dislike for my pompadour and my neck-ties the catalogue



would have been complete. In fact from reading this book I received a distinct impression that Mr. Samuel does not like me...

Why doesn't Mr. Samuel like me? That is an interesting question. There are other Rabbis in the country whose oratory is quite as bad as mine, whose scholarship is quite as "thin," whose books are quite as "unintelligible" (though not quite as extensively read,) whose salaries are quite as large and whose prosperity is quite as "thick." Why did Mr. Samuel single me out for this Tartar "mi she-berach" of his?

The sad tale must now be told, gentle reader. When Mr. Samuel was an employee of the Zionist Organization of America, drawing a salary of \$7500 a year, (plus railroad and traveling expenses, plus extra compensation for every article contributed to "The New Palestine") for making speeches and otherwise sacrificing himself for the cause, I suggested that his salary should be reduced, in as much as the Organization was operating at a tremendous deficit. This Mr. Samuel has never forgiven me. It has been "burning him up." For some years now he has been going the rounds of towns and "kibbitzarnies" like a poor mongrel sniffing for scraps of scandal, malicious wise-cracks and derisive words, waiting for a day of reckoning. His baffled wrath has now found vent in a pasquinade, written with the deft skill of a longshoreman and with the breeding of a - Samuel.

Any man who, like myself, has been in active public life for more than a decade and a half will accumulate enough enemies to

last him a life-time. I have my share of them. But Mr. Samuel has been among my most persistent and virulent enemies, goaded on by a hate - and a jealousy - quite pathological. Whenever I have a controversy with a man in public life, Mr. Samuel promptly injects himself into the scene, an uninvited combatant. Wherever there is a circle where his particular brand of anti-Silveriana would be welcome he is on hand with his little bucket....

Ex uno disce omnes. From a knowledge of what prompted Mr. Samuel to pay his compliments to me I infer that a similar spite must have been responsible for his altogether vile attack upon Mr. David Brown.

It is not my purpose to champion Mr. Brown. He needs no defenders or apologists. I have not always agreed with him. Frequently we had sharp differences of opinion both as regards policies and methods. Each man has his temperamental peculiarities, but each man is entitled to be judged not on the basis of the incidentals which are on the periphery of his character, but on the basis of his essential worth and achievements.

That Mr. Brown gave years of his life and vast energy and devotion to the cause of alleviating the misery of millions of our people in the desperate years of the war and those following the war, no one will deny, and no one, unless he is poisoned by malice, will attempt to depreciate and belittle that monumental service.

Mr. Brown's part in the heroic labor of love and mercy

of American Jewry will be remembered long after the vituperations of a scribbling dilettante will have been forgotten.

II

Mr. Samuel does not like my oratory. In as much as he has proclaimed me the symbol of the "Americanizing" Rabbinate, which he so heartily detests, I must assume that I am also "the trained product of the elocution schools." The graceful gestures of mine reflect the many hours spent before a mirror. This last image excites Mr. Samuel to such an orgiastic degree that he becomes psychically transported, and with rare clairvoyance actually beholds me pantomiming before a mirror! A charming bit of playful fantasy, even if not quite original...

One cannot really quarrel with Mr. Samuel's taste in oratory. "Chacun à son goût." He does not like my style of speaking? Niche! He thinks that I am the nearest rival to Dr. Stephen Wise, "who at his best, leaves Silver, - nowhere." Well, that should be very comforting to Dr. Wise and should make Mr. Samuel's job as contributing editor to Dr. Wise's son's paper more secure and more remunerative. But for the sake of "historical accuracy" as my old, beloved professor, Dr. Gotthard Deutsch, used to say, and for the enlightenment of generations yet unborn, I must record the sad fact that I have never studied elocution. I regret that I didn't. Perhaps it is not too late. Perhaps Mr. Samuel would undertake to teach me...

The charming myth of the mirror, must, I regret to say,

also go the way of all myths. I seldom use a mirror except in shaving. It is too disillusioning. I would not advise Mr. Samuel to use it - ever. In his case it would be fairly devastating.

The great orators of the past have been known to use strange devices to perfect their art. Demosthenes put pebbles in his mouth to improve his speech. Mr. Samuel might take some pebbles out of his mouth to improve his. This would help his lecture business considerably...

Mr. Samuel does not like my salary. In discussing at great length my salary and that of other Rabbis Mr. Samuel displays an hitherto unsuspected gift of mathematical wizardry. He can figure out to a nicety what my annual income for perquisites and lectures is, thereby putting my own accountancy to shame. His mathematical genius goes still further. He can tell you to the penny exactly what my weekly income is. This is amazing versatility!

I really sympathize with Mr. Samuel. Why should so much money go to a man like Rabbi Silver when Mr. Samuel is so much more deserving and would be so glad to get it and has been trying so awfully hard and in so many ways, to get it. Surely there is no justice in the world!

But sympathizing as I do with a man who suffers so much from the world's cruel maladjustments, I should nevertheless like to ask Mr. Samuel one question: What exactly is the relation between



one's salary and one's sincerity? At what salary level does sincerity begin or end? Is a man who prays to God at \$600. a week, (using Mr. Samuel's brilliant phrase) more sincere or less sincere than a man who brays for Zion at \$150 per week plus?...

Mr. Samuel does not like my scholarship. It is too "thin" for him. But how does Mr. Samuel know? What does an Am Ha-aretz know about scholarship? How can a man for whom Rabbinic literature is a closed book, whose knowledge of Medieval Jewish sources is nil, and whose abysmal ignorance of Biblical science is illustrated by a sentence such as the following: "From the God of the Pentateuch (allowing for interpolations as in Deuteronomy) to the God of the Isaiah we have almost the entire range of spiritual development in man." ("I, The Jew" p.216) - how can such a man presume to pass judgment on Jewish scholarship? "E supra crepidam sutor judicaret," which being interpreted for Mr. Samuel's benefit means: "cobbler stick to your last." A gentleman whose sole talent lies in appropriating key-ideas of other men and jazzing them up or in writing those things which spiteful urchins write on back fences with chalk, (Dr. Wise who is grateful for having been "let down easy" this time, calls that sort of writing "unpurchasable and unterrified truth-speaking,"...ya, ya... quite as unpurchasable and unterrified as Arthur Strawn's "Prophet a' la mode".), - such a gentleman, ought really not to dabble in ~~such~~ matters <sup>of</sup> scholarship.

Mr. Samuel does not like my Zionism. "It is thoughtfully modulated and held in admirable restraint." Here again I should like to ask a question of Mr. Samuel. When may a Zionist be said to hold his

Zionism in admirable restraint? When he restrains himself from "borrowing" thousands of dollars from the Zionist Organization without authorization?... Would you say that a man who has been graciously but firmly advised by a committee of impartial judges, that for the best interests of the Movement he should not continue in any Zionist office or on any Zionist committee - would you say that that man's Zionism needs some admirable restraint?...

Ten years before Mr. Samuel graced these shores to become the professional carpet-bagger of the Zionist Movement, I had organized the first junior Zionist society in America. Since that time, and for twenty-eight years, I have been actively identified with the Movement. Mr. Samuel, who has had to conjure his Zionism out of a cosmic mystery, and with hair-raising intellectual acrobatics has had to walk the tight-rope of racial chauvenism, and who seldom spoke or wrote for Zionism without a cash down payment, now presumes to teach me my Zionist catechism.

Mr. Samuel does not like my social and economic views. He charges me with being "safe." "No money-lender or employee of labor was ever stung into a moment of self-searching by a rude hint that the Jewish mission of social justice has some sort of personal application." I am sending a copy of this to the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, The Associated Industries of Cleveland and the Merchants' Association of Ohio. It will give them the laugh of their lives. I am also reprinting that statement in my Temple Bulletin to give my own people a hearty laugh.

I shall send a copy of it to the Cleveland Bystander which during the recent Hotel employees strike viciously denounced me: "for the prejudice and intolerance which he (Dr. Silver) displayed in so completely and passionately condemning one side (the hotel owners) and so entirely and unquestioningly espousing the other (the hotel employees.)" Also one to "Church Management," of Cleveland, which recently carried the following: "While Christian ministers are debating among themselves whether or not it is good strategy to speak out in labor disputes, Rabbi Silver speaks and the city listens."

Mr. Samuel does not like my book "Religion in a Changing World." There are others who didn't like it, particularly those vain-glorious racialists who, like Mr. Samuel, believe that "God is a Jew" and that "the religious feeling of all people who are not Jews is trivial," or those who belong to that anomalous breed of Jewish agnostics who choose to champion vicarious orthodoxy, or those Jewish atheists who find no ideologic discrepancy whatsoever in officiating as Rabbis in Conservative congregations.

I suspect that Mr. Samuel is especially wrought up about my latest book because it proved so successful. My other books didn't bother him at all. Of course he found certain portions of my book "unintelligible." A befuddled mentality which could produce such appalling Serbonian bogs of intellectual confusion, like "You Gentiles" and "I, the Jew" would quite naturally find "Religion in a Changing World"

too lucid for comprehension. Even a friendly reviewer of "You Gentiles," in the "New Palestine," could go no further in his praise of that book than to say: "The proportion of such rash and baseless pronouncements is too great for one book,"... and a reviewer of "I, The Jew" in the "New York Herald-Tribune" thus summarized both Mr. Samuel's scholarship and his style: "The fluency of his writing when he is merely rhapsodizing, as opposed to his platitudes, his redundancies, his helpless apologetics and his all too spacious coherence when he is arguing, is sufficient to declare him a protestant against rationalism even if he did not explicitly proclaim his aversion to it..."

I have one final question to ask of Mr. Samuel. That "lady in Jerusalem who nearly flung herself on my bosom with the words, 'You great, big, beautiful Rabbi!'" was she a blond?... And what do you mean by "nearly?..." I recall many pleasant experiences in Jerusalem but this one unfortunately and quite regretfully escapes me. Such a charming accolade I should remember, especially when others for whom it was not intended, are able to remember it. Maurice, was she a blond?... And are you sure that it happened in the holy city of Jerusalem? Perhaps beside the Wailing Wall? Perhaps in the moonlight?... I am really very much intrigued - and so is Mrs. Silver....

### III

I have not had one hour's conversation with Mr. Samuel in fifteen years. He does not know me. He only hates me. Perhaps as



a contrast to his imaginary portrayal of me I should offer the following from a colleague who worked with me in Cleveland for eight years in almost daily contact and in closest cooperation: "In the eight years that I have been in the city of Cleveland I have often thought that there is no more stimulating, no more inspiring source than the personality of Abba Hillel Silver... He is today not only the successor to the Jewish Scholar of old, he is also the preacher and prophet of old... In Rabbi Silver we find harmoniously blended these two functions, the preacher, the one who kindles the light, the scholar who spends long hours in the study... I know a few men in the country who have kept their pulpits on the level of which Rabbi Silver has kept his. What a temptation it must be to a man with his power, to a man with his magnetism, - to stoop to meet the demand of the populace... He has maintained the dignity of the pulpit."

The above words were spoken at my tenth anniversary celebration in Cleveland by one whom Mr. Samuel believes to be "a scholar and a thinker," - Rabbi Solomon Goldman - who was once a Rabbi in Cleveland and who is now, unfortunately, taking stock of everyone - but himself - in Chicago.

#### IV

And now a word, to my colleagues of the "Americanizing Rabbinate" whose symbol I am supposed to represent. If it is true

that "my example has done more to mould the aspirations and ideals of young rabbis than any other single influence of this decade," (an exaggeration - albeit flattering) I am really quite happy. For I like my young colleagues and, in many ways, am very proud of them. I have seen them at work in their communities faithfully and capably carrying on the fine traditions of their calling. They are serving the cause of Judaism in the <sup>W</sup>pulpits, in their religious schools and in Jewish communal life. Many of them are responsible for whatever active Jewish life and for whatever liberal thought there are in their communities. New schools, synagogues and community centers have sprung up throughout the country as a result of their initiative and labors. Quietly and without heroics they are going about improving their schools, their teaching staffs and their curricula. Some of them excel in preaching, others in pastoral work, others again in communal work and still others in teaching. Every Jewish cause of merit, cultural or philanthropic, whether local, national or international, receives their cooperation. The "New Palestine" writes editorially in its issue of January 23d, 1925: "Go through the cities of the land today and you will find, wherever a united Jewish community has been established, that the reform congregations and their rabbis are cooperating in work for Palestine, and often in regular Zionist work. It is needless to cite examples. Look at Cleveland, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York."

The National Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee

declared recently: "One outstanding and encouraging fact which I experienced during the past year was the quality of leadership and the willingness to cooperate of our American Jewish ministry."

If Mr. Samuel's dolorous katzenjammer over the fate of American Israel is ridiculously unreal and unwarranted, it is due in no small measure to the devoted labors of these men. I trust that they will not be "bluffed out" of the legitimate pride and satisfaction which their ministry brings them by the envenomed and jealous criticisms of the journalistic free lancers roaming the American Jewish scene today. These pseudo-intellectuals whose second-rate talents have failed to impress the non-Jewish world, <sup>in recent years</sup> have attempted to rise to leadership in American Jewish life through bluster and "chutzpa", and they have failed. Defeat and impotence have made them jealous and vindictive.

They brag about Jewish culture and know least about it. All of Mr. Samuel's apostrophies to Jewish learning and scholarship are but a camouflage for a profound and appalling Am Ha-arazuth.

The "Menorah Journal" crew which so vociferously clamored for Jewish culture was itself completely and totally innocent of it. It remained for the Chancellor of Menorah, himself, to remind his managing editor, Elliot E. Cohen, that he, Cohen, knew neither Hebrew nor Yiddish, and that he was as much at home in Jewish literature as a fish in the Gobi desert. And the Chancellor, himself, let it be remembered,

is not always sure whether Jewish culture is milchig or fleischig or Bolshevik... This bluff and intellectual charlatanry, this ignorance which breeds impudence, which I exposed in my two articles "Why Do The Heathen Rage" have now been confirmed by the Menorah boys themselves who, having fallen out, are for the first time telling the truth about each other.

I should advise my young colleagues to remember that these men, - Hurwitz, Elliot Cohen, Herbert Solow, Felix Morrow, Maurice Sammel, Johan Smertenko and their like - are disgruntled and embittered Jewish culture fakers. They roar and vocabularize and say nothing. Isaiah knew their schmerz: "We have been with child, we have been in pain; we have, as it were, brought forth - wind."

My young colleagues will also not be impressed with the ill-mannered criticisms which from time to time are launched at them by some of their own colleagues, who seem to have appointed themselves, through an ordination of spontaneous combustion, to the office of conscience-keepers and scolds of the Rabbinical profession.

Recently a Rabbi from the Windy City raked his colleagues over the coals for being "soft," and for being incapable of suffering deprivations and bearing hardships. The sole martyrdom to which this gentleman has been subjected during his years of ministry has been the cruel necessity of consuming three square meals a day.



My young colleagues will not be impressed by this humbug or over-awed by it. They will quietly and patiently carry on. They - and not the culture quacks like Hurwitz, the journalistic lame, ducks like Smertenko or the knights of swashbuckling generalities about race, culture and nationalism, like Samuel, are the true builders of American Jewish life.



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THIS FRIDAY EVENING RABBI IS-  
SERMAN WILL PREACH THE LAST  
EVENING SERMON OF THIS SEASON.

### UNION SERVICES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

During the summer months, Union  
Services will be held. In July the Ser-  
vices will be held at the United Hebrew  
Congregation, with Rabbi Thurman offi-  
ciating. In August, Services will be held  
at Shaare Emeth Temple, with Rabbi Gor-  
don officiating.

Services will be held at Temple Israel  
throughout the month of June.

### ALUMNI REUNION THIS FRIDAY EVENING

At the Services this Friday Evening,  
Rabbi Isserman will deliver the Sermon to  
the Confirmation Class. There will be no  
Sermon during the Confirmation Services.  
Former confirmands of Temple Israel are  
urged to be in Temple that night to re-  
new their Confirmation resolutions and  
once more to hear the significance of con-  
firmation explained by the Rabbi. Mr.  
Jesse Wolfort will award the Confirma-  
tion diplomas and the Rabbi will announce  
the Confirmation Class for next year.

### RABBI IN THE COMMUNITY

Rabbi Isserman will deliver the Bac-  
calaureate Sermon at the University of  
Kansas on Sunday, June 5th.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

A contribution to the Pension Fund of  
the Central Conference of American Rab-  
bis has been made by Mr. Albert Schield.

### LIBRARY AND MUSEUM FUND

Mrs. M. M. Cohn donated some Phy-  
lacteries to the Museum.

Contributions to the Tribute Fund and  
to the Library and Museum Funds are  
solicited from members of the Congrega-  
tion.



### USHERS.

The following will serve as Ushers at  
the Services this Friday Evening: Edward  
Glik, Jack London, Samuel Edison and  
Bernard Singer.

### CONFIRMATION SERVICES

Confirmation Services will be held on  
Shabbath morning, Friday, June 10th, at  
10 o'clock. The Services will commence  
promptly and members of the congregation  
are urged to be in their seats in order  
not to interfere with the Confirmation  
march.

### A CONFIRMATION PROJECT

"A project that will undoubtedly prove  
to be an inspiration to Confirmation  
Classes throughout the country has been

undertaken by the 1932 class of Temple Beth El. In its establishment of a Fund for Religious Education through the co-operation of the parents and the children of the class, a large number of the confirmants have decided to eliminate the usual reception in connection with Confirmation and to use the money that will thus be saved for the creation of a fund, through which children less fortunate than themselves may receive a religious education.

"For many years the confirmants of Temple Beth El have contributed to what is known as the 'Confirmation Fund' which is used to clothe such members of the class as could not properly be taken care of by their parents. The Religious Education Fund, however, is an entirely new venture and one that will undoubtedly prove to be a stimulating example to many other groups."

—Temple Beth El Bulletin, Detroit.

### WHY SHABUOTH?

"On the sixth of Sivan, seven weeks after the first day of Passover, comes the holiday of Shabuoth. Shabuoth falls this year on the tenth day of June. Shabuoth means a week of weeks or seven times seven days. That is why the holiday is known as the Feast of Weeks. Shabuoth is the second of the Three Pilgrimage Festivals. On Shabuoth it was customary for the head of every Jewish household to journey to Jerusalem and bring to the Temple the first fruits of his trees as well as his offerings of wheat and barley. Shabuoth, however, is more important for historical and religious reasons. After Israel left Egypt they journeyed immediately to Mt. Sinai to enter into a covenant with God who had redeemed them from slavery. Jewish tradition teaches us that it was on Shabuoth that the Torah and the Ten Commandments were given to Israel. Israel pledged itself to preserve these fundamental principles of religion,

to observe them and to teach them to the rest of the world. "We will do as we have heard" That is why it has become customary to hold Confirmation on Shabuoth, when boys and girls formally become members of the household of Israel and pledge their loyalty to its religion. Because it comes at the time of the first harvest and because it was the time when Israel was selected to receive the Torah, Shabuoth is a day of great rejoicing, a day to be joyfully and gratefully observed."

—The Temple Bulletin, Cleveland

### RABBI SILVER ANSWERS MAURICE SAMUEL

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—Jewish Transcript

#### A JEWISH AUTHOR'S ADVICE

"The necessity for knowledge of the traditions of the Jewish race is the one great need of our collegiate Jews. A hearkening back to the old, Jewish spirit of intellectual forwardness will then result."

"Ignorance is a much less protective armor against the barbs of anti-Semitism in its different forms than a pride in the spirit of the Jewish race borne of a knowledge of its glorious background and its wonderful history. It is high time now for our Jewish college students to begin emulating our own once highly civilized Jewish leadership—time for a return to the high scholarship and seriousness of purpose for which the Jewish student was once known—through a consciousness of the tradition behind the Jewish race."

—Irving Fineman, author of "This Pure Young Man" and "Lovers Must Learn."

#### WORLD RABBINICAL COUNCIL PLANNED

"One of the cures for the Jewish religious ills of the time would be the estab-

lishment of an international Sanhedrin of leading rabbis, a conference of the Mizrahi, orthodox Zionists, decided. A petition has been forwarded to the World Mizrahi to proceed with plans for the organization of such a world rabbinical council which would have final authority."

—Salonica, Greece, news item appearing in "The Jewish Transcript."

#### FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

The Building Committee is considering installing in the Temple a system of sound amplifiers, so that those who are hard of hearing may be able fully to enjoy the Services. Members of the Temple desirous of having connections for these amplifiers in their seats will kindly communicate immediately with Ruth Gore, Secretary, by phoning FOrest 4230 or writing C/o the Temple

### OUR SISTERHOOD

#### FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

All Flower Offerings are to be arranged for through Mrs. B. Littmann, 5673 Cabanne Ave. (FOrest 9576). Please send a written announcement to her as mistakes often occur over the telephone.

#### UNIONGRAMS

Please remember all occasions of joy or sorrow by sending Uniongrams. The proceeds from these will contribute scholarships to the Hebrew Union College. Phone Mrs. Sam Mandelbaum, CAbany 3688-R.

#### MANUAL TRAINING ROOM

Mr. and Mrs. Milton D. Mendle have contributed four benches to be used in the manual training room of our Manual Training School.

904 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
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June, 7, 1932

Dr. Abba H. Schar

Dear Abba:-

Through some oversight  
your splendid reply to Maurice  
Samuel was not placed on my  
desk until today. Believe me  
when I say that I got a  
real kick in reading it.  
It should hold the "carpet-  
bagger" for some time. But  
wince it. Such fellows don't  
know when they are licked  
and you certainly licked  
him and how! (to use my  
daughter's favorite expression.

I am passing your article  
on to several fellows who

admire Isaac, but who, I  
believe, will get a new  
slant on him when they  
get your picture of him.

I sincerely hope that you  
& Mrs Silver will enjoy  
a happy, healthful and  
fine Sabbatic year.

Yours truly,  
J. H. England

With all good wishes...

Yours,

Respectfully yours,

J. H. England

Samuels

June 13th, 1932

Dr. Henry Englander,  
904 Lexington Ave.,  
Avondale, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Englander:-

Thanks very much for your kind note  
of June 7th.

I am glad to know that you enjoyed  
reading my article on Maurice Samuels. I have received  
numerous comments on the article which have been very  
gratifying.

I trust that you will have a very fine  
summer. I plan to remain in Cleveland this summer  
planning the Temple's work for next year when I shall  
be abroad.

Please convey my best wishes to Mrs.  
Englander.

As ever yours,

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