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World Union for Progressive Judaism, 1933.

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM.

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The Hon. LILY H. MONTAGU, J.P.
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The Red Lodge,
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W.2.

15th February, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I hope you are having a pleasant time in Nice. I was rather disappointed not to receive a reply to the letter I wrote to you in Nice, as I had been hoping to hear that you would be able to come to London. I also wonder whether by any chance you have moved on, and your letters are not being forwarded properly.

I wrote a week ago to you in America, and am now sending you a copy of that letter, hoping that one of the two copies will be forwarded and reach you safely.

Yours sincerely,

Lily Montagu

COPY.

8th February, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

At the meeting of the Governing Body held on Monday, February 6th in London we discussed the programme of our Conference to be held in Hamburg on August 5th to 8th, and made it as definite as possible. My colleagues were very glad to hear that you had consented to give a paper at the Conference. We should be grateful if you would take as your subject "Public Worship," bearing in mind that our central subject is "The Place of the Synagogue in modern Jewish Life," and that Mr. Montefiore has been asked to give an introductory address on "Judaism and modern Thought." We are asking you to speak at the session on the Sunday morning, and we ask that the paper should not exceed 25 minutes so as to give time for discussion. We all realise what a great privilege it is to have your co-operation, for we feel sure that you will make the subject a thoroughly live one and will make it possible for those who attend the Conference to feel stimulated by it. The Governing Body has decided, that, although we have stringently to limit our expenses for printing, it is necessary to give sunopses beforehand for the benefit of those who do not understand well the language in which the paper is read. I should be very grateful if you could send me your synopsis in good time for translation. It would be a great help if I might have it before the end of June.

Yours sincerely, *Lily H. Montage*
LILY H. MONTAGE

NICE: February 20, 1933.

The Honorary Lily H. Montague,
The Red Lodge,
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LONDON, W.2.

My dear Miss Montague:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 15th of February. I did not receive your earlier letter, a copy of which you enclosed. Simultaneously with the receipt of your letter, I received one from Dr. Morris Newfield, in which he states that Dr. Kalish will also attend the World Union in Hamburg, and that he has chosen for his topic "Liberal Judaism and Jewish Worship". He asks me to select one of the two remaining topics: "Liberal Judaism and Jewish Tradition" and "Liberal Judaism and Religious Education". Please indicate which of these two subjects you wish me to discuss. I might discuss the subject "The Place of the Synagogue in the Modern Jewish Community", if that falls within the

scope of your central subject.

I shall be glad to send you a synopsis some time in June.

I shall remain in Nice until the end of March. Thereafter, and until the end of May, I shall be in Palestine, where I can be reached at the American Express Company.

With all good wishes,

Permit me to remain,

Very sincerely yours,



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22nd February, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 20th. I am afraid there has been a certain amount of confusion over the subjects for the papers at the Conference, because the programme has been revised several times, and consequently letters to and from America have crossed, and become out of date by the time they have arrived. I am sending you a copy of the programme as it was drawn up after the meeting of the Governing Body; this has been circulated to the members of the Governing Body with the Minutes, and embodies the latest suggestions to date. A copy has of course been sent to Rabbi Calisch. As you will see, we are very much hoping that you will consent to speak on Public Prayer; I do trust that you will find this subject congenial. I do apologise for the variety of suggestions and requests you have received, and hope that no further revision will be necessary.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Lily Montagu

PROGRAMME FOR THE THIRD CONFERENCE

OF THE

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM.

TO BE HELD AT HAMBURG, AUGUST 4th to 8th,
1933.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Friday, August 4th.

- Morning Meeting of the Governing Body in the Council Room of the Grosser Tempel.
To deal with current work and make final arrangements for the Conference.
- 7 p.m. Conference Service in the Grosser Tempel
Preacher, Dr. Italiener.
- 8 p.m. Reception in the Gabriel Riesser Saal of the Grosser Tempel

Saturday, August 5th.

- 10 a.m. Conference Service in the Grosser Tempel.
Conference Sermon in English.
Preacher to be selected from among the American Rabbis.
- Lunch. (Cost to be defrayed by the members.
Approximately 1 Mk to 1.50 Mk.)
- 3.30 p.m. Service in the Gabriel Riesser Saal of the Grosser Tempel. Service to be arranged by the Youth Organisations, who will select their own preacher and readers.
- 4.30 p.m. Youth Conference in the Kleiner Saal of the Grosser Tempel, to be arranged by the Youth Organisations.
Chairman to be chosen by the Youth Organisations.
Subject probably a NEW WAY FOR YOUTH - IN PUBLIC WORSHIP, IN EDUCATION, AND IN SOCIAL SERVICE.
- 5.30 p.m. Tea for delegates, by kind invitation of Dr. Italiener.
- 8.30 p.m. Opening session in the Esplanade Hotel.
Chairman: Herr Rechtsanwalt Heinrich Stern (Berlin)
Address of welcome by the "Vorstand der Israelitischen Tempel-Verbandes." Replies by Dr. Montefiore, President of the World Union, and from representatives of Constituent Organisations, and from other official visitors.
Reading of Conference messages.

Appointment of Conference sub-committees:-

- a.Reports,
- b.Nominations,
- c.Resolutions.

The meeting to terminate in a social manner.

Sunday, August 6th.

10 a.m.

Meeting in the Grosser Tempel.

Chairman: Mr. Montefiore, President of the
World Union.

Address by the Chairman on PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM
AND MODERN THOUGHT.

No discussion to follow this address.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE SUBJECT: THE PLACE OF THE SYNAGOGUE IN MODERN
JEWISH LIFE.

11 a.m.

Conference Session in the Grosser Tempel.

Chairman: Mr. Montefiore, President of the
World Union.

PRAYER, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE.

Paper on Public Prayer by Rabbi Silver, of Cleveland,
U.S.A.

Paper on Private Prayer by M. le Rabbi Germain
Levy, of Paris?

Discussion, to be opened by

Lunch

Afternoon

Conference Session in the Grosser Tempel.

Chairman: Dr. Lehmann, of Berlin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, FOR ADULTS and FOR CHILDREN.

Paper on adult education by The Rev. H. Reinhart
of London?

" " child " " Dr. Lazarus, of
Wiessbaden.

Discussion, to be opened by

Evening

Private reception for delegates and friends.

Monday, August 7th.

10 a.m.

Business Meeting in the Gabriel Riesser Saal of
the Grosser Tempel.

Chairman: Rabbi Mattuck, of London.

Report of the Work of the World Union since the
last Conference to be submitted and discussed.

Reports of Committees: a. Social Betterment and Peace.
b. Liturgy
c. Reports
d. Nominations
e. Resolutions

Resolutions.

Election of Officers. (Constituent Organisations
are asked to send in Resolutions and nominations
for Officers before the end of June.)

Lunch

3.30 p.m.

Round Table Conference in the Kleiner Saal of the
Grosser Tempel.

Chairman: Rabbi Mattuck, of London.

PROBLEMS OF PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM TO-DAY.

Opening Paper to be read by Rabbi Calisch of
Richmond, U.S.A.

At this Session problems raised at the Conference
Sessions on Sunday will be further discussed.

5.30 p.m.

Concluding Session in the Gabriel Riesser Saal
of the Grosser Tempel.

Chairman: Mr. Montefiore, President of the
World Union.

Valedictory Address and votes of thanks.

Tuesday, August 8th.

Morning.

Meeting of the Governing Body in the Council Room
of the Grosser Tempel.

To consider the resolutions passed at the
Business Meeting of the Conference and other
Conference business.

To make arrangements for future work.



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1st March, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your letter of February 23rd. You will realise that in trying to arrange the programme I am not acting on my own initiative, but as directed by the members of the Governing Body. However, in the light of your strong preference for the subject "The Place of the Synagogue in the Modern Jewish Community", I feel confident that the Governing Body will defer to your wishes, and we shall be very glad if you would give an address on "The Place of the Synagogue in the Modern Jewish Community" at the session on the Sunday morning, *August 6th*.

As regards the length of the paper, I do not suppose the chairman will exercise any rigidity in the matter where you are concerned, for we all realise the privilege of having your co-operation. At the same time, I must appeal to you to realise that the programme is necessarily a long one, and that therefore the papers must be somewhat limited. I wish there was not this necessity, but I feel confident that you will appreciate it.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely, *Lily Montagu*