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March
14th.
1923

My dear Abe:

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The writing of this particular letter finds me in the capacity of a *shomer*. It will be best therefore if I present my message to you as briefly and as directly as possible.

Last night I attended as a guest, a luncheon Conference of the National Committee of Young Judaea. As you probably know, Young Judaea is in a critical situation ever since the Zionist Organization has withdrawn its financial support. There are a few individuals here who are making noble and tremendous personal sacrifices in order to keep the organization going. Some of these people are appealing for help. It seems that they have decided to call on friends and those who have formerly been associated with Young Judaea.

Coming somewhat as a surprise to me, one of the speakers publically charged me with the task of inviting the interest and active assistance of former members of the Dr. Herzl Zion Club in behalf of Young Judaea. A special request was made that I invite your cooperation. I could not but assent to this public and personal appeal. Especially since I believe sincerely in the educational and spiritual value of Young Judaea work. You know I have devoted my life to a problem and task of Jewish Education in America. I have given special attention to that aspect of Jewish education which deals with the Jewish Youth. I can honestly say that the history and achievements of Young Judaea have justified its continued existence many times over. There is hardly a Jewish community in this country where Young Judaea groups do not make their own appearance and present their claims for attention and guidance.

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Faithful to my promise, I shall call together those members of the Herzl Club who reside in New York City and present the request of Young Judaea to them. To my friends out of town, I can merely deliver a message and a cordial appeal. To you, I am instructed to bear a special message. I cannot say in just what form or manner you can help. You are a better judge of that than I am. I can merely inform you, adult membership is desired, and that despite my very meagre income, I am offering \$25.00 and in addition my cooperation to the extent of getting others to contribute. I feel confident that you will lend your cooperation to Young Judaea in a manner well befitting your own means, position, and influence. I know that active cooperation on your part will serve as a great moral stimulus to the many active workers who will hear about the same.

In writing the above to you I have only performed a pleasant duty which in itself bears its own reward. I look forward to hear from you soon concerning the contents of this letter.

With my very best regards and sincere wishes to you and Mrs. Silver, I am,

Cordially yours,

Israel S. Chipkin

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March
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Dear Abe:

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corrected copy of the same. Please destroy the other.

Sincerely yours,

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March 27th, 1923.

Mr. Israel S. Chipkin,
114 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Chipkin,

Thanks very much for your illuminating letter of March 14th. I wish I were in a position to give more time to the work of the Young Judea, but frankly I haven't the time. One can do just so much and no more. It is surprising to me indeed that a small sum of \$10,000 cannot be raised among the Jews of New York. It has been borne in upon me during the past few years that the New York Jewish community is all too anxious to "pass the buck" as it were, to other Jewish communities for almost every worthy cause. I have "Meshulachim" come to me almost daily, in behalf of worthy causes, in Europe and Palestine and they all have lovely letters from Rabbis and prominent people in New York but none of them had received any material assistance whatever from these people.

It is very difficult at the present time to raise money for things here in Cleveland. My own Temple is engaged as you know, in building a new Temple and Meeting House which is, as you may well imagine, a heavy tax upon our people. Rabbi Wolsey's Temple has just completed a drive for a quarter million dollars for a school building. Rabbi Goldman's Temple is now in the midst of a similar campaign to meet the obligations of its new Jewish Center.

March 23rd, 1923.

I Our Jewish Hospital is preparing to launch a campaign for \$200,00 for a nurses home and on top of it all the National Farm School is now conducting a campaign for some thirty or forty thousand dollars. So you see it is almost impossible for me to make any personal appeals for funds for a cause however worthy, without wearing out my welcome. I am however asking our Religious School Sunshine Fund to set aside a sum of money for the Young Judea and I will send you a contribution of my own in a few days. I may succeed in interesting one or two other people.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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PRESIDENT JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

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114 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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May 23, 1923.

Rabbi A. Silver
c/o The Temple
Central Avenue & East 55th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your club is entitled to two delegates at the National Young Judaea Convention and we hope that you will make arrangements immediately for your leader and another delegate to represent you at this important time.

Young Judaea Conventions have always been a delight to those who attend. The week-ends have meant the building of companionships, renewal of friendships, strengthening Jewish loyalty and recreating inspiration that remains for many months after the sessions.

This year's Convention will be more interesting than ever because of the careful plans for the pleasure, comfort and benefit of the delegates. The Scarboro Hotel at Long Branch, New Jersey is today one of the finest hotels on the coast and our delegates will be given accommodations at this hotel for about half of what they would ordinarily pay.

SPEND A WEEK-END WITH YOUNG JUDAEANS

Call a meeting of your club immediately and make sure that you select your best workers as delegates. They will have a big task at the Convention, for Young Judaea must decide questions that will effect its whole life. At this time, with fifteen years of accomplishments behind us, we cannot afford to blink at the task that lies before us and we dare not fail in our duty at such a moment.

We expect to hear from you within a week!

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS J. SCHWEFEL

Acting Secretary

LJS/ES

C O N V E N T I O N F A C T S

- 1 DATE - Beginning Friday afternoon,
 June 29th thru Monday evening,
 July 2nd.
- 2 PLACE - Scarboro Hotel, Long Branch,
 New Jersey.
- 3 RATES - Only \$4.00 a day for those
 who attend the whole Convention.
 Slightly higher rates for those who
 stay a shorter time. Special rates if
 you plan to stay over the "fourth".
- 4 DELEGATES - Your club is entitled to
 two delegates - the leader and
 another delegate over sixteen
 years of age.
- 5 DUES - Your club must pay the current
 dues or else your delegates
 will not be recognized.
- 6 CREDENTIALS - Please mail the enclosed
 credential sheet immediately.

S P E N D A W E E K - E N D W I T H

Y O U N G J U D A E A N S

REPORT OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

This blank should be returned to the National Office not later than June 3rd, following the election of delegates.

Rules for Representation

Each club is entitled to two delegates, of whom the leader ought be one. No person under 16 years of age may serve as a delegate.

Secretary Young Judaea
114 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.



The undersigned beg to report that at a meeting of the

.....Club, City of.....

State of.....held on.....1923

the following were elected or appointed to represent our club at the 15th National Young Judaea Convention to be held at Long Branch, New Jersey, from June 29th to July 2nd.

DELEGATES

Name.....Address.....

Name.....Address.....

Signed.....Signed.....
Leader President

Date.....Signed.....
Secretary