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Young Judaea, 1924-1925.

Nathan Straus

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June 30th, 1924.

Young Judaea

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been elected to the Board of Trustees of National Young Judaea. Your election to the Board took place Sunday, June 22nd, at the Annual Convention of Young Judaea in Long Branch, New Jersey. The full list of the members of the new Board of Trustees is appended herewith.

Young Judaea today is the foremost movement of the upbuilding of the Jewish youth. With your help and with the help of all those who are interested in Young Judaea, the organization can take its rightful place as one of the leading, if not the leading youth movement of the country.

I know that we can count on you for a sincere interest in Young Judaea and its problems, for you realize that the future of Israel depends on the younger generation.

Will you send to the National Young Judaea Office, 114 Fifth Avenue, your letter of acceptance?

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Straus

Chairman,
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July 2nd, 1924.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
E. 55th St. & Central Streets
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Young Judaea appreciates the support you gave its work during the past year.

The Organization is now in a difficult financial position. Clubs and membership are growing and must go on, and funds are urgently needed to carry on the work.

We are sending you a copy of a leaflet which is one of a series recently published by Young Judaea, so that you may have an idea of the work which is constantly going on for our clubs.

There are seven hundred and fifty clubs and fourteen thousand children in Young Judaea. Will you not help by mailing us your membership dues at your earliest convenience?

We would greatly appreciate it if you can increase last year's amount.

Sincerely yours,

Moe Turman

MOE TURMAN
President

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July Tenth, 1924

Mr. Nathan Straus,
Care Young Judea,
114 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

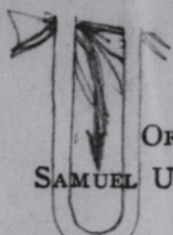
My dear Mr. Straus,

Permit me to thank you, and through
you, the officers of the Young Judea Association,
for their kindness in electing me a member of the
Board of Trustees of that Organisation.

I am an extremely busy man, but I hope
that I shall have some opportunity to serve this
good cause.

With kindest regards, I am .

Very sincerely yours,



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August 7th, 1924.

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

Dear Silver:

I think you know that ever since the Department of Education of the Zionist Organization of America was dissolved, Young Judaea has had a struggle to maintain its existence and carry on its work. For a time it hovered between life and death, but thanks to the devotion of a small group it weathered the crises and is now emerging stronger than it has been for some time.

You may have noticed how the Young Judaea Magazine has been enlarged and improved under the leadership of my brother Joshua. I think it is now the finest Jewish Juvenile periodical in the World. Recently, we have begun to publish a series of pamphlets for the clubs. Among those to be published thus far are the following: Story of Purim, Story of Chanukah, Story of the Maccabean Wars, Story of Bar Kochba and the Biography of Theodore Herzl. They have also laid plans for numerous other activities and have every promise of success.

The burden has been borne largely by a few young men among whom are Mr. Moe Turman and David Tannenbaum, both of whom you probably know through the Jewish Center, Samuel J. Borowsky, myself and a few others.

and of The time is now come to urge the claims of the Jewish youth, the Young Judaea, in particular upon the Jewish, and more particularly the Zionist public in New York City. For this purpose it is planned to have some day in the Fall set aside as "Young Judaea Day" on which the work and the needs of Young Judaea will be brought home to New York Jewry, to address the Hebrew classes, to issue pamphlets and leaflets, etc. The crowning feature of the day is to be a Public Meeting in the Town Hall or else a Banquet in one of the Hotels - with yourself as the principal speaker.

Without ~~my~~ attempting to flatter or overstate the case, I can say that the effect of your speech at Carnegie Hall, on our public, was electrical; and it is agreed all around that advertising you as the principal

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver (cont.)

speaker for the occasion will insure the success of the meeting and what is more, ~~the~~ end, for the time being at least, of the financial worries of Young Judaea.

I have been requested numerous times to endeavor to secure you as a speaker for one occasion or another but I have always been careful to avoid annoying you with requests which I did not consider warranted. I do feel however, entirely justified in urging upon you ~~with~~ thought that Young Judaea has a big claim upon your affections, and consequently your services. As was repeatedly said at the Herzl Club reunion, all of us owe a great deal to the influence of the club in our boyhood and it is only just that we help to give the same opportunities to boys and girls of the present generation. Therefore, though it may be possible to secure some other prominent speaker, we will be satisfied with no one but yourself; and we feel sure that you will not refuse Young Judaea this request to give it one day of your crowded year. In order to take only as much of your time as is absolutely necessary, it is suggested that you set the date some time during September or October at your own convenience. I am told that the Brooklyn Jewish Center expects to have you lecture there some evening and you might, perhaps, give Young Judaea the night before or the night after the Jewish Center meeting.

I am sure, dear Silver, that if you realized the enormous help that you can give the group of young people who are struggling so gallantly to keep up this work by acceding to this request, you will not hesitate to do so.

We will endeavor to make the ~~occasion~~^{evening} in every way worthy of the Cause, of the occasion, and of yourself.

As ever,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Emanuel Steinman

EM:BF.

*Re
Young Judaea*

August Fifteenth
1924

Mr. Emanuel Neuman,
Palestine Foundation Fund,
114 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Mr. Neuman,

I should like very much to help Young Judaea, but it will be absolutely impossible for me to come to New York in September or October. We are dedicating our New Temple the latter part of September, just prior to the Holidays, and the months of September and October will be exceedingly busy ones for me, getting things started and going. I am not committing myself for any lecture engagements until the latter part of November.

I am conveying this same information to the Brooklyn Jewish Center, from whom I have just received an invitation. Please get together with them and if you can arrange a meeting for the week of November 24th, exclusive of Thanksgiving Day, I shall try to come.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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August 21st, 1924

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 55th Street and Central Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Young Judaea acknowledges
with sincere thanks the receipt of your member-
ship dues for the year 1924.

Young Judaea's program for
the coming year is so comprehensive and extended
as to require a greater number of friends than
ever to rally to its support. Your kind remittance
in response to our letter will go far towards the
realization of the hopes and ambitions of Young
Judaea.

We are hopeful of your con-
tinued interest and support, to the end that Young
Judaea may be able to spread its message of an
enlightened Jewish youth over a wider area and to
a greater number.

With Young Judaea's Greet-
ings.

Sincerely yours,

Moe Turman

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President.

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Address

September 9th, 1924

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Since Mr. Neumann's last communication to you plans for your New York Young Judaea address have been developed as follows:

The affair will be held as "A Dinner given to Rabbi Silver by Young Judaea in honor of his election as Vice-Chairman of the Zionist Organization of America". This will be both a Young Judaea and a Zionist demonstration and we are expecting a very large turn-out of the best Zionists of New York City in addition to the friends of Young Judaea.

The affair will be held at the Hotel Astor, Tuesday evening, November 25th, 1924. I am coming to Cleveland next Sunday, September 14th to discuss with you further details of this affair, and also of our projected meeting before the central address on Monday evening, November 24th.

My purpose in visiting Cleveland Detroit and Youngstown during the next week is to make arrangements for Young Judaea campaigns in this territory. I sincerely hope you will be able to lend me your cooperation in getting a committee together in Cleveland, and that it will be possible for you

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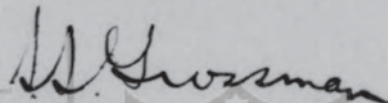
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to give a little time on Sunday to discuss all these matters.

With every best wish and with cordial regards.

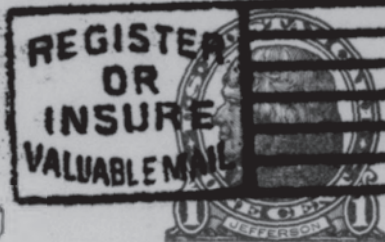
Sincerely yours,



SAMUEL S. GROSSMAN
Administrative Directors

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Ruth Alba Hibel Silver
The Temple, 105th St.
Cleveland Ohio

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RESERVE
TUESDAY
EVENING
NOVEMBER
25th, 1924
NOW



Dear Fellow Zionist:

Young Judaea will tender a Banquet to *Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland* in honor of his election as Vice-Chairman of the Zionist Organization of America. Tuesday evening, November 25th, 1924, at 6:30 P. M.

Invitations and applications for reservations will be mailed later. Please reserve the date now.

Sincerely yours,

MOE TURMAN,

President

October 2, 1924.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 16th, 1941.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

We will be greatly obliged to you, if you will kindly send us a copy of your speech to be delivered Tuesday evening, November 25th, so that we can use the same for publicity purposes.

Arrangements are proceeding very satisfactorily for both the Monday night dinner at the Brooklyn Jewish Center, on November 24th, at 6 P. M. sharp, and also for the dinner at the Hotel Pennsylvania, on Tuesday evening, November 25th, at 6:30 P. M. prompt.

Hoping to welcome you soon, with cordial good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Samuel S. Grossman
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Administrative Director

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OFFICE OF DR. SIMON ROTHENBERG
Chairman, Campaign Committee

December 2nd, 1924.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I would like you to set aside
Thursday, December 11th, between 12 and 2
for a luncheon meeting at the Broadway Central.

This will be the first meeting this
season of the Board of Trustees of Young Judaea.
The Administrative Committee is desirous of advis-
ing with the Board of Trustees on the progress of
Young Judaea work. So far this is the only demand
with has been made on you as a trustee of Young
Judaea, and I know you will reserve this time for a
brief luncheon conference.

Sincerely yours,

D. de Sola Pool
Associate Chairman
Board of Trustees

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 5th, 1924

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Administrative Committee of Young Judaea informs me that it is looking forward with keen anticipation to a meeting of the Board of Trustees, to which you have been invited, to be held Thursday, December 11th, from 12 to 2 o'clock.

As you know, about \$25,000 has been raised by Young Judaea's campaign, so far, and the organization is now in a position to carry out some of its long cherished dreams of work.

Please be sure to be present, so that Young Judaea may feel that it can rely on the encouragement and guidance of the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely yours,

D. de Sola Pool
Associate Chairman
Board of Trustees

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Moe Thurman,
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Regret exceedingly cannot accept
~~your-kind-invitation~~ any more engagements.

WRHS

A.H. Silver.



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January 7th, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Treasurer of our Organization, Mr. Theodore R. Racoosin, is traveling throughout the West on business, and will make it a point to stop off in Cleveland to give you the greetings of the National Organization, and also to discuss with you the possibilities of a Cleveland campaign.

He will be in Cleveland, January 19th, and will stop at the Hotel Statler. I hope that when he gets to Cleveland you will find time to see him.

Yours with best wishes and
cordial regards.

Sincerely,

SAMUEL S. GROSSMAN
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January 26th, 1925.

Dear Friend:

On taking over the Presidency of Young Judaea, I feel it to be my duty to reinforce the confidence of the public in Young Judaea.

For this reason, I would most earnestly invite you, a contributor to, and a supporter of, Young Judaea, to a meeting to be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Sunday afternoon, February 1st, at 3:30 o'clock, when a complete report of Young Judaea's finances and administration will be made and perhaps a statement may be drawn up which will increase public confidence in Young Judaea.

No further appeal for funds is to be made of you. It is your moral support, your encouragement and your counsel which we need at this moment. I am sure you will stand by Young Judaea and give me your cooperation in the responsibility I have assumed.

Sincerely yours,

D. de Sola Pool

President.

DSP/ES

Hotel Pennsylvania,
Seventh Avenue at 33rd Street.

January 29th, 1925.

Rabbi De Sola Pool,
114 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Rabbi Pool,

I am sorry that I shall not be able to attend the meeting on Sunday, February 1st. It would be very regrettable if the events of the past few weeks would hurt the cause of Young Judea.

It has occurred to me however, that in the educational work of Young Judea, perhaps too much emphasis has been laid on nationalism and Palestine and not enough on morals and ethics. I seldom find this essential note of Judaism struck at any of the gatherings of Young Judea organizations. It is much more important that young people be honest and upright than that they be Zionists. This is said not by way of criticism but by way of helpful suggestion from one who is deeply interested in the wellbeing of Young Judea.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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February 3rd, 1925.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We held our contributors meeting on Sunday, and while the meeting adopted a resolution encouraging and spurring Young Judaea on in its campaign, and also formed a Business Men's committee to cooperate with Young Judaea, in its work, to me the most encouraging outcome of the meeting was a clear and unanimous expression of opinion, that the unfortunate event of the last few weeks has not in any way injured the cause of Young Judaea, shaken its morale, or public confidence in the organization.

Your suggestion that Young Judaea lay more emphasis on Jewish morals and ethics, is one which is most timely and well made. The cloud which has just passed over Young Judaea is itself the clearest evidence that an enthusiastic nationalism and love of Palestine are no substitute for morals and ethics. The question remains, however, as to how far it should be the function of Young Judaea to do the work of religious schools insofar as direct ethical and religious influences are concerned. It is certainly worthy of most serious attention by our Educational committee to find out whether we have not to too large a degree permitted ourselves to exclude the element of ethical and religious inspiration in our programs. How far the individual clubs would take advantage of any such element in the program depends, of course, on the leadership of the club. Where the Rabbi or some high thinking leader exerts an influence over the Young Judaea club results would be most satisfactory; otherwise they would be little more than paper-preachments, -things abhorrent to the normal, hardy-minded youth. Clearly, Young Judaea cannot become sanctimonious or preachy. We can expect that the general club atmosphere will be the opposite of that of the comic strip wherein in devilishness, irreverence, rudeness, and physical roughness, we seem to be uniformly glorified, if I may judge from my limited acquaintanceship with this type of art and humor.

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It may well be possible, and I am submitting the suggestion to the Editor of The YOUNG JUDAEAN, to publish in The YOUNG JUDAEAN some of the finer extracts of our traditional literature, which are modern in character and which would appeal to our readers. I am thinking, more especially of Rabbinical parables, medieval ethical willses and other wholesome, sturdy, non-preaching Jewish teachings.

I certainly appreciate your letter and the expression of very real interest which it shows.

Sincerely yours,

A. de Sola Pool
President.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Young Judaea acknowledges your recent contribution of \$200, with genuine thanks.

We appreciate the more this contribution coming from you, as you have given us of your powers and yourself, a gift which as you know, has been worth many, many thousands of dollars to Young Judaea. That in addition you have sent your own and Mrs. Silver's contribution in money is, therefore, all the more gratifying and expressive of your own true interest in our organization.

It is contributions such as yours which give us the encouragement we need to continue carrying the responsibilities which the organization has set upon its officers.

We have placed your name on our complimentary list of subscribers to The YOUNG JUDAEAN Magazine. We hope you will enjoy reading this publication every month.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Straus
President.

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June 10th, 1925.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of Young Judaea will be held June 19th, 20th and 21st at the New Columbia Hotel, Belmar, New Jersey.

It would afford us great pleasure to have you with us to extend your felicitations to the delegates and join with us in our deliberations. However, if you find it impossible to set aside the week-end for Young Judaea, will you please send us a word of greeting to be read from the Convention floor?

Sincerely yours,

June 19, 20, 21 1925
D. LEONARD COHEN
Executive Secretary

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June Fifteenth
1925

Mr. D. Leonard Cohen,
Executive Secretary,
Young Judea,
114 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Cohen,

Your letter to Rabbi Silver, inviting him to attend the Seventeenth Annual Convention of Young Judea, has been opened by me in his absence. Rabbi Silver is away from Cleveland on a trip to Europe, to be gone until the first week in September.

I know he would desire to extend to you his most sincere wishes for a very successful convention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.