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St. John's Evang. Prot. Congregation,

Wm. G. Alfert, Pastor,

41, 22nd Street.

Wheeling, W. Va., February 22, 1916.

Rabbi A. H. Silver.

City.

Dear and Reverend Sir.

In behalf of St. Johns Ev. Prot. Congregation I have the pleasure to forward to you the inclosed check for \$30 as a small token of our interest in the movement for the relief of the poor suffering Russian Jews in the Old World. The amount is not as big as we wished, but at present we must consider, that so many great pretensions for our own German fellow-men in the Old Fatherland are made, that it is often indeed very hard to meet all demands. But we wish and hope, that our contribution as small as it is will aid in helping the poor Israelites in Russia.

Please hand over the check to your treasurer and oblige

Yours Sincerely

Wm. G. Alfert

FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
RESIDENCE, 23 WEST 90TH STREET

Sept. 6, 1916

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Silver:

Miss Hirsh showed me your letter and I am afraid there has been a misunderstanding. I thought when you wrote to me you meant that you would not accept any remuneration and that, instead of our paying you fifty dollars by way of expenses for your two visits, you would be entirely satisfied to have us cut that amount in half. It is indeed most generous of you to imply that you did not want any reimbursement of expenses whatever.

May I not offer a suggestion to you. We have divided the collections as follows: one hundred dollars to the Methodist Church which gave us the use of its Church building; one hundred dollars to the Newman Synagogue; fifty dollars to the American Jewish Relief Committee; fifty dollars to the Red Cross; twenty-five dollars to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and fifteen dollars to the Provisional Zionist Committee. Will you not, then, send this check either as your contribution (or that of the Lake Placid Summer Synagogue) to the Union for its Extension Work or to the Provisional Committee.

With cordial regard, and deep appreciation of your generosity,

sincerely yours,

Wise

Write soon again

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October 12, 1916.

Rabbi A.B. Silver,
University Club,
Wheeling, W.Va.

Dear Mr. Silver:-

At our regular Board meeting, held on Tuesday of this week, a hearty vote of thanks was extended to you for the beautiful service you have rendered the Social Service Union in giving of your time and presence for the benefit of this organization, in being with us for our annual meeting. We feel deeply grateful.

You might be interested to know Mrs. A.B. Sharp was elected president and Mr. Boeb vice president for the ensuing year. With such excellent assistance we feel sure this will be the best year in the history of our work.

Our campaign for finances is being carefully planned and we will submit the result later.

Sincerely,

Edith E. Stringer,
General Secretary.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
Wheeling
W. Virginia

My dear Rabbi:

You probably heard, that Rabbi M. M. Eichler has resigned his position, which he held for a number of years with the Union Park St. Temple Boston, and is now practicing Law. This vacancy is to be filled, it is one of the oldest and wealthiest Congregation in this city, much larger in number than the Congregation Temple Israel of which Dr. Levi is Rabbi.

I have been approached on this matter having suggested your name, and you may hear from the Congregation direct; but before I talk more on this subject, I would be pleased to know your position and feeling in this matter.

With best regards from my family and myself,
I am

Most respectfully yours,

Julius Rosenberg

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Law Office of

A. K. Cohen,

*Room 611 Tremont Building,
73 Tremont Street.*

*Telephone, Haymarket, **4300*

Boston, Mass.

7 November, 1916.

Rev. Abraham H. Silver,

Wheeling, West Va.

Dear Sir:

I am Chairman of a Committee of the Board of Trustees of Temple Chabei Shalom of this City, in which congregation, as you know, a vacancy in the pulpit now exists.

May I ask you if you would be willing to come to Boston and to give three lectures to our congregation on a Friday night at 8 P.M., the following Saturday morning and the next Sunday morning, the same not to exceed thirty minutes, twenty minutes and forty-five minutes respectively?

Your name has been brought to the attention of our Board, and as we are endeavoring to have our pulpit filled every Friday night and Saturday morning, pending the election of a permanent rabbi, the Committee is trying to make arrangements as far in advance as possible. If you could make such arrangements for about December 8 or 15, we would be very thankful to you and assure you of our appreciation. Your expenses, of course, will be paid.

Thanking you for an early reply, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

A. K. Cohen



Temple Ohabei Shalom,

Union Park Street,

Boston, November 7, 1916.

MARK STONE

SECRETARY

43 TREMONT STREET

BOSTON, MASS.

Rabbi Abraham H. Silver,

Wheeling, West Virginia.

My dear Rabbi:-

No doubt, it has come to your attention that the pulpit of Temple Ohabei Shalom is vacant caused by the adoption of the profession of lawyer by our late Rabbi M. M. Eichler.

On the request of the Board of Trustees, I desire to know whether it is possible for you to appear in our pulpit on some week end and deliver two or three lectures. This invitation is extended to you with the expectations that we may be able to select a worthy successor to our Rabbi and because we have heard such favorable mention made of you.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Mark Stone

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WHEELING, W. VA.

November Seventh,
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
University Club,
Wheeling, W. Va.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is my privilege to notify you that you were unanimously elected to serve for this present fiscal year as Vice President. This organization was never in a more hopeful condition and with your assistance and working together, we will be assured of our best year.

Very sincerely yours,

A. E. Sinks

General Secretary.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
CONGREGATION LESHEM SHOMAYIM

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

Nov. 8, 1916.

my dear Mr. Cohen.

I appreciate your kind invitation to address your Cong. but I regret to say that I shall be unable to comply with your request. I do not contemplate any change at present and I do not expect to leave my charge for some time yet. Were I even to contemplate such a change, I would not consider your invitation in the method which you have adopted in the selection of a successor to Mr. Eichler is reprehensible; for it is degrading our profession to the level of cheap competition.

Very sincerely yours,

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73 Tremont Street.

*Telephone, Haymarket, ** 4300*

Boston, Mass.,

16 November, 1916.

Rev. A. H. Silver,
Wheeling, West Va.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of the 8th inst., and am somewhat surprised at its contents. In my letter to you, inviting you to address Temple Ohabei Shalom, I said nothing about your being a prospective candidate. It is our desire to fill our pulpit each week, even though the rabbi officiating is not in any way a candidate. We are endeavoring to secure for that purpose rabbis whose names have been suggested to us as men of ability in order that our members may see what the Committee believes to be the quality of the person who should be selected as a successor to Rabbi Eichler. I had therefore hoped that you might accept such an invitation, even though there may be no thought of your leaving your present pulpit.

I must differ with you in your characterization of the method selected by the Board of Trustees to secure a permanent occupant of our pulpit. I do not consider it at all degrading for rabbis to lecture from our pulpit, even if they are candidates. While I fully realize that indiscriminate and numerous selections for that purpose are decidedly unwise and such practice should not be encouraged, it is also well to consider that very few congregations, if any, would care to have any three or five men say to all the members that a certain person is the one they must select, and in fact I should very much dislike to take upon myself any such responsibility, either individually or as a member of a Committee. If such action of a Committee is not to be forced upon a congregation, the only other method is to have persons whom such Committee think suitable give lectures from the pulpit. This opinion is expressed notwithstanding the action of the Central Conference of which I am aware, and is one that I have discussed with a number of the members of the Conference.

Very sincerely yours,

A. K. Cohen

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
CONGREGATION LESHEM SHOMAYIM

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA,

Nov. 17, 1916

My dear Mr. Cohen: —

I am exceedingly sorry that I misinterpreted your letter, the 1st. In reading it with the aid of the commentary enclosed in your second letter I am aware that it could mean more than one thing.

However, you will not understand that my interpretation was not altogether wilful when I say that a contemporaneous letter from Mr. Mark Hersh, the Secretary of your Cong., had this misleading statement in it: —

"This invitation is extended to you with the expectation that we may be able to select a worthy successor to our Rabbi and because we have heard much favorable mention of you." This and some other circumstances contributed to the impression under which I labored and which I expressed to you somewhat....

With reference to my condemnation of your method of procedure in electing a successor to Mr. Eichler: — I cannot now outline the method which I would consider the more consistent with the dignity of the pulpit and the pew. Perhaps Mr. Eichler or Mr. Hersh could make my position more clear to you. Sincerely yours.

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21 November, 1916.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Wheeling, West Va.
My dear Dr. Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., and note what you say in explanation of your previous letter. I can see where the letter from Secretary Stone rather confused matters, and I am undertaking hereafter to have all such letters sent by me only.

As I wrote you, I well appreciate the position which the Conference has taken and have every sympathy with it, but it cannot be strictly adhered to. There must be given a certain latitude in order that it may work out to the satisfaction of all parties in interest.

Very truly yours,

A. K. Cohen

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November 1916

Rabbi A. H. Silver

Dear Rabbi

Kindly note the following dates:

November 30, probably at the Windsor,
we shall have Dr Hershey and others discuss
the Social Evil, and try to find some sane
solution of that matter.

November 16, next Thursday at 8 o'clock,
at the Church, a Smoker and round table,
str-en-up meeting. Each one present
will be asked to contribute his favorite
short poem.

If you can spare the time, drop in,
Rabbi. The boys love you.

Faithfully yours

Yt Haagsmā

[1914?]

FREE SYNAGOGUE
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STEPHEN S. WISE
RESIDENCE, 23 WEST 90TH STREET

Friday

Dear Sir:

Have been waiting for the Girls
Secretary, who has not arrived.

Heard that your sermon was
perfectly fine, despite the wretched
attendance. Wish I could have
seen you again! What shall the
Comm. send you toward your
expenses? We are most grateful
for your kindness. Write soon &
tell me of your plans.

Yours
S. S. W.

A. H. Silver, Rabbi
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Koff Street Temple

Wheeling, W. Va.

January 19, 1917.

TO THE CHILDREN OF MRS. JUSTINE HEYMAN:

My Dear Friends:-

I have been instructed by the Board of Trustees of Congregation Leshem Shomayim, to express to you their deep sense of sorrow at the great loss which you have sustained in the death of your beloved Mother, and to extend to you their heartfelt sympathy and commiseration.

The silent hand of death has descended upon the one who was nearest and dearest to you - your Mother. Your hearts are filled with unutterable anguish and your souls are cast in gloom. In this hour when you are passing through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, grief-stricken and sorrowing, we would bring this consoling thought to you as a rod and a staff to lighten the burden of that journey which all of us must at some time take when dear ones are summoned from our side.

וְהַיְיטִיב מִכָּל עֲשֵׂי הַיָּדָיו. "The Pious are called living even when they are dead." The good and the true never die. Their spirit, the echo of their life, the charm of their personality, the memory of their devotions, live on long after their bodies have sought the peace and the rest of the grave.

Your Mother has died, but only in that which is perishable - the body. Your true Mother, whose life of love and devotion, of patience and self-sacrifice, of kindness and benignity, has justly earned for her the tribute of *הַיְיטִיב* - Pious - has really never passed from amongst you. She hovers over you like a sweet benediction. She will guide and sustain you in the days to come.

But her memory will be treasured not alone by you - her children. The entire Jewish Community will long cherish her in love and affection. Truly, she was a noble soul, and in her all the virtue and nobility of the Jewish Mother appeared in all their fullness and grandeur. Long will her memory remain as a beneficent influence in our community life.

Her soul was strong. Her life was beautiful. May the strength and beauty of her life pass into your lives, hallowing and strengthening you.

Sincerely,

3016 Stanton Avenue

Cincinnati March 22nd / 1917.
Rabbi Abba H. Silver
Wheeling

Dear Mr. Silver,

A week from today is our Council Meeting, and we eagerly look forward to hearing your address. I understand that you are to be the guest of Mrs. Sam. Levy, but we would like to have the pleasure of your company for lunch next Thursday and then I will take you to the meeting. You will also please tell me what your

Traveling expenses will amount to.
We expect a large attendance and I am
enclosing you the notice of the meeting.
Do you see the American Expositor every
week? Instead of announcing the 46th
Psalm to be read at the opening of the
meeting, as has been shown, the 43rd
is mentioned. But the former will be
read, so don't be frightened. With
cordial greetings and wishing you a
pleasant trip to our town

Yours sincerely
(Ans. R.) Johnnie Rohler

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Phulmy, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Silber:

In behalf of the Cincinnati
Section, Council of Jewish Women, I wish
to express to you our thanks for
your splendid contribution to our recent
meeting. Thanking you, and assuring
you of the appreciation of all who
heard you,

Yours very sincerely
Fauna G. Mack

April 8 - 1917.

Rabbi Abram Simon, Ph. D.

Washington, D. C.

April 17, 1917

Rabbi Abba H. Selvar,
Wheeling West Va.

My Dear Cousin:-

Following the suggestion of Prof Lauterbach I am writing to urge your acceptance of an appointment on The Marriage & Divorce Commission of our Conference ^{and} to indicate to me your willingness to undertake the preparation of the assignment formerly given to Rath Joel Blau. In the year book vol XXVI p. 126 you will find the apportionment of the work which each has agreed to prepare, ^{and} what I am asking of you is comprehended in paragraph 3, ^(a), on Prohibitions against marriage. I appreciate the magnitude of asking me to work within a limited period, but of the urgency of our task, ^{and} the disaffordment created by others, ^{and} the assurance that you have the ability to handle the assignments are the extenuating justifications on my part. All I ask now is that you read pages 126, 127 & 128 for your guidance, ^{and} whip your notes into shape by

the middle of June, so that our Report to the
Conference this year may have a comprehensiveness.
Prof Lauterbach puts himself at your disposal
for any advice, and it is needless to add that
I will find it a pleasure to serve you in any
way.

Trusting to hear favorably -
Sincerely,
Abraham





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Pittsburgh, Pa. June 20, 1917

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Wheeling, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

The writer, as a Member of the Board of Control, of the United People's Church of Pittsburgh, has been asked to assist in supplying a minister to address the congregation on one of the four Sunday evenings in August, in place of the pastor, Rev. Wm. A. Prosser, who will be absent on his vacation in August.

I have had the pleasure ^{once} to hear and greatly enjoyed one of your eloquent and inspired addresses in Parkersburg, W. Va. and the purpose of my addressing you, is to ask you if you would be willing to fill the pulpit of the United Peoples Church at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, one Sunday evening in August.

Enclosed booklet of the Constitution of the United Peoples Church, will give you its principles, etc., and I will add that the late Rabbi, Dr. J. Leonard Levy, has often occupied Mr. Prosser's pulpit, as has Rabbi Coffee, when in Pittsburgh, and other liberal ministers, and I can assure you a most hearty welcome awaits you if you will do us the honor to accept an invitation to preach or lecture one of the four Sunday evenings in August.

Kindly advise me care of my stated personal address at your earliest convenience, if you can and will favor us, and which one of the four Sunday evenings in August would suit your own convenience best.

I also travel on business in West Virginia and may conveniently call on you during the coming week to talk over matter or I can have our minister, Mr. Prosser, get in touch with you to arrange any necessary detail.

Hoping to hear from you soon and favorably, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Alexander Bassce

Permanent Personal
Mail Address:

P.O. Box 71,
Oakland Station,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Newark, N. J. June 29, 1917.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Wheeling, West Va.

My dear Silver:-

You will be interested, I am sure, to learn that I have been chosen Superintendant of the Erie Orphanage. Many thanks for the letter that you wrote in my behalf. I certainly appreciate your kindness very much.

Erie, as you know is not so very far from Cleveland. I certainly hope that I may see you sometimes in Erie, for I know you will be interested in our fine institution.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J.B. Pollak

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HERMAN MOSS, GENERAL AGENT
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CLEVELAND, July 2nd, 1917.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have spoken to one of the prominent officials of The Rotary Club about your coming to Cleveland and when you are here I shall tell you the plans in connection therewith. In the meantime, however, I have just been asked if you would not consent to speak to The Rotary Club at their Thursday Luncheon Meeting August 23rd or 30th on such subject as you would think most appropriate for the time and occasion.

I trust that your plans will permit you to accept this invitation as I think it would be an excellent opportunity for you to make the acquaintance of this fine body of business and professional men.

Trusting this is not imposing too much upon you, I am, with kind regards,

Sincerely,

Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Wheeling, W.Va.

Independent Order B'nai B'rith

District Number Three



Propaganda Committee

EDWARD HEMPLE

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7-6-17

My dear Rabbi Abba Silber:-

The local board of governors held a meeting this day and naturally Rabbi Lipp's probable success was discussed and I submitted your recommendation, namely: Rabbi Cross from Brooklyn. They all marked the name in their vote book and I now am going to ask you his full name and address. I informed my friends that you recommended him very highly.

I am taking a chance to reach you in Whiting, as I understood you are going to be here this week.

May I ask you to advise me when I may reach you between now and Cleveland this time. I trust to be present to your installation in Cleveland.

Sincerely, Edw. Hemple

P.S. Received a very nice letter from Mr. Bay. Lohmstein.



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HERMAN MOSS, GENERAL AGENT
314 HIPPODROME BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO
MEMBER QUARTER-MILLION CLUB 1916

CLEVELAND, July 11th 1917.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I note from your letter of the 9th inst. that Thursday, August 30th, would be an acceptable date for appearing before The Cleveland Rotary Club and I have notified them of that fact. Could you at this time let me know the title of your address?

We shall be very glad, indeed, to co-operate with you in connection with the matter of "getting acquainted". If you have any special instructions which you think I ought to have at this time as to your wishes, do not hesitate to let me know. Some of us thought that it might be nice to select several days each week and have you as a dinner guest at different houses when personal friends and acquaintances would be invited to call that evening. In that manner you could get a little closer to a large number of our members in a manner which, perhaps, could not be done so well otherwise. Later as the season advances and your work actually begins, larger affairs could be arranged if deemed advisable.

I realize that August and September are likely to be busy months for you in planning your work and can anticipate that you would not care to give up more than just a few evenings each week.

With kind regards and best wishes for a most successful year, in which you may rely upon my hearty co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Wheeling, W. Va.

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CLEVELAND July 13, 1917.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Wheeling, W. Va.

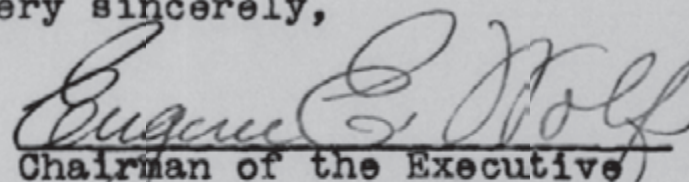
Dear Sir:-

In order to make the installation of officers of the B'nai B'rith of Cleveland, Lodge No. 16, the most effective one we have ever had, we deem it advisable to ask you to conduct the ceremony. We have decided to keep the date open for your convenience and shall arrange the meeting on any date you have open within the next two weeks.

We feel that your presence here at the time will lend an added interest to the occasion and will make the ceremony the impressive affair that it should be. Knowing your interest in the B'nai B'rith movement we earnestly hope that you will see your way clear to be present.

Trusting to hear from you shortly, I am,

Very sincerely,


Chairman of the Executive
Committee.

W:S

DR. SAMUEL J. WOLFENSTEIN, PRESIDENT
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The Educational League

Cleveland, O. July 17, 17.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.,
% Temple , E. 55th St.
City.

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in informing you that
at the Annual Meeting of The Educational League, held
Sunday, July 8th, you were elected a member of the
Board of Governors of that Organization.

I wish to assure you that our office is at
all times ready to assist you in any matter, you may
request to further the aims of the League in the
community which you represent.

Yours very truly,

THE EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

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Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Wheeling, West Va.

My dear Rabbi Silver;

I understadn that you will arrive in Cleveland on August first, to make this city your perminet home..

The B'mai B'rith will hold a reunion and outing on Thursday August ninth at which time we would like to have you deliver a few words to our boys who will leave shortly after that for training camps.. We only want you to deliver just a few appropriate words and I sincerely trust you will do this for our lodge.

Trusting that you will do us this favor, I am

Very resepectfully yours

W.R. Weidenbach

HERBERT HOOVER
WASHINGTON

July, 23, 1917.,

Rabbi Moses J. Gries,
103 Lake Shore Blvd,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:

Mr. Hoover, Food Administrator, who has asked me to
serve as Director of Food Conservation Propaganda among the Jewish
people of the United States, would deem it a great favor if you would
send to me care of Food Administration Department, Washington, D. C.
at your earliest moment, as full a list as possible of places in your
section of the country where Jewish people are summering in large num-
bers. He would also appreciate it if you would furnish me with the
name of a prominent Jewish lady of executive ability in each of these
summer resorts, with whom I might communicate with a view of having
her aid us in creating sentiment for food conservation by organizing
mass meetings, classes, and lectures.

By giving this matter your immediate attention you will
confer a great favor on Mr. Hoover, who, in the interest of purest
patriotism, is giving himself with all his heart and soul and means
to this greatly needed work.

Yours, faithfully,

ask Rathi Silver & Antver,
as he will.

[Handwritten signature]

*96 - Rabbi Gries
Cleveland
Jewish of Cleveland
8-11-17
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*I think this special
Jewish appeal
unnecessary
& unwise.*

No such places.

*not a peculiar
Jewish problem*

August 1st, 1917

Eugene
Mr. ~~Eugene~~ E. Wolf,
336 Engineers Building
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wolf,

I have your letter of July 17th,
advising me of my appointment to the Board of
Governors of The Educational League.

I deeply appreciate the ~~honor~~ *honor*
that has been conferred upon me and shall be
glad to serve.

Cordially yours,

August 1st, 1917

Mr. William R. Weidenthal,
Caxton Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weidenthal,

Replying to your letter of July 19th,
unless I am out of the city on the date you men-
tion, namely, August ninth, I shall be glad to
accept your invitation to attend the B'nai B'rith
reunion and make a short address.

Sincerely yours,

August 1st, 1917

Mr. Edw. Hemple
Publication Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hemple,

Replying to your letter of July 6th, by this time you are no doubt aware that Rabbi Krass has accepted the pulpit of Dr. Moses of New York City and can no longer be considered as a candidate for Pittsburg.

Whenever you come to Cleveland, I shall be glad to have you call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

August 1st, 1917

Dr. Joseph Krauskopf,
4715 Pulaski Avenue,
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Krauskopf,

Your letter to Rabbi Gries concerning Food Conservation matters, has been forwarded to me.

Rabbi Gries thinks this special Jewish appeal unnecessary and unwise. Neither he nor I know of any places that are particularly "Jewish" summer resorts, and therefore could not furnish you with names of persons with whom you could communicate. The problem does not seem to be particularly Jewish.

Our Jewish women will, without doubt, co-operate readily in the general movement.

Sincerely yours,

August 6th, 1917

Mr. J. M. Wolenski
1456 Crawford Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wolenski,

I have your letter of the fourth instant and thank you for your word of congratulation.

Replying to your inquiry regarding a pension fund - The Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations are at present engaged upon a plan for ministers' pension.

Dr. Joseph Stolz, 4827 Langley Avenue, Chicago, is the Chairman of the Committee and will, no doubt, be able to give you the information you desire. I have forwarded your letter to him.

Sincerely yours,



HERBERT HOOVER
WASHINGTON

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Food Administration Department
1000 Vermont Avenue
August 7, 1917.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Colleague:-

I regret to learn from your letter of recent date, that you do not favor the plan which Mr. Hoover, as Food Administrator, and those who are associated with him, have seen fit to adopt as a means of spreading among the people the urgent necessity of Food Conservation. Nothing was further from their minds than a desire to separate the people of the United States into sectional factions. They are eager to reach the masses in the speediest and least expensive manner, and, therefore, availed themselves of the existing machinery for reaching different bodies of people. Alongside me here, as Directors of the movement, are not only representatives of the Catholic and of the different sects of the Protestant church, but also representatives of fraternal, commercial, industrial, philanthropic, agrarian, educational and other organizations. This, of course, will mean a certain amount of duplication, but the duplication, it is believed, will serve as a sort of "follow-up" system.

I am glad to be able to tell you that many of the Rabbis, throughout the country are responding to the call and are co-operating with this Department to the fullest extent of their power.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES E. NADLER
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

August 28, 1917

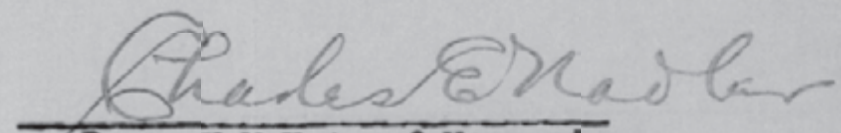
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Euclid Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doc:

In the name of the Youngstown Y.M.H.A. I wish to thank you sincerely for your acceptance of the invitation extended to you to speak at the Mass meeting of the convention of Ohio State Y.M.H.A. & Y.W.H.A. Organizations. This is the first Convention of this State. On Sunday evening, September 2nd at 8p.m. there will be Mass meeting to which we have invited the Jewry of this community. Our expectations are to have a large attendance. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple, on Wick Ave. between W. Rayen and Wood Sts. I shall be pleased to have a committee await you at the depot if you would care to inform us on what road and train you expect to arrive here. As for your subject matter and the time allotted to you, you have your own choice. To give you an idea of the local situation I wish to tell you that there had been at different times three different Y.M.H.A. in Youngstown. Each in its turn proved unsufficient and failed. My personal idea of the cause of these failures is that the few men at the head of these organizations started from the wrong end; instead of interesting the young men they interested and obtained as members the older men. As a result there was no real working unit of the organization. The present organization was formed about a year ago by young men of the ages of eighteen to twenty-one, who came together primarily for forming a strong club. Through their influence there was a women's Y.W.H.A. We now have over one hundred fifty young men and over one hundred young women. We have a few dollars in the treasury not the result of subscriptions, but the product of the members themselves. This community is almost ripe for a thorough membership Canvass and Campaign for a Building. If things go on as they are now are, we feel that we should start our Campaign this next fall.

I am giving you these facts in order to acquaint you with the situation. Again thanking you for your kind acceptance of our invitation and assuring you that your efforts will be appreciated, I wish to remain,

Yours Sincerely,


Pres. Y.M.H.A. of Youngstown.

MISS LILLIE SLONS
PRESIDENT

MISS TINA G. BERNSTEIN
SECRETARY

THE CAMP WISE ASSOCIATION

CLEVELAND, OHIO

CAMP AT EUCLID, OHIO
STOP 133 SHORE LINE

Rabbi A. Silver

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the
Board of the Camp Wise Association,
held on Tuesday, December fourth,
you were unanimously elected
as member of the board.
We sincerely hope you will
accept.

Respectfully

Tina G. Bernstein

Secy.

December 8, 1917

December 19th, 1917

Miss Tina C. Bernstein,
Secy. Camp Wise Association,
11604 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Bernstein,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your note of December 8th- advising me of my appointment as a member of the Board of the Camp Wise Association.

I accept the appointment and shall endeavor to serve to the best of my ability.

Thanking you for the courtesy, I remain

Sincerely yours,