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# TOPICS

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Rabbi A.H.Silver, 1485 E. IO6th.st., Cleveland,

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Will you please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and give us permission to use such data in our biographical directory.

We enclose specimen proof of the letter to be mailed out next week, the same being self-explanatory. The names appearing there are the first to be sent in, but we would like to add about three or four, including yours thus making the list more representative.

Much care is being exercised in the compilation of this volume and we assure you there will be nothing but the proper use of your name in this connection.

Respectfully ,

THE CLEVELAND TOPICS CO.

By Veandalphy. Mchan

P.S. Since writing the above, we learned that you would not be in the city until next week. Therefore we are mailing to the Temple instead of residence and take the further liberty of asking you to give the matter attention as soon as possible. We will hold the letter until we hear from you.

כל המקיים נפש אחת כאילו קיים עולם סלא

"He who saves one life is considered as if he had preserved the whole world" TALMUD

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ADDRESS MAIL TO P. C. B. 537

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

c/o The Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

CDS\*RS

Denver, Colo

September 3, 1925.

FACTS

1 ' DR. PHILIP HILLKOWITZ, PRESIDENT

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About The Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society, Denver, Colo. and its Sanatorium at Sanatorium. Colo.

Society organized - - Jan. 2, 1904 Incorporated - - - June 25, 1904

### PURPOSE

To give relief and treatment to persons suffering from tuberculosis in all forms and

### SANATORIUM

Sanatorium opened - - Sept. 8: 1904 Cost of buildings & equipment \$758,356.85 Capacity - 270

### ADMISSION

Free. Only indigent consumptives are admitted.

Emergency cases admitted without delay. No distinction made between races and

## PATIENTS

Regular cases admitted since 1904 Emergency cases admitted since 190- 1510 Urgent cases admitted - - - 173 Total number of cases admitted - 4660 Total hospital days - -- 882,214

## INCOME

Initial fund - - - 5 1922 - - - 4 1.10 419-982.77

### PROPERTY

148 Acres

25 Buildings

40 Tents

United States Meteorological Station

### FARM

Raise alfalfa, grain and vegetables.

## DAIRY

Supplies every drop of milk.

## POULTRY

Two thousand hens furnish eggs

### LIBRARY

Six thousand volumes.

## POSTOFFICE

Established 1923 under the name of natorium, Colo.

## INSTRUCTION

School for patients. Training School for Nurses. Bookbindery. Occupational Therapy.

Graded walks, chess, lectures, enter-tainments, theatricals, games, moving pic-tures, Radio.

### PUBLICATIONS

The Sanatorium, a quarterly megazine, and Hatikvah, a monthly, edited and published by the patients.

We take pleasure in

Secretary

sending you under separate co-

ver a marked copy of "The San-

an item of interest to you.

atorium" in which you will find

Yours sincerely,

## 904 LEXINGTON AYENUE AVONDALE CINCINNATI

Dr. Abba Hille Selver Dear Abba: Sept. 8/25

Just a line of greeting on your relum. Hope that You and Mrs. Silver has a fine trip. I pean to arrive Vin Cleveland Friday warning the 18th and wire stop as the Doanbrooke - Your Doctor's Deflows wire us be ready unter after the holy days. I die coveras a cui tora in the original copy and has another me wase it was awaits the Signatures face the member of the Facult + 7 the There of Society the Board. But on the Facult dans und received with ofter your rappel I cannot see the place. Mel all good wisher & Ther Selver & yourney, Demconiace Harwolaudy

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Rabbi A H Silver, 1485 E 106 St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Siver:

starting Sestember 12 tour of the country for the market of the market are in the Commission of which he is the president.

We will make Pittsburg his first stop, then on to Cleveland, where he will remain to continue his work.

Herr Tsiprinsky, therefore asks you to participate with him in the collections of funds for the above organization.

Sincerely yours,

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ERIE, PA. September 4th, 1925.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, 0.

Dear Silver: -

I believe that you have been conducting a Religious School teachers normal class. either by yourself, or together with the Euclid Ave. Temple. I was wondering whether you have any material, especially syllabi, that you could let me have for reference, or use, in the conduct of my class. I should also be thankful to you for any suggestions as to course and method of operation that you could give me out of your experience.

With cordial wishes for a good New Year to you and Mrs. Silver, I am,

Yours.

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MCC/F

Mr. E. T. Wockrell

Empire Avenue and East 93rd Street.

My dear Mr. Cockrell,

At your request I am sending you a list of the dates of the dewish Holydays:

New Year - Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th.

Day of Atonement - Monday, September 28th.

Feast of Tabernacles - Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd and 4th and Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th.

Jewish children would, therefore, be compelled to miss but one day of school, viz: Monday, September 28th.

Very sincerely yours,

A. W. NEWMAN
CLEVELAND, OR
9/14/25

Rabbi a.M. Silver.

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REV DR ABBA H SILVER

105 ST AND ANSELL AD CARE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

DOWN WITH GRIPPE DOCTOR REFUSED TO LET ME GO TO

CLEVELAND RABBI EGELSON A GOOD MAN AVAILABLE FOR NEW YEAR

DO YOU WANT HIM WIRE IMMEDIATELY

HENRY ENGLANDER

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Mr. A. W. Newman, 2849 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, Chio.

My dear Mr. Newman,

I think the suggestion of introducing evening classes for City Club members in such subjects as you suggest in your letter is an excellent one. I wonder, however, whether this would not duplicate the work of the Night College which the University is instituting. Perhaps a way may be found to combine the two.

With kindest regards, permit me to

remain

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William C. Keller, 5120 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Chio.

My dear Mr. Keller.

am glad to know that you will again care for the special music for the Friday Vesper Services. I appreciate the fine spirit which prompts your generosity. Without doubt the occasional special numbers added greatly to the beauty of the Friday Eve Services last season and it is good to know that they may be continued.

with kindest regards and trusting you are very well, I am

Very sincerely yours,

# United Jewish Cemeteries

Anshe Chesed and Tifereth Israel Congregations CLEVELAND, OHIO

Mayfield Cemetery Mayfield and Coventry Roads Willet Street Cemetery 2254 Fulton Road

Office: 2749 Mayfield Road Cleveland Heights, O.

> Ratbi A. H. Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

The Annual meeting of the Board of Governors will be held Tuesday afternoon September 22nd at one o'clock at the Federation Office, 1537 Guardian Building.

Some important matters will be before the meeting and members are urged to attend.

Chairman, T. Levy

Board of Governors, United Jewish Cemeteries.

September, 16th, 1925.

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Cleveland, O., September 17th, 1925

Dr. Henry Englander 904 Lexington Avenue Cincinnati, Chio.

Sorry indeed to hear of your illness. Hope you will soon be yourself again. Is Dr. Morgenstern available for our New Year Services? If not, kimily arrange with Dr. Egelson and ask him to arrange to arrive in Cleveland not later than tomorrow-Priday-morning.

A. H. Silver

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## 904 LEXINGTON AYENUE AVONDALE GINGINNATI

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Sept. 18/25

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strength - I feet all right - in bed - but my strength Las been taken fran me - Hope you wise emantant and forfine me - cla lacking forward to kning You are nor Selver and is, I few device how to wait unit The tenference weter have your-My very how wir her to you are nor Selver for a fine and heart fue then year in which mrs. Assert Englander contractor from me. If there is to be an at home " right for the raceis and their cower during the Conference week, wie it to agreeave to you to the our quests. You have never been as our home. - Santurlandes

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Chos. Wemser PHONE, RANDOLPH 973 COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE 2404 EAST FIFTY-FIFTH STREET CLEVELAND, O. CHARLES NEMSER MT. PLEASANT BRANCH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 3335 EAST 118TH ST. GARFIELD 1150 IDA E. SCHOTT LILLIAN J. STRAUSS ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR September 18, 1925. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple. East 105th and Ansel Rd. . City. My dear Dr. Silver: I wish to express my most cordial appreciation on behalf of Mrs. Nemser and myself of your accommodating us as guests during the High Holidays. With best wishes for a happy New Year, I am Chai Kleuse ON: CA

Dr. Henry Englander, 904 Lexington Avenue, Cincinnati, Chic.

Dear Dr. Englander.

I need not tell you that both
Mrs. Silver and I were very sorry to hear of
your illness and regretted your inability to
be with us for the Holydays. I am very happy
to learn that you are fast recovering. Please
take care of yourself, for the convalescence
period after grippe is a rather prolanged one.

We were happy to have Dr. Egelson with us. He did splendidly and we are looking forward to his return for Yom Kippur.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Englander and with best wishes for a happy year, in which Mrs. Silver joins me, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours.

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

DearDr. Silver:

I received your wire yesterday. I shall be very pleased to assist in consucting services for Yom Kippur.

I plan to arrive on Sunday morning. I wonder whether Miss Jones could arrange for a conference with the choir leaders for some time Sunday, either the morning or the afternoon, as it may suit their convenience. If you will have word left for me at the Dommorooke Hotel with reference to this, I shall appreciate it very much.

With cordial regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself and looking forward with pleasure to a happy fast day, I am

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Cordially,

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# Orthodox Old Home

בית מושב זקנים

736 LAKEVIEW ROAD

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, CLEVELAND. D. September 23, 1925. The Temple, Cleveland, Chio.

Dear Rabbin

We take this opportunity to present the Orthodox Old Home and its present position, to you. The Home was built four years ago, at which time it had moved from its old building in Scovill Avenue, with thirty inmates. Euring these four years the population of the Home has increased until we now have nimety-four poor old man and women; eight of whom are blind and a number of them chronically ill. At this time the Home is filled to its fullest capacity, and we have a large number of applicants begging for admission. Some of those applicants are in a most pitiful condition and their cases are quite urgent, but we are forced to refuse them admission because of lack of rooms and equipment.

These persons who are chronically ill and who are seeking admission in a Jewish Home, present us with a great and unusual problem. At the present time there is no Jewish Home in Cleveland for such chronics, and no hospital here will take them in. The only place for these unfortunates is out at Warrensville, which is at its best, overcrowded, and where a Jew in particular, is not comfortable.

In view of the situation as here briefly set out to you, the Board of Directors of the Orthodox Old Home has decided to build an addition to its present building, planning to accommodate eighty people more; one-half of the new building being in wards and equipped to take care of such invalids as are classed as chronics, and the other half of the building to accommodate the old folks. The cost of the new building is approximately a hundred thousand dollars, and your co-operation is earnestly solicited in appealing to the public for funds for this cause. With the liberal response of the public, aided by your co-operation, we shall be able to carry out the plans of the Home and to give aid to those appealing for.

We beg to remain,

Respectfully,

The Board of Directors of the

Orthodox Old Howe.

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MRS A H EILVER are

11485 EAST 106 ST CLEVEL AND OHIO

WILL SPEAK WEDNESDAY OCTOBER FOURTEENTH SUBJECT RACE PREJUDICE

I ITS CAUSE AND CURE 18 THIS SATISFACTORY PLEASE WRITE

JOHN HAYNES BOLMES.

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DR A H SILVER

THE TEMPER CLEVELAND OH!

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JOHN HAYNES HOLMES

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Mrs. Walter Goldsmith,
President, Temple Women's Association,
2550 Arlington Road,
Euclid Heights, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Goldsmith,

year, donated \$100.00 to the Palestine Foundation Fund. Rabbi Silver is wondering whether they would be willing to donate a similar amount this year. Will you kindly let him know Just as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Dr. Louis Egelson, #2 Avon Apartments, Clinton Springs Ave. at Reading Road, Cincinnati. Chio.

My dear Dr. Egelson.

In sending you the enclosed check, I should like you to know that it does not express even to the smallest degree our appreciation of the services which you rendered The Temple during the past Holydays. You relieved us of great anxiety when you volunteered to assist us in the emergency which arose due to Dr. Englander's illness.

The manner in which you conducted the Holyday Services and your sermons were a real inspiration to my people.

Thanking you again most heartily for your kindness and wishing you and yours a year of great happiness, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Accts. Receivable J.P.S.A.	8,552.94
" Hebrew Press	2,230.07
Investments	40,761.76
Insurance-unexpired	300.00
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Pledges	15,267.50
Inventory of Plant	17.000.00
	\$108,102.69

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# \$800,000 for Jerusalem Y.M.C.A.

The news service of the National Catholic Welfare Council of Washington, D. C., in a despatch from Paris dated Sep-

tember 12, states:

"Reports received here from Jerusalem states that the Young Men's Christian Association has collected in the United States the sum of \$800,000 to build a large edifice in Jerusalem. This building will be used as the headquarters for all Protestant work undertaken in the Near East. This will give Protestantism a new point of support in Palestine."

> The above news item appeared in the Jewish Daily Bulletin of September 30



According to a report which appeared the other day in the Jewish Daily Bulletin, the Young Men's Christian Association has collected in the United States the sum of \$800,000 to build a large edifice in Jerusalem. This building, we are told, will be used as the hendquarters for all Protestant work undertaken in the Near East.

If we remember correctly, it was the United Synagogue of America, at its last convention, that decided to raise a substantial sum—was it \$250,000?—with which to erect a synagogue and a community center in Jerusalem or thereabouts. Those interviewed on the sub-ect last summer were very enthusiastic over thematter. What has happened to the place? If they were waiting for non-Jewish endorsement they have now received it from the Y. M. C. A. For a community center in Jerusalem, for that is what it will be, the Christians in America have contributed the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars. And our Jews are still waiting, are still hesitating, probably still discussing who shall have the knowd of being the national chairman. Perhaps the announcement on the part of the Y. M. C. A. will give new impetus to the United Synagogue venture.

The above editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Jewish World of October 4th

# Shall the Y.M.C.A. be the only recreational Center for the Jewish Youth of Jerusalem?

A minimum of \$300,000 is needed for the establishment of a suitable synagogue and center in Jerusalem for the development of a Jewish life and culture for the Jewish youth. The United Synagogue of America appeals to the Jews of this country to help it build this synagogue and center in the holiest city of the world.

# The Jerusalem Synagogue - Ceuter Bund

National Headquarters: 171 MADISON AVENUE, New York City

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RABBI SAMUEL M. COHEN NEW YORK SECRETARY

## October Fifth 1925

City Editor, The Cleveland Press, Cleveland, Chio.

Dear Sir:-

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reported from the Press, a Miss Rubinstein, called on me for an interview. The last time was shortly after my arrival from Abread.

Knowing that she represented your paper, I was glad to give her the time and information.

The interview never appeared and I am wondering whether this reporter actually represented your paper.

With kindest regards, penni: me to

Very sincerely yours,

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October Fifth

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

Dear Dr. Silver :-

Your most gracious letter reached me yesterday. I want to assure you that it was a great pleasure to be of assistance to you personally, and to the congregation, perhaps, indirectly. It was indeed an inspiration to worship the Lord in the beauty of your Temple and in the presence of so responsive a congregation.

May I express my thanks for the check which you were kind enough to enclose?

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Silver and you again for your kind hospitality, and to reciprocate cordially, both for Mrs. Egelson and myself, your good wishes for the year.

With cordial regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Louis F. Gelson

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# THE CLEVELAND FOUNDATION

CARLTON K MATSON, DIRECTOR 710 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG. CLEVELANG CHERRY 2873

October 7, 1925

Rabbi A. H. Silver The Temple Ansel Road and E. 105th Street Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We would very much like to have you join us in a little dinner which the Cleveland Forms Council executive committee is giving to Doctor Oscar Jaszi, new of Oberlin College, at 5:50, Hotel Statler, October 16.

Dr. Jaszi has just come to Oberlin from Vienna, where he has been in exile from Hungary since the important Karolyi episode in Hungarian affairs. He was a member of the Karolyi Cabinet and has a distinguished position as an "insider" in Central Europe. He has been assured that he may talk to the Council from that position quite informally and confidentially.

As it is only a small dinner meeting the hotel will charge \$2.00 a plate. Please take the liberty of bringing a guest if you care to. If you can come, and I hope you can, will you please write or telephone your acceptance to Miss Chadsey, Cedar 2113, at once if posmible.

Very truly yours,

extraction -

Carlton K. Matson, President Cleveland Forum Council Cedar 2113

October 8, 1935.

Rabbi A. H. Silver, The Temple, East 105th St. at Ansel Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Are you interested in securing out-of-town speakers for your Sunday morning forum? Professor D. L. Sharpe, well known author and naturalist, and professor of English at Boston University, is planning to be in Cleveland November 8th. He will be free Sunday morning, and has indicated his willingness to accept another speaking engagement. His fee is sixty dollars. His regular fee is one hundred dollars and expenses, and that is what he is getting from Lake Eric College where he is delivering the "Founder's Day" Address Saturday morning, November 7th. He is giving us, however, the opportunity of booking him for two engagements at sixty dollars each, thus ocoperating with us in our venture to provide a wider range of speakers for organizations in Cleveland, at more available fees.

You may be interested in the following subjects on which Professor Sharpe speaks:

Education for Democracy
The National School - the Demonstration
of Democracy
Poet and Prophet

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience regarding this matter?

Yours sincerely,

Acting Director.

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Mr. Edwin Strauss, 1866 East 93rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Strauss,

In sending you the enclosed list of out-of-town students attending Cleveland Colleges. Rabbi Silver desires to suggest that the Alumni send a cordial invitation to each of these young men and women to attend the dance in Mahler Alumni Hall following the Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday afternoon, October 25th. Will you kindly have this matter given the necessary attention.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

October 9th, 1925.

Dr. David Brown,

Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Brown,

Your meeting was a "ringer".

You gave the men much food for thought and a greater enthusiasm. I believe that our prandial discussion warmed you up for your "great effort". Please do not take everything I said to you between the courses very seriously. You have no peer at American Jewish life for selfish, whole-hearted and continuous service to great ideals.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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(Reprinted from Cleveland Topics, October 10, 1945)



## The Orpheus Male Chorus

Definite announcement has been made by the Orpheus Male Chorus of Cleveland, Charles D. Dawe, Conductor, of its forthcoming participation at the Welsh National Eisteddiod to be held at Swansea. South Wales in August 1926.

Having won the second male voice competition in 1923 the objective of the choir now is to win first honors in the chief male voice competition in 1926.

Whereas the second male voice competition required a chorus with a minimum number of thirty men, the chief male voice competition will require a chorus with a minimum number of eighty men. The Orpheus is being augmented to the required number at the present time.

A tentative itinerary has been mapped out to include appearances in New York, Washington, London, and Paris, in addition to the appearance at Swansea at the Eisteddfod. The trip is to cover a period of five weeks time. The expenses are estimated at \$30,000,00. More than half this amount has been guaranteed by one of Cleveland's prominent and public-spirited patrons of music who for the present prefers that his name be withheld.

The "Orpheus" was organized in 1921 with a membership of eighteen singers. The personnel is composed mostly of church singers many of whom hold solo positions. The choir is typically American with more than six nationalities represented. Conductor Charles D. Dawe is active in Cleveland musical circles. He is also musical director at Ebworth-Euclid Church as well as musical director of the Ohio Bel Telephone chorus.

The accomplishments of the choir include, June 1922: Won first honors at Youngstown, O. Eisteddfod at which time choir has been in existence less than one year. This initial success was the determining factor in making European trip in 1923 to participate in Welsh Eisteddfod.

August 1923: Won first honors in second male voice competition at Welsh International Eisteddfod at Mold, North Wales. The "Orpheus" was the first American male choir to participate.

Year of 1924: Extensive concert season in Cleveland and vicinity. June 1925: Again won first honors at Youngstown, O. Eisteddíod.

The choir has participated in only three competitions and has been victorious each time defeating more than twenty choirs including Welsh, English, and American organizations.

Among its important engagements have been wo engagements as soloists with Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, a capacity house at each engagement. Two engagements at the Palace Theatre, Cleveland. One engagement at the Palace Theatre, New York. Choir engaged for the production of the "Miracle". Engagements of civic importance include the services rendered by the choir during Community Fund campaign, at the International Rotany convention, at the hospitals during holiday season, and the community thanksgiving service.

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## THE JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY OF AMERICA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY

BROAD STREET AND GIRARD AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA

October 13, 1925.

Dear Sir:

We take pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of "The Legends of the Jews", Volume V, with the compliments of the Society.

Volume VI is now in pages and will be published in 1926, as arranged by the Board.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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PHILADEL FHIA

October 14, 1925.

Rev.Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope you have had a pleasant time abroad and that you have returned to your flock with all the vigor that you need in your great work.

I wish you and Dr. Goldman would invite me to come to Cleveland to organize a little group who might be willing to aid the Society. I think Dr. Goldman said that in the Fall he would be glad to be helpful, and I know that you would be glad to help me in all seasons, and while I am writing to you, may I inquire whether with your love for art and Jewish art particularly, you might not wish to secure for your synagogue center a replica of Jules Butensky's interesting bit of sculpture, entitled "Hillel and Shammai". In many ways it is a magnificen; piece of work, and it would bring home as no uttered or printed words might, the dignity and holiness of both these great teachers. It marks vividly the contrast between the human kindliness of Hillel and the austerity and insistence upon the observance of the Divine law of Shammai.

Mr. Butensky has done, as you know, that well known statue, "Universal Peace" which is now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, he being one of a few, if not the only Jewish sculptor whose work has thus been honored. The original of "Hillel and Shammai" was presented to Judge Irving Lehman of the Court of Appeals in New York, and the other I think is at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, but a replica ought to be in some of the great Jewish senters throughout the country. The minimum fees placed upon this bit of bronze which is about 20 inches high, is \$250., but knowing the circumstances of the artist and how some patron had to advance the money to pay for the casting of a dozen of these, I am sure he would not return a check for a larger amount.

I hope to hear from you, and if I can serve you in any way, do not hesitate to call upon me. I feel it a great pleasure and privilege to have been thrown in with you the several times that we have met in the Spring this year.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Q.g. Dobevage;

Secretary.



### October fifteenth 1925

Miss Mildred Chadsey, Cleveland Forum Council 2117 Adelbert Road, Cleveland, Chio.

My dear Miss Chadsey,

Replying to your letter of October eighth, we have no Sunday morning forum at The Temple. You probably have in mind the forum at the Jewish Center, East 105th Street and Grant-wood, of which Rabbi Solomon Goldman is in charge.

Very sincerely yours,

October Sixteenth, 1925

Mr. Erie C. Hopwood, Editor, Claveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Chic.

My dear Mr. Hopwood,

May I not take this opportunity to thank you for the great assistance which you rendered to the cause of Palestine by your timely and helpful editorial which appeared in this morning's Plain Dealer. I have always admired your fine spirit of co-operation.

With kindest regards, I beg to

remain.

Very sincerely yours.

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES or tho JEWESH BUBLICATION SOCIETY OF AMERICA Outober 20, 1925.

A meeting of the Beard of Trustees of the Jewish Publication Society of America was held on Tuesday afterneon, October 20 1925, in the Chambers of Judge Horace Storn, Philadelphia. Mr. Simon Miller was in the chair and the following members of the Board were present: Dr. Cyrus Adler, Mr. Hart Blumenthal, Mr. Lionel Friedmann, Judge Wm. Lewis, and the Secretary.

### REGRETS:

The following regretted their inability to be present: Mr. Leo M. Brown, Hon. Abram I. Elkus, Mr. Henry Fernberger, Mr. Jos. Hagedorn, Rev. Dr. Nathan Krass, Hon. Josiah Cohen, Mr. Felix E. Levy, Mr. Julius S. Weyl, Mr. A. Leo Weil, Mr. Cyrus L. Sulzberger, Mr. Adolph S. Ochs, Mr. Alphonse B. Miller, and Mr. Nathan J. Miller.

### MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held March 12th were approved,

MINUTE IN MEMORY OF MR. EPHRAIM LEDERER:

The President was requested to appoint a committee to draw up a suitable minute in memory of Mr. Ephraim Lederer, who from the beginning has been one of the most loyal and active workers in the interest of the Society. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees as well as the first Secretary of the Society

Attention was called to the passing away of two great Jewish scholars, whose writings the Society had published and others which are going through the press. The Publication Committee will be askede to draw up minutes in memories of Prof. Israel Abrahams, of Cambridge University, and Prof. Henry Malter, of Dropsie College, Philadelphia.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The financial statement of the Society and the Hebrew Press for the period ending September 30, 1925 were submitted and are appended herewith.

### FUBLICATIONS:

Publications Issued since the meeting in March: "Sir Moses Montefiore", by Paul Goodman

Year Book 5686, in September 1925 - both of these were distributed to members.

"Logends of the Jews", Volume V, 2000 copies printed and were ready October 1925.

"Kasriel, the Watchman" will be issued in December, 1925. In this connection the President called attention to the fact that the Secretary was instrumental in securing a subvention from Mr. N. H. Shrifte, of the Wolff Bindery, to cover the paper, presswork and binding of an edition of this book for the members of the Society. It is estimated that this subvention amounts to about \$3,000 to \$3,500. The Board voted that an expression of appreciation be sent to Mr. Shrifte for his interest.

An edition of 10,000 copies of the Book of Psalms now going through the press will be ready for delivery in the early part of November 1925. The Rabbis of the country are being invited to place orders for their congregations, particularly as this edition which will sell for 25¢ is intended to meet the domands made by Rabbis for the use of their schools and congregations.

Bible Translation: The sixth printing of an edition of approximately 20,000 has just been completed. This makes over 120,000 copies of the Society's Bible published thus far.

Outlines of Jewish History: 2000 copies reprinted.

Books in Type:

Sholom Ash, "Kidchesh Haschem" "The Santification of the Name)

"Logonds of the Jows", Volume VI

Also two volumes, "Ethical Wills" by Prof. Israel Abrahams, and the Talmud Volume of the Taanit, by Prof. Henry Malter, as well as part of the Mekilta by Dr. Lauterbach. The fact that both Dr. Abrahams and Prof. Malter have passed away has somewhat delayed the publication of these books.

Manuscripts Accepted and On Hand:

London, Elkon N. Adler

Travels in Morthern Africa, Slousch

School Days in our Home Town, A. S. Isancs

People in Bible Times, Radin

Book of Deuteronomy (received but not accepted)

One Volume History of the Jews, upon which Dr. Margelis and Dr. Mark are at work. The Secretary reported that the authors are new up to the year 1648 in their work, thus completing about three-quarters of the entire volume. The manuscript is scheduled to be delivered in February 1926 but as it will have to be read carefully by a Sub-committee some time will thus be consumed; it is hoped to issue it some time during 1926. The Secretary reported that dummies are being prepared to afford the committees and the Board a chance to determine the typographical and other mechanical features of this volume.

EDITOR: The Secretary submitted a communication dated April 20, 1925, constituting the contract arrangement made by the President with Dr. Isaac Husik, editor of the Society. This arrangement was approved by the Board. The terms of the contract are as follows: Dr. Husik is to receive \$2,600 per annum and this amount is to be retroactive from the time of the engagement of Dr. Husik's services as Editor. He is to edit manuscripts and read proof of all the Society's publications sent on account of membership, as well as manuscript and proof of the Jewish Quarterly Review. An extre honorarium, to be mutually determined, is to be puid for editing and proof reading of the Jewish Classics, and any other publications not intended for general distribution. HEBREW PRESS: Since the March meeting the Hebrew Press has been kept Among the volumes issued are the Jubilee Volume of the Hebrew Union College Annual, three numbers of the Jewish Quarterly Review, and a substantial volume entitled "The Hebrew Word" by Acton, for the Academy at Bryn Athyn. The Press is now engaged in getting out several volumes for the Jewish Theological Seminary, and also the second volume of Davidson's "Thesaurus". New Type: As recorded in earlier minutes of the Board, a new

New Type: As recorded in earlier minutes of the Board, a new face of type to meet the demands of several New York prospective customers was being manufactured. Of this new face the 10 point was ready and samples were submitted to the members of the Board.

Suggestion was made that the Hebrow Press and the Society secure desk room in New York, offering the manager of the Press an opportunity to be in touch with New York once a week with a view of securing more work for the Press. Referred to Committee on Hebrow Press.

Suggestion was also made that the Press should secure quarters in one loft together with the office of the Society. This suggestion was approved provided the President could make suitable arrangements regarding the present lease and secure quarters for approximately \$3,000 a year.

SUSTAINING FUND:

The Secretary reported that in Pittsburgh during the latter part of March pledges amounting to about \$4,400 were secured, and most of it paid into the Sustaining Fund of the Society.

Now York Pledges: At the suggestion of Mr. Nathan J. Miller some of the New York pledges payable annually were anticipated by single payments received during the last few weeks.

Chicago: The Secretary had written to Mr. James Becker, of Chicago, for information regarding the present status of the \$20,000 fund the Seciety had been promised would be raised there. Mr. Becker in a telegram stated that although he had received assurances that money would be collected, due to tremendous number of demands upon the community he could not get anyone to commit himself definitely. Subsequently, under date of October 19th Mr. Becker wrote that it was impossible to say when the \$20,000 will or will not be raised. It looked pretty certain that the noney would be forthcoming until the new demands were made due to larger demands in the community. It was impossible for him to tell now whether the community would include this fund along with other organizations for which it is collecting. He will advise the Board if there be any new developments.

YEAR BOOK AUVERTISEMENT:

The President reported that he had concluded arrangements with Mr. Alex. Dubin, of Philadelphia, to secure advertisements for the Year Book.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:

Action as to whether the annual meeting should be held outside of Fhiladelphia, in towns like Boston, New York or Chicago, discussed but action was postponed until subsequent meeting.

MEMBERSHIP IN NEW YORK:

An attempt to secure subscriptions during 10 weeks in March, April and May in New York through a Mr. Jack Wechsler brought no results whatsoever. The importance of securing members for the Society, a problem which is forever before the Board, was again discussed, and it was voted that the President appoint membership committees to cover New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and possibly a few other towns, though it was felt that limiting the campaign to fewer towns might afford greater opportunity for intensive work. It was the feeling that this campaign should take the form of an appeal for \$25.00 subscriptions nore or less along the lines of the last appeal made under the signature of Mr. Oscar S. Strauss.

LEGACY OF MF. Louis S. Stroock: The Secretary reported that under the will of Mr. Louis S. Stroock, of New York, a bequest for \$300. was made to the Society.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Lionel Friedmann, of the Committee which is to take up the question of the business methods of the Society, stated that he was now ready to take up with his committee the business methods of the Society; pending the report the question of appointment of an executive committee of a number of New York and Philadelphia members of the Board, was left in abeyance. This matter, however, was referred to that Committee for immediate consideration and recommendation.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

I. GEORGE DOBSEVAGE. Secretary.

Pain Dealer

### October Twenty-second 1925

Mr. Gammertsfelder, City Editor, The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Chio.

My dear Mr. Gammertsfelder,

remain.

It is more than six menths now since you reported one of my Sunday morning lectures in the Plain Dealer. I wonder why? Prior to that period your paper was kind enough to report my lectures almost weekly. Do you not feel that a service which attracts two thousand people every Sunday is entitled to the consideration of your esteemed paper?

With kindest regords, permit me to

Very sincerely yours,

October 28th, 1925. Mr. S.G. Dobsevage, Jewish Publication Society, Broad Street and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. My dear Mr. Dobsevage, Please pardon the delay otober 14th. I have been out of the city so much these last few weeks. I have no purchaser in sight at the present time for a copy of Butensky's Hillel and Shammai but some one may turn up at any time. I shall keep your letter in mind and when the opportunity presents itself I shall try to get a copy of the bronse for The Temple. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours,

October 28th, 1925.

Jewish Daily Bulletin, 611 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Friends,

another engagement will make it impossible for me to attend the first Anniversary Dinner of the Jewish Daily Bulletin. I wish that It were possible for me to be with you on that occasion and to express to you my great satisfaction with the character of the new institution which you have launched in American Jewish life and with the high quality of its service. I have found your Bulletin to be at all times authentic, inclusive and impartial. I wish you great success for the years to come.

With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours,

October 30th, 1925. Mr. Leo Weidenthal, The Jewish Independent, Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Mr. Weidenthal, come across the enclosed article from the October 16th issue of the Jewish Chronicle of London. It is highly significant and I am taking the liberty of sending it to you. With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours,

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October 30, 1925

my dear Rabbi:

I have the honor to present to you the invitation of the officers of the Academy to enrolment amongst our members. The Academy, as you may know, is a national organization devoted to the study of the great political, social and economic problems confronting the country.

The Academy publishes six special volumes annually each dealing with some important national or international problem. You will be interested to know that the November volume will be devoted to a symposium on THE FAR EAST, and I am certain that this volume will be of special interest to you.

The members of the Academy receive all it; publications, including the six special volumes published annually. The only financial obligation involved is the payment of the annual membership fee of five dollars. We shall take pleasure in cating your membership from January 1, 1926, and shall send you the volume on THE FAR EAST with the compliments of the Academy.

I hope that this invitation may have your favorable consideration, and am,

Very sincefely yours mabbi Abba millel Silver Cleveland Uhic

President

CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL ORANGE AND AUDUBON STREETS RABBI. SIDNEY S. TEDESCHE OFFICE HOURS 9 TO 5 P. M. PRES. SAMUEL MUHLPELDER VICE PRES. ALEXANDER CAHN TREAS. SAMUEL S. LEVY SECY.. LOUIS D. MANN P. O. BOX 1672 PHONE LIBERTY 6332 NEW HAVEN, CONN. October 30th, 1925. Rabbi A. H. Silver. Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Friend and Colleague. When I was in San Antonio you were kind enough to send me a copy of that pretty little pagaent of ceremonies that you gave in Cleveland. I used it to very good advantage, but find in moving to New Haven I have lost it from my files. Would it be asking too much to have you send a copy to me? If there is any cost in transcribing of course I shall be very glad indeed to pay for it. With cordial greetings from house to house, I am Sincerely yours, Solwy S. Federche SST: AS

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November 1, 1925.

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am noting that you will keep the effigy of "Hillel and Shammai" in your mind, and that you may find in your rich community someone who may be in a position to help the support of art, and incidently a very worthwhile and needy sculptor.

Yours sincerely.

D.g. Dobevage.

Secretary.

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## The Jewish Independent

1825 East 18th Street Cleveland, Ohio

November 2, 1925

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

Dear Rabbi Silver :-

I had not received the Jewish Chronicle containing Rabbi Rosenblatt's account of conditions in Soviet Russis when your letter arrived containing the clipping. The information is very helpful, and I have made some immediate use of it.

Thanking you for your Windness in bringing the interview to my attention. I am.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Weisenthal

November second 1925

Rabbi Sidney S. Tedesche, Congregation Mishkan Israel, Orange and Audubon Streets, New Haven, Conn.

My dear Rabbi Tedesche,

I have your letter of October 30th and was very glad to hear from you. I cannot recall what pageant was sent to you. My people at The Temple have put on a number of pageants during the past few years. Do you perhaps refer to one given in connection with the ter-centenary celebration of the Landing of the Pilgrims. If you can describe to me briefly what you desire. I shall be pleased to have it sent to you, if a copy is still available.

With kindest greetings to you and your and trusting all is well with you. I am

Very sincerely yours.

Tedesche CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL ORANGE AND AUDUBON STREETS RABBI, SIDNEY S. TEDESCHE OFFICE HOURS 9 TO 5 P. M. PRES. SAMUEL MUNIFELDER VICE PRES. ALEXANDER CANN TREAS. SAMUEL S. LEVY SEC'Y. LOUIS D. MANN P. O. BOX 1672 PHONE LIBERTY 6332 warder of 1925 NEW HAVEN, CONN. November 5th, 1925. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. The Temple, East 10th St. at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Friend and Colleague, The pageant to which I refer consists of an exemplification of the various religious festivals and ceremonies, such as lighting the Sabbath lights, and the short reminiscence of the Seder service, etc. Thanking you ever so much, I am with cordial greetings Very truly yours, SST: AS 

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Nov. 6, 1925.

Rabbi A. H. Silver City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Federated Churches is arranging for an armistice Day Service in the Old Stone Church, Public Square, next Wednesday noon, November 11, from 12:15 to 12:45 o'clock. Rabbi Silver will make a brief address.

You are most cordially invited to attend this service and bring with you members of your congregation. Will you not therefore make a good announcement on Sunday?

Ellinght Executive Secretary.

ERW MEG

Mr. F. B. Fleming, Manager, The Orpheus Male Chorus, 719 The Arcade, Cleveland, Chio.

My dear Mr. Fleming,

I am very glad at this time to voice my appreciation of the Orpheus Male Chours.

I consider that Charushorus by the place it has won in the musical life of Cleveland brings distinct credit to our City. It is to be congratulated upon its fine emdeavor and the high degree of success with which it has met.

Very sincerelyygours,

"To Beautify the Place of My Sanctuary"

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are undoubtedly familiar with the fact that an effort is being made to raise a fund of not less than \$300,000 for the purpose of erecting in Jerusalem an adequate Synagogue Center - a group of buildings which will include a Synagogue, architecturally in keeping with the beauty of the Holy City and the dignity of our faith; a Center, where the cultural and spiritual elements of the Jewish population of the whole city will find a forum of expression and where the youth will find a common meeting ground.

I am writing this letter because I want, in the first place, to assure you that this undertaking is exactly what I am describing it to be. It is not an attempt, even in the slight at degree, to give it any particular phase of Judaism, whether of Orthodoxy, Conservatism or Reform. It is purely and simply an attempt to give to our religion the advantage of a proper Sanctuary in that City upon which all the eyes of the entire world are centered. In connection therewith, I am sending you a little document entitled, "Pertinent Questions and Answers", which covers this particular matter in detail.

I am also writing this letter because I feel that you, as a leader in [srael, will yourself desire that your Congregation share in the building of this beautiful Sanctuary which we contemplate erecting. I shall be very glad to hear from you; firstly, as to any suggestion you may have to make in connection with the effort to bring this matter closer to the hearts of American Jewry; secondly, in order to secure your direct personal co-operation and also your endorsement which we may use in our publicity work; finally, because I feel that your Congregation will be very glad to accept a suggestion from you to become a contributor to the fund we are trying to raise.

I do this because it is my earnest conviction that every Jew, regardless of his attitude of the so called Jewish-Political Question, must be in sympathy with this religious, spiritual and cultural effort.

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Israel Herbert Levinthal.

### November Seventh, 1925

Mr. L. S. Rowe, President, American Academy of Political & Social Science, Box 4060, Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Mr. Rowe,

Complying with the request in your letter of October 20th, 1925, I am pleased to enroll as a member of the American Academy of Political & Social Science.

I am enclosing check for five dollars to cover my dues for one year beginning January 1st, 1926.

Very sincerely yours,

PRESIDENT SECRETARY L.S. ROVE, PAN AMERICAN UNION WASHINGTON, D.C. J.P.LICHTENBERGER, UNIVERSITY OF PENNA. VICE PRESIDENTS CARL KELSEY, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA TREASURED HERBERT G. HOOVER, WASHINGTON, D. C. CHARLES J. RHOADS, PHILADELPHIA GHARLES E. MERRHAM, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE PHILADELPHIA WEST PHILA, STATION November 9, 1925. My dear Rabbi Silver:

> I have the honor to inform you that you have been enrolled as a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. The officers hope to have at all times the benefit of your advice and suggestions as to its publications and other activities.

We are dating your membership as of January first, 1926, and shall take pleasure in sending you the issues of The Annals as they appear, as well as the November 1925 volume which we are sending you with the compliments of the Academy. We shall much appreciate it if you will lot us have at any time your advice and suggestions as to the best means of extending the influence of the Agademy in your section. We are trying to strengthen the influence of our organization and this can be done only through the cooperation and interest of our members.

Vory sincefely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, L. S. Rove Cleveland, Ohio

President.

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November eleventh 1925

City Editor The Cleveland Press, Cleveland, Chio.

At the Sunday Morning Service at The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road, next Sunday, November 15th of
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will speak on "My Friends, the
Professional Men and the Artist". This completes the
series of three lectures which Dt. Silver has delivered
during the past weeks on "Our Life's Calling". The
service at The Temple begins at 10:30 and strangers are
welcome.

THE FILM BOARD OF TRADE COMPANY 205 CLEVELAND FILM EXCHANGE BLDG. EAST 21st AND PAYNE AVENUE PHONE PROSPECT 393 CLEVELAND. O. Nov. 11, 1925. Rabbi A. H. Silver, The Temple, Ansel Rd., & E. 105th St., Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Rabbi Silver: I am sending you a booklat, which has been issued by the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc. These essays are indisputable proof of the important part the motion picture plays in the lives of the American people, and we believe that they are a tremendous argument in showing the good that the motion picture does in providing stimulative, wholesome entertainment for the ever increasing number who view them. If you wish additional copies of this booklet, we will be happy to supply you with them. Very truly yours, THE FILM BOARD OF TRADE CO. GDM:RG Secretary.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of October 28th, sent us on the occasion of our first anniversary celebration.

The high regard which you express for our work, and your good wishes, are deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

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JACOB IA NDAU. Meneging Director.

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### November Sixteenth

1925

Mr. Jacob Landau, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc., 611 Broadway, New York City.

My doar Mr. Landau,

Replying to your letter of November minth, I have received no reply from Mr.Marshall to my letter and I do not think that there will be a reply or that there is need for a reply.

Do you not think that the correspondence is of sufficient importance to warrant its reprint in the J.T.A., even though it has already appeared in the New Palestine? It has created white a bit of stir.

Very sincerely yours,

November sixteenth 1925

Mr. A. H. Ganger, 2102 Guarantee Title Building, Cleveland, Ohic.

My dear Mr. Ganger.

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in volunteering your services in behalf of the Religious Education compaign. I shall turn over your letter to the chairman of the Campaign Committee, who will doubtleds go: in touch with you.

With kindest regards and again thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Very sincerely yours

CONGREGATION BETH EL DETROIT

Nov. 16, 1925

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

My dear Abba:

I am going to spend this weekend in Clevel and, arriving Friday morning the 20th. I am coming especially to study the center work of the various temples in Cleveland and to see how they meet the problem of the young people's work.

Will you please see to it that I have an interview with your director of activities and your school principal? I should like to see them Friday at 3 o'clock, if possible. If this day and hour are not suitable, please see that I see the director and the principal sometime during my stay. I shall leave on the midnight train Sunday.

I am looking forward to seeing you and Mrs. Silver. I have not yet seen your new Temple and I know I have a great thrill in store in that direction.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerelw

Rabbi Leon Fram

P.S. I am coming strictly for observation and interview, so please do not invite me to deliver any addresses.

Cleveland, Ohio.

November 17, 1925.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Citizens' Thanksgiving Service will be held this year in the Keith's Palace Theetre, Euclid Ave. and East 17 St., and we are very desirous of having the hearty co-operation of all churches which do not have services of their own or join in community services on Thanksgiving morning.

We have an unusually interesting program. The Rt. Rev. Warren L. Rogers, D.D., Bishop Coadjutor of Ohio, will make the address. The famous Orpheus Male Chorus under the direction of Mr. Charles D. Dawe will sing three or four selections, and the congregational singing will be under the direction of Mr. Harper Garcia Smyth - a really wonderfull program.

Will you please run an announcement of this service in your church bulletin for next Sunday and call attention to it in your pulpit notices? The attendance at the Citizens' Service last year was 1800. We are hoping for 3,000 this year.

Most cordially,

Secretary Citizens' Thanksgiving Committee.

P.3. You may order a quantity of slips like the enclosed by telephoning Cherry 3147.

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### November Twentieth 1926

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, Memorial Charch of St. Paul, Overbrook, Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Dr. Newton,

Some time ago, in response to a request from you, I had sent to you a copy of my address entitled "Renewal", accompanied by a photograph. If you do not plan to use the sermon, I shall be glad to have you return it to me at your convenience.

With kindest regards. I am Very sincerely yours. CONGREGATION BETH EL.

Nov. 24th, 1925

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

Dear Abba:

I want to tell you how much I appreciated the courtesy you extended to me during my brief visit to Cleveland. It was an inspiring experience to see your Temple, and I found it exceedingly stimulating to learn how you are meeting the problems of your School and your center activities.

Please convey my regards to Mrs. Silver.

Thanking you very much for your co-operation, I am

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Rabbi Leon Fram

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### ANNUAL REPORT

To the Members and Advisors of the Committee on Goodwill between Jews and Christians.

#### Dear Friends: -

One year ago the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America took a unique step in brotherly progress. For the first time in Christendom's history a national body officially launched a Jewish-Christian Goodwill movement. We regret and are made ashamed by the knowledge that it was necessary. But, certainly, being necessary it was long overdue. The step has been so generously met by the corresponding action of Jewish national bodies and so sincerely applauded by the Council's constituency, that its eminent reasonableness impresses us daily afresh.

When light is allowed to shine into areas long dark, unexpected truths stand forth. Just because of the long obscurity over this field the Federal Council has discovered an especially valuable by-product of truth.

We have been brought first to the realization that brotherhood between Jews and Christians involves certain growing pains in our special loyalties. To be loyal to a common humanity is found to be a larger contract than Nordic loyalty, Presbyterian loyalty, or Protestant loyalty. We are astonished to find on self examination that our partially developed loyalty to Jesus eauses us to hesitate about closer cooperation with the race of Jesus. Because we cannot worship in the same terms and certain phrases have been cause for friction, we have often found ourselves in a seeming impasse. We have feared that loyalty to our faith will hinder common effort. This dilemma appears whenever a Union Service of Thanksgiving or a religious conference on a matter of common concern is proposed.

Obviously there is an error scmewhere. It is incredible that there should be any real clash between loyalty to either religion and loyalty to the common ideal of universal brotherhoods. Just as there can be no basic conflict between legalty to country and loyalty to the world; between loyalty

to family and loyalty to society; between loyalty to God and loyalty to man; even so it is an illusion to believe that any genuine conflict can ever exist between loyalty to true creed and loyalty to a brotherman.

The committee in conference with Jewish groups is moving towards a spirit of mutual understanding and respect, by which each group can speak its own spiritual tongue. It is surely legitimate to hope that two great faiths believing alike in the brotherhood of the children of the One God, can remove the verbal obstacle to cooperation in our mutual and tremendous concerns.

The Council Committee makes no pretense to a complete diagnosis of the roots of anti-semitism. It does however, wenture this opinion; that the major misunderstandings and frictions are almost entirely a social inheritance from centuries of the oppression and artificiality of the ghetto, and as such are things for which Christendom and not Jewry are to blame that the original impetus to anti-semitism was religious; and that, while American anti-semitism is largely social and economic, nevertheless for historical reasons Christian forces must take the lead in wiping the American slate clean.

The Council Committee is seeking a pragmatic basis for a happier relationship. Through articles in the religious and secular press it is presenting the facts to the country. In colleges and theological seminaries it is helping students to know and appreciate the inner searchings and hidden values of the faith and personality of the man of another race. In Union Thanksgiving services and large community "inter-religious" gatherings, it is reminding men of their spiritual kinship. In the exchange of pulpits, in mixed Round Table groups, in community Forums for the discussion of common problems, and in the summer conference, the Committee is helping neighbourliness along. The Committee disbelieves in "Pollyanna" goodwill. It believes, rather, that in our mixed America, we should add an eleventh commandment to the decalogue, "Thou shalt know thy neighbour".

The Committee is able at the conclusion of the first year's work to report certain tangible results and to estimate other intangible results, that give real cause for encouragement.

The most encouraging result is the action of other religious groups both national and local. Five of the national Jewish organizations touching the major part of American Jewry have established corresponding Committees on goodwill. Steps have been taken looking towards a salaried secretary of the Committee on Goodwill Between Jews and non-Jews appointed by the Central Conference of American Rubbis. Committees have been established in twenty cities for the development of local cooperation, the spreading of information, and the carrying on of sommon tasks. Approximately fifty other cities have been approached through local Rabbis and clergymen and civic leaders to organize and set in motion representative goodwill committees which will develop and spread information released from the New York office and gradually develop local possibilities of common endeavor.

The Committee found five leading Jewish and Christian theological seminaries engaged in an exchange of professors. The number has thus far been increased to eleven with the probability of twenty this winter.

Work has been begun, touching five colleges, on student Round Table meetings in which the religious barrier is set aside, and the inclusive ideal practiced.

Ninety small and large meetings of Jews or Christians or both were directly arranged and addressed or led by representatives of the Goodwill program, in addition to a series of about a score of "Together" meetings arranged in sympathy with our program with attendances from 200 to 1,000. The Goodwill meeting in Boston was one of the outstanding events of the winter with the Historic First M. E. Church packed to the choir loft and turning many away.

Some thirty articles appeared from the pens of those engaged in our program in the religious press, and six major press releases together with a fair number of local stories have carried the Goodwill message to all parts of America as well as into the Orient and England.

Important among the tangible achievements of the Committee has been its cooperation with other groups, in establishing "The Midwest Council", a very promising conference and Forum program in the Middle West. The activities begun have no organic connection with the Federal Council, being local both in organization and support. The Midwest Council has in turn initiated work in a dozen cities scattered through the twelve states adopted as its territory.

The most notable of these is the Chicago Forum Council which operates a large Forum in the Loop at the Apollo Theater and is conducting a discussion league between various religious and other groups. It also assists a large number of groups in and about Chicago in the organization of Forum and Round Table programs. It cooperates in every way with the National Program, assisting in such ways as the Theological Exchange, the student groups etc.

The next development in importance is the Cleveland Forum Council which resembles the Chicago Forum Council, with the exception that it has been adopted to certain specific Cleveland needs. Cleveland has gone far in progress toward goodwill and cooperation and is at the point where the various religious forces of the city are interested in undertaking a united social venture. The \*leveland Forum Council is laying foundations for an important student work in seven colleges, has arranged some sixty meetings for the coming winter, of a social, cultural and goodwill character, has developed a very interesting discussion league, and plans at some future date to experiment on a Municipal Institute patterned in a general way after the Williamstown Institute of Politi:s. Cleveland is, perhaps, the outstanding example of an attempt to carry out the fourth purpose of our mutual goodwill pronouncement adopted by the Federal Council Committee and the Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in December 1924. This pronouncement committed us to the searching out of common tasks in which our representative religious forces could cooperate. Work undertaken in other cities is chiefly on the volunteer basis in contrast to the Cleveland and Chicago programs, both of which employ efficient staffs largely supported by local gifts and soon to be altogether self-supporting.

The Committee has taken steps to maintain an efficient service from this office of both news and educational material and of help as to lowal methods for the benefit of the growing number of local committees throughout the country. The Secretary has planned about a third of his time on the road organizing these local committees and expects in the spring to meet some twenty-five or thirty committees in the Southwest and possibly in the West coast.

We are steadily impressed with the tremendous spiritual significance of the new contact that has been established between our two groups. It is hardly possible for the uninitiated to realize what a unique adventure this is in the direction of religious pioneering.

> Alfred Williams Anthony Chairman

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November Twanty-eight 1925.

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

Dear Ratbi Silver:

You are probably aware of the decision of the last National Conference, held in Denver, that the 1926 Conference of Jewish Social Work will be held in Cleveland the latter part of May.

It is my carnest hope that we may be able to present a program to the delegates, which will be indicative of the best thought in the field of Jewish Social Work both nationally and internationally. This, I believe will be possible only if I can depend upon the fullest co-operation, which prompts me to urge you to accept membership on the Committee on Jewish Education of which Mr. Alex. Dushkin is Chairman.

May I ask you to be good enough to send me your acceptance in the enclosed self addressed envelope. Er.

Dushkin will write you as soon as we receive your reply.

Assuring you that we shall appreciate your cooperation, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

President.

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### **EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE**

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BARNETT R. BRICKNER, Rabbi

November Thirtieth 1925

Dic. 11/27

Rabbi A. H. Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

Permit me to tell you how happy I was to be present and to participate in the Citizens' Thanksgiving Service held yesterday. There was just one note in the proceeding, and that came note the end of the Thanksgiving prayer, when the Rev. L. C. Wright "asked it in the name of our Lord Jesus." This was repeated in one of the hymns sung by the Orpheus Male Chorus.

I appreciate that the general Christian note is sounded more out of habit than from malice of forethought, yet I think that because this is a Citizens' Thanksgiving Service and interdenominational, it is essential that those arranging for the program should make it clear to those participating in the program that nothing of a Christian denominational character be introduced.

It jarred on me, and undoubtedly on other Jews whoparticipated, and I know it must have on you, to hear God's blessing invoked in the name of the Christian Savier.

I am taking the liberty of writing to you because you are the Chairman of this Citizens' Thanksgiving Committee, and I trust that next year you will make certain that this precautionaly measure is taken.

Assuring you again that aside from this small matter, thoroughly enjoyed the truly spiritual character of the service, I am

Ever yours sincerely Juedius

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P.S. It will interest you to know that the first intimation that I had that I was expected to participate in the program, came less than twenty-four hours before this service.

Rabbi Sidney S. Hedesche, Congregation Mishkan Israel, Orange and Audubon Streets, New Haven, Connecticut.

My dear Mr. Tedesche.

I am having sent to ben herewith a copy of the pageant "The Poetry of Religion", which was written especially for and presented by The Temple Women's Association of MyeTemple. I trust this is the one to which you have reference.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Federation F. Thanksgiring - Service Citizens Service Kenther Theatre December 2nd, 1925. Rev. E.R. Wright, Hippodrome Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Rev. Wright. While the impressions of the Citizens Thanksgiving Service are still fresh with me I want to take the opportunity to make a few observations. The Service was fine, the attendance showed a marked increase over last year's. I think within another year or two we shall pack the Keith's Palace. The singing this year was not as good as lattyyear. I believe that some change should be made in the musical program. I received a letter yesterday from Rabbi Brickner in which he commented unfavorably upon the prayer of Dr. Wright which closed with a sectarian theological reference. I wrote him that this was the first time in nine years that this has occurred. He also states that he was not informed of his place on the program until the last day prior to the meeting. I do think that some laymen ought to be pepresented on our program. I also think that a kindergartner ought to be in attendance to take care of the young children who are brought to the service. The speaker was annoyed more than once by children and infants who insisted that their message was more important than that of the speaker. With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours,

December 2nd, 1925.

Rabbi Barnett Brickner, Euclid Avenue Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Brickner,

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter. I regret as much as you do the incident at the Citizens Thanksgiving Service to which you refer. In the nine years in which I have attended this Service, this is the first time that a minister took the occasion to close his prayer "In the Name of Jesus". I was especially surprised to hear it from Dr. Wright who is one of the liberal ministers of Cleveland. I shall take precautions against an occurrence of this thing in the future.

were not informed of your part in the program earlier. The issuing of the invitations was left to Rev. Wright of the Federated Churches and he was to have attended to it three weeks prior to the Service. I understand that he also failed to make provision for an accompanist to the singing. I am calling his attention to these omimisions.

I am glad you liked the Service. Its appeal, I thought, was partially lessened by the rather desultory and disconnected address of the speaker.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Pile Lectures SEVEN ARTS FEATURE SYNDICATE LECTURE 160 Fifth Avenue DEPARTMENT New York December 4, 1925. Dr. Abba H. Silver, The Temple. Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Dr. Silver: I am sorry not to have had the apportunity towrite you long before this, and hope you will not object to the business nature of this letter. I am sure you appreciate how busy one is kept trying to make a living in this big town. As it happens I am now connected with the Seven Arts Lecture Bureau, a subsidiary of the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate, and we have just succeeded in persuading Mlle. Maxa Nordau, the daughter of the late Dr. Max Nordau, internationally famous philosopher and critic, to come to this country for a lecture tour. Mile. Nordan, herself a painter of distinction, will speak on her father, and it is expected that she will reveal many interesting sidelights on the most colorful personality of the last few decades. She willalso lecture on Modern Tendencies in Art. Needless to say, she has an excellent command of English, as of course she has of French, German, and Spanish. As I am sure that the Forum of your congregational Center, under your guidance, is interested in securing the most prominent Jews as speakers, I felt that Mile. Nordan should be one of your great attractions. Mile. Nordau's first lecture is at the Town Hall. New York City, Saturday night, February 13th, and if you are interested in booking her we shall try to arrange a date to harmonize with your schedule and hers. Because of the heavy financial guarantee which was necessary to bring Mlle. Nordau from Paris, her lectures will perhaps cost a little more than is usual; but I am sure if you will tell me about how much your Forum can pay I will do my best to see that it is satisfactory with the authorities here. Very sincerely yours. Martha Neumark SEVEN ARTS LECTURE BURRAU. MN:W

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CLEVELAND, O.

December 5, 1925.

Rabbi A. H. Silver East 105 St. & Ansel Rd. City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of December 2nd. I was hoping to have a conference with you instead of writing to talk over these impressions. Here are mine:

- 1. I would eliminate the opening ten or fifteen minute song service.
- 2. I would place the service on that high plane of spiritual dignity and power right from the beginning just as you conducted it from the time you first spoke.
- 3. I would have the Orpheus Choir sing three or four double numbers. I believe these men draw a great many people to the service. I would open the service with the Orpheus Choir.
- 4. I think we ought to be careful about selecting men who will not make the break that Dr. Wright did. I thought it was a mistake at the time. I talked with him about it afterwards. He told me that the Jewish people did not object to closing a prayer in "Jesus Name" but they did object to using the name of "Christ". I did not know this. Is it true?
- 5. There were about as many people in the Balcony as we generally had at our service during the years it was held at Amasa Stone Chapel, and this was most gratifying.

In regard to Rabbi Brickner I dictated a letter to him under date of November 20th and thought that I stated in the letter just what part we wanted him to take. Upon investigation this morning I find that my secretary failed to write that letter and that I had not stated just what part we wanted him to take. We did try to get him two or three days

before on the 'phone but failed to do so until the day before. This was a mistake.

I do want to say that I greatly admired, and have commented upon it several times since, the way you conducted that service. You made it impressive and I think that went a long way to creating the atmosphere we want. It did seem to me that the singing at the beginning was a little out of place.

I believe that we shall fill the Theatre in another year or two but we do not want to sponsor any other community services.

With all best wishes, I remain

Most cordially,

Executive Secretary.

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P.S. I am filing away a copy of this letter and the one you wrote me to read when we meet to plan the service for next year.

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Mr. Louis M. Kahn, President, The National Conference of Jewish Social Service, Room 1806, 114 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Kahn.

Fermit me to thank you for your kind letter of November twenty-eighth.

I shall be glad to serve on the Committee on Jewish Education in connection with the National Conference to be held in Cleveland in May.

I shall swait the promised letter from Mr. Dushkin.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

### **EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE**

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BARNETT R. BRICKNER, Robbi

December Tenth 1925

Rabbi A. H. Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

You will be interested to know that I have given the enclosed statement to the Press, in view of the news item which they pub lished last Monday.

Yours sincerely

BRB:HS

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My attention has just been called to a news item in the Press of Monday, reporting me to be in favor of Jews calebrating Christmas and of giving Christmas gifts.

This is absolutely contrary to what I stated, and to what I believe. Christmas is a Christian religious holy days, and as such, we Jews, though respecting the notives which make it a holy day in the Christian calendar, can have no relationship to it.

I arge my people and all Jess not to celebrate Christmas. I arge them against introducing Christmas trees or Santa Claus into their homes, or exchanging Christmas gifts. I arge them instead to celebrate Chamakah, the festival of the Scabees which occurs at the same season of the year, as Christmas; to light the Chamakah candles and to exchange Chamakah gifts.

declined the invitation of the Plain Bealer to serve as one of the Judges of the Christmas Story Contest, because of this conviction, and because I did not want to encourage Jesish children to turn their attention to the writing of Christmas stories, when they should instead be thinking of the great victory of the Maccabeas and what it meant for the survival of the Jesish people. I have given voice to these views in my serven last Saturday morning, to the Methodist Ministerial Association and in the several addresses which I have made during the last week, and regret that this news item should have so misconstrued my meaning.

SEVEN ARTS
LECTURE BUREAU
160 Fifth Avenue

New York

December 10 1925.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mile. Maxa Nordau, daughter of the late Dr. Max Nordau, has done me the honor of accepting my invitation to come to America for a lecture tour. I believe that the visit of this distinguished guest will be of interest to you, in view of the friendship and admiration which I understand you held for the late Dr. Nordau, internationally famous philosopher and critic.

In order properly to welcome this famous visitor, I am organizing a National Committee of Reception for Mile. Nordau, which is to be composed of the most prominent friends and admirers of the late distinguished scholar. Because of your interest in our visitor, I take the liberty of inviting you to become a member of the National Committee of Reception for Mile. Nordau. May I assure you that there will be no duties nor any obligations whatsoever connected with your membership on the Committee? I should be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincepely yours,

Joseph Brainin

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ORT RECONSTRUCTION FUND 103 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK CITY Telephone Ashland 5850-1-2 ADOLPH LEWISOHN, Honorary Pealdent JAMES H. BECKER, Vice-President MRS. ALEXANDER ROHUT, Vice-President JUDGE JACOB PANKEN, Vice-President JUDGE OTTO A. ROSALSKY, Vice-President MORRIS WOLP, Vice-President EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HENRY MOSKOWITZ, Chairman B. C. VLADECK, Vice-Chairman ARTHUR D. WOLF, Treasurer HERMAN BERNSTEIR, Honorary Secretary December 11, 1925. Rabbi A. H. Silver c/o The Temple East 105th Street Cleveland, Chio My dear Rabbi Silver:-I have just returned from a very interesting trip through Russia, Poland and Roumania, where I saw the ORT work at firsthand, and studied the problems of Jewish reconstruction, and particularly, the Russian problem of land settlement. You will note by the report of my tour, a copy of which has been sent you, that I have returned an enthusiast for the ORT's work, and for the project of the United Jewish Campaign. I saw the possibilities for Jewish reconstruction in Russia, Poland and Roumania and lend myself with new vigo to the efforts to establish a better economic foundation upon which to rebuild the lives of our people is these lands. Our aim, of course, is to complete the Reconstruction Fund of the ORT, but we do not desire to do entthing which might in any manner interfere with the purposes of the United Jewish Campaign, to which we are wholly and gladly committed. Upon my raturn we therefore held numerous conferences with Felix Warburg, James Rosenberg and David Brown, the United Campaign leaders. I can tell you that there is a definite understanding on the question of pledges made to the Reconstruction Fund. The consensus of opinion is that it is unwise to permit violations of pledges and thus establish a harmful precedent. We have been assured that no objection will be made to any community adding the sum of its balance to the ORT, which in your community is \$50,000. to the sum required in its general campaign, and in that manner meeting its ORT commitment. I desire toadd to this the fact that the needs of the ORT are supreme. I have seen their schools and their work among the farmers. I watched the children, many of them orphens, working in machine shops and carpentry schools, and others learning handicrafts, millinery and other practical trades. I was thoroughly inspired by the prospect of rebuilding Jewish life along these lines. There is no question of the need for the permenent functioning of the ORT as a reconstruction agency.



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Rabbi A. H. Silver

December 11, 1925

We therefore ask that your commitment to the ORT be considered in your next general campaign. Obviously, this is the only method that can be pursued. Separate campaigns are not only impracticable, but undesirable. The addition of the ORT quots in the general drive which is to be made in your community will make no appreciable difference in a large joint drive. I need not tell you of what great importance it is to us.

I want to express our deepest gratitude for the splendid interest you have shown and the hope that you will do all you possibly can do to bring about action in Cheveland, similar to that in Chicago where the above outlined method was followed.

Looking forward to early word from you and with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

HENRY MOSKOVITZ

CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



About The Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society, Denver, Colo. and its Sanatorium at Sanatorium, Colo.

Society organized - - Jan. 2, 1904 Incorporated - - June 25, 1904

#### PURPOSE

To give relief and treatment to persons suffering from tuberculosis in all forms and stages.

#### SANATORIUM

Sanatorium opened - Sept. 8, 1904. Cost of buildings & equipment \$836,657.43: Capacity - - 285.

#### ADMISSION

Free. Only indigent consumptives are admitted.

Emergency cases admitted without delay... Non-Secturian.

#### PATIENTS

Regular cases admitted since 1904 8141 Emergency cases admitted since 1904 1601 Urgent cases admitted - - - 186 Total number of cases admitted - 4928 Total hospital days - - 979,678

#### INCOME

Initial fund - - - - 8 1300 1924 - - - - 477,000.6%

#### PROPERTY

148 Acres 25 Buildings 40 Tents

United States Meteorological Station

#### FARM

Raises alfalfa, grain and vegetables.

#### DAIRY

Supplies every drop of milk.

#### POULTRY

Two thousand hens furnish eggs.

#### LIBRARY

Six thousand volumes.

#### POSTOFFICE

Established 1923 under the name off Sanatorium, Colo.

#### INSTRUCTION

School for patients. Training School for Nurses.

#### INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION Bookbinding. Printing.

RECREATION

# Lectures. Entertainments. Thames. Moving pictures. Radio.

The Sanatorium, a quarterly magazine Hatikvah, a monthly, edited and published by the patients.

PUBLICATIONS

January 1, 1925

Theatricals\_

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver National Director JCRS 1485 E. 106th St. Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Priend:

land. We have recrived glad tidings from Cleveland. We have learned that Mosdames Lyman and Israel called on you in the interests of the contemplated Building Fund Drive in Cleveland for the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society of Denver and that they went away from you greatly clated with your "sever ponim yofes" and your lind assurance that you are ready to help them.

Denver, Colo. December 11, 1925

We are living thru a critical part in the life history of the Jewish Consumptives! Relief Society. During all the twenty-two years of the existence of the Society we have never felt so much our shortcomings and inadequacy. Ten years ago when we had only one hundred and fifty beds the number of applications on file in our office was usually one hundred or over. At the present time when our capacity is three hundred beds the number of applications on file is exceeding the number of our beds! The statistics of the mortality from tubercalosis as published by the United States Government assure us that the mortalityhas decreased by fifty percent during the last twenty years and, paradoxical as it may seem, this is the reason why we have so many applications for admission to the Sanatorium. It is explained by the fact that the physicians have learned how to diagnose tuberculosis, that the

sufferers from tuberculosis enjoy a greater longevity and that the tuberculous have learned to appreciate the services rendered by sanatoria. The next decade or two will be the most important in the anti-tuberculosis movement because every indication points to these two decades as the final triumphal struggle against and conquest of the dread

The JCRS Sanatorium is the only Jewish institution in the world that has moved and is moving onward; it has always been in the state of we have never been at a standstill. At present our wants are tremendous. We need one million dollars. Even our present accommodations have not kept pace with the increase in the number of patients, phycicians, nurses and employees. We are crowded and uncomfortable. Everything is too small. We need a new kitchen, a new dining room, quarters for employees and in addition to the above we need a pavilion for one hundred women and fifty children.

We will inaugurate the \$1,000,000.00 Drive in our home city, Denver, which will take place January 12th to 15th, 1926 and we have every assuvance that the quota of \$50.000.00 will be reached.

Because the Jewish Consumptives! Relief Society held its Twenty-First annual Convention in your city, and because the good people of Cleveland have been so kind and hospitable to us, we have chosen Cleveland as the first city outside of Denver to set the pace for all other Jewish communities thruout the United States. A communication which we received this morning from Mesdames Lyman and Israel has given us added courage. We know very well the value of your co-operation and we wish to express to you our sincerest gratituds.

Yours sincerely,

CDSpivale

Cleveland Plain Dealer,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Kindly have sent to The Temple, East 105th Street at Ansel Hoad, Cleveland, three copies of the Plain Dealer of Monday, November 16th, 1925, containing Rabbi Silver's address at Masonic Hell on the occasion of the opening of the Community Chest campaign.

Thanking yourfor your courtesy, I am Very sincerely yours,

Very sincerely yours,

Herring Cable Address: Fedeil FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA NATIONAL OFFICES, 612 UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING, 105 EAST 22d STREET, NEW YORK REV. S. PARKES CADMAN, PRESIDENT FRANK H. MANN, TREASURER REV. CHARLES S. MACFARLAND GENERAL SECRETARIES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND GOODWILL REV. SIDNEY L. GULICK, SECRETARY HON. GEO. W. WICKERSHAM, CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON GOODWILL BETWEEN JEWS AND CHRISTIANS JOHN W. HERRING, SECRETARY ALFRED WMS. ANTHONY, CHAIRMAN 105 EAST 22NO STREET, NEW YORK DITY HOWARD C. ROIBLES WILLIAM II. SHORE STANLEY WHITE, LUTHER B. WRISON RAYMOND B. FOSBICK ARTHUR S. LLOYD Henry A. Atkenson CHARLES S. MACFARLAND CHARLES E. BURTON EDWARD L. HUNT ROBERT L. KELLY FRANK M. NORTH Jones H. Finley December 19th, 1925.

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver. Ansel & 106th Streets, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing the report of the first year's work of the Committee on Goodwill between Jews and Christians which appears in the 1925 year book of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

This adventure in interreligious friendship is so unique in the annals of Christendom that it needs both the advice and moral reenforcement of those of kindred ideal who are in positions of leadership in the civic and religious progress of our country. We are thus emboldened to lay before you this modest but we hope, auspicious record of beginnings with the hope that you may feel justified in writing a letter of encouragement and friendly criticism which we may use with your permission in recommending the ideal of interreligious fraternity to a widening public.

This reenforcement would be of very great value to us in the advancement of our work, and your kindness would be most sincerely appreciated.

In anticipation of your reply, I am

Very sincerely yours.

Shooten Harring

JWH: MBG.

Office of the

### Sheriff of Mayne County

Betroit, Michigun

GEORGE A, WALTERS

Dec. 20th, 1924.

Mr. J.F. Wright, #311 Mincoln Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Wright: -

In reviewing the work of this department in the Wayne County Jail for the past year, I must express our appreciation for the continuation of the splendid help the Pathfinders have been, not only for the past year, but the five or six years of your wonderful work among the female prisoners in this institution.

While it is not always possible for me to be in the chapel when the Pathfinder lesson is given, I usually review it with the girls, who have shown a deep interest in your lessons on "Human Engineering", or "Reading the Price Page of Life".

I particularly wish to compliment the Pathfinders for being able to interest women of all nationalities, color, races and denominations, which, in my opinion is only possible, because you neither discuss religious subjects theologically or quote the Bible, and yet your lessons are filled with the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. I hope the time will soon come when every penal institution in the land is privileged to have Pathfinder workers reach the inmates.

Margaret Louise Rexford.

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OF THE

Bewish Subbath Alliance of America, Inc.

FOR THE

### PROMOTION OF A FIVE-DAY-WORKING-WEEK

302 EAST 14TH STREET

NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONES. STUYVESANT 2912-2913

Dec. 22d, 1925.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

"ot having received your declination to be come member of the Committee of our organization for the Promotion of the Five-Day-Working-Week, we took it for granted that you have acceded to our request to join this Committee.

May we ask you to please, therefore, send us a statement which we intend using for publication in connection with this campaign we have started, giving your views on the subject.

Thanking you in advance,

Very truly yours,

Ceneral Manager.

Rabbi A. H. Silver, E. 105th St. & Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio.

# Huited States Penitentiary Atlanta, Georgia

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN Dec. 22, 1924.

Mr. J. F. Wright, 311 lincoln Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.

My Dear Mr. Wright;-

Your favor of the 16th inst. has been received.

I have never come in wontact with the work of the Pathfinders of America, except here at this institution, while they do not claim
to work in the name of any religious demonination yet I have never seen or
heard of any thing in their work or teaching that is irreligious or in any way
oppose to religion. The inside council No. 8 which was organized at this institution in January of this year has made progress in building character and in
addition to the increasing interest and attendance of their class, there is unmistakable that real good has been acomplished. Through the incluence of the
Pathfinders, our Sunday School attendance has been increased and a greater interest and respect for our religious work has resulted.

While the Pathfinders make it a point to stay clear of and denominational teaching, I really am convinced that their influence is to lead nearer and nearer to Truth and Righteousness, which really brings men nearer God and religion.

I heartily command you in your work and pray God's richest blesmings upon the same.

Sincerely Yours.

J. a. Sewell

### December Twenty-sixth 1925

Mr. William Rosemberg, General Manager, Jewish Sabbath Alliance of America, 302 East 14th Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. Rpsenberg.

Replying to your letter of December twenty-second. I desire that you do not use my name in connection with the Committee of the Jewish Sabbath Alliance of America until you hear from me. I have been very much over-crowded with work and out-of-town speaking engagements and have not had the opportunity to give sufficient thought to this matter.

Very sincerely yours.

Jewish Recreation Company The Federation of the Jewish Charities 1537 Guardian Building 633 Cuelib Abenne Clebeland Dear Rabbi Silver: I am glad to inform you that you have been appointed a member of the Committee on Education and Publicity of the Jewish Recreation Conference. The personnel of the Committee is as follows: S. D. Wise, Chairman Mrs. Julius Fryer Sam Horwitz Mrs. Sieg Herzog Henry Spira

Rabbi A. H. Silver Marc J. Grossman

I trust that you will find it possible to serve on this Committee and participate in its activities, as in a large measure the most important projects of the Jewish Recreation Conference will be initiated by the various committees of the Conference.

> Sincerely yours, Johnson Goldman

Chairman. Jewish Regrention Conference.

Raboi A. H. Silver, The Temple. E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd., City.

December 29, 1925.

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Mr. John W. Herring, Secretary, Federal Council of The Churches of Christ in America, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. Herring.

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your snnual report which you kindly sent me.

If ignorance is at the root of prejudice, then your Committee on Goodwill Between Jews and Christians is attacking the problem of prejudice at its roots. Your report covering the first year's activities is creditable in itself, but it is even more significant as indicative of a new technique. Goodwill between religious and racial groups will be brought about, not by exhortation maryly, however earnest, or by fraternal gestures, however sincere. It will come, if it come at all, as a result of persistent study in mutual understanding and co-operative service in common tasks and for common ideals. Knowledge is the arch-enemy of bigotry and intolerance cannot long susvive that communion of men which is born of great devotion deeply shared.

Very sincerely yours,

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December 30, 1925

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

Dear Sir:

We are about to engage in the distribution and dissemination of an artistic achievement which is surpassed only by the magnitude of its own subject.

The Ten Commandments, the basis of all religion, and the greatest force for righteousness and good, have, by special assignment, been portrayed in modern version by M. Leone Bracker, the famous American artist, who has given of his genius to this effort. This series of paintings illustrate each Commandment in a humanly unierstandable manner of every day occurrence and application. By this treatment, the effectiveness of these laws is emphasized and each individual story "brought home" in spite of the hurry and confusion of modern life with material gain as the paramount object.

Prominent members of the clergy in their sermons, public citizens in their speeches and religious and educational institutions in their activities have emphasized the great need for practical propaganda to bring the people of this modern era to the realization of the fundamental truths, the finer things of life.

The Ten Commandments are universal in their appeal. Their reproduction in modern version fills that great want, and their distribution therefore merits the cooperation of all social, religious and educational institutions.

We present, with our compliments, an art booklet of these illustrated Ten Commandments which is one of the several forms in which this great work will be available. Art booklets, calendars, pamphlets, picture slides and framed prints for Sunday School and vestry room decoration, for reformatories, prisons, schools, libraries, rectories, etc., are several other methods of presentation.

We realize the tremendous responsibility involved in this undertaking and the force for good that the distribution of such material will result in.

We trust that these interpretations will meet with your approval and shall look forward with appreciation to an expression of your favorable attitude toward this movement.

Greatings of the Season,

Decalogue Spoiety, Inc. of New York

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Rabbi Solomon Goldman, The Jewish Center, Cleveland, Chio.

My dear Rabbi Goldman,

Replying to your letter of December Twenty-ninth, permit me to state that I shall be happy to serve on the Committee on Education and Publicity of the Jewish Recreation Conference.

Very sincerely yours,

[1925] Rabbi Max C. Currick, 214 West Eighth Street, Erie, Pennsylvania. My dear Currick, Replying to your letter of September fourth, I wish to state that we have no fixed or printed syllabus for our Normal School. The instruction extends over a period of three years. The classes meet on Tuesday afternoons through the season. At the close of a season we a have a two weeks intensive course of study conducted by the Teachers Institute of Cincinnati. The four local Rabbis take turns in the weekly instruction, each one teaching a specific subject for a period of four months. The subjects are: 1. A review of Jewish History, more advanced than that which the Religious School offers. 2. Pegagogic presentation of Biblical material. 3. The history, si mificance etc. of the Jewish festivals, ceremonials &c. A course in Post Biblical Jewish Literature. There is a good deal of improvement still to be made in the school, both as regards program of instruction and the method of instruction. The enrollment of pupils has been satisfactory, most of the students coming from the School of Education for the training of Public School teachers. If there be any other information which you desire, please feel free to call upon me. Trusting that you are feeling fine, and with best wishe to yourself and Mrs. Currick, I beg to remain Very sincerely yours,

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Yours Sewi Browne

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ORGANIZING FAMILY SOCIAL WORK

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## PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT

#### TO THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNING BOARD OF EACH MEMBER SOCIETY:

Your society is entitled to ask certain questions in considering the extent to which it will support and participate in the work of this Association for the current year. For instance, such questions as the following often come from persons who regard the Association as an "outside" national agency doing work rather far removed from purely local needs:

- (1) What direct benefit do the activities of the American Association bring to our local society and the families under our care?
- (2) Why should we be interested in work done largely in other communities?
- (3) Why should we pay to a national agency money which has been contributed for local purposes?
- (4) By whom and how has the rate of dues been fixed, and why should we pay "Full Dues"?

Answers to these and similar questions may be found in this analysis, which we hope that your society will consider carefully at its next meeting, before determining what financial support it can give to the Association for the current fiscal year beginning September first.

The services described here represent more than the activities of a national agency; they are things which family societies have banded together to do for themselves through this associative effort, to meet real needs which no one society can meet alone. The Association thus found its origin in an intelligent self-interest. That motive in itself naturally leads to an interest in the country-wide development of our movement; nevertheless, the Association's services are here described purely from the standpoint of their value to your society.

If after a careful study you still have any doubt that all the Association's services are directly or indirectly for the benefit of your own work and the families under your care, will you not write us before determining upon anything less than Full Dues for your society for the current fiscal year?

## NEEDS WHICH YOUR SOCIETY CANNOT MEET ALONE AND

## HOW THEY ARE MET THROUGH THIS ASSOCIATED EFFORT

#### 1. ORGANIZATION CRISES

YOUR NEED: Eveny family welfare society is bound to pass through certain crises, more or less dangerous, where it may profit from the similar experiences of others. Lack of funds may threaten its existence or create serious problems in organization or the best methods of concentrating or curtailing its work; difficult questions of policy as to relations with financial federations or other agencies suddenly arise; disputes within the board or the staff may require impartial advice. And beyond that, your society has constantly a multitude of minor problems which are new to you but not to others.

ASSOCIATION SERVICE: Each member of the staff of the Association has gone through a long apprenticeship in the work of local societies, while their present intimate contact with many of our 227 member societies gives them an "accumulated" experience of still greater value.

As a member of the association, your society may call upon the staff for a visit in any crisis, thus making available the experience of the whole field. The field worker will not only spend as much time with you as may be necessary, but will remain constantly in touch with you as to later developments. Many a society owes its present existence or its continued growth to such timely assistance; some have sunk beneath their load because of a failure to make use of the assistance available.

In situations where a visit is impossible or is not required, correspondence with the Association office will open for you a channel for the best information and advice which can be obtained from the whole field. A review of Association correspondence for the past few years would reveal advice upon nearly every type of problem arising in family social work,

#### II. SERVING YOUR CLIENTS

YOUR NEED: There is rarely a family under your care which has not friends, relatives, and former employers in other cities. Your assistance to these families would eventually be inadequate and costly if you could not get information, co-operation and financial assistance from these sources. There is the deserting husband to be located; the relative who may offer care for children from a broken family or throw a new light on family difficulties; the former employer who may offer employment or information as to a man's capabilities.

How can you make proper use of these possibilities? Not merely through a letter to the person himself. Any family welfare worker knows that an appeal in cold type may not even be answered. Experience has shown that such co-operation can best be obtained by personal contact through visits by a society in the other city, approaching the problem from your point of view, reporting back to you upon impressions and results, and staying on the job until it is finished. For this inter-city service to your clients you need:

- (a) A carefully compiled directory of societies in other cities.
- (b) A general agreement among these societies to act as your agent in obtaining co-operation and information from friends and relatives of your clients.
- (c) An assurance that this work will be done for you in the best manner possible. This means that you are directly interested in the standards of work in other societies, and in the development of agencies in cities where none now exist.
- (d) Some method of obtaining personal interviews in many smaller towns where there is no family society.
- (e) An assurance that clients will not be "passed on" to you from other cities, without adequate investigation and without your consent.

ASSOCIATION SERVICE TO YOUR CLIENTS: The Association, with its 227 member societies, serves as a sort of "inter-city" department of your organization. It is a partnership; each society serves the others in answering inquiries and securing assistance for clients, and each society also is thus served. But without the Association as a channel, fully supported and maintained by the societies, such co-operation would be difficult or impossible.

- (a) Its Directory of Family Societies in the United States and Canada (and foreign countries) is but 1 part of this service. The fifty cents paid for each copy of the Directory covers only the cost of printing and mailing. Its real value comes from work related to all the activities of the Association.
- (b) In addition to preparing and constantly revising the Directory, we must secure the consent of each society to answer inquiries and make investigations for you, devising general agreements which will assure a uniform understanding of methods.
- (c) We must assist, through staff visits and by correspondence, in the maintenance of standards of work in other cities which will make such co-operation valuable to you. In the first place, no society is even listed in the Directory until we are sure that it conforms to certain minimum standards. Membership in the Association is in itself an indication of still higher standards. But if at any time your society feels itself handicapped in its work by lack of adequate co-operation from another city, it may suggest that the Association use its influence toward a raising of standards there.

Although the Association forces its services upon no community, in many cases where it has assisted in the reorganization or improvement of the work in one family society the criginal suggestion has come from another society which has been handisapped in its own work by lack of proper co-operation.

- (d) A similar service to your clients is made possible through our system of "Forwarding Centers," whereby you may obtain personal interviews in very small towns where there is no society, through a Forwarding Center in each state which has developed a group of correspondents in these small communities. Personal contact in over five thousand such places is tous made available to you.
- (e) The Association not only encourages standards of work which will lessen the "passing on" to your society from other cities of clients who are not your responsibility, but assists in the maintenance of the Transportati-n Agreement, which all societies must sign before being listed in the Directory.

A member of the Association staff acts as secretary of the Transportation Committee of the Allied National Agencies, which is charged with the extension and enforcement of the Transportation Agreement. Through this channel your society also obtains the co-operation in transportation matters of the local societies in five great fields of social work.

#### III. PERSONNEL PROBLEMS

YOUR NEED: (a) Workers: When your society is faced with the problem of obtaining a new executive or a case worker, it needs first of all a channel for contact with applicants from all parts of the country who have the required ability, personality, and experience.

(b) Training: Your society naturally desires that present and prospective members of its staff should have the best training available for their work.

ASSOCIATION SERVICE: (a) Workers: Members of the Association staff are in touch with openings and available workers all over the country; one staff member in the central effice serves as a channel for such information, giving advice on placement, suggesting workers for specific jobs, etc.

(b) Training: The Institute for Family Social Work (formerly led by Miss Mary E. Richmond) is now conducted by the Association. As it is supported chiefly from membership dues, only societies paying Class A or Class B dues are eligible to nominate candidates for the Institute without the payment of a special fee.

Special training for your workers and volunteers can be arranged in other societies through the Association. We also endeavor to organize short intensive training courses regionally or locally. Outlines and bibliographies are available for local classes, while The Family (the national case work magazine) and other Association publications are invaluable for training purposes.

An Association committee is now studying training requirements and the best means for meeting them both within and without the local society.

#### IV. SELF-IMPROVEMENT

YOUR NEED: As an aid to a high level of work in your own community, your society needs a channel through which it can easily keep in touch with the constant developments in methods of work all over the country.

ASSOCIATION SERVICE: You have available not only the personal service of the Association staff and its advice through correspondence, but for organization and administrative problems you have the work of committees from the member societies themselves, such as the Committees on Salary Schedules and on Classification of Expenditures; for case work problems there are the Committees on the Content of Family Case Work, the Homeless, Marriage Laws, etc.

The great practical value of these committees is illustrated by the work of the Committee on Relations Between Public and Private Agencies. Most family societies today are faced with a load of work which they cannot handle adequately, and there is a strong feeling that a greater proportion of this load should be borne by public departments. But even where the public agency is properly equipped to do family social work, problems arise as to the types of families to be turned over, the method of transfer, and relations between the agencies.

These problems have been studied carefully by the Committee on Relations Between Public and Private Agencies, and the recommendations made in its final report suggest means by which many societies may in the future avoid tremendous increases in work. Through the machinery thus provided by the Association at the cost of considerable time and money, the societies have made possible for themselves great future savings as well as better work.

The Association also serves as the channel for the arrangement of inter-city and regional conferences, where you may find renewed inspiration through the exchange of experiences and ideas.

You may obtain from the Association office suggestive material on budget preparation, publicity, financial campaigns, board and staff functions and other problems. Some societies have lost more than they have realized, when they have failed to make use of these facilities.

THE FAMILY (the only national magazine devoted solely to the case work field), the News-Letters, and the publications of the Association contain a great variety of stimulating material, which your board and staff can use constantly in your work with families.

#### V. PARTICIPATION

YOUR NEED: Since all these activities are so closely related to your own local work, you need not only an active participation in their development, but an assurance that they are supported and controlled by you rather than some outside group.

That requirement is net by the manner in which the Association was originally organized: not by an "outside" group, but by the member societies themselves to meet needs which they had felt. Control of the Association lies entirely with member societies; the two essential factors of control are participation and financial support.

The degree to which any society participates in or makes use of Association activities of course rest: largely upon its own initiative and desire, but we can safely say that there are few national associations with wider participation. The Association committees have a membership of nearly 150 persons from societies all over the country; no important decision as to policy or organization is made save through a vote of the membership at the annual meetings.

#### VI. HOW "FULL DUES" WERE FIXED

Support of the Association by member societies was at first on the purely voluntary basis of "contributions." But experience soon proved that such support was not only inadequate but too uncertain, and at the annual meeting in New Orleans in 1920 a special sommittee from the member societies carefully considered methods of determining each society's proper "quota" or share of financial support.

Feeling that this share should be based upon a society's actual resources, and not upon such extraneous factors as the city's population or bank clearings, the committee finally recommended that each member society's "quota" should be fixed at 2% of its expenditures for family social work, exclusive of material relief. After much discussion this recommendation was adopted by the membership, has since been several times re-affirmed, and is now the accepted basis of full support.

However, because of the youth of the movement and the desire for sound and gradual development, this 2% "quota" was not at first made obligatory, and had it not been for a generous grant from the Russell Sage Foundation the growth of the Association would have been difficult if not impossible. Finally, a number of societies insisted that the payment of the "quota" should be made obligatory. There was also a strong seeling, shared by the Russell Sage Foundation, that the Association should be independent of financial grants from outside sources.

The Finance Committee, composed of representatives from the member societies, was therefore instructed to seek means of achieving these results through a "Three-Year Financial Program." After very careful consideration, this Committee recommended that until 1927 there be two classes of dues: Cass A, or Full Dues, and Class B, or Minimum Supporting Dues; and that the societies be classified accordingly, with a temporary third division in Class C of societies unable to pay such dues, but contributing more than \$10.

#### VII. DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

The "Three-Year Financial Program" recommended by the Finance Committee was adopted by the nembership at the annual meeting in 1924, and re-affirmed in 1925. Under it the daes of your society for the Association fiscal year beginning September 1st, may be fixed as follows:

- CLASS A (Full Dues): 2% of your family social work expenditures, exclusive of relief, for your last fiscal year ending prior to July 1st.
- CLASS B (Minimum Supporting Dues): One Dollar (\$1) per thousand of your city's population, with a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$1,000, or not exceeding Full Dues.

(Note: This class is for societies which cannot pay their Full Dues, and it may later be restricted or abolished; societies therein of course realize that those paying Full Dues must carry a-part of their bur-len for them.)

CLASS C (Not "duis," but a "contribution"): Any amount less than the above dues, but more than \$10.

(Note: This class is already restricted: societies in Class C for the past year may remain therein for the current year only upon special approval of the Administrative Committee of the Association. And of course such societies are carrying but a small part of their share of support. This class will probably be abolished after another year.)

#### VIII. WHY SHOULD FULL DUES BE PAID?

(1) Most member societies, often without realizing it, have had more than the amount of their Full Dues returned to them through the co-operation they have received on behalf of individual families. For how many of your families is assistance from other cities made available through the machinery provided by the Association?

Many societies frankly recognize that their present existence or their growth is due largely to the assistance rendered in their daily work as well as in crises.

Consider carefully each of these factors in the light of what their sudden withdrawal would mean to your society now or in the future! Full Dues are but the accepted method of payment for benefits received.

- (2) This is your A-sociation; control goes with full financial support, and you wish your share in that control.
- (3) The amount of dues paid to this Association is less than that required in any other national organization rendering similar services.
  - (4) Unless you pay Full Dues, some other society must carry a part of your share of the burden.
- (5) Postponement of the step may place your society in a difficult position later, if the other classes of support are further restricted or abolished.
- (6) Finally, on the demand of the member societies themselves, the Association is endeavoring to malle its services to you more adequate, to fill a vacancy in its field staff, and to render itself independent of outside subsidies.

## IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FULFIL THESE DEMANDS WITHOUT A MARKED INCREASE IN RECEIPTS FROM DUES DURING THE CURRENT YEAR

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#### FOREWORD

Ten years have passed since the Congress of the United States declared that "it is, as it has always been, the purpose of the people of the United States to withdraw their sovereignty over the Philippine Islands and to recognize their independence as soon as a stable government can be established." Six years ago the President of the United States, in his message to Congress, said: "I respectfully submit that this condition precedent having been fulfilled, it is now our liberty and our duty to keep our promise to the people of those Islands by granting them the independence which they so honorably covet."

Yet the United States is still firmly established in the Philippines, and a vigorous campaign is now being waged in the press of this country and from the platform urging their indefinite retention. The President of the United States has recently appointed a special commissioner to make an investigation of conditions in the Philippines. This commissioner is known to be a close friend of General Leonard Wood, the present Governor-General.

Under the circumstances, it seems to the undersigned imperative that there should be an impartial Congressional examination of the entire situation in the Philippines with a vasa to setting a definite and early date when full independence will be granted. A Congressional Commission should outline a constructive policy with regard to future relaxions, economic and political, between the two countries.

There is every reason to believe that Japan, Great Britain and other nations would join the United States in guaranteeing the independence and neutrality of the Islands.

We urge our fellow-citizens to acquaint themselves with the essential facts of our record in the Philippines, such as are contained in THE CONQUEST OF THE PHILIPPINES BY THE UNITED STATES, by Moorfield Storey, a former President of the American Bar Association, and Marcial P. Lichauco, a recent graduate of Harvard University, of which this booklet is an abridged edition.

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