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THE CLEVELAND COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ASPECTS OF HOUSING

Cleveland, Ohio
September 7th, 1933

Rabbi Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Ansel Rd
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

A remarkable opportunity is offered now for those concerned with the housing problem in Cleveland, to help in solving some fundamental social problems and to build for a better community. The enabling legislation providing for a Public Housing Authority to make low-cost housing possible, was enacted at Columbus last week. An authority of five is to be appointed shortly, two to be chosen by the Mayor, one by the County Commissioners, one by The Probate Court and one by the Court of Common Pleas. Every credit is due Councilman Ernest J. Bohn for obtaining this important legislative action. This group of five will be able to affect the lives of thousands of Clevelanders and to determine the course of much future development for the City. It is imperative that men and women who are competent, disinterested and socially-minded be chosen.

The Committee on the Social Aspects of Housing is calling a meeting of various civic bodies to consider this matter on Monday, September 11th, in the auditorium of The Engineering Society, 410 Hanna Building, at 8:15 p.m. We hope to develop out of this meeting, a Citizens' Committee, that shall work and agitate for a proper Public Housing Authority. We hope the representatives of your organization will be present at this important meeting. We must not miss this opportunity to build for a better future for Cleveland. We must act quickly.

Sincerely,

Wm W. Biddle
William W. Biddle.

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Dr Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd & E 105th St
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:

The Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit has made me responsible for the preparation of the next three issues of Federation News, which will henceforth appear in an enlarged form.

For the first issue I am anxious to secure an article on "The Future of Jewish Social Work" by an outstanding American Jewish personality. I can think of no better man than yourself for the purpose of this article, and I hope that you will find time to make this contribution.

Will you please let me hear from you, and try to complete this article by September 11.

With sincere personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Phil Slonovitz

Philip Slonovitz

September 12, 1933.

Mr. Philip Slomovitz,
525 Woodward Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Slomovitz:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 7 and for the invitation which you extend to me to write an article on the "Future of Jewish Social Work." I wish I were free to write such an article. Unfortunately, I am too crowded at present with the numerous congregational duties incidental to the opening of the congregational year as well as with work in connection with the German Jewish situation. Furthermore, all that I can say on this subject, I have already said in my address before the 1932 Philadelphia session of the National Conference of Jewish Social Service, which address you will find printed in the Jewish Social Service Quarterly of December, 1932.

With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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סיערער רבי סילווער,

מיר זײַנען אינפארמירט געווארן, אז אין קליינלאנד פארענדיקט זיך איצט
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September 13, 1933.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Friday, September 22, at 8:00 P. M., a public demonstration in honor of the Most Reverend C. H. LeBlond, Bishop Designate of St. Joseph, Missouri, will be held in the Music Hall of the Public Auditorium. The meeting will be addressed by representative Clevelanders.

Father LeBlond's service to Cleveland in the field of social welfare has won the admiration of all of our citizens, without regard to creed, and all are anxious for an opportunity to pay him tribute on the occasion of his departure to assume new responsibilities.

You are cordially invited to attend this meeting. We are reserving a few seats and have the pleasure of enclosing two tickets, which will admit you to the reserved section.

I trust you will find it convenient to be present.

Very truly yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Trustees of the Church Peace Union send you herewith a Manifesto which they unanimously adopted at their Semi-Annual Meeting in 1933, and which they hope expresses your views also, concerning the most important of all international questions.

This is being sent to a number of prominent men and women throughout the United States representing commercial and professional life, as well as leaders in the field of education and religion, for two reasons:-

First, we seek to bring this Manifesto emphatically to the attention of a large body of leaders of American thought.

Second, when the Manifesto is made public we wish to announce that it is supported by a representative group whose endorsement will give it the utmost authority.

I hope you will join the Trustees and others in approving this statement. If you do will you indicate your support and your willingness to have your name included among the signers of the document by signing and mailing back to us the enclosed return postcard.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Merrill
President

P.S. This document is marked "Confidential" because we are anxious that it should not receive any publicity until we secure for it many eminent signatures.

MANIFESTO AGAINST WAR

Adopted by the Trustees of
THE CHURCH PEACE UNION
MAY 1933

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WE must have a warless world if we are to have any world fit to live in. The time has come when organized religion must proclaim that never again shall war be waged under the sanction of the Church.

The World War stabbed the religious conscience awake. It is now self evident that war cannot be humanized, controlled or localized. It must be abolished. With the ruins of the last war piled high at its feet the Church should solemnly declare herself the implacable enemy of war. The nation which unsheathes the sword, except solely in self defense, is henceforward to be regarded as the deadly foe of all mankind.

In times past good men have often fought on the battlefield because their eyes have been blinded by tradition, false teaching and an undeveloped conscience, and sometimes they have drawn the sword because diplomats and statesmen have driven the nation into a position from which the only honorable way out seemed to be across the field of slaughter. But God is now calling upon all men everywhere to repent. The time has arrived to change our mind and our conduct. Under the influence of the Spirit of God men change their ideals and their policies. They forbid what they once allowed, and accept standards which they once rejected.

Modern War is Suicide

WE have had in our generation an appalling revelation of the true nature of war. War is not what it was. When science added the airplane, the submarine and poison gas warfare entered on a new stage.

With the advent of poison gas and bacteriological germs it laid aside the last vestige of decency. War has always been bloody and brutal. It is now an atrocity. In olden times it seemed

honorable, for it gave occasional opportunities to show chivalry, but now it is indecent and revolting. Boys are now butchered at long distances and by machines manipulated by executioners who do not see their victims. All distinctions are blotted out. No regard is paid or can be paid to sex or age or civil status. Mothers and their babies are torn to shreds by bombs hurled from the clouds. Aged men and women are tortured by slow starvation. Nurses and their patients, under the protection of the flag of the Red Cross, are ground into bloody pulp.

There is no mercy in war and no justice. No question of honor can be settled by war. No problem of right and wrong can be solved by force. War is as futile as it is barbarous. No nation can be sure of gaining anything by war. There is no victor. All are defeated. All are loaded with debts. All are compelled to build hospitals to house the maimed. All carry on their backs a load of human wreckage which drives millions to despondency and despair. Modern war is suicide. The sword is so sharp that a nation can cut not only the throats of its neighbors but its own throat also. Civilization itself is in jeopardy. The nations have in their possession the means of blotting out all that man has achieved.

Military Preparedness No Guaranty of Peace

CAN war be abolished? Have not men always fought? Is not man a fighting animal? Can human nature be changed? Is not war inevitable? Multitudes believe it is. This is a superstition. War is not like a hurricane, or a volcano, or an earthquake, or a tidal wave. These are inevitable because man has nothing to do with their creation;

but war is man made. It comes out of the human heart. What comes out of the human heart can be ended.

That military preparedness is the only guaranty of peace is one of those illusions which only knowledge can banish. When men say in time of peace prepare for war, they repeat a slogan of the ancient pagan world which has no rightful place in the twentieth century. War is not inevitable. The fact that it remains is not due to our stars but to our stupidity and bad dispositions. Big armies are not the result of "heavenly compulsion," nor do huge navies ride the seas because of a divine "thrusting on." Our wishes for peace have been fervent and our prayers have been many, but our technique has been at fault. If once we have a will to perpetual peace we shall not lack the wisdom to devise a way to attain it.

Governments Should Control Arms Manufacture

TO eliminate war two kinds of work are called for. We must both lay down the weapons of war and strengthen the agencies of peace. The two efforts must be carried on concurrently. We must attack the institutions which breed war. One of these is private armament firms. They make big profits for their stockholders and are able to subsidize newspapers of the baser sort. Some manufacture war scares and throw the multitude into panic. We can never have a warless world so long as powerful syndicates and an incendiary press are allowed to coin gold out of the peoples' fears and hatreds. If guns and warships are to be manufactured at all, their manufacture must be lodged in the hands of the governments. This is one of the first steps toward universal peace.

War games should cease. The boys of the nations should not be drilled in the art of killing human beings. Patriotism should not be linked in their minds with a gun. If we are to have a warless world, then military drill on the present scale must go.

A third step is essential. Military and naval officers should not be delegates at international peace conferences. The recent conferences on disarmament have come to little, largely because

attending army and navy experts have been legion. The conferences are frequently sidetracked by the war specialists. Instead of tackling the question of how to secure peace, they discuss parity and security and safety and lose themselves in a morass of words. To expect progress in the cause of peace, so long as professional militarists are in the saddle, is one of the mental aberrations from which we must be delivered. The man in the street is sorely perplexed by the failure of these disarmament conferences, but this is no mystery to any one who knows that generals, and admirals and armament makers stand in the background, often silent but always mighty. These experts are not trying to banish war but simply to regulate it. They make new rules for it. They love to discuss the bores of guns and the tonnage of ships. The one vital question: How to secure a warless world, they steadily ignore.

"Security" Not Based Upon Armaments

MILITARY and naval budgets should be drastically reduced. Nothing is more deserving the scrutiny of the American people than the reports of our army and navy expenditures during the last fourteen years. They play with the word "security." They mesmerize the unthinking by the word "inadequate." Their argument is as plausible as it is simple. "Give us an adequate navy and army and your security will be assured." This is not true. Europe was armed to the teeth before 1914 and no nation was secure. Europe is now more heavily armed than before the World War, but no European nation is secure. There is no security for any nation in guns. It was once thought there was security in dreadnaughts. That myth was exploded. It was argued that security resided in submarines. That illusion was dispelled. It is now asserted that only in aircraft can a nation find safety, but this also is an idle fancy. There is no adequate army or navy. That is a will-of-the-wisp. There is no security for nations except in friendships. These can be created by nations which feel their value. One of the supreme tasks of every nation is to keep its international friendships in repair.

Nations should disarm. Otherwise there is no

solution for the world problem. There was a time when statesmen discussed the limitation of armaments. Later, they advocated the reduction of armaments. Today, the question at the front is the abolition of armaments. Armaments must go. This does not mean that all armed forces must be discarded. Every nation is in need of a police force. Law and order must be safeguarded against the thugs and rowdies. The world cannot go on without armed guards on land and sea. There must be an international police force, and each nation must make its contribution to it. But the present armaments of the world are not for police purposes. They are for war. War is a duel. Armies and navies exist for fighting national duels. Duels are outgrown in private life. They must be outlawed in the life of nations.

Let Us Cease All War Preparations

PREPARATIONS for war should cease. Governments have renounced war as an instrument of national policy. That was a great step; one of the greatest steps in history. We are now ready for the next step. The nations should renounce preparedness for war. It is not enough to renounce war. We should cease to prepare for it. If we prepare for it, it will come whether we have "renounced" it or not. It is futile to renounce it on paper if we prepare for it in our navy yards. The way of escape is easily seen. All war preparations should cease. That is what the spirit is saying to the churches and this is what the churches should say to the nations.

Peace Machinery Must Supplant Enginery of Force

WHILE the world is laying aside the weapons of war it should be putting on the armour of peace. Without peace machinery there is little likelihood of the nations giving up the enginery of force. There must be a progressive moral disarmament. We must cultivate the international mind not only in a few but in many. We must create the international heart not only in the elite but in the crowd. We must cultivate the international conscience not only in the classes but in

the masses. There must be a widespread spirit of goodwill. This friendly feeling will not come by chance. It will come only as a result of purposeful effort. The effort must be pursued continuously through the years in our homes and schools and churches. We must practice good manners in speech and conduct. We must condemn with swift heat all boorishness in reference to our international neighbors. For every word that a congressman speaks in public concerning any foreign nation he should be held to account to the people. We must practice the art of co-operation. The policy of aloofness is immoral. We are members of a body—the body of humanity. If one member suffers, all suffer with it. We are dependent on one another. Our problem in the 18th century was independence but the problem of the 20th century is inter-dependence. Isolation is impossible in a world of airplane and the radio. Aloofness from the affairs of mankind is stupid and unworthy of a high-minded nation.

There must be a World Court and the United States should be in it. Because of our size and power we are needed. It is only by courts that the disputes of men can be decided by reason. Violence will never be dethroned till law is exalted. There must be a federation of the world. Nations cannot live apart. For better or for worse they are joined forever. Without organization the world drifts inevitably toward chaos. There must be a League of Nations, and why should we not be in it? The present League is of course imperfect. It does not always function efficiently. If it is weak, it is chiefly because one of the strongest nations in the world, the United States, has thus far refused to join it. America's accession would enable it to function far more effectively. We owe it to ourselves and the human race to take our place at the council table of the world.

No Place for Selfishness in The Kingdom of God

IT is the duty of all religious men to keep their eyes steadily on governmental policy. It is by its foreign policy that a nation effectively helps or hinders the divine plan. The kingdoms of the world are to become the Kingdom of God. If they are to become the Kingdom of God, then diplomats

and statesmen must not block the way by unjust policies and selfish programs influenced by political jealousies and schemes for "spheres of influence" and by efforts to control raw materials and cheap labor. The tremendous pressure of economic competition moulded the policy of all the great powers and made the World War inevitable. An economic war set the stage for the war with guns. It was assumed that economic forces are omnipotent and cannot be directed and controlled. The assumption is false. Economic

forces, like all other forces, can be directed to the well-being of mankind. Tariff barriers are thrown up by greed and not by spiritual insight or brotherly consideration. Tariff wars spring out of selfish hearts and do not come by chance. The Church should declare that God calls upon all men everywhere to change their mental habits and their political policies, for He is going to judge the nations by the standard of Him who is the brother of all men everywhere and who is the true "Prince of Peace."

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September 18, 1933.

Mr. N. Feinerashl, Secretary,
Society of Friends of the Yiddish Scientific Institute,
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My dear Mr. Feinerashl:

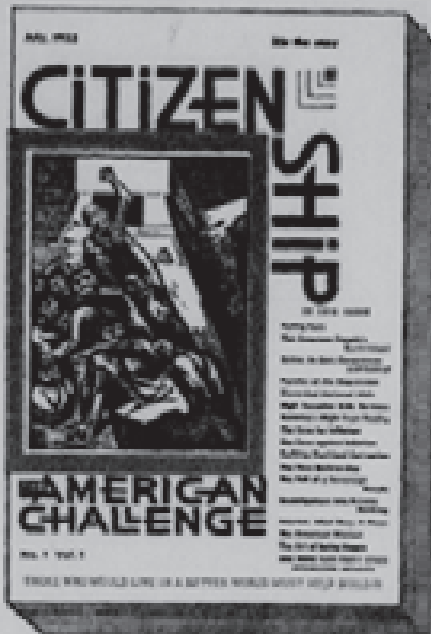
Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of September 12th. The Cleveland campaign was closed some months ago and the funds have already been allocated. There were only a few thousand dollars distributed among the cultural institutions, such as the Hebrew University, etc. The campaign did not get near its goal and most of the money had to be set aside, of course, for German Jewish relief.

When the 1934 campaign is launched it may be advisable for the Yiddish Scientific Institute to send in its request early, before the campaign gets under way.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:SK



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September 20th, 1933.

My dear Dr. Silver:

America needs at present more than ever before in its history, means for instructing the people on the great and novel political and economic problems of the day.

The apathy and fear that are being exhibited by our people make them susceptible to hysterical activities that may endanger our wealth and form of government. They require enlightenment and strong leadership to counteract the adverse currents questioning our established institutions.

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As publisher of CITIZENSHIP--THE AMERICAN CHALLENGE, I would esteem it a great pleasure to have your active cooperation. Will you have the kindness to express an opinion on the prospectus and intimate the manner of your cooperation?

Very truly yours,

Charles Sigurd Nordlie

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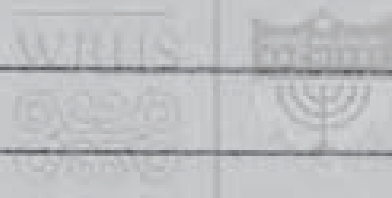
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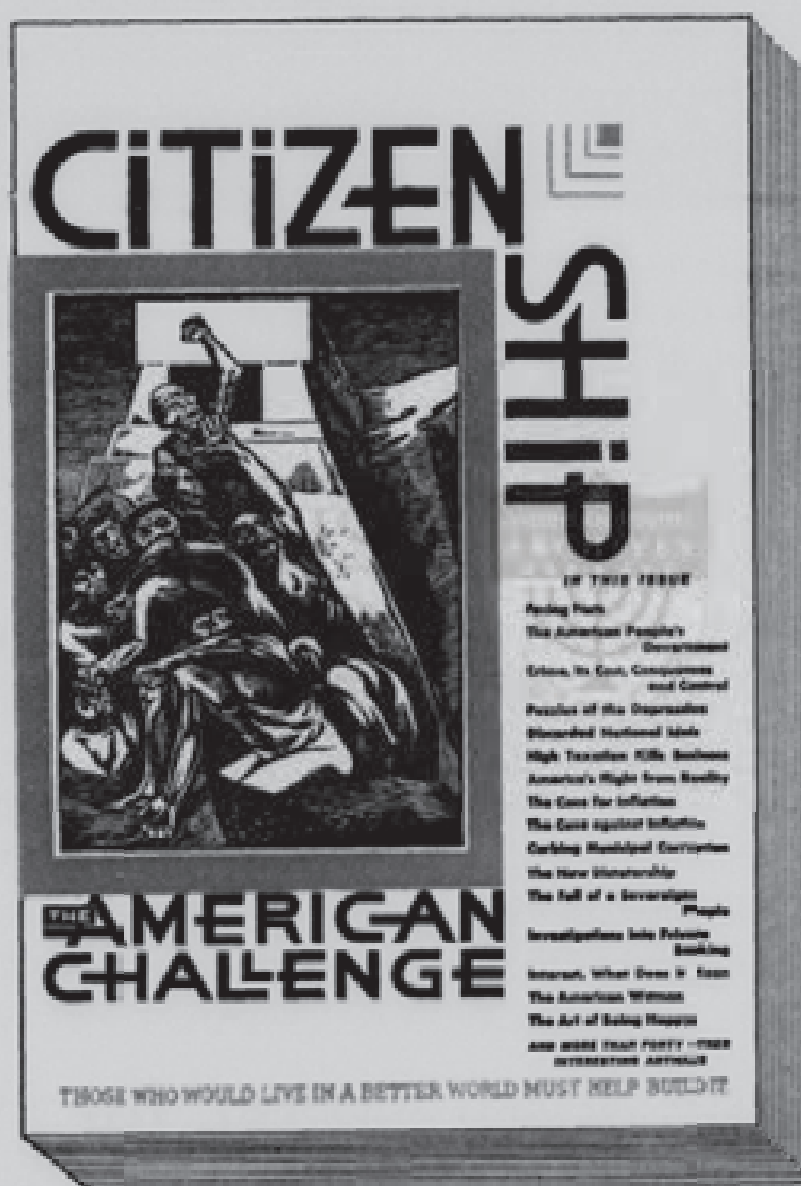
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The aims of this magazine are:

TO vitalize, organize and unify the citizens of our nation for civic service in the interests of true progress for themselves and for their country.

To arouse the voters, men and women, including the listless 48% who do not vote, to a proper evaluation of their citizenship; to urge full use of the ballot as a corrective agency to do away with municipal, county, state and national wrong, and to rally our American citizenship to the approved standards of honesty and common good in all fields of life.

To promote individual and national social and economic progress by fostering right thinking and its appropriate action; to raise the standards of success, prosperity, science, art, and the conditions of social welfare and social justice to new heights reaching toward a more perfect American democracy.

To point the way to a finer civilization through an enlightened people, and nourish the ideals that make up the highest national spirit.

An Investment in the American People

OUR country, resolutely facing a long, up-hill road to recovery from economic disaster and social disturbance, needs above all, citizens confirmed in American ideals and fortified with ever-increasing intelligence and vigor.

American institutions today are threatened by subtle forces "boring from within." The trials of

a depression period have misled many into doubting the fundamental principles of individual initiative and personal achievement. Nevertheless the true American, "the average man," is an individualist at heart. He needs only sound guidance to reassert his faith in the basic order of American society, government and industry.

The Justification for CITIZENSHIP—THE AMERICAN CHALLENGE

THIS publication has been founded to help in reviving the hardy pioneer spirit and the high-minded virtues of American citizens, to challenge the sinister, enervating forces undermining the foundations of our national life, to evoke the positive forces that will counteract and overcome them, and to restore citizenship morale under the guidance of thoughtful, energetic leadership.

The American people at the present moment are strangely apathetic. They are watchfully awaiting events. They are looking for leadership, particularly with regard to political and economic developments. This magazine is designed to enlighten them, and suggest leading thoughts that will draw them out of their apathy and start out developing along new lines so as to meet new conditions.

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"I fear it is too late for me to send you any other message than that of best will for CITIZENSHIP—THE AMERICAN CHALLENGE. But this I do send to you, and in full measure. I am especially impressed with this judgment: 'Our troubles are due to wrong thinking, misguided leadership and false ideals and standards; the remedy must be sought in right thinking, worthy leadership and sound ideals and standards.' May full ability be yours for applying the remedy to our sickness and weakness."—Charles F. Thwing, President Emeritus, Western Reserve University.

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Facing Facts

THE founders of CITIZENSHIP — THE AMERICAN CHALLENGE, believe that the present plight of our country, with its misery and discontent, is due primarily to the apathy of its citizens. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," but we have slept at our posts, permitting great evil forces to get us in their power while we have been heedlessly drifting on the way to ruin.

In spite of our vast national resources, we find ourselves in a maelstrom of financial, moral and spiritual bankruptcy. We have over-emphasized the material things of life and neglected the cultivation of the fundamental factors of character. Integrity and righteousness are badly undermined. We have lived at the surface of things, unintelligently, without planned purpose or foresight. Arresting facts

and startling realities have found us unprepared. The situation has developed a general state of fear, worry and indecision; of drifting, waiting, and vainly hoping that somehow conditions will right themselves.

There should be no need for this attitude of helplessness. To the degree that our troubles are due to wrong thinking, false ideals and low standards, the remedy for them must be sought in right thinking, sound ideals and high standards. To the degree that they are due to apathy and drifting, we must have worthy leadership and well-premised activity. Salvation lies in our own hands—in the proper exercise of the actual constitutional powers of our citizenship.

Challenging Our Citizens

WHAT is needed is a sound public opinion, and the determination to participate actively in expressing that opinion. Our Nation is People. Government is always responsive to the asserted will of its citizens. Sound opinion cannot be built impulsively. It must be evolved and developed. In our complicated society today, there are countless interrelations that go far beyond citizenship in any limited sense.

A healthy and vigorous citizenship is the only means we have of saving our country from failure as the first illustrious modern democracy.

We must restore that great respect for government—national, state and local—which existed dur-

ing the early days of this nation, and work out earnestly and patriotically, as a united force, that formula declared by Lincoln—"A government of the People, for the People and by the People."

Government of the politicians, by the politicians and for the politicians, has ceased to satisfy any but politicians. American multitudes are protesting, but merely protesting will not do. We must be safeguarded from the pitfalls of dictatorship, the deadening level of communism, the mechanizations of Marx, the lethargy of Utopianism, the destructiveness of anarchism, and the frightfulness of regimented militarism. This can only be done by sane functioning of a people's sovereignty, healthily conceived and manfully executed.

It is the voter who finally determines the life of the commonwealth for good or evil. The voter must be awakened to his full sense of duty and responsibility. It is the purpose of this magazine not only to place before him his obligations as a citizen

of this great nation, but also bring him to see that the welfare of himself, his family and his community depends primarily upon the wise and active use of his voting rights.

A Planned Procedure

AS an active force in shaping an enlightened public opinion, CITIZENSHIP—THE AMERICAN CHALLENGE is designed to promote intelligent adjustment to our changing conditions. Times and circumstances have altered greatly since our Constitution was framed. Speed has annihilated distance; intercommunication of thought has become instantaneous; industry and commerce have become international. American life is constantly evolving, expanding and developing. New conditions call for new treatments. We must preserve all the values that experience and tradition have given us, the while we adapt ourselves to the changing laws of progress and the enrichment of living.

There are certain tenets that we all hold:—that the production and distribution of the wealth of this country should be so planned and organized as to give to the family of every willing, honest and diligent worker the enjoyment of the essential conveniences that science and invention, the soil, the mine and the workshop, place at our disposal; that unsocial manipulation of wealth by great financial

corporations and institutions shall be effectively ended; that excessive costs of government shall be lowered; that consumers of goods shall not be exploited; that a living wage shall mean not merely an amount necessary to keep body and soul together, but sufficient to cover every necessity required by our advanced American standards of living.

It is in this spirit that we present CITIZENSHIP—THE AMERICAN CHALLENGE, with a program of many diversified parts, each significant of itself, yet all interrelated to provide sustenance to the broadening interests of intelligent citizenship in its new and unlimited sense. Life to be lived as a whole must be seen as a whole, and all of its parts must be coordinated and made to function together in the desired direction. We must begin at the root by education of the citizen to a higher standard of political action that expresses itself, first, in citizenship morale, and second, in corrective action against evils that undermine our economic, civic and social order.

Those Who Would Live in a Better World Must Help Build It

RECOVERY cannot come from the top down. It must grow up from the people. It is only as the people advance to a better and happier status, that the country, which is the sum of its people, can realize for them the ideals of a true American democracy. American democracy is an experiment, now being severely tried, yet it is our country's unique and distinctive contribution to the nations

of the world, and we simply must make it to thrive and prosper. We must demonstrate that through the American system of democracy it is possible to create an order of society in which every man and woman can have the opportunity of rising to full stature and living the finest possible life of which he or she may be capable. This ideal can be realized only if our people function as true citizens. Today

the challenge to every American is the challenge of citizenship, which we interpret as a state of being,

a point of view, a moral obligation, an economic necessity, and a social privilege.

Unite — Support — Cooperate

CITIZENSHIP — THE AMERICAN CHALLENGE addresses itself to a class but a class not defined by locality, race, creed, color or economic status; nor by education, vocation or social position. It addresses itself to that great class of decent, honest, hard-working and right-thinking men and women throughout our land, who believe in themselves and their country, and who form the backbone of our national commonwealth: who prize the old virtues, and who value the good in the new; who want for themselves and their families what is rightly theirs; and want their neighbors to enjoy what rightly belongs to them; who, while they believe that the State exists for the individual rather than the indi-

vidual for the State, are ready to give of their material wealth, their lives and their service for the development of the common good, not only in the unusual emergencies of war, but in the daily practices of peace. To these principles of healthy individualism and civic righteousness, this magazine dedicates itself.

Are you one of the leaders of thought and action ready *now* to promote the program outlined as the purpose of this magazine?

The publisher will be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience.



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The Governments Arm

After ten years of futile preparations and promises, the World Disarmament Conference has met only to adjourn itself with more promises and with all the imperialist governments continuing to prepare for war more intensively than ever. The 4-Power Pact, the latest imperialist gesture to avoid concrete disarmament measures, has solved nothing. The rise of fascism among the Western imperialist nations and the continued aggressive policy of Japanese militarism has increased the dangers of war involving the Soviet Union. The World Economic Conference in London has revealed only too clearly the inability and the unwillingness of the Great Powers to solve the basic international problems which are steadily driving us towards war preparations and war.

Fascism Breeds War

The recent rapid spread of fascism brings before us another serious problem, one which is closely related to war. It means forced labor, militarization, lower standards of living, and the accentuation of national hatreds and chauvinistic attitudes. It sets the people in one country against the people in another country, and even exploits the internal racial groups within each country, instead of uniting them for joint action to solve their common problems.

U. S. Prepares For War

We emphasize that the declarations of peaceful intentions on the part of the United States Government cannot be relied on to keep this country out of war. In spite of repeated statements of peaceful intentions all governments continue to arm, to train, to prepare. In the United States the Roosevelt administration has systematically aided and furthered preparations for war; the concentration of the entire fleet in the Pacific Ocean, the continued maintenance of armed forces in China, give the lie to the peaceful declarations of our own government.

Under the guise of public works, the National Industrial Recovery Act has become the vehicle for launching the building of a vastly larger navy along the lines demanded by the Big Navy jingos; the widespread unemployment of youth has been utilized to concentrate them in so-called reforestation camps, directly under the administration of the War Department, where

semi-militarized conditions prevail; the military training of youth in the colleges continues; and more and more, national holidays become excuses for glorifying the armed forces and stimulating war hatreds. Throughout the country, hundreds of firms are busy shipping munitions and basic war materials to the warring countries in South America and the Far East. With all this, the Roosevelt administration has developed centralized control along the lines of the War Industries Board of 1917. We must organize and act to save ourselves from these war preparations and war forces certain to culminate in suicidal international war.

We Must Act Against War

It is to accomplish this task that we unite in support of this Congress. It is to formulate a program of concrete struggle against these conditions that we appeal for the widest possible participation by the workers, farmers, youth, and by all opponents of war throughout the nation.

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2. See that this Call is distributed and given wide publicity wherever groups of workers, farmers, unemployed, youth, war veterans, professionals, white collar workers and peace advocates meet. Get local publicity in the press and in your organizational publications.
3. In every city the organizations must begin to campaign for funds to pay the expenses of the delegates. Funds must also be raised for the national preparations for the Congress and for the holding of the Congress. Hundreds of thousands of leaflets must be sent out. Expenses for delegates from other countries to the U. S. Congress must be provided. This Congress must be the beginning of a nationwide movement in opposition to war. National Collection Lists should be secured from your organizations or from the Treasurer of the National Organizing Committee.
4. Give publicity to all war preparations in your city through leaflets, letters to the press, meetings; send such information to the National Organizing Committee for national use.
5. Sell "U. S. Congress Against War" buttons; order these from the National Organizing Committee or from your own organization. Funds to help finance delegates can be raised through sale of these buttons, as well as popularization and support of the Congress.

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Delegates should be elected from all local groups and organizations opposed to war. Every organized group is entitled to one delegate for its organization, plus an additional delegate for every 250 members or major fraction thereof.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Now that the fall holidays are nearly over, may I write to you concerning the following:

The American Jewish Committee, as you probably know, has given up its statistical department which I directed for eleven years, and I am now directing the Jewish Statistical Bureau. The change took place while you were abroad, and I had no occasion to write to you until now.

In my opinion more and better work is being done now than before. The Bureau issues the following publications:

(1) Digest of Events of Jewish Interest, weekly, a continuation, in a way, of the Summary of Events of Jewish Interest which I issued during 1922-1927.

(2) Hasid's Index to Periodicals and Booklist, monthly, a bibliographical journal which enters new books, articles appearing in Jewish periodicals, and articles appearing in the general periodical literature, provided these deal with subjects pertaining to Judaism and the Jewish people.

(3) Jewish Library of Facts, a series of monographs, one of which has been issued (Jewish Migration 1920-1930).

(4) Statistics of Jews, a statistical annual to be issued in December or January.

I am enclosing herewith the latest issue of the weekly Digest and of the monthly Index, and complete sets of these publications have been put aside for you should you care to have them.

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Dr. Silver----2

These publications are sent to subscribers, a selected number of Rabbis and communal leaders, Jewish educational and social welfare organizations, and the Jewish press; to a selected number of prominent non-Jews, the statistical offices of the principal governments of the world, bibliographical institutes, and educational organizations; and The Index is sent to every library in the United States having 25,000 volumes or over - city and county public libraries, federal and state reference libraries, teachers' training school libraries, and college libraries - and the principal libraries abroad.

The Bureau is the only American Jewish office exclusively devoted to the collection and dissemination of accurate data of Jews in this country and abroad. It is also the only Jewish office in the world which maintains a Jewish bibliographical service. May I add that it has been found that the librarians use The Index both as a bibliographical reference tool and as a guide to the purchase of books. The Index in this way tends to promote the circulation of meritorious literature about Jews and to exclude or limit the spread of biased and anti-Semitic writings (I am enclosing herewith a sheet of excerpts from letters by librarians on the use of The Index).

I am anxious to have your interest in the work of the Bureau, and I shall deeply appreciate if you will join the Committee of Sponsors. I need your cooperation. I am enclosing herewith a slip for your signature. It is understood that by so doing you do not commit yourself to any financial support.

With kindest regards, and with the wishes of the season, I am

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have the honor to inform you that you have been elected
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The following are the names of those elected on our latest
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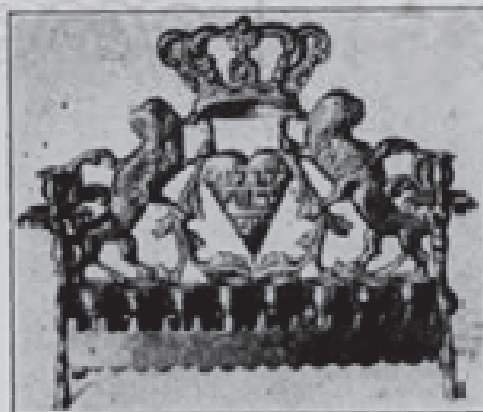
Before sundown tonight, just a few minutes before the Sabbath candles are lighted, the first Chanukah candles will be kindled.

With this quaint ceremony the Festival of Chanukah will be welcomed in countless numbers of Jewish homes throughout the world. This will be the signal for a week of celebrations wherever Jews assemble—here in the United States as well as in the remotest parts of the globe. Everywhere the spirit of Chanukah brings joy and faith and hope. Everywhere it brings back the spirit of loyalty and devotion which has been so dear to the heart of the Jewish people throughout the ages.

In this country celebrations take place in private homes, in religious schools, in community centres, in Y.M.H.A.'s, among Young Judaea groups, as well as in many other places where Jews assemble. At these celebrations the story of Chanukah so rich in romance and in heroism, is retold and reacted. The week also serves to stress the unity of the Jewish people and the duty which the Jew owes to his past and to his future.

The two largest public celebrations this year will take place in New York City and in Chicago—the two largest Jewish communities in America. In New York City the Festival will take place at Madison Square Garden tomorrow (Saturday

evening). The affair will be in the nature of a Maccabean Festival and it is expected that it will be attended by many thousands of people. The program of the evening will include singing and dancing. Several dramatic sketches and a number of magnificent choral pageants have been prepared. One of the most impressive events of the evening will be the chanting of the prayer over the Chanukah lights. A prominent Cantor, assisted by a picked choir of 25 voices will bless the candles. Some of New York's leading Jewish citizens will act as patrons.



What is expected to be the greatest spectacle in the history of the Jewish community of Chicago will take place on Sunday evening, the second day of Chanukah. On that evening it is expected that more than twenty-five thousand Jews will gather at the Stadium for a Chanukah concert and ball. Here too, a program of unusual interest appropriate for the occasion has been prepared. An outstanding feature of the evening will be a mixed choir of five hundred voices which, together with all the Cantors of Chicago, will take part in the blessing of the candles and in singing Jewish music. Both in New York City and in Chicago these evenings are arranged by the Zionist Organization of America.

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HILLEL ZLATOPOLSKY, NOTED PALESTINE LEADER, DEAD

Hillel Zlatopolsky, a well known figure in Palestine activity and a leading sugar merchant, died in Paris last week from wounds received when he was shot by one of his employees.

Zlatopolsky, who was in his 62nd year, played an important part in Russian Jewish life before the Russian Revolution. Though engaged in big business he still found a great deal of time to devote to Palestine and to Jewish education. He was among the first to urge the establishment of the Keren Hayesod—the fund through which the Jewish people all over the world have been making their contributions for Palestine upbuilding. This was in 1920. Since then millions of dollars for Palestine development have been raised through the Keren Hayesod. He was an authority on the sugar industry. For his work in this direction the French Government decorated him with the Order of the Legion of Honor.

His sudden death was mourned by Jews throughout the world and especially in Palestine, where impressive memorial services were held.

NEW RULING BRINGS HARDSHIPS TO JEWS IN RUSSIA

Thousands of Jewish families in Russia will suffer as a result of a new ruling which was put into effect last week. This ruling forbids buying and selling of food products and other articles at a profit. A punishment of five years imprisonment is announced for those who will be caught breaking this rule. In the past a large number of Jews, especially those residing in small towns and villages, earned their livelihood in this way.

Our Book Shelf

WITHIN THE PALACE GATES: By Anna Pierpont Siviter.

Many books of fiction have been written with biblical characters as their heroes. Through these books the reader is given a better understanding of the period in which the characters lived. "Within the Palace Gates" by Anna Pierpont Siviter, is one of these books. Here the reader is introduced to the interesting story of Nehemiah, once cup-bearer to Artaxerxes, King of Persia.

The tale opens at Susa, where Hanani, brother of the Lord Nehe, or Nehemiah, comes to ask the King for permission to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. As children Hanani and Nehe had lived with their father and mother in a small town just outside of Jerusalem. One day a party of Samaritans, headed by Sanballat, swept down upon the town. Nehe, his father, Hachaliah, and his mother, Sarai, were carried off, but Hanani was saved by a faithful servant. Hachaliah became head gardener to the Persian King, while Sarai was lady-in-waiting to the Queen, Damaspia, and Nehe finally became the King's cup-bearer and stood high in the royal favor. Hanani believed them dead. He himself was befriended by a goldsmith, who later gave him his only daughter, Hannah, in marriage. Two sons were born, but Arabs captured Hannah and her elder son. The story begins with the joyful reunion of Hanani, his mother and brother, and closes with the no less joyful reunion of Hanani and his wife.

There is plenty of action and quite a number of interesting incidents throwing light upon this period in Jewish history. You will do well to read this book.

AVUKAH ANNUAL

A volume of unusual interest is the Avukah Annual which has just been published by Avukah—the American student's Zionist Federation. This annual, dedicated to Justice Louis D. Brandeis, is a book of over eight hundred pages dealing with almost every form of Zionist activity. Among its contributors are some of the foremost Jewish writers and thinkers, throughout the world. The book should be found on the bookshelf of every student of Jewish affairs.

Chanukah—Then and Now

Chanukah has been observed by our people for over two thousand years now. Year after year Jews have celebrated the holiday with kindling of lights, with prayers and chants, with special games and foods and with other kinds of festivity. Each generation interpreted and celebrated the Festival of Lights in its own way.

The very first Chanukah must have been most festive and picturesque of all. It was celebrated immediately after the Jews of Palestine, under the leadership of Judas Maccabeus and his brothers, had won a great victory over the Syrians and had taken possession of Jerusalem. To our ancestors it was a two-fold victory, since they were fighting for national and religious independence. The rule of the Syrians threatened the existence of the Jewish nation and also the existence of the Jewish religion and culture.

For some generations the Greek religion and Greek way of life were spreading in Palestine. The Greek language was taking the place of Hebrew. Greek games and sports were seriously interfering with the study of Torah and with the observance of Jewish customs. Antiochus, although himself a Syrian, was a champion of Greek civilization. He was determined to conquer the Jewish nation, and he knew that only by destroying Judaism could he accomplish this.

The first Chanukah, then, must have been a very festive occasion. The streets of Jerusalem were crowded with thousands upon thousands of men, women and children, many of them carrying palms and torches. The Temple square was crowded to capacity. We can imagine the enthusiasm when the beloved Judas Maccabeus and his brothers ascended the platform and the ceremonies began. The Levites chanted psalms of victory and thanksgiving. The "Ner Tamid", the perpetual light of the Temple, was rekindled. The new High Priest offered a sacrifice on the new altar. And Judas spoke to the people bidding

them to be courageous and steadfast, for the struggle was not yet over. To them it was truly a festival of dedication. Since that eventful day Jews have celebrated 2,097 Chanukahs.

As centuries passed and Jews came to live far from the scene of victory, the heroism of the Maccabees became only stories of long ago. What meaning could a war for independence have to our forefathers in the Ghettoes. The legend about

the jug of oil seemed to them more important. That they could understand, for it was not the survival of the Jewish people after centuries of wandering and persecution the greatest miracle of all? However, the Jews of the Middle Ages added new ways of observing the festival. They invented the "dreidel" with its four Hebrew letters which stand for "Nes gadol hayah sham" and which means a great miracle happened there. They also thought of giving Chanukah Gelt (gifts) to children, and eating "latkes" (pancakes). All these served to make the eight days of Chanukah meaningful and enjoyable days in the Jewish calendar.



Judas Maccabeus

In our own day, Chanukah has come back into its own and has taken on new meaning. We today, particularly in America, understand a little better what it means to enjoy independence and freedom and what it is to have heroes and heroines. We also appreciate, even more than our fathers, what it means to have among us Jews who care not whether Israel survives or not. These people show no concern about our language and literature, our customs and ideals, our institutions and problems. Like the defenders of the faith in the days of the Maccabees, we are waging a peaceful battle for improving and beautifying Jewish life.

And then there is another reason why Chanukah has become more important in recent years. It is the rebuilding of Palestine. To our great-grandparents the rebuilding of Zion was just a hope,

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something to pray for. To us it is becoming a reality, a thing going on before our very eyes. We are the generation privileged to lay the foundations of the Jewish National Homeland. In our times Palestine is once more becoming the center of the Jewish people as it was in the days of the first Chanukah.

As in ancient times, Chanukah has a two-fold meaning to us. The lights we kindle each of the eight days are reminders of the great miracle—the survival of the Jewish people. The heroic stories we read in the Books of the Maccabees encourage us to labor with love and devotion for our own community, for the rebuilding of Palestine and for the strengthening and beautifying of Jewish life in every land.

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LEAVE FOR SOUTH AMERICA

One hundred and twenty persons, mostly women and children, left Poland last week for Argentine, Brazil and Uruguay. These went to join their relatives who left Poland sometime ago in order to establish themselves in these South American republics.

The group was accompanied to the boat by a special representative of the Jewish Emigrant Aid Society. This Society, which is known in this country as HIAS—the Hebrew Immigrant Aid and Sheltering Society—has for its purpose to give advice and to guide Jewish people who must wander from one land to another. HIAS was established more than thirty years ago and has helped thousands upon thousands of Jews who were compelled to go from one country to another in order to make their homes there.

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JEWES OF SPAIN ARE SADDENED BY DEATH OF DON ANGEL PULIDO

Don Angel Pulido, the Spanish physician who died last week in Madrid, was a most interesting person. Himself a descendant of an old Spanish family (not Jewish) he wanted his country to make amends to the Jewish people for the wrong done them in 1492 when they were expelled from the land. It was his thought that Spain should invite the descendants of those who were exiled to return and to enjoy the privileges the country has to offer. In this way, he thought, the stain would be removed from the history of his country.

There are about four thousand Jews in Spain living mostly in Madrid, Seville and Barcelona. Most of the Jews in Seville are from Spanish Morocco. A little over a year ago the three communities formed a Federation for carrying on religious, educational and other Jewish activities. This was the first time since the terrible days of 1492 that the Spanish government gave permission to establish a Jewish communal organization.

The descendants of the Jews who were expelled are known as "Sephardim," or Spanish Jews. There are large settlements of Sephardim in the countries of Northern Africa, in Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey.

Since Spain became a Republic new laws were made which give equal rights to all Spanish citizens no matter what their religion is.

Don Angel Pulido was very popular among the Jews of Spain and the entire Jewish population was saddened by his death.

PINCHOT HONORARY CHAIRMAN PALESTINE FOREST COMMITTEE

Governor Gifford Pinchot has accepted the Honorary Chairmanship of the Pennsylvania Committee on the George Washington Forest to be established in Palestine, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of the first President. This Forest is now being established by the Jewish National Fund.

In accepting the Honorary Chairmanship of the Pennsylvania Committee, Governor Pinchot, who is one of America's outstanding foresters, explained that he believes in the program of the afforestation of Palestine and is eager to help in this work.

Kamillo Schiller, famous authority on trade and economic questions, especially tariff problems, was appointed permanent Austrian representative to the League of Nations with the title of Minister and Delegate Extraordinary.

JEWISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION HAS CHANUKAH DINNER

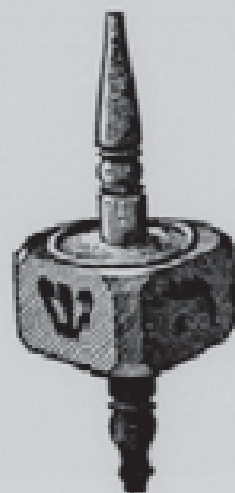
The Jewish Education Association of New York City held their eleventh annual Chanukah dinner last Sunday evening. Several hundred

men and women who are devoting a great deal of their time to Jewish education attended this dinner and listened to reports showing how much was done for Jewish education among the Jewish youth of New York City during the past year.

Some of the speakers at this dinner told how the Jewish Education Association was organized for the purpose of interesting Jewish parents and children in Jewish education.

Every year this Association gives many prizes to children in Jewish schools for attendance and for good work.

In order to reach the mothers the Association organized a women's division called "Ivriah." The "Ivriah" arranges entertainment for Jewish children, brings them into Jewish schools and provides the mothers with useful information about Jewish affairs.



A Chanukah Dreidel

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The library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City received a gift of 1,130 Hebrew and Arabic manuscripts from a person whose name was not disclosed. This collection, gathered from all parts of the Orient, is considered of great importance.

The collection includes the Bible with various explanations; Mishna, Talmud, Midrash, philosophy, cabala and science. These manuscripts were gathered in Fez, Mequinez, Agadir, Oran, Algiers, Jerba and elsewhere in Africa. Some of them come from Asiatic communities, and also from Palestine.

Of especial interest are the manuscripts that come from Yemen. These include three private libraries of three prominent rabbis. Some of the Spanish manuscripts were found in Tokat, Anatolia, where Spanish exiles had taken them in 1492.

Other donations to the library were announced. These included books and newspaper clippings of historical value.

MARSHALL MEMORIAL BUILDING USED FOR FIRST TIME

The new Louis Marshall Memorial Science Building of the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University was used for the first time at the opening of the First Annual Forest Nursery Conference.

The new building will be completed and officially dedicated sometime in February or March of next year when leading figures, such as the Governor of New York State, Secretary of Agriculture, Chief Forester of the United States and other leading personalities will take part in the ceremony.

Mr. Marshall was one of the foremost Jews of this country, having devoted the greater part of his life to worthwhile Jewish causes. He was particularly active in helping to raise monies for Foreign Relief and was one of the founders of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. He died in 1929 and was mourned by Israel the world over.

Announcing Our Essay Contest

How is the Jewish youth of America preparing itself for the Jewish leadership of the future? What are our boys and girls, our young men and women, doing to acquaint themselves with the rich treasures of Israel's glorious past? How are they taking advantage of the educational opportunities to better themselves and to make themselves fit for Jewish living?

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Watch for further announcements.

WELFARE BOARD STRESSES NEED OF JEWISH EDUCATION

The importance of strengthening youth organizations devoting themselves to Jewish activities was stressed at the 15th annual meeting of the National Council of the Jewish Welfare Board, held in New York City, last Sunday. The hard times through which a large number of people are now passing, it was pointed out, should not be permitted to weaken those institutions which are now devoting themselves to Jewish educational and cultural activities. On the contrary, these should be encouraged to increase their work so as to reach greater numbers of young people.

About three hundred delegates, coming from various parts of the country, attended this annual meeting and a large number of them took part in a discussion of the general topic: "The Jewish Youth of America."

The Jewish Welfare Board was established in 1917. This was at the time the United States entered the World War. The purpose of the Jewish Welfare Board was to help the Jewish men in the United States Army and Navy by providing for them religious services, concerts, lectures and other forms of entertainment. Since the War, this organization has been active in social work among the Jewish youth of America. It publishes a magazine called "The Jewish Centre," and helps to raise money for Y.M.H.A.'s and Y.W.H.A.'s, as well as for Jewish Community Centres throughout the country.

EDUARD BERNSTEIN, NOTED SOCIALIST, DEAD

Eduard Bernstein, one of the foremost Socialist thinkers and writers of Europe, died last Saturday, in Berlin, at the age of 83. Because of his sincerity and his fine mind, he was held in high esteem throughout the world and his writings were read with deep interest.

Although born a Jew, Eduard Bernstein took little interest in Jewish affairs in his early life. More recently, however, he realized his mistake and told his friends that if he had his life to live over again, he would not remain distant from his people. Following this change of mind, he interested himself in Palestine and on a number of occasions urged the Jewish people to take an active part in the development of that ancient country as their National Homeland.

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The Community of Leghorn, or Livorno, to give it its Italian name, traces back its history to the early sixteenth century. At that time quite a number of Jews who were compelled to leave Spain because they were being ill-treated by Ferdinand II, found their way to Leghorn and here established themselves. Since then, of course, other Jews came. Now Leghorn is one of the flourishing Jewish communities in Italy.

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QUESTIONS

1. Of what significance has Chanukah been to our people throughout the ages? What is its significance to the Jews of our day? How is Chanukah celebrated in this country?
2. What do you know about each of the following: HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), Hillel Zlatopolsky, Don Angel Pulido, Eduard Bernstein, Louis Marshall, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Jewish community in Leghorn, Italy.

The Palestine Educational Committee has just released a Chanukah Film which relates the story of Chanukah. It reviews the tale of the oppression of the Jewish people under the rule of Antiochus as well as the Maccabean Revolt. It also shows how Chanukah is celebrated today.

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Dear Friend:

We are enclosing a copy of one of last year's issues of Jewish Current Events now known as Jewish Current News.

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Aside from its informational value, the Jewish Current News helps to inculcate in our youth the desirable habit of subscribing for and reading a Jewish periodical. We hope you will realize the value of our publication and will arrange to subscribe.

We shall be very grateful to you for your kind cooperation.

Cordially yours,

JEWISH CURRENT NEWS

DAVID RUDAVSKY,
Executive Director

DR:H



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Pauline Baerwald, Chairman,
Junior Division of Joint Distribution Committee,
7 Hanover Street,
New York, N. Y.

October , 1933.

Dear Miss Baerwald:

The religious school of

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1307 SWETLAND BUILDING, CLEVELAND

CHERRY 5340

October 9, 1933.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Ansel Road Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

You have been given as a reference by Alfred L. Steuer who is a candidate for the office of municipal judge.

The committee on candidates would appreciate a full and frank statement from you regarding this candidate and your opinion of his character, training, experience, and general fitness for office.

YOUR STATEMENT WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

We prefer the information in writing, but if you do not wish to put it in writing, we shall appreciate it if you will call at the League's office, or call the Director by telephone (Cherry 5340).

An IMMEDIATE REPLY will greatly assist the committee in its work on the long list of candidates.

Very truly yours,

Mary Fiske

Director.

P.S. You can type or write reply on this letter if more convenient. M.F.

Hillquit Memorial Meeting
Arrangments Committee
605 Prospect-Fourth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio
October 11, 1933

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 165th and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

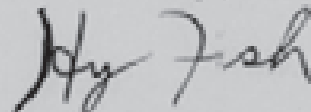
This memo is to confirm our conversation over the phone
Tuesday afternoon.

The committee has asked me to urge you to speak at the
memorial meeting for Morris Hillquit, our beloved friend,
whose death has affected so many of us.

The meeting will be held at the Public Auditorium, South
Hall, Saturday, October 14th at 8 o'clock. Max Hayes
will be chairman. Other speakers include Joseph Sharts
who helped Hillquit defend Eugene Sobbs during the war,
Bishop Paul Jones of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and William
Winston of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. A num-
ber of labor and Jewish organizations are sponsoring
this meeting.

A few words from you will mean much to those who mourn
his loss.

Sincerely,



Hy Fish, secretary
Arrangements Committee

hf/ak

October 13, 1933.

Hillquit Memorial Meeting,
Arrangements Committee,
605 Prospect-Fourth Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Friends:

I regret deeply that I am unable to attend the memorial meeting which you are holding in tribute to Morris Hillquit. His death came as a distinct shock to me as to everyone else. I had been in correspondence with him within a week or so of his death looking towards the possibility of his coming to address one of the meetings in the Fine Temple Lecture Course.

Ever since my boyhood days in New York I have heard the name of Morris Hillquit and it was always identified with great constructive social movements. He was a courageous champion of the cause of economic justice and of the rights of labor to a freer life and to a fuller share in the social goods which labor produces. He sought to achieve these great objectives through socialism and in his fair, persistent and thoughtful advocacies of socialism he won the respect not only of the friends of the movement but of its enemies as well. Mr. Hillquit definitely belongs to that rare group of men of vision who laid the foundations of the new social order which even now is coming to be.

I join with you and with hosts of other tribute-bearing men and women throughout the country in expressing my profound sense of loss at the passing of Mr. Hillquit and my strong faith in the enduring quality of those great humanitarian ideals with which his name will for long be identified.

Very sincerely,

AHS:BX

October 13, 1933.

Mr. Mayo Fealer,
The Citizens League of Cleveland,
1307 Sweetland Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Fealer:

I believe that I wrote to you about
Judge Alfred L. Steuer at the last election. You
will probably find my letter in your file. I
recommended him heartily then and I have had no
reason to change my judgment since.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:-

Enclosed please find list of the judges of
the various courts, together with a number of lawyers,
who, I think, are representative of the Bar.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene E. Wolf
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October 17, 1933

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Rabbi Silver:

That the forces astir against our people, here and abroad, know no bounds to their maliciousness, is evident from the renewed distribution of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion".

The enclosed bulletin provides a handy summary of that publication, its history and the varied purposes it has been made to subserve.

Under separate cover, we are sending you a copy of the booklet, "The Voice of Religion", containing the unsolicited opinions of the Christian Press and Churchmen, decrying the Nazi anti-Jewish policy. The Committee feel you will find this booklet especially valuable.

Please feel free to request any supplementary information you may desire, after reading this bulletin. We welcome your cooperation in bringing to our notice any activity directed against the Jew that gives cause for concern.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
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My dear Rabbi:

In accordance with your suggestion in our telephone conversation, I am submitting to you a list of our officers and executive members to whom you may mail invitations to Samuel Untermyer Luncheon, Wednesday, November 1st, namely:

Julius Gluck, 10915 Orville Avenue,
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Jacob Kaplan, 3696 East 151 St.,
Leo Honigsfeld, 965 Parkwood Drive,
Arthur Cohn, 965 Linn Drive,
Frank Lieter, 7400 Longview Ave.,
Louis Drucker, Leader Bldg.,
Jack Persky, 941 So. for Sav. Bldg.

Needless to say, we are very anxious to cooperate to help make Untermyer's visit in Cleveland a success.

I shall deem it a pleasure to be of whatever service you might advise.

Very truly yours,

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My dear Rabbi Silver,

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I don't want to press you, but don't you think next Spring would be an excellent time for the new book to appear?

Cordially yours,

Charles H. Feyman

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
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Mr. Francis Harmon is the distinguished young General Secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and Canada.

He has recently returned from a trip to Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Poland and Russia. He will speak somewhat intimately concerning his observations of conditions as they affect the youth of these lands.

An editorial in the Houston Chronicle, following Mr. Harmon's visit, describes the character of the message we may expect: "The message of Francis Harmon, International Secretary of the YMCA, should be heard by every man and woman in the city. His address before a group of business and professional leaders here Tuesday constituted a review of conditions in Germany, Czechoslovakia and Russia, as able and comprehensive as any that has been heard in Houston. And it rang with an idealism that would move every normal American. Not only the Christian world of America, but the political world of America, needs the fire and conviction of this man's message. * * * He is an able and brilliant and idealistic leader. In him the Y has raised up a man worthy to follow in the footsteps of John R. Mott."

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Rabbi Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

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Will you ratify this for distribution and sanction the signing of it as sponsored by the CITIZENS SCHOOL COUNCIL, composed of the following men:

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Very truly yours,

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distributed without
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October 26, 1933.

Mr. Claude B. Benedict, President,
The Cleveland Teachers' Federation,
301-302 Leacer Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Benedict:

In reply to your kind letter of October 24th,
permit me to say that you may use my name as a signatory
to the statement which you plan to issue in connection
with your one mill levy for Cleveland schools.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
GENERAL EXTENSION SERVICE
FAYETTEVILLE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 26, 1933.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Ansel Road and East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

While in Cleveland recently for a conference with CENTRAL PRESS I learned of the excellent program of lectures that is sponsored each year by the Temple and I wondered if I might not take the liberty of calling your attention to my new illustrated astronomical lecture "Other Worlds Than Ours".

This lecture is intended for the masses and contains the most interesting parts of all of the series of lectures listed on my folder. These lectures are non-technical and are intended for the average audience. I have now had the pleasure to presenting this material in thirty-six states and in the District of Columbia and it would be a pleasure to serve you at any time.

Dr. Garry Cleveland Myers of Cleveland College can tell you about my lectures and astronomical writings. I am enclosing a copy of one of my weekly feature stories that have appeared in newspapers for almost one hundred consecutive Sundays.

I trust you will appreciate the spirit in which this letter is written. I do not work for a Bureau and so I must take this method of introducing myself to you. I have no free time until early in February.

Very truly yours,

A. M. Harding
A. M. Harding,
Professor of Mathematics
and Astronomy.

AMH:MG

October 28, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, Ansel and East 105th St.,
Cleveland.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are cordially invited to meet Reverend
Everett R. Clinchy, Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron and Father
John Elliot Ross, representing the National Conference of
Jews and Christians, at a Round Table Conference at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Green, 2975 Glengary Road,
Shaker Heights, Sunday evening, November 5, at 8:00 o'clock.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Phillips

Please reply:
2975 Glengary Rd., S. H.
Longacre 5743.

JENNIE FRANKLIN PURVIN

EAST END PARK HOTEL
CHICAGO

October 31 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Daily Jewish Bulletin carried word to the effect that a committee of women would be sent out to parallel the committee of men who are to engage on the Good Will Tour. If this is accurate I would like the honor of offering my services to represent the Jewish women. I have spoken with Dr. Freehof in order to make sure that the suggestion was not presumptuous and have his assurance that my equipment would be adequate to do the work. May I therefore have the honor of putting the suggestion before you?

Very respectfully yours

Jennie F. Purvin

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October 31, '33

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are informed by Mr. Suggs Garber, of your city, that you have kindly consented to deliver an address at the dinner arranged by the Cleveland Chapter of the League for Labor Palestine for Nov. 21st.

We should like to publish your speech in the December issue of LABOR PALESTINE, which will be a special number dedicated to the Tenth Anniversary of the National Labor Committee for Palestine (popularly known as the "Gewerkschaft-en Campaign"), and to which some of the foremost Jews in this country and abroad, as well as internationally known Socialist and labor leaders like Emile Vandervelde, Leon Blum, and William Green, are expected to contribute articles and messages. The issue will be printed in 30,000 copies (instead of the usual 3,000), and contain about a 100 pages.

Owing to the large size of this issue, it will be necessary to go to press earlier than usually. And so we ask you to carry your kindness still further by letting us have an advanced copy of your address by November 15.

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We know what a busy man you are; and if we seem to presume too much on your good nature, it is because we likewise know that you have always been a good soldier in Zion's cause, ever ready for service however arduous.

May we hope to hear from you at a reasonably early date as to whether or not it will be possible for you to grant our request?



Cordially yours,

Maximilian Hurwitz
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October 31, 1933

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mrs. Brandes tells us that Mr. Edgar Ansel Mower is to lecture for you on November 8th at the Temple. Mrs. Brandes will undoubtedly send you publicity material on Mr. Mower, but I now enclose a biographical sketch and a jacket of his book, GERMANY PUTS THE CLOCK BACK which we publish.

Mr. Mower's eye-opening lectures on recent events in Germany and the daily front page newspaper publicity all German news is receiving, have so increased the sale of his book that we are putting on press at once a Third Large Printing, with an up-to-the-minute Introduction by Dorothy Thompson. As Dorothy Thompson points out, in spite of the fact that GERMANY PUTS THE CLOCK BACK does not cover the events of the last few months under Hitler, it remains the most vital, the most authentic, the most informative book yet published on present-day Germany.

We are writing to bookshops in Cleveland urging them to display GERMANY PUTS THE CLOCK BACK. Doubtless if you are interested in having the book exhibited while Mr. Mower lectures it can be arranged through a local bookshop. If you are interested, I shall be glad to have a word from you.

Sincerely yours,

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November 2, 1933.

Professor A.M. Harding,
University of Arkansas.
Fayetteville, Arkansas.

My dear Professor Harding:

Thank you for your kind letter of
October 26th. Our Lecture Course for this
season is complete. I shall, however, be very
happy to keep you in mind for some future
occasion.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

November 2, 1933.

Miss Jennie Franklin Purvin,
East End Park Hotel,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Purvin:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 31st. I am in no way connected with the Good Will Tour. I would suggest that you establish contact with its officers in New York.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba W. Silver
c/o The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are addressing this letter to you relative to the Yeshivah Festival, to be held at the Madison Square Garden, in New York City, on January 13, 1934, under the auspices of the Federation of Yeshivoth. The funds obtained therefrom will be devoted to the advancement of Jewish culture and education in this community.

At this Festival, we are issuing a distinctive literary journal, "The Yeshivah Scroll," which will constitute a symposium on vital Jewish problems by authorities in each field.

We are writing to you in the hope that you will contribute your thought toward the creation of a composite picture of Jewish life. May we suggest that you write on the following subject, "If you were to play the Role of the Jewish Prophet, What Would you Conceive to be the Ideal Cultural, Religious and National State of Jewish Existence," or any other subject of a similar nature, indicative of your point of view, and that the article be approximately three hundred to four hundred words in length.

We are keenly conscious of your intensive interest in matters of Jewish concern, and therefore, feel confident that you will help foster this movement, which has for its purpose, a renaissance of a Jewish cultural life in this country.

Will you kindly inform us of your acceptance.

Respectfully yours,

YESHIVAH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

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AT THE MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 13th, 1934

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BILL DESIGNED TO HELP BLIND

Cleveland's Plan Calls for Stands in U. S. Buildings.

A bill aiming to make thousands of sightless men and women in the United States self-supporting by



means of candy and tobacco stores placed in federal buildings, has been drawn up by Attorney Leonard A. Robinson of Cleveland for introduction in Congress in January.

Attorney Robinson's participation in the move springs primarily from

the fact that, although the possessor of two university degrees, he is sightless.

The bill, sponsored by Congressman Matthew A. Dunn of Pittsburgh, who also is blind, has the backing of a number of influential legislators, including Congressman Martin L. Sweeney of Cleveland.

It provides for the organization of a bureau within the postoffice department, to be known as the bureau of welfare of the blind, to aid sightless persons in various ways and specifically to issue licenses for such vending stands in federal and other buildings.

Primarily, such stands would be for the sale of newspapers, magazines, candies and tobacco, but the bill provides that the vendors may be authorized to sell other commodities at the discretion of the director of the welfare bureau.

Robinson has conferred with President Roosevelt on the matter and the President favors the measure, he said.

Locally the measure has the enthusiastic support of Forest City Council of the Welfare Association of the Sightless of Ohio.

Welfare Association of the Sightless of Ohio

FOREST CITY COUNCIL, No. 1
CLEVELAND, OHIO

3320 De Sota Avenue,
November 9, 1933.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
Ansel Road Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosed clipping and Resolution will tell my story. The clipping appeared in the Cleveland "News" this past Labor Day.

There is a national campaign on to put this bill through Congress soon after it convenes in January. The center of the activity will be here in Cleveland.

Each community will raise its own money to put the sightless of that community in the "stands, the equipment and other things will have to be provided for. A general trust fund will be raised and it will be built up for general purposes which the blind in Cleveland have long needed.

This is constructive legislation. It is not money spent to take care of bereft situations that exist already. It serves a two-fold purpose. In addition to ameliorating these conditions which are certainly bad enough, it will provide a living for forty or fifty Cleveland blind persons as time goes on, and these persons now are in many instances receiving a pension from the State which is no more than a dole. They do not want this. They want a chance to live in their community as you or I. Why shouldn't they?

This campaign is about to get under way. Will you serve on this committee? Your serving will lend the cause the moral support it needs. Certainly you cannot fail us. We need you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Samuel A. Robinson
Executive Director.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Doctor Silver:

With the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment an accomplished fact, our Editorial Committee is planning to devote a portion of the January quarterly of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION to pointing the way in which education ought to move with respect to the situation set by repeal.

Could you take the time to write a letter for publication setting forth your views on the next step which the forces of education might profitably take? The letter should be in our office by December 1st. May we count upon your cooperation?

Cordially yours,

JMA:JW.


J. H. Artman

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*Received
by Dr. Silver*

Dr. Abaa Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On December 14th, the third day of Chanukah
Mr. Israel Unterberg will celebrate his seventieth birth-
day.

Feeling that his many friends and associates
in communal service will wish to mark the day with some
expression of appreciation of his lifelong devotion to
Jewish causes, we are making up a volume of greetings to
be presented to him on that day.

On their behalf, we take pleasure in inviting
you to send us a letter addressed to him, to be bound to-
gether with similar letters from others and presented to
him on his birthday in a testimonial volume.

Kindly let us have your greeting not later
than November 20th.

Faithfully yours,

Otto A. Rosalsky
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Bernard Semel

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David de Sola Pool

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November 16, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Maccabaeae Festival which, as you know, marks New York Jewry's celebration of Chanukah is also the occasion for the publication of a special souvenir magazine dealing with Zionist questions of the day.

An article by you on some phase of Zionist endeavor would be of great interest to the thousands of readers of the Maccabaeae Festival journal and serve as an inspiration to the young American Zionists participating in the celebration.

May I urge you to make every effort to submit your contribution at an early date, since the deadline is near at hand. Your help will be invaluable.

With many thanks for your cooperation and interest, I am

Yours sincerely,

Morris Margulies

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am compiling a book of holiday sermons, to be called "The Festivals of Israel," and which will be published by a nationally known publishing concern. Twenty-one Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Rabbis are submitting a sermon each for this collection.

May I, therefore, extend an invitation to you, as the outstanding Reform leader in the country, to participate in this compilation, which will prove a noteworthy contribution to the meagre Jewish sermonic literature in English, by submitting your favorite sermon on Pentecost. Also a concise biography and photograph to precede your sermon.

The undersigned occupies one of the most prominent modern Orthodox pulpits in Chicago, and while occupying a previous pulpit was also a member of the faculty of the University of Miami.

Hoping to be favored with your ms. at your earliest convenience,

Cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

We are shortly issuing to the press an announcement relative to the architects' competition now being carried on in connection with plans for the erection of the Jerusalem Synagogue and Center.

Building is expected to be started upon the Jerusalem Synagogue and Center next February or March. The project is a joint effort of the United Synagogue of America and the Yeshuran Organization of Jerusalem.

In connection with this press statement, we are asking a number of prominent Jewish religious and lay leaders for a short statement expatiating upon the effect that the Jerusalem Synagogue and Center is likely to have upon the religious life of America.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would send us such a statement which we will include with our news release.

Yours faithfully,

Louis Masch
DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY

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THE CLEVELAND FELLOWSHIP OF FAITHS

November 22, 1933

Dear Friend:

You are strongly urged to attend an important meeting of the Cleveland Fellowship of Faiths in the "Shurtleff" Room of the Y.M.C.A., Prospect Avenue and East 22nd Street, on Tuesday, November 28th, at 4:00 P. M.

There will be reports by our committees on our Radio Broadcasts, U-Table Conference, City-Wide Essay Contest, and Public Symposiums; also a report by the Nominations Committee followed by an election of officers and Committee of One Hundred.

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Nowak

Rabbi Abraham Nowak,
Executive Chairman,

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Rabbi Abta Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
City.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

May I express to you the gratitude of the teachers of Cleveland for the aid that you gave to the recent campaign for the one mill levy for operating the schools. It was a worthy civic cause and I believe that you would be justified in a feeling of satisfaction that you had a part in the campaign.

The next great problem that the Citizens' School Council may wish to consider will be the effect of the passage of the constitutional amendment providing a ten mill limitation on tax levies against real property. May I recommend the question for your study in order that we may formulate a policy in the public interest.

We thank you again for your unselfish service.

Very sincerely yours,

Claude B. Benedect
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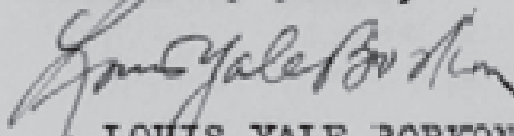
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esteemed Rabbi Aaron M. Ashinsky, whose services to
Judaism and Jewish ideals stand out very prominently
and undoubtedly are known also to yourself.

Our committee of which Judge Benjamin
Lencher is honorary chairman, extends through us an
invitation to yourself to serve on the National Committee.

Among the first to accept to serve
on this committee are Mr. Louis Lipsky, Mr. Morris
Rothenberg, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Judge Julian W. Mack,
Judge Wm. M. Lewis, Nathan Straus, Jr., David A. Brown,
Samuel Untermeyer, Rev. H. Masliansky, and Abraham
Goldberg.

Will you kindly advise the writer
within a few days, if possible, your acceptance to
serve on this Committee.

Cordially yours,


LOUIS YALE BORKON
EDITOR

DR. HENRY J. BERKOWITZ
CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
Thirteenth and Main Streets
PORTLAND, OREGON

December 1, 1933.

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

Dear Abba:

After a two day visit of the Inter-Faith Seminar, I feel that you did them a grave injustice in your Jewish Daily Bulletin editorial.

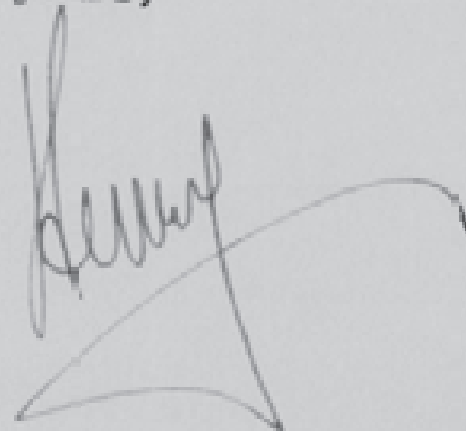
They did not use their time in useless theological speculation. They got right down to the basic problems of the immediate moment. In fact they dealt only in the racial, economic and political fields. There was no back slapping and none of the Rotarian spirit. It was fiercely practical, and daringly plain spoken.

I feel you ought to know this, in the light of your harsh criticism. You are always so just and fair, that in this instance you will rejoice to be able to say "I was wrong".

In Portland they spoke eight times, and filled the newspapers with their discussions.

Faithfully yours,

HJB:CL

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry J. Berkowitz", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

"Holy Blossom"
Toronto Hebrew Congregation

MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
115 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, ONT.

December 1, 1933

To the Secretary of
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

On behalf of Rabbi Eisendrath I am writing with regard to the sermon given by Rabbi Silver on Sunday, December 3, on "How Far Is The Jew Responsible For Anti-Semitism?"

Rabbi Eisendrath is very eager to have some idea of what Dr. Silver will say on that subject, and is wondering whether there is any chance of its being published in the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" or anywhere else? If not, could he possibly get some extract of it?

I should much appreciate hearing from you on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Isid. Shleiss

Secretary

December 7, 1933.

Miss Freda Shleser, Secretary,
Toronto Hebrew Congregation,
115 Bond Street,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

My dear Miss Shleser:

There will be a brief abstract
of Rabbi Silver's address in the form of an
editorial in the Jewish Daily Bulletin next
Sunday.

With all good wishes, I
remain

Very sincerely yours,

BK

Sec'y to Rabbi Silver.



MT. VERNON—"The Ideal American homestead"

NATIONAL CONFERENCE on SUBSISTENCE HOMESTEADING

Under the auspices of the Unit Committee of the Council of Social Agencies
of Dayton, Ohio, Inc.
225 N. Jefferson Street

Dayton, Ohio

December 8-9-10

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A cordial invitation is extended to every one

interested in the back-to-the-land and garden home movement, to attend a National Conference on Subsistence Homesteads to be held under the auspices of the Unit Committee of the Council of Social Agencies of Dayton.

Hundreds of requests for information as to the development in Dayton, Ohio, have come to this committee. More than 300 projects have been presented to the Subsistence Homestead Division in Washington. There is evidently a nationwide demand for clarification of the purposes of the movement and for definite information as to what subsistence homesteading involves and the problems of homestead colonization.

The conference will furnish to all those interested an opportunity to discuss these questions under the leadership of speakers who have made a special study of the subject in connection with the practical problems which have had to be solved in Dayton.

An opportunity to visit the First Homestead Unit and to see the actual development of the first colonization project of this type makes Dayton the logical place in which to hold the Conference.

Word as to whether you plan to attend will be appreciated and will help to perfect plans for your comfort.

National Conference on Subsistence Homesteading

GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE Chairman.

E. H. NUTTING, Executive Secretary

P R O G R A M

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

MORNING SESSION—9:00 A. M. to 12:00 M.

George W. Rightmire, Chairman
President Ohio State University

Greetings - - - - -	President Rightmire
The Program of the Subsistence Homestead Division - - - - -	Clarence E. Pickett Chief of Section, Subsistence Homesteads Division, Department of the Interior
Back to the Land - - - - -	Bernarr Macfadden Publisher of Liberty
Subsistence Homesteading - - - - -	Ralph Borsodi Author and Consulting Economist of the Unit Committee, Council of Social Agencies of Dayton, Ohio
Homesteading and the Decentralization of Industry in Ohio - - - - -	Fred I. Rowe W. J. Johnston Construction Co.
The Dayton Project - - - - -	Elizabeth Nutting Educational Secretary, Council of Social Agencies, Dayton, Ohio

LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Conference of Womens' Club Leaders - - - - -	Johanna Colecord, Chairman Russell Sage Foundation
Conference of Manufacturers of Homestead Equipment and Supplies - - - - -	
Conference of Employers on the Homestead Plan for their Employees - - - - -	F. G. Barr, Chairman National Cash Register Co.
Social Work, a Way Up, Not a Way Out - - - - -	Arch Mandel, Chairman Executive Secretary, Dayton Bureau of Community Service
Conference of Ministers on the Church and the Homestead Plan - - - - -	Chas. Brashares, Chairman Minister of Grace Methodist Church

AFTERNOON SESSION—3:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.—PURPOSES AND PROBLEMS

Arch Mandel, Chairman

Panel Discussion on the Basic Purposes and Problems of the Homestead Movement led by Arthur J. Klein, Professor of Education, Ohio State University.

Population problems and sociological aspects of the Homestead Movement; Social and Educational Problems; Cultural Problems; Civic and Political Problems; Financial and Economic Problems; The effect of "production for use" on homesteads upon industry and merchandising; The effect of "production for use" upon commercial agriculture; The effect of "production for use" upon unemployment relief and welfare work.

The Panel will consist of:

Arthur J. Klein.

Ralph Borsodi.

William James Shepard, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Ohio State University.

Harvey Walker, Associate Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, formerly
Assistant to the State Director of Finance.

Peter H. Odegard, Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University.

Laura Zirbes, Professor of Education, Ohio State University.

Lloyd Allen Cook, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.

Elizabeth H. Nutting.

John F. Cunningham, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Ohio State University.

EVENING SESSION—8:00 P. M.

Virginia Peirce Wood, Chairman
Secretary Unit Committee Council of Social Agencies, Dayton, Ohio

Cooperation and the New Leisure - - - - -	Johanna Colecord Russell Sage Foundation
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"ROBINSON CRUSOE"

Marionette Drama in Three Acts upon the Theme of "production for use" written for the homesteaders by Samah Ann Hubler. Presented by the Roy Elbert Marionettes, Dayton, Ohio.

Act I A Desert Island

Act II Same, a few years later

Act III Same, twelve years after the shipwreck

Persons in the drama:

Robinson Crusoe, Mr. Monk, A Wild Beast, An Ostrich, Friday, An English Hunter, Three Cannibals.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

MORNING SESSION—9:00 A. M. to 12:00 M.

Virginia Peirce Wood, Chairman

SUMMARY OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF SUBSISTENCE HOMESTEADING

M. L. Wilson

Director Subsistence Homestead Division, Department
of the Interior

PRODUCTION FOR USE: FOOD

Nutritional Standards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hughina McKay Professor of Home Economics, Ohio State University
Garden and Field Crops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Leon Havis College of Agriculture, Ohio State University
Orchards and Small Fruits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. H. Gourley Department of Horticulture and Forestry, Ohio State University
Livestock and Poultry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Walter E. Joseph Formerly Associate Professor of Animal Husbandry, Montana State College
Processing Foodstuffs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Alma L. Garvin Specialist in Foods, Ohio State University
Food Preparation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dorothy E. Silcott Montgomery County Home Demonstration Agent
Home Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Thelma Beale Specialist in Home Management, Ohio State University

DISCUSSION

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

PRODUCTION FOR USE: HOMESTEAD CRAFTMANSHIP

Arch Mandel, Chairman

Art, Music, Drama, Dance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H. Harry Giles
											University Schools, Ohio State University
Spinning and Weaving	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	D. C. Churchill
											Head of the Churchill Weavers, Berea, Ky.
Woodwork and Metalwork	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W. Herschel Stone
											Professor of Vocational Guidance, Ohio State University
Pottery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Arthur E. Baggs
											Professor of Ceramic Arts, Ohio State University
Craftmanship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lana B. Joseph
											Formerly, Head of the Department of Art, Montana State College

DISCUSSION

EVENING SESSION—8:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M.

PRODUCTION FOR USE: LAND AND SHELTER

Virginia Peirce Wood, Chairman

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

MORNING SESSION—9:00 A. M. to 12:00 M.—EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Arch Mandel, Chairman

Redirection of Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Boyd H. Bode
										<i>Professor of Education, Ohio State University</i>
Adult Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Harold Rugg
										<i>Professor of Education, Teachers' College, Columbia University</i>
The Reorganization of the School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Laura Zirbes
										<i>Professor of Education, Ohio State University</i>
Discussion led by	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Orville G. Brim
										<i>Professor of Education, Ohio State University</i>

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.—LEADERSHIP AND PLANNING

Virginia Peirce Wood, Chairman

National, State and Local Leadership	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	James Lewis Morrill
									<i>Vice President, Ohio State University</i>
Who Should Homestead?	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Arch Mandel
Legal Problems of the Homestead Communities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Frank Fritts
									<i>General Counsel, Subsistence Homestead Division Department of the Interior</i>
Financing Problems of Homestead Colonization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ralph Borsodi

HOMESTEAD EXHIBITION

As complete a presentation as possible of the machines, tools, materials and supplies for homesteading in actual use will be made in the Grill Room which is open to all visitors.

The Registration fee of \$3.00 covers all sessions and the Mariorette Performance.
Admission to single sessions, 75 cents.



Headquarters for the conference will be at the Miami Hotel. Special rates for rooms have been secured for those attending the conference. \$2.00 in a single room, and \$1.50 per person in a double (double bed). There is also a limited provision for parties of four in a room at \$1.25 per person, and for six or eight for \$1.00 per person. Reservations should be made through the Miami Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.

Reasonable rates for meals have also been arranged at the Miami.



MT. VERNON—"the ideal American homestead"

UNIT COMMITTEE

of the

COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES, Inc.

of Dayton, Ohio

Dear *Rabbi Silver*:

Enclosed you will find a program for the National Conference on Subsistence Homesteading which is to be held in Dayton, Ohio, December 8, 9 and 10.

In holding this conference, Dayton is responding to a nation-wide and insistent demand for enlightenment as to the meaning and methods of homesteading. This program speaks for itself, and in addition, those who come to the conference will have an opportunity to visit the First Homestead Unit and see what has actually happened in that quarter. The conditions under which loans for homesteading may be secured will also be discussed.

It has been thought wise to call the attention of certain outstanding leaders in religious thinking to this conference, because the ideals of homesteading are so fundamentally consistent with high religious practice, and since the homesteads will furnish such an ideal environment for the growth of vital religion.

In addition to this, it would seem that many churches or combinations of churches might do more for some of their members by facilitating their establishment on a homestead unit than in any other way. This set-up certainly provides an interesting opportunity to experiment with really religious communities, where moral judgments are not continually blurred by fear, and cheap expedients for real living.

A special conference of religious leaders is being called to consider the relationship between homesteading and organized religion as well as the more indirect bearing they may have on each other.

All of this being the case, you are earnestly invited to come to this conference, make a study of the whole proposition, and in turn let us have the benefit of any suggestions you may have.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Nutting

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December 8, 1933.

Dr. Henry J. Berkowitz,
Congregation Beth Israel,
Thirteenth and Main Streets,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Henry:

I was very happy to receive your letter and glad of the report which you sent me of the Inter-Faith Seminar. You might be interested to know that Maurice, Clinchy and Father Ross were in Cleveland and that we had a two to three hour discussion of the whole subject the very day that my article appeared in the Jewish Daily Bulletin. I believe that as a result of our discussion the whole approach of the speakers to the subject was definitely changed. At least that is my impression. I am happy to know that from now on the Good Will movement in this country will be carried on in the realm of realism, where it belongs.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

FOR THE DEFENSE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

CLEVELAND DIVISION
808 ENGINEERS BUILDING
CHERRY 0017

December 11, 1933.

337 ST. DENIS BUILDING
11TH STREET AND BROADWAY
NEW YORK CITY
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Ansel Road Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was unanimously decided that the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners sponsor an anti-lynch conference. Within 4 days after th's decision 50 prominent persons of this city, representing churches, schools, medical groups, bar associations, civil liberties and labor organizations, have agreed to serve on a provisional committee to arrange for a city wide conference on the lynch question.

We desire to complete the list of the provisional committee by Tuesday night, December 12th. Will you therefore be good enough to call CHerry 0017 leaving word whether or not we may add your name to this list.

Inclosed is an application blank the reverse side of which sets forth the purpose of the committee sponsoring the conference; also the incomplete list of the provisional committee members.

Sincerely yours,

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The National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners,
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December 11, 1933.

Mr. Paul Miller,
The Cleveland Press,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Miller:

I am enclosing herewith the article
which you requested. I trust that you will
find it satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

December 11, 1933.

Mr. J. David Stern, Editor,
The Philadelphia Record,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Stern:

I have just read in the New York Times that you have acquired control of the New York Evening Post. I want to extend to you my congratulations and my best wishes on your new venture. It is good to know that there will be in the field of New York journalism now a man of your courage and convictions.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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5703 Detroit Ave.

December 12th, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the American Roumanian National Council of Cleveland, I have the honor to extend to you a cordial invitation to be present at a banquet commemorating the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Re-Union of all Roumanian Provinces, to be held Sunday December 17th, 1933, in the Ball Room of the Cleveland Hotel at one-thirty o'clock.

We will be very happy to have you on this occasion, and would appreciate if you will be kind enough to say a few words. Kindly advise if you will attend.

The Roumanian Minister from Washington will be present.

Cordially yours,

Rev. John Trutia
President.

G. Stanculescu
Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Ansel Rd. and East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

December 13, 1933.

Rev. John Trutia, President,
American-Roumanian National Committee,
6201 Detroit Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Trutia:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 12th and for the invitation which you extend to me to attend the anniversary banquet of the American-Roumanian National Council next Sunday. I am appreciative of your invitation and I shall make every effort to attend.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

December 13, 1933.

The Editor,
The Cleveland Press,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In yesterday's issue of the ~~Plain Dealer~~ *Press*,
Mr. W. A. Cronenberger comments on a report of an
address of mine which appeared in your paper in which
I am quoted as saying that "there are no landlords in
Palestine."

The statement which I made had reference to
the colonies which were established in Palestine since
the War on the land of the Jewish National Fund. This
Fund which was established in 1901 purchases land in
Palestine with the voluntary contributions of Jews
throughout the world and administers it as the common
property of the Jewish people. This Fund now owns
nearly three hundred thousand dunams. It is upon
this land that the newer types of settlements in
Palestine, the "Moshav," the small holder's settle-
ment and the "Kvutza," the commune, are established.
There are of course no landlords in these.

The Jewish National Fund has also established
five urban quarters for workers in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem,
Haifa and Tiberius in which there is no private
ownership in land.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

December 14, 1933.

Mr. Louis Minsky, Director of Publicity,
The United Synagogue of America.
N. E. corner Broadway and 132nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Minsky:

I am happy to learn that progress is being made in the project to build the Jerusalem Synagogue and Center, an undertaking which has been fostered by the United Synagogue of America and the Neshuran Organization of Jerusalem.

I had occasion to attend the dedication exercises of the Young Men's Christian Association in Jerusalem last April. It is a magnificent structure, as well equipped a building as the Y.M.C.A. in any part of the world. This organization is fully aware of the importance of having one of its most effective branches established in Jerusalem. Can the Jewish people afford to do less?

The Jewish youth of Jerusalem needs a recreational and cultural center. Jerusalem, likewise needs a modern architecturally satisfying synagogue which I hope will be headed by a great spiritual leader whose influence will be felt among the younger generation of Palestinian Jewry.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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December 15, 1933

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I make bold to write you again with the urgent suggestion that you try to give consideration to a new book for publication in the Fall of 1934.

The reasons for this suggestion seem to me all the more important and obvious than they were when I urged you last. Without doubt there must be developed in this country a religious philosophy for social consciousness. In other words religion must supply the bellows as well as the motive for the new enterprises and almost revolutionary changes that are taking place in our habits of thinking and living.

You can state this philosophy better than any other American preacher and it must be stated by one who has a commanding voice. The more I think of it, the more I am inclined to believe that RELIGION AND THE NEW IDEAL would be an appropriate title for a book from you which caught the spirit of the times and pointed to the emergence of forces which are going to make over our world.

Please take this matter very close to heart and let me know what you think. With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Charles T. Ferguson

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December 15, 1933.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for the friendly
good wishes conveyed in your letter of
December 11th.

You encourage me in the work
I have undertaken.

Yours sincerely,

David Stern

December 18, 1933.

Mr. Theodore W. Frech and Mr. Theodore K. Quinn,
General Electric Company,
Nela Park,
Cleveland, Ohio.

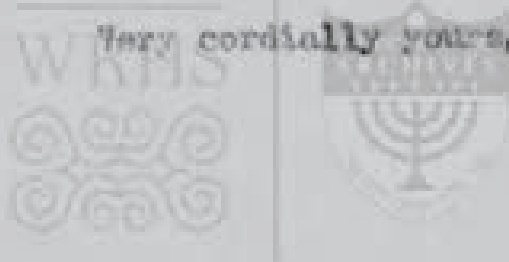
Dear Friends:

Permit me to thank you for
your kind invitation to attend the dedicatory
exercises of the General Electric Institute
on Friday, December 22nd. I shall be pleased
to come.

With all good wishes, permit
me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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THE JULIUS ROSENWALD ESSAY CONTEST

OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE

71 WEST 47TH STREET

NEW YORK CITY

December 18, 1933

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Last Spring the Julius Rosenwald Essay Contest Committee rendered the decision which was, as follows: That none of the essays should receive the prize of \$10,000, but that the sum of \$6,000 should be set aside to be awarded to the authors of the three best essays for the labor and effort they had put into their work. These awards were to be as follows: \$3,500 to the author of essay #1, which was considered the best; \$1,500 for essay #7, which was considered next in quality of work; and \$1,000 for essay #3. The judges also recommended to the executive committee that the committee would not in any way be responsible for the publication of opinions expressed in these essays and that no public announcement be made of the awards.

The committee carried out these recommendations in such a manner that even the judges were not informed of the names of those who received these awards.

In the meantime, as we have been returning the essays to those who were not successful, we have been troubled by people who insisted that they must know who did get the money. Furthermore, the three people who did get the money evidently made the fact known to their friends and here and there the news must have spread.

Therefore, the executive committee discussed the matter again and decided that while we would not make any public announcement of the fact whenever such a request is made information should be provided.

In view of this, I think that you as a member of the executive committee ought to be informed first. May I, therefore, inform you that the award of \$3,500 was given to Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, head of the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, who was the author of essay #1. The award of \$1,500 was given to Dr. Lee J. Levinger, author of essay #7. Dr. Levinger has been in charge of the Hillel Foundation work at the University of Ohio for a number of years and is the author of several books. The award of \$1,000 was given to Rabbi Eugene Kohn, of Bayonne, N. J., who was author of essay #3.

Sincerely yours,

J. Burdick

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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

You will recall how unprepared we Jews--even German Jews--were, for the outbreak of Nazi mass violence in Germany. Are we today better able to cope with the inevitable results for our people of the impending union between Austria and Germany? Read what Dr. Nathaniel Cleugh, who recently returned from Austria, says in the December issue of THE JEWISH FORUM and the Editorial on the same subject.

You no doubt noticed the recent address of United States Ambassador Berle on the subject of anti-Semitism in Austria. Now is the time to organize a united front in American Jewry to induce our Government to follow up the Ambassador's statement so that, as far as possible, we may prevent the spread of Hitlerism beyond German borders.

We shall greatly appreciate receiving your views as to how this purpose can best be accomplished, in a communication of say 200 to 300 words, to reach us for publication not later than December 26th.

Yours, in the cause of Jewry,

I. Rosengarten
EDITOR

December 19, 1933

Dr. William E. Wickenden, President,
Case School of Applied Sciences,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Wickenden:

May I tell you how charmed I was with your
"Design for Living" which appeared in The Cleve-
land Press. Any number of people have spoken
to me about it.

It is as satisfying and comprehensive a
confessio fidei as I have ever read. I am having
it reprinted in my Temple Bulletin.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:AY

December 19, 1933

Dr. Samuel Cavert,
105 East 22d Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Cavert:

I would appreciate it if you would let me know if The Federated Churches of Christ, any time in recent years, recommended the recognition of Russia by the United States, and whether any important Christian denominations in this country endorsed recognition.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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December 21, 1933

Dr. Abba H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Alexander Brin of the Jewish Advocate called my attention to your article on "National Planning." Following Mr. Brin's suggestion, I beg to enclose an outline called Preliminary Notes on the Establishment of a Jewish Economic Institute, which has been elaborated by our Economic Research Bureau headed by Dr. John F. Normano.

Of course, our organization does not intend to conduct the research work but only to help it start.

I am glad to inform you that our negotiations with several research workers in this field are crystallized in the decision to establish in Boston a Jewish Economic Association which should take the place of the organization of a proposed institute.

I would like very much to know your reaction and would be happy to have you participate in the conference we intend to have in Boston.

Yours very truly,

William Berman

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL
OF THE
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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY
105 EAST TWENTY-SECOND STREET
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December 22, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In reply to your inquiry of December 19, I am writing to say that, so far as I know, the only Christian denomination which went formally on record as recommending the recognition of Russia by the United States was the Congregational-Christian. At the biennial council of this body in 1931, it took the following action:

"Be it resolved That the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches respectfully urge upon our Government the recognition of the Soviet Union of Russia."

There were some whereases which preceded this statement which I can secure for you if you would like to have them.

The Federal Council of the Churches has taken no action upon the subject but has from time to time printed in Information Service various materials which we thought would help our readers to understand what was happening there. We never felt that there was sufficient unity within our constituency, even among the well informed groups of our constituency, to make it possible for us to make an official declaration of judgment.

Very sincerely yours,



SAMUEL MCCREA CATERT
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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I sincerely hope that your plans will be worked out in such a way that you can take part in a joint program of the National Commission on the Enrichment of Adult Life, the Department of Adult Education, and the Cleveland Adult Education Council, which is to be held in the Auditorium of the Cleveland Library on the afternoon of February 27th. Early in February I shall again communicate with you in regard to this meeting, with the hope that arrangements can then be made for your address at this meeting.

Educators from all over the United States will be present at this time, and I am sure your message will be effective in awakening new interest in adult education, not only in Cleveland, but in other cities as well.

Yours very truly,

James A. Moyer
President.

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Please Send Reply to Room 217, State House, Boston, Mass.

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December 22 1933

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I appreciate very much the interest you have shown in my contribution to the series entitled "My Design for Living" which has been running in the Cleveland Press. The original was cut by the editor in many places which seemed to me to lessen the continuity and clarity of the statement but I thought you might be interested in seeing it in its original form, a copy of which is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

Wm. E. Wickending
President.

MY DESIGN FOR LIVING

William E. Wickenden, President, Case School of Applied Science.

When one's days grow crowded with competing interests and duties, he soon finds an easy-going life impossible. Each hour brings a series of new choices and decisions and every one of them entails some risk. One has to order his life and take its risks according to some standard or code of values, otherwise it would become a confusion of problems, issues and crises in which he would hopelessly lose his way. Call this set of values on which a man bets his life day by day his faith, if you will, but faith is tougher stuff than we often credit it with being. The boy in Sunday School who defined faith as "believin' what you know ain't so" had the wrong idea. Believing something in spite of the evidence is credulity, not faith. (Personally, I like the definition that faith is living out a conviction in spite of the apparent consequences.)

My observation has been that men of science are usually men of faith. Science deals with facts which we get through our senses, through what we see, hear, feel, taste or smell. These facts help us to understand ourselves and the universe about us, and to turn the forces of nature into our servants. Without the facts of science, civilization would be impossible, but no man can live by facts alone. What is a man worth? What regard do you owe to yourself and what consideration to the other fellow? Science does not answer these questions; it deals with facts, not values. The chemist can describe man as a complex arrangement of elements, of raw materials which might be bought at a drug store for less than a dollar. (The physicist can picture him as a power plant and a motor with marvellous automatic controls but hardly powerful enough to keep the kitchen refrigerator running. The biologist can classify him as a primate, the product of millions of years of evolution, a first cousin to the chimpanzee. The psychologist may speak of him as a bundle of reactions, habits, feelings and instincts. The astronomer may reduce him to an animated mote, lost in limitless space on a speck of cosmic dust.) But none of them can tell you what he is worth and what destiny, if any, hangs on his existence. Science alone has no design for living.

What is man worth? When man meets man, each treats the other according to his code of human values. Primitive man trusts to his instinct for survival, to tooth and claw. In a rude civilization the rule is an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. A more mature and tolerant code is to live and let live, and there is a still higher code idealized in the golden rule. Where prudent self-interest ends, religion enters. My own faith begins with the belief in an on-going value in human personality, that in every man who has struggled, suffered, loved, sacrificed, fallen, repented and tried again there is something too valuable for death to destroy. That our conscious selves survive death I am far from sure, nor do I think it makes a great difference in our daily living. But whether we look on a man as something to exploit or something of potential beauty and worth in itself makes all the difference in the world.

Because I believe in the on-going values of human personality, I should like to see every child well born and reared in a home of harmony and love, with a wholesome discipline of body, mind and character in his years of dependence and a deliberate training for independence in his years of adolescence. Education ought to give him every chance to discover and develop his distinctive abilities, free him from conceit and self-consciousness, and adapt him to the team-work of life without destroying his individuality. A belief in the enduring value of personality makes of sex more than a series of casual adventures; rather, it invests the life-long devotion of one man and one woman with the greatest possibilities of happiness. This belief denies to man and woman equally

the right to dominate the other, but creates the possibility of achieving in some measure a merged personality as the richest fruit of married life.

In the economic world, I am for whatever system will produce the finest type of persons. Uniformity I dislike, on the principle that I would rather listen to a symphony orchestra than a hundred violins. I prize the scope which democracy and capitalism have given to individuality, despite their injustices, and would need to be convinced that any form of fascism or communism will produce a finer human product. I want to see the experiment tried, however. I hope Russia may go on until she has come abreast of the Western world in her material life. Until then she can teach us very little about the relative merits of communism and democracy.

Between social radicals and conservatives I find it hard to take sides; possibly I am too much of an opportunist. In the long run the conservative is fairly certain to be wrong and there is always at least a chance that the radical may be right. The only sure thing in the social order seems to be change.

"Our little systems have their day

They have their day and cease to be,"

and I suppose it may be so in due time with democracy, capitalism and most of the framework of modern society. War may turn into an anachronism. In times of peace I incline to pacifism, but there is no telling how my adrenal glands would respond if we actually found ourselves at war.

According to my faith, sin is any act which tends to degrade one's own integrity or that of other men. To exploit men for selfish ends rather than making their development an end in itself is probably the most widespread evil in human society. Having tried both the industrial and the educational world, I find the latter more congenial to this faith in personal values. The educator, perhaps more than all others, can be free from the temptation to exploit. In the choice of a career, I find myself envying no other man. I know of no more absorbing task than the leadership of a college, with its manifold outreaches into the social and intellectual life of a great community.

Happy men, as a rule, have a strong sense of vocation which resolves their inner conflicts, spurs them to work with zest and abandon and produces a buoyant comeback from periods of fatigue. Work is not exhausting when it is backed by a strong emotional drive, when we get a kick out of it. Some wise psychologist ought to write a book for busy men on how to keep emotionally fit. I surmise that he would dwell on our need for alternating stimulation and relaxation. Nothing is more stimulating than the taste of success. That is what every young person who is failing in study or work needs above all else. For imaginative stimulation I turn instinctively to music, especially symphony and opera. Humor and sport to ease the tensions, the beauties of nature as an aid to inner peace and worship as an integrator of personality, are in my experience all parts of an emotional hygiene as needful as sleep, bathing and eating.

If my faith begins with man and his enduring worth, it ends in God and his enduring love and truth. Experience has led me to an intellectual distrust of the claims of revealed religion on the one hand, and yet on the other to a growing affection and respect for those who find in it the mainspring of their lives. I find myself craving the spiritual fellowship of Catholic, Jew and Protestant alike. Religious faith is to me an adventure and not a dogma, a quest rather than a bequest. Two great facts of experience deeply stir my sense of awe. One is utterly selfless devotion to human needs; the other the adventure of the human mind into the mysteries of the atom and of cosmic space. The one suggests the kinship of

human nature to a divine nature beyond the limits of self; the other the kinship of the human intellect to the great enveloping order of the universe. Call it hereditary kinship, if you will, and think of man as the child of God. Surely, science can not deny this right. Beyond the realm of sense and sight is the realm of insight, where poets are more likely to be right than scientists. If this is mysticism, count me among the lesser mystics.



December 22, 1933.

Mr. S. Benderly,
The Julius Rosenwald Essay Contest,
71 West 47th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Benderly:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 18th and for giving me the names of the three "Marrams" prose winners in the Julius Rosenwald Essay Contest. I assure you that as far as I am concerned, the veil of secrecy and of mercy will not be lifted...

Perhaps another contest should now be started. Subject: "Who Won the Last Julius Rosenwald Essay Contest?" In this contest the judges should not even be asked to read the papers... Why go to all that trouble?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi A. Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the end of a year fraught with portentous events for the Jewish race, a book has appeared which is of the utmost interest to every one concerned with Jewish tradition and with the position of the race in the world today. We take pleasure in sending you separately a complimentary copy of *DE VRIENDT GOES HOME* by Arnold Zweig, the book to which we refer. Written by the author of that famous novel, "The Case of Sergeant Grischa," it is a story of Palestine today and of the conflict between the different Jewish interests, the native Arabs, and the British rulers. Although it is presented in the guise of an intense personal drama, its background theme is the racial conflict in Palestine and the whole question of Zionism.

Arnold Zweig, himself, is now an exile from Hitler's Germany. A year or so ago he spent a winter in Palestine and he is considering taking his family there to make their home. It seems to us that the questions with which the book deals are too important to be left unanswered by intelligent Jews, whether the problem touches them directly or not.

We hope that you will see in this book valuable material for comment and that you will call it to the attention of your congregation. We shall also be grateful if you will send us your own opinion after you have read it.

Sincerely yours

Marshall A. Beebe

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

Before informing my own Board, I am eager to tell you that I have completed arrangements with the Board of Rodef-Shalom Congregation in Pittsburgh and I shall be their Rabbi beginning with the next Holiday season.

We will now be neighbors and I hope we shall be able to see each other often.

What do you think of my change? Let me hear from you soon.

As ever

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December 27, 1933

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

A group of friends of Honorable Herman Bernstein, recent United States Minister to Albania, wish to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of his arrival in the United States as a Russo-Jewish immigrant, by presenting to him an album of tribute by eminent Americans to his accomplishments in the fields of literature, journalism, diplomacy and public service.

Mr. Bernstein has for years devoted himself to the promotion of peace and better understanding among nations, and has fearlessly combatted religious persecution and race prejudice.

The Committee would appreciate it if you would send me a letter, addressed to Mr. Bernstein, expressing your estimate of his work as an American.

The originals of these letters will be included in the album to be presented to him in January, 1934.

Very respectfully yours,

Isidore D. Morrison

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland,
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Sometime ago, I took the liberty of extending you an invitation to participate with a Pentecost Sermon in my forthcoming book "The Festivals of Israel."

I sincerely hope that you have graciously consented to do so and will favor me with your manuscript at your earliest convenience. I am expecting Macmillan and Company of New York to be the publisher of this book.

To date the following men have already either sent me their sermon or definitely promised to do so before the middle of February:

Drs:

Solomon B. Freehoff	of Chicago
Louis L. Mann	" "
Jonah B. Wise	" New York
Joseph H. Lockstein	" "
D. de Sola Pool	" "
Leo Jung	" "
Barnett R. Brickner	" Cleveland
J. E. Hillel Kauvar	" Denver
Samuel Rosenblatt	" Baltimore
H. Raphael Gold	" Dallas

And amongst those from whom I am expecting to hear daily are:

Drs:

Bernard Drachman	of New York
Max Drob	" "
Israel Goldstein	" "



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Elias L. Solomon	" "
Louis I. Newman	" "
Jacob Kohn	" Los Angeles
Israel H. Levinthal	" Brooklyn
A. M. Hershman	" Detroit
Nachman H. Ebin	" Brooklyn
Prof. Samuel Cohon	" Cincinnati

Since I am particularly anxious that you, the foremost Reform Rabbi in the country, be represented in this book, I shall be happy, at your request, to defer date of publication for a month or more if necessary in order to accommodate you.

Anticipating confirmation of this invitation and receipt of your manuscript,

Sincerely yours,

IHW:SF

December 28, 1933.

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof,
Hotel Aragon,
6401 Cornell Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sol:

I was very happy to receive your letter informing me that you have accepted the call to the pulpit of Rodef Shalom, Pittsburgh, and that you will begin your ministry there next Fall. It was the best news that I have received in a long time. I feel confident that you will be very happy in your new post. Pittsburgh is one of the very important Jewish communities in the country, and the congregation to which you are going has a fine and proud tradition. You will bring to that community a quality of real Jewish leadership which will vivify it. Your proximity to Cleveland will be an added source of pleasure to me.

I plan to be in Chicago on the seventh of January, speaking at the Chapel of the University in the morning and before the Sunday Evening Club in the evening. I shall get in touch with you some time during this day.

With all good wishes for a glorious career in your new field, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

NEWS of the CHRISTIAN WORLD

A DEPARTMENT OF INTERDENOMINATIONAL ACQUAINTANCE

Radicals Plan Fight on War

Pacifists Seek United Front—Women's International League Will Meet with F. O. R.—Atheists Need Cash

(Correspondence from New York)

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—About fifty radical and liberal organizations are planning a "congress against war" to be held in this city on Labor day weekend, September 1-4. The call to this congress points out that the present administration has furthered preparations for war by concentrating our entire fleet in the Pacific ocean and by its jingoistic navy policy has shown the hypocritical nature of its peace talk. It had been hoped that this congress might show real united action against war with both communists and socialists participating. Apparently, however, it is not working out that way, for the Daily Worker, the communist organ, did not lose any time in attacking the socialists. The inevitable result was that the socialists withdrew.

F. O. R. Conference

Among the organizations which plan to participate in the anti-war congress mentioned above is the Fellowship of Reconciliation, well known Christian-pacifist group. This does not mean, however, that the F. O. R. will not hold its own regular fall conference. Plans are already complete for this and the place chosen is Swarthmore college in Pennsylvania. The Women's International League for peace and freedom has been invited to cooperate with the F. O. R. in the holding of this conference. The subject to be considered will be "Pacifism in the World Crisis." The conference will give special attention to the meaning of pacifism in the class struggle. The speakers upon this problem will be Reinhold Niebuhr, John Haynes Holmes and Arthur L. Swift. Another subject of deep interest to many will be discussed, namely, the spiritual resources available to the fighter for social righteousness. Among the speakers on this theme will be Roger Baldwin, well known for his stand during the war and his years of courageous battling for civil liberties. More detailed information about the conference may be obtained by writing to the F. O. R. office at 2929 Broadway, this city.

"Toward a United Front"

As stated above it is exceedingly difficult to get various groups opposed to the war mongers and other advocates of things as they are to work together. The omnipresent question is, why in this time of industrial hardship and mass suffering hasn't economic radicalism made any real progress in the United States? Leon Samson, a brilliant and courageous fighter for social change, who has been in the radical

movement ever since the onslaught of the world war, has been devoting the last three or four years to an intensive study of that question. He believes he has found the answer. He has stated that answer in a book published this week called, "Toward a United Front." His thesis is that in "Americanism" the American has a kind of inoculation against socialism. This "Americanism" is a substitutive concept for Marxism which must always appear to the American as something foreign and divorced from his life.

Christians Aiding Jewish Pageant

The Jews of New York city are to give a musical and dramatic pageant of Jewish history at the Polo Grounds on September 14. The funds to be raised from this are to be used to assist German Jews to emigrate to Palestine. To help in this project a Christian committee is being formed under the chairmanship of Charles H. Tuttle. Governor Lehman is honorary chairman of all the sponsors.

Atheists Have Financial Troubles

The other night at Columbus Circle the Association for the Advancement of Atheism held forth a bit longer than usual as the communists graciously gave them most of their time. Mr. Charles Smith, president of the atheistic society, told of the financial straits of his organization. He said that unless funds were raised they would have to give up. Apparently neither belief in God nor denial of him makes one immune to the depression. Many of us like the colorfulness of this atheistic society and would be sorry to see them pass out. Your correspondent expects to debate with them in their headquarters tomorrow night on the perennial question of the existence of God.

The Rev. Bob Shuler Here

The Rev. Robert Pierce Shuler, famous evangelist of Los Angeles, is conducting services in Brooklyn. Mr. Shuler has come under the auspices of the American Protestant defense league. Mr. Shuler has received considerable publicity at the hands of our local press. In commenting to the reporters on the closing of his radio station the evangelist was in no sense downcast. He pointed out that this action helped him more than it harmed him as he can now buy his time on the air for less money and get just as good results.

Dry Enforcement Staff Reduced

The personnel of the prohibition enforcement unit for this district was reduced this week from 232 to 122. And yet Postmaster General Farley just said (we suppose with tongue in cheek): "The prohibition law is in the statutes of the United States . . . As long as it is there, the law will be and should be enforced."

EDMUND B. CHAFFER.

Municipal Graft Stirs Glasgow

An Appeal to Parliament—Expensive Trial is Relatively Futile—Racing Tracks Become Menace

(Correspondence from Scotland)

GLASGOW, July 29.—Scandals in municipal government are comparatively rare in present-day Britain, but occasionally cases of corruption are discovered and the newspapers are then as full of the sordid details as they would be in any other part of the English-speaking world. Glasgow came into this ugly limelight not so long ago when two bailies (town-councillors, who also serve as judges in the police court) were accused of accepting bribes. On the eve of the trial in the high court, the case against one bailie was dropped while the second bailie pleaded guilty so that no evidence was heard at all. It was just stated by the crown attorney that the guilty bailie had demanded a £50 bribe from an applicant for a stall in the meat market on the plea, "I have a sub-committee of nine. I can get five of these who will vote with me. Now it is up to yourself whether you get this good position." The applicant notified the police, and the most difficult kind of evidence to procure—on the actual passing off a bribe—was witnessed by plain clothesmen in a restaurant. The bailie received the very mild sentence of a £50 fine, deposition from the town council, and debarment from holding public office for three years.

Parliament Appoints Graft Tribunal

The public and the town-councillors were very much perturbed by what had occurred. Was bribery such as this a common occurrence? An investigation was demanded which would either lay bare the unpleasant facts or else vindicate the good name of Glasgow. Parliament was appealed to. A graft tribunal having been authorized by the government, advertisements were repeatedly placed in the public press calling upon witnesses to come forward and promising them immunity in case their evidence should incriminate themselves. But it was all in vain. Hardly anyone came forward. The rumors and whisperings were not substantiated. The court sat for three days, heard details about the case already discovered, listened to evidence from the lord provost (mayor), the chief of police, and other public officials, and then issued its report—all at a cost to the city of £4361.

The report comfortingly informed us that the general allegations of bribery had not been substantiated—nor had they been disproved. The tribunal evidently suspects that there is underhand practice on a considerable scale in the letting of municipal houses (the city now owns 39,000) and of market stances, in the granting of licenses to public-houses, and perhaps in the matter of approval of goods purchased and work

done for the city. The report suggests to the town council as remedy—a slight different procedure in the letting of houses and stalls! All of which goes to show that there is no guarantee of good government until civic honors become an unbreakable standard of the common man.

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Tote-Clubs Illegal

The law courts have helped Scotland in another sphere, however. The court of appeal in Edinburgh has decided, by a majority of five judges to two, that the use of the totalisator on dog-racing grounds and in what are known as "tote" clubs is illegal. This judgment brings Scottish practice into line with the English. It does not stop the gambling of course, and it merely brings back the bookmaker, but it is a real brake to the process by which betting was becoming more widespread and more respectable. The bookmaker, after all, is usually a vulgar individual who may cheat you, or may prove a "welcher." A pari-mutuel machine, as the greyhound racing people themselves have always maintained, is "the fairest method of investment!"

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Racing Tracks A Menace

The rapid increase of greyhound racing tracks and of "tote" clubs has become a real social menace. One of the Glasgow tracks has been giving a matinee performance on the day when the dole is paid out and the unemployed have streamed into the grounds in considerable numbers. Music is provided in some grounds to while away the tedium between races. The matter of admitting children to dog-race meetings was brought up at Glasgow town council. It was discovered on investigation that three out of the five race courses did admit children, and that at one of these a nursery was also provided where infants could be left under the care of nurses in order that the mothers might not be distracted at their gambling! The average child attendance per night at the nursery course was 15, and 120 at the other two tracks combined. The magistrates being informed of these facts, it was unanimously decided by them to forbid the admission any longer of children of the school age or less.

MARCUS A. SPENCER.

Heywood Brown Hits Preparedness

In his daily column in the New York World-Telegram, Heywood Brown says that while he does not blame anyone for growing discouraged over the manifold shortcomings of the various abortive efforts to achieve internationalism, yet he grows impatient when he hears "100 per cent efficient people" say: "Let's go back to the old way; the best way to insure peace is to be prepared for war." Mr. Brown warns: "The machinery for peace is new and ill contrived and creaky in its joints. But what can be said for the old way? Why is disapproval cast upon an effort which is still in its infancy and approval given to a method which has failed a thousand times in every century? The theory that nations which are ready to fight need never take up arms has been blasted in the lifetime of every generation since man first found flint and made himself a war club."

Chicago Fair Breaks Record

Religion Has Conspicuous Place—Pastors
Assemble at University—Catholic
Alumni Urge Social Progress

(Correspondence from Chicago)

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—"Is it true that attendance at the World's Fair is disappointing?" I have been asked that question during the past month in places as widely separated as Los Angeles, Cal., Vancouver, B. C., and Toronto, Ont. One wonders who can be spreading such rumors. The answer is that the attendance is not disappointing, but, on the contrary, must be very gratifying to the management of the exposition. Nearly two weeks ago the attendance passed the total attendance for the same date at the World's Columbian exposition, although the opening date of the present fair was almost a month later than that of the previous exhibition. Before this letter appears in print over 10,000,000 persons will have passed through the gates. And in spite of hard times people are spending money; more is being spent per person than at any previous world's fair. Moreover, people are getting their money's worth. The things that are most worth seeing cost nothing more than the fifty cents admission at the gates. I have been there half a dozen times and have not been "gypped" yet.

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Religion at the Fair

The Hall of Religion, excellent and interesting as it is, does not contain all the expressions of religion at the Fair. Church choirs have contributed notably to the musical programs. Thursday evening I listened to a wonderful program of Negro spirituals by the massed choirs of Chicago colored churches in the Court of States. Naturally there were religious elements in the great celebration of Jewish day. The great pageant in Soldiers Field, "The Epic of a Race," which was the central feature of Negro day, last Saturday, was profoundly religious; indeed, "De Lawd" of the Green Pastures was present and, reviewing Negro progress in America, said that it was good. And "Festival week" (the present week) opened with a great Chicagoland Church Night in Soldiers Field which brought together practically all Protestant denominations in a reverent and lovely vesper service last evening. Thousands are visiting the Hall of Religion; indeed, one is amazed at the throngs that pass through and linger at the various exhibits. Visitors to the exposition ought to plan their itineraries so as to include the Christian Century forum in the assembly hall of the Hall of Religion on Friday, from 4 to 5 p. m.

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Pastors' Institute Draws From Wide Area

Two hundred and thirty-three persons representing twenty-one Protestant denominations and coming from twenty-eight states, the District of Columbia, the territory of Hawaii, and two Canadian prov-

inces, were in attendance at the Pastors' institute conducted jointly by the Divinity school of the University of Chicago and the Chicago theological seminary, July 31 to August 6. The denominational and geographical spread was extraordinary. The Disciples contributed the largest number of any one communion, with 51 registered; Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Baptists following them in the order named. Pastors were present from points as widely separated as Rhode Island and British Columbia, northern Wisconsin, Texas and Louisiana. But it was the quality of the men that was most impressive. There were pastors, indeed, of churches large and small, but more than one instructor remarked that he had never had the privilege of addressing a more alert and able body of men. The faculty included Dr. C. C. Morrison of The Christian Century (his course on "Preaching the Social Gospel" certainly shook up the brethren. More than one man was heard to remark at the close of a class session, "Well, that ruined a half dozen of my sermons. I'll never be able to preach them again!"); Professor H. F. Rall of Garrett; President Albert W. Palmer, Professor S. C. Kincheloe and Dr. James Mullenbach of Chicago theological seminary; and Professors A. G. Baker, E. C. Colwell, and W. C. Bowler of the Divinity school. Vice-President Woodward and Dean Houghton, both members of the Laymen's Inquiry commission, assisted Professor Baker in "Rethinking Missions." I had the privilege of collaborating with Professor E. S. Conklin of the University of Oregon in a course on "Mental Hygiene and Pastoral Care." And Dr. (Mrs. H. N.) Westcott-Wieman conducted a course in "personal counseling" for pastors' wives. In the open forum of the institute, conducted on the closing day, the pastors' wives insisted that if Mrs. Wieman could be secured for next year's institute, their husbands also be given an opportunity to hear her.

A rich program of guided tours about the city and to the Century of Progress, of fellowship lunches and round tables (Dr. W. E. Garrison's round table on "The Minister's Reading" was very profitable), and the Haskell lectures in the evening, by Mr. K. Natarajan, editor of the Indian Social Reformer, on "Social Movements in Modern India," rounded out a pleasant and profitable week.

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And So Forth

The fight to compel the board of education to rescind its "economy" program, which threatens to cripple public education in Chicago, continues vigorously. The board offers stubborn resistance to all pressure, however.

Chicago is middle west headquarters of the National Catholic alumni federation which has begun a vigorous campaign to enlist college graduates, both of secular and church schools, in a campaign of social justice based on the principles set forth in the encyclicals on that subject of Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI.

A "recovery council" which already has enlisted 200 local groups, has been set up in Chicago to aid President Roosevelt's program.

CHARLES T. HOLMAN.

Schools Are Closing

2000 rural schools in 24 states did not open in 1933.

2,280,000 children of school age are not in school.

24 parochial schools and scores of private schools have closed this year.

16 colleges and 1500 commercial schools have closed.

Terms in practically every great American city are 1 to 2 months shorter than they were 70 to 100 years ago.

Tuition is being charged in our free public schools and children who cannot pay turned into the street.

1 out of every 3 teachers will receive less than \$750.00 and 84,000 less than \$450.00 this year.

In Cleveland teachers salaries have been cut 45 per cent.

200,000 certificated teachers are unemployed.

—SCHOOL LIFE, Dec. 1933, official organ of the U. S. Dept. of Interior.

WHY?

IS IT BECAUSE THERE IS NO MONEY? In the past year the Roosevelt government has spent one billion dollars for war purposes alone. Several billion dollars have been given to banks and corporations in the form of "loans". Thus there is plenty of money for the war-mongers and the bankers—but not for education.

And yet, for two days the N. E. A. has deliberately evaded the growing crisis in American education in its discussions. Prayers, the bankrupt NRA and "new methods in education" are the answers of the 1934 program of the N.E.A.

The "radical" Teachers College faction of Columbia University, led by Prof. Harold Rugg, proposes a "revolution"—government control of banks, basic industries and public utilities. They deliberately cover up the fact that the fascist governments of Germany and Italy also control the banks and industries, yet both the governments and the industries of these countries remain in the hands of the capitalists. Government "control" with private ownership can only mean fascism. These "progressives" and "liberals" speak a "radical" language—so did Hitler!—but their program is reactionary in essence. By guaranteeing profits to stockholders at the expense of the masses of the people, government control with private ownership plays directly into the hands of finance capital.

The crisis in education is part of the crisis of the capitalist system itself. The program of the N. E. A. will not solve a single problem of this crisis and only helps to prepare the ground for fascism.

Only a realistic program can meet the crisis in education. If the N. E. A. seriously wishes to take steps to meet this crisis, let it adopt and fight for the following program:

1. \$500,000,000 immediate Federal aid for the schools. Divert the billions spent for war to the schools.
2. Every child of school age in school 180 days a year.
3. Free food, clothing and medical service for the children of the unemployed.
4. Call on Congress to pass the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, (H. R. 7598) now before Congress.

THE CLEVELAND WORKERS SCHOOL.

You are cordially invited to visit the Cleveland Workers School and the Workers Bookstore at 1524 Prospect Avenue, during your stay in our city.

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Ohio Senate

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QUESTIONNAIRE

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I. BANKING LEGISLATION.

1. Should the present banking code be amended?
2. Should an entire new code be enacted?

II. BANKING SUPERVISION AND REGULATION.

1. Should the term of office of the Superintendent of Banks be extended?
 - a. If your answer is in the affirmative what term do you suggest?
 - b. Should he be allowed a second term?
2. Should the salary and qualifications of the Superintendent be changed?
3. Shall the Superintendent and his examiners be bankers by profession?
4. How would you strengthen the powers of the Superintendent?
5. Is the present state control of banks adequate?
6. Is present supervision of the Superintendent's office adequate?
7. Shall the Banking Advisory Board be given mandatory powers?
8. Shall bankers be given a majority on the Banking Advisory Board?
9. Shall the Department of Banks be allowed to increase its annual assessment on the banks in proportion to the department's expenses?
10. If the fees provided in Section 719-17 G.C. are inadequate to provide a force of competent examiners, should the deficiency be paid from the general revenue fund of the state?
11. Shall the bank directorate be limited as to size?

What size?

12. Shall directors be required to attend 50% of all regular meetings of the Board in order to be eligible for reelection?
13. Shall outside, certified audits be substituted for the annual directors' audit and examination?

III. STATEMENTS OF CONDITION "WINDOW DRESSING."

1. Shall banks be required to publish statements in more detailed form than at present?
- a. How great detail shall be included?

2. Shall data regarding asset pledging be published?
3. Shall bank statements be posted frequently in the bank's lobby?
4. Shall the Superintendent be given the power to disclose banking facts if he decides it will be for the good of the depositor?
5. Shall bank officers and directors be subject to removal by the Superintendent of banks?.....
 - a. Shall an appeal to the Banking Advisory Board from the decision of the Superintendent be permitted?
6. By what means would you compel the correction of bad banking practices disclosed in the examination of banks?

IV. DEPOSIT BUSINESS.

1. Should all institutions other than incorporated banks be prohibited from accepting deposits?
2. Shall banks be prohibited from bidding for public funds?
3. Shall banks be permitted to secure deposits of any class by pledge of assets?
- Deposits made by governmental agencies?
4. Shall banks be required to limit deposits to an amount not in excess of ten times the total of capital and surplus?
5. Shall banks be permitted to pay interest on demand deposits?
6. Should the maximum interest rate permitted on time and savings deposits be prescribed by statute?.....
 - a. If your answer is in the negative shall the Superintendent be permitted to prescribe the maximum rate to be paid on such deposits?
7. What added factors of safety to depositors do you suggest?
8. Shall special plan banks be permitted to accept demand deposits?
9. Shall the total amount that any one person may deposit in savings account be limited?.....
 - a. If so, shall there be a fixed limit in dollars or shall the same be based upon a percentage of capital and surplus?

V. BRANCH BANKING.

1. Do you favor or oppose the extension of branch banking?
2. If you favor same, what geographical limit do you recommend?

3. Shall the capital requirements for branch banking be based upon population or aggregate deposits?
4. Shall banks be permitted to establish "change depots" in small communities?

VI. BANK ASSETS.

1. Do you favor a complete segregation of assets relative to time and demand deposits?
2. Whether or not you favor segregation, would percentage requirements for investments somewhat similar to that indicated in footnote be satisfactory?
- a. If you answer in the affirmative, indicate in the footnote the percentage you would suggest.

VII. LOANS AND INVESTMENTS.

1. Should any portion of demand deposits be loaned upon real estate security?
- a. If your answer is affirmative, what percentage should be so loaned?
2. What percentage of time and savings deposits should be loaned upon real estate security?
3. Should any loan secured by real estate be in excess of 40% of the fair value of such real estate?
- a. What percentage do you suggest?
- b. What maximum maturity date do you suggest?
4. Shall unimproved real estate be allowed as security for a loan?
5. Shall loans and investments on leasehold estates be prohibited?
6. Shall second mortgages be permitted to be taken to secure prior existing debts?
7. Shall investments in corporate stocks be permitted?
8. Shall executive officers be permitted to borrow from their bank?
9. Shall other officers and directors be permitted to borrow from their bank?
- a. If your answer is affirmative, shall the limit permitted be less than to other borrowers in general?
- b. What limit do you suggest?
- c. Shall the aggregate amount borrowed by officers and directors be limited?
- d. If so, what percentage of capital and surplus do you suggest?
10. Shall loans to corporations in which one or more of the directors of the loaning bank having controlling interest be considered in ascertaining the loan limit of such officers and directors?
11. Should loans to partnerships and associations in which one or more of the officers and directors of a loaning bank are interested, be considered in ascertaining the loan limit of such officers and directors?

12. Shall loans to members of the immediate families of officers and directors be considered in ascertaining the loan limit of such officers and directors?
13. Shall overdrafts to officers and directors be made a felony?
14. What, if any other, safeguards do you suggest in reference to loans to officers and directors?
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15. Shall preferential rates of interest be granted to officers, directors and their companies?
16. Shall the present loan limit of 20% of the capital and surplus permitted individual borrowers be modified?
- a. If so, how and to what extent?
17. What limitations shall be placed upon the amount a bank may invest in its banking premises?
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18. Should banks be permitted to accept valuables for safekeeping?

VIII. AFFILIATES.

1. Is the National Banking Act of 1933 insofar as it applies to affiliates, satisfactory?
- a. If your answer is negative, to what extent should banks be prohibited from dealing in investment securities?.....
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2. Shall banks be permitted to operate security affiliates in connection with their banking business?
3. Shall the books of bank affiliates be open to examination to the Department of Banks at all times as is done in New York and Pennsylvania?
4. Shall banks be permitted to loan to their own holding companies?

IX. TRUST COMPANIES.

1. Shall trust companies or banks operating trust departments be limited in the investment of fiduciary funds in the same manner and to the same extent as individual fiduciaries?
2. Shall they be required to give bond in the manner and to the extent required of individual fiduciaries?.....
3. Shall commercial and savings banks, not now qualified to operate a trust department, be so permitted in the future?
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4. Shall a bank with trust powers be permitted to sell securities to private trusts which it holds, or shall all sales to trusts be made through outside brokers?
5. Shall banks be allowed to earn profits on sales made to trusts?
6. Shall trust agreements made without advice of uninterested counsel be made invalid if so desired by party contracting with trustee?

7. Shall there be a continuance of the \$100,000 guarantee deposit made with the State Treasurer by each trust company, or shall the deposit be graduated in proportion to total size of trust assets?
8. Shall foreign trust companies be permitted to transact any business in the state of Ohio without first depositing \$100,000 cash or securities required under Section 710-150 G.C.
9. Shall deposits of Uninvested Trust Funds be preferred in liquidating banks?

X. GENERAL.

1. Shall the "double liability" feature of the Constitution of Ohio be abolished?
2. Are the capital requirements for state banks adequate?
- a. If your answer is negative, what suggestions do you have to make?
3. Shall unincorporated banks be required to incorporate?
- a. If your answer is affirmative what length of time shall be given them to do so?
4. If minimum cash requirements are set by statute shall penalties be prescribed for failure to maintain them?
5. Shall a definition of bank insolvency be included in the bank code?
6. Shall bank robbery in this state be made a capital offense?
7. Shall bank stockholders be allowed to continue in their right to examine all the bank's books (except deposits and and trust) at reasonable times?
8. Shall added penalties for violations be included in the new code?

NOTE:

DEMAND DEPOSITS

.....% in reserve, cash and due from banks.

.....% U. S. Government bonds and other U. S. Government securities.

.....% Commercial loans, bankers acceptances, state and municipal bonds maturing in not more than..... years from date of purchase.

TIME AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS

.....% in reserve, cash and due from banks.

.....% U. S. Government bonds and other U. S. Government securities.

.....% in first mortgages on improved real estate not exceeding.....% of the appraised value thereof.

.....% in State, municipal and general market bonds.

FOR Liquidators and Conservators: What is your opinion as to the cause for the failure of the bank now in your hands?.....

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Name

Address

Business

Do you wish to appear before the Special Banking Committee?.....

NOTE

REMARKS

(The Committee would be pleased to have your reactions in full on any phase of this subject entered here, or under separate cover.)



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Friends of the League of Nations:

Our generation has witnessed the attempt to build a new instrument of social control, a new type of collective machinery, based on the belief that in a world economically and politically interdependent old ideas of isolation must give way to a realistic method of international consultation and teamwork.

In this moment of nationalist reaction we need to be reminded that it takes faith and patience to develop a community of the nations of the world. No new social institution is ever born to its maximum strength or has gone forward without occasional threats of a return to the old order. The cause of the League of Nations today is more vital than at any time since its founding. As President Roosevelt so clearly pointed out in a recent speech, "the old policies, alliances, combinations and balances of power have proved themselves inadequate for the preservation of world peace." We believe that the alternative to such a procedure is the League machinery.

At the present moment there are two currents of public opinion making for closer American relationship with the League of Nations. Since it is a definite policy of our Government to give open cooperation to the League, many citizens wish that this relationship could be regularized and increased by the appointment of an official diplomatic representative.

Also, there is increasing discussion as to the terms on which the United States might become a full member of the League. This discussion has been given impetus by the movement throughout the world for a revision of the Covenant. If such revision were to be undertaken in the light of the fifteen years history and with the idea of preserving rather than destroying the democracy of the League, the United States might well participate.

The League of Nations Association hopes to demonstrate the strength of these viewpoints in the United States. After you have added your signature to this petition and secured those of your friends, will you return it promptly?

Raymond B. Fosdick

President

IN A WORLD AS DARK AS THIS, WHY BLOW OUT THE ONLY LIGHT THERE IS?

We, CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Anxious to avoid war and organize peace in which prosperity can thrive,

Believing that the collective system of the world community which includes the Kellogg-Briand Pact (Pact of Paris) to which the United States is a party, and the League of Nations, can best prevent war,

Mindful of the fact that the United States is participating in many activities of the League of Nations,

Aware that without the privilege of membership in the League the United States is placed at a disadvantage, and the moral integrity of the world community is weakened,

Urge that the United States reinforce the League's contribution to peace by stating the terms under which full membership would be possible; and by appointing in the meantime an official diplomatic representative to the League of Nations to participate in its deliberations.

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