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AMERICAN SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH

Jerusalem, August 18, 1939

Newsletter #11.

I returned yesterday from Transjordan after an interesting week's work there in the Jerash region, continuing the archaeological survey. Mr. Kirkbride, the British Resident in Transjordan, with whom I had lunch during the previous week, had given me permission to resume work, but for the present limited me to the Jerash district. He made the further condition that I was not to sleep out as had been my wont wherever I happened to be at nightfall, but that I was to return every night to Jerash. In a way that was a hardship, but it had its definite advantages. After a hard day's work, which commences at about 5.30 a.m., riding up and down the steep Transjordan hills and climbing around the sides of antiquity sites, one is much inclined towards the end of the day to flop down and make camp wherever one happens to be. Instead of that, this time, no matter where the day's wanderings had finally brought me, I was compelled to return to Jerash. In some instances this meant over a two-hour horseback ride. However, I have never before experienced the pleasure of being able to clean up and have a bath every night during the course of the work of exploration. My host was Mr. Harding, the Chief Curator of Antiquities, who lives in a delightfully furnished house in the midst of the Jerash excavations. A shower, a good supper, and a decent bed to sleep in certainly make all the difference in the world. Despite the restrictions imposed by Mr. Kirkbride, which, I may say, I fully understand, particularly after the kidnapping of Mr. Head, I managed to cover a considerable area, and visited a number of very interesting and important sites. To my continued surprise, the hill-country of the Jerash district shows the same occupational history as the parts of Transjordan south of the Wadi Zerqa. The break between the end of the twentieth century and the beginning of the thirteenth century B.C. in the history of permanent sedentary occupation seems to exist also in this area.

It is symptomatic of the times that when I returned to the School yesterday, and met Sir Flinders Petrie in the hall, he greeted me with: "Well, I am glad to see you safely back." It is difficult for people who live in Palestine to understand that Transjordan, despite occasional disturbances there, is on the whole very quiet and peaceful. After having been absent from Transjordan for over a month, and listening to the protestations of my friends about returning there this time, I felt at moments that I was going almost to my certain doom. However, no sooner does one cross Allenby Bridge than the feeling of insecurity which rests heavily upon the traveller in Palestine, vanishes. Some day something may happen to me in Transjordan, but that is something which might be said of almost any person anywhere. The probability, however, is that I shall be killed with kindness in Transjordan, if at all. I was also in the Suf area this time, adjacent to Jerash. It is a district which is famous for its grapes, and they are now ripe. All the Arabs live in their vineyards this time of the year, and the

villages are more or less abandoned. At every step almost, we were invited to get off our horses and rest, and whenever we acceded to the invitation, were almost immediately presented with a huge platter of delicious grapes. I have never in my life eaten as many grapes in one week as I did in the week just gone by.

Naturally in work such as ours, the curiosity of the Arab has to be satisfied. It is after all a strange thing for the Arab to see a couple of men suddenly appearing at antiquity sites and beginning carefully to search the slopes and the tops of the mound and hills for shards, measuring ruins and photographing extensively. We explain as much as possible, and only occasionally have to speak fairly roughly. This time, we climbed to the top of a high hill called Tell Huwoishan. On top of the hill there were several occupied houses. The headman of the little group resident there greeted us, and with a not uncommon display of friendliness, kissed me on both cheeks. His beard was very tough, and I thought I had been stung by a porcupine. On another occasion last year, I was out camping on a hilltop with my Arab companion, Ali Abu Ghosh. Tired, we got into our sleeping bags early, and were soon lost to the world. Some hours later, we were both suddenly awakened, and observed a circle composed of about twenty armed Arabs closing in on us. I admit I was quite frightened, and decided that if they were up to any harm, several of those nearest to me would suffer before they overpowered me. I happened to have a revolver with me which I had placed inside the sleeping bag. Ali challenged them, and I noticed that he held his rifle. Evidently, several people would have been hurt if we had been rushed. The men stopped, and in the ensuing conversation it was revealed that we were involved in a comedy which might have become serious. By not sleeping in a neighbouring tent encampment, we had aroused the suspicions of the Arabs who had become convinced that we were up to no good business, and had decided, after evidently observing us before we went to sleep, that we were digging for treasure. We reassured them on that score, and they satisfied themselves by looking over the ground very carefully and seeing that we had dug no holes whatsoever. When asked why we had not come to their tent, I replied that I was fed up with being bitten to pieces by the bugs that frequented the tents. Our questioners were somewhat insulted, but left convinced that we were all right if just a bit queer. The next morning, to sort of make amends for our aloofness, we went to the encampment, and stopping at the main tent, had coffee and tea served to us. On the whole, however, our experiences have been pleasant ones. The other day, while driving along one of the Transjordan roads in our car, I picked up an old blind man, and put him down some kilometres farther on at the place he had been headed for. Arab speech is full of rounded phrases of the type familiar from the Bible. As he got out of the car, he thanked me with the following blessing: "May Allah guard you wherever you go and in whatever you do." I learned a new curse at our excavations at Tell el-Kholoifoh this year. One of the workmen got angry at another and yelled at him: "Sand in your eyes." A pleasant way of wishing him dead.

I found that the people in Transjordan were quite elated over the new degree of independence which has just been given to Transjordan. A whole ministry with fat emoluments has been conjured into existence. One of the new ministers comes from a village near Jarash and all the district is shining by reflected glory. I think the show of increased independence which England has granted Transjordan was a wise political move. For once, the British government has demonstrated that it does not always reward its enemies, but sometimes also deals kindly with its friends. I hope, and I imagine it is hoped in official circles, that the reward for good behaviour so ostentatiously given in Transjordan will have its proper effect upon Palestine. So far as I could gather, the people of Transjordan prefer their present status to any possible combination either with Palestine or Syria or Iraq.

The disturbances still continue in Palestine, if indeed considerably checked. The morning's newspaper reports that all traffic in and out of Hebron has been banned for some time, because a British military patrol had been fired on, and a British Lance-Corporal had been killed. A bomb was thrown in one of the main streets of Jerusalem two nights ago, and 13 Jews were sent to the hospital. However, the conditions are quiet enough on the whole for the High Commissioner to have deemed it possible to leave for England on a lengthy vacation.

All is well at the School. Dr. and Mrs. George G. Cameron of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago were here for several days en route from Persepolis to Europe before returning to America. Dr. Fisher, who has been spending the summer at Ain Karim, is returning at the end of the month. I shall drive out there then to bring him back. The 65 cases with the Khirbet et-Tannur antiquities have been shipped to America, I am glad to say. They were very carefully packed in boxes made to order for each stone, and were put on board the Excambion which left Haifa on August 14th. It is a grand collection, containing many objects and bas-reliefs of unique importance. I am planning at present to leave for America on the American Export Line boat Excalibur on September 11th for the lecture-tour. During my absence, Dr. Fisher will be in charge of the School.

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RABBI A.H.SILVER,
THE TEMPLE,
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Mr. Oscar Bergman
The City Club
712 Vincent Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

A Committee chosen from the many friends of Peter Witt has arranged a Seventieth Birthday Party and Testimonial Dinner in his honor, to be held at the City Club, 712 Vincent Avenue, on THURSDAY, SEPT. 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

Please accept this card as your invitation. May we count on you, as a friend of Peter Witt, to attend? Return the attached card by Tuesday, Sept. 19th for your reservation.

Sincerely yours

Oscar Bergman, Chairman

THIS PARTY IS FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN

Please reserve _____ plates for me at \$1.50
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Testimonial Dinner being held at the City Club
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Peter Witt.

Signed _____

Address _____

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and her daughter
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for
your kind expression
of sympathy

Ohio Senate

Columbus

LEO M. ASCHERMAN
TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT
1108 N. B. C. BUILDING
CLEVELAND

September 16, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi:

May I take this opportunity to express to you and your family my sincere wishes for a year of health and happiness and a hope that we may continue to have the benefit of your inspiring leadership for many years to come.

During the recent session of The 93rd General Assembly I wrote to you regarding Senate Bill No. 97 which measure was submitted by the Ohio Medical Association to raise the standards for taking the State Medical Board examination. There was certain objectionable matter in the bill which we felt would have restricted refugee physicians, and as the result of organized effort in the state lead by a committee of the local Jewish Community Council the objectionable features of the bill were deleted. The bill was finally enacted into law after it had received the close scrutiny of a group of Columbus lawyers lead by Edwin J. Schanfarber.

We now find that the State Medical Board is misinterpreting the measure, insisting that before one is eligible for the Ohio examination in medicine he must have had two years of schooling in an approved school of arts and sciences, and that the only schools approved by the Board are those located in the United States or Canada. This misinterpretation is clearly a scheme or trick to defeat the legislative intention. For several weeks I have been debating the matter with representatives of the State Medical Board and have solicited the aid of representatives in Columbus and Cincinnati. A conference has been arranged for next Tuesday, September 19th at ten o'clock A.M. in the offices of the State Medical Board to further discuss this matter. We are determined that if necessary a test case will be carried into the courts. Do you approve of such action?

On one occasion about two weeks ago Dr. Platter, Secretary of the Board, told me that communications were received from a number of Jewish physicians in the state asking that the Board stand firm on its interpretation of the law. Would it not be helpful if a meeting of some of the leaders in the medical profession in our city be called to request their aid in this matter?

We are told that about four hundred applications of refugee physicians are now pending before the Board, and must realize that to permit all of these men to take the examination at one time may create a serious economic problem.

Ohio Senate
Columbus

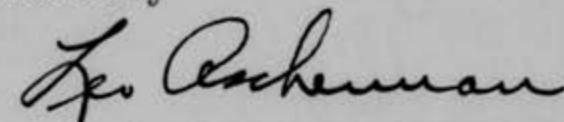
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However, we are certain that under the law as passed the Board must examine into the qualifications of each applicant, and if it is found that an applicant has had two years of study in an approved school of arts and sciences whether in the United States or Europe he ^{should} be permitted to take the examination. This was definitely the intention of the Legislature. I will appreciate any suggestions you care to make, and will keep you informed.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely



Leo M. Ascherman

P.S. Thought you would be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter which is self-explanatory.

LMA:bf

Telephone conversation with Mr. Chas. Meyers
Sunday - September 17th, 1939

Formal greetings - then

Rabbi Silver: We are having a meeting here tonight and I was anxious to get in touch with you before then.

Mr. Myer: I had rather hoped that it might be possible for you to get to New York before any positive action was taken in this matter so that we could have an opportunity of talking this over with you and you with us.

Rabbi Silver: Representatives from six cities will meet here tonight to talk over Dr. Cole's broadcasts - the last one of which will be next Wednesday. They would like to continue it so that there will be no break. We want to come to some sort of plan. Just what is Council's plan?

Mr. Myer: I will do the best I can to explain the position of the Council, but it is rather difficult over the telephone ... It revolves around two things - first, that the war is bringing about new patterns, enormous changes. Everything is moving at a very fast and accelerated speed. We would like to see what these new patterns are and what is going to happen before we make any moves at the present time. We don't believe that that is being over-cautious.....We move so quickly that what was timely a week ago is no longer timely today.

Secondly: We feel that some attention should be given to what is going to happen to the code of the Radio stations which goes into effect on the 24th of this month. We know very well that there is no certainty that the code is going to be lived up to by all the members of the Association and I do not know how well it will be enforced. Under this code, Coghlin could not broadcast over any station of a member of this Association. It would probably take a short time after the 24th before we would know whether the code would be enforced. One of the things among many that makes it difficult is that in propaganda there is a source of income. We would like to have the code as it is now drawn accepted by the radio stations with as little interference on our part as possible. We would like to give it a chance to work. It might work. Coghlin might be gotten off the air in a sufficient number of stations. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ It would keep him off a number of stations and would kill much harm he is doing - the biggest part, at least.

We know the feeling as regards answering Coghlin - in the sense of answering him as far as the gentile world is concerned. But there is another factor - namely the feeling of emotional well-being that comes about when the Jewish people can have someone answer him but we don't feel that at the present moment that ought to be permitted to be the criterion on which to base any action. I think it would

a little bit wiser in view of the war, and more particularly in view of the matter of the Radio Code.

Rabbi Silver: I will be very happy to convey your thought to the meeting tonight. I don't know what action they will take. They received word a few weeks ago that the matter of answering Coghlin was being left to the independent cities and they got Dr. Cole to the job....He is an honest man. He is sincere and is ready to be guided.

Mr. Myer: I want to make one thing clear to you. What the Council did officially yesterday evening was merely to pass this over to the Executive Committee. No formal action was taken. I am expressing to you my opinion and I believe I know the opinion of the majority. They desire to meet with others to talk the matter over rather than to lay down any dogmas in the situation.

Talk re getting speaker here for this evening - member of executive of Council.

Mr. Myer: What I would suggest is that even if any action is taken, that they do not actually sign any contract until we have had a chance to talk it over with them.

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September 21, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The completion of the Main Avenue Bridge, marking an important step in the development of our lake front and in the improvement of our highway system, presents an opportunity to obtain helpful publicity for this entire community.

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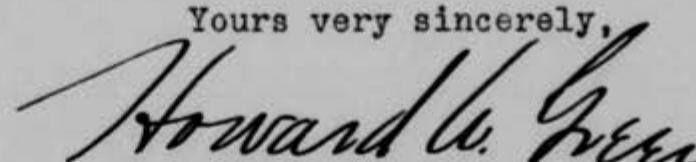
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While not so spectacular as the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge nor so grand as many, the Main Avenue Bridge is of prime importance to the citizens of this community. None but those intimately associated with the development of the bridge realize as yet the colossal conception of the bridge and its approaches.

Our County Commissioners have asked me to be chairman of a committee to plan and execute such ceremonies as seem appropriate to this occasion. The dedication and formal opening of the bridge will take place on the bridge, Friday, October 6, in the evening.

I should like to include your name as a member of the citizens' committee fostering this ceremony. Will you kindly sign the enclosed post card indicating your willingness to participate in this way.

Yours very sincerely,



Howard W. Green

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Sept. 21, 1939.

Rabbi Silver
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

The following letter has this day been sent to the majority and minority leaders of House and Senate:

"We respectfully suggest a declaration by Congress, to lay the spectre of the totalitarianism which half the nation reckons imminent, that it shall presently be, and should always in future be, American policy that any war-time special powers granted the executive department shall be vested in a special war cabinet approved by both houses, the majority of whose members must be from the principal party in opposition to the party of the President, which opposition members of the war cabinet must, further, be approved by a caucus of the members of such party in the Senate and likewise in the House; the President to continue as executive-in-chief but to exercise such special powers only with the approval of such cabinet."

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September 22, 1939

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At the Cleveland convention of the Religious Education Association, you spoke on "The Decline of the Individual". This was published in the July 1937 issue of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

We are reducing our shelf stock of the Journal and I am sending you a number of copies of this issue in the belief that you may find them useful.

Cordially yours,

Laird T. Hites
Editor

PROPOSITIONS ADOPTED BY THE CLEVELAND PEACE COMMITTEE

23 September 1939

Prepared by a Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee

President Ernest Hatch Wilkins, Chairman

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1. The United States should keep out of the European War, unless at some later time the safety of our own territory should be seriously threatened, either by direct invasion thereof or by such foreign encroachment in the Western Hemisphere as would seriously threaten our own territory. We hold this to be sound policy despite our sympathy for the Allied Democracies. We believe that both our national interest and our desire to contribute to the general welfare will best be served if we hold ourselves neutral, as a democracy of unimpaired strength.

2. The question of the amendment or non-amendment of the Neutrality Act is of such vital importance that Congressional discussion should be full and free, and unhampered by any artificial or specially imposed limitations whatsoever, or by any filibustering. The essential criterion in determining the wisdom or unwisdom of any proposed amendment should be its probable effect on the danger of our being drawn into the war. If a proposed amendment seems to increase such danger, it should be opposed. If a proposed amendment seems to decrease such danger, it should be supported.

3. We favor adoption of an amendment applying the cash and carry plan to all trade between the United States and the belligerent nations. If the arms embargo is retained, this amendment would apply to all materials other than arms, ammunition and implements of war. If the arms embargo is removed, this amendment would apply to arms, ammunition and implements of war as well as to all other materials.

4. This country should participate at every opportunity in conferences held by groups of neutral nations with reference to the preservation of neutrality and with reference to the ending of hostilities and the hastening and facilitating of peace.

5. Some expansion of trade with belligerent nations appears to be inevitable, even if it should continue to be limited to materials other than primary war materials, and even if it should be placed on a cash and carry basis; and the results of such expansion will be felt and distributed over a wide field of industry. Recognizing this fact, we believe that Congress should enact legislation which will so regulate such trade that it could not be markedly to the financial advantage of any person or concern to have the war prolonged or to have the United States drawn into the war.

September 25, 1939

Mr. Benjamin C. Marsh
Executive Secretary
People's Lobby
Room 405, Birchell Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

I have read your printed communication of September 11.

Far be it from me to contest the undeniable truth of many of the criticisms that you make about the so-called democracies. God and the whole fair-minded universe know that England, France and even we, imperialistically and democratically, have nothing like a clean slate. And as for Poland, well - what's the use of talking.

Despite all these indisputable facts, I cannot without absolute horror contemplate a world in which the cause of Hitler and Stalin would be victorious. With all the rottenness of democracies, there is hope of constant improvement and inner regeneration. I see no such hope out of Nazism or Stalinism.

I, therefore, cannot be neutral in the present crisis. Nor can I be part of any organization which looks upon both sides as similar from a moral point of view. I, therefore, am making a definite request that if the policy of the People's Lobby is to continue to be that contained in your letter of September 11, my name be immediately dropped from the letterhead as one of your counsels and that such correction be made of any other letterheads which are already printed.

I am hoping, of course, that having gotten out of your system the greatly justified condemnation of the allies, you will see that it does make a difference who wins this war, as far as the future of freedom is concerned.

Heartiest personal greetings.

Sincerely

Edward L. Israel

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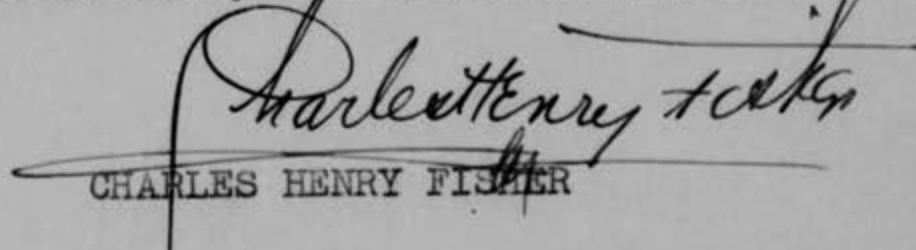
Rabbi A.H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I commend you for the display
of the American flag at the New Year and Atonement
Day holidays.

It was a beautiful gesture on your
part.

Patriotically and fraternally yours,


CHARLES HENRY FISHER

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1356 UNION COMMERCE BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 26, 1939.

CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK BOARD

Dear Dr. Silver:-

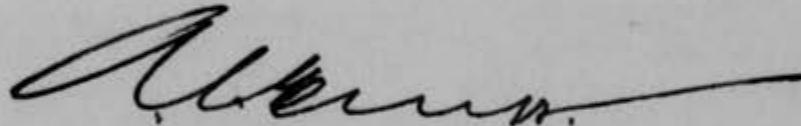
It is, I believe, quite generally acknowledged that this community has in its 11,000 acre Metropolitan Park system with fifty-two miles of drives, a great and valuable community asset which is to an increasing extent each year providing the means for healthful outdoor recreation for large numbers of our people.

The present program of the Metropolitan Park Board rests almost entirely upon the current 1/10 of 1 mill levy which was voted for a period of ten years and which is about to expire. Renewal of this 1/10 of 1 mill levy will come before the electorate this fall and the members of the Metropolitan Park Board are quite fearful that the voters may not fully understand the importance of this matter.

I would appreciate it very much if you would join a group for luncheon at the Mid-Day Club on Tuesday, October 3, 1939 at 12:15 P.M. to hear a brief story of this situation and let us have the benefit of your thoughts and suggestions.

I hope you will find it possible to attend this meeting as my guest and to let my office know somewhat in advance by telephone - the number is Main 7100.

Cordially yours,



A. C. Ernst.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland.



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October 2, 1939

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Your comment to me on the People's Lobby statement was extremely interesting. I didn't see this statement before it was printed. As a matter of fact, I refused the presidency of the People's Lobby a couple years ago because its secretary, Ben Marsh, would not promise to let me see statements before they were issued. He contended that such things "held-up the works."

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I wrote Ben Marsh about a week ago. His answer was utterly unsatisfactory, and I am resigning from the Council of the People's Lobby.

So you see, my answer to your question really anticipated the question itself.

Heartiest personal greetings.

Sincerely

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Rabbi A. H. Silver

The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

40 Long St.,
Columbus, O.
Oct. 2, 1939.

Please pardon this rather informal
and personal note, while our office arrangements
are being completed. - I made several attempts to
get in touch with you while in Cleveland recently,
but it was of course a very busy time for you.

Various religious leaders in Ohio,
with whom I have conversed have felt, with our
National Committee, that the important relief
work in China must be carried on - at
least as long as conditions permit.

In organizing a State Advisory
Committee for Ohio - it was their unanimous
opinion that you should be one of our number,
if possible. This opinion was concurred in at
a meeting of a Nominating Committee which
met yesterday. They would like you to serve
on the Advisory Committee and as a member
of its Executive Committee.

I realize you may not be able
to get away from Cleveland very often
for meetings, but reports of the progress of

our work will be sent you, your advice and counsel much appreciated, - and when in Cleveland I shall want to consult with you personally, if I may.

You own people have some very particular claims upon their interest and generosity, I know. Yet, as one of your Rabbis in Massachusetts put it, leaders like yourself do not want the humanitarian interest of your people to be confined to the pressing problems of Europe and Palestine, important as they are.

I am therefore hoping and relying on such help and counsel as you may give. If it is possible to arrange at this late date, I wish you might be present at a meeting at the Governor's Mansion (1234 E. Broad St., Columbus) this Thursday, Oct. 5th, at 2:30. Mrs. Geo. A. Fitch recently returned from China - and Mrs. Chas. P. Taft of Cincinnati are to be the speakers. You may of course bring with you or send anyone you wish to that meeting.

It was my pleasure to read your "Religion in a Changing World" several years ago and I am looking forward to meeting and consulting with its author in the near future. I trust we may have your acceptance.

Cordially yours
Newton H. Carman

October 3, 1939

Mr. Newton H. Carman
40 Long Street
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Carman:

Permit me to acknowledge of your letter of October 2nd. I am, of course, fully in sympathy with the work of the Church Committee for China Relief, and you may use my name on your advisory and executive committee.

I must warn you, however, that I will be able to give you very little of my time. As you probably know, I am National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal which are at present engaged in raising large sums of money for our countless refugees and for the war victims.

Whatever time I can spare from my onerous duties here in Cleveland, I must devote to this cause. I shall, however, stand ready to aid your cause, but you will understand that it is sharply restricted by the conditions under which I am working at present.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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October 3, 1939

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to advise you, as one of our Sponsors,
that Bishop James A. McFadden has consented to
act in this same capacity, so that our Board
of Sponsors is now composed of the following.

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experience, and are now unemployed.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your co-operation,
we are,

Yours respectfully,

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October 4, 1939.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Fortune Magazine is preparing an article for its December issue on the attitude of churchmen toward participation in a war. Dr. Wise, who is interested in our project, suggested that I write to you and ask that you send to me, as soon as possible, a statement of your present attitude on pacifism, on war against ^qaggression, and war to save another nation from attack and dishonor. We would also like to know what your opinions were during the World War, the reasons for change, if a change took place, and what your attitude might be if our own country became engaged in a war, either the present one against Germany or one against Japan. We would appreciate a full expression and would also like to have the privilege of examining any sermons or editorial articles bearing on the subject. We would also appreciate it deeply if you would hand on this request to any members of the rabbinate who might be interested in helping us.

I should add that the article will be submitted to you for correction; and that we would like to have the statement, to consist of four or five hundred words, as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,
Edmund Gilligan
Edmund Gilligan

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Oct. 6 1939

Dr. Joseph Fink
Temple Beth Zion
599 Delaware Ave
Buffalo, N.Y.

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A H SILVER

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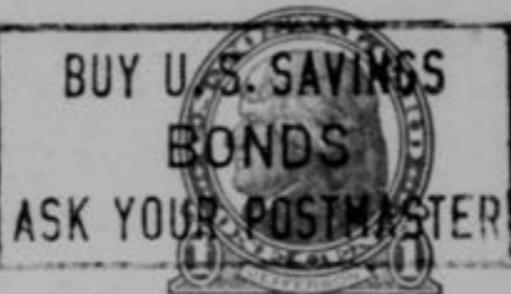
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Following the service, the congregation will have an opportunity to greet the visiting clergymen at a reception to be held in the Temple House.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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

Good News!

Rev. Walton E. Cole's New Series of Addresses
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CKLW—Windsor..... 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

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Additional stations are being added. Please tell ten of your friends
of this new schedule which goes into effect this week.

We will appreciate your financial support so that we can carry on
our Program on "The American Way of Life."

Toledo Committee, Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice,

Toledo, Ohio

October 16, 1939

Miss Fern Long
Readers Advisory Office
Public Library
325 Superior Ave. N.E.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Long:

Enclosed herewith are three announcements
which you may use in connection with the Adult
Education Conference. I trust that they will be
satisfactory.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

SAMUEL D. WISE
7301 BESSEMER AVE.
CLEVELAND

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

October 19, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

You will perhaps recall a letter you wrote to the American Consul at Vienna on behalf of Miss Mary Popper.

I would very much appreciate it if you would write a similar letter on behalf of her parents, Max and Elizabeth Popper, who desire to emigrate to this country, addressing same to

The American Consul
Vienna, Austria

stating that I am a law-abiding citizen and a man of considerable means, whose wealth you estimate at over \$100,000; that it is your conviction that I will fulfill any obligations of any kind which I may incur and that I will not allow this couple to become a charge upon the community. You might mention the charitable trust I established with the Jewish Welfare Federation, and any other information you think might be helpful.

The letter should be in duplicate, both copies attested by a notary, and mailed to my office.

Thanking you, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

S. D. Wise

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P.S. The address of Mr. & Mrs. Popper is Vienna IX,
Widerhoferg 8-6.

October 20, 1938

Mr. Samuel D. Wise
7301 Bessemer Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sam:

I am enclosing herewith the letters
which you requested to be addressed to the
American Consul in Vienna.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

October 21, 1938

The American Consul
Vienna, Austria

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to give you the following information about Mr. Samuel D. Wise who, I understand, is interested in bringing to this country Max and Elizabeth Popper.

Mr. Samuel D. Wise is one of the leading citizens of Cleveland. He has occupied a high position in the civic, social and philanthropic life of our city for many years. His numerous benefactions to the charitable institutions of our city have won for him a high place in the esteem of the community. A few years ago, Mr. Wise established a \$100,000 Foundation Fund, the income of which is being used annually for various philanthropic purposes. He is a man of substantial means and of course in all ways, financially responsible. I am in no position to estimate his wealth but it is considerably over \$100,000. He is Vice-President of the Arco Company, an industrial concern which produces paints, varnishes, enamels and lacquers and which has a capital fully paid in of over \$1,000,000.

Mr. Wise is at present a leading member of the Cleveland Community Fund Council, Vice-Chairman of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Jewish Welfare Fund as well as of the Council Educational Alliance.

I recommend him unhesitatingly as a man of high integrity, generosity and civic mindedness.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: BK

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____
day of _____, 1938.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

It is my genuine pleasure to extend to you
this cordial invitation to accept membership on our
Committee in Cleveland.

Let me make clear at the outset that no
contribution of any kind is sought, and that your
membership on this committee entails no financial
obligation of any kind. Such interest or time as
you may be able to spare for the committee will be
entirely in the nature of public service.

Approximately twenty prominent men and women
of Cleveland will comprise the Cleveland group of the
National Committee, and in the selection of member-
ship the Committee was guided by a desire to choose
those citizens whose interest in the civic and particu-
larly the cultural welfare of their communities had
been definitely established.

Attached to this letter you will find the
Committee's report for 1939-1940. I would like to
call your attention to the membership of the National
Committee, which you will find on pages ten through
eighteen.

Dr. Hanson, our National Chairman, needs no
introduction. His stature as an educator, conductor
and composer has increased steadily through the years.
He is the directing head of the Eastman School of Music,
having been selected for the post by George Eastman in
1924. Undoubtedly you will know many of the members of
the Committee, for they include many of the nation's
most distinguished educators and cultural leaders.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MUSIC APPRECIATION

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You will find five major topics treated in this year's report, namely: establishment of new symphony orchestras; music study courses in the schools; public libraries of recorded music; general publication of music news; and general music education through motion pictures. Also probably of interest to you will be a chart, found on pages twenty-eight and twenty-nine, showing the functions of the National Committee.

Today, more than ever before, there is pronounced interest in the inspirational and cultural values of music. As you will note in the study on symphony orchestras (page six of the report) America's seventeen symphony orchestras of a quarter-century ago have now grown to two hundred and seventy.

Members of the National Committee believe great music belongs to everybody; that it is a part of the cultural treasure of the world; that its enjoyment should be made possible for all; that schools should be encouraged to continue courses in music education; that public-spirited organizations sponsoring symphony broadcasts should be urged to continue the fine work; that newspapers and other publications should be lauded for devoting liberal attention to matters of musical importance. It is the belief of the National Committee that you, as well as other prominent leaders in cultural and civic thought in Cleveland will welcome this opportunity to receive the co-operation of the National Committee.

In that spirit, we extend to you this cordial invitation to join us in our effort to permit music to serve its great purpose. In the words of Dr. Hanson:- "Music at last has its opportunity of ministering to the recreational and spiritual needs, not of thousands but of millions of people; now it can become for the first time in its history a democratic art and a universal language."

Looking forward with great pleasure to your letter or telegram of acceptance, and once more assuring you that there is no financial obligation involved in this committee or its functions, I remain with all good wishes

Most sincerely yours,

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MUSIC APPRECIATION

By

Edward J. Higle

National Director

ETI:F

S. J. KORNHAUSER

COUNSELOR AT LAW
802 KEITH BUILDING
CLEVELAND

October 24th,
1939.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
2 East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

It is perhaps scarcely necessary for me to avow that I am emphatically against any effort to draw Rabbis into the melee of ordinary political controversies. And I feel that I shall not be departing from the opinions which I hold on this subject in what I am about to propose.

It seems to me that all matters relating to public education lie peculiarly within the province of a Rabbi's functions. By law and by custom our system of public education, embracing the public schools and the public library are intended to be entirely free from involvement, either directly or indirectly, in party politics or machine politics. I have been close to the conditions which now prevail, and I cannot conceal my deep concern because of what is happening to the schools and to the Library in consequence of the designs of the men who now control the Board of Education.

The dangers that confront us have not been exaggerated. Unless the members of the Board who are now seeking reelection are defeated, the existing menace, already serious, will be vastly increased. Unless they are dislodged now, it will become increasingly difficult to oust them.

I know that if you could bring your influence to bear it would have tremendous weight in the struggle now going on to rid the schools and the Library of the obnoxious control which is dragging them down. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of suggesting that you give serious consideration to assisting us in bringing about a successful conclusion on this issue, which I believe is the most vital which has confronted this community in many a day.

I should be glad to call on you to discuss this subject, or to talk with you by telephone about it, if you prefer.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

S. J. Kornhauser.

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DILWORTH LUPTON
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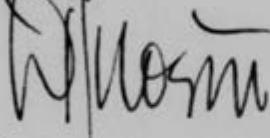
October 24, 1939

Dear Abba:

We certainly would be delighted to have you as our guest at the Laymen's League dinner November 8th. As you know, Dean Graham is going to speak on "The Rights of a Conscientious Objector in War Time."

Will you please have your secretary send the enclosed card in a day or two before the meeting?

Faithfully yours,



Time at your home last
Tuesday

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
2 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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325 SUPERIOR AVENUE CLEVELAND OHIO

October 25, 1939

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you very much for the material which you sent us for our exhibit at the Regional Adult Education conference. We used it both on the Cleveland table and on the one devoted specifically to religious and social agencies. It was kind of you to help us out.

Sincerely yours,

Fern Long

Fern Long
Associate Readers' Adviser

FL:mf

October 26, 1939

Dr. Dilworth Lupton
First Unitarian Church
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dil:

I invited myself to the Graham party without first consulting my calendar. I find, to my great regret, that I will not be free on November 8th. I am sorry that I shall miss seeing you and Dean Graham on that day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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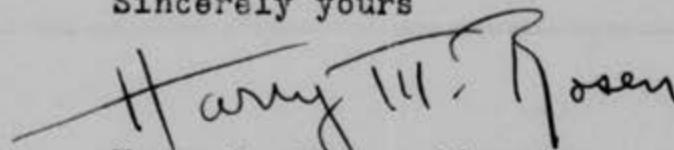
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Ansel & East 105 Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver

I should like you to know how grateful I am for your expression of sympathy with the aims of the Jewish Young Adult Bureau.

Your comments on the program were most stimulating and welcome. Although I have been in Cleveland a very short time, I have been made aware of the many obstacles which must be overcome to achieve any measure of success in a program which seeks to make Jews, particularly Jewish young people, "comfortable" with each other and integrate them into the entire Jewish community and the larger community around them. I appreciate, of course, that these difficulties are not peculiar to Cleveland. Therefore, it is comforting to know that in our efforts we have the blessing of a great spiritual and national leader.

Sincerely yours



Harry M. Rosen, Director
Jewish Young Adult Bureau

HMR:ELM

The HANNA



THEATRE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Manager's Office

Direction of

THE HANNA THEATRE COMPANY

October 27, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I think you will be interested, and pleased, to know that Paul Muni, whom many consider America's most distinguished dramatic star, is returning to the stage and will appear at the Hanna Theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7 and 8, in Maxwell Anderson's new play, "Key Largo."

This will undoubtedly be the banner engagement of the season for thousands of Cleveland theatregoers who have followed Mr. Muni's magnificent achievements in motion pictures during the past seven years, and for the smaller number who recall that it was in Cleveland, at the old Dutchess Theatre, that he began his career as a boy of 11 with the Yiddish Theatre Company, of which his parents were veteran members.

Will you aid us in welcoming home this distinguished son, by calling the attention of your congregation to his forthcoming visit? There is no single figure in the theatre today who -- both because of his artistry and his great personal contributions to the cause of Jewry and liberalism -- is more deserving of a royal salute!

Sincerely,

Wm. T. Blair Jr.

Wm. T. Blair, Jr.
 Manager

WTB/JB

October 27, 1939

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
Temple Israel
Kingshighway and Washington
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Ferd:

It was but yesterday that I came upon the fact that your congregation and your community had celebrated the completion of ten years of your ministry last week. I am sorry that I did not know of it sooner or I would have sent you what I am now sending you - a word of warmest felicitations. You served greatly your Temple and your community, and your influence has grown from year to year and has reached beyond the boundaries of your own city. More power to you in the years to come!

With warmest greetings, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BK

Temple Israel
Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
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October 30, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
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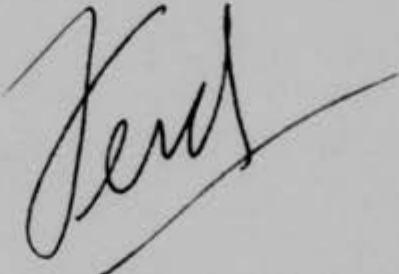
Dear Abba:

I appreciate very much your note of congratulations on my tenth anniversary. Knowing of the unusually heavy burden that is yours these days, I appreciate it doubly.

I had a lovely service on Friday evening to observe my tenth anniversary. Eight Protestant ministers read the service. I read the Shema at the opening and the Kaddish at the closing of the service. They read the rest of the service. I gave the sermon. It proved to be a beautiful religious experience. I am enclosing a copy of the service program.

With cordial greetings to your family, I remain

Sincerely yours,



FMI:BA

*They read the rest
of the service.
Very good
service*

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Play House invites
you to attend the performance of "Our Town"
and hopes you will find it an interesting one.

Sincerely yours,

HD:MR
Enc.

Hildegarde Darmstadt

October 30, 1939

Mr. Edward T. Ingle, National Director
National Committee for Music Appreciation
National Press Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Ingle:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of
your kind letter of October 23 and your invitation
to accept membership on your Cleveland Committee.
I am very pleased to do so.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 1, 1939

Miss Hildegarde Darmstadter
The Play House
2040 E. 86th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Darmstadter:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me tickets for "Our Town". I know that I shall find the performance an interesting one.

Again thanking you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

HENRY MORGENTHAU
1128 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

November 2, 1939.

Rabbi Abba Hellel Silver,
Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you are already perhaps aware, Mr. Myron C. Taylor, Vice-Chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, has been awarded the American Hebrew Medal for the promotion of better understanding between Christian and Jew in America for the year 1939.

The award has been based on the following citation:

"Because of his completely unselfish effort to find havens for Christian and Jewish Refugees from Nazi persecution and because this effort so dramatized the value of Christian-Jewish cooperation that a greater bond was created between Christian and Jew in America."

I am writing now to invite you to participate

HENRY MORGENTHAU
1183 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

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in the ceremonies in connection with the award, which will be tendered to Mr. Taylor at a dinner given in his honor at the Hotel Astor on Tuesday, December 12th. A principal speaker will be, among other distinguished guests, Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who will make the presentation.

I should be delighted, as chairman of the occasion, to have you open the ceremonies (close) a prayer and brief address. I am looking forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Henry Morgenthau
Chairman-Dinner Committee

EVA LIPS
640 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY

November 2nd, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi
THE TEMPLE
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver :

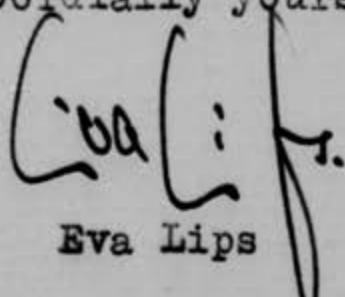
Experience has taught me that you have no time for answering letters. Nevertheless, I wanted to express to you my joy over your safe return from Europe.

I thought it might interest you to know that I am scheduled to speak in Toledo, Ohio, on Monday, December 4th. I would very much appreciate your advice if any group in the neighborhood might be interested. The fee would be reduced because the travelling expenses are taken care of. Also in January and February I will go west repeatedly.

We have a wonderful time here in New York, with two books almost ready for the publishers. If you ever come here - wouldn't you like to have a look at our hideout?

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Silver,

Cordially yours,


Eva Lips

November 3, 1939

Mr. Henry Morgenthau
1135 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Morgenthau:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of invitation to attend the dinner which will be given in honor of Mr. Myron C. Taylor on Tuesday, December 12, and to participate in the program. I regret very much that I shall not be able to attend this function as I am compelled to remain in Cleveland on that day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RK

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Nov. 4, 1939.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
E. 105th St and Ansel Rd
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For three years a careful study was made under Senate Resolution of a proposal to establish a National Economic Council or National Council. The work on the proposal was done quietly, without public hearings, through the Committee on Manufactures of the U.S. Senate.

The object was to find or work out some better, more non-partisan method of handling the grave public problems confronting us. It is plain that there is a very great need for finding such a method. The whole world is shaken to its very foundation. While we don't like the dictators, yet we are not satisfied with the results our own system of government has been able to produce. We are all looking for a better approach to our problems.

We all want a better public policy - a public policy that can handle more satisfactorily our unemployment, eliminate our deficits, restore confidence and put the country on its feet. I believe the enclosed plan for a National Council offers far and away the most hopeful and best worked out method of getting this better public policy. And, as pointed out in the enclosure, the solution of economic problems is closely related to the preservation of our democratic system.

We are not quite ready for publicity yet, but may be in a few weeks. We have therefore a tentative press release which will give you something about our Board and Advisory Committee and our position and objective, and I enclose a copy.

Both this and the printed Senate Committee Print are for the time being confidential.

We believe this proposal can be made the greatest step forward in generations. Your friend, Senator Bulkley, is deeply interested in it. He devoted much time to it in the Senate but did not bring it into politics or attempt to get any political advantage from his work upon it. I know he is hoping that you will become interested and the next time I am in Cleveland, perhaps about Nov. 9th or 10th, I will try to see you and hope we can talk it over.

Sincerely yours,

Adrien Adelman
President.

P.S.
Would like very much to hear from you.

The Temple Beth El Board of Trustees
cordially invites you to attend the
Dedication Exercises
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317 West Main Street
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Boake Carter says:

"Those beyond the age of 40 form the anchor of sane thinking and efficient operation in government and industry. When employers refuse to hire men older than 40, or weed out the older men by the pension route, such employers are removing the very anchors that American industry has left to it today."

Lew Heck says:

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November 6, 1939.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your contribution to this organization has been received and we assure you that the members highly appreciate your interest and cooperation.

Your contribution helps to make it possible for this organization to do some things important to its continued existence.

Individually and collectively we thank you.

Sincerely yours,

FORTY PLUS OF NORTHERN OHIO,
C. W. Mathias
C. W. Mathias, Cor. Sec'y.

November 6, 1939

Mrs. David de Sola Pool
Hadassah
1860 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

May I join your host of friends in extending to you heartiest felicitations on your election as President of Hadassah. I want to extend to you my best wishes for a very successful administration. You have assumed a very heavy obligation made heavier by the conditions of the times. But I am sure that you are equal to the task in ability, in loyalty and in enthusiasm.

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BK

Buckeye Club
Columbus, Ohio

November 6, 1939

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

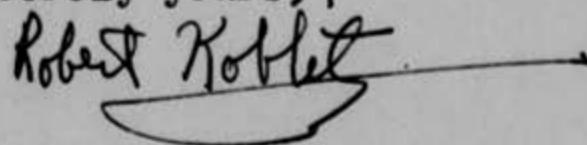
My dear Rabbi Silver,

Realizing that you are probably very busy, it is only with a great deal of hesitation that I am writing to ask for your assistance. However, the subject is one which will undoubtedly be of interest to you, and I shall try to be as brief and to the point as possible.

The Hillel chapter at Ohio State University is discussing this year the question of the establishment of a Jewish university in the United States. Since we are going to discuss this matter before several audiences both in Columbus and in other cities (Michigan State University and Detroit on November 19 and 20), we felt that it would be desirable to obtain authentic information. The specific information that it was felt you would be able to furnish relates to the possible substitutes to such a university. Would high school and college departments in the various congregations, departments such as we have at The Temple, fill the need that brings some to demand a Jewish university? Are there other such organizations in other congregations and other cities that are helping to fill this need? In your travels through the various American universities, did you come in contact with programs of Jewish education, perhaps in cooperation with the universities, whereby students were enabled to obtain cultural and religious instruction? And finally, is it your opinion that there exists a real need for a Jewish university in America today?

I sincerely hope that this request will not too greatly inconvenience you. You might be interested to know that I am continuing my Jewish interests, both educational and cultural, here in Columbus through the Hillel chapter. I am also looking forward to attending services at The Temple when I visit Cleveland.

Very sincerely yours,

 Robert Koffler

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JACQUES BACK, EDITOR

November 7, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I write you not only as the editor of an Anglo-Jewish newspaper, but as the president of B'nai B'rith, the local chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, and chairman of a group of local leaders especially formed to protect local Jewry against intolerance - from within and without.

Perhaps, it is permitted to state that Jewish NATIONAL organizations have been gracious enough to commend The Observer for its liberality in supporting national causes. Incidentally - and so that you may know that I am not writing you as a publisher who resents competition - and with no desire to lay emphasis on purely personal connections, let me state that I am a trustee of the Temple, a director on the "Y" board, a member of the Zionist executive committee, and a director in a number of non-Jewish organizations.

Shortly before the holidays, The American Hebrew, through some non-Jewish solicitors, solicited "New Year Greeting" ads in this city. For the purpose, the paper used an Atlanta letterhead - as point of publication - although I am told that this is merely a mailing address and not a branch office. Among others, they obtained a \$5.00 ad from the Salvation Army hotel and from a garage. In both instances, attempt was made to collect the \$5.00 through a telegraph messenger boy. The ads, the copy of The American Hebrew shows, were not even published.

I wrote The American Hebrew at that time, calling attention to the fact that the procedure was "cheap and unethical" and I received a letter, assuring me that The American Hebrew would discontinue solicitation in Nashville. They seemed to realize that it is eminently unfair to solicit in a town which has so limited a Jewish reader clientele, whereas New York offers all the opportunity for profit-making a paper may desire. The letterhead on which The American Hebrew wrote its reply shows, among others, your name as a member of an Advisory Committee.

About two weeks ago, a Rabbi Shorr appeared upon the local scene. He has a novel scheme. He solicits subscriptions of from \$10. to \$25., the papers to be sent to non-Jews. His basis

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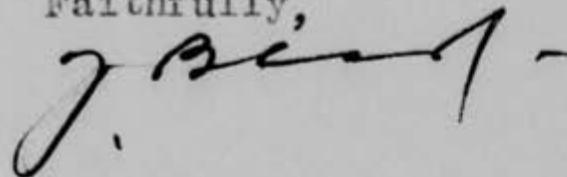
for solicitation is that The American Hebrew "fights Anti-Semitism". This, of course, is a racket of the rankest ~~form~~. The American Hebrew prints enlightening articles - but so does The Observer. So does New Palestine and the B'nai B'rith magazine. They do not try to bolster up their circulation, at the expense of local newspapers, by claiming to be the national voice of tolerance.

The Better Business Committee of our local Chamber of Commerce phoned me about several calls they have had from non-Jewish merchants. Rabbi Shorr told them that Rabbi Mark was a subscriber. Dr. Mark is NOT a subscriber. They asked him if he had my approval, or that of Mr. Loenthal or Dr. Mark, but he then, so I am told, became indignant - and evasive. I phoned his hotel twice, trying to get him to come to my office, but, although I left my name, he has not seen fit to phone me.

With all the work we do here to RETAIN the fine relations existing between Christians and Jews, it is to be regretted that seemingly reputable Jewish enterprises put us "on the spot", time and again. I feel, and others agree with me, that it would be useless to write The American Hebrew again. But I address this letter to you, to inquire if you are willing to let your name be used in connection with enterprises of this nature. Inasmuch as The Observer has many non-Jewish subscribers - ministers included - I hesitate to denounce the scheme in its columns. On the other hand, I am almost compelled to permit the Chamber of Commerce to issue a bulletin to its membership, advising that The American Hebrew has every right to solicit subscriptions - on a straight commercial basis - but not as an institution vested with the right and the responsibility to "fight anti-Semitism."

I shall be glad to have your reaction.

Faithfully,



November 8, 1939

Mrs. Eva Lips
640 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Lips:

Please pardon my failure to answer your previous letter. I have been on the go so much ever since my return from Europe that I have failed to attend to many things, and particularly to my correspondence.

I will keep in mind what you say about your lecture visits through the Middle-west. Off hand I am not able to suggest the name of any organization, but I am passing the word around and I hope that some group will avail itself of the great opportunity of hearing you.

Someday when I am in New York for more than a few hours, and not tied down to meetings, I will give myself the pleasure of calling on you and Professor Lips. Please remember me to him. I recall with keen delight our meeting in Washington. Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you both our warmest regards.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 8, 1939

Mr. Robert Koblitz
Buckeye Club
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Bob:

I was very pleased to hear from you and to learn of your continued interest in our faith and culture, and of your association with the Hillel Chapter at O.S.U.

On the subject of the establishment of a Jewish university in the United States, which is to be the theme of the debate, there is considerable literature available both in booklet form and in magazine articles which our own Temple Library can supply you and which you can also obtain from the Library of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. The idea back of such a university, as I understand it, is not so much to provide students with opportunities for Jewish education, but for general secular education. Many religious denominations in the United States founded and are supporting universities. The question which has been raised is whether the Jewish people should also found and support such a university.

As far as your specific question is concerned, our own Temple does provide advanced adult Jewish education. We have both a High School and College Department in which, as you probably know, such subjects as Jewish History, Jewish Ethics, Jewish Literature and many other subjects are studied. I assume that some of the better organized Temples and Synagogues in America have such courses. In some communities, Institutes of Jewish Studies for adults, either under the auspices of some Temple, or of the Jewish community itself have been established.

Some American universities, such as Harvard and Columbia, have Chairs for Jewish Studies. In other campuses, the Hillel Foundation, as you well know, endeavors to provide programs of Jewish educational interest to college students.

As regards my own opinion as to whether there is a real need for a Jewish university in America today, I am afraid that I cannot express an opinion and give the reasons for it in the narrow compass of a letter. When you are in Cleveland next, come in to see me and I will be very happy to explain my position to you in full detail.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

November 8, 1939

Rabbi Samuel Wohl
The Isaac M. Wise Temple
Reading Road and North Crescent Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Wohl:

Thank you for your note of November 6.
I had also received the literature in connection
with the Tel Hai Fund. At the forthcoming
meeting of the United Palestine Appeal, I shall present
the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the National Committee
for Music Appreciation, I wish to express the
Committee's appreciation of your acceptance of
appointment to the Committee in Cleveland and
to extend a most cordial welcome to you.

Your ready response and that of other
civic-minded persons is inspiring.

You will be interested to learn that
fine progress is being made, and, in just a
short time, we shall be advising you of pro-
gressive developments.

Thanking you again for your prompt
willingness to serve, I am

Cordially yours,

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MUSIC APPRECIATION

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November 8, 1939

My dear Dr. Silver:

You can be assured that I have already communicated the contents of your letter to our representative in Cleveland. He has had no right whatever to use your name for such purposes.

I have been away from the New York office for the last four or five days and have not heard from Mr. Henry Morgenthau. He wrote you extending an invitation to our 60th Anniversary Dinner at which time Myron Taylor will be presented with our Medal by Governor Herbert Lehman. At a meeting at Mr. Morgenthau's home it was my pleasure to have presented your name as one of our speakers and I am hoping that you may have answered in the affirmative.

With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. H. Biben".

JHBiben:DG

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

November 9, 1939

Mr. Jacques Back, Editor
The Observer
150 Fourth Avenue, N.
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Back:

Some days before receiving your letter, I had a similar experience in Cleveland and I wrote to Mr. Biben of the American Hebrew. This morning I received a reply in which Mr. Biben states:

"You can be assured that I have already communicated the contents of your letter to our representative in Cleveland. He has had no right whatever to use your name for such purposes."

I agree with you fully that the exploitation of anti-Semitism for the purpose of getting subscriptions to a Jewish magazine is about as cheap a racket as we have.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

NATIONAL
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156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. TELEPHONE WATKINS 9-1610

November 13, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver

The Board of Directors of the National Consumers League would deeply appreciate your joining us in sponsoring a dinner meeting we are planning on December eighth, to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Florence Kelley and her work, and to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the League.

To have this expression of your regard for Mrs. Kelley and the things for which the League has always stood, would mean a great deal to us all.

We hope to hear favorable from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially

Josephine Roche
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November 15, 1939

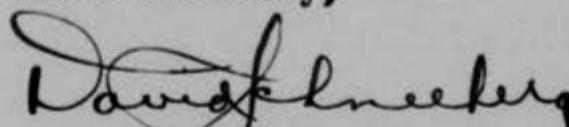
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At a gathering of rabbis held last Thursday in this City, the attention of the rabbinate was directed to the serious situation of the Jews of Yemen. As a result of the discussion that ensued a statement was issued describing their suffering and calling for united efforts for the relief and resettlement of the Jews of Yemen. I am enclosing a copy of this declaration which was signed by Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson, Dr. Louis I. Newman, Dr. David de Sola Pool, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Rabbi Morris M. Goldberg, Rabbi Milton Steinberg, Rabbi Joseph Zeitlin, Dr. Nathan Stern, and Rabbi J. X. Cohen.

Our Committee would be pleased indeed to add your signature to this statement, which we propose to mail to rabbis throughout the country, requesting their cooperation in the efforts of our Committee. If you will kindly add your signature to the copy enclosed, it will be transferred to the original in duplicating the statement by the offset process.

Yours sincerely,



David Schneeburg
Executive Secretary

DS:BA

*Congregation Beth El
Woodward at Gladstone
Detroit*

November 16, 1939

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

Dear Friend:

I hope that you personally will be able to come with your delegation to the convention of the OHIO-MICHIGAN-INDIANA JEWISH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24. The convention will open Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

I should like especially to know whether you are coming as I should like to arrange a special little Rabbinical conference on matters of mutual interest to the Rabbis of the region.

Please let me know as soon as possible that you are definitely coming.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

LF:HG


Rabbi Leon Fram, President
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November 20, 1939

Miss Josephine Roche, President
National Consumers League
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Roche:

I shall be very happy to join the committee which is sponsoring the dinner meeting arranged in memorial tribute to Mrs. Florence Kelley, and to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the National Consumers League.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 20, 1939

Rabbi Leon Fram
Congregation Beth El
Woodward at Gladstone
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Leon:

I am afraid that I will not be able to attend the sessions of the Religious School Teachers' Association on Thursday and Friday. I am to be out of the city the early part of this week and I must be at home over Thanksgiving. I will therefore miss the pleasure of attending the small conference of Rabbis which you are arranging.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 21, 1939

Mr. David Schneeberg, Executive Sec'y
American Committee for the Relief of Yemenite Jews
41 Union Square
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Schneeberg:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 15. I fully appreciate the plight of the Jews of Yemen. I am, however, opposed to independent solicitations for funds for the relief of the distressed of our fellow Jews in different parts of the world. We have a centralized agency in the United States, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which is charged with the responsibility of looking after the relief needs of Jewries throughout the world, and it raises funds nationally for such purposes.

The needs of the Yemenite Jews should be brought to the attention of the office of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, if they are not already aware of the situation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

November 21, 1959

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Dear Friends:

I hope it is not too late to extend to you and through you to the members of your congregation the heartiest felicitations of the Rabbis, Officers and members of Congregation Tifereth Israel of Cleveland on the occasion of the dedication of your new House of Worship. May you be blessed with many years of rich service in behalf of Judaism and Israel.

Very cordially yours,

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November 21, 1939

The Board of Directors
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Dear Friends:

I hope it is not too late to extend to you and through you to the members of your congregation and your Rabbi, the heartiest felicitations of the Rabbis, Officers and members of Congregation Tifereth Israel of Cleveland on the occasion of the dedication of your new House of Worship. May you be blessed with many years of rich service in behalf of Judaism and Israel.

Very cordially yours,

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November 22, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I agree with you fully that independent solicitation should be discouraged wherever possible, particularly if there are existing agencies intended for just such purposes. Our Committee approached the American Joint Distribution Committee last year for an allocation for the relief and resettlement of the Jews of Yemen but without success. Letters were directed to the Joint Distribution Committee from all parts of the country urging that financial support be given. The reply of the Joint Distribution Committee is given in a letter from Dr. Goldenson addressed to Rabbi Jung, a copy of which I am enclosing.

The gathering of rabbis that issued the statement sent to you also decided to make another attempt to secure an allocation from the Joint Distribution Committee. A committee of rabbis was appointed with the members representing the three elements of Jewish religious thought. Moreover, an attempt is being made to secure for this Committee the official sanction of the three national rabbinical organizations. The Committee in making its approach to the Joint Distribution Committee will then be speaking in the name of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly and the Orthodox Union of Rabbis. So you can see, Dr. Silver, that we do wish to avoid the necessity of an independent canvass.

Nevertheless, based on last year's experience our Committee deems it would not be justified in giving up its present efforts while awaiting the result of this new appeal to the Joint Distribution Committee.

The statement of the rabbis is to be mailed to Congregations and to Jewish organizations together with a request for contributions and the responses will only supplement the funds that may be obtained from the Joint Distribution Committee.

With this explanation I trust it may be possible for you to reconsider and allow us to use your name on the statement of rabbis.

Yours sincerely,
David Schneeberg
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November 22, 1939.

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

Dear Sir:-

Article VIII of the By-laws of the National Forty Plus Association of Boston, Mass., of which Forty Plus of Northern Ohio is a regularly constituted chapter, reads as follows:-

"Representative business men, officers and directors of large corporations; men known as outstanding in their particular fields of endeavor, who are not eligible for membership in Forty Plus of Northern Ohio, but who wish to assist in Forty Plus activities, may be appointed to the Advisory Council of Forty Plus of Northern Ohio. Membership in the advisory council shall be by appointment of the executive committee. They do not have a vote nor are they eligible for office. They shall act merely, as the name implies, in an advisory capacity."

As a friend of our organization, we desire your permission to place your name before our executive committee for such advisory membership. This action involves no obligation whatever on your part, other than to give us the benefit of your advice and such suggestions for improvement and development as may occur to you.

Kindly let us know your pleasure in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

FORTY PLUS OF NORTHERN OHIO.

L. J. Geib, President.

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Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

Since long it was my desire to send you a line. I felt, I should do so right after my visit to America last spring, when I had first the pleasure of listening to you at the Biannual Convention of the American Hebrew Congregations in Cincinnati and no occasion of meeting you personally, and when I was afterwards touring the country, without being called to your City.

I really do not know, why I was unable to discuss just with you the matter, which had brought me to the States, i.e., the question of Progressive Judaism in Palestine. Again I felt like writing you after I read the minutes of the Geneva Congress and I found your speech so much near to what I feel about Zionism and Palestine. At that time, the outbreak of the war put so many important matters before me, that I postponed again my letter.

I do not know, how much you are familiar with our aims and achievements here. You may know, that there are three Congregations in this country, in Haifa, in Tel Aviv and in this city, founded by former liberal rabbis from Germany. In order to give you some idea of the people interested in the work here, I wish to mention, that Martin Buber, Julius Guttmann, Georg Herlitz, Ernst Simon take a deep interest in my work and that these men belong to the spiritual leaders. I, or better, we, are not interested in any brand of Reform or Liberalism known abroad, we feel, however, that we have to develop a progressive religion, which meets the needs of this country. This must be done, without bringing a split into the religious life here. I feel, that what we have done so far, proved, that there is a necessity for such an outlook upon religion, as we give it through our services, lectures, courses of study and social work.

Our difficulties are our material weakness. Our members cannot afford to establish all that what belongs to this congregational work, with their own means. For this reason, the World Union for Progressive Judaism in London helped us so far with small funds. In order to interest Progressive Jews in the States, I spent there four months in the winter and spring of this year. I do not know, whether I succeeded in my mission. I only know, that I did not receive money and that all the promises I received, did not help us to overcome our diffi-

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November 22nd, 1939

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You are cordially invited
to attend the installation of Rabbi Louis Engelberg
to take place Sunday afternoon December 3rd at 2:30
P.M. in our synagogue.

The installation ceremony will be
conducted by Rabbi Leo Jung of New York.

We shall be honored by your
presence at this occasion.

Sincerely yours,
Obel Zedek Congregation

A. Klein
A. Klein, President

From Jewish Daily Forward
November 23, 1939
(Translation)

TWELVE YESHIVAS FROM POLAND SAVE THEMSELVES IN WILNO

Kowno, Nov. 23 - Twelve famous Yeshivas, which formerly were located in Poland, are now in Wilno. They have saved themselves from the Nazis and have gone to Lithuania.

The Yeshivas are:

- (1) Mesricher Yeshiva, with 120 students.
- (2) The famous Mirrer Yeshiva, with 285 students (the Mirrer Yeshiva was known as the most holy Yeshiva in all Poland, and from it came the greatest Rabbis).
- (3) The Kaminiec-Litovsk Yeshiva, with 195 students.
- (4) The Kletsk Yeshiva, with 200 students.
- (5) The Baranowicze Yeshiva, with 115 students.
- (6) The Bialystok Yeshiva, with 175 students.
- (7) The Pinsk Yeshiva, with 120 students.
- (8) The Radun Yeshiva, with 160 students.
- (9) The Lomzer Yeshiva, with 155 students.
- (10) The Grodner Yeshiva, with 40 students.
- (11) The Wolozyn Yeshiva, with 40 students.
- (12) The Lublin Yeshiva, with 50 students.

In addition to the students the Rashi-Yeshiva and other leaders and religious workers have come to Wilno.

In addition to the above Yeshivas Wilno has three Yeshivas of its own with 200 students. The city is therefore full of a religious youth, wearing long kaftans and having long sideburns. Wilno, which was the leading city of modern Jewish life, has now almost entirely changed into a religious center of central European Jewry.

November 24, 1939

Mr. L. J. Geib, President
Forty Plus of Northern Ohio
897 Union Commerce Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Geib:

In reply to your kind letter of November 22,
permit me to say that you may use my name in connection
with the Advisory Committee which you are forming. I
was under the impression that I had accepted some such
designation some time back.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 24, 1939

Mr. A. Klein, President
Oheb Zedek Congregation
Corner Parkwood Drive and Morison Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Klein:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of November 22 and your invitation to attend the installation exercises of Rabbi Louis Engelberg on Sunday evening, December 3. I should have been delighted to come and to extend my personal welcome to Rabbi Engelberg. Unfortunately I shall be at Cornell University on that day and I will therefore have to miss the occasion. Please convey to Rabbi Engelberg my best wishes and hopes for a very happy and successful ministry in Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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RABBINICAL COLLEGE
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6 Rutgers Street
New York, N.Y.

November 26, 1939

The Jewish Welfare Federation
Room 320 Chester-Twelfth Bldg
Cleveland, Ohio

Attn: Rabbi Armond E Cohen

Dear Rabbi Cohen:

We have your letter of November 24th on hand in which you inquire concerning whether the Yeshiva is functioning in Vilno as an educational institution.

We wish to advise you that the entire Yeshiva, the Dean, directors, and students are established in Vilno studying as previously. We are enclosing a clipping from the "Forward" of November 23rd, sent in by their correspondent from Lithuania. Please note that our Yeshiva is mentioned as having 200 students. They are all in great need since they fled from Kletsk without any of their belongings. We received a letter from Rabbi Kotler this week in which he states that they must have help.

We are grateful to you for your prompt reply, and sincerely trust that you will be kind enough as to send us your contribution directly to our office for the reasons specified in our previous letter. With best wishes for your success in your future undertakings, we remain

Sincerely yours,

RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF KLETSK

(signed) Ralph L Rudensky
Executive Director

P.S. For the same reason I would also ask you to send our contribution for the Talmudical Academy Kollel Kowno to our office. Thank you.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It is a matter of very keen disappointment both to the congregation and to me personally that you cannot be with us at our Installation Banquet Sunday evening December 10th. But I can well understand that you are much harrassed and burdened these days. I shall, nevertheless, continue to hope that we may have you with us some time in the near future.

If you can send us a message to be read at the Installation it will be very helpful and greatly appreciated.

Things have been going very satisfactorily here. The congregation, unfortunately, bears too striking a semblance to a moshav zekanim; but we are trying to enlist young blood and hope to use the Installation as the opening gun in a membership drive.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Silver and the boys.

With best wishes and personal regards,

Sincerely,

David

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Rabbi Dr. A. H. Silver
 1485 E. 106th St.
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Dear Dr. Silver:-

The Talmudic College "Etz Chaim" of Jerusalem will celebrate its Centennial Jubilee this year.

This famous Talmudic College has contributed considerably towards the spread of education among the Jews of Eretz Israel and the Diaspora. Its graduates occupy prominent positions in many a community. They have been and continue to be instrumental in the dissemination of the ideal of Eretz Israel and the love to Jerusalem.

In the present crisis, when Jews are faced with the most horrible persecution in their history, "Etz Chaim" stands out a shining star to illumine the path of the Wandering Jew. It is, therefore, a most befitting occasion to celebrate the founding of the "Yavne" of modern history and thus demonstrate our resentment against those inhuman acts.

A committee of distinguished Americans of all walks of life is being formed now to lead in the historic, eventful celebration. May we have the honor and the privilege of including your name, too, among them?

We are most confident that your answer will be in the affirmative. If, however, for one reason or the other, you may be unable to answer us within the next five days, we shall consider your acceptance as granted.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation in this great work and with Zion's greetings, we are

Very truly yours,

Hirsch Manischewitz
 Chairman
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November 28, 1939

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and The Jewish Welfare Fund
Rabbi Armond E Cohen, Chairman
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of Nov. 24, 1939, inquiring whether our Yeshiva is really reopened at her new residence, the city of Vilna, and is indeed functioning as an educational institution, we are pleased to advise you, that our Yeshivah has been reestablished and the normal learning renewed. Pursuant to a recent letter, received directly from the Dean, the Venerable Rabbi Yoffin, the Yeshivah carries on her educational activities, as in the previous, peaceful times. Due to the favorable relation of the Lithuanian Government toward Jewish culture, we are given the opportunity to restore the normal task and mission of our Yeshivah and overplant the seeds of Torah on the new ground.

However, the economic situation of our Yeshivah took a worse turn. Overpressed with an unequal burden of financial distress even before the outbreak of the war, the Yeshivah finds itself nowadays completely exhausted. Barefooted, homeless, hungry, the Dean and Alumni continue now their holy work. The need is awful, the despair is undescribable.

We therefore appeal to you, please help us to raise our Yeshivah and its scholars, the luminaries of Israel, from the ruins and keep them up on the new place of their refuge, please forward to us your annual appropriation for the current year.

May the Almighty crown your charitable efforts with success. Deeply obliged for your good will and kind attitude, we remain.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Rabbi L Rabinowitz, Exec. Dir.
You are in possession of the cable, stating that our Yeshivah moved to Vilna, we call also your attention to the fact, that the Jewish Daily Forward New York, Nov. 23, 1939, No. 15,324 front page, paragraph 6, states also that our Yeshivah is in Vilna.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER FROM THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 28, 1939

We note your inquiry with respect to the Polish Yeshivot now in Lithuania, and are listing them below:

Yeshivot of Mir, Kamiencie, Kleck, Brisk, Chofetz Chaim- Radun, Grodno, Baranowicze, Wolozin, Lomza, Beth Joseph-Pinsk, Bialystok, Mesyrec, Ostrow, Slonim, Ostrog.

According to information that has reached us, there are some 1500 students together with many instructors and their families, including rabbis, who are in destitute circumstances. The Joint Distribution Committee, has of course, made some help available to them as part of its program of aid to Polish refugees in that area. Furthermore, our Cultural Committee only the other day, allotted an amount of \$7000. for assistance to Polish institutions now in Lithuania. In addition, we are informed that some help is being made available through local sources.

It is, of course, too soon to know how many of these institutions will be permitted to remain in Lithuania as organized Yeshivot. We know that some of them such as the Chofetz Chaim Yeshivah - Radun, will very likely be permitted to continue as an organized institution; others will need to find new havens.

In the meantime, if you desire to ear-mark certain sums for these institutions, we shall be glad to transmit the funds in accordance with your instructions.



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November 28, 1939.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Our congregation is celebrating this year its ninetieth anniversary. The plans include a banquet on Thursday evening December 7th.

As a former Rabbi will you be good enough to send us a message of greetings to be read at the banquet?

With kindest personal regards and all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

GBL/RM

November 30, 1939

Mr. Kurt Peiser, Executive Director
Allied Jewish Appeal
1700 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Kurt:

Thank you for your kind letter. I hope that your Campaign by now will have reached its goal.

I forwarded your comments with reference to the audited statements of the United Palestine Appeal to New York. I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith the report of the Keren Hayesod for the three months of June, July, and August, and I would request you to transmit this report to Mr. ~~Yulius~~ Rosenwald with the request that he read it and give me his comments on it. I wonder whether Mr. Rosenwald has received from the Joint Distribution Committee or from the National Refugee Service any more detailed reports than the one which I am enclosing herewith, and those which I have sent to him for some time now. Has he seen them?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. The enclosed report is only for the Keren Hayesod. The Jewish National Fund, which is the second partner to the United Palestine Appeal, issues reports regularly in as great or greater detail which are available.

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Nov. 30, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 103 St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I take the pleasure of informing you that the United States Census Bureau has finally rejected the suggestion of the introduction of a religious classification in the national population census of 1940.

Enclosed herewith is a confidential memorandum on this important subject.

Very sincerely yours, *in kind*

H. S. Linfield
H. S. LINFIELD, Director

HSL:B
Encl

December 1, 1939.

Camp Ho Mita Koda, summer camp for diabetic children near Cleveland, cared for 41 Diabetic children during the 1939 season, covering the period of the month of July. The campers came from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, West Virginia, Connecticut, New York and Michigan.

If the cost per child is figured on the basis of 100 dollars per season, which in reality barely covers the pro-rated expenses of the operation and does not include the cost of upkeep and depreciation, interest etc. the seasons intake was as follows:

Total income from fees	1,753.00	- 43.4 %
Charity	2,282.00	- 56.6 %

These figures show that the number of charity patients exceeds that of patients who pay and that the camp, as it has from its beginning, is performing charity service to these needy, handicapped children of the community. This is the service for which it was incorporated ten years ago. A review of the work during the past few years shows that the charity item was as follows:

1936	72	per cent
1937	52	" "
1938	64	" "
1939	56.6	" "
Average	61.1	per cent.

The total expense for the 1938 season /Laubscher and Smith accountants report/ was 7,126.37. The total income was 6,384.01. In 1937 the camp paid off 725.51, and in 1938 the indebtedness was reduced by the sum of 7,222.94.

Year	Indebtedness
1936	20,530.60
1937	19,805.09
1938	12,582.15

Thus the original indebtedness has been appreciably reduced during the past few years. This year, to December 1, 1939, it has not been possible to pay anything on the principal which, however, has been reduced since 1936 by 39 per cent.

The camp has rendered service now for an entire decade, the ten years of depression, a period which many well established organizations have not survived. Starting with nothing, it was built up, equipped and improved each year. It is rendering proficient service which necessarily is expensive, because it performs the functions of a hospital and a camp combined. Statistics show that any hospital in the country which has to render charity is not selfsupporting. Neither are there any camps in the country rendering charity service which are self-supporting. Hence hospital service and camp service, both more than half charity, rendered by Ho Mita Koda require heavy expenditures. In spite of the nature of the service

and with the added burden of an economic depression, there has been growth, there has been a steady reduction of the indebtedness and ten years of service to the diabetic children of the community.

For these reasons, the record of the institution is a credit to those who have worked for it and made contributions to its support. Nevertheless, the camp still needs help and it will continue to need help for a time at least until those children who have benefited from it are grown up and in business and able to assume a part or all of the financial burden in order to help those similarly afflicted who come after them. There is considerable hope that this will come to pass, for already there is evidence of it in a small way, but the time has been too short for this to be a potent factor in the financial support of the institution. Hence it is my duty to appeal to our friends to help according to their individual means and understanding. One hundred cents of each dollar contributed has gone into camp service and development, a record which few institutions can show; this is possible because much free service is rendered to the camp each year from various sources. Much still needs to be done in order to reduce the interest, so that this sum can be added to the service fund. When this burden is lifted, the camp will be able to extend its service and to do more than is possible at present.

Can you help to bring this about and bring a little sunshine into the lives of these children who have a life-long problem to face? They have to share the same vicissitudes that come to all of us, and in addition, they have the disadvantage of a handicap which is the result of no fault of theirs. Despite this, they are facing life cheerfully and are achieving, on the whole, more than most who have no such handicap. So it certainly is worth while to help them now.

Respectfully,

Henry J. John
Henry J. John, MD, director.
10515 Carnegie Ave.,
Cleveland, O.

THE STORY OF A DIABETIC CHILD

HENRY J. JOHN

CLEVELAND

There is a new race growing up in our midst, a race of diabetic children, who are a challenge to the whole world and a remarkable proof of medical achievement in the past one and a half decades.

The discovery of insulin in the life of a diabetic child is the zero hour. In the pre-insulin era there was nothing but a sad picture to behold in the case of a diabetic child, a picture of suffering, a wasting disease, emaciation. And the medical man could do nothing. All he could offer was increasing the starvation and prolonging the agony.

The Banting-Best-MacLeod discovery of insulin in 1922 was the discovery of a new life-giving principle for these children.

The entire future of these children has changed. We are no longer dealing with emaciated fretting little creatures, but with boys and girls planning a normal life and achieving their aims with a generally great success.

Today we have 25,000 to 30,000 in the United States. They are beginning to take places of responsibility in our midst, helping to carry on the progress of civilization. The thing of importance is to what extent will they progress and contribute to advancement of mankind?

The past fifteen years of observation of these children makes me feel very hopeful. For the last eight years I have had opportunity to observe children of both sexes from 3.5 to 20 years of age in large numbers in a summer camp. They were no "clinging vines." The self-discipline so important to their very lives is instilled into them early and leads to fine character traits of stability and honesty.

What brings on diabetes in children? Two factors stand out, heredity and infection. In a series of 1,418 children, the heredity factor was 30.8 per cent. The hereditary factor in Jewish children as compared with Gentile children was just double. The infection factor generally is one of the infectious diseases of childhood. These brought on diabetes in a series of ninety-eight children in from a few days to ninety days following the infection. Was there an underlying diabetic "anlage" or simply a more virulent type of infection? The first seems more likely.

Regardless of cause, treatment is the same: diet, insulin, general hygiene measures. Before the insulin era all we could do was to starve these children. Now we place them on adequate, in fact a liberal diet and see to it that such a diet is utilized by the help of insulin.

Such a life is not an easy one for the diabetic child. To be on a restricted diet, to take two to four injections of insulin daily and to meet the emergencies of insulin reactions, acidosis or infections, means a careful watch and action on the part of adults to whom the children are entrusted. The diabetic child is not only liable to these but also to the ordinary emergencies met by the average non-diabetic, which in him are of a more serious nature because they usually upset the diabetic state and present an acute diabetic emergency on top of the non-diabetic problem.

With all this the diabetic children do well, their growth and development is normal, their mentality acute, their determination above par, their endurance fair.

Our duty to these children whom we have saved from destruction is to give them the type of guidance and help and medical care which will enable them to reach maturity in good physical condition to endure the bitter struggle for existence and the competition in the world at large.

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December 1, 1939

Rev. A. H. Silver,
2 East 105th St.,
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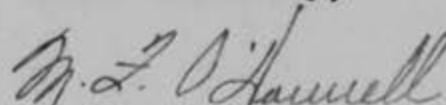
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Cleveland Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will start its campaign for funds for the organization in January, to culminate on January 30, 1940, in the celebration of the President's birthday. Since the last celebration, the Foundation has been placed on a permanent basis, with headquarters in New York under National Chairman Basil O'Connor, and Mr. J. E. Trautman, Columbus, Ohio, Director of Organization for this State.

Through the courtesy of these gentlemen and Mr. Lockwood Thompson, Chairman of last year's celebration, I have been honored by the appointment as General Chairman of the Cleveland Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, and I would like the privilege of using your name as a member of the Honorary State Committee. The only duties imposed by your acceptance would consist of perhaps a statement during the campaign of your approval of the objectives, either in writing or by radio.

Hoping you will give this request careful consideration,
I remain,

Yours sincerely,



M. F. O'Donnell,
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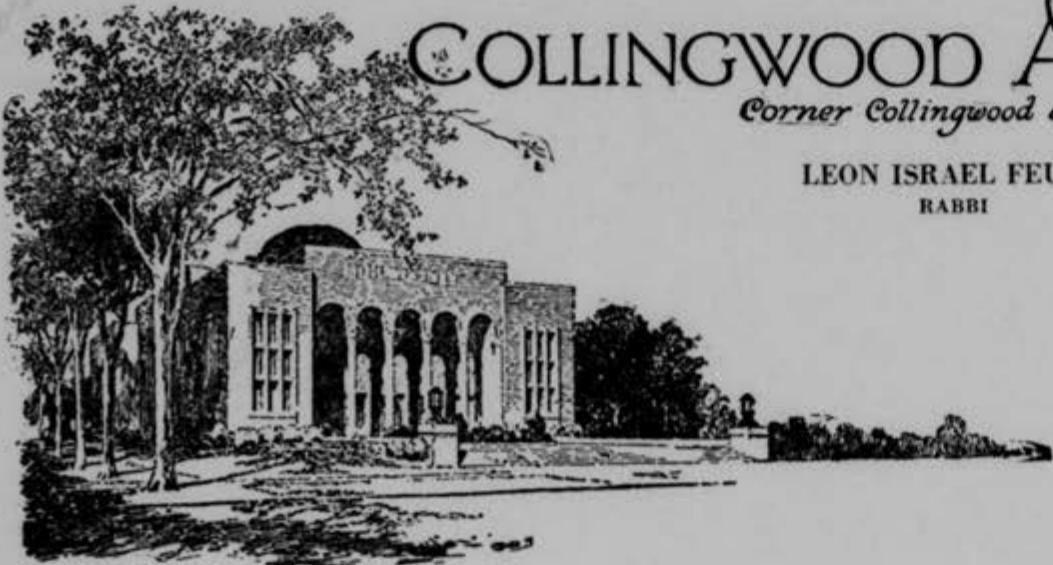
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December 2, 1939

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

My dear Rabbi:

Our community will certainly bear its share of the cost of the Cole broadcast. The reason we have not yet made any actual payment is very simple. We are now in the midst of our campaign. The money must come out of the proceeds of this campaign, and as you can readily understand, cannot be paid until the campaign is completed, all the results in, and the figures audited. That will be a matter of a week or ten days.

We are having a hard fight of it in the campaign this year, the hardest we have ever had. However, I think that we will reach a figure something in excess of \$90,000.

With kindest regards, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

LIF-s

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Dear brother Silver:

You will be glad to note this tangible evidence of the completion of our state organization, and know that already the leading cities of Ohio and many of its smaller ones are cooperating with us. The November "Ohio Christian News" (pp 22,24) has a fine account of the beginning of our work,

We appreciate this splendid Advisory Committee of which you are a member. We know that your acceptance was due to your deep interest in China. A number have asked, "Just what can we do to help?" Four ways suggest themselves.

1. Send in your suggestions as to our work. In the wisdom of us all, our Committee will be wise.

2. If you desire, you may contribute toward the expenses of this committee. A cent saved here will furnish one meal to a hungry Chinese. (See buff insert for details.)

3. You may wish also to make your own gift to the work of relief without delay. This will be credited to your church and community, as well.

4. You can help locally. Many have given nickels or dimes where dollars were needed, or a single small gift, where continuing support is necessary. You can help quicken the Christian conscience of your community.

The enclosed Newsletter has gone out with the letter to the pastors. Early in the year, we hope to have a meeting of our Committee when reports and plans will be discussed.

We believe that we are helping to meet a great opportunity of serving humanity and the Kingdom of God.

Cordially yours, for the Committee,

CHAIRMAN

Please Return

DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER
ARLINGTON, VERMONT

December 5, 1939

Dear Dr. Silver:

A plan for securing help for refugee children from American school children -- a "Children's Crusade for Children" -- which is being organized by a small group of friends of children, seems to me to have such fine possibilities for good that I feel justified in asking for it the cooperation even of so busy a person as you.

The plan is this: -- to establish in our American public schools, some time during the first part of 1940, a week called "Child Refugee Week." Each American school child would be asked to bring as many pennies as he is years old (or anything he could afford to bring, down to one penny!) to go into a fund for all refugee children, everywhere -- Chinese, Polish, German, Spanish, Austrian, Czech -- all the children without a fatherland. If this effort is even moderately successful, the sum raised will be immediately effective in such a tragically vast field as that of the refugee child.

But this result would be only a part of the good we hope will come of this effort. This campaign could be made the finest sort of lesson in living patriotism. Teachers all over the country are facing with anxiety a winter in which classroom instruction in current events, in geography, in the social sciences, will of necessity lay heavy emphasis on the negative element of destructive evil in the world. We feel that to give our American children an opportunity to make, themselves, a generous gesture of friendliness, direct to other children, will help counteract the negative impression of overwhelming evil in human life. By good fortune, we are enabled to finance this campaign independently, so that none of the money raised will go for expenses. A clear way will be opened from child to child.

My own special interest in this plan is not only to help out in the tragic situation of refugee children, but to help our American children realize how infinitely fortunate even the poorest American child is, compared to the children without a country. Safe under the protection of his own flag, with everyone up to the President of the nation concerned about his welfare, eager to create around him an environment in which he can develop best, anxious and troubled about him when such an environment does not exist, remorseful for lacks in his life, rejoicing when things go well with him -- the American child, no matter how poor, is in a blessed haven, compared to the outcast children of the refugees. We will present the gifts brought in during "Child Refugee Week" as a thank offering of our children for the blessing of having a country of their own to live in.

An important feature of our project is the method of dis-

DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER
ARLINGTON, VERMONT

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tribution of the money raised. Our plan is to have this done by a quite independent jury of five well-known Americans of such outstanding reputation that no suspicion of partiality or unfairness could be held against their decisions. They would apportion the money raised to the well-organized committees now functioning in every field of refugee relief. Mrs. Roosevelt, Monsignor John A. Ryan and William Allen White have already accepted places on this jury of award.

A list of truly eminent sponsors will accompany our efforts. Pearl Buck is a member of the Executive Committee, and a number of other noted writers and radio broadcasters have accepted with enthusiasm the chance to be useful in the movement, among them Dorothy Thompson, Edna Ferber, Fannie Hurst, Stephen Vincent Benét and Robert Nathan. Among the sponsors are ex-President James Rowland Angell of Yale, (now of the National Broadcasting Company) President William A. Neilson of Smith College, Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, Raymond Gram Swing, the radio commentator, -- every one who has been asked as a matter of fact, for they all say they feel, as Justice Frankfurter said of our effort, "What is more tenderly symbolic of our common humanity and what could more prove our democratic convictions than to help these refugee children."

We hope very much that you will be willing to help along this effort for children in tragic need, by letting us say that you are in favor of it. And also, if it is not too much to ask of you, by suggesting names or ideas that might aid this crusade in the religious and educational world. Some time during the crusade we will want your voice to be raised over the radio or in the public prints to appeal to our Jewish fellow citizens and their children as well as to all Americans who draw inspiration and power from your wise counsel.

If there are any questions you would like to ask about the organization of this effort, we'll be honored to have you address the Children's Crusade for Children, 2806 Empire State Building, which is the New York office for the committee in charge.

With cordial greetings, and hopes that you feel like doing this good turn for children without a country,

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Canfield Fisher

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

December 6, 1939

M. F. O'Donnell, Postmaster
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

In reply to your kind letter of December 1st, let me say that I should be very happy to serve as a member of the Honorary State Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Office of
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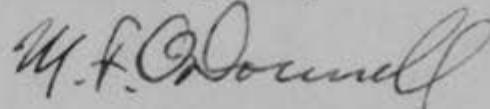
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Rev. A. H. Silver, D.D.,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with a great deal of pleasure
that I acknowledge receipt of your letter
of December 6, tendering your acceptance
of appointment to the Honorary State
Committee for the celebration of the
President's Birthday, in connection with
the annual infantile paralysis campaign.

Sincerely yours,



M. F. O'Donnell,
Postmaster

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December 7, 1939

My dear Rabbi Zucker:

I wish you would look over the papers of the Confirmation Class and mark them. I spoke to the children last week and I am sure we will have better papers in the future.

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Rabbi Dr. Abba H. Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

On Nov. 27th, 1939, we have extended to you an invitation to join as member in the Jubilee Committee whose aim is to celebrate a great historic event-- the ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY of the famous Talmudic College "Yeshivath Etz Chaim" of Jerusalem.

In the absence of a negative response from you, we take it for granted that you are favorably inclined towards this outstanding event in Jewish life. Permit us, therefore, to felicitate you upon your membership in this historic committee and to express our sincere hope that the celebrations will be as impressive as such an occasion merits.

However, before making final arrangements to include your name in the National Jubilee Committee, if for any reason you would like to withdraw, please let us know within the next five days.

Again we want to assure you that we feel highly honored by your participation in this committee and with the greetings of Zion and Jerusalem, we remain

Very truly yours,

Hirsch Manischewitz

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It is a great pleasure to send you a copy of "Sufferance is the Badge" which has just come off the press. If you have some leisure and can leaf it, I hope you will enjoy it. The motif of the volume is in the last chapter.

I do not have to tell you how much I appreciated your courtesy in coming to Town Hall in order to present me. You were certainly very gracious in your introduction.

Best wishes to all the family.

Cordially yours,

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December 10, 1939

CONGREGATION ADAS EMUNO
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Hoboken, N.J.

I EXTEND TO YOU WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS UPON THE INSTALLATION OF YOUR GIFTED AND SCHOLARLY RABBI DAVID SHERMAN. MAY YOUR CONGREGATION THRIVE UNDER HIS SPLENDID LEADERSHIP AND MAY HE ENJOY GREAT HAPPINESS WITH YOU.

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December 12, 1939

Rabbi Silver
Abba Hillel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am a Minister but I do not have a church. I am doing social settlement work for the church. Some of us in the field of special work, which includes hospitals, colleges and homes, are told from time to time by men in the church that we are excess baggage and are not needed. Because of this situation, a group of us have been writing to leaders like yourself for a short statement answering this question. "Why should the church bother with it's institutions?"

May we also have your permission to quote you in an article for publication?

Your answer will be greatly appreciated by all of us in special church work.

Sincerely yours

G. V. McCausland
Rev. G. V. McCausland

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December 12, 1939

Mr. Hirsch Manischewitz,
United Charity Institutions of Jerusalem
207 East Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Manischewitz:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 8. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to become a member of the Jubilee Committee which is to celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of Yeshivath Etz Chaim of Jerusalem. I am happy, of course, to join in this Committee, in appreciation of the great services which this great Yeshivah has rendered to the cause of Judaism. I do hope, however, that you will not involve me in any money-raising projects. I simply cannot undertake any additional responsibilities in that sphere. As it is, I am carrying too heavy a load.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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December 12, 1939

Dr. A. L. Sachar
625 East Green Street
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Sachar:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your new book "Sufferance is the Badge". I know that I shall read it with great pleasure and profit.

It was nice to have seen you in Cleveland. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Dr. John

December 12, 1938.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a report of the 10 year activity of the Camps. I thought you would be interested to see what has been accomplished. The pioneering, as always, has been a tough job, but all worth while things in life demand a sacrifice.

Faithfully yours

Henry John

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December 13, 1939

Dear Friend:

The American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom accepts as its basic principle that the solution of the pressing social and political problems of our day requires full freedom of discussion and tolerance for minority points of view. In its new statement of program, the Committee has emphasized the fact that it is prepared to take up the cudgels in defense of the Bill of Rights and intellectual freedom at any point of threat.

The Committee feels that the Dies Committee today constitutes a major threat to intellectual freedom. We are therefore sponsoring the enclosed petition to Congress requesting that the Dies Committee be discontinued. The time is short and we urge you to circulate this petition among your friends as quickly as possible. Please return the petition to us as soon as it is filled out.

We have attached to the petition an additional sheet for VOLUNTARY financial contributions to the work of the Committee. We hope that some of your friends who sign the petition will be willing to make a small contribution at the same time. If you prefer not to make that request, simply destroy the second sheet before circulating the petition.

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

M. I. Finkelstein

M. I. Finkelstein
Executive Secretary

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P.S. We shall be happy to supply you with as many additional blanks as you may need.

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Petition To Discontinue The Dies Committee

TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS:

WHEREAS the defense of our democratic institutions must itself be a democratic process;

WHEREAS the Committee to Investigate un-American Activities, popularly known as the Dies Committee, has constantly resorted to undemocratic procedures through

- (1) the use of witnesses without inquiring into their record and credibility, and
- (2) the publication of hearsay testimony, offered without supporting evidence and without opportunity for rebuttal on the part of those attacked; and

WHEREAS these methods constitute an infringement upon the democratic rights of freedom of speech and assembly, at a time when the repercussions of the international situation in our country make it all the more imperative that we adhere rigidly to both the letter and the spirit of the Bill of Rights,

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned American citizens, urge that the request of the Committee to Investigate un-American Activities for an extension of its life and a further appropriation be denied.

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Return on or before January 1, 1940, to AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY AND INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM
(New York Section) 519 West 121st Street, New York City

The American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom thanks you for supporting its petition to discontinue the Dies Committee.

The Committee is prepared to take up the cudgels further in defense of the Bill of Rights and intellectual freedom at any point of threat, in the conviction that a concerted effort to present to the people the facts of American traditions and history, of races and nationalities, of education and culture, of war and peace can materially weaken the effectiveness of anti-freedom, anti-alien, and pro-war propaganda.

If such a program is to be put into effect, *your financial assistance is sorely required* and whatever contribution you may care to make will be appreciated.

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Dear Sir:

You have been elected to membership on the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month at Mt. Zion Congregational Church, 9014 Cedar Avenue, unless you are otherwise notified. Because of the holiday the January meeting will be on Thursday, January 4, instead of Monday.

Kindly indicate on the enclosed card your willingness to serve on this committee. We thank you for your interest in the N. A. A. C. P. and hope you will see your way clear to accept.

Very sincerely yours,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
26.105th St
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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Undoubtedly you are quite familiar with "opinion Magazine," and its work in behalf of tolerance. As the local representative of "opinion," I would appreciate a letter from you containing a few kind words in behalf of the publication. I had the pleasure of hearing you at the Temple last Sunday and will ever remember your fine talk with the conclusion that when the enemies of our people attack, we must counter-attack. It is my conviction that "opinion," among other things, is aiding the counter-attack against anti-Semitism.

Hoping for an early reply,

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Sincerely yours
With best wishes
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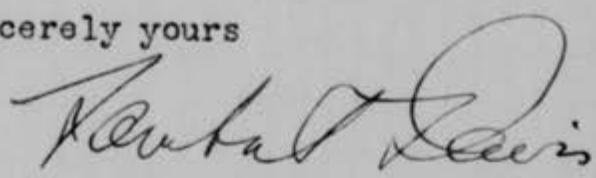
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you separately an unbound, advance copy of Milton Steinberg's AS A DRIVEN LEAF, which Bobbs-Merrill plans to publish in the latter part of January. Rabbi Steinberg certainly needs no introduction to you, but it may be that you will be surprised that he has written a novel. I think that it is an extraordinarily fine novel - one that only a person who is both a creative scholar and a novelist could write. It is more than just a novel, however, for its central theme is one that has a profound religious significance for our time.

I am certain that this is a book that you will want to help in every way you can, and I should like to ask a very great favor of you. Could you read the book before the first of the year and let me have your opinion of it? Early in January we have our sales conference for our spring books, and it would be of enormous help to the book if I could, at that time, quote the comment of a few distinguished and impartial critics. You could do the book no greater service, if you liked it, than by letting me have your opinion of it.

Sincerely yours



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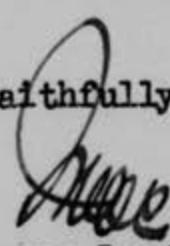
Dear Abba:

Although the world is full of sorrow for our people, perhaps it will not begrudge us the elation at having brought to completion the first of ten volumes of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia. The others will follow in quick succession. You, at any rate, will probably appreciate the timeliness of issuing such an unique source of vital information at this stage of Jewish history.

Since, however, you can best judge the merits of our editorial labors by actual examination of the book, I take pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, a copy of Volume I. Your consistent interest in this undertaking during more than a decade of tribulations encourages me to believe that you would not mind being quoted in the literature we are preparing for distribution immediately upon receipt of your considered opinion.

Please favor me by a prompt reaction based upon firsthand scrutiny of Volume I.

Faithfully yours,



Isaac Landman

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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

Dr. Philipson, Dr. Freehof and I sent you an emergency telegram. Since then I have received a number of letters and appeals. It is painful not to be able to do the good and generous thing.

Miss Montagu and Professor Elbogen told me that the situation is desperate for the congregations, yet the rabbis in Palestine are now doing a magnificent job against terrific odds. We must not fail them, they are pioneering. May I therefore ask you to do this in the present emergency. Call in a few people, tell them the story. Tell them how these three liberal congregations are holding on desperately.

From all indications and reports that I have, they are doing splendid work: not only their religious work, but in view of the serious situation of immigrants without certificates and all other things that happen in these days, there is important relief work to be done and the work of the rabbis at present is to maintain the morale and help and help.

Yours will be a great mitzvah if you can influence a few of your people to obtain quietly a little fund. Four thousand dollars are an absolute minimum. Can you and will you participate in this effort? You can and you will. Please respond.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

SAMUEL WOHL, CHAIRMAN

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December 19, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of December 13th, enclosing a communication from Dorothy Canfield Fisher concerning a "Children's Crusade for Children", which is being organized for aid to refugee children from American children. I had heard about this myself when your letter arrived, and for that reason, I wanted to find opportunity to check up on the matter.

The only man whom I know who is familiar with this is Clarence Pickett, the Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee. In his opinion, the "Crusade for Children" is a worthwhile gesture, not only in the general field of goodwill and American relations, but also by way of impressing the children with something of the tragedy that is taking place overseas.

I don't think that the "Children's Crusade" is going to raise any substantial funds, but I am told by Mr. Pickett that he believes that it will justify itself in a great many other ways.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Krauser
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December 20, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Please forgive me for the delay in acknowledging your very kind letter of congratulations. The great pressure of post-convention business and the many calls upon my time have made it necessary for me to forego the pleasure of writing to such friends as you. I need hardly tell you with what feeling of awe I enter upon an office which has set for itself such standards as Hadassah has known. I find strength in the knowledge that my own inadequacies will be compensated by the spirit of devotion and cooperation of the constituency. Only by leaning upon it dare I envisage my duties.

I like to feel, too, that I can lean on our leaders of thought such as you have been. That is our front-line of advance and we march behind it.

With much gratitude for your kind thoughts, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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December 20, 1939

Mr. George Herman
1954 East 73rd St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Herman:

Let me thank you for your note of December 15. There have been quite a number of Jewish magazines whose representatives have come to Cleveland and have asked me to give them letters of recommendation. I have made it a practise not to do so.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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DIVISION OF IMMIGRANT EDUCATION
Room 15, Central High School
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December 21, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland,
Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

For over twenty years I have been directing and supervising the Immigrant Education work in the city of Binghamton. This year I prepared Christmas pamphlets which were mimeographed in my office, a copy of which I am giving to each of my 617 adult foreign-born students, mostly Slovak.

I have taken the liberty of using your poem, America's Making, because of its beauty and meaningful lines which are especially appropriate for my work. I have had the pleasure, Rabbi Silver, of hearing you speak on two occasions -- at Rabbi Sherman's installation a few years ago and at the Teachers' Zone Meeting in 1938 held here.

Please accept a copy of the pamphlet with best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Jennie W. Hess
(Mrs.) Jennie W. Hess
Director of Adult Immigrant Education

JWH:ms

December 21, 1939

Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher
Arlington, Vermont

My dear Mrs. Fisher:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been away from Cleveland for some time.

I think that your plan for a "Children's Crusade for Children" is a very worthwhile and helpful one. It will make our children more keenly aware of the plight of children in the war-ridden and persecution-swept lands abroad, and it will also serve to foster greater good will at home. I am very happy to endorse the project.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AMS:BK



**EOFF STREET TEMPLE
WHEELING, W. VA.**

GEORGE B. LIEBERMAN, RABBI

December 21, 1939.

**D. MILTON GUTMAN, PRESIDENT
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

You were kind enough to send us a message on the occasion of the ninetieth anniversary of the Eoff Street Temple Congregation. Your greeting was read at our banquet. It meant much to all of us to hear from you.

It was a truly beautiful celebration and we are grateful to you for your having helped to make it so.

With kindest personal regards and all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

GBL/RM

December 27, 1939

Mrs. Jennie W. Hess
Department of Education
Central High School
Binghamton, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Hess:

It was indeed very kind of you to send me a copy of the pamphlet which you published in connection with the Immigrant Education work in your city and which contains my poem, "America". It is a very attractive pamphlet and I enjoyed looking through it. I do hope that when I next have an opportunity of visiting your city that I shall have the great pleasure of meeting you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 27, 1939

Newsletter #1

(THESE NEWSLETTERS ARE CIRCULATED AMONG MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH AND ARE TO BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL; NOTHING CONTAINED IN THEM MAY BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION.)

It seems a very long time since the Excaliber docked at Boston on the morning of October 2nd. Despite the fact that no untoward incidents occurred during the long voyage homeward, everyone was relieved to be in an American port, - or, for that matter, in any port. My wife met me at the dock, and in a few hours we were in New Haven seeing Professor Burrows, Dr. Engberg and others at the offices of the American Schools of Oriental Research. About a day after we had been delightfully entertained in New Haven, we reached Cincinnati. The family met us at the station with our Jerusalem baby who did not know me from Adam, and whom, after a four-month interval, I, in my turn, hardly recognized.

Several weeks at home, and then began the long lecture-tour in behalf of the American Schools of Oriental Research, for the sake of which I had come home. The lecture-tour was finished December 20th, with a talk to the Cincinnati Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America. The only real difference that I can see between a long and arduous trip of exploration in Transjordan and a long and arduous trip of explanation in the United States, is that in the latter instance I got a bath and bed every night.

The lecture tour reminds me of an experience in Transjordan several years ago. George Horsfield, then Director of Antiquities in Transjordan, Reginald Head, then a member of that department, Ali Abu Ghosh and I had been investigating some ancient sites in the western part of the Moabite plateau. We camped one night on a site at the north-western edge of the plateau overlooking the precipitous descent to the Dead Sea and to the Wadi El-Mojib. We had heard of a place called Qasr ol-Riyashi, which was also marked on one of our maps, apparently half-way down the slope. Determining to investigate it, we found a guide from an Arab encampment not far from us who assured us that he knew exactly where this place was and could lead us directly to it.

Mr. Head, Ali Abu Ghosh, the guide, and I started at 7 o'clock the next morning, leaving Horsfield and the chauffeur with the car. It was a pleasant morning. The view below us over the Dead Sea and to the hills of Palestine was one worth coming a long distance to behold. Along we swept, at a rapid pace, becoming gradually rather warm, as the sun's rays fell more directly. It was a day late in August, and we should have known better than to undertake a trip down the hillsides towards the Dead Sea Valley many miles below. The guide, however, had sworn "on my head" that he could get us there and back before noon-time. Noon-time came along, and we had discovered long before this that our scoundrel of a guide hadn't the foggiest idea of

where the place was. Down and down we plunged, scrambling and slipping over the rough slopes covered with loose rocks. Finally we reached the Wadi el-Mojib at a point not many miles above where it empties into the Dead Sea. Following it we found Qasr el-Riyashi, which has meanwhile been described in the Explorations in Eastern Palestine, II.

We had walked from 7 A.M. till 1 P.M. before we found it, going at a rapid pace which must have averaged three miles an hour. Our water bottles were emptied long before we reached the stream of the Wadi el-Mojib. It was difficult to slake our thirst there, because at this point the waters of the stream are exceedingly brackish. The more we drank the thirstier we seemed to become. By the time we had studied, photographed and planned the site, and searched for pottery fragments, it was three o'clock in the afternoon and blazing hot. We started up the hillside, aiming by compass for our camp which we had left early that morning. The heat was intolerable and seemed ever to grow more intense. We were on the eastern side of the Dead Sea cauldron, and the hot afternoon sun was hitting us in our backs. Soon the brackish water with which we had refilled our canteens gave out, and our thirst increased to the point of pain. The Arab guide became so weak that he could no longer carry even his own share of equipment, which we were forced therefore to divide among the three of us. Climbing up the steep and loose mountain side became so difficult, the heat so terrific and our thirst so great, that we soon found it impossible to continue at one stretch for more than fifteen minutes at a time. We would then throw ourselves on the ground and lie there for about fifteen minutes before finding the strength to move on. And so it went that blistering afternoon, the going becoming continuously more difficult.

Night fell and we were far from our goal. The Arab guide collapsed. We propped him up as comfortably as we could and left him. A couple of hours later Ali Abu Ghosh collapsed. I shall not soon forget how he looked when he said to me in Arabic, through split and swollen lips: "If you don't bring me water soon, I shall die." Head and I continued. About an hour or so later my will simply could not compel my feet to go on. I sank down and hugged the ground with a sense of relief that a small child feels when he runs to the protecting arms of his mother from some danger. It made no difference to me any longer whether or not we reached camp. The relief of lying quietly in the coolness of the night was as great a pleasure as I have ever experienced. Head still went forward. Before he came back I had caught Ali struggling along in a blind fashion after us, and collared him and made him lie down beside me.

Good old Head, about three-quarters of an hour after he had left me, came across a spring. He rested there for an hour or so till he had gathered his strength and then came back with water, having found several Arabs to accompany him. About twenty minutes after we had left the place where Ali and I had been lying down, I remembered that I had forgotten my camera, which contained the photographs I had made that day. There was nothing to do; I had to go back. One of the Arabs accompanied me, and back I went cursing myself. We were lucky and found it. It was 1 o'clock in the morning before we got back to our car. We had been away 18 hours. The Arab guide was picked up

the same night by some men that we sent to find him. On the way up, as long as we were able to talk, I had promised the men that when we got to our car we should have a feast of cool canned peaches. We did. The three of us ate the contents of four large tins of California peaches.

Of course, this experience has no real relationship to the lecture tour except in so far as during the first weeks of the tour I was fresh and strong and took everything in my stride, and among other things wrote two chapters of the popular book on Discoveries in Eastern Palestine which I am preparing for the Schools. Towards the end of the trip, however, I found that I had to have, if possible, some rest each afternoon, and that is what reminded me of this particular experience in Transjordan.

Most of the lectures were given in universities, colleges, theological seminaries and museums. There is, I found, a strong interest in archaeology. A newspaperman told me the other day that next to sex and murder, archaeology ranks third in public interest. While I do not like the company that archaeology seems to be keeping, it certainly does have much appeal for the general public as well as particularly interested groups. It has been a great pleasure to visit so many of our educational institutions, most of which seem to be a century or more old, and all of which are deeply rooted in, and obviously contribute strongly to our democratic tradition. It is refreshing to return home and come in contact with some of the most important springs, however small many of them may be, of our American way of life.

News from Palestine since I left there on September 11th has been very encouraging. Even before I left conditions were improving, and since then they have become much better. No causal relationship! All groups in Palestine seem to realize that their best bet is England. They know full well that their tiny country cannot stand by itself, and that if it were not England which controlled it, it would probably be Italy or Germany. The natural preference is for England.

It has not always been easy during the course of this lecture tour to avoid a discussion of the present political situation in Palestine. I have, however, made it a hard and fast rule to continue here the same dispassionate neutrality which has characterized, and must characterize our School in Jerusalem. We of the School can continue our work and best serve its interests both in Palestine and elsewhere by refraining from partisan opinion. As a matter of fact, if I were frankly to express my opinion with regard to what is or has been going on in Palestine, I should probably be shot three times: once by the Arabs, and once by the British, and once by the Jews. Having seen the effects of bullets on bodies in Palestine, I am not particularly anxious to be shot even once. So far as we of the School are concerned, our motto can be said to be: "The only politics we are interested in are ancient politics, and the only politicians we care a hang about are those who have been dead for about 2,000 years."

One of the most interesting experiences during the lecture tour was the radio interview with Lowell Thomas in one of the NBC studios at Rockefeller Center. Several weeks before the radio interview actually took place, Mr. Thomas had invited me to lunch at the Dutch

Treat Club in New York City. All the members of the Club are top-notchers in their particular professions, and I was introduced there to such men as Roy Chapman Andrews, Trubee Davison, Hendrick Van Loon, Will Durant, Roy Doward, and so on. At the luncheon table we were all cracking jokes, and I happened to give several illustrations of a peculiar type of English spoken by non-English speaking peoples in Palestine. I noticed that Lowell Thomas jotted down on a piece of paper some of these examples of Pinglish, as this Palestinian English is called. Several weeks later I received a letter from Lowell Thomas asking me to sit down and type out the answers to a number of questions listed in his letter, such as what our American Schools of Oriental Research has been doing recently, the value of archaeology, whether or not the point of diminishing returns had not been passed, and so on. Lowell Thomas is a plain, simple man with a delightful and dynamic personality, and he made a great impression upon me. I think it was more than kind of him to give our Schools the publicity of participation in his radio hour. As he put it to me, he could only give us a few minutes, but that would suffice to make the name of the American Schools of Oriental Research known to several millions of hearers in this country.

Here, based in part on the notes I had previously submitted to Lowell Thomas, is the text of the interview: (Inasmuch as I imagine that there is a copyright in connection with the publication of any of Lowell Thomas' material, I assume that no one who reads this private news-letter will quote any part of the interview in print without first getting in touch with Professor Millar Burrows, the President of our Schools, who will attempt to secure the necessary permission from Lowell Thomas.)

Lowell Thomas: "During the World War, when I went to Arabia to join Colonel Lawrence and the Arab Army, I found Lawrence at an exceedingly remote place, far off the beaten path. The northern end of the Red Sea divides into two arms, on either side of the Sinai Peninsula, where Moses and the Israelites wandered for forty years. The western arm is the Gulf of the Suez. Ships passing to and fro from Europe to Asia all go that way. The eastern arm of the Red Sea is the Gulf of Akaba where few travellers in our time have ever been.

"Right at the head of the Gulf of Akaba I saw a wild, barren desert region; no inhabitants except for a small Arab town. But Colonel Lawrence told me that somewhere in that vicinity he was sure King Solomon once had a city, perhaps Solomon's greatest seaport, probably the place where the Queen of Sheba landed when she went to visit Solomon. Since I was there archaeologists have been at work, and they have found King Solomon's city, buried in the sands. It was found by the archaeologist who is sitting across the table from me, Dr. Nelson Glueck, and his associates. Dr. Glueck is the Director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. Dr. Nelson Glueck is on a speaking tour of America, a tour mapped out by the American Schools of Oriental Research.

"Doctor, to all of us King Solomon is one of the most fascinating personalities in human history, and I suspect that every person listening in tonight will be interested in what you are uncovering out

there where Arabia joins the Sinai Peninsula. What did King Solomon call his seaport, and what sort of a place was it, and what is there now?"

N.G.: "Ezion-Geber was the name of the city. King Solomon's ships used to sail from there on the way to Ophir, and they would return laden with incense and spices and all the other precious products obtainable there or trans-shipped from Africa and India. Not only was it a port, but we have discovered that it was a great factory-city, filled with refineries for copper and iron; also foundries and workshops where copper and iron ingots, and finished metal objects were turned out. Just north of the city we located a long line of ancient copper mines that were worked in the time of King Solomon, proving the truth of certain Biblical verses which some have questioned, verses describing the Promised Land as "a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper." Apparently the city of Ezion-Geber was the Pittsburgh of those days, and King Solomon was one of the world's first and greatest copper kings."

The interview concluded with several questions and answers about 'Pinglish'.

I am planning to return to Palestine on January 6 on the Excambion, one of the American Export Line boats, which sails directly through the Mediterranean. Sometime ago the State Department returned my passport, which had been taken away together with the passports of the other passengers when we landed. On it was stamped: "Not valid in any country in Europe." I should like to take this opportunity again to thank all those who have been so kind to me during the course of this lecture trip. It has not been possible to write to individuals and thank them for their hospitality, and I trust that they will not take my silence amiss. We are hoping after our return to Palestine to continue and conclude the excavations of Ezion-Geber, Solomon's sea-port, and also, if possible, to continue and conclude the explorations in Eastern Palestine.

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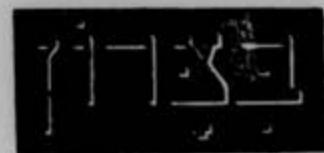
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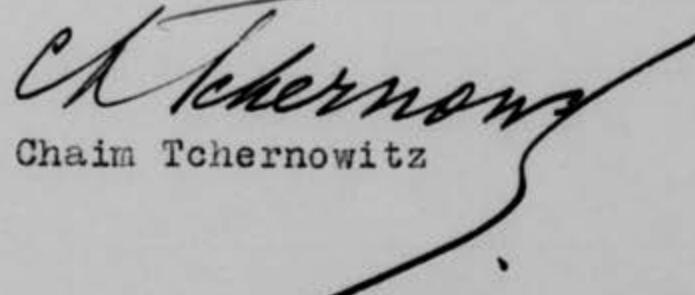
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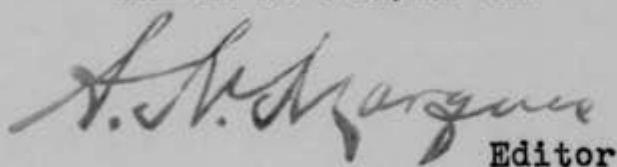
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The Association described the reasons for its organization and objectives as follows:

"The decline in Democracy abroad, its disappearance over large areas, the weakness, shortsightedness and vacillation with which democratic nations have frittered away the results of the last World War, the long continued failure in this country to solve economic problems, these and other phenomena, taken together have covered too wide a field and have continued too long to be considered merely accidental and they put thoughtful men squarely on notice that democratic institutions need to be strengthened and adapted to handle more effectively modern problems, especially those in the economic and social field.

"Underlying the dictatorships was a prior failure of democratic

regimes, especially on problems such as unemployment. If the former democratic regime in Germany had been a strong and far sighted one, and especially if it had had the cooperation of similar regimes in England and France, Hitler could probably never have arisen, and even had he arisen in Germany, he could never have become a menace to world order except through the weakness and shortsightedness of the democratic regimes in England and France.

"The frittering away of the results of the last World War, and the present terrible situation abroad on the one hand, and our own difficulties in the economic field on the other, are symptoms of the same underlying cause, - the weakness that democratic government has shown in the face of modern problems. Military victories alone cannot remedy this underlying cause because future military victories are likely to be vitiated by its just as were those of the last war.

"Therefore, while the immediate issue in the war abroad may seem to be whether armed gangsters are to dominate ordered freedom, as Wickham Steed, formerly Editor of the London Times put it, the deeper abiding issue both abroad and here is whether democratic government can be made to work effectively under modern conditions. In this issue is bound up one of the gravest crises in all history.

"This Association is organized to meet this key issue facing modern civilization and it is based on the proposition that the best way to defend democratic government is to improve it. A business man could not stay in business long merely by denouncing his competitors, and we do not believe that Fascism, Communism and other movements of this kind can in the long run be successfully combatted merely by denouncing them. What is needed is a constructive program for Democracy, capable of adapting it to face more effectively the problems of the modern world.

"We have that program. It is one designed to mobilize the best brains, experience and character of the nation for a systematic, continuous approach to our national problems on a scientific basis through a great non-partisan National Council that would deal constructively with national problems on the basis of the national welfare, and stand in an advisory and informative relationship to the nation as a whole, including the people, Congress and the President.

"Such a National Council would itself be a full time body but would have attached to it part time advisory groups from business, labor, agriculture, banking, economics, transportation, law, medicine, engineering and the other fields that together make up our civilization. It would be a body where the streams of knowledge, experience and results from these fields, from our research organizations, our universities and the minds of our people would unite and flow to practical application in our government and our civilization. The last generation has been marked by the splendor of its material and specialized achievements, but we have been unable to make these achievements practically available for our people in anything like full measure; and indeed they have seemed at times to run wild and

to be almost curses rather than blessings. The Council would be a unifying influence where the principles needed to further the utilization of these material achievements might bud and match them in splendor and so make them actually available for our people. It would in no way be in conflict with our present democratic institutions but would strengthen and vitalize them.

"The details of the organization of the proposed Council obviously can not be covered at this time but will be made available for any one interested. The proposal is based on a three year study quietly made under the authority of a resolution of the United States Senate, in cooperation with a hundred leaders from almost every field in American life.

"We believe there is a very real opportunity here to make the most important contribution to American government since the original Constitution and to take the step that has long been needed to meet the crisis facing civilization. There is, however, no magic word that will suffice. What is needed is the united and vigorous effort of intelligent, public-spirited citizens from every field and from every part of the United States. What is needed is a cooperative effort on the part of all those who are tired of the merely partisan-political approach to the grave public problems confronting us and who believe that such an approach is exhausted, a cooperative effort that will embrace those also who are tired of merely selfish, pressure group approaches, or merely sectional approaches, and especially tired of mere talk without program. With such a cooperative effort in support of this program for a National Council we can take the next great step forward for democratic government and meet the crisis facing us.

"It is impossible for the Association to know of and approach all those who agree with its fundamental position as outlined above, and who would like to assist in furthering its objective. It is hoped that there will be no hesitation on the part of anyone in contacting the Association or its officers, and all interested are urged to do this."

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Statement of Principles of the
Jewish Youth Organization of America

1. To unite the Jewish Youth of America for the purpose of inculcating the ideals and maintaining the principles as established by the Constitution of the United States of America.
2. To aid and cooperate in defending our country against all who seek to undermine our American form of government. We pledge our support to join with other American groups in the defense of our country against Communism, Nazism, Facism and any other movement which may have a similar un-American purpose.
3. To join with Protestant and Catholic Youth organizations in the promotion of the above mentioned principles, and to foster and develop the good-neighbor policy as the foundation of our country.
4. To conduct an educational campaign among the Jewish Youth of America against the dangers of Communism, Facism, Nazism or any other movement or cause which is incompatible with our American form of government.

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Statistics of Jews and Opposition to Religious Classification in Government Statistics

1. United States Census and Statistics of Jews.- In the United States at the present time official statistics of groups are kept of Indians, Negroes, Chinese, and (1930) Mexicans. A census of these races or social-economic groups is taken in the course of the national population census, on the tenth year of each decade. In addition, statistics are kept for Baptists, Catholics, and others, - membership statistics, property statistics, etc., as religious groups; and a census of religious bodies is conducted on the seventh year of each decade. It is evident that the American Jews must conduct their statistical work as do American religious bodies, and that the work must be done with a view to facilitating official statistics to treat American Jews in the manner of the other religious bodies, such as, American Baptists or American Catholics.

2. Cooperation with Statistical Offices of American Religious Bodies.— In addition to our cooperation with the United States census office in its periodic censuses of religious bodies, it is imperative that Jews cooperate with the other American church offices in the collection of statistics to further American religious life.

"The National Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, as you know, has requested the various religious bodies of our country to keep their annual statistics in a uniform manner," wrote Dr. H. C. Weber, president of the Association, to Dr. H. S. Linfield, director of the Jewish Statistical Bureau. "The Association suggested that the United States schedule used in the last decennial census (of religious bodies) be made the basis of these uniform statistics, covering as it does, church property, expenditures, educational work, ministers, etc. Annual statistics along these lines are essential for investigations designed to further the religious life of our country...Especially in these days when the very foundations of religion and of brotherhood are so ferociously assaulted, Jews and Christians should cooperate to promote the progress of religion in our country."

3. Agitation for Introduction of Religious Classification in Government Statistics.- Certain quarters, in recent years, have been urging our government to introduce a question on religion in the schedule of the population census, with a view to enumerating the American people by religious preference, and to conduct this

population census by faiths in addition to the census of religious bodies or in place of it. It is now generally agreed that this agitation represents a real menace.

The introduction of a religious classification in the national census would give impetus to similar classifications in the numerous federal, state and city investigations, which new practice would tend to disunity and friction in many parts of our country. As far as Jews are concerned, the new practice would create in the minds of American people a sense of Jewish distinctiveness and separation, which the Jews do not have; cause anti-Jewish agitation; and it might lead to discrimination. (For a statement of the present status of this agitation, etc., see Agitation for Introduction of Religious Classification in Population Census, by the director of the Bureau).

It is clear that we cannot do our share in counteracting this dangerous agitation unless (a) we collect at our own expense, like the other American religious bodies, basic statistical information of the Jews, in connection with our congregational work, satisfying thereby the government's needs for data of the Jewish group similar to those of the other American religious bodies, and (b) we cooperate with American church statistical offices, in the cause of the advancement of American religious life. Indeed all the activities of a Jewish statistical office must be in line with these primary considerations.

Scope of Work

4. Current Statistics of Jews.— The Jewish statistical bureau, in the light of the foregoing paragraphs, must compile current basic data of the Jews of America, in the manner of the other American religious bodies. Following the results of the last federal census of religious bodies, these must be compiled on the basis of county-wide surveys of small Jewish communities, studies of large communities, and special schedules of Jewish congregations and other organizations; and the statistics compiled must comprise both data of the number and the distribution of our people and information on the work of the congregations. The Bureau must survey each year a minimum of 300 of the 3,000 counties into which our country is divided. Ultimately, 600 counties should be covered each year, so that all the counties would be surveyed once in five years. The information sought of the congregations should be similar to that covered in the schedule of the United States census of religious bodies. But inasmuch as Jewish congregations have not the tradition to

report to a statistical office, it was found advisable to start with a few rubrics, and to add to these as the years go by.

5. Directories.- Directories of local Jewish organizations and of rabbis are indispensable to the work, outlined above. The Bureau, therefore, maintains two directories: one of Jewish organizations and another of rabbis. Uniform schedules are used, and the data systematically revised.

These directories are complete and up-to-date. The directory of organizations includes nearly 4,000 congregations and many thousands of other organizations, while that of the rabbis has nearly 2,500 schedules. The former is arranged by state and city, type of organization (in code), and name; and the latter is arranged by names, but a geographic card index is maintained for cross-reference. Uniform schedules are used to insure comparable data. The schedule of the local organizations directory gives name and address of organization, of officer, and of rabbi in case of a congregation, of principal in case of a school, or of director in case of other organizations, if any; type of work (in code); and often membership and annual expenditures. The directory of rabbis aims to include all (a) American trained rabbis who are without exception ordained and as a rule have, each one, a college education, both those employed in congregational work and those engaged in other occupations, and (b) European trained rabbis, both ordained and unordained, provided they serve as rabbis of congregations. The schedule of the Rabbinic directory gives name and address of rabbi and of congregation served, or other occupation (in the case of American trained), collegiate titles, rabbinic titles, and theological school graduated, if any.

6. Information Service.- Inquiries concerning number and distribution of the Jews of America and of other countries, congregations and other Jewish organizations, Rabbis, and related matters, reach the Bureau. The United States Census Bureau, because of its relations with this writer in the last two federal censuses of religious bodies, has been in the habit of referring inquiries about Jews which reach its offices, to the Jewish Statistical Bureau for reply.

"We have been referred to you by the Bureau of the Census at Washington for help in securing..." (Signed by one connected with the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.). "Miss...of the Census Bureau at Washington, advises me that you could probably furnish me with..." (Signed by head of a law office, Washington, D. C.).

Because of this practice, which will certainly continue, and because of the present interest in the Jewish group, it is one of the functions of our statistical bureau to answer inquiries in a thoroughgoing and systematic manner in order to spread, in these troubled days, the truth about our people, especially in official circles.

It will be well to bear in mind that it is the American librarian to whom many turn for information pertaining to Jews. This is important, especially when we con-

ider that there are over 11,000 library systems, 6,000 of which have over 20,000,000 borrowers' cards. The requests are for data of Jews, or for lists of books and articles dealing with subjects of Jewish interest. However, since certain types of social-economic data of American Jews are not available in definite form, bibliographic data must often be supplied to researchers even in those cases where the requests are for social-economic data. It follows from these considerations that a Jewish information service must emphasize the bibliographic side of the work, and if it is to reach the public, it must seek the cooperation of the American librarian.

An experiment with a current bibliographic index to books and to articles dealing with subjects of Jewish interest, has been made under the name of Hasid's Index to Periodicals and Booklist, with a view to accomplishing primarily the following: first, to increase the utilization of Jewish material found in the current periodicals, promote the circulation of new books about Jews, and vitalize the Jewish collections that libraries possess; secondly, to call the attention of researchers in Jewish fields to new contributions in their own and in allied fields; and thirdly, to guide the American librarian in the choice of good literature on Jewish subjects, and in this way help the American librarian to keep out of the American library, the lying word about the Jew.

Twenty Five Years of American Jewish Endeavor

7. Organized American Jewish Statistical Work.— The work of collecting and of disseminating statistics of Jews has engaged the attention of American Jews for many years. More than twenty five years ago the American Jewish Committee organized the "Bureau of Jewish Statistics." Later the work was transferred to the Bureau of Jewish Social Research to continue under the name of "Department of Information and Statistics." Still later the work went back to the American Jewish Committee, and it was carried on under the name of "Statistical Department." In 1932, this department ceased to exist and the work continued under the name of "Jewish Statistical Bureau," organized as a non-profit making body, devoted solely to work of Jewish communal interest.

~~The names in full, with dates of organization, follow: (a) Bureau of Jewish Statistics of American Jewish Committee (January 1914 to August 1919); (b) Department of Information and Statistics of Bureau of Jewish Social Research (September 1919 to October 1927); (c) Statistical Department of American Jewish Committee (November 1927 to October 1932); (d) Jewish Statistical Bureau (November 1932 to date). Dr. Joseph Jacobs, famous statistician, began this work, and since 1922 it has been directed by Dr. H. S. Linfield, the present director of the Bureau.~~

8. Publications.— The Bureau under its various names has issued publications in three directions: some aimed to give current but authentic data of Jews, others were current bibliographies of subjects of Jewish interest, while still others appeared in the form of statistical monographs.

Finally, early in 1940, the Bureau became a part of the Synagogue Council of America.

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8. Principal achievements, publications, and guiding principle-- The American Jewish community must create a fund of information of Jews of today, upon which the American public could posit their fair opinion of the nature and the progress of the Jewish people and upon which the Jewish communities could effectively base their communal planning. This work of collection of data, classification and presentation must indeed be permeated with the prevailing conception of the nature of an American group, and as far as statistics of Jews are concerned, our cooperation with the United States Census Bureau and with the Statistical offices of American religious bodies is indispensable in the cause of American Jewish people.

The principal achievements of the Bureau under its various names, follows:

a. Preparation of statistics of the number of American Jews and their distribution:

1917 census 3,389,000 Jews in 1,500 urban and rural places
1927 census 4,215,000 Jews in 3,100 urban and rural places
1937 census 4,831,000 Jews in 4,500 urban and rural places

b. Statistics of Jewish congregations collected at request of United States Census Bureau:

1917 census 1,900 congregations, about 10,000 other organizations
1927 census 3,100 congregations, 14,000 other organizations
1937 census 3,700 congregations, 18,000 other organizations, 2,500 rabbis

c. Defeat of agitation for the introduction of a religious classification in the United States Population Census of 1940.

The principal publications of the Bureau along three lines, namely, current but authentic data of Jews, bibliographies, and statistical monographs, follows:

Digest of Events of Jewish Interest, 80 issues
Summary of Events of Jewish Interest, 5 vols.

Hasid's Index to Periodicals and Booklist, 30 issues

Communal Census of Jews-Methods Used in Recent Years
Communal Organization of the Jews

Jewish Migration 1920 1930

Jews of the United States-Their Number and Distribution

State Population Census by Faiths-Meaning, Reliability and Value

Statistics of Jews of the U. S. and of All Other Countries-1931

Statistics of Jews and Jewish Organizations-Historical Review 1850-1937

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UNITED STATES CENSUS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES - JEWISH BODIES

By H. S. Linfield, Ph. D., Director,
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(Once in ten years the United States Bureau of the Census conducts a census of all the religious bodies of the country. Like ten years ago, this writer is acting as United States Special Agent to collect statistics of Jewish bodies. Below is given a summary of the results for the United States. These and other figures will be released to the public by the United States Census Bureau. The summary given below is for the personal information of the recipient.)

1. Principal Communities.- Nearly 1,000 cities and villages in the United States now have, each one, one or more permanent congregations. During the twentieth century the growth of the Jewish communities with congregations has been as follows:

1907.....426	1917.....580	1927.....869	1937.....962
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The largest gain was made in the state of New Jersey where Jewish congregations were formed for the first time in twenty three cities and villages.

2. Congregations.- Over 3,700 congregations were enumerated, located in forty eight states and the District of Columbia. This figure represents an increase of nearly 20% over the number of congregations enumerated ten years ago, compared with the Jewish population which increased about 15% during the same period of time. During the present century the growth of the Jewish congregation has been as follows:

1907.....1,769	1917.....1,901	1927.....3,118	1937.....3,708
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3. Synagogue Buildings.- The past ten years witnessed a great increase in permanent synagogue buildings. Ten years ago only 1,780 congregations reported that they owned synagogue buildings, while in this census a total of 2,730 Jewish congregations owned their synagogue buildings. On the other hand, the value of the buildings has greatly decreased. Ten years ago 1,135 congregations valued their synagogues at \$97,400,000 or an average of \$85,823 per synagogue building, but in this census, 1,865 congregations valued their synagogues at \$86,300,000 or an average of \$46,273.

The mortgaged debt on the synagogue buildings averaged ten years ago \$27,677 per synagogue building. The present debt averages \$18,360.

For the first time the government sought to determine the number and the value of churches erected during an average year. During the year of the census a total of 138 congregations erected new synagogues, and these new buildings were valued at \$4,560,000 or an average of \$33,043 per building.

4. Current Expenditures.- In the year of the census, the average expenditure of the Jewish congregations was barely one third of the amount expended in the prosperity year of 1926-1927. A total of 3,056 congregations reported that they spent during the year of the census \$14,047,000 or an average of \$4,597 per congregation. Ten years ago 1,290 congregations reported an expenditure of \$19,076,000 or an average of \$14,768 per congregation. Analytical statistics of expenditures for rabbis' salaries, other salaries, repairs, etc. will be issued later.

5. Religious Education.- Ten years ago 617 congregations maintained weekday schools with 68,215 pupils and 531 congregations had Sabbath schools with 70,380 pupils. In the present year of the census, 1,109 congregations had weekday schools with 85,600 pupils and 968 congregations had Sabbath schools with 100,900 pupils. In addition, the Jewish communities maintained communal schools with or without the cooper-

tion of the congregation. Ten years ago this writer found 250,000 Jewish children enrolled in Jewish schools for religious education. Figures for the total number of Jewish children receiving religious instruction in the present year of the census, will be issued later.

6. Rabbis.- Fewer congregations now engage rabbis. Ten years ago, 1,745, or 56% of the 3,118 congregations engaged rabbis, while in the present year of the census only 1,793, or 48% of the 3,708 employed rabbis. The total number of rabbis employed by the congregations was 1,810 in the present census year, compared with 1,781 ten years ago.

7. Number and Distribution of Jews.- In connection with these government censuses of religious bodies, but separate from them, it has been the custom to survey the number and the distribution of the Jews of the country. In 1937 the Jews of the country numbered 4,831,000 compared with 4,230,000 ten years ago. Reports were received from over 4,000 cities, villages and rural districts having Jewish residents, compared with 3,000 places that reported to this writer in his survey of ten years ago. A preliminary report of the number and the distribution of the Jews of the country in 1937, is published in the current volume of the American Jewish Year Book.

8. Significance of this Census.- These periodic censuses have a deep significance to the Jews of America. Unlike the case of other religious bodies, there is considerable interest in the country to know the number and the distribution of the Jewish people. To avoid, as far as we are concerned, the introduction of a religious classification or a race classification in the national population census, the Jewish community is interested to compile these needed data at its own expense, in the course of the collection of data of Jewish religious bodies.

9. Future Work.- For various reasons the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies and the United States Census Bureau are interested that the Jews abandon the custom of compiling statistics of their churches and followers once in ten years but instead join the other religious bodies of the country in compiling statistical data annually, on the basis of the present census. The United States Census Bureau is especially interested to avoid in the future the necessity of treating the Jewish religious body different from the other bodies in the country by appointing a special Jewish agent to compile these statistics for the government.

In the end we shall find that we cannot oppose the introduction of a religious classification (Jewish) or a racial classification (Hebrew) in the population census and in many special statistical investigations, unless we meet these requirements:

- a) That we collect at our own expense basic statistical data of Jews, and do this work in connection with our church statistics, and
- b) That we cooperate with Christian church offices in statistical investigations undertaken to further American religious life.

Especially in these war days, which in the past brought violent Anti-Jewish attacks, it is necessary to establish, without delay, the work of the collection of statistics of Jews on a sound basis, in accordance with American ways of thinking. In the United States at the present time, statistics of groups are kept for Indians, Negroes, Chinese and (1930) Mexicans. These constitute race or social-economic groups, and a census of these is taken in the course of the national population census on the tenth year of each decade. In addition, statistics are kept for Baptists, Catholics, etc. - membership statistics, property statistics, etc., as religious bodies; and a census of these is conducted on the seventh year of each decade. It is evident that we must conduct our statistical work as do American Catholics, Baptists and others, and in cooperation with these.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
WASHINGTON

United States Census of Religious Bodies: 1936

FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH CONGREGATION

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET

YOUR CENSUS REPORTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.—*Acts of Congress make it unlawful to disclose any facts, including names or identity, from your census reports. These laws are strictly enforced. Only sworn census employees can see your statements. Data collected are used solely for preparing statistical information. Your Census Reports Cannot Be Used for Purposes of Taxation, Regulation, or Investigation.*

(a) Religious body or society _____
 (b) Division (association, conference, diocese, presbytery, synod, etc.) _____
 (c) Local name of congregation (or society) _____ Street address _____
 (d) City, town, village, or township, etc. _____ (e) County _____ (f) State _____

MEMBERSHIP (See instructions, pars. 1 to 7)		*	CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOLS (See instructions, pars. 25 to 38)		*
<i>Report number of members according to definition of member in your congregation</i>		A	<i>Report here only schools conducted by this congregation</i>		E
Number of members, by sex:			Sunday schools:		
1. Male.	1	25. Number of officers.	1
2. Female.	2	26. Number of teachers.	2
3. Total number of members.	3	27. Number of pupils.	3
Number of members, by age:			Summer vacation Bible schools:		
4. Under 13 years of age.	4	28. Number of officers.	4
5. 13 years of age and over.	5	29. Number of teachers.	5
6. Total number of members.	6	30. Number of pupils.	6
<i>NOTE.—The total given under question 6 should be the same as the total of males and females given under question 3.</i>					
7. Average attendance per Sabbath.			Weekday religious schools:		
SYNAGOGUE BUILDINGS (See instructions, pars. 8 to 13)			31. Number of officers.	7
8. Number of synagogue edifices.	.....	32. Number of teachers.	.....	8
9. Value of synagogue edifices constructed prior to 1936.	\$.....	33. Number of pupils.	.....	9
10. Value of synagogue edifices constructed, wholly or in part, in 1936.	\$.....	Parochial schools (general educational work):			
11. Debt on synagogue property reported under inquiries 9 and 10.	\$.....	34. Number of administrative officers.	.....	10
12. Does congregation own Rabbi's residence?		35. Number of teachers:			
13. Value of Rabbi's residence (if owned by congregation).	(Yes or no)	(a) Elementary (grades 1 to 8).	.....	11
	\$.....	(b) Secondary.	.....	12
EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR (See instructions, pars. 14 to 24)		36. Number of pupils:			
14. For Rabbi's salary.	\$.....	(a) Elementary (grades 1 to 8).	.....	13
15. For all other salaries.	\$.....	(b) Secondary.	.....	14
16. For repairs and improvements.	\$.....	37. Number of buildings.	.....	15
17. For payments on the congregation's debt, excluding interest.	\$.....	38. Value of buildings.	\$.....	16	
18. For relief, charity, and all other benevolences.	\$.....	RABBI OR LEADER (See instructions, pars. 39 to 43)			
19. For all other current expenses, including interest.	\$.....	39. Name of Rabbi.	.....	
20. For support of national philanthropic work.	\$.....	40. Number of ordained Rabbis, if any, employed as assistant Rabbis.	.....	6
21. For relief abroad.	\$.....	41. Number of other congregations now served by the Rabbi or his assistants.	.....	
22. Amount sent to general headquarters for distribution by them.	\$.....	42. Names and locations of the congregations:	.....	7
23. For all other purposes.	\$.....		.....	
24. Total expenditures during year.	\$.....		.....	

REMARKS: _____

Period covered by this report:

From _____, 193_____
 to _____, 193_____

(Signature of person
furnishing information)

(Official title)

P. O. address

*Column for Census Office use only.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SCHEDULE

Fill out a separate schedule for each congregation. Additional schedules will be sent to you upon request.

Please answer each question to the best of your ability. In line (a) write Jewish; omit line (b); and in line (c) enter the full name of the congregation or organization. Do not abbreviate. Sign your name, stating your official title (or your connection with the congregation or organization) and your post-office address in the spaces provided at the bottom of the form. The schedule should be returned promptly in the accompanying official envelope which requires no postage.

Date of census.—This census relates to the year 1936. If your congregation records are for the calendar year, the financial information and membership should be reported as of December 31, 1936. If your congregational or fiscal year is not the same as the calendar year, indicate that fact, in which case the information should be reported for your fiscal year, beginning not later than March 1, 1936. For example, where the fiscal year begins March 1, the financial information should be reported for the fiscal year beginning on that date, and membership should be reported as of the last day of your fiscal year, February 28, 1937. Indicate the period for which the report is furnished in the space provided in the lower left-hand corner on the face of the schedule.

Definition of congregation.—The term "congregation" as used by the Census Bureau represents any organization for religious worship which has a separate membership, whether it is called a church, congregation, meeting, society, mission, station, or chapel, etc. This report should include also all organizations of an ethical character whose meetings people regularly attend instead of a church.

MEMBERSHIP

The figures for number of members should include all persons who are members of your congregation according to the definition of member in your congregation or organization. Include only those whose names are on the rolls of your congregation. Do not include the membership of the sisterhood, ladies' auxiliary, men's club, etc.

1, 2, 3.—Give in this section the total number of members in this congregation or organization only. Enter under Question 1 the number of males, under Question 2 the number of females, and under Question 3 the sum of these two, which will represent the total number of members in your congregation or organization.

4, 5, 6.—Do not answer these questions.

7.—Under Question 7 report the average attendance at synagogue or temple per Sabbath. This can be arrived at by making a count, as nearly as possible, of the number of persons present at the Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon services for several weeks.

SYNAGOGUE BUILDINGS

8.—A synagogue "edifice" is a building used mainly for religious services. If services are held in a hall, schoolhouse, or private house, indicate that fact in reply to Question 8. Such a building is not a synagogue edifice, and its value should not be reported under Question 9.

9.—Report under Question 9 the value of the synagogue edifice, together with the land on which it stands and all furniture, organs, and furnishings owned by the congregation and actually used in connection with congregational services. Do not include here either the value of buildings hired for synagogue use or of buildings owned by the congregation but not used for religious services. Where parts of the synagogue building are used for educational, social, or organization work in connection with the congregation, the whole value of the building and its equipment should be included, as it is practically impossible to make any separation in such a case. The value of buildings used for school purposes should be reported under Question 38.

10.—The total amount of money expended for the construction of new synagogue buildings should be reported under Question 10. Do not include any of this amount in the value of synagogue edifices as reported under Question 9. The value given for the synagogue edifice should be the current market value as nearly as this can be ascertained.

11.—Give the total debt upon the synagogue edifices reported under Question 9 and those reported under construction under Question 10.

13.—The value of the Rabbi's residence, if owned by the congregation, should be reported under Question 13. If actual figures are not available a carefully prepared estimate will be accepted.

EXPENDITURES

In this section, report the amounts expended by this congregation only during the last congregational or fiscal year. Please indicate the period covered by this report in the space provided for the purpose in the lower left-hand corner of the schedule.

14.—In answer to Question 14, give the annual salary of the Rabbi. If the Rabbi's salary consists of voluntary contributions or is made up partly of such contributions, estimate the values of these contributions and include them in item 14.

15.—Under Question 15 report the total amount paid for all other salaries, including assistant Rabbi, cantor, sexton, clerks, the choir, janitor, and all other salaried employees.

16.—Question 16 should include all expenditures made during the year for the repair and improvement of the synagogue edifice, and Rabbi's residence.

17.—The total of all payments made on the congregation's debt, not including interest, should be given in answer to Question 17.

18.—Under Question 18 report the amount collected and distributed by this congregation for local relief, charity, and all other benevolent purposes. This amount should represent the distribution made by this congregation.

19.—Under Question 19 report all other running expenses of this congregation, including interest on the congregation's debt, which are necessary to carry on the work of the congregation during the year. These items will include rent, fuel, light, and all other maintenance costs.

20-21.—Under Question 20 report the amount given by this congregation for home (or domestic), religious, educational, and charitable philanthropies which are national in scope; and under Question 21, report the amount given by the congregation for relief abroad. Do not answer Question 22.

23.—Question 23 should include all other expenses not reported under Questions 14 to 22, inclusive, and together with these items should represent the total expenditures made by this congregation during the fiscal year.

24.—This total expenditures will appear in answer to Question 24.

CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOLS

Report in this section only schools which are conducted by this congregation. If an individual serves as an officer and teacher in any of the types of school mentioned in this inquiry, he should be reported under that question which requires the greater part of his time; for example, if a person devotes the major portion of his time to teaching and incidentally serves in a supervisory capacity, he should be reported as a teacher and not as an official, except in the case of the Sunday-school superintendent who should always be reported as an officer. If the congregation has no Sunday school, summer vacation Bible school, or other type of school enumerated in this inquiry write "None."

27, 30, 33, 36.—Questions 27, 30, 33, and 36 should represent the average number of pupils who attend these schools. By a Sunday school is meant a congregation school which gives religious instruction to children 1 day a week; by a weekday religious school, is meant a school which gives instruction on 2 or more days a week. If the congregation offers 1 day a week instruction to some children and 2 or more days a week instruction to other children, report the former under 27, and the latter under Question 33. If your congregation conducts a daily religious school during the summer vacation months, report under Questions 28-30.

37-38.—Under Questions 37 and 38 should be reported the number of buildings used for school purposes, together with their value. Value of school buildings owned by this congregation should be reported under Question 38 and not under Questions 9 or 10.

RABBI OR LEADER

39.—In most cases these questions will be self-explanatory. If your organization is one of those which does not use the term "Rabbi," give under Question 39 the name of the person in charge of the local congregation or organization, and consider him in place of the Rabbi in answering the other questions in this section.

43.—In many congregations there are a number of lay workers who are employed by the congregation to carry on its numerous duties. They may be engaged in welfare work or other duties and their total number should be reported under Question 43.

REMARKS

Under remarks furnish any additional information which you believe will enable the Bureau to more fully understand your report.

AGITATION FOR INTRODUCTION OF RELIGIOUS CLASSIFICATION IN POPULATION CENSUS

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1. Agitation for Introduction of Religious Classification Fails.— The United States Census Bureau has just refused the request for the introduction of a religious classification in the forthcoming United States population census of 1940. The Census Bureau conducts, once in ten years, a statistical investigation of religious bodies, comprising membership, church property, expenditures, educational work, and ministers. Certain quarters urged that the Government introduce for the first time a question on religion in the schedule of the decennial population census, with a view to enumerating the American people by religious preference, and that this population census by faiths be conducted in addition to the decennial census of religious bodies, or in place of it.

2. Menace to Jews.— The agitation started as far back as 1934 and it was continued all through the years of the preparation for the 1940 census. It was promptly recognized in many quarters that the introduction of a religious classification in the national census would lead to the introduction of a religious classification in the numerous federal, state and city social-economic investigations; create in the minds of the American people a sense of Jewish distinctiveness and separation, which the Jews do not have; cause anti-Jewish agitation; and it might lead to discriminatory practices.

3. Final Attempt and Reason Given for Rejection.— The National Association of Statisticians of Religious Bodies, as a last effort, recently petitioned the United States Census Bureau for three new questions in the 1940 census, as follows:

- "1. Do you believe in God?
2. Are you affiliated with any religious group?
3. To what religious group do you claim allegiance?"

These innocent questions, if adopted by the United States Census Bureau, would have resulted in the introduction of a religious classification in government statistics. The Census Bureau, as stated above, rejected these suggestions. The official reason given to the National Association of Statisticians was that the schedule or questionnaire for the United States Population Census of 1940 was nearly completed, and that it was too late to add any new question. Actually, there were many reasons, and the work which we did during the past few years to counteract this dangerous agitation, played a significant role.

4. Opposition Based on Statistical Grounds.— This much was clear from the beginning: We could not win by claiming that such a departure on the part of our Government would prove detrimental to the Jewish people and other groups, or that the Government had no right to inquire into the faith of the inhabitants of the country. Further, the opposition could not be led by organizations like the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, or a special Jewish committee. The question of a religious classification in Government statistical work could not be made a matter of specific Jewish interest.

The opposition was, therefore, based primarily on considerations of statistics, and the initiative was taken by the Jewish Statistical Bureau. During 1934-1937 the writer collected statistical data on the subject of the religious census as practiced abroad. Every independent country and every colony that conducted a religious census since 1900, was covered; and the published material was supplemented by data supplied

by the heads of the statistical offices of the various countries, who evinced interest in the investigation. Early in 1938, the writer's monograph, "The State Population Census by Faiths - Meaning, Reliability and Value," was published. The conclusions of this study gave us a basis for attacking this practice on statistical considerations, specifically, that the results were unreliable and misleading. The monograph was distributed among statisticians and churchmen. It led many to come out against the projected introduction of a religious classification in our country, and it gave the United States Census Bureau statistical data upon which to work.

5. What Next?- Many causes underlie the present agitation, specifically, (a) the belief in certain quarters that a population census by faiths would promote church work, especially in the cities, and (b) the feeling in high places that the United States Bureau of the Census should have more data of Jews than it now has. In the end, we shall find that we cannot oppose the introduction of a religious classification (Jewish) or a racial classification (Hebrew) in the national population census and in the many special statistical investigations, unless

1. We collect at our own expense basic statistical data of Jews, and do this work in connection with our church activities.
2. We cooperate with Christian church bodies in statistical investigations undertaken to further American religious life.

The words underscored above are significant, when we bear in mind the following: In the United States, at the present time, statistics of groups are kept for Indians, Negroes, Chinese, and (since 1930) Mexicans. These constitute race or social-economic groups. In addition, statistics are kept for Baptists, Catholics, etc. - membership statistics, property statistics, etc. of religious bodies. It is evident, that the Jews of America must conduct their statistical work as do Baptists, Catholics, etc., and in cooperation with these.

Those forces that favored the introduction of a religious classification have not been won over to our side, and the rejection of the latter's suggestions by the Census Bureau, carries no finality. However, faithful watchfulness on our part and the organization of our statistical work along the lines indicated above, will no doubt help keep our government statistics free from a religious classification.

6. Literature:- Of the writings on this important subject, the following may be recorded here:

"Shall the United States Enumerate the American Population by Religious Affiliation?", 1937, 4p. (Mim.)

"State Population Census by Faiths - Meaning, Reliability and Value," Hasid's Bibliographic and Library Service, New York, 1938, 72p., Tables.

"Opposition [by Statisticians and Churchmen] to Introduction of a Religious Classification in the Forthcoming Population Census of the United States," 1939, 7p., (Mim.).